

MacMillan Cancer Support - TEA PARTY



Jade, Julie and family and friends raised a fantastic £656.73 in aid of this worth while Charity last Sunday afternoon. The hall, as you can see was packed out. Thank you to all church members

who managed to come and share in this special day. Here's Julie bringing Bishop Paul a thank you card after the event had been a resounding success for allowing the use of the Church Hall for this event. No wonder she has a wide smile on her face. Well done, everybody.



CONFERENCE

All these happy faces were glad they had gone to the Southern Diocese Conference. It was truly a wonderful week. All the leadership team had roles to play and fulfilled their responsibilities superbly.



We should all be very proud of them. Why not put a note in your diary for next year's Conference from 26th October 2015. You WILL not be disappointed. Just ask any of those attending this year.



THE WORD FROM THE TOP

In the fifth commandment, God says, 'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.' That means children must respect their parents, and parents must prove worthy of respect. Abraham and Lot were from the same family, but there was a big difference in their parenting styles. And it showed up dramatically at the destruction of Sodom. Concerning Abraham, God said, 'I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him' (Genesis 18:19). Before God destroyed Sodom, we read: 'The two men (angels) said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here...Get them out ...because we are going to destroy this place"...So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law...He said, "Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!" But his sons-in-law thought he was joking' (Genesis 19:12-14). Do you have credibility with your children? Do they take you seriously? Here are two quotes from history every parent needs to think long and hard about. The first is from evangelist Billy Sunday: 'The tragedy of my life is that although I've led thousands of people to Jesus Christ, my own sons are not saved.' The second is from Lord Houghton: 'The Christian home is the Master's workshop where the processes of character moulding are silently, lovingly, faithfully and successfully carried on.'



The sixth commandment says, 'You shall not murder.' Now, most of us don't need a lecture on murder, so let's address the real issue: the tongue, which kills by destroying a person's self-worth and future hopes. Paul writes: 'All the law is fulfilled in...this: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!' (Galatians 5:14-15). Who can forget the 1994 tabloid headline, 'killer bug ate my face'? The reporting was sensational, but the stories were based on factual cases of invasive streptococcal bacteria found in Gloucestershire. When invasive Strep A (which isn't the same as strep throat [Bacterial tonsillitis]) takes hold, necrotizing fasciitis can begin, which causes the victim's flesh to die at

the rate of several inches per hour. Meanwhile toxic shock sets in, shutting down organs and causing death. Dr Jeffrey Crowley describes what happens after the deadly microbes take hold: 'The bacteria multiply rapidly, producing toxins...For three days the patient may suffer swollen lymph nodes, rising fever, and excruciating pain at the site of infection. Penicillin can stop the attack at this stage, but by day four, infected tissues start dying. Bacteria saturate the bloodstream, destroying muscles and organs, sending the body into shock, and death can follow within hours...invasive streptococcus is rare, but unforgiving.' You say, 'That's gruesome!' Yes, and so is gossip, and slander! They're deadly. They make people feel worthless by destroying their self-esteem and undermining them to the point where life doesn't seem worth living. Learn to guard your tongue and speak words that bring life, not death.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am & 3rd pm Services

CONFERENCE

Here's Mark in full throw explaining what the youths had done during their JAM sessions (Jesus And Me). Our theme for the Conference was all based on Noah's Ark. It was a joy to share fellowship with one another especially those from St Andrew's - Mark, Donna, Matthew, Emily, Janet, Paul, Deanne, Mary, Nathan, Courtney, Marie, Colin and Daniel.



