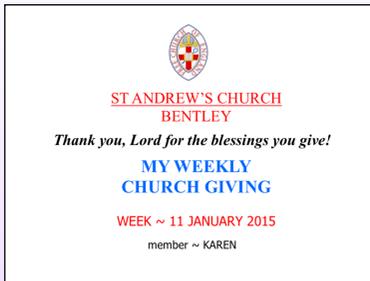


ST ANDREW'S ENVELOPE SCHEMES

You may have noticed that several members put envelopes on the collection plate during our offertory hymns each Sunday. If you have ever wondered what they are about, then read on : There are three types of envelopes available to any member of the congregation.

TYPE 1 - THE WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

These are the most popular envelopes and contain the weekly offertory of an individual. The aim is that every week your collection can be put into the individually dated envelope, and even if you cannot come to church for whatever reason, the collection can be put on the plate on your next visit along with that week's envelope. This helps the church to receive a regular income. As always, the contents of each envelope is confidential.



TYPE 2 - MONTHLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES



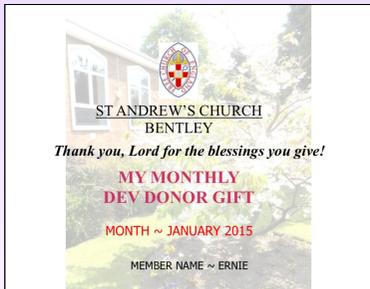
This envelope is for those members of the congregation who prefer to give their collection on a monthly basis. This is ideal for those who perhaps only get paid monthly.

It is further hoped that regular givers (either weekly or monthly) pay some form of Income Tax. If so, then the church can recover the tax that would have been paid on the gift.

This is called 'Gift-Aid.' The church recovers over £6,000 worth of Gift Aid every year which is a substantial boost to our collections.

TYPE 3 - DEV DONOR

Some members of the congregation put on the plate a monthly Dev Donor Envelope like this one shown opposite. These envelopes are specifically for the repayment of the loan St Andrew's had from the denomination in the year 2000. The church has never had to pay any interest charges on the loan because of a few faithful individuals who given valued support for this, in addition to their other weekly church commitments. We have been extremely blessed to have had such generous supporters who have given so generously over this past 15 years. Thank you.



If you would like a 'Weekly', 'Monthly' or 'Monthly Dev Donor' envelope, then please speak to Bishop Paul. He would be more than happy to print you a set off. Just remember that the envelopes are printed on the understanding that you commit to give regularly to the church. When you do, you will find the Lord provides even more back to you. Now that certainly is a 'no-brainer'.

ST ANDREW'S 'LESS MEANS MORE' PROJECT 2014/15

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 (OLD) FREE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH IN FRANCE. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. So far we have raised a fantastic:

£900.



HAPPY 16th BIRTHDAY DANIEL

Daniel Booth was a big 16 last weekend (Saturday 3rd). He had a wonderful weekend going bowling with his family on the day and then on Sunday several members put on a lovely tea for him after the evening service. It was good to welcome Dan's sister and brother, Stacey and Jamie who also came to the service. There were sandwiches and chicken legs galore and a most beautiful cake made by Dean's daughter. Daniel has been coming to St Andrew's with his great Nan for about 9 years and is well known for his donuts and fund-raising for various causes. This year Daniel raised £190 towards our Less Means More project which for a 16 year old is fantastic.

COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & 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.

Numbers are lower than usual due to the bad weather at the moment, but still there were over 20 visitors last week.

