

Dear friends,

I have been asked to continue as chairman of the PEC for another year which I am very happy to do.

Over the last few months, nearly £7000 has been raised to be shared between the two charities this year – Wolverhampton Street pastors and 'Let us play'.

A good year but there is more to be done.

The best way to study the Bible is to do so with people who aren't like you. If we simply gather as like-minded people what we often do is simply reinforce our own prejudices. Studying with those from different backgrounds helps us to hear God in the bible and learn ways of praying etc. that otherwise we never would have experienced.

One of the greatest gifts God has given to each of us is one another and together our faith is much richer. This way rather than covering up our differences they can instead be opportunities for genuine growth in God. (Romans 8;28)

I am really looking forward to the next few months and what God has in store for us

God bless you all,

Preb. Ben

**The Penn Churches welcome
Rev Peter Christie as Interim Moderator
at Penn United Reformed Church**

*Please note Prayers at URC now on
3rd Tuesday of the month at 3 pm*

Penn Churches'

**NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2016**

Covenant Renewal Celebration

Sunday 15 May, at 3pm, at Springdale

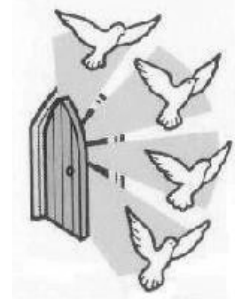
An open air service

(weather permitting)

*in the tradition of a Methodist open air
meeting*

Preacher : Robert Mountford

Ecumenical Mission Officer, BCCE



Open air meetings, known as “camp” meetings were a popular feature in Primitive Methodism, especially in Staffordshire where a camp meeting is still held at Mow Cop around Pentecost. It is an ideal way to witness that we are one as Christ is one to the community of Penn.”

NOTICE BOARD SPRING 2016



**PRAY!
SUPPORT!
GIVE!**

*Through community collections
and our Covenant Renewal Service*

**SUMMER STUDY
TOGETHER
Looking at Jesus' words in St John's Gospel
"I AM"**

*Wednesdays 3rd 10th 17th 24th August
Come to one, come to all!
Springdale Fellowship Room
7.15 tea for 7.30 start*

**Afternoon Tea
with live music**
*in support of Julie & her family
to fund her specialist radiotherapy
Holiday Monday 2nd May
1.00 - 4.00 pm
at St Bart's Church Hall
Adults £5, children £2.50*

PENN LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

*Friday June 10th, 10am - 8pm
Saturday June 11th 9am - 4 pm
AT PENN URC*

INTERFAITH WOLVERHAMPTON

*Saturday May 7th
Visit to local places of worship
Saturday June 11th
Pilgrimage to Coventry,
including the Cathedral
Full details from 427601 or
admin@ifwton.org.uk*

SPRINGDALE SUMMER FAIR

**Saturday 18th June
from 12 noon**

A Saltmine Theatre Production

"The Soul in the Machine"

The story of George Williams & the founding of YMCA

*at Colton Hills School
on Friday 13th May at 7.30 pm
Tickets 01902 371550*

YMCA

West Midlands Concert Band
*play in aid of our Ecumenical Charities
7.30 June 18th
Bradmore Social Club: tickets £7
Contact: 07948963325*

90 - Not Out!

A Vintage Tea Party

*to celebrate a Royal Birthday
St Michael's July 24, 2.30-6pm
Details: 620909*