

**BY CANDLELIGHT
SUNDAY
11th DECEMBER
6pm**
Don't forget to ask Bishop Paul about a short reading

**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

Christmas Fayre £885 so far!



Many thanks for all your support in setting up, providing the goods, helping out on the day and clearing away.



Ann from the Chrysanthemum Society won the hamper. Well done! We were truly blessed!

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SUNDAY SERVICES
10am ~ Morning Service
11:30am ~ Family Praise
6pm ~ Evening Prayer
Holy Communion 1st am and 3rd pm Services



Happy birthday, Dean! Hope you had a great party!

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG
ADVENT SUNDAY
27th November - Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
am L-Colin, P-Mark; pm L-Paul, P-Mark
4th December - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18,19
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12
am Bishop; pm L-Colin, P-Bshop

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** with her poorly eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**, and members and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** who has not been at all 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. It was lovely to see **Martha Rose** yesterday at the Fyre.
- 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.
- Give thanks that young **Harvey**, the grandson of the **Revd John Eustice and Joy** is recovering well after his operation and hopes to be back at school this week. Pray for John following an investigation on his throat. They give thanks to God for the continuous prayers of the faithful **Prayer Warriors**.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Give thanks **Bishop John McLean** is a little stronger.
- Please pray for both **Robert and Barbara Wilson**.
- 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.
- Pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will remain stabilised.
- Pray for **Sylvia** who is still poorly.
- Pray for **Terry** whose shoulder remains rather painful.
- Pray for **Frances** as she had Chemo. at Cannock Hospital.
- Pray for **Mrs Ball** who is now sadly house bound.
- Please remember **Deanne** in your prayers. She is a little better but needs to take things easy.
- 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 **Cyril Price** (Steve Gibbons granddad) who was 91. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 29th November 10:15am in church. **Revd Mark's** first funeral!
- Please pray for **Mike Barlow**. He is generally a lot better but still rather unsteady on his legs. He is missed by us all.
- Remember **Audrey** as she is in hospital following a fall at home.
- Remember the family of **Colin Broomhall**, his funeral took place in church on Friday.
- Remember also the family of **Jean Charnock** who was 89 years old. Her funeral takes place at Bushbury Crem on Friday 2nd December at 10:30am.
- Pray for the Charity event for **Premature Babies** to be held in St Andrew's on Friday 16th December - 11am to 3pm (TBC)
- Remember the family of **Bishop Royal Grote** and all our Reformed Episcopal Church friends following his untimely death.



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.

The Bible Character Alphabet - X is for Xerxes

"But after Xerxes' anger had subsided, he began thinking about Vashti and what she had done and the decree he had made. So his personal attendants suggested, 'Let us search the empire to find beautiful young virgins for the king. Let the king appoint agents in each province to bring these beautiful young women into the royal harem at the fortress of Susa. Hegai, the king's eunuch in charge of the harem, will see that they are all given beauty treatments. After that, the young woman who most pleases the king will be made queen instead of Vashti.' This advice was very appealing to the king, so he put the plan into effect." Esther 2:1-4

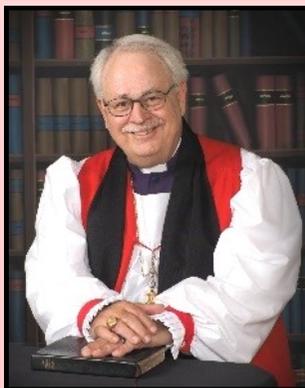
Xerxes is a Greek name and is the same as the name Ahasuerus traditionally used in English language Bibles. Now the Xerxes form of the name is used in newer translations and paraphrases. To cut straight to the chase, last week we saw how Xerxes' queen, Vashti, refused to be shown off before his drunken guests so they could gawp at her beauty. In his drunken anger Xerxes deposed her as queen and for all we know had her executed. But we can learn a great lesson from Xerxes because we can see today that he was probably regretting his hasty action until his aides suggested a mega beauty competition to find another queen, which cheered him up. The New Testament teaches that we should never let the sun go down on our anger, nor can our anger ever produce the righteousness of God. (Ephesians 4:26 & James 1:20)



KEYMASTER CAROLS

St Andrew's has been asked to provide a choir to sing Christmas Carols on the following dates:
 Tuesday 6th December 12:30pm AND
 Saturday 17th December - 5pm

They have offered to feed us on Monday 19th December at 6pm as a thank you. Please let Bishop Paul or Mark know if you can make the choir and the meal - they need numbers. Thank you.



In Memoriam

The Most Rev. Royal U. Grote, Jr.
 August 16, 1946 - Nov 24, 2016

It was with great sadness to that our most gracious Lord called the REC Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Royal Grote, Jr., to his eternal home in the early morning hours of Thursday. He peacefully departed this life in his sleep.

Please be in prayer for Bishop Grote's wife, Ellen, and the Grote family.



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 in Advent

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