

## ORDINATION SERVICE FOR Mark Spiers and Paul Reynolds



Mark and Paul will (DV) be Ordained Deacons on Sunday 1st June at our 6pm Service.

Please come and support them as Bishop Paul lays his hands upon them on this important day for them and St Andrew's Church.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

Come early to get a seat.

### NEW CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

### ADULT BAPTISM

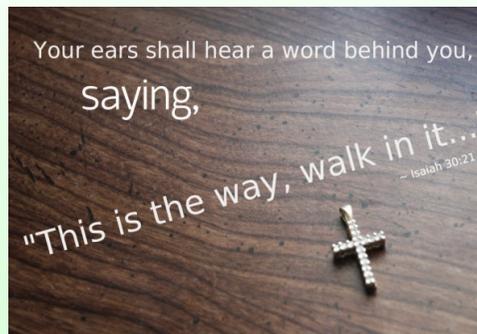
Gary Dale Bayley, below, was Baptised by Bishop Paul last Sunday amongst church friends and family. Bishop Paul discovered that Gary is the nephew of Stephen Bayley who was Bishop Paul's best friend at senior school and after, when they both joined the Willenhall Operatic Society. Steve still lives in London as an interior designer and still does the occasional work as an extra in various films. Steve left Willenhall for London in his early 20s. It was lovely to meet Gary and his family and to relive so many very happy memories.



### WHAT ARE YOU HEARING?

'...The word of the Lord came to Elijah...saying... "I will send rain on the earth." 1 KINGS 18:1

Three years earlier, God told Elijah to announce the coming of a severe drought. As a result, it was all people talked about. Then God told him to announce that rain was coming and they were to prepare for it. Understand this: unless you learn to attune your spiritual ear to what God is saying, you won't be ready for what life throws at you. God can tell you when to save and when to sow, when to buy and when to sell, when to come to the table and when to walk away. 'Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it"' (Isaiah 30:21). But satan can also speak to you and tell you things like, 'You're going bankrupt. You're going to die. You'll never succeed. Nobody loves you.' You'll never hear that from God! In spite of what you're hearing around you or within you, you must believe in God's faithfulness and trust Him to fight for you. Knowing He would soon be crucified, Jesus prayed, "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered...' (John 12:28-29). Isn't it amazing? Some can hear the voice of God, while others standing right beside them hear only noise. What Jesus heard that day galvanised His faith and gave Him the strength to march victoriously to the cross. So who are you listening to? What are you hearing?



### 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 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

**MORE CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED (See +Paul)**

### NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This will be held on **Thursday 29th May** at 7pm.

### LESSONS LOG

18th May—Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60  
Deuteronomy 6:20-25; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14  
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm L-Mark, P-Mark

25th May—Psalm 66:8-20; Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21; Isaiah 41:17-20  
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm L & P-Mark

1st June—Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11  
am L-Colin, P Bishop; pm L & P-Bishop  
ORDINATION SERVICE OF MARK AND PAUL

8th June—**PENTECOST**

## 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 getting 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** 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 sciatica.
- Remember too **Doris** (who sits with Sheila) who has been a little unsteady on her feet since her recent illness.
- *Pray for morning service Ron, who had a slight stroke. Ron has 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 work towards Ordination as Deacons.
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al**. He has begun his cancer treatment. Lord, help Jean to cope too with looking after all his needs.
- Give thanks that **Doreen** is a little better and was able to come to Monday's Coffee & Chat. Pray also for **Jimmy's Ukrainian family**.
- *Pray for Steph, Lucy's carer, as she is now well on with her treatment of Chemotherapy. Her sessions are every three weeks. How lovely to see her and Lucy's mom and dad at our Luncheon Club.*
- Lord, we put the family of **Margaret Phipps** to you who passed away recently. Her funeral took place in St Andrew's to a packed Church on Friday. Thirty-eight members of the large Ashmore Park Choir sang so beautifully too. Pray for all Margaret's friends; Rita, her sister and her family, Helen and Andrew who flew to England from Saudi Arabia especially for his aunt's funeral, leaving his wife and twin girls in Saudi. Because of her association with Willenhall Operatic Society and all things musical, we played the Overture to South Pacific as we left church.
- Please pray for the family of **Pauline Margaret Marlow** who was 77 years old. Her funeral took place recently and it was good to see members of Pauline's family in church last Sunday. Pray her sister, Pat, who was unwell is feeling better.
- *Please pray for John Haynes (who works in the Denominational office). John suffered a heart attack and also pneumonia and is still in New Cross Hospital. Although much better in himself, the consultant has delayed any operation until John was stronger. John's breathing is much better now. He is very disappointed that he cannot come to Convocation. Pray also for Doreen and all his Church Family at St Jude's.*
- Pray for the family of **Graham Marigold** who was 66 years old. His funeral takes place in Church on Friday 23rd May at 10:30am. Remember his wife, Claire and their two children.
- Please remember **Bishop Paul** as he puts together everything to take to Convocation on Monday. I thank you, Lord, for Judy's help again last Tuesday in the Office. Pray too for travelling mercies for Bishop, Mark, Colin, Deanne and Mike.
- *Give thanks for Gary's baptism last Sunday and for the two further adult baptisms tomorrow for Sophia Estelle Emery and Stuart Andrew Harris, and for Lucas Jack Perry on Sunday 25th May.*
- Pray for the family of **Gillian Hilary Edge**, who was 63 years old. Her funeral takes place at Busbury Crem on Tuesday 27th May.



## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Here's Emily with another Class award so well deserved. Grandad Paul was at Bentley West School to see Emily get this award last Friday. However, Bishop Paul was worried because they kept the certificate until the very last one. He thought perhaps she has been naughty and they've withdrawn the award. Just in case you have difficulty reading the certificate it says:  
'Certificate of Achievement presented to Emily Spiers for being a helpful member of the class and a delight to teach.'  
Well done, Emily, keep up the good work and we hope the bribe to the teacher didn't cost you too much! Really though, we all very proud of you!



## GREEDY SQUIRRELS

Sadly, the squirrels have found that there is a plentiful supply of bird seed and fatty balls available in the Church House garden and that they'll go to any lengths to get at them. Sad thing is as soon as they are replaced they're at it and they only last a few hours. The birds can only sit on the fence and watch and peck at what falls to the floor.

## HELEN

This is Helen our latest recruit from Thomas Ely funeral directors. Helen works in the Wednesfield Office and was keen to volunteer to do a bit of community work helping out at our Luncheon Club. Poor Helen, it seems like it was hard work. But she was a delight to have with us.



## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Daniel and his friend Jag-deep worked at the Church of the Good Shepherd based in Darlington Street's Methodist Church in Wolverhampton, last Thursday. The youths prepared and served food to the homeless and needy people of Wolverhampton. Over 200 people came to enjoy the food and a time of fellowship. This is an ongoing commitment from St Thomas More School to care for the community

and the people of the local area. Daniel tells me he had to butter 7 loaves of bread. He and Jagdeep and some other year 9 students are pictured here. The church kitchens are only just fully functional again following a fire in the Church Vestry after a break-in. Usually this Charity serves around a thousand lunches every week. Not sure our Luncheon Club is quite ready for that!



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

## WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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