

Congratulations to Springdale Methodist Church!

Springdale Church Bronze Eco Church Award

At Springdale we have been steadily working towards Eco Church status for a while. This has been a great team effort with the whole congregation involved. Our uniformed organisations have been proactive throughout the entire process. The application process itself is fairly simple and involves a survey being undertaken on five areas of church life, buildings and grounds. For us the area that was first achieved was worship and teaching. However, it did take a little longer for our church grounds to reach the required standard.

In November we achieved our certificate: at the moment we are waiting for our plaque to arrive. The work towards silver level in all five areas (worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement and lifestyle) is now underway.

If anyone would like any further information on the application process please do not hesitate to contact me.

Phillippa Cooper



Penn Churches' NEWSLETTER Spring 2020

Opening the Scriptures: Setting our hearts on fire

'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us.' (Luke 24.32)

Penn's Lent House Groups will be following the *Churches Together in Britain and Ireland* course, produced especially for 2020 when national churches have a study focus on the "Year of the Word, on 'The God who Speaks' to us through Scripture.

Come and join other Christians in Penn on our journey through Lent into the heart of God's love.

Forms available to sign up for groups meeting from week commencing 2nd March



PENN COVENANT NEWS

After 18 months of Review, at the open meeting on January 14th, Anne Bayley, a signatory to the original 1985 Covenant, proposed that we need to have a formal end for the PEC.

Rev Robert Mountford of Black Country Churches Engaged, guiding the process, put the following proposals to the vote.

As representatives of the 4 Churches for 35 years of Penn Ecumenical Covenant that we agree to lay is down. 14 agreed

That we agree as Churches of Penn that we launch Churches of Penn Together 15 (all) agreed

The relevant Church and organisational authorities will be consulted on how matters progress from this stage

It was agreed that a Closing of the Covenant Service would take place at St Bartholomew's 5-30pm service Sunday 7th June 2020.

NOTICE BOARD Spring 2020

Leap Day Quiz

St Michael's Hall
Saturday February 29th
In support of Climate Action's
#Show the love campaign

Don't lose what you love
to climate change



LENT LUNCHES 2020

Saturdays at 12.30

29th February at Penn URC

7th March @ Penn Christian Centre

14th March @ St Bart's

21st March @ St Michael's

28th March @ Springdale

Come & share in worship, food and friendship.

We welcome Penn Christian Centre to our circle of hospitality.

Interfaith Wolverhampton

Tuesday "Bring and Share" Lunches 12.45-2

February 18th Speaker: Our old friend Inderjit Bhogal, who was recently awarded the World Methodist Peace Prize.

March 17th Speaker: Toban Ephram (Toby) will talk on "Who are The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and the persecution they face around the world".
All Most Welcome

NB New Venue: Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council offices (WVSC), 16 Temple Street, Wolverhampton City Centre, WV2 4AN (by the 'No Entry' signs at the Traffic Lights, opposite the big red casino, near the new Market

Penn Climate Action

February 20th
Springdale Methodist Church
7.30

*This month's topic: **Solar Panels***

Arrangements will be made for
Community Tree Planting Day

*All welcome to come and find out
more about this new group in Penn*

Coffee Mornings in Penn

St Bart's : Every Monday, 10-12

St Michael's: Second Wednesdays at 11
(Provided by SVP group for those of all
faiths and none)

Come and enjoy tea and company
(and cakes, and..).

Picture Quiz of 2020

in aid of

*The Good Shepherd Ministry
(aka The Little Brothers)
Available in all our churches for £1
Please support.*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Not just for Women!

**Prepared by the women of
Zimbabwe**

**"Rise, take up your mat, and
walk!"**

John 5:8

**Join our Penn Churches
at Penn URC**

Friday March 6th, 7.30pm