

Prayer

We love to pray! If you would like someone to pray with you, please contact the Ministers, the Elders or anyone from the War Room. If you don't have any of our contact details, contact us through the office: office@w-b-c.org.uk.

Blessings, Rose.

Continued Prayer Needs

Please see our next "Prayer Bulletin" for the latest prayer updates.

Please sign up to our email updates during the week to receive the full list and updates for continued prayer needs and new prayer items during the week.

Email office@w-b-c.org.uk to sign up.

Church Open for Personal Prayer

Our church building is open for Personal Prayer on:

Tuesdays : 6-9am in the Parlour

Sundays: 10am-12pm Sanctuary

WAR ROOM



And **NEW** Focus Hour Series

War Room : Wednesday on Zoom only 6-9am.

Focus Hour Series: Thursday on Zoom only 8-9am.

12th Nov	Our Missionaries
19th Nov	Our leaders
26th Nov	Our Children
3rd Dec	Our Health
10th Dec	Our Witness
17th Dec	Our Relationships



Sunday 8th November 2020
News & Notes



A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH,
BUT A HARSH WORD STIRS UP ANGER.
PROVERBS 15:1

Services on YouTube

Sunday 8th November 2020

- **Morning Service on - Acts 24-26**
From 10:30 am on [YouTube](#)
Click [Morning Service on YouTube](#)
Or search for "Wealdstone Baptist Church"
- **Evening Service on - Proverbs 15:1-5**
From 6:30pm livestreamed on [YouTube](#)
Click [Evening Service on YouTube](#)
Or search for "Wealdstone Baptist Church"

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Working with others to bring God's love to Wealdstone



The Church Building during Lockdown

The rules of the latest lockdown that just started means that we are not able to hold services in our building with a congregation present. For the present time we will continue to pre-record our morning services and put them online. We are permitted to stream a service from our building without a congregation so we are going to try continuing streaming an evening service from the building with just the people required to run it present. Please join us for this on Sunday evening at 6.30pm on YouTube.



The guidelines do, however, allow us to open up the building for private prayer, so we will be opening the church on Sunday mornings for private prayer between 10am - 12 noon (Please note that we are not permitted to show the service at this time or have a led prayer meeting).

In addition, there will be a further opportunity for private prayer in the Parlour from 6-9am on Tuesdays. As this is private prayer, it will not be on Zoom.

CALL TO PRAYER ON 13 NOV 2020

The Evangelical Alliance calls churches and Christians across the UK to unite in prayer for our communities during this ongoing crisis.



Why not weave in moments of prayer throughout the day on Friday 13 November 2020?

Suggested schedule for the UK day of prayer:

[Prayer schedule](#)

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Dear ladies of WBC and beyond.

Have you ever wondered how Eve managed as the first woman, wife, mother, grandmother, mother in law?

Women of the bible is the subject in the Ladies Group. Come and pray, laugh, cry, learn and let's stand together.

The bible says in Ecclesiastes 1:9 nothing is new. Let's learn from those who came before us and each other.

Feel free to join us any time from 7 to 8pm on Fridays on Zoom. Speak to Jane or Paula for more information.

Regular Events

Fellowship Groups

- ◇ **The Ladies' Group** is meeting on **Fridays** from 7-8pm via Zoom.
- ◇ **The Youth** meet online, using Zoom a few times a week. Speak to Chris.
- ◇ **The Men for God Group** are meeting next on Monday 16th November 8-9pm.
- ◇ **Catalysts** is a group for 18-30's that meets using Zoom. Speak to Cecilia or Kayleigh.

