

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- 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.
- Lord we bring **Colin Davis** before you following the sad loss of his dear wife, **Betty** in the early hours of yesterday. Please pray for all the family in their grief.
- Lord, thank you that **Arline** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris and Alan** with Alan's deteriorating health. It was lovely to meet Iris again last week while visiting Betty. She told Bishop Paul that Alan is getting worse. Please pray for the 24 hour care Alan needs from Iris and other family members. Lord give them the strength they need to cope.
- 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** who has been suffering again with his breathing and chest, but is generally a little better at the moment.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team of **Nigel, Colin, and the Revds Paul and Mark** who assist Bishop Paul in the running of our church services. Give thanks that **Paul** and Janet had a good trip to Broadstairs last weekend.
- 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 our Monday Coffee and Chat last week.
- Pray for **Steph** as she continues with her Radiotherapy treatment.
- Lord, thank you **John** is much better and was able to help Bishop Paul in the Office last week. Bishop Paul had forgotten what a joy it is to have John with him as partners in crime, well time.
- Please pray for the congregation at **Christ Church, Broadstairs** and their minister, **the Revd Alan Harvey** who is 89 years old especially as Bishop Paul visits them again next Sunday.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson**, who is the grandson of June's sister, Janet, suffering with Crohn's disease.
- Remember **Winnie** in your prayers and her husband, **Ray**.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**. Thankfully she is now out of hospital and was able to come for her dinner last Wednesday.
- Pray for the **Rev Dr Hugh Osgood** now he is installed as the new Free Churches Group Moderator. God willing Bishop Paul will be their to witness this important event.
- Pray for the family of **Florence Jean McGann** who was 91 years old. Her funeral takes place in church this Thursday 27th November at 10:45am. Jean leaves a son, Keith.
- Pray for Colin's nephew, **Christopher** who has been under a rather lot of pressure from work recently.
- Pray for the families of **Barry** in Weston Ave and **Daisy** from the Ladies Group. Pray too for **Matthew and his girlfriend** in their loss.

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!



**ORDINATION OF
MR COLIN HUNTER TO THE DIACONATE
THIS SUNDAY - 23rd NOVEMBER - 6pm**
The service will be followed by light refreshments in the hall.

THREE THINGS WE OWE EACH OTHER

'Encouraged... by... mutual faith.' Romans 1:12

Paul talks about three things we owe each other. Let's look at them:

- 1) 'Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers' (v. 9). You can show no greater love and concern for someone than to say, 'I'm praying for you,' and do it! Prayer invites God into the situation and authorises the forces of heaven to go to work and bring change.
- 2) 'I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established' (v. 11). What did Paul long for? The chance to strengthen his fellow believers, and he was willing to travel a long way at great personal risk to do it. When two people decide to recognise and nurture the God-given gifts in each other, not only are they blessed personally, everybody around them benefits too.
- 3) 'That I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.' Notice the words 'encouraged' and 'mutual faith'. There are powerful dynamics at work here! First, we pray for one another. Second, we recognise and nurture God's gifts in one another. Third, we unite our faith and focus on a shared goal. Jesus said: 'If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that you ask, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them' (Matt. 18:19-20)



GETTING THEM THROUGH THE TEENAGE YEARS

'Use wisdom and understanding to establish your home.' Proverbs 24:3
When you're the parent of a 'teen in transition', it's important to find the right blend of correction, instruction, motivation and praise. Instead of focusing on behaviour you don't want, give praise and reward behaviour you want more of. If your child feels like you're always 'on their back' instead of 'on their team' about how they dress, their friends, their music, etc., they'll resist you at every turn. The Bible says about parenting: a) 'Children, obey your parents' (Ephesians 6:1). b)



'Don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them' (Ephesians 6:4). Use the carrot and stick approach. If you're all 'stick' and no 'carrot' you'll provoke them into rebelling, going undercover and cutting off communication. And if you grew up in a home where you were never praised or rewarded, you'll have to work harder to break the cycle. Exploding at your teen just

teaches them to handle their own anger explosively. Expect to be shocked and be prepared to respond constructively. If you take their mood swings and inconsistencies personally, you'll end up reacting in ways you regret. Do you remember your own adolescence and how you felt about your parents' opinions, tastes and rules? Mark Twain said: 'When I was fourteen my dad was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. But when I got to be twenty-one I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years!' If you're raising a teen, here are two Scriptures worth remembering: 'Love never fails' (1 Corinthians 13:8). 'Use wisdom and understanding to establish your home.'



