

Sunday 23rd January 2022



*In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. **Philippians 2:5***

Today

- 10.30am** Josh Kindness will be speaking on **The Mind of Christ – James 4:1-3 & 4:11-12.**
- 6.15pm** **Bethel Prayer Evening** (see separate notice)

Activities this week

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| TUESDAY | 10.00am – 12.00pm | Bethel Ladies' meet up (Belgrade Theatre – see separate notice) |
| TUESDAY | 8.30am – 2.00pm | Oasis café (Board Games Club from 10am) |
| WEDNESDAY | 8.30am – 2.00pm | Oasis café (Crochet Club from 10am) |
| THURSDAY | 8.30am – 2.00pm | Oasis café (Stay and Play from 10am) |
| | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Thursday Afternoon Club (Oasis Café – see separate notice) |

Next Sunday, 30th January 2022

- 10.30am** Josh Kindness will be speaking on **Friend or Foe? – James 4:4-10.**
- 6.15pm** **Bethel Prayer Evening** (see separate notice)

Pastor's Desk

The Mind of Christ - It starts here first.

James berates his readers for the way they treat each other for their disagreements, judgements, and their selfishness. I can hear us all thinking 'Wow, that must have been an awful place – I'm glad it's not that way here...' When we ask the Spirit to reveal what our hearts are really like, we become less judgmental of the early believers that James was writing to.

We get so tied up in what we are doing for Christ and then judge what we think others are doing or not doing, that our heart becomes judgmental and hard. Our life following King Jesus isn't about doing more but about becoming. Becoming day by day more like Him, every moment reflecting Him, living in step with His Spirit so His life flows from us in surprising and supernatural unexplainable ways. The fire that burns within us should be bringing warmth, comfort, light and attracting the cold, prisoner, lame and blind both spiritually and physically.

The Western Church, it seems, has become a task-driven organisation which fuels resentment and an unfulfilled spirit, yet Jesus was never that way. He lived a life in the Spirit willing to be interrupted, never in a hurry and always having a non-anxious presence no matter what was happening around Him. Paul in Philippians calls us to have the mind of Christ – but what was He like? Gentle and humble (Matthew 11:29). It requires no explanation just a serious audit of our own lives.

Restrictions:

A huge thanks to our teams who have worked tirelessly to keep us all safe at our in-person gatherings and to livestream everything over the past 18 months+!

Following the government's introduction of 'Plan B' we will all need to wear face coverings at church.

We can still sing and worship in the usual way and we are keeping some social distancing between rows of chairs etc.

Weekly messages:

We are still livestreaming our Sunday morning service each week at 10.30am. This can be accessed via the Bethel Church Facebook page. **It's easy to join in with any online sessions simply go to www.facebook.com/bethelchurchcoventry you don't even need a Facebook account. If you're unable to join in the live sessions then don't worry, just go to the 'Videos' section of the Bethel Facebook page and they are all saved there.** Please see separate notice with regards to how we can encourage those not online/connected.

Prayer & Praise:

- Our amazing God can do so much more than we can even think to ask or imagine, so we can come boldly before Him, laying our burdens at His feet, knowing He always answers.
- Let's start with praise! Praise reminds us of the goodness of God, of His love, compassion, patience, and mercy and puts us into a different frame of mind and spirit when we come before Him. What makes you respond in praise?
- Please continue to pray for and also practically help out those in our church community who are battling ongoing health issues; Lindsey Pearce, Paul Longhurst, Derek Simpson, Janet Allen, Rosemary Sparkes and Frank Pryor, among others.
- Please pray that as a community we would begin to grasp the wonder and awe of God together, that we would see just a glimpse of His majesty as we do and this would fuel our whole-life worship of Him.

Bethel Motto 2022

Two weeks ago, we had our motto service introducing the new motto verse for 2022 – Galatians 5:25. Be sure to collect your new fridge magnet (with the correct date this time!) on Sunday.