Other regular meetings

- ◇ **Church Open for Private Prayer** on Tuesdays 6-9am (Parlour) and Sundays 10am - 12noon (Sanctuary).
- ◇ **Coffee Plus**, will be joining on Zoom next Friday from 10-11am.
- ◇ You can join the following Zoom meetings:
 - The **War Room** (prayer meeting focusing on Revival) will run on:
 - **Wednesday** 6-9am Jane will lead. (on Zoom)
 - Focus Hour** Series (praying on specific topics, see separate notice):
 - **Thursday** 8-9am Paula will lead (on Zoom)
- ◇ The **Tuesday Prayer and Fasting Group** meets using the War Room Zoom code at 6pm after fasting and praying during the day. Please speak to Rose for more information.
- ◇ **Sunday Morning Services** run from 10:30am on YouTube. Click [Morning Service on YouTube](#)
- ◇ **Sunday Evening Services** at 6:30pm live streamed on YouTube. Click [Evening Service on YouTube](#)

News & Notes

Please E-mail or phone through items for the next edition to newsandnotes@w-b-c.org.uk or 020 8861 1972 by Wednesday midnight.

Prayer

Members of the Church and congregation are warmly invited to share their concerns or prayer requests. Please forward to the office: office@w-b-c.org.uk or contact any of the prayer team directly.

God is Our Peace

By Revd Martin Whaley

Judges 6:22-24 *When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he exclaimed, "Alas, Sovereign LORD! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!" But the LORD said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is Peace.*



Peace is popular. It is rare that you come across anyone who doesn't think that peace is a good idea, and those who don't are certainly worthy of treating with suspicion! Charities, organisations, governments, even revolutions have all come into existence on the promise of delivering peace. Peace is possibly the most sought after thing in the world today. Yet many who seek it do not actually know what it is, let alone how to find it.

Many people seem to see peace as just the absence of fighting, as if peace and war were opposites; that if you don't have war you must have peace. But this is not the case. You can be a thousand miles from any war and still not have peace, but equally, you can be going through terrible turmoil while at the same time experiencing the most incredible peace (remember the story of the bird on a nest in the midst of a storm from the Lent reading on day 29). You see, Peace is not just the absence of war; it is far more positive than that.

The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*, which is more fully described as wholeness, completeness and fullness. It is possible to experience *Shalom* even when there is trouble on every side. When God says to us "*Shalom*" He means that whatever our situation He will be our peace, our fullness, our wholeness, our completeness. Just think of the words of Jesus in John 16:33 "*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*" It is not that He gives peace by removing us from all trouble but He gives us peace in spite of it.

In Judges 6 Gideon experiences this. Israel is under attack from the Midianites. Gideon is so scared that he is threshing the wheat harvest while hiding in a winepress (a pit in the ground) to keep out of sight. Suddenly the angel of the Lord appears and tells Gideon that God has chosen him to deliver Israel from the Midianites. This looks on paper to be a very un-peaceful situation; war, fear, danger. And when God proclaims peace to Gideon He does not promise that war will stop,

rather it will continue. Gideon will lead it, he will take on the most powerful army at the time, plus he will only be allowed 300 troops! Yet in the midst of all this God gives Gideon wholeness, fullness, completeness and peace. Gideon's response is to build an altar and call it "*YHWH-shalom*", "*God-is-our-Peace*".

God does the same for us as well. He could have taken us out of life's struggles and made us non-combatants, but instead He tells us that in every situation "*the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:7).

Coffee Plus

Coffee Plus will continue to meet on Fridays from 10-11am on Zoom.



Mike Alexander

In the last week, a number of members have received an email from Mike Alexander in which he expresses views regarding issues within his family, particularly over his mother's will. Over the last few years, while Mike was attending WBC, the Elders put a significant amount of time and effort into trying to resolve family issues and bring resolution for the family. Though we largely agreed with the issues Mike raised, we did not feel the approach he wanted us to take with him was appropriate. We fully support those on the leadership who made a significant attempt to encourage, what we saw as, a more biblical approach to reconciliation and restitution. Unfortunately, Mike does not agree with us on this. We will respond to Mike on behalf of the Leadership. Please be in prayer for Mike, his family, and for John, Mike's half-brother at this time. If anyone wants to discuss any of this further, please contact Martin, Tim or Jane who will be happy to discuss any questions you may have.



THE CHRISTIAN
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Identity Matters

The Christian Institute were planning to hold public meetings in Laleham and Kensit on what the Bible says about identity and the implications this has for how far Christians should respond to radical gender ideology. They will also think about current challenges to the sanctity of human life and God's design for the family. And they will bring you the latest on the case Cornerstone fostering and adoption agency is pursuing against Ofsted.

