

# EASTER

## HOLY WEEK

### DAILY PRAYERS

MONDAY TO GOOD FRIDAY

14th to 18th APRIL

PRAYERS AND A CUPPA

7:30am AND 4:30pm

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

17th APRIL

FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION ~ 7:30pm

### GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL

'SERVICE AROUND THE CROSS  
OF JESUS' 11am

MARGARET ROAD METHODIST ~ 4pm

(No afternoon prayers at St Andrew's)

ST JUDE'S CHURCH, CHUCKERY ~ 7:30pm

'MEDITATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY'

# EASTER SUNDAY

20th APRIL

HOLY COMMUNION 10am and 6pm

FAMILY PRAISE 11:30am

We need volunteers to post Easter invitation Cards around the estate. If you can help, see Bishop Paul.

Defend, O Lord, these Thy servants, with Thy heavenly grace, that they may continue Thine for ever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.



## LIL'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Although Lil Bradley was 90 years young a couple of weeks ago. But now it was the turn of the Wednesday Luncheon Club to also mark this fantastic milestone. Bishop Paul and his wonderful team of helpers served a special meal for over 30 guests, including the usual Luncheon Club folk and her invited guests. On the menu was roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings, including wine, followed by a light refreshing lemon cheesecake and cream and Cheese and biscuits. Lil treated everyone to lunch and even provided prizes for a raffle. All the proceeds, including her birthday money was handed to Bishop Paul for St Andrew's Church. It was a very happy time together. All we can say is 'thank you, Lil' and a very happy 90th birthday. God bless.



## EVENING PRAYER

St Andrew's best attended service is our Sunday Evening Prayer service. Unlike the other two services on a Sunday, Evening Prayer uses the beautiful old language, the kind you would hear if you went to see a Shakespeare play. Mark and I were invited to attend the 350th anniversary of the 1662 prayer Book held at St Paul's Cathedral just a couple of years ago. We sat on the front row, just a few feet away from the Prayer Book Society Patron, Prince Charles and his wife Camilla. In Evening Prayer, we sing the Canticles, which takes a little practice, but sound very lovely. Our service is quite unique as most churches have abandoned their evening services or have fallen victim of modernising them into a hymn sandwich service. The Prayer Book guides our thoughts and prayers, based on scripture, and keep us on a sound biblical doctrine, thrown out by so many others.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Amazingly, following the recent Confirmation service, Bishop Paul has had further enquiries to hold another class. These will begin after Easter, so if you are interested, please speak to Bishop Paul and he will provide any information about the classes, or better still, talk to any of those recently confirmed and they will tell you about it. Remember, you do not need to have any prior knowledge of what church or the bible is about. We shall have fun discovering that together.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am & 3rd pm Services

## Mid-week activities:

- **MONDAYS** 10am to 1pm Coffee & Chat
- **TUESDAYS** 9:30am BWS Ladies Group
- 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
- 7:00pm Bible Study
- **WEDNESDAYS** 7:30am Prayer Group
- 12:30pm Luncheon Club
- 2:00pm Friendship Club
- 7:00pm Youth Club
- **THURSDAYS** 11:00am Holy Communion
- 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
- **SATURDAYS** 10:00am Saturday Workshop

## NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on Thursday 29th May at 7pm.

## LESSONS LOG

30th March—Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41  
am L-Bishop, P-Paul; pm SONGS OF PRAISE

6th April—Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45  
am L-Paul, P-Bishop; L-Mark, P-Bishop

## HOME MISSION PROJECT 2014

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY  
HELP US REACH EVEN MORE PEOPLE IN NEED.  
THIS PROJECT WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT 2014.