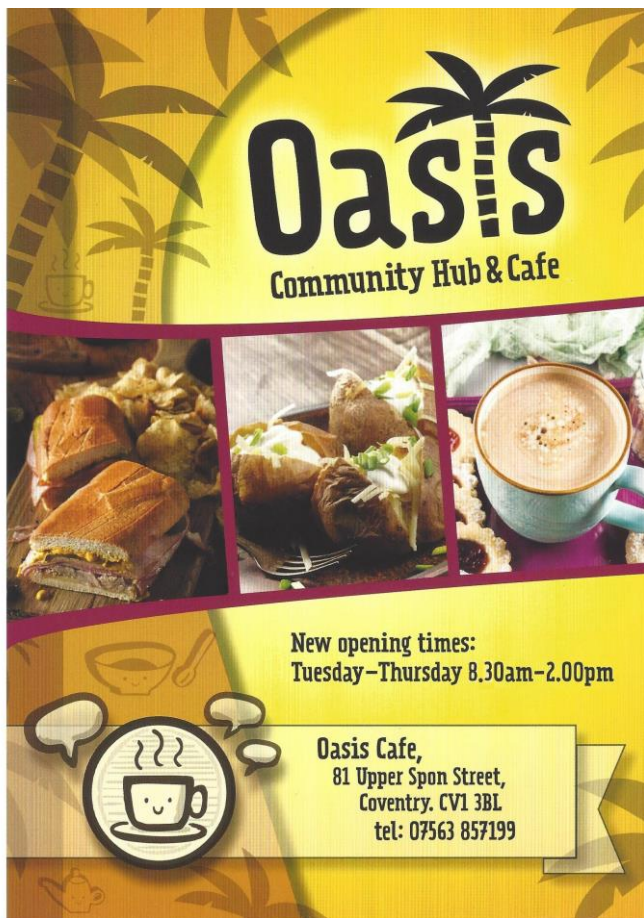
Our current series, 'Faith that Works', through the book of James finishes a few weeks before Easter and we are, Lord willing, going into a few weeks of reflecting on the sacrifice of Jesus together and taking communion together, each week from Sunday 27th March to Easter Sunday 17th April. Please come along, if you are able, and join us as we focus and reorient our lives around Jesus this Easter.

Bethel Ladies

The Bethel ladies' monthly get togethers have recommenced at the Belgrade Theatre in the newly renovated and extended café area. We meet to chat over coffee, to encourage each other, and to pray. We meet on the **last Tuesday of each month from 10am - 12noon**, and as these get togethers are not restricted to Bethel ladies only, please feel free to bring someone along. **Our next get together will be on Tuesday 25th January 2022.** For more information, please speak to Karen Sprouse.

Oasis Café

Oasis café has reopened for 2022. Opening times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30am until 2pm. Whilst each day has a theme from 10am – Board Games Club on Tuesdays, Beginners' Crochet Club on Wednesdays and Stay & Play for little ones on Thursdays – there is no obligation to participate and you are still welcome to come along for just food and/or a drink.



Oasis
Community Hub & Cafe

New opening times:
Tuesday–Thursday 8.30am–2.00pm

Oasis Cafe,
81 Upper Spon Street,
Coventry. CV1 3BL
tel: 07563 857199



Oasis
Community Hub & Cafe

Join us at the cafe for our new Community Activities!

Board Games Club
Tuesdays 10am–12pm

Crochet Club
Wednesdays 10am–12pm

Stay and Play
Thursdays 10am–12pm

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BETHEL CHURCH

Thursday Afternoon Club – Oasis Café

In addition to the Oasis café opening times and activities, the **Thursday Afternoon Club** is up and running from 2pm - 4pm. The club is aimed at over 55s who would like to meet up for a cup of coffee/tea, a slice of cake and, if they are in the mood, a board game or a game of dominoes. The session includes a short and simple Bible message to inspire questions and sow seeds and is open to anyone over 55, Christian or not. There is a charge of £1 per person. Our aim is to make Oasis Community Hub and Café an enjoyable and creative community space. For more information, please speak with Paul and Ruth Longhurst or Karen Sprouse.

