

Parent & Toddler Group

Theresa and Eliza are ready to welcome any parents and toddlers to join her during term time for our Toddler Group. They all have a lovely time. The group meets on Fridays from **1pm to 2:30pm**.

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMPANY.

There is a voluntary contribution of £1



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. 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 regular supporters, it is much appreciated by Colin, Janet and Sue.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

CONVOCATION 2015—THE HAYES CONFERENCE CENTRE



Last week Bishop Paul and Revd Mark along with Deanne, Mike, Margaret and Revd Colin were knee deep in meetings and fellowship at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Bishop Paul and Bishop John were presented with new scarves that are worn by the Reformed Episcopal Church in the US. They have been embroidered with our names. There were over 70 representatives from around the country including Fr Ottar Myersth from the Nordic Catholic Church, Bishop Ian Gray of the Traditional Anglican Church, Canon Geoffrey Neal, Bishop Gerhard Meyer from the REK and The Most Revd Royal Grote of the REC. Bishop Paul said that he would wear his new scarf on Sunday, so get ready for a fashion parade!

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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

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**

7th June - Psalm 138 or 130; Genesis 3:8-15
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
 am Bishop; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark



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.
- *Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan** with **Alan's** deteriorating health. Please pray for all the care **Alan** needs from **Iris** and other family members. Lord give them the strength and energy 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.
- 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 from a severe chest infection. Happy Birthday, John, who was 67 yesterday.
- Pray for **Thelma** and **Brian**. Thelma had her operation recently in New Cross Hospital and only came home a week last Monday. Give thanks everything went well even though the surgeon had to do more than he had hoped.
- *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. The result wasn't very good and so please continue to put **Colin** into your daily prayers.*
- *Pray for **Deanne** as she is to have a hip operation soon.*
- Pray for **Judy** as she awaits further treatment.
- Pray 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!
- Give thanks for the Free Church of England's meetings of **Convocation** last week.
- Pray for the **Revd Alan Harvey** who retired from active duty yesterday at a service held in Christ Church, Broadstairs. Thank you **Paul, Janet and Dan** for your company and all the laughter. There will be photographs in next week's edition.



- Pray for **Leanne and Natalie** as they are both expecting their first child any time now. Pray that they and the new life within will be safe and pray that they will cope with the dangers of giving birth. Dads to be - **Christian and Gustaf** also need your prayers.
- Pray for the family of **Frederick Wooliam** who was 82 years old. His funeral takes place at 10am on Thursday 28th May in St Andrew's Church.
- Pray for the family of **Mrs Irene Daft**. Her funeral takes place in church on Friday 12th June at 10:15am.
- Give thanks for Pentecost!

PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE REC VISITS ST ANDREW'S

Bishop Royal Grote visited St Andrew's and St Jude's churches last weekend. Bishop Roy is no stranger to us but it is the first time he has visited since becoming the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. He preached at our evening Holy Communion service and we were all there



to help take part pictures here with Bishop Paul and Bishop Roy are the Revds Mark, Paul and Colin. Please pray for Bishop Roy as he is now in Croatia and then will travel to Germany.

ANOTHER SELFIE

This picture was taken yesterday outside Christ Church, Willesborough. We had called to have a look at the church on the way back from Broadstairs. I am sure you can spot Paul, Janet, Bishop Paul and Daniel, but the unfamiliar face is Colin Mills, their Church Warden.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

Wow! The garden revamp took a quantum leap yesterday with Spadework doing some of the heavy work to remove the tree stumps and laying new grass and trimming the trees. What a fantastic job. It looks as if it has always been like this! Well done lads.

THANKS MATTHEW!

Bishop Paul looks like he's let himself go a bit during last week's Convocation. But this was Matthew playing about with his phone with an App called 'Fat Face'. This certainly looks like Bishop Paul ate all the pies though. The food at The Hayes Conference Centre was very good and I think all who attended will have to work at losing a few pounds. Bishop Paul also thanks Dean for looking after Barney again during the week. He loved being at Dean's. And... Thanks, Matthew, your Granddad loves you too!



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