



New Parent & Toddler Group

Theresa was thrilled to have five moms and toddlers with her and Eliza last Friday. They all had a lovely time, and Eliza's auntie Lauren made some lovely little cakes. Bishop Paul had a sample of them. Delicious.

The group meets every Friday during term time from **1pm to 2:30pm.**

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMPANY.

There is a voluntary contribution of £1

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Church Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th May, starting at 7pm.



BAPTISM

Last Sunday was Teddy David Joseph Harmison's big day. He was Baptised by Bishop Paul with family and friends around him. He is pictured with his mom and dad and is the Great Grandson of June Ward. It was lovely to see the family all together in church.



POWER OF FORGIVENESS

'Be kind...forgiving each other...' Ephesians 4:32

Here are four things you need to know about forgiveness: 1) Forgiveness doesn't make what happened to you right; it means you've made a decision not to let it control your life. By forgiving and attempting to restore the relationship, you reclaim your peace of mind. If the other person refuses to acknowledge what happened or that it was wrong, the offence can and should still be forgiven. Forgiveness doesn't depend on the other person; it depends on you. 2) Forgiveness matters, even when the offending party refuses to admit guilt. When you wait for someone to admit he or she was wrong, you're placing your future in that person's hands. Forgiveness is first and foremost for your own benefit, not the benefit of others. By forgiving, you're letting the pain and hurt go and moving forward. 3) Your willingness to forgive can move the other person to seek forgiveness. Perhaps the person who hurt you doesn't feel they deserve to be forgiven. Or they may know what they did was wrong, but lack the courage to step forward and ask for forgiveness. When you make the first move, it opens the door and allows them to reach out and find mercy and understanding. 4) Forgiveness is easier when you accept that we all need it. When you refuse to forgive because you think someone's offences are greater than your own, that's pride. And '...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble' (1 Peter 5:5). The Bible says, 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' We sang this in one of our Holiday Clubs. We made up actions to help the children remember the words. By the end of the week it was one of the most memorable verses. The children singing it all the way home and we pray still know the words. Once you realise the depth of God's grace toward you, it's easier to extend grace to others.



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.

It has been a little quieter since Easter, so come along and join us.

This is a **free** community project compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. Thank you to all those who have supported us over the last year.

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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

10th May - Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

am L-Paul, P-Bishop; pm L-Bishop, P-Paul

17th May - Psalm 1; Acts 1:15-17

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

am L-Colin, P-Paul; L-Bishop & Mark, P-Bishop Roy

24th May - PENTECOST

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27+16:4b-15

am Bishop; pm L-Bishop, P-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: **Doris, Carole, Belle, Steph, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember Winnie's husband, **Ray** and give thanks **Winnie** is a little better too.
- Lord, thank you that **Arline** is keeping much better, but **Ernie** has been rather tired of late. Please include him in your prayers. We are all missing you, Ernie, at Bible Study, but understand the difficulties in driving the car home in the dark. Come back soon.
- 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**. His GCSE exams begin this week.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties. It was lovely to see her in church last Sunday evening.
- 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** so admirably.
- Pray for the family of **Chris's friend Hazel** who sadly passed away yesterday. Pray especially for **David**, her husband and children **Andy and Claire**. Hazel's funeral takes place on Tuesday 26th May at Streetly Crematorium.
- Continue to pray for **Doreen and Jimmy**. Give thanks that **Doreen** manages to get across to our Monday Coffee and Chat.
- We pray for **John** who is improving slowly.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**. **Thelma** had her operation recently and **Brian** tells me she is doing well. Give thanks.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson** and **Frank, Janet's husband**.
- Pray for **Dean's sister, Molly**, who continues to be very poorly and **Dean's brother-in-law** who is in hospital at the moment.
- Pray for **Revd Colin Hunter** as he had a scan on his chest recently.
- Pray for **Deanne** as she is to have a hip operation soon and give thanks she's much better.
- Give thanks that **Alison's mom's leg** is much better.
- Pray for **Judy** as she receives further treatment following an operation.
- Pray now for **Dot Ford**, who has been very unwell recently.
- Please pray for **Alex and Grace Salter** from China.
- Give thanks **Janet** is a little better, after having a problem with her knee. The physio has helped. Also pray for **David** who also had physio after a problem with his back. Thankfully he's on the mend.
- Pray for the REC's church in **Nepal** following the earthquake. Thankfully the congregation are all safe. Praise the Lord!
- Pray for the family of **Lynda Margaret Alldrick** who passed away aged 63 years. **Bishop Paul** laid her rest last Thursday at **Bushbury**.
- Pray for the family of **William David Owen (Sam)** who was 87 years old. His funeral takes place on Friday 15th May at **Bushbury**. **Bishop Paul** sees the family at church on Monday morning.
- Give thanks for **Vicki and Chris** as they were married yesterday in **St Andrew's**. They both said their vows very well.
- Pray for **Leanne and Natalie** as they are both expecting their first child in a few weeks time. Pray that they and the new life within will be safe and pray that they will cope with the trauma of giving birth. Dads to be - **Christian and Gustaf** also need your prayers.

- Pray for the new government following last week's surprise result. Pray that they will uphold those Christian principles that made Great Britain great!
- Pray for the Free Church of England's meetings of **Convocation** that begin in just over a week. Pray that **Bishop Paul** will get the mountain of work he still has to do, finished and in the post in good time.
- Pray for travelling mercies for **Bishop Royal Grote Jr**, the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. **Bishop Roy** will travel on to **Croatia** and **Germany** for both their Synods after his brief visit to England.
- Pray for **Matthew** as he completes his SATS this week ready for his Senior School.



ARRIVING IN STYLE
Yesterday was **Chris and Vicki's** wedding day and they certainly know how to arrive in style! The open top car took advantage of the dry weather and delivered **Chris** and his best man **Pat** and then **Vicki** and her dad safely to

church. **Bishop Paul** read from **Proverbs 3:1-9** saying 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart...' He then presented the happy couple with a large pool ball which gives answers to life's questions. (Not really, that is why we should trust in the Lord!)



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