LESSONS LOG

2nd Nov—Psalm 43; Joshua 3:7-17 or Micah 3:5-12

1 Thess 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

am L-Colin, P-Bishop (HC); pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

9th Nov—REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Psalm 78:1-7 or Psalm 70; Amos 5:18-24

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm L & P-Bishop

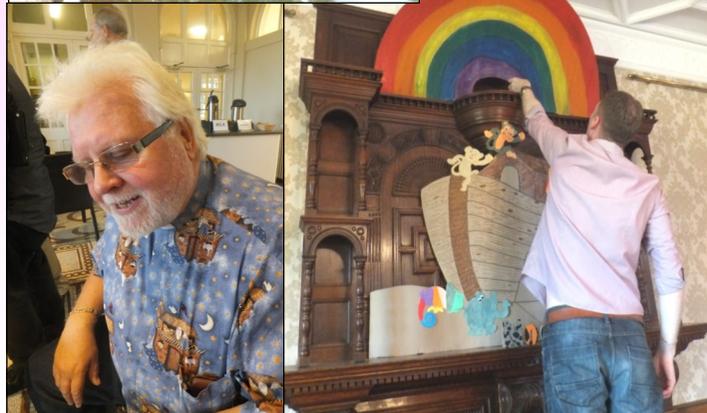
16th Nov—Psalm 123; Judges 4:1-7; Zeph 1:7,12-18

1 Thess 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**. Pamela is particularly poorly at the moment with a bleed behind her eye.
- Lord, we put the following friends and congregation members into your hands: **Jean, Doris, Carole, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Lord, we thank you for your loving kindness to us. We continue to hold **Mary, and Thomas** close to you, especially as **Julie's** ashes were scattered in our Memorial Garden yesterday.
- We bring **Betty & Colin** before you, Lord. Keep them safe.
- Lord, thank you that **Arlene** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan** with Alan's deteriorating health.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's Nan, **Dot**, and all the family as they prepare to move house, to Darlaston.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Please pray for **Arthur Bagg**. Arthur has been suffering again with his breathing and chest. Give thanks he had a lovely time at the wedding of his grandson last weekend.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team of **Nigel, Colin, and the Revds Paul and Mark** who assist Bishop Paul in the running of all the church services.
- Pray for **Jean** with the sad loss of her husband, **Al**.
- Continue to pray for **Doreen and Jimmy**. It was lovely to see Doreen at a Monday Coffee and Chat recently.
- Pray for **Steph** as her Radiotherapy treatment has been delayed due to an infection.
- Give thanks **John and Doreen** were able to go to the Conference last week. **John** still awaits to be fitted with a pacemaker.
- Pray for **Kate**, a relative of John Haynes, who is bravely fighting cancer for the fourth time. Remember too, **Phil**, her husband.
- Please pray for the congregation at **Christ Church, Broadstairs** and their minister, **the Revd Alan Harvey** who is 89 years old especially as **Paul** visits them next Sunday.
- Pray for **the Revd Robert and Barbara Wilson**. Give thanks the recent death threat has been found to be a hoax.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**.
- Pray for **Pete**. He has now been transferred from Hospital for rehabilitation.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson**, who is the grandson of June's sister, **Janet**, suffering with Crohn's disease.
- Pray for **Rene** and her poorly husband, **Fred**.
- Remember **Winnie** in your prayers. Give thanks that her husband, **Ray** is much better.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**. She is still in hospital and may have to remain there a little longer. May she come home soon, Lord.
- Pray for the family of **Gerald Albert Aston (Gerry)** who was 73. His funeral took place on Friday at Bushbury Crem.
- Pray for the family of **Doris Violet Price** who was 85. She lived in Cunningham Road and the grandmother of **Steven Gibbons**. The funeral takes place on Monday, 10am in church.
- **Colin Hunter** has passed his Deacons exams and interview. Give thanks and pray for Colin as he prepares to be Ordained.



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FLOWER SHOW NEXT SATURDAY - 8th NOVEMBER
Open to the Public from 2:30pm

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

Do you feel you have a burning desire to offer God something, but because of infirmity or age or distance, doing things is difficult? Then why not join our growing number of Prayer Warriors. All you have to do is pray for all those mentioned above and your own family and friends every day. Let Bishop Paul know you are doing this and watch the results. Prayers are being answered daily!

