

WATT-A-LOTT CASTLE HOLIDAY CLUB



Last week was rather quiet compared to the half-term holiday club! It was a fantastic week, full of fun, games and wonderful Bible stories. The John Hardwick material was fantastic, but certainly enhanced by a few twists and turns of our own making. I realised that we have been holding Holiday Clubs now for 25 years. I was only in my forties when they started. As is the case every year, these important outreach events can only be done with the sacrifice of time and energy from so many church members. The children daily were challenged to put on the full armour of God so that they can face the challenges of life. Our stories also centred on parts of Moses - Endurance; Queen Esther - Courage; Joshua - Hope and Palm Sunday - Honour. What was really encouraging was the number of parents and grandparents staying for the whole session. On Sunday we were blessed again by over 60 children and adults attending our concluding part; listening to the stories; singing the songs and watching the video of a most fantastic week. Thank you, Lord! Please pray that the Good News of Jesus will be embodied in the hearts of all the children and adults and may the journey with their Lord be blessed. In whatever way you supported us for Watt-a-Lott Castle Holiday Club, a big thank you. Amen.



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Remember Mary & Les?

Sadly Mary and Les don't get out much these days. Mary gave up her car some while ago, but they still live in the flats opposite the big shops on Bentley. Dan went to visit them recently and they still remember people at church and send their greeting to everyone who remembers them. Les is now 90 and Mary reaches that same milestone shortly. Wasn't Les's surname 'Bagnall?' who lost a son, Glyn under tragic circumstances?



FITTING TRIBUTE

Last Thursday the church was packed to the rafters for the funeral of our dear Stephen Arthur Henry Bagg! Our overflow was put into good use as approaching 120 people were in church. We also



managed to master the technology to beam the service live across the airwaves all the way to Australia where some of the Grandchildren live. The time there was 11:30pm com-

pared to 12:30pm here! Again, well done everyone who helped to give Arthur the send off he deserved. Just notice what Ted got up to as soon as June's back was turned! The trifles were delicious though, as was all the food and good fellowship that followed the service.



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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	Coffee and Chat
	1pm to 2:30pm	Parent and Toddlers Group
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
SATURDAYS	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Start soon!

Interested in Confirmation?. If so, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible. There has been a delay in starting due a member who has been in hospital.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

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
 6th March - Psalm 32; Joshua 5:9-12
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 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**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and members into your hands: **Judy, 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. It was great they both got to Arthur's funeral.
- Lord, we pray for Dan's granddad, **Ken** who is rather poorly in the Manor Hospital at the moment after being diagnosed with lung and brain cancer. How lovely it was to see Dan's dad, **David** and his partner, **Shell** in church last Sunday morning.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Pray for the family of **Arthur Bagg** who was called home recently. His funeral took place last Thursday in a packed church. Pray for his family, especially as **Geoff and Barb** return to Australia on Tuesday. Remember **Phil and Chris** 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.
- Pray for **Deanne**. She's been rather unwell and needs to rest.
- *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, **Martha Rose** recently. Give thanks that the stent operation went well. She will have to face a larger operation when she gets a little stronger.*
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Give thanks she is keeping 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. Bishop Paul is looking forward to consecrating the church to the Glory of God in August this year.
- 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 for him as he sees the specialist on 15th March.
- Pray for **Colin Hunt** who underwent a triple heart by-pass operation recently. He now has another chest infection and been put on a course of antibiotics. Pray he will soon feeling much better. Pray also for **Christine**.
- Please Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has been diagnosed with MS. Pray they will keep it under control. She and the family came to Family Praise last week but it wasn't one of her better days. Pray she will be feeling better soon.
- Please pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** who now being looked after at home by Edna. Bishop Paul saw him on Friday and he was quite well. Praise the Lord!
- Please pray also for **Ken** (Morning Service).
- Pray for **Flo (Paul's Nan)**. Give thanks she is getting better and that we see them back at church very soon.

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

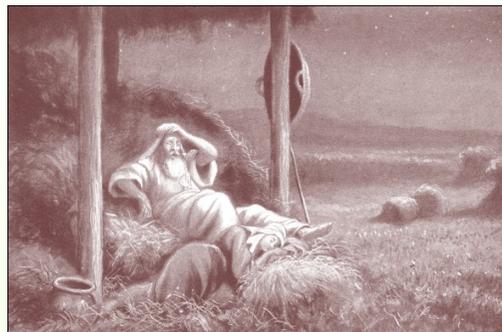
Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Then please tell Bishop Paul. A big 'thank you', to all who continually pray faithfully each day for everyone on our Prayer Sheet. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our church. O Lord, have mercy upon us and receive our humble petitions in the Name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



The Bible Character Alphabet - B is for Boaz

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." (Proverbs 11:3) "Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are his delight." (Proverbs 12: 22)

We know Boaz as Ruth's kinsman redeemer. He was the older man who stepped in and married the Moabite widow of a Jewish husband after she travelled with her mother-in-law, Naomi, to her husband's home town Bethlehem. Boaz' behaviour towards Ruth and Naomi was caring and the way he went about courting Ruth was a model of integrity. Boaz married Ruth and she gave birth to Obed who became the father of Jesse, who was the father of David who became king. Our society is one where speed seems to be of the essence with fast food, instant credit and fibre optic broadband - we could live a lifestyle of short-cuts! Boaz had a different ethic one we would do well to emulate. Boaz knew the value of integrity and faithfulness, even if it meant waiting. Boaz didn't look for short-cuts, he looked for the right cut, how about us?



BIRTHDAY GIRL

It was Irene Cresswell's birthday last Sunday and Daniel's dad, Dave had bought her a lovely cake. Mark took a fire extinguisher into church saying it was for precaution due to the number of candles she needs on her cake. Anyway, many

happy returns of the day, Irene for last week. Please continue to pray for Dan and all the family as his granddad is seriously ill.

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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