

## ST ANDREW'S ENVELOPE SCHEMES

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership in the envelope schemes. Last week I explained the three main weekly/monthly schemes that we run. If you want to join any of them, then it is not too late. In fact you can join any of them at any time of the year. The most popular ones are the weekly and monthly envelopes.

The Dev Donor 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

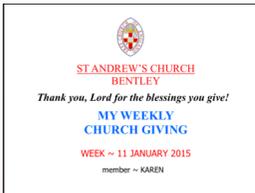
charges on the loan because of a few faithful individuals who given valued support for this, in addition to their other weekly church commitments. We have been extremely blessed to have had such generous supporters who have given so much over this past 15 years. I was pleased to find out during the week that following the full monthly payment of £120 in January, there is only £66 to pay in February

and the debt is fully paid. Thank you to all those responsible for this. However, there are many causes during the year that we can support and it is proposed to add any future Dev Donor payments to support those projects within and without St Andrew's. So you can still join this scheme if you wish.

## DOIN' THE LAMBETH WALK!

I just couldn't resist doing a selfie while visiting Lambeth Palace last week. I was visiting the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, whose role it is to assist with sorting out the churches and ministers that are still troubled about the imminent consecration of a woman bishop. Strangely Bishop Stock used to be Bishop of Stockport. With that analogy I should be bishop of Huntingdon or wherever. The Palace Guard Room is undergoing a major refurbishment. The Guard Room is thought to date from the 14th Century. It was the Great Chamber in Medieval and Tudor times and one of the most important rooms in The Palace. Initially it would have been the Archbishop's principle audience room and meetings and ceremonies would have taken place there. The name Guard Room is a more recent term and derives from the time when the office of Archbishop warranted an army. This is where his armed soldiers would have gathered and where their weapons would have been stored.

Lunchtime Bishop John and I visited the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain. He is a lovely man and he and Bishop John go back a long way, even before Bishop John joined the Free Church of England. He is an amazing 86 years old. We enjoyed Greek food with a lovely soup and then lots of fish and sticky puddings, (not very good for my diet) and lots of wine. Yummy!



## 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:

£1,500



## A 'THANK YOU' FROM ROBERT

Bonjour mon Eveque Paul.

Edward (Robert's son) has rung me today to say that a cheque for £1,500 has arrived at his house, from you. I am humbled and deeply grateful. I had not expected anything like that, as an amount.

It is incredibly generous and we are incredibly grateful. When I say "we", I mean Sarah, me and our congregation. I think Daniel is an extraordinary young man. We are terribly grateful to him too. If he ever wants a French experience, he is welcome to stay at our little place, though not this Easter or Summer, I'm afraid. We are fully booked, unfortunately. Our place is like a B&B.

The main work, heating, audio system, etcetera can follow later.

Wonderful, wonderful news, Bishop Paul. Thank you and a thousand thanks to your parishioners (and Doughnut Dan). Merci beaucoup!

Robert,  
Le Vicair Anglican de la  
Paroisse de Moussac et Montmorillon.



## 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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## CHURCH WARDENS

The Revd Colin Hunter & the Revd Mark Spiers  
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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

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 (Holy Communion)

25th January—Psalm 62:5-12; Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

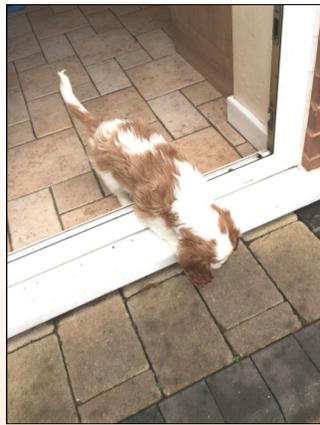
am Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Colin  
Bishop Paul is in Christ Church, Exeter for the licensing of  
Mr Robert Boyd as a Reader

## 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 awaits a 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**.
- Give thanks **Mark** is feeling much better.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, who continues to be very poorly.
- Give thanks **Ted and June** are much better following illness.
- Similarly, **Mike** is feeling better too.
- Pray for **the Revd Colin Hunter** as his visit to the hospital last Tuesday leaves more questions to be answered.
- Pray also for the family of **Michael Robert Brealey** who was 73 years old. His funeral took place at Bushbury Crematorium last Thursday at 10:45am.
- Pray for all those affected by the terrorist attacks in **France** recently. Lord, comfort those who have lost loved ones.
- Give thanks for Bishop Paul's visit to **London** last Friday.
- Pray for **Steve** (a friend of Bishop Paul) who is going through a trying time.

### 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.



### ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN - ONE GIANT LEAP FOR DOG KIND

Barney is beginning to be adventurous and has now been in his dad's back garden. However, he had to first negotiate the step from the kitchen and then the bigger step onto the patio. Eventually, he managed to do it and he has grown in confidence. Barney is 10 weeks old now and had his second booster last Thursday which slowed him down rather a lot. He also had a day adventure with Dean who looked after him while Bishop Paul was in London last Friday. He seems to have grown quite a lot and is having fun discovering new things every day.

### GREETINGS FROM ALEX & GRACE

Some of you may remember a visit from Alexander and Grace Salter. Alex used to work in Chichester Cathedral but was appalled at the way he was treated by those around him. Alex and Grace now live in China, but still keep in touch. Alex finished his first Readers paper last November and is still keen to keep in contact with his FCE friends here in Bentley. I have assured Alex of our continued prayers for him, so please do stop for a moment and bring Alex and Grace before the Lord. I asked him if there were any specific 'points of prayer' that I could ask the church to pray for. He replied the following:



*Please pray for our protection in China, and open the path for us to meet Christians here. We spend time every day praying and reading the Bible, but there is no church here for us (there is only a Roman Catholic church), so we pray to meet people who are believers, or may become so.*

*Please also pray that we can keep in contact with you (Bishop Paul) and the FCE, as we don't want people to feel we just ran away. Also please pray that we will not be affected by the evils of Chinese Communism.*

Alex and Grace are a lovely couple and sadly Grace lost a baby she was carrying recently. So, come on, all you Prayer Warriors do your stuff, and pray for them daily. One day, they hope to either return to England or perhaps they could start a new work for the FCE on mainland China. Only in the power and strength of the Lord, could that ever be a reality.

### BOAT TRIP - NOTTINGHAM



Wednesday May 13th  
3 hour Boat trip and meal  
COST £25 which includes transport and onboard meal  
Leaving Church at 10am  
Returning about 5pm  
Interested?  
Speak to Deanne or Mike ASAP



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

## WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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