Weekly Prayer Evening – Sundays 6.15pm

Every Sunday at 6.15pm, we meet on Zoom to pray together. This is a great opportunity to come together and pray to our amazing God. Please do come along if you are able. Zoom details are sent via the prayer chain emails.

January & February services

- 30th January** – Friend or Foe? – James 4:4-10
- 6th February** – Our Commanding Officer – James 4:13-17
- 13th February** – Family Service (No livestream)
- 20th February** – Of Camels & Needles – James 5:1-6
- 27th February** – The Farmer's Almanac – James 5:7-12

Cov365 – a year of prayer!

Worshipping and praying non-stop from the start to the end of Coventry City of Culture Year - every hour of the day, every day from May 15 2021 to May 14 2022! 24-7/365.

Whilst we're praying for lives, churches, the city etc. to be changed, our number one focus is the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

We believe the Holy Spirit is the initiator, the project manager, the organiser and the one who can piece together our humble offerings into something worthy of the Lord Jesus.

Hourly slots can be booked for private worship and prayer or open to others to join. Individuals, families, churches, prayer groups, life groups, friendship groups, Christian charities etc. all welcome. Different expressions lined up in a chain of unbroken offering to Jesus!

Book yours, your life group, your ministry team or family's prayer slot at the Cov365 website... www.cov365.co.uk It would be wonderful if we were able to join in with this great initiative.

New – Bethel podcasts!

We are starting to upload our sermons to Spotify!

We will be adding the other sermons from 2021 onto Spotify, YouTube and other streaming platforms (give Bethel Church Coventry a search on your chosen podcast service) so keep an eye out for those in the coming weeks. We hope you will enjoy them and that they will provide you with encouragement – go to your Spotify account and search or click here to listen:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6hBbiCYgT3ppj41XybSfcG> or to visit our YouTube page click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYmHZLNbo6PLC2Y2ejFoHA>

Bethel Online & beyond!

These challenging days cause us to be inventive in the ways we gather and communicate. Please be on the lookout for various ways and means you can stay connected and help others to connect too:

- If you are on social media, sign up to the church Facebook page where regular updates and videos/messages will appear;
- Sign up to our daily info/prayer chain to receive email updates and links to videos etc. Email the prayer chain team on: prayerchain@bethelcoventry.org.uk;
- If you are a Life Group leader, keep connecting with your group members. Maybe form a WhatsApp group to exchange encouragements and ideas, or simply telephone or send a card to those without technology;
- Visit the church website to see ways in which you can carry on giving to the work amongst us: www.bethelcoventry.org.uk
- The Bethel News appears on the church website each week; keep checking in each week. If you know someone who would like a paper copy, let us know;
- Please adhere to the government guidelines for self-isolation and social distancing;
- If you feel unwell and are symptomatic, check the guidelines on the NHS website.

Life Group List

Please note the updated life group list. If you notice anything that's not right, please advise Gordon or Karen Sprouse and we will update it as soon as possible.

****Please do check with your life group leaders as to whether groups are continuing in a virtual setting during the current situation.****

If you are not part of a life group, please feel free to speak to Gordon, Karen or any of the house group leaders to find one that is right for you.

Group	Host / Leader	Where	When	Time
Discovery Bible group	Josh	Church Lounge	Mondays	6.00 am
Young adult group	Rachel F & Tom H	Oasis café	Tuesdays	7.30 pm
Derek Seedhouse	Manohar & Derek	Coundon	Alt Tuesdays	7.45 pm
Liz & Dave	Liz & Dave	Allesley Park	Tuesdays	8.00 pm
Eric & Jane	Eric & Jane	Chapelfields	Alt Tuesdays	8.00 pm
Gordon & Karen	Gordon & Karen	Tile Hill	Thursdays	7.45 pm