

## Bethel News

March/April 2023

### Sunday services start at 11am

12 March	Church Parade	Miss P Poynter
19 March	Mothering Sunday	Wednesday fellowship
26 March	Favourite hymns and readings	
2 April	Palm Sunday	Junior Church
9 April	Easter Day	Wednesday fellowship
16 April		Mrs Maggie Mancktelow
23 April		Wednesday fellowship
30 April		Rev Janet Wooton
7 May		Wednesday fellowship
14 May	Church Parade	Mrs Olive Long

Our lovely friend Jenny Thompson is due to have hip surgery on 12 April so won't be able to lead worship for us for a short while.

Just a reminder that there is a Sunday Service on Sheppey FM 92.2 at 10am each Sunday, repeated at 4pm.

**Dates for your diaries:** Saturday 18 March Brigade are offering a Cream Tea for Mothering Sunday. There is a list on the board in the vestibule to sign up for this and you can either collect from the hall between from 11am – 12noon or ask for a delivery on the Island. Cost is £8 per person or £15 for two, the delivery charge is £1. Please ask if you need to know more.

Saturday 1 April	Brigade Easter Fayre
Good Friday 7 April	11am United Service on Bunny Bank
Saturday 8 April	Church Coffee morning
Friday 21 April	Church Quiz:
Friday 5 May	Brigade Quiz
Friday 19 May	Sorting jumble for the Jumble Sale
Saturday 20 May	Jumble Sale

**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.

Other groups using the premises include::

WI, Zumba, The Geese project

### **News of Nigel:**

It was good to see Nigel via Zoom just recently at a catch up organised by Wimbledon Church. There are plans for him to return to the UK at the end of the year for a holiday, so hopefully he will be able to come to Bethel then.



Please pray for:

For any of our fellowship who are unwell, or waiting for medical appointments. We pray for Jenny, that her surgery will go well and that she will soon be fit and well.

For those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

For our young people and those who lead them.

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

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 new King, Charles III – may he know Your presence just as his mother did. We pray too for the Royal family as the plans are made for the coronation of the King.

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 those in Turkey and Syria who have been affected by the recent earthquakes.

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