

## WHO'S WHO?



Following our Church Annual Congregational Meeting recently, I thought you may wish to know who holds which Office.

MINISTER :- Bishop Paul Hunt

MINISTER'S WARDEN & READER :-  
Colin Hunter



PEOPLES' WARDEN  
& READER :-  
Mark Spiers



READER :-  
Paul Reynolds



WORSHIP LEADER  
FAMILY PRAISE :-  
Nigel Dutton



CHURCH COUNCIL :-  
Karen Dutton  
June Critch  
Ted Critch  
Margaret Thorley  
Iris Tonks  
Ernie Rollinson  
Pamela Lowe  
Donna Spiers  
Janet Walker  
Sue Barr  
Doris Cooper

DELEGATE :-  
Mike Barlow



DELEGATE :-  
Deanne Yarnall



ALTERNATIVE  
DELEGATE :-  
Judy Shade-Smith

YOUTH  
REPRESENTATIVES :-  
Daniel Booth &  
Matthew Spiers



## SOME NEWS FROM MINSTER

Last summer a lady from Minster went to spend a holiday with her aunt in Scotland. She lives in a row of cottages which have a common path which runs through the back gardens. Next door live a young couple who had fallen out with neighbours living on the other side.

Early one morning the young couple's dog came into their kitchen carrying a dead rabbit! Knowing that it had belonged to their neighbours they were horrified, but decided that as the neighbours were out for the day, they got rid of the blood and dirt, shampooed it and gave the poor rabbit a blow dry, and placed it back in its hutch, so that the couple would think it had died a natural death!

When the couple returned home there was a sudden scream! The young couple rushed next door, and there was the lady saying: "But we only buried it yesterday!"



## Touching Jesus

'If I can just touch [Him], I will be healed.' Mark 5:28

Mark records the story of a woman who'd haemorrhaged for twelve years and spent every penny she had on doctors, but to no avail. What western culture discreetly refers to as 'a female condition' had devastated this Jewish lady's life. Sexually, she couldn't touch her husband. Maternally, she couldn't have children. Domestically, whatever she touched was considered 'unclean'. Spiritually, she couldn't enter the temple. So, physically exhausted, socially ostracised, and spiritually depleted, she thought, 'If I can just touch Jesus, I'll be made whole'. Her miracle started when she thought about Jesus.



But first she had to get through the crowd that stood between her and Him. And so will you! The crowd has its arguments and reasons, but not one of them is worth missing Jesus for. When this woman finally got to Him, two wonderful things happened:  
1) She discovered that our faith gets Jesus' attention every time. Many people in the crowd must have brushed up against Jesus that day, yet Mark records, "...Knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, [He] turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"' (v. 30). Understand this: Jesus can tell the difference between a casual churchgoer and a truly hungry heart that pushes through pain, problems, and pressures, and touches Him by faith.  
2) She's the only woman Jesus ever called '...daughter...' (v. 34). Imagine how she felt. She probably couldn't remember when she'd last heard a kind word. You're not just a face in the crowd, your presence at St Andrew's is for ever valued by me, but remember your problem is not too big for Jesus. Today reach out in faith, touch Him and be made whole!

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## LAY READERS

Paul Reynolds, Colin Hunter and Mark Spiers

## 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.

## NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on Monday 17th March at 7pm.

## LESSONS LOG

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

16th March—Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

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

## 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.
- 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. 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. 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.
- 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** new job. He hopes to start on 1st April and 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** (from St Jude's) test results all came back clear and with nothing to be concerned about. Thank you, Lord, for answered prayer.
- Pray for **Doreen** who has had a bad back recently and a few days in hospital. But pray especially for **Jimmy's family** in the Ukraine with the present difficulties that this country is facing. Pray his family is kept safe. Jimmy tells me all is fine at the moment.
- Pray for **Steph, Lucy's** carer, who has had a scan and has been told her cancer has not spread anywhere else. She has now begun a long period of Chemotherapy.
- 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.
- Pray for the family of **Mary Rose Jenkins** who was 91 years old. Her funeral took place in a packed church last Friday. Remember Mary's son, David, Penny and grandson Alex.
- 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. We hope to see him at Synod at St Andrew's next Saturday.



## AND SO IT BEGINS!

After a long wet and windy winter it is really nice to have a little bit of nice mild and sunny weather. However, with the onset of Spring being around the corner means that things are beginning to grow. Daniel gave our grass it's first cut of the season yesterday. Amazingly the mower started easily following hibernation although it does sound a bit like a bag



of nails. There are lots of areas around the gardens that need a little TLC. So if you have time during this busy week to come and do some tidying up it will certainly be appreciated especially as St Andrew's will be under the microscope from visitors around the Diocese next Saturday when we host Synod. If you're not sure what areas need attention, just ask Bishop Paul. Thank you for your help.



## 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.



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

## WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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