

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR The Revd Mark Spiers



Mark will be Ordained (DV)
as a Presbyter on
Saturday 7th March at 2:30pm

Please come and support him
as Bishop Paul and other
Ministers lays their hands upon
him. This is an important day
for both Mark and St Andrew's

The service will be followed by refreshments.

OLAF'S SWAN SONG

Just before Olaf bid us all a farewell and melted away he visited Family Praise last Sunday morning. It was good to see so many holiday club children and parents who had come to see what the week was all about. We sang the Polar Explorers theme song, welcomed Sir Random Finds and Bare Foot and saw a video of the games and activities that entertained us during the half term holiday.



Bishop Paul thanked the parents for trusting us with the care of their children, he thanked the children for making the week so special and all the wonderful helpers.

HOLIDAY CLUB

After all the hard work in building the igloo, it was good to see that one child managed to get the beauty of the structure from the inside. Here's Doris's granddaughter. We had thought of moving the caps around so it said



something, like in a hidden code, but never got the chance to do it, anyway, Bishop Paul said that if he'd got inside the igloo, he probably wouldn't get out again. The igloo came to its end during the Monday morning Coffee and Chat thanks to Mat-



thew, Ted and Margaret who helped to get it all into Bishop Paul's car to take it to the recycling depot in Leamore. The containers had to be posted through a small aperture, one by one, so you can imagine the time this took to place nearly 600 milk containers. At one point during Sunday we had all those containers and no milk!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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



BAPTISM

Mark completed another Baptism on Sunday afternoon for Sienna Nicholaou. St Andrew's is good at attracting families to join them in prepara-

tion for their child's Baptism. The difficulty is always keeping the families in contact with us after the Baptism. However, we do hope and pray that whatever contact we have with them, they will always feel welcome to come and join us again, at any time and for any need. Since St Andrew's began its journey in 1943, we have done nearly 900 baptisms. Wow! That's a lot of cake.



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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

Confirmation Classes will start soon. If you are interested, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015

1st March—Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or 9:2-9
am L-Colin, P-Bishop (HC); pm Bishop

8th March—Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm Bishop

15th March—Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21
am Paul; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark (HC)

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**.
- 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 and for his Great Nan, **Irene**. Pray for **Dan**. He has to complete some GCSE exams soon.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties. Pray she will soon be able to come to church when the weather improves.
- Continue to pray for **Arthur Bagg** as he constantly battles to fight off chest infections. He had another short spell in hospital recently but was much better on Wednesday for Luncheon Club.
- 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**. Give thanks that Doreen manages to get across to our Monday Coffee and Chat.
- Continue to pray for **Steph**.
- We pray for **John** who had his pacemaker fitted on Tuesday. The operation went well but complications have caused John to be re-admitted due to a lead from the pacemaker moving. They may need to operate again on Tuesday. John is very poorly.
- 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 recently.
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, who continues to be very poorly.
- Pray for **Revd Colin Hunter** as he waits a further scan on his chest.
- Give thanks that **the Revd David Boulton** is now out of hospital.
- Give thank for our Holiday Club, **Polar Explorers** during half-term. Give thanks for all the support to help run the club and that the Good News of Jesus will shine through all what we taught the children.
- Pray for **John Gardener**. Bishop Paul has heard he is very poorly at the moment. Lord, please ease his pain.
- Pray for our morning service, **Alice & Dolly** who have been very poorly over recent weeks. Thankfully they are beginning to feel a little better than they did. We have all missed seeing Alice and Dolly at our services.
- Give thanks that **Deanne's** hand operation was a success. She and some friends have been away on holiday last week.
- Pray for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** on Monday.
- Pray for the family of **Tony Bond** of Overdale Drive, who passed away suddenly this week. Some may remember him coming to our memorial services and bringing his dog, Barney. His funeral takes place at Streetly Crem on Friday 13th March at 11:15am.
- Pray for **Mark** as he is ordained to the Presbyterate on Saturday at 2:30pm. Please come and support Mark on his special day.
- Pray for **Michael Blades** as he is similarly ordained in Shoreham on Saturday 21st March.

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.



CROCUS BULB SONG

Have a close look at our latest rockery garden creation at the back of church where the finger post is situated and see the signs of Spring beginning to show its hand. The crocus bulbs are out and it just nudges us towards thoughts of new life. During this time of Lent, perhaps we could all do with keeping still and waiting on our Lord. So many of us live such busy lives that it is easy to forget where all our strength and energy comes from. In Psalm 28, it says, 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.' (verse 7)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IRENE

It was Irene's birthday last weekend, and great grandson, Daniel had bought a cake to share with the morning congregation. Irene comes to our morning service and has over the years been responsible for bringing each of her great grand children to church. I remember Stacey and then Jamie and who can forget Daniel who has become part of the furniture at St Andrew's from where many good things have been done for his Lord, his school and his church. It was Irene's 85th birthday and couldn't wait to blow out the candles, that we had to light them twice! Happy birthday, Irene!

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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