

ORDINATION OF THE REVD ROBERT WILLIAM LEONE



Last Sunday saw a well filled church to witness the ordination of the Revd Robert Leone to the Presbyterate. Bishop Paul was assisted by the Revd Robert Wilson and the Revd Daniel Choe along



with the Bishop's Deacons and Reader. Robert is presently serving in Christ Church, Broadstairs, but will, along with his wife, Sarah be moving to Poitou-Charentes in Western France to begin a



new work for the Free Church of England in September. We also enjoyed a rather French feel for the refreshments of Pâté, cheeses and wine. Perhaps Mike will get a trip up to visit them on one of our summer holidays.



CONSIDER YOURSELF OUR MATE!

Here's Matthew in the Bentley West School's version of Oliver. Although he was just in the chorus, he had lots of things to do like putting up the washin' line in Fagan's den and taking it down again. Then putting it up and down again, loads of times. Might seem simple, but it was mighty tricky. The performance was a combination of years 5 and 6. Matthew also understudied the Narrator who had perhaps the biggest part, apart from Oliver. The school was packed for the two nights performances but above all else was the joy and enthusiasm the children had in performing the musical. The biggest laugh was 'Bull's-eye' who was a lad dressed up in a large white onesie with a black nose and a black patch painted over one eye. He'll never live it down!



SERVICE FOR A READER

Mr John Haynes



John will be licensed as a Reader on Sunday 20th July at St Andrew's Church - 6pm

Please come and support John. Give thanks that John is well enough to undergo this service. The service will be followed by refreshments

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 and you will, as always, be made very welcome.



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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 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARK—HE WAS 39 YESTERDAY!

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on Monday 21st July at 7pm.

LESSONS LOG

13th July—Psalm 119:105-105-112 or 65:9-13
Genesis 25:19-34; Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(Bishop in Balham) am P&L-Mark; pm Bishop

20th July—Ps 139:1-12,23-24 or 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:6-8
Gen 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25; Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
am P-Colin, L-Paul; pm LICENSING OF MR JOHN HAYNES
(The pm service will be followed by refreshments)

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 that **Arline** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan** with Alan's deteriorating health.
- Thank you, Lord, **Dan's Nan, Dot**, is much better. May it continue.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Lord, we pray for **Carole** that she improves following an operation.
- Pray for **Doris** who continues to suffer with her sciatica.
- Remember **Doris and Sheila**. It was good to see them last Sunday.
- Thank you, Lord, for all the worship team **Nigel, Colin, Paul** and **Mark** who look after all the services, while Bishop Paul's away. Mark had to do a double Baptism today, with music!
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al** as he continues to battle against cancer. Al is out of hospital but Jean is a worrier. Pray for them both. It was good to visit them yesterday!
- Continue to pray for **Doreen** and **Jimmy's Ukrainian family**.
- Pray for **Steph, Lucy's carer**, as she has now finished her treatment of Chemotherapy. She now faces an operation in August followed by Radiotherapy.
- Give thanks that **John Haynes** is continuing to improve. Pray also for him as he is licensed at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 20th July at our 6pm service.
- Pray for **Kate**, a relative of John Haynes, who has been told she has to fight against cancer for the fourth time. Remember too, **Phil**, her husband. Some may recall they came on holiday with us a few years ago.
- Pray for Colin Hunter's nephew, **Christopher**, who is finding his job very stressful at the moment. He is under great strain with his work at Mencap and all his family are greatly worried that things are getting him down. Please pray for Chris and all those who suffer in a similar way, with work related stress.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** following his ordination to the Presbyterate last Sunday at St Andrew's Church. Pray for his future ministry to the 'ex-pats' in Poitou Charentes, Western France.
- Pray for **Bishop Paul** as he travels to **St Jude's Church, Balham** today for a Confirmation Service.
- Please continue to pray for **Daniel Choe, Grace** and all the members at **Emmanuel Church**.
- Pray for **Chelsea and Adam** in their new married life together.



CAMEL HEADS (meet Kara and Tyrone)

Bishop Paul would like to purchase these two puppets for use with our children's groups. However they cost around £55 each. Would anyone like to help purchase one? Who knows, perhaps they'll stop at an Oasis near you? See Bishop Paul.

Do You Want Your Church to Grow? - part 2

Inspire them. To be inspired is to feel motivated and excited about what you are doing. The story is told of a little boy sitting in church with his mother. On the platform behind the pastor were three flags; the little boy asked her about the first one. 'That's our nation's flag,' she said. Then he wanted to know about the second flag. She whispered, 'That's the Church flag.' Finally he asked about the third flag. Telling him to be quiet, she whispered, 'That's for those who died in service.' Innocently he asked, 'Which service did they die in, the morning or evening service?' Yes, your church should be a place of reverence and order, but it should also be alive with the power and ...

SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 19th JULY

12noon

Please bring:

Gifts, Grocery, Bottles, toys,
bric-a-brac, cakes, raffle items,
enjoy the fun and bring lots of
friends and money!

FREE ENTRANCE!

... presence of God. A sign on a little country store said it all: 'There's no place anywhere near this place, that's anything like this place, so this must be the place! That's what God wants His church to be. You ask, 'What was church like back in the days of the early apostles?' Distinctive! Dynamic! Demonstrative! 'When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled...was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.' According to the latest opinion poll, nowadays a 'committed' church member is somebody who attends church twice a month. Wow! The New Testament believers went every day. Furthermore, 'They were all (every member) filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.' Jesus is many things-but boring isn't one of them. So let's invite people, instruct them, and inspire them!



The final, and perhaps the most frustrating challenge we face when it comes to church growth, is to involve them. Why is that? A message on a bulletin board outside a church gives us a clue. The top line says, 'We care about you,' and the line underneath reads: 'Sundays. 10 am only.' A cartoon by Erik Johnson puts it another way. At the top in big bold letters is a sign that reads: 'The challenge of starting a men's ministry.' Standing directly under the sign is a group of bored-looking guys. To the right of the group is the pastor, who quips: 'So far, the only thing we have in common is an aversion to singing, socialising and sharing.' People can feel lost and lonely in a crowd, even if it's in church. Sitting in a pew looking at the back of somebody's head for an hour and a half doesn't meet anyone's emotional, relational, or spiritual needs. As a member of Christ's body, the church, it's your job to take the first step and initiate contact with those around you. Jesus went out of His way to love the fallen, the fraudulent and the faithless-people others wouldn't have anything to do with. When someone comes into your church and finds Christ, your job has only begun. They are called to serve and you are called to show them how, when and where. 'The new wine is found in the cluster...' 'Wine speaks of joy. But you can't get it out of a single grape; you've got to have a 'cluster'. Are you getting the idea?



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