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and congregation into your hands: **Mary, Julie, Jean, Hilary, Pam, Elizabeth** and **Lil**.
- We bring **Betty & Colin** before you, Lord.
- Lord, thank you **Arline** is getting better. Lord, may she continue to gain strength in you.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan**. Pray the family will cope with Alan's deteriorating health.
- Pray for **Pat** with the loss of her friend **Dot**.
- Thank you, Lord, **Dan's Nan, Dot**, is much better. May it continue.
- Pray for **Audrey** who finds her mobility an increasing problem.
- Lord, we pray for **Carole** who has had a brain operation. She seems to be getting a little better.
- Continue to put **Mike** in your prayers. Pray his diverticulitis is better controlled.
- Lord, we pray for **Sylvia**. Thank you, Lord she has been offered a ground floor room at Winehala Court. She hopes to move on 11th April. Pray all goes well.
- Pray for **Doris** who continues to suffer with sciatica. But thank you, Lord, it is much better than it was.
- Remember too **Doris** (who sits with Sheila) who has been suffering with vertigo problems recently. She is feeling much better.
- We pray for **Mrs Ball** who is poorly at the moment and unable to walk very well.
- Thank you, Lord, for **Nigel** and Readers **Colin, Paul and Mark** who look after all the services, while Bishop Paul visits other churches. Pray for them as they begin to work on their Deacons papers.
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al** who underwent further tests at the QE last Thursday. Lord, help Jean to cope. It was great to see her at church on Wednesday for lunch.
- Pray for **Doreen** who has had a bad water infection which has affected her walking again. Pray also for **Jimmy's family** in the Ukraine with the present difficulties that this country is facing. Pray his family is kept safe.
- Pray for **Steph, Lucy's** carer, as she has begun her long period of Chemotherapy. Her treatment sessions are every three weeks.
- Lord, we pray for **Margaret Phipps** who is very poorly.
- Please pray for the six newly confirmed members and pray that a new class will begin very soon after Easter.
- Please pray for the friends and family of **Winnie** from the Bentley West Ladies Group. Her funeral took place last Monday.
- Pray for the family of **Mary Rose Jenkins** who was 91 years old. Remember Mary's son, **David**, Penny and grandson **Alex**. Dave sent Bishop Paul a lovely thank you message for making them feel so welcome at church recently.
- Remember **Mary & Les** in your prayers as they have both been unwell recently and unable to attend church.
- Please pray for **Paul Elliott** a minister in Leicester who wants to begin a new Free Church of England work there. Paul was able to come to Synod recently and share with us his thoughts for the future FCE church in Leicester.
- Pray for the family of **Geoff Allen**. Pray for his wife, **Jean** and sons, **Ian** and **Robert**, and all the family. The funeral took place at Bushbury West Chapel recently.
- Pray for the family of 86 years old **Vera Dorrington**. Her funeral takes place at Bushbury on Monday 31st March at 2:30pm.
- Please pray for **Michael Blades** as he is Ordained by Bishop Paul on Saturday 5th April at St Mary's Parish Church in Shoreham.
- Pray for the family of **Victor George Hopkins**—known as **'Graham'**. He was 68 years old and his funeral takes place at Bushbury Crem on Monday 7th April at 2:15pm. Pray for his wife **Janet** and all his family.

## SPRING CLEAN WEEK!

**Week commencing 7th April will be our Spring Clean Week. There will be a list of jobs that need doing. If you can spare an hour or two then pop in and have a go. The list will be on the Prayer Card Notice Board. Enjoy! Keep safe! Bring some cleaning stuff with you, just in case!**

## Don't Let Rejection Stop You

'...His own received him not.' John 1:11

Sometimes the word 'no' simply means 'not now, but ask again'. So don't let rejection stop you. Only when you see failure as final, are you finally a failure. Take a look at your past experiences. You encountered rejection in school and on the playground. Not everybody liked you, but you made it anyway, right? Jesus experienced more rejection than anybody who ever lived.

'He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.' Did He quit? No, He went on to others, to those who discerned His value. 'But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God' (v. 12).

Someone needs what you have; it is absolutely necessary to their success. Most great salespeople know that 14 out of 15 people will say no. So they hurry and make their presentations to as many as possible, in order to reach that one who will say yes. Jesus said, 'Whosoever shall not receive you...shake off the dust of your feet' (Matthew 10:14).

When you encounter rejection, shake it off and move on. Sooner or later you will succeed if you don't quit. Don't personalise it; because someone rejects what you have to offer doesn't mean they're rejecting you. Paul writes: 'For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries' (1 Corinthians 16:9). Opportunity and opposition - they go together like macaroni and cheese. Life is not going to hand you success on a silver platter; you've got to overcome adversity and outlast the opposition in order to walk through the door. And only two things are required: your faith and God's favour.

**U r the weakest link.**

**Goodbye.**



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

## WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & Chat Shop will be open for business as usual tomorrow and every Monday.

Remember to come and enjoy a chat, a specialised coffee, soup, toast and marmalade or just the regular popular Bishop's Brew. It's free and a great way to get to know each other better and make new friends.

Come on your own or bring a friend or two. You will, as always, be made very welcome. Your hosts: Colin, Janet and Sue.