These meetings are now on Zoom:

Please contact the WBC office or the Christian Institute directly for the Zoom details.

For more information on these meetings contact the Christian Institute on 0191 281 5664 or info@christian.org.uk

Wyn Pearce – 100th birthday celebrations



This note is for all who know Wyn and who see WBC's Prayer Bulletins and/or News and Notes, and for a few ex-WBC friends. If you know anyone else you think would like to be included, please do your best to involve them in any way you can.

Wyn will be 100 years old on 16th December. She now lives in a care home in Borehamwood (see prayer Bulletins). She greatly misses contact with WBC brothers and sisters, and we would love to do something special for her. Her sight and hearing are now both very poor; her location, condition and the stringent Covid restrictions make all forms contact almost impossible. For such an event, we might typically have arranged a giant card signed by as many WBC folk as possible, and possibly some other celebration, depending on circumstances, but such would be impractical for Wyn.

It has been decided we put together a **video on DVD format**, with lively greetings from as many folk as possible, for Wyn to view on the home's large TV. This will be complicated, but we have time to do it if we start now. Please do the following, if you wish to be involved:



1. Using a smart phone or other digital device, record a lively, **CLOSE-UP** recording of a **SHORT** greeting to Wyn. **NOTE: 30 seconds maximum**, whether individual or group, as there will be lots of contributions. If you exceed 30 seconds, it will be edited down.
2. Be sure picture and sound are clear, and say who you are, as it still may be hard for Wyn to identify you.
3. Send the clip to Martin Whaley or WBC office as soon as you can, **but before the end of November**, so Martin and others can compile clips onto a DVD.
4. Does anyone know if Wyn has a favourite hymn of which we can include an excerpt in the finished article? (We'll make enquiries this end too).
5. If you or anyone you know at WBC do not have access to a digital device, please try to work with someone else, so all who wish are included if possible.

We will still try to do a **card** as well, but **if** lockdown ends on 2 December we will have a very short time to sign up "live" at church, (if at all). So, we may have to reconsider.

We may also try to arrange a gift of **flowers** from the fellowship, depending on the feasibility of delivery.

A **cake** seems impractical, from both delivery and infection control standpoints - unless you have another idea.

Visits can sometimes be made, by arrangement with staff, but on her birthday should be reserved for relatives only.

Arrangements have been made for congratulations from the **Queen**.

If you think the restrictions of a communal effort seem a bit too brief, you are of course at liberty to send your own individual greetings, gifts, flowers etc. as well. Flowers can be sent through the post by firms such as *Flowers by Post*, *Bloom & Wild*, etc.

Any comments/ideas to the WBC office or Bill Paice at ioanpaice@sky.com

Postcard from Spain 5th November 2020 **- Update from the Memorys**

Once a year, our ECM country teams are encouraged to hold an event we call Prayer Days, where people come together for 2 or 3 days of fellowship, bible teaching, AGMs and of course prayer. This year, for obvious reasons, they are being held online and the Spanish team is meeting this weekend on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th so we ask your prayers for this event.



The organising team have been working hard on the programme of worship sessions and teaching, and we have all made short videos to introduce ourselves and our ministries but it will have a very different feel and we will miss the social side of things. We have a big team in Spain of nearly 50 missionaries and there are new folk we haven't actually met yet. Please pray that despite the distance, we will feel a sense of togetherness and fellowship.

As part of his role on the ECM Field Ministries Executive Team, Jim has been working with the Spanish Field Council for the past 3 years on a change of leadership structure. The National Director of 20 years is handing over and, as the team grows, a new way of organising the field is being proposed. Please pray as we ratify the new executive team of 3 people who will cover the work of the present director, vote 3 new members onto the field council, and approve a new way of organising the field where everyone can take a more active part. The voting will all be online which will have its challenges.

Please continue to pray after this weekend for the Spanish team as we work through these changes during the next year, and for unity, grace and support for the new leadership team.

With our love and prayers as always,

Jim and Christine