

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' 11am

2pm - REVD COLIN HUNTER PRESENTS:

'AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS'

(90 MINUTES of Meditation, Poems and Readings - stay for as long as you like)

MARGARET ROAD METHODIST ~ 4pm

(No 4:30pm 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

EASTER MONDAY - 6th April from 10am

COLIN HUNTER'S SPONSORED BIBLE READ

In celebration of Colin's 90th birthday Colin will read 90 chapters of the Bible.

He believes it will take about 6 hours.

In aid of St Andrew's 'Helping Hands Fund'

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to make a donation in aid of these special flowers then please give your donation to Margaret, Revd Mark or Bishop Paul
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



BAPTISMS

Mark has done seven baptisms now and last Sunday's baptisms were a delight. Bishop Paul was fascinated in all the colourful high-heeled shoes the family were wearing. (Let's just take note that he didn't fancy wearing them, just that he was amazed at them!). The fancy footwear was equally matched by the fancy names of Henrieta and Oscar's children. Their three year old son is called Ayemere Norens Okaduwa and their four and a half month old daughter's name is Natalie Osatohanmwem Okaduwa. (You can tell that Bishop Paul did a good job in passing on these baptisms to Mark). However, their day was a delight and the small family gathering really enjoyed singing the two songs especially chosen for their special day.

Just for the record - Colin has done 1 adult baptism and Paul also 1 baptism at St Jude's Church. Bishop Paul has now completed 314 baptisms. His first was Lauren Downing on Sunday 7th July 1991, the day after his ordination and the next week he baptised Daniel Bowles (Alison's son).

GIFT AID

Thanks to the efforts of Judy, we have received the Gift Aid recovery of Income Tax from the Inland Revenue for the last two years. The amount we have received is £12,666.67. Not bad for doing just paperwork, even though Judy had to do it three times for each year before it got properly through. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid any money you give to church, please speak with Bishop Paul. It's free money, you've already paid the tax.



SPECIAL EASTER GIFT DAY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

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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

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

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG - 2015

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

5th April - EASTER SUNDAY
Mark 16:1-8; Roman 6:3-11; John 20:1-18
HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL THE SERVICES

12th April - Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
am Paul; pm 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**.
- Remember Winnie's husband, **Ray** and give thanks **Winnie** is a little better.
- 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 and the problems with the cost of transport to and from her home in the Delves.
- Continue to pray for **Arthur Bagg** as he fights off chest infections.
- *Thank you, Lord, for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the smooth running of St Andrew's.*
- 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 has now started back with Lucy.*
- We pray for **John** who is still very poorly. Thank you, Lord he managed to get to Shoreham for Michael's ordination recently, but he is still weak and very tired and lost his appetite. Pray that he yesterday.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**.
- *Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson**, who is the grandson of June's sister, **Janet**, and **Frank**, Janet's husband.*
- Pray for Peter's wife, **Belle**. Pray for Peter, that he may cope with looking after his wife and daughter.
- *Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, 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 is lovely to see Alice and Dolly back in their church.*
- *Give thanks that **Deanne's** hand operation was a success. She is soon to have a further hip operation.*
- *Pray for **Michael Blades** as he was ordained in Shoreham yesterday. The five of us from St Andrew's had a lovely day.*
- *Pray for **Alison's** mom as she still has problems with her leg following a recent fall.*
- 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 he had to move away due to work. Alan was 74. His funeral takes place near Enfield on Tuesday 31st March.
- Pray for **Judy** following an operation. Thank you, Lord, she managed to cope. Help her now Lord in her recovery and through her further treatment.
- *Pray for the family of **Janet Connolly** who was 74. Her funeral took place in Church on Monday.*
- *Give thanks that **Mary** is now back from her long holiday in Sri Lanka. Sadly her dear friend passed away while she was there. It was good to see coming to our Wednesday lunch club.*
- *Thank you, Lord for the 40th (Ruby) anniversary of **Susan and David Cox**. It was lovely to share in their special day in church.*

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.



shouts of 'Hosanna' turned into cries of 'Crucify Him!' Do join us this most holy of Holy Weeks and share in this amazing journey to the cross. During the daily prayers, Bishop Paul will focus on various parts of the Easter story and how they impact on our lives today as we prepare to be touched by the Saviour of the world. Are you ready to lay everything that binds you at the foot of the cross this Easter? All the services are displayed over the page.



PALM SUNDAY FLOWERS

Thank you, Margaret for doing a lovely flower display for Palm Sunday. I always think of yellow and rust colours for this special time of year. I don't know where that comes from, perhaps it's because of the mode of transport Jesus rode into Jerusalem on, rather than a big white war-horse of a stallion. Zechariah 9:9 says, 'See, your king comes to you gentle and riding on a don-

key, on a colt, thee foal of a donkey'. What a contrast to the white lilies we shall have in church, next Sunday.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL...

The little rockery has bloomed into a lovely garden. A few weeks ago all you could see was the dark shale.

What a difference to see the bulbs bursting through giving this corner of our garden a lovely lift of colour. Thank you, to Deanne and Eva for doing all the preparation work. Please pray that Eva soon gets over the operation to replace her knee. So she's now bionic!



PALM SUNDAY

What a lovely picture summing up the joy surrounding Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke the crowd, but Jesus said, 'I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

It is amazing that in just a few short days these same



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER PALM SUNDAY



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