



**CHOIR NATIVITY  
SUNDAY  
18th DECEMBER 6pm**

Our Christmas Musical presentation will be the lovely music written by Roger Jones called 'The Inn Crowd'.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**HOLY COMMUNION  
BY CANDLELIGHT  
11:30PM**

This service is always very special



**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**  
Sunday 25th December - 1pm

BISHOP PAUL WILL BE COOKING CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR CHURCH MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND ANYONE WHO WILL BE ON THEIR OWN. IF YOU WANT TO COME, PLEASE LET BISHOP PAUL KNOW ASAP.



**KEEP CALM  
because  
IT'S CHRISTMAS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**  
10:30am & 6pm

BRING A PRESENT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FOR BISHOP PAUL & NIGEL TO PLAY WITH!  
PLEASE LET BISHOP PAUL KNOW IF YOU NEED A LIFT FOR THE 6pm SERVICE

**KEY MASTER MEAL**

St Andrew's Carol Singers have been invited to a free three course meal tomorrow (19th December) at 6pm as a thank you.

Please let Bishop Paul or Mark know if you can make the meal. Thank you.



Last Sunday St Andrew's was full to bursting for our Carols and Lessons Service. What a joy that we had 40 Readers taking part. We used the appointed lessons from the Dramatised Bible. Well done everyone, you all read beautifully.



**Understanding your child**

*'Give to Your servant an understanding heart.'* 1 Kings 3:9

Do you remember the 'class clown' in the school? He could make everyone crack up at the most inopportune times. He was a trial to his teachers, an embarrassment to his parents, and an utter delight to every child who wanted to escape the boredom of school. Teachers probably wonder if the Department for Education assigns at least one clown to every class to make sure they earn every pound of their salaries. These skilled little disrupters are usually boys. Often they have reading or other academic difficulties. They may be small in stature, although not always, and they'll do anything for a laugh. Their parents and teachers may not recognise that behind the boisterous behaviour is often the pain of inferiority. You see, humour is a classic response to feelings of low self-esteem. That's why within many successful comedians is the memory of a hurting child. Jonathan Winters' parents were divorced when he was seven, and he used to cry when he was alone because other children teased him about not having a father. Joan Rivers frequently joked about her unattractiveness as a girl. She said she was such a 'dog', her father had to throw a bone down the aisle to get her married. These famous comedians got their training during childhood, using humour as a defence. That's also the inspiration for the class clown. By making an enormous joke out of everything, they often conceal the self-doubt that churns inside them. Understanding that should help you meet their needs and manage them more effectively. 'Give to Your servant an understanding heart' is a prayer every parent and teacher should pray.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

10am ~ Morning Service  
11:30am ~ Family Praise  
6pm ~ Evening Prayer

*Holy Communion 1st am and 3rd pm Services*

*Mid-week activities:*

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

**SUNDAY LESSONS LOG**

18th December - Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25  
am L-Paul, P-Mark; 6pm CHOIR NATIVITY - THE INN CROWD

25th December - Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14; John 1:1-14  
am Bishop, Mark and Nigel; pm Bishop and Mark

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** with her poorly eyesight, **Chrissie** and **Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** who has not been very well recently.
- Lord, we pray for both **Arline** and **Ernie** as they battle on. Ernie has not been good this last week.
- Please pray for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revd Paul, the Revd Mark and the Revd Colin** and **Bishop Paul**.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson, Frank** and **Janet**.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, who is still very poorly.
- Please remember **Doreen** and **Jimmy**.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- Give thanks **Colin Davis'** skin condition is much better.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and **Sarah**, his wife and all at **St Martin's Church** in France.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS and her father who has had a spell in hospital recently.
- Give thanks that young **Harvey** returned to Stanmore for a check up - all is well. No further appointments are necessary and he can resume normal school activities. **The Revd John Eustice** has now also had his results of biopsies on his throat and was given the all clear. Thanks be to God.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Please pray for both **Robert** and **Barbara Wilson**. Robert's procedure has been postponed until February.
- Pray for **Daniel's** family and his future career. **Dot** is scheduled to have an operation on her hand on 29th December.
- Please keep **Doris** and her Sciatica problems in your prayers. She has been in a lot of pain. Pray it is eased.
- Pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will remain stabilised.
- Pray for **Sylvia** who hopes to come to our Christmas Lunch.
- Pray for **Terry** whose shoulder remains rather painful.
- Pray for **Frances** as she continues to have Chemotherapy.
- Pray for **Mrs Ball** who is now sadly house bound.
- Keep **Deanne** in your prayers. She is a little better but needs to take things easy. You know how difficult that is for her!
- Please pray for all the churches around the Diocese. **St Jude's** Walsall; **Emmanuel**, Birmingham; **Christ Church**, Harlesden; **Christ Church**, Exeter; **Christ Church**, Exmouth; **Christ Church**, Willesborough; **St Jude's**, Balham; **Christ Church**, Broadstairs; **St Francis**, Shoreham and **St Andrew's**.
- There are lots of difficult situations around many of our churches at the moment. Pray that **Bishop Paul** will have wisdom and strength from above in dealing with them all.
- Give thanks that **Mike Barlow** is generally a lot better.
- Remember **Audrey** as she is still in hospital. She is very poorly and rather anxious. It is still unclear what they are going to do.
- Give thanks the Christmas party for parents and **Premature Babies** held in St Andrew's on Friday was a wonderful success.
- Remember the family of **Bishop Royal Grote**. A service celebrating his life was held in Dallas, Texas last week.
- Please pray for **Russell Fenn** in Exmouth who has been rather poorly recently. Pray for the **Christ Church Leadership Team** as they pull together to celebrate Christmas.
- Give thanks for the invitation to sing carols at the **Key Master Public House** and for the spirit in which we were received.

## PUB CAROLS

Yesterday we sang our heads off again at the Key Master Hungry Horse Restaurant. Again 20 of us gathered for about 45mins to sing carols and at the end the pub gener-



ously presented Bishop Paul with about £40 worth of donations collected from the patrons of the pub. Thank you to



all those who attended one or both of the sessions. It certainly feels a lot like Christmas, now. Hope you're ready and if you are can you help Bishop Paul, he's not!



**BEFORE AND AFTER**  
Matthew had his long awaited hair cut yesterday. He has just about come around from the anaesthetic. He said it was cold out!



**BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!**  
*Be a Prayer Warrior! Prayer is vital for the spiritual health of our church. Please add all those on this prayer sheet to your own family and friends prayers - daily!*

*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, Put on the full armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

KEEP  
CALM  
CHRISTMAS  
IS ALMOST  
HERE!!!!!!

## Christmas Gift

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

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in Advent

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