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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CHRISTMAS FAIRE

SATURDAY 29th November

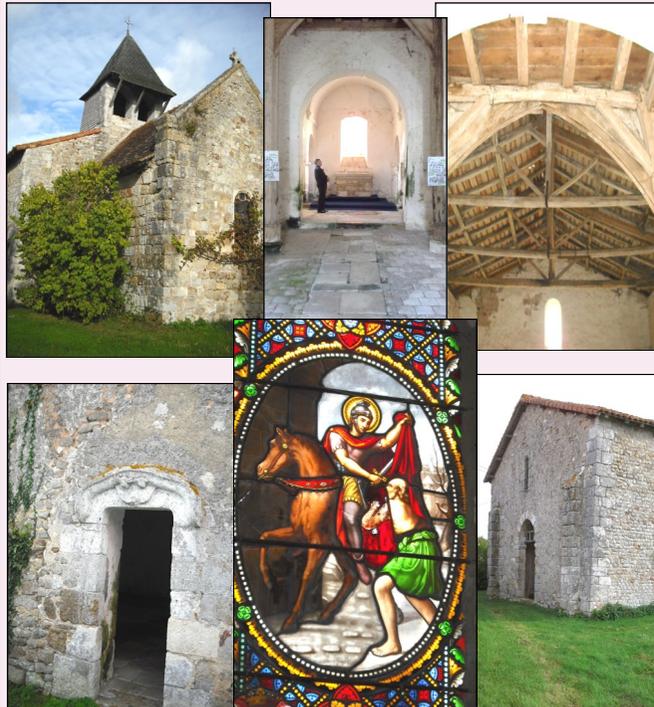
12 noon

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE IN THE CHURCH HALL.

URGENTLY NEEDED: BRIC-A-BRAC, GIFTS, TOYS BOTTLES, GROCERY, TEDDIES, NEW CLOTHES WITH TAGS ON. REMEMBER TO BAKE SOME CAKES, BUT... MOST OF ALL LET'S HAVE FUN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE LORD!

ST ANDREW'S LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT 2014

FROM THE PHOTOS BELOW I HOPE YOU CAN SEE THE ENORMOUS TASK THAT THE REVd ROBERT LEONE AND HIS WIFE, SARAH HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO IN THEIR QUEST TO BUILD A NEW FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH IN FRANCE. The amazing building dates back to the 11th Century and to say that Robert is enthusiastic about it is a bit of an understatement. Bishop Paul is also excited. Please help this church of St Martin be connected to the electric mains, so that during the winter months, they may get a little heat and some light to aid their worship. LMM envelopes are available now at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible. If you need more information then please speak direct to Bishop Paul, he would be glad to fill in gaps, so long as you don't expect him to fill in the gaps in the roof of the church - not with his head of heights!



Somehow Bishop Paul managed to cover it up, or at least no-one pointed it out to him, even when he brought greetings to the Revd Dr Hugh Osgood from the Free Church of

SUNDAY

Bishop Paul had a great day in London last Sunday. However, it wasn't without its dramas. When Bishop Paul sat on the train he accidentally tore his trousers opening up a large 8" gap down the leg seam.



the Southern Diocese during our conference at High Leigh in October.

England in front of many hundreds gathered in the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Please continue to pray for Dr Hugh as he begins to understand the role of the Free Churches Group Moderator. Bishop John Fenwick was in London during the week and he met Dr Hugh who recalled our meeting and the time he spent with

St Andrew's

Coffee & Chat Open

COFFEE & CHAT 4 FREE

The Coffee & Chat Shop will be open for business as usual tomorrow.

Come and enjoy the chat and a specialised coffee or the best Bishop's Brew in Bentley! Toast is always available with jam or marmalade or just butter.

Numbers per week average at about 30 visitors.

This is a **free** community project compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. See you!

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am & 3rd pm Services



POMPOMS AT THE READY!

Nigel and the gang in Family Praise made large pom-poms to use in their worship last Sunday. If you feel you are missing out, then you will be made very welcome to join them

any Sunday at 11:30am. Stay behind for a cuppa and a biscuit.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members please note: Our next meeting will be held this coming Monday at **7:30pm**.

LESSONS LOG

23rd Nov—Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

am Confirmation Service; pm Ordination of Colin Hunter

30th Nov—**Advent Sunday** Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

am L & P-Paul; pm Bishop

6pm SONGS OF PRAISE

followed by a bring and share supper - ALL WELCOME