

STAND

NEW all age GROUP

**EVERY THURSDAY
IN CHURCH**

FROM 7pm TO 9pm

**ANSWERING LIFE'S
DIFFICULT QUESTIONS**

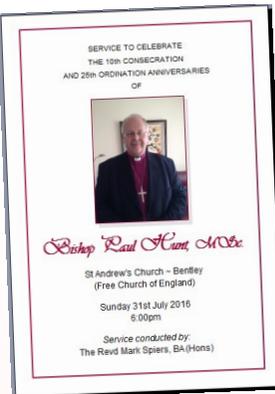
**'STAND' STARTS ON
THURSDAY 18th AUGUST**

**LET US STAND
TOGETHER FOR JESUS!**

**ALL WELCOME!
(No Bible knowledge necessary)**

FAMILY PRAISE - Every Sunday 11:30am - Come and join us!

There was quite a crowd in church for our 11:30am Family Praise service last Sunday. Mark gave a simplified version of his morning sermon based on Genesis 18 where God planned to destroy Sodom and Abraham bargained with God to save the city if 50 righteous people were found and them bargained for 45, then 40, then thirty, then twenty and then Abraham finally asked, "What if only ten can be found there?" God answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." ³³When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home. Sadly, we know the outcome, there were not even ten righteous people found and so God destroyed the city, remember what happened to Lot's wife who looked back? Read the whole story in Genesis chapters 18 and 19, but not before bed!



CELEBRATING 25 & 10 YEARS

Tonight I do hope you will be able to join me in my double anniversary of 25 years since I was ordained here by Bishop Kenneth as a Deacon and then can you believe it has been 10 years since my Consecration at Christ Church, Wallasey on the Wirral. Most of you know that I was a member from the tender age of 3 in the Sunday School held in the original wooden hut church that had stood as a witness to God's presence on Bentley from 1943. In 1992 I moved into the church house

and at that time there was a healthy Sunday School but few adults and particularly no men in the church. The Lord has been good to me and has blessed my ministry beyond what even I could have dreamed and because you are reading this you too are part of that blessing. So the real celebration today is not me but my God and Lord. He has been the centre of my life and I pray will always be my focus in all that we do for Him. I remember the battle to get funding to build our beautiful hall - can you ever imagine a time without it? Well I remember the pews and small vestry and dodgy toilets. But I also remember the promises my family made to me to always be at my side. Colin my brother when he knew the path I was taking said, 'Well at least you'll have me in church' and Colin, bless you, you have been true to that promise, thank you, and thank you to

all of you for your support, for this day belongs to you and the Lord. May there be even mightier things to come. If God is with us who can be against us? Trust and Obey, for there's no other way! Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Come on and Celebrate his gift of love. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son Jesus! God forgave my sin!



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FAMILY PRAISE LEADER
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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 Toddler Group
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
TUESDAYS	* 9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
*Term-time only	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
	7pm	Bible Study - Church House
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm to 8:30pm	Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)
THURSDAYS	11am	Holy Communion
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	6pm	Karate Class
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

31st July - Psalm 49:1-12; Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23 or Hosea 11:1-11 ; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 12:13-21 am L-Paul, P-Daniel; pm Celebration of Bishop Paul's Ministry
7th Aug - Psalm 50:1-8,22-23 or 33:12-22; Genesis 15:1-6 or Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40 am Bishop; pm L-Colin, P-Bishop
14th August - Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Psalm 82; Isaiah 5:1-7 or Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56 am Colin; pm Paul (Bishop Paul in France)

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. Ernie isn't too good on his legs of late.
- 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.
- Lord we thank you **Martha Rose** is doing really well.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Pray Jennifer, her daughter had a good holiday and that we will be able to see Lil back in church, soon.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- **Colin Davis'** skin condition is sadly back to square one.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and **Sarah**, his wife at **St Martin's Church** in France. Lord keep them, their congregation and those who will be travelling for the Consecration in a couple of weeks time, safe.
- Pray for **Harvey**, the grandson of the **Revd John and Joy Eustice** from Exeter. Surgeons will operate sometime in August. His older brother, **Alexander** also has to have a mastoid operation on his ear soon.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for the Booth family in the loss of **Irene and Ken**.
- Please pray for morning service **Ken**. Pray also for **Jane**, his wife and carer.
- Please pray for **Tom and Sarah** in Malawi.
- Remember **Ted Critch** in your prayers. He is coping well.
- Please pray for the **Wilsons**. Sadly **Robert and Barbara** are not much better. Robert has had a slight heart attack.
- Pray for **Daniel's** future. He awaits his GCSE results. He has applied for two apprenticeships with undertakers. Sadly both applications have turned out to be a dead end.
- Please pray for **Sid**, husband to **Janet**, Bishop's cousin who is very poorly and being looked after in Compton Hospice.
- Please keep **Doris** in your prayers. She is devastated by the sad news about her oldest grandson.
- Please pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will be stabilised, but give thanks his walking seems much improved.
- Pray for **Ron** who is recovering well following a fall at home.
- Pray for **Sylvia** who has broken her ankle and is still in the Manor hospital. Thankfully she can put some weight on her foot.
- Pray for the family of **Ronald Gentle** from Lilac Grove. Ron's funeral took place in church last Thursday at 12:30pm.
- Pray for **Terry** (Morning Service) who continues to have some considerable discomfort with his shoulder. Pray the pain will be eased.
- Pray for the family of **Lilian Jean Daker** (Western Ave) who was 85 years old. Her funeral takes place in church Thursday 4th August at 10:15am.
- Pray for the family of **Peter Smith** who was 70 years old. His funeral takes place on Friday 5th August at Bushbury Crem.
- Remember those affected by the terrorist attacks in **Europe**.



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!
 Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? More were added to our growing list of Prayer Warriors, last week. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our church. Please remember to add all those on this prayer sheet to your own family and friends prayers - daily! Remember to pray without ceasing!

The Bible Character Alphabet - N is for Naaman

"Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: 'Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy.' But Naaman became angry and stalked away. 'I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!' he said. 'I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me! Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?' So Naaman turned and went away in a rage. But his officers tried to reason with him and said, 'Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, "Go and wash and be cured!"' So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!" 2 Kings 5:9-14

The story of Naaman, the leper cured through the Prophet Elisha reveals that whilst Man says, "I must do something great for God, then He will hear me and act on my behalf!" Faith says, "I will believe what God tells me, however simple His request, because I know God is wiser than me and has my best interests at heart!" Jesus, in the context of saying, "I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown." makes the statement, "...there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian." If only we would believe the simplicity of God's Word rather than bend our minds to finding the most complicated route we can imagine to reach our desired end we would see many more healings and provisions in the church than we see currently.



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 community project compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. Thank you to all those regular supporters, you are much appreciated by Colin, Janet and Sue. Come and join us!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - WILL Start soon!

Interested in Confirmation? If so, please speak to Bishop Paul as soon as possible. The classes will run every two weeks and be held at the church house.

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