



COFFEE and CHAT

The Coffee and Chat Shop will be open for business tomorrow as usual. 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. This is a free community project compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. Thank you to all those regular supporters, it is much appreciated by Colin, Janet and Sue.

ALEX AND GRACE UPDATE! - PLEASE KEEP ON PRAYING



A lot has happened over the last week to report to you. First of all, may I thank you for continuing to pray for Alex and Grace. Having planted the thought of them coming to stay in England and helping out at Christ Church, Exeter, I decided that the best way forward was to visit the church and talk to the Wardens and the minister, the Revd John Eustice, face to face. I visited the church last Tuesday and following our meeting

we had a long Skype conversation between Alex, Grace and those gathered at Christ Church. All seemed very positive. However, later that evening Alex checked out the latest position with the British Consulate about immigration and Grace's Spouses Visa which runs out in February. Due to changes to the rules, Grace would not automatically be able to stay in England unless they can secure large incomes. This is beyond the reach of both Alex and the FCE. If they came back to England, then Grace would have to leave. This would be unacceptable to both the church and Alex and Grace. So in the next few weeks they plan to fly to Taiwan and spend time with Grace's family - her father is presently unwell. This episode has left us all exhausted, both physically and emotionally, so please continue to pray for Alex and Grace, that maybe in the near future they will be able to return to England.

WHOSE GNASHES ARE THESE?

Daniel is at last free of the braces that he has had for the last two years or so. He now has a perfect smile. Don't you wish you had looked after your teeth better?



PICTURE PERFECT

This lovely photo of the Revd Paul and Janet was a selfie they took while in Broadstairs two weeks ago. Paul had been at our Free Church of England Church there to preach but had time at the end of the service to have a quick look at Broadstairs' lovely beach which was full of sun worshippers and bathers. Janet told Bishop Paul that sadly Paul had left his bikini at home.

Christ Church, Broadstairs does not have a full-time minister since the Revd Alan Harvey retired, so please pray that a more permanent man can be found for them and that the work there can be developed and strengthened.



'OUR LOVED ONES'
ANNUAL
MEMORIAL SERVICES
Sunday 20th September
at 3pm and 6pm
ALL WELCOME

Parents & Toddlers

Theresa, Eliza and all their friends at the Parent and Toddler Group will be restarting the group after their Summer break on **Friday 11th September** at their usual time of : **1pm to 2:30pm.**



COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE FUN!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Revd Robert Leone, in France, is helping the FCE make friends with similar individuals in Australia? Listen out for more details. Bishop Primus, John Fenwick and Robert are visiting Australia in January 2016.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES
 Interested in Confirmation?. If so, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible. Refreshers also welcome!

STOP PRESS!
 Please put the Revd Paul Reynolds in your prayers as Bishop Paul Ordains him to the Presbyterate on Saturday 7th November 4pm.

DID YOU FIND OUT WHAT THE CATERPILLAR WILL BECOME?

Well, wait no longer - it will become an **Elephant Hawk Moth!** The beautiful creature was found in the front garden of the church last Saturday!



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SUNDAY SERVICES
10am ~ Morning Service
11:30am ~ Family Praise
6pm ~ Evening Prayer
Holy Communion 1st am and 3rd pm Services

Mid-week activities:

MONDAYS	10am to 1pm	Coffee and Chat
TUESDAYS	9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	7pm	Bible Study - Church House
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm	Youth Club
THURSDAYS	11am	Holy Communion
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	4:30pm to 6pm	Children's Dance Classes
FRIDAYS	1pm to 2:30pm	Parent and Toddler Group
SATURDAYS	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015

30th August - Psalm 15 or 45:1-2,6-9; Deut 4:1-2,6-9 or S of Sol 2:8-13; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
 am Colin (Bishop is in Broadstairs);
pm SONGS OF PRAISE - bring and share supper

6th September - Psalm 125 or 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; James 2:1-10; Mark 7:24-37
 am L-Bishop, P-Paul; pm Mark

13th September - Psalm 19; Proverbs 1:20-33 or
 Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
 am Bishop; pm Bishop

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** in the continual battle to save her eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and members into your hands: **Doris, Carole, Belle, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember Winnie's husband, **Ray** in your prayers. Give thanks **Winnie** is a little better.
- Lord, thank you that **Arline** is keeping much better, but we also hold **Ernie** close to you in our prayers. He's not been well recently.
- Please pray for **Iris** after the home call of **Alan Geoffrey Bushell**. Remember the family as they prepare for the funeral at Church on Friday 4th September, 10:30am. Alan was 81 years old.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's Nan, **Dot** and for his Great Nan, **Irene**. Think about **Dan** as he starts 6th Form on Wednesday.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties. Happy birthday for last week, Aud!
- Pray for **Arthur Bagg** who is in the Manor Hospital at the moment. Arthur isn't at all well and has an infection in his hand and arm and is rather confused at the moment. He has also lost some confidence in his walking.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the services.
- We pray for **John Haynes** who is getting back to normal. Well, as normal as John ever was!
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson** and **Frank**, Janet's husband.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, who continues to be very poorly.
- Pray for **Deanne** following her recent hip operation. Thank you, Lord she is improving and using just walking sticks now. Pray also for her daughter, **Karen**.



- Pray for **Judy** as she has now finished her post-op treatment.
- Please pray for **Alex and Grace Salter** in China.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison**. She is in the Arboretum House Nursing Home, but progress is slow. Pray she will soon be back with us.
- Thank you, Lord that the house move for **Mark, Donna and the children** may soon be a reality. They are planning to move on Monday 7th September. Continue to give thanks that **Mark** has also secured a new job based at Darlaston's Children's Centre.

- Please pray for the **Revd Colin Hunter** as he has been on holiday last week with family. Lord, may he have enjoyed being with his brother and family and now back to us refreshed.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- Pray for **Dolly** as she has a serious health issue at the moment.
- Please pray for **Colin Davis** who is still in some considerable discomfort with a rash. The specialist will sort him out soon.
- Pray for all our recent wedding couples - **Claire and Wayne (in Mexico at the moment)**, **Sarah and Dean** and **Elizabeth and Daniel**. Remember too **Sarah and Ben** who got married on Friday and for **Lindsey and James** (1:30pm) and **Teresa and Jamie** (4pm) who both get married on 12th September and for **Georgina and Adam** on 7th November at 1pm.
- Pray for the **Revd Paul Reynolds** as he is Ordained to the Presbyterate on Saturday 7th November at 4pm in St Andrew's Church. Lord be by his side.
- Lord be with **Peter, Lucy and Family** as we haven't seen them in church for a few weeks.
- Pray for **Margaret and Derrick** as they plan to move house shortly.

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Then please mention this to Bishop Paul. A big 'thank you', to all who continually pray faithfully each day for the needy souls on our Prayer Sheet. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our lovely little church. Also give thanks to the Lord for hearing the cries of His people.



MR & MRS LAWRENCE

What a wonderful day for Ben and Sarah's wedding last Friday. The weather was perfect and the church looked stunning as usual. Thank you choir for singing so beautifully and helping to make the happy couple's



day so special. Bishop Paul gave the couple a dumbbell as a present and talked



about getting the balance of a marriage right in perspective with God's love. Please continue to pray for Ben and Sarah.



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WEEKLY NEWS and PRAYER SHEET

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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