

**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
Yes, it's that time again! It will soon be half-term and our Holiday Club is already being planned. It's a new Holiday Club from Scripture Union called Polar Explorers. Our club runs from Tuesday 17th February to Friday 20th February from 10am to 1pm daily. We set the scene and will be building an igloo on the Monday. If you

are interested in helping out, then please speak to Mark or Bishop Paul ASAP. Most of all please take a poster and publicise it every child you know.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUE**

Sue Dean was 60 years old last Monday and so the Coffee and Chat couldn't let the occasion pass by without a small celebration. Sue is a trainee Toast Maker and is seen here being presented with a Coffee and Walnut cake by the chief Toast Maker (certificated), Janet. Sue hopes that before she sees the next decade out she will also receive the exalted accolade and recognition of a chief Toast Maker.

**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**



Help us build an igloo. We need you to start collecting all your 4 pint plastic milk containers. Please wash them out and screw the cap back on. If possible please store them at home until the week before Holiday Club. It doesn't matter whether the milk was skimmed, semi, or full fat.

The different coloured caps make the final result interesting. There's also no need to remove the labels. Thank you.



**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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Due to other commitments this meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March at 7pm in Church. Please come.

**SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015**

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**

1st February—Psalm 111; Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

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

## 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**, he has to complete some exams.
- 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 due to the bad weather and poorly legs.
- 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**. Fantastic news—the doctors do not want to see her for another 12 months. Thank you, Lord!
- We pray for **John** who still has chest pains but now has a date for his pacemaker to be fitted—Tuesday 24th February.
- 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 who has been particularly poorly.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**.
- 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 for **Steve** (a friend of Bishop Paul) who is going through a trying time.
- Remember the family of **Doreen Gladys Madeley** who was 79 year old. Bishop Paul sees her husband **John** on Monday afternoon. The funeral takes place at Streetly Crematorium on Monday 2nd February at 2:30pm.
- Please pray for the **Revd David Boulton** who is hospital at the moment.
- Pray for the **FCE** meetings taking place this week in **Stafford-Clergy Conference** from 9-11 Feb and **Polar Explorers** Holiday Club.
- Give thanks we achieved a Food Hygiene rate of 5 last Wednesday.

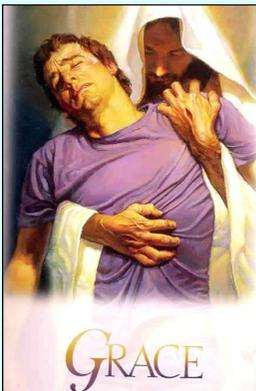
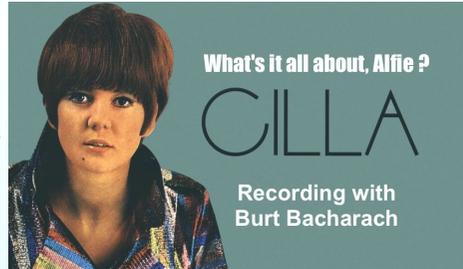
### THANK YOU PRAYER WARRIORS!

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.



### 'WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?'

Whenever I hear someone say 'What's it all about?' I can't resist adding 'Alfie'. Do you remember the Cilla Black record? I heard it recently on the radio and for the first time I really listened to the words. It's quite a moving song. It has such words profound words like 'Are we meant to take more than we give, or are we meant to be kind?' and 'Stories I believe there's a heaven above, Alfie.' and 'I know that something much more something even non-believers can believe in.' But seriously, I ask the question 'What is Church' the best answer I can come up with is 'God's Grace'. It's one thing I look for as I visit various churches and denominations. Is there evidence of God's Grace? Because where there's grace, there's growth. And where there's growth, there's clear evidence of it. The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to the church at Antioch, and 'when he arrived and saw... evidence of the grace of God, he was glad.' (Acts 11:23) As believers, we should be growing in 'grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour' (2 Peter 3:18). And there should be evidence of it! When you accept Christ, He



'equips you with everything good for doing His will' (Hebrews 13:21); you become 'a new creation... old things have gone; everything is made new!' (2 Corinthians 5:17). Grace makes you more caring and compassionate, and less critical and judgmental. It makes you slow to speak and quick to consider the other person's point of view. You're less likely to react in anger when things don't go your way, and more likely to put the good of others ahead of your own (1 Corinthians 10:24). I read recently: 'When you become a believer your role changes. You no longer have the job of looking out for your own interests; your job is to represent the interests of Jesus. You are the face of Jesus; showing up in the lives of others on His behalf... in hospitals... at funerals... at weddings... across the table as you share coffee with a friend... You're on the job for Jesus, and the more you serve others in love, the more you'll influence them toward Christ.' Paul wrote, 'Though I am free... I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible' (1 Corinthians 9:19). That's what it's all about! Alfie!

### 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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