

## Bethel News

July/August 2023

### Sunday services start at 11am

9 July	Church Parade	Mrs Sheila Potipher
16 July		Midweek Fellowship
23 July		Mr Howard Bunting
30 July		Mrs Maggie Mancktelow
6 August		Mrs Jude Mackenzie
13 August		Favourite hymns
20 August		Mrs Jenny Thompson
27 August	Christening	Midweek Fellowship
3 September		Mr John Collins
10 September	Church Parade	Miss P Poynter

Dates for your diaries:

**Friday 21 July 7.30pm** at the Church in Hope Street

Sing on Sheppey present songs from Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat

**Friday 4 August 7pm** at the Church in Hope Street a Beetle Drive to raise funds for Bible Society.

**Thursday 14 September** The AGM of Churches Together in Sheppey  
7.30pm at Minster Road Baptist Church

**Chaplaincy volunteers** are needed for the Frailty ward at Sheppey Hospital. There is information on the notice board in the vestibule or please ask any Deacon if you want to know more.

**Craft Club** meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30, on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month. The numbers are growing! Please contact Jane Freeman on 01795 875401 for more details.

**The Geese project** meets on Tuesdays in the hall at Bethel – they lead preloved, recycled Craft mornings to support and renew your well being. There is more information on the table in the vestibule or please phone 07398 638423 to find out more.

Other groups using the premises include:  
WI, Zumba

**Brigade News:**

The Presentation Evening on Monday 3 July was an opportunity to see some of the ways our young people have been enjoying themselves as well as working hard for their awards which were presented that evening.

Those who are old enough are off to camp in Eastbourne on 22 July, the first camp since lockdown. Please pray for the young people and those who lead them. We look forward to hearing all about camp when they return.

**News of Nigel:**

Nigel continues his ministry in Grenada. There are plans for him to return to the UK later in the year on furlough and he hopes to come to Bethel at the end of November when we will be able to hear all about his life in Grenada. Please do continue to pray for him in his ministry.



Please pray for:

For any of our fellowship who are unwell, or waiting for medical appointments.

For any who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

For our young people and those who lead them. For a safe, happy time at Camp and of course for safe journeys.

For the various groups who meet at Bethel – may they benefit from the use of the building and see something of the love of God while they are with us.

For our Island and the work of the Food banks and the Support Bus.

For all the schools on our Island and the work they do to support the young people, may all enjoy the summer break and return refreshed in September. May a new sponsor be found for Oasis Academy and may they have the wisdom to solve the many problems the Academy faces so that the young people of Sheppey will receive a good education.

For Nado, the young girl we support, via Compassion, in Togo.

For Marlon, the young man who we sponsored for many years.

For Nigel who continues to serve the church in Grenada. For his safety and continued good health in his challenging work. Pray for more helpers for him as he works with the young people.

For our country, for wisdom for those in authority. For those who are struggling financially – may they find the necessary help and support.

For the world situation, especially those who are living with war and violence. We think especially of the people of Ukraine and Russia – that a peaceful solution may be found to the current crisis. We pray too for other areas of the world which have so many difficulties.

Lastly for ourselves, that we may continue to grow in faith and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus,

