

EASTER

HOLY WEEK

DAILY PRAYERS

MONDAY TO GOOD FRIDAY
30th MARCH to 3rd APRIL
MEDITATION, PRAYERS AND A CUPPA
7:30am AND 4:30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2nd APRIL
FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION ~ 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL
'SERVICE AROUND THE CROSS
OF JESUS' 11am

MARGARET ROAD METHODIST ~ 4pm
(No afternoon prayers at St Andrew's)
ST JUDE'S CHURCH, CHUCKERY ~ 7:30pm
'MEDITATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY'

EASTER SUNDAY

5th APRIL

HOLY COMMUNION 10am and 6pm
FAMILY PRAISE 11:30am

We need volunteers to post Easter invitations around the estate. If you can help, see Bishop Paul.

EASTER LILIES

The Easter Lilies usually cost us way and above that which the Flower Fund can accommodate. If you would like to make a donation in aid of these special flowers then please give Margaret, Revd Mark or Bishop Paul your donation. Thank you.



New Parent & Toddler Group
OUR NEW PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP - BEGINS ON **FRIDAY 17th APRIL**
1pm to 2:30pm.
COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMPANY. MOMS, DADS & CARERS ARE ALL WELCOME.
Voluntary Subscription £1/week



COLIN'S SPECIAL DAY

Most of you know that the Revd Colin Hunter is ninety years old on Good Friday. But before you rush out and buy a gift, please read on about his wishes and what he wants you to do to help him celebrate this amazing milestone. Colin writes:

I shall, God willing, be ninety on Good Friday, April 3rd 2015 and I honestly feel that there is no way that I can think about any sort of celebration on that most dreadful and pitiful day in the whole Christian calendar. But Bishop Paul has graciously given me permission to hold a 90 minute meditation in the Church on Good Friday afternoon, starting at 2pm. I am calling it, "AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS" and it will be a time of spoken and private prayers and readings from the Bible and other works; reflecting on the moment when the body of Jesus was still on the cross, although he himself had gone elsewhere.

If anyone can join me in Church for all or part of this meditation, that would mean more to me than anything.

So, please, NO CARDS, OR PREZZIES or other celebrations, because on Easter Monday morning Bishop Paul has also given me permission to hold a sponsored reading of 90 (that figure again) Chapters of the Bible. It works out as the whole of Genesis, plus the gospels of Mark and Luke in full makes 90! I hope to start at 10am in Church and it may well take about six hours. But this is the important bit. Instead of cards etc. will you please sponsor me at a rate of 10p per Chapter? Or as much as you can. I want to raise money for the Church that I owe so much to. The money raised will go to our "Less Means More" fund, or, as I think of it "St Andrew's Helping Hand Fund".

It's the least I can do.... will you please help???

A Sponsor Form will be available soon. More details? Please ask Colin.

SPECIAL EASTER GIFT DAY

Usually the Easter offertory is given to Bishop Paul as a gift of love from the congregation. Bishop Paul uses this gift to help various needs around the church and diocese. This year Bishop Paul has asked that the Easter offertory be given to help those in need around Bentley. The Revd Colin has given this

a new name called the 'St Andrew's Helping Hand Fund'. There will be special envelopes available for your gift at the back of church soon. The fund will be used to support our youth work and anyone in need, it can be used to support folk in attending diocesan conferences, and anyone who would normally have to miss out on life changing opportunities. The fund will help to start the new Parent & Toddler Group...etc. So please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



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Revd Paul Reynolds and Revd Colin Hunter

CHURCH WARDENS

The Revd Colin Hunter & Mrs Deanne Yarnall
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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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Church Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March, starting at 7pm.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015

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)

22nd March—Psalm 51:1-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33
am Mark; pm Colin

29th March-**Palm Sunday**-Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
am L-Paul, P-Bishop; 6pm-SONGS OF PRAISE

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** 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. It was lovely to see her in church last Sunday evening and at our Wednesday Luncheon Club.
- Continue to pray for **Arthur Bagg** as he constantly battles to fight off 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**. Give thanks that Doreen manages to get across to our Monday Coffee and Chat.
- Continue to pray for **Steph**, she starts back with Lucy very soon.
- We pray for **John** who is now home after being so poorly. Thank you, Lord for bringing John through this ordeal.
- 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.
- Pray for our morning service, **Alice & Dolly** who have been very poorly over recent weeks. It was lovely to see Alice and Dolly in church last Sunday morning.
- Give thanks that **Deanne's** hand operation was a success.
- Pray for the family of **Tony Bond** of Overdale Drive, who passed away suddenly recently. His funeral took place at Streetly Crem on Friday. Please pray for his daughter, **Debbie**.
- Pray for **Mark** following ordination to the Presbyterate last week. Lord, it was a lovely day. Thank you.
- Pray for **Michael Blades** as he is similarly ordained in Shoreham on Saturday 21st March.
- Pray for **Alison's mom** as she recovers from a fall.
- Pray for the family of **Nora Radburn** who was 95 years old. Her funeral takes place at Bushbury on Thursday 19th March, 10:30am.
- Please pray for the family of **Alan Taylor** who has sadly passed away. Alan used to be a Lay Reader at St Andrew's Church, many years ago before work meant he had to move away. Alan was 74.
- Pray for **Judy** as she faces a lumpectomy this coming Thursday. Lord, please be with Judy and Les at this time.
- Pray for the family of **Janet Connolly** who was 74. Her funeral takes place in Church on Monday 23rd March at 2pm.
- Give thanks for travelling mercies to and from Synod yesterday. Bishop Paul has a new Secretary in the **Revd Robert Wilson**. Give thanks for the work done by the retiring Secretary, **the Revd Ron Talbot**.

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.



ELIZA'S BAPTISM

Last Sunday Eliza Eden was Baptised at St Andrew's. Both the Revd Mark and Bishop Paul took part in the ceremony. Pictured here with

Eliza's brother, Sam and mom and dad, Theresa and Simon. Simon used to play cricket for St Andrew's. Thank you, Theresa for the lovely cake! We hope you had a lovely day.

SYNOD

Travelling to and from Christ Church, Harlesden yesterday was a breeze for the six representatives of St Andrew's for the Southern Diocese Synod. Bishop Paul looks forward to hearing the report from the Delegates at the



Church Council meeting this coming Thursday. The food was good and fellowship even better. The Revd Mark led the opening and closing devotions and was elected as a Minister representative to the General Council of the FCE. The new representatives also enjoyed the day. Judy thought it was not as stuffy as she thought it would be and even Deanne bravely addressed the Synod telling of her experience at the Southern Diocese Conference last October. Well done, everyone. Bishop Paul was disappointed he couldn't bring the brass eagle home!

Happy Mothering Sunday



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BENTLEY

WEEKLY
NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

THE FOURTH
SUNDAY IN LENT

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