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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FAMILY PRAISE LEADER

Mr Nigel Dutton

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 Bentley West Ladies Group
10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
7:00pm Bible Study - Church House
- **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 CLASSES

Are you interested in attending Confirmation Classes?
If so, please speak to Bishop Paul.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015

11th January—Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

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

18th January—Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 3:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm Bishop

25th January—Psalm 62:5-12; Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

am Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Colin

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 now commit all those friends and church family who have lost a loved one over recent months. Lord, we pray for them, and hope that You will relieve them of their grief. Especially, Lord, we commit **Mary, and Thomas** to you with the loss of **Julie; Colin** and family following the sad loss of dear **Betty**; we also pray for **Jeannie Weanie** with the sad loss of her husband, **Al** and we also remember **Winnie** in our prayers after the loss of several family members. Lord in their darkness, may Your Light shine, in their loneliness, may Your Presence be felt, and in their sorrow may they be filled with Your Peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
- Remember Winnie's husband, **Ray**.
- Lord, thank you that **Arline** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris and Alan** with Alan's deteriorating health. 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**, who is in poor health. It is good to hear the family are making new friends around their new home in Darlaston. Pray for **Dan**, now he has to complete some exams. Dan got a fantastic B+ in his cooking exam recently (and was just short of one mark off an 'A'.) Well done, Dan!
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties. Pray she is keeping well as we haven't seen her in church for a few weeks.
- Continue to pray for **Arthur Bagg** as he battles to fight off those chest infections.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team of **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the running of our church services.
- Continue to pray for **Doreen and Jimmy**.
- Continue to pray for **Steph**.
- We pray for **John** who still has chest pains and still awaits the decision about his pacemaker.
- 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. Pray also for **Frank, Janet's** husband.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**.
- Pray for **Mark** as he still has his cough, but the chest x-Ray and blood tests were all fine. He is now suffering with painful sinusitis.
- Pray for **Dean's** poorly sister, who continues to be very poorly.
- Pray also for **Ted and June**. They have both now been really unwell recently. Ted couldn't go to the Panto trip last Wednesday.
- Pray for the **Revd Colin Hunter** as he visits the hospital next Tuesday to find out about a problem on his lungs.
- Pray for the family of **Donald Malcolm Round** who was 79 years old. His funeral took place last Thursday at Bushbury Crem.
- Pray also for the family of **Michael Robert Brealey** who was 73 years old. His funeral takes place at Bushbury Crematorium on Thursday 15th January at 10:45am.
- Pray for all those affected by the terrorist attacks in **France** this last week. Lord, comfort those who have been bereaved.

THANK YOU PRAYER WARRIORS!

I would like to thank all those willing Prayer Warriors who have faithfully prayed daily for the needy souls on our Prayer Sheet. You may not be surprised that so many prayers have been answered because of you. Thank you and thank the Lord for hearing his people's prayers. Why not make a promise this New Year—to be a Prayer Warrior.



A POOPED POOCH

It was a big day for Barney, Bishop Paul's new doggy, last Sunday as he visited all three church services and became a great hit at them all. Mind you, he did sleep through most of them, but didn't like Nigel's drums much. Fortunately Donna was to hand to give him a reassuring cuddle. Bishop Paul was most surprised that Barney was so good and several members asked if he could come to church again this week. Bishop Paul is happy to bring him providing he doesn't become a distraction to the congregation. Barney is growing fast and eats very well. He has several favourite toys but plays with each one in turn so that they do not feel left out.



INNER BEAUTY

'He will give you the mighty inner strengthening of His Holy Spirit.'
Ephesians 3:16

A lady flew across the country to tell a talk show host how her husband had left her for another woman. The lady, who was young, vibrant and beautiful, pulled out a photograph and said, 'Just look at her. He left me for that!' The host concluded, 'Sadly, we've been conditioned to think that "looks" are all-important, when, in fact, they're not.' Nevertheless we keep measuring, comparing, and beating ourselves up because we fall short. If you can't enjoy who you are because of what you're not, you'll never be happy. Advertisers spend billions getting us to decorate a shell that's in a losing battle with Mother Nature and Father Time—all in an effort to create what we think will attract others. And when it doesn't work, we get depressed and wonder what went wrong. Of course, it's important to look your best, but when you're obsessed with your appearance



you become superficial. And others lose respect for you because they discover that although the box is beautifully wrapped, it's empty. If you want to know what ultimately wins hearts and attracts the right people, read these words: 'I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love... And may you have the power to understand... how long, how high, and how deep His love [for you] is... Then you will be made complete' (vv. 16-19). That's the secret to inner beauty!

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