

EASTER SUNDAY



I think you will agree that the church looked absolutely wonderful for our celebration of Easter. The Lilies (thank you for your donations towards them, by the way) opened with perfect timing

and the smell in church was beautifully perfumed. The simple display for Good Friday with a crimson cloth and crown of thorns reminded us of the moments leading up to Jesus' death on the cross. I do hope you enjoyed your Easter gift this year. It was the first time I had seen special Easter eggs produced especially for Christians. Each egg came with a simple description of the events surrounding Easter. I bought larger eggs from the same supplier for the grandchild-



dren. These contained a Holy Land pocket Cross made out of Olive Wood. It was a real joy to share our Easter Holy Communion services with our Readers Colin, Paul and Mark. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did. My two Easter



sermons were based on the accounts of Matthew and John. Each gospel account gives us different, but complimentary parts of the first moments of Easter day. Thank you to all those who were able to attend over the Easter week.
Bishop Paul.



WESTON-SUPER-MARE - A time to relax

After all the hustle and bustle of Holy Week, Bishop Paul did manage to get a little time away to gather his thoughts and to re-charge his batteries. However, due to John Haynes' illness (see the Prayer Page) he had to man the Office and do a bit of hospital visiting. Bishop Paul says that he knows the importance of 'time-out' from the everyday challenges. He thanks all of you for leaving him alone



so that he could find a bit of space. Last Wednesday Bishop Paul, Matthew, Dan and Emily enjoyed a day at the seaside - Weston-Super-Mare. Our Friendship Group had been there a couple of years ago. Bishop

Paul was rather anxious about the weather forecast, which was dreadful, but the day was dry and on occasions sunny. The sight-seeing included the big wheel that goes up much higher than Bishop Paul remembered, but



the children loved it. The new pier sadly now has an admission charge but provided much needed entertainment only topped by Emily's ride on Jake the donkey. One of the other donkey's called Shadow was very friendly and followed us about to have his ears scratched. Bishop Paul really wanted a go on a donkey too, but the Lord didn't make donkeys big and strong enough for that challenge. How sad! It all felt like the entry into Jerusalem, that we celebrated on Palm Sunday!

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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

27th April—Psalm 16; Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

am P-Paul, L-Colin; pm P&L-Mark

4th May—Psalm 116:1-4,12-19; Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

am L-Paul, P-Bishop; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These will begin after Easter, so if you are interested, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible.

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** and **Elizabeth**.
- We bring **Betty & Colin** before you, Lord. Keep them safe.
- Lord, thank you **Arline** is much 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.
- We pray for **Pat** and **Margaret** who we haven't seen in church for some time now and so we commit them both to the Lord's care.
- 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** as she improves following an operation.
- Continue to pray for **Mike** with his diverticulitis problems.
- Pray for **Sylvia** now in Winehala Court.
- Pray for **Doris** who continues to suffer with her sciatica.
- Remember too **Doris** (who sits with Sheila) who has had a spell in hospital recently. Amazingly she attended church last Sunday.
- Pray for morning service **Ron**, who has had a slight stroke. Ron has several hospital appointments to attend, but is a little better.
- 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 continue to work on their Deacons papers.
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al** as he begins his treatment for cancer. Lord, help Jean to cope too. It was lovely to see her last Sunday.
- Give thanks that **Doreen** is getting better. Pray also for **Jimmy's family** in the Ukraine with the present difficulties this country is facing. Pray his family is kept safe.
- Pray for **Steph, Lucy's** carer, as she is now half way through her treatment of Chemotherapy. Her sessions are every three weeks. How lovely to see her and **Lucy** and her mom and dad at our Luncheon Club.
- Lord, we pray for **Margaret Phipps** who is very poorly.
- Remember **Mary & Les** in your prayers.
- Give thanks **Mary's** cataract operation went very well.
- Please pray for the family of **Pauline Margaret Marlow** who was 77 years old. Her funeral is on Tuesday 6th May at Bushbury Crem.
- Please pray for **John Haynes** (who works in the Denominational office). John has suffered a heart attack and also pneumonia and is presently in New Cross Hospital. Although he was well on Thursday, his health and breathing is giving some considerable concern. Pray also for **Doreen** and all his **Church Family at St Jude's**.
- Pray for the **Reverend Robert Leone** who was Ordained at Christ Church, Willesborough yesterday by Bishop Paul.
- Pray for **Toni** and **Alex's** wedding next Saturday - 2:30pm. **CHOIR!**

LOOK WHO WON THE RAFFLE!

Bishop Paul was over the moon to win the raffle of goodies in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care that was organised by Daniel. It raised a fantastic £100. When added to Daniel and Jagdeep's donut selling, the total raised in aid of the charity is an amazing £555, which has now



been sent in. Do you remember Christmas when Dan sold his cookies and rice crispie cakes? He raised exactly the same amount then too, in aid of the local food bank. Spooky! Bishop Paul shared out his winnings to those present at the Coffee & Chat. You wish you had been there now, don't you?

CHURCH FOCUS—COFFEE & CHAT

Our Coffee & Chat celebrated it's 2nd anniversary last Monday. It was great to see so many visitors and regulars (over 30) attending this amazing milestone. The Coffee & Chat used to be in the Police Shop in Western Ave, free of charge and organised by the Community Police Julie and Rachel. Although the facility was right in the middle of Western Ave, very few folk used to pop in and see us. Bishop Paul freely admits that he was a little disappointed moving it from a community base to back



inside the church. How wrong could he be! The weekly event then went on from strength to strength with 20+ regular customers really looking forward to coming and sharing in fellowship and chat. The hosts for this club are Colin, Janet and Sue. The

church is always open for any who want to avail themselves to look around and see our beautiful building that God has blessed us with. It is also free, with just donations given, if desired, towards church funds. Thanks David, for making us two special birthday cakes! Yum!



COFFEE & CHAT—FREE

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

Come and enjoy a chat and a specialised coffee or the best Bishop's Brew in Bentley! Toast is always available. The kitchen staff have stickyfuts to prove they can produce quality toast with jam and marmalade or just butter. This is a free community project compliments of St Andrew's Church.

You will, as always, be made very welcome.



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