



New Parent & Toddler Group

Theresa is thrilled that moms and toddlers are joining with her and Eliza at the Group. They are all having a lovely time, and Eliza's auntie Lauren made some lovely little cakes gain. Bishop Paul had a sample of them and they were 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.

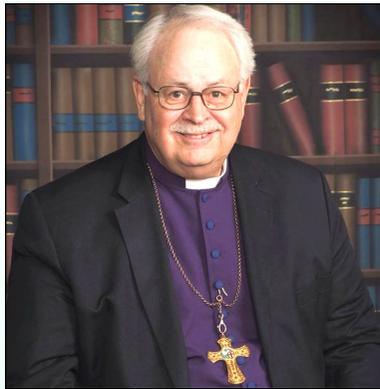
ASK GOD FOR A MOUNTAIN

'...give me this mountain...' *Joshua 14:12*

Why would someone ask God for a mountain? Because when you tackle something bigger than yourself: 1) you grow; 2) you learn to depend on God; 3) you get to celebrate big victories. Caleb said: '...here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, with the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as He said' (vv. 10-12). Anybody can occupy the flat ground, but it takes faith in God to tackle a mountain. What's more, that's where the Anakites-the giants-lived. These guys were so big they caused ten of Moses' spies to say, '...Next to them we felt like grasshoppers...' (Numbers 13:33). You'd think at eighty-five Caleb would have asked for a nice cottage in Shalom Retirement Homes! But no, he wanted another battle and another victory before he checked out. Stop asking God for a problem-free life, otherwise you might die of boredom. It's in working to solve problems



and overcome challenges that you become the person God wants you to be. So ask Him for a task that will keep you learning, growing, uncomfortable, and hungry for significance. When you pray, 'God, use me,' be prepared to encounter four things: adventure, danger, risk, and reward. How about it-are you up for a little excitement? Caleb became a mentor and guide for an entirely new generation. He did it with such gusto that they all wanted the eighty-five-year-old Caleb to lead them when they went up to the hill country. Challenges undertaken for the greater good bind us to people, whereas the pursuit of comfort leads to isolation, and isolation is terminal. You say, 'I'm too old to make a difference' - God doesn't think so. "Even to your old age - I will carry you; I will sustain you" (Isaiah 46:4). So start making plans. Dare to dream! Life isn't about comfort, it's about saying, 'God, give me another mountain.'



INTRODUCING THE MOST REVEREND ROYAL GROTE, Jr
Bishop Roy is the Presiding Bishop of our sister church in the US—The Reformed Episcopal Church. He is over the pond for the FCE's annual Convocation at The Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire from Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday he flies to Croatia and then on to Germany for their Synods. Bishop Roy has also been introduced to Barney! Please support him in prayer and come and see him at St Andrew's Church tonight at

6pm for our service of Holy Communion. Remember the work of the REC especially their church in Nepal.

CONVOCATION

Please pray for travelling mercies for Bishop Paul, Bishop Roy, Mike, Deanne, Margaret, Mark and Colin tomorrow. Convocation is a very long week for Bishop Paul. There are many meetings to attend and everyone wants a part of him. Please pray that all the meetings go well and that the Spirit of the Lord descends on our gathering as we seek to do His will. Most come back on Wednesday, but Bishop Paul and Mark on Thursday.

DOG TIRED

Barney (6 months old) is getting ready to go on his holiday with his auntie Dean. Thank you, Dean for having Barney again, I hope he doesn't wear you out too much!



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.



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

If you would like to be a Prayer Warrior please mention this to Bishop Paul. Thank you to all who have faithfully prayed daily for the needy souls on our Prayer Sheet. You may not be surprised that many prayers have been answered because of you. Thank you and thank the Lord for hearing the cries of His people.

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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

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

31st May - TRINITY SUNDAY

Psalm 29; Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

am L-Paul, P-Daniel; pm 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: **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 continue 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 in New Cross Hospital and only came home last Monday after 12 days. Give thanks everything went well even though the surgeon had to do more than he thought.
- 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.
- Give thanks that **Alison's** mom's leg is much better.
- Pray for **Judy** as she receives further treatment.
- Pray now for **Dot Ford**, who has been very unwell recently.
- Please pray for **Alex and Grace Salter** in 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 **William David Owen (Sam)** who was 87 years old. His funeral took place on Friday 15th May at Bushbury.
- Pray for the Free Church of England's meetings of **Convocation** that begin tomorrow. Give thanks that **Bishop Paul** got everything finished for Tuesday's post and was able to enjoy the day in Nottingham, thanks to all your prayers.

- Give thanks for travelling mercies for **Bishop Royal Grote Jr**, the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. **Bishop Roy** will be travelling on to Croatia and Germany for both their Synods after his brief visit to England.
- 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.
- Give thanks **Matthew** completed his SATS last week ready for his Senior School.
- Pray for the family of **Frederick Woollam** who was 82 years old. His funeral takes place at 10am on Thursday 28th May in St Andrew's Church.



pie and custard and it was all lovely. This trip was organised by Mike and Deanne and we all had a really good day out on board the



Nottingham Princess. We saw lots of interesting birds and many canoeists and University rowers. The Luncheon Club starts back on Wednesday 27th May as **Bishop Paul** is at Convocation.

AHOY THERE, SHIPMATES!

Last Wednesday **Bishop Paul** had a break from cooking and joined 46 others for a lovely ride along the River Trent in Nottingham. The trip included a meal of Roast Beef and Apple



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