

NATALIE AND GUSTAF'S WEDDING



St Jude's welcomed a packed church to see Natalie and Gustaf get married yesterday. The choir (mainly from St Andrew's) sang beautifully and the inclusion of Holy Communion made the service extra special. Natalie looked divine and Gustaf's father (Lars) led us through the Holy Communion service. He is a Dean in the Swedish Church. It was a good bright day both outside and inside. The organist Ian Thompson was superb.

Cops & Robbers

Last Sunday saw a record number of children and parent and grandparents attending the review of our Cops and Robbers Holiday Club. We had a visit from PC Plod and PC Pleb who reminded the children about the story of Joseph. However, it was quite



evident that no reminding was necessary as they all knew the stories so well. There was a short Video of the week and lots of chat about coming again to our Family Praise Service at 11:30am every Sunday. Please continue to pray for all the children who came during the week—they were a great bunch of kids and their parents should all be very proud of them. We are!



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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

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday 16th March at 6pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This Wednesday 6:30pm.

LESSONS LOG

2 March—Psalm 2, 99or131; Isaiah 49:8-16a; Ex 24:12-18
2Peter 1:16-21; 1Cor 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34 or 17:1-9
am Bishop; pm Bishop

9 March—Psalm 32, Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
am L-Mark, P-Bishop; pm L-Colin, P-Bishop

HOME MISSION PROJECT 2014

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY—BISHOP PAUL RECEIVED A GIFT OF £230 FROM ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL TO HELP 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.
- Give thanks **Deanne** is doing a little bit of driving and her wrist is getting a little bit better. Thank you, Lord. Deanne also brought her neighbour to Holiday Club who thoroughly enjoyed it.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan**. Pray the family will cope with Alan's deteriorating health.
- Give thanks **Alison's** Carpal Tunnel operation went well and she is getting better. Thank you too, Lord, her **mom** is much better too.
- Pray for **Pat** with the loss of her friend Dot last Sunday.
- 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 much better. She came to church & Lunch on Wednesday.
- Continue to put **Mike** in your prayers. His diverticulitis is causing him problems. Thank you, Lord, there isn't anything more serious.
- Lord, we pray for **Sylvia**. Thank you, Lord she has been offered a ground floor room at Winehala Court. Pray all goes well.
- Pray for **Doris** who continues to suffer with sciatica. But thank you, Lord, it is much better than it was.
- We pray for **Mrs Ball** who is poorly at the moment.
- Thank you, Lord, for **Nigel** and my Readers **Colin, Paul and Mark** who look after all the services, while I visit other churches. Pray for a meeting this week to discuss the Deacons exams.
- Thank you, Lord, for **Mark's** offer of a new job. He tells me he hopes to start on 1st April, providing it isn't all a sick April fool joke. He will be based at either the Alumwell or Birchills Sure Start building. Thank you, Lord, for answered prayer.
- Pray for **Zoe's Nan** who is suffering with cancer.
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al** who is home awaiting treatment at Birmingham's City Hospital. Lord, help Jean to cope as we are all missing her at church.
- Lord, we thank you that **Sharon's** test results all came back with nothing to be concerned about. Thank you, Lord, for answered prayer.
- Pray for **Steph, Lucy's** carer, who has had a scan and has been told her cancer has not spread anywhere else. She now begins a long period of Radiotherapy.
- Lord, we pray for **Margaret Phipps** who is very poorly.
- Remember **Mary & Les** in your prayers as they have both been unwell recently and unable to attend church.
- Please pray for the six candidates who are attending the Confirmation classes - **Paula, Katie, Vicki, Chris, Matthew and Holly**.
- Give thanks for **Thelma's** news last Sunday in a letter from the specialist saying that the cancer had been completely removed and that she does not need any further treatment. Lord, I praise your holy name. Please continue to pray for Thelma and **Brian** too.
- Remember **Natalie and Gustaf** who got married at St Jude's Church yesterday. Thank you, Lord, it was a lovely day.
- Pray also for the family of **Christine Ann Collins** who was 68 years old. Her funeral took place last Thursday to a packed Bushbury Crem.
- Pray for the family of **Mary Rose Jenkins** who was 91 years old. Her funeral takes place in church this coming Friday at 2pm. Bishop Paul will see her son, David, on Monday during our Coffee and Chat.
- Thank you, Lord, for the **Annual Open Congregational Meeting** last Monday and for those Officers appointed to serve the church.
- Please pray for **Paul Elliott** a minister in Leicester who wishes to begin a new Free Church of England work there. Paul has recently had a heart operation but also had a bad chest infection that caused a few complications. Paul is much better now but pray for him as he takes these bold steps for his Lord.



MEET OUR NEW ORGANIST!

Our new organist, Emily, is well versed in playing our two manual organ. During her audition last week, she said it was something she had always wanted to do. She had even grown the requisite moustache so that the evening congregation might think she's John! The only trouble was though, she couldn't reach the foot pedals and needed Matthew to operate them for her. Anyway, don't panic John and Brian, I think your jobs are safe, for the moment!



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

The church gardens are beginning to spring into life and colour following the very wet winter. See if you can find the Crocus flowers Bishop Paul photographed yesterday! Before long the dwarf daffodils will all be in bloom and then you'll know Spring has come.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH COUNCIL

Our new Church Council and Officers began their year yesterday. To those Officers newly elected I would want to say, 'welcome' and to those leaving Office say, 'Thank you for all your support over the last twelve months'. We looked at the healthy accounts and marvelled that there had been 24 Baptisms in 2013 which included four adult Baptisms. There was a record 7 weddings and many things to be thankful for, which were reflected in my annual report. Ask me for a copy!



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.



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