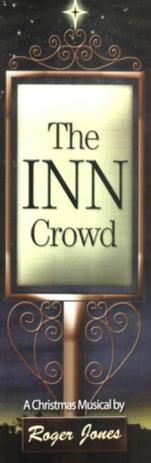


Parent & Toddler Group



OUR PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP CONTINUES TO MEET EVERY MONDAY DURING TERM TIME AT 1pm.

Chrysanthemum Society
FLOWER SHOW NEXT SATURDAY
12th NOVEMBER
Open to the Public from 2:30pm



CHOIR & NATIVITY SUNDAY
18th DECEMBER 6pm

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

Rehearsals held Mondays and Thursdays 7pm-8pm.
Do come along. No choral experience is necessary.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER
12noon

PLEASE PROVIDE ITEMS FOR THE GIFT & BOTTLE STALL NEXT WEEK

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE FOR SALE IN THE CHURCH HALL. PLEASE TAKE SOME AND SELL THEM TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



DAN'S DAY
Last Sunday morning young Daniel gave us a lesson on looking at lives through heaven's eyes. He had listened very carefully to what the Revd Gerald Kirsch had said during our recent Retreat and was moved to explore some of those issues. Well done, Dan, you coped very well and we see your confidence is growing—Praise the Lord! You even coped with Revd Mark being there and a congregation of 30 which is good for a Sunday morning congregation.

The Bible Character Alphabet - V is for Vaniah

"... all the people of Judah and Benjamin had gathered in Jerusalem. ... They were trembling both because of the seriousness of the matter and because it was raining. Then Ezra the priest stood and said to them: 'You have committed a terrible sin. By marrying pagan women, you have increased Israel's guilt. So now confess your sin to the LORD, the God of your ancestors, and do what he demands. Separate yourselves from the people of the land and from these pagan women.' Then the whole assembly raised their voices and answered, 'Yes, you are right; we must do as you say!' Then they added, 'This isn't something that can be done in a day or two, for many of us are involved in this extremely sinful affair. And this is the rainy season, so we cannot stay out here much longer. Let our leaders act on behalf of us all. Let everyone who has a pagan wife come at a scheduled time, accompanied by the leaders and judges of his city, so that the fierce anger of our God concerning this affair may be turned away from us.'" Ezra 10:9-14

Vaniah's name can be found in Ezra 10:36, among those who, contrary to God's Law, had married a pagan woman. We could shake our heads as we see the crowds gathering who had so flagrantly disobeyed God as if we had never done anything wrong in our lives. Or we could consider what a wonderful sight it is to see so many people who had been rebellious against God willing to put matters right because they understood that they had committed "...a terrible sin". There is no space here to go into the details of what had happened and the consequences, or even how things were put right - you will find it all in Ezra. But what we have got time to consider is the question, "Do I give God first place in my life or do I put what I want first, regardless of what God wants?"

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

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

6th November - Psalm 98; Haggai 1:15b-2:9 or Job 19:223-27a; 2Thess 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38
am L-Paul, P-Bishop (CONFIRMATION); pm L-Bishop, P-Paul

13th November - Psalm 98 or Isaiah 12; Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
am & pm L-Bishop, P-Colin

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** with her poorly eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**, and members and friends - **Judy, Audrey, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** who has not been at all well recently thankfully the swelling to her knee is a little better.
- Lord, we pray for both **Arline and Ernie** as they battle on.
- *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.** It was good to see her and **Jimmy** at our Coffee & Chat last Monday.*
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. She was not very well last week and on bed rest.
- 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 and all at **St Martin's Church** in France.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- Remember **John and Joy Eustice's** young grandson, **Harvey** who's operation is now planned for the 11th November (next Friday). Pray that Harvey's operation will be a success and that he will then be pain-free.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell and Edna.** We hope to see them at our Coffee and Chat a week on Monday.
- Please pray for **Bishop John McLean** who is in hospital.
- Remember **Ted** in your prayers. He is doing very well following his recent operation. Give thanks his nose bleeds are abating.
- Please pray for both **Robert and Barbara Wilson.** Thankfully Barbara is now out of hospital and getting stronger.
- Pray for **Daniel's** family and his future career. **Dot** has been unwell with her hand and has now seen a specialist and his dad, **David** has been poorly too.
- Please keep **Doris** and the family in your prayers.
- Pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will remain stabilised.
- Pray for **Sylvia** who is still poorly.
- Give thanks **Terry's** shoulder is a little bit better.
- Pray for **Frances** who, following a Mastectomy, is now having follow-up Chemotherapy at Cannock Hospital.
- Pray for **Mrs Ball** who is now sadly house bound.
- Pray for **Edward** as he gets Confirmed today.
- Please remember **Deanne** in your prayers as some members of her family are going through a rather rough time at present.
- Give thanks **Margaret** is improving following a fall recently.
- 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**.
- Remember to pray for the family of **Patricia Irene Meek** who was 71 years old. Her funeral took place at Bushbury Crematorium (West Chapel) last Thursday.
- Give thanks **Mark's** first week in his new job went well.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

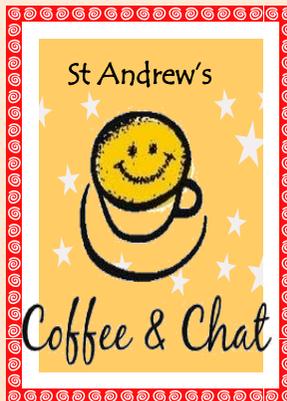
Next Sunday we will mark Remembrance Sunday in our usual way. Sadly Peter and the family cannot be with us in the morning, but will be with us at the 6om service. Our morning act of remembrance will be marked by watching the Remembrance Day service held at the Albert Hall. Poppies are available at the back of the church. Please be as generous as you can. Let us remember together.

KNOW YOUR CHURCH

This beautiful work of art of the Lord's Prayer was found by Bishop Paul hidden behind a cupboard in the old Vestry about 40 years ago. It originally had a similar fretwork frame all around the outside, but it got broken off. This now hangs proudly at the back of the church and was restored to its former glory by the hard work of Norman Holmes about 10 years ago. The red painted background really enhances the colour of the wood. As it happens we were given another one that now proudly hangs in the Vestry at St Jude's Church, Walsall.

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, Sue and the Bishop. Come and join us!



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!
Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Prayer is 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!

Thank God that though our thanks may look and feel very different, He shares in God's grace.

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