

St Stephen's Church - Middlesbrough



Bishop Paul met with Bishop John last Monday to have a close look at the buildings of St Stephen's Church. The hall on the left was the original church which became the hall when the brick

church was built. In the days of the Revd John Green (a lovely man) the church had a thriving Scout movement, but sadly, like so many churches youths have found other ways to be entertained. The present minister, the Revd Adam Scholes is moving to become a youth pastor at a larger church, so the future of this church is again uncertain. The small but dedicated congregation is the churches greatest asset. Please pray for them over the next few months that the continued witness of St Stephen's will be maintained.



LUNCHEON CLUB HELPERS!

We now have three new helpers from Jane Lane School's Sixth Form >>>>



GARDENING GALORE!

Deanne, Eva, Janet and David worked hard relaying the corner rockery in the front gardens. Thank you to everyone who has donated towards the cost of plants. The display of daffodils has been really magnificent and they are still going well even though everyone



else's has finished. The next project is the rather barren border seen above. The idea is to plant simple but shaped box plants to add a little height and make the maintenance of the border easier. If you would like to donate to the purchase of these, please give your donations to Deanne. Thank you.

<<<< They are Aisha, Jack and James. They worked very hard setting the tables and serving the lunches. We are also supported by Thomas Ely Funeral Director's in Willenhall. Linda is no stranger to us. She gave Bishop Paul a present she just couldn't resist. It says 'Off Duty Bishop... Disturb only if all hell breaks loose!' When was Bishop Paul ever 'off duty' one asks!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB SUCCESS

We have been truly blessed with a number of people attending our Wednesday Friendship Club that follows on from our Luncheon Club. Over the year the club has trips and holidays, outings and visits to the theatre. Come along if you're young enough! Eyes down 2pm!



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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 and 3rd pm Services

Mid-week activities:

MONDAYS	10am to 1pm	Coffee and Chat
	1pm to 2:30pm	Parent and Toddler Group
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
TUESDAYS	9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
	7pm	Bible Study - Church House
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm	Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)
THURSDAYS	11am	Holy Communion
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	6pm to 8:30pm	Karate Classes
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

24th April - Psalm 148; Acts 11-1-18
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

1st May - Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10,22-25; John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9
am Mark (Holy Communion); pm Paul (Bishop in Broadstairs)

8th May - Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26
am L-Colin, P-Bishop; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** in the continual battle to save her eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**, and members **Judy, Audrey, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** and **Ray** in your prayers.
- Lord, we pray for both **Arline** and **Ernie** as they battle on.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's granddad, **Ken** who is seriously ill in hospital. The family were called yesterday morning.
- *Thank you, Lord, for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the services.*
- *Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson, Frank and Janet**.*
- *Pray for **Dean's sister, Molly**, who is still very poorly. Give thanks **Martha Rose** is a little better and putting on weight.*
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Daughter, Jenifer says she has been quite poorly recently.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- Give thanks that **Colin Davis** is generally much better.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and **Sarah**, his wife at **St Martin's Church** in France. Bishop Paul is looking forward to consecrating the church to the Glory of God in August this year.
- Pray for **Harvey**, the grandson of the **Revd John and Joy Eustice** from Exeter. Harvey has had more scans and awaits a further consultation at the National Orthopaedic Hospital. John thanks everyone for their continued prayers.
- Give thanks **Colin Hunt** has made a very good recovery after a triple heart by-pass operation. Pray for him now he has joined a gym, and that he (and **Chris**) will enjoy their retirement from Longwear Products Ltd.
- Please Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS. Pray that they will keep her MS under control.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for the family of **Irene Cresswell**, Dan's great grandmother as she was called home last Sunday afternoon. We do not have any details for her funeral yet.
- Please pray for **Ken**. Pray also for **Jane** his wife and carer.
- Pray for **Flo (Paul's Nan)**. Give thanks she is much better.
- Give thanks that **Nigel's** operation on his shoulder recently was a great success. Pray he will cope with the exercises.
- Please pray for all the churches around the Diocese. **St Jude's** Walsall; **Emmanuel**, Brum; **Christ Church**, Harlesden; **Christ Church**, Exeter; **Christ Church**, Exmouth; **Christ Church**, Willesborough; **St Jude's**, Balham; **Christ Church**, Broadstairs; **St Francis**, Shoreham; **Christ Church**, Leigh and **St Andrew's**.
- Pray for the family of **Jeanne Delphia Glover** who was 91 years old. Her funeral takes place on Monday 25th April at Sandwell.
- Please pray for **Tom and Sarah** who are working for YWAM in Malawi. They are members of Christ Church, Exmouth.
- Pray for the family of **Joyce Evelyn Street** who was 90 years old. Her funeral took place at Busbury last Thursday.
- Remember **Gladys'** family. Gladys was a Luncheon Club member. Bishop Paul has heard she has sadly passed away.
- Pray for **Rebecca & Sean** who were married last week.
- Pray for the family of **Ronald Constable** who was 87 years old. The funeral is on 26th April at Bushbury Crem (West) - 9:45am.
- Pray for the church of **St Stephen's** in Middlesbrough.

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Then please tell Bishop Paul. A big 'thank you', to all who continually pray faithfully each day for everyone on our Prayer Sheet. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our church. O Lord, have mercy upon us and receive our humble petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



CANNOCK EMBROIDERY

On Tuesday the BW Ladies visited the amazing embroidery created by the Chadsmoor Tapestry Group. It hangs in Cannock Council Offices and took 7 years to complete. Every square inch is hand embroidered with much care for the minutest detail.



The Bible Character Alphabet - C is for Cornelius (for Edrea)

"Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. He told me, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore." So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you.' Then Peter replied, 'I see very clearly that God shows no favouritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.'"

Acts 10:30-36

Acts 10 reports that Cornelius was a Centurion of the Roman army who, "...was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God." From today's reading we see how he came to invite Peter to his home. Shortly after Peter arrived there was a spontaneous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Cornelius and his household and these people were gentiles! Peter was blown away by this event and ordered that they all be baptised. Cornelius' faithfulness to God ensured that he and his household entered into the fullness of new life in Jesus Christ and we learn that nobody is beyond God's love and the opportunity to become born-again. Cornelius' walk of faith brings alive the harmony of Psalm 73:28a and James 4:8a - It's good to draw near to God because then He will draw near to us.



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