

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and congregation members into your hands: **Jean, Doris, Carole, Pam, Hilary** (it was lovely to see Hilary in church for Colin's ordination) and **Elizabeth**.
- Lord, we continue to hold **Mary, and Thomas** close to you. Mary showed bishop Paul a letter of thanks she has received from Mac-Millan Cancer Care for the £2,200 donation in memory of Julie.
- Lord we bring **Colin** before you following the sad loss of his dear wife, **Betty**. Please pray for all the family in their grief. The funeral takes place in St Andrew's on Thursday 11th December at 1:15pm
- Lord, thank you that **Arlene** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan** with Alan's deteriorating health. Please pray for the 24 hour care Alan needs from Iris and other family members. Lord give them the strength they need to cope.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's Nan, **Dot**, and all the family as they have now moved into their new home in Darlaston. May they soon settle down, Lord, we pray.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Please pray for **Arthur Bagg** who has been suffering again with his breathing and chest, but is generally a little better at the moment.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team of **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the running of our church services.
- Pray for **Jean** with the sad loss of her husband, **Al**.
- Continue to pray for **Doreen and Jimmy**.
- Pray for **Steph** as she continues with her Radiotherapy treatment.
- Lord, thank you **John** is much better and was able to help Bishop Paul in the Office last week. Bishop Paul had forgotten what a joy it is to have John with him as partners in crime, well time.
- Please pray for the FCE congregation at **Christ Church, Broadstairs** and their minister, **the Revd Alan Harvey** who is 89 years old. Pray as Bishop Paul visits them today. Pray for travelling mercies.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson**, who is the grandson of June's sister, Janet, suffering with Crohn's disease. It was lovely to see him yesterday at the Christmas Fayre. Pray also for **Frank**, Janet's husband as he too has not been too good recently and is undergoing tests.
- Pray for **Colin**, Bishop's brother. He has been suffering with his legs recently and been in some considerable pain.
- Remember **Winnie** in your prayers and her husband, **Ray**.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**. Thankfully she is now out of hospital.
- Pray for Keith and the family of **Florence Jean McGann** who was 91 years old. Her funeral took place in church last Thursday.
- Pray for Colin's nephew, **Christopher** (pictured opposite with Colin's brother, Alan) who has been under a rather lot of pressure from work recently. Thankfully he is getting an assistant to help with the pressure and volume of work.
- Pray for the families of **Barry** in Weston Ave (his funeral still hasn't been arranged yet) and **Daisy** from the Ladies Group (her funeral took place in a freezing cold Holy Trinity church, last Tuesday). Pray too for **Matthew** and his girlfriend in their loss.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - £1,045
WELL DONE EVERYBODY - PHOTOS NEXT WEEK

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

Why not join our growing number of Prayer Warriors. You will be joining a growing number who have declared to Bishop Paul their desire to do so. All you have to do is pray for all those mentioned above and your own family and friends every day. Let Bishop Paul know you are doing this and watch the results. Prayers are being answered daily!



THE REVEREND COLIN HUNTER - DEACON



Over eighty members and friends gathered for the ordination of the Revd Colin Hunter to the diaconate last Sunday evening at St Andrew's church. I am sure Colin would want me to thank all of you for your support and encouragement over the years to bring him to this important commitment to his Lord and his beloved church. We were all well fed spiritually by the Revd Paul Reynolds sermon and physically with the buffet that followed and the beautiful cake below made by our dear Barbara Wilson from Harlesden. Well done, Colin.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

30 NOVEMBER 2014

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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Thursday 25th December - 1pm

BISHOP PAUL HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO DO A CHRISTMAS LUNCH EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO, BECAUSE OF FAMILY COMMITMENTS WOULD NORMALLY BE ON THEIR OWN. IF YOU WANT TO COME, PLEASE GIVE EITHER BISHOP PAUL OR REV MARK YOUR NAME. TRANSPORT WILL BE ARRANGED. (FREE TO CHURCH MEMBERS)

ST ANDREW'S LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT 2014

FROM THE PHOTOS BELOW I HOPE YOU CAN SEE THE ENORMOUS TASK THAT THE REV DR ROBERT LEONE AND HIS WIFE, SARAH HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO IN THEIR QUEST TO BUILD A NEW FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH IN FRANCE. The amazing building dates back to the 11th Century and to say that Robert is enthusiastic about it is a bit of an understatement. Bishop Paul is also excited. Please help this church of St Martin be connected to the electric mains, so that during the winter months, they may get a little heat and some light to aid their worship. LMM envelopes are available now at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible. If you need more information then please speak direct to Bishop Paul, he would be glad to fill in gaps, so long as you don't expect him to fill in the gaps in the roof of the church - not with his head of heights!



CONFIRMATION

During last Sunday morning's service Bishop Paul confirmed Robert Boyd. He is soon to move from his home in Rochdale, where he is studying theology in Manchester, to Exeter. Here he is hoping to assist the Revd John Eustice in building the church there. The church had been reduced to just



a handful of members, although over the past few weeks this has improved to an average of about twenty. Robert has a wife and three children to support. Please pray for Robert as he begins this very brave adventure within the Free Church of England.

A DOGGY TAIL!

Bishop Paul couldn't resist sending the following message to Mark and Donna after George ate a whole box of Mr Kipling Mince Pies and costing over £200 in vet bills because they are poisonous to dogs: *'Hello mom and dad. Can you bring me some lovely mince pies home for my tea. I hear there's a two for one offer on at Tesco's!'*

Well, after all - Mr Kipling does make exceedingly good cakes!



St Andrew's

Coffee & Chat
Open

COFFEE & CHAT 4 FREE

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

Come and enjoy the chat and a specialised coffee or the best Bishop's Brew in Bentley! Toast is always available with jam or marmalade or just butter.

Numbers per week average at about 30 visitors.

This is a **free** community project compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. See you!

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FAMILY PRAISE LEADER

Mr Nigel Dutton

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 Bentley West Ladies Group
- 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
- 7:00pm Bible Study - Church House
- **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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you interested in attending Confirmation Classes? If so, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible.

LESSONS LOG

30th Nov—Advent Sunday Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
am L & P-Paul; pm Bishop

6pm SONGS OF PRAISE

followed by a bring and share supper - ALL WELCOME

7th Dec—Psalm 85:1,2,8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

am Bishop; pm Bishop