

FIREWORK DISPLAY - SHOREHAM-BY-SEA

Last chance to let Bishop Paul know if you want to join our Twinned Church of St Francis in Shoreham-by-Sea on Saturday 19th March for fellowship and fireworks. Bishop Paul needs to let them know about numbers. If you would like to join Bishop Paul with a ride in the Minibus, then please let him know as soon as possible. A few places are still available - please be quick!



Watt-A-Lott

Holiday Club! Castle

IDEAL FOR 5-11's

Crafts
Bible Stories
Puppets
Games
and
What-a-lot
of FUN!

DAILY
10am to 1pm

February Half-term

Ouch!

Save me!

At: ST ANDREW'S CHURCH-BENTLEY
When: TUESDAY 16th-FRIDAY 19th
Contact: SIR FAT-U-LANCE on 01902 607335
ENTRANCE FREE ALL WELCOME

HOLIDAY CLUB - 'WATT-A-LOT CASTLE' by John Hardwick
Plans are coming together for our Holiday Club. We have a new theme tune and planned the scenery which includes building a large castle. This year's theme is all about the Armour of God. Let Bishop Paul or Mark know if you can help.



SONGS OF PRAISE

Lucy certainly enjoyed her sing at last Sunday's evening Songs of Praise service. It was a lovely evening filled with great songs and humour and prayers. I loved the story of mice on roller skates being 'meals-on-wheels' Judy, that has kept me giggling all week. Has anyone tried singing Onward Christian Soldiers through as a perfect egg timer yet? Lucy sang 'He's got the Whole World in His Hands'.

Well done Lucy, you have lovely voice. Our next Songs of Praise will be on Sunday 29th May at 6pm. By the way - did you enjoy the chip butties? I know I did.

GOD NEVER WASTES AN EXPERIENCE

'In all things God works for the good of those who love him.'

Romans 8:28

No experience is ever wasted if you use it wisely. God can use what you've been through to develop you into the person He intended you to be. Moses grew up in a foster home. As the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter he spent forty years learning the language and ways of the Egyptians. What better preparation for understanding your enemy than being raised among them? But Moses needed to learn a few personal lessons too. So God took him into the desert for another forty years to tend sheep. The grandson of Pharaoh became a lowly shepherd. Nothing will humble you like having to take a job for which you're overqualified, especially when your own failure put you there. But during those years on the poor side of town God taught Moses how to identify with hurting people. Finally, at eighty years old, he was ready to fulfil his calling. 'God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"' (Exodus 3:4). At this most unlikely place God revealed to Moses his calling as Israel's deliverer. And even though he was afraid, made excuses, and raised objections, he ended up doing a brilliant job. The point is this: Moses' eighty years in training weren't wasted. Forty years in a palace prepared him to deal with Pharaoh, and forty years as a shepherd prepared him to lead God's people through the wilderness to their destiny. So even though you'd rather be someplace other than where you are right now, remember, God never wastes an experience. Never! He will use it all for your good and His glory.



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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:

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

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

7th February - Psalm 99; Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28:43
am Bishop; pm L-Bishop, P-Paul

14th February - Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark

21st February - Psalm 27; Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or 9:28-36
am L-Mark, P-Paul; pm L-Colin, P-Bishop

28th February - Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
am L-Paul, P-Mark; pm L-Bishop, P-Colin

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** in the continual battle to save her eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and members into your hands: **Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** and her husband, **Ray** in your prayers.
- Lord, we pray for both **Arline** and **Ernie** as they haven't been well recently.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's Nan, **Dot** and his Great Nan, **Irene**. Also Dan's granddad, **Ken** who is rather unsteady at the moment.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Pray for **Arthur Bagg** who has now taken a turn for the worse. Arthur is in the Rushall Care Home in Walsall. He wasn't well when Bishop Paul saw yesterday. Pray for his family too.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the services.
- Pray for **Brian** and **Thelma**. Great to see them in church.
- Continue to pray for **Judy**. Well done Judy for putting your skills into practice again in making a Presbyter's hood.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson, Frank and Janet**.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, who continues to be very poorly and her granddaughter, **Kate** who gave birth to a baby girl last week. Congratulations! Pray that the consultants can now decide on the best course of action for the child's health as she has a known heart problem.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Give thanks she is very well.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**. We are looking forward to seeing them twice in March.
- 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. Robert has some serious medical problems. Bishop Paul is looking forward to consecrating the church to the Glory of God in August this year.
- Remember **Doreen W.** Pray for **Jimmy**, and all the family. It is lovely to see them both regularly at Coffee and Chat.
- Pray for **Harvey**, the 11year old grandson of the **Revd John and Joy Eustice** from Christ Church, Exeter. Harvey has now been referred to an Orthopaedic Consultant at the National Orthopaedic Hospital Nr Euston Station. Pray that he gets an appointment soon.
- Pray for **Mary Groves** who hasn't been well after a fall.
- Pray for **Colin Hunt** who underwent a triple heart by-pass operation last Monday. He has had a chest infection which is getting better and now has an irregular heart beat which the consultant is trying to fix. Pray also for **Christine**.
- It is good to hear that **Alex and Grace** are both good at the moment and are presently settling down in Taipei. Give thanks they were not near the earthquake in Tainan. Pray for them as they try and start a Free Church of England there.
- Please Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has been diagnosed with MS. Pray they will keep it under control. Pray for **Alan** her husband and **James** their son.
- Please pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** who now being looked after at home by Edna.
- Please pray for **Ken** (Morning Service).
- Pray for **Nath and Courtney** in the loss of their Granddad.
- Pray for **Flo** (Paul's nan). Give thanks she is getting stronger.



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!
Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Then please mention this to Bishop Paul. A big 'thank you', to all who continually pray faithfully each day for the needy souls on our Prayer Sheet. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our lovely little church. Also give thanks to the Lord for hearing the cries of His people.

ALEX AND GRACE SALTER

You may have heard about the terrible earthquake in Taiwan on Friday. Bishop Paul contacted Alex to make sure he and Grace were safe. He sent this reply. Please keep them both in your prayers.



Dear Bishop Paul,
Fortunately we are both well and Grace's family are safe. We felt the earthquake in the early hours of the morning, but the epicenter was in the south - Tainan and Kaohsiung area. But, we are in the north, so no buildings

collapsed where we are, because we are two hundred miles from the epicentre. It was terrifying, but God blessed us and kept us safe. Taiwan is said to be in "the ring of fire", so earthquakes are common, because it is on two tectonic plates.

Life is going well here, I am being taught Chinese by a Taiwanese diplomat, because he wants me to be able to preach in Chinese.

However, we need prayer if I am to be able to start an FCE church here, because I do not have a property to use, unlike in Mainland China. Please pray that we meet people who would have their hearts' touched by God to want to step forward and help us do this. There is quite a lot of competition in Taipei from; Charismatic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, American Methodist and Liberal Episcopalian churches, for both expats and locals.

Whereas in Qidong, I was the only foreign Lay Reader so the expats had only my option to attend FCE gatherings - there were no other options.

I have a job as an editor in Taipei and I get every Sunday off. Grace is studying at this point.

It is exciting about the new minibus that St Andrews's Church has, it is a wonderful step out in faith to get it. You and everyone at St Andrew's and St Jude's are in our prayers.

*Blessings in Christ,
Alex*



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. Why not come and join us!

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