

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Please come and support Edward Poole as he is Confirmed by Bishop Paul on Sunday 6th November at the 10am Service.

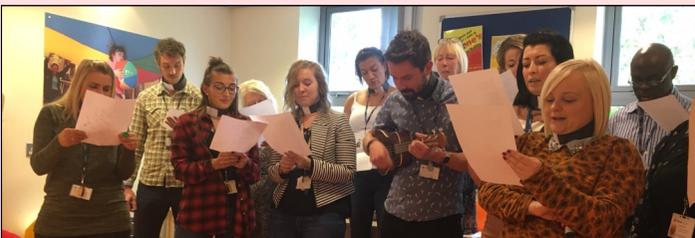
Parent & Toddler Group



OUR PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP CONTINUES TO MEET EVERY MONDAY DURING TERM TIME. LAST WEEK WE VISITED WALSHALL'S ARBORETUM TO FEED THE DUCKS. WE HAD A LOVELY TIME. BISHOP PAUL TRANSPORTED THEM IN OUR MINIBUS AND THEN ENJOYED THE DELIGHTS OF THE ARBORETUM CAFE. HAVE YOU BEEN THERE RECENTLY? IT IS ACTUALLY VERY NICE WITH A LARGE CLEAN CAFE SERVING LIGHT MEALS LIKE SOUP IN A FLOWER POT AND BURGERS AND CHEESY CHIPS. NICE!

FAREWELL VICAR MARK!

The staff at Mark's work gave him a surprise party on Wednesday as he prepared to say good bye to his team of workers. Mark has known some of his colleagues for over 20 years and he is moving to Wolverhampton Early Intervention Team and starts there the week after half-term. This was a very emotional time for Mark. On Friday the team sang the Lava song, complete with a ukulele player and all the staff wearing vicar



collars! Mark was presented with a box full of gifts and a mug that says 'Keep Calm I'm the Vicar!' His car was also targeted filled with balloons and covered with ribbons and other unmentionables! Mark will be missed by them all and I know his team will be missed by him! One of the comments on his card said, 'Mark, show them how it's done in Wolverhampton!'



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival services were held last week and what a lot of lovely produce we had to remember how the Lord blesses us week in week out with shops full of his goodness. Mark gave us a recipe for stone soup and we had a visit from the monkeys. We sang the traditional harvest songs and Colin read a lovely Pam Ayres poem entitled 'Puddings'. Our Harvest Auction on Monday raised a fantastic £265 and during the day Daniel visited many of our congregation who are unwell and couldn't get to church and presented them with a harvest gift. Thank you, Daniel, it was a good job well done! I know how rewarding it is to give a gift to someone who wasn't expecting it. I thank all those who contributed towards this year's harvest, for decorating the church, for attending the services and in helping to tidy up afterwards too.



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SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am and 3rd pm Services



Above... Pamela was overwhelmed that we are still thinking of her at church.



Below... Sylvia is in Wlnehala Court and is looking well following her broken ankle.



Above... Doreen and Jimmy soldier on. Doreen is still rather unsteady on her feet.

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Mary and Les are looking good. Do you remember them?

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Iris and Frances liked their gift. Frances continues her treatment.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

23rd October - Psalm 65 or 84:1-7; Joel 2:23-32 or Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22; 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14 am L-Colin, P-Bishop; pm L-Bishop, P-Colin (HC)
30th Oct - Psalm 119:137-144 or 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:10-18 or Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Thess 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10 am L-Mark, P-Daniel; pm SONGS OF PRAISE

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** in your prayers. She has had a few falls leaving her rather poorly and house bound at the moment.
- 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. Pray that Harvey's operation will be a success and then pain-free.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Lord we now finally put the **Booth** family into Your hands following the loss of **Irene and Ken**.
- Please pray for **Tom and Sarah** in Malawi.
- Remember **Ted** in your prayers. His long awaited operation a week last Friday went very well. Give thanks he is home but still having those troublesome nose bleeds.
- Please pray for both **Robert and Barbara Wilson**. Barbara is still in hospital with an infection. Pray she comes home soon.
- Pray for **Daniel's** in his future career.
- Please keep **Doris** and the family in your prayers.
- Pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will remain stabilised.
- Pray for **Sylvia** who is still rather poorly at present, but looked well last Monday when Dan took her a harvest gift.
- Give thanks **Terry's** shoulder is a little bit better.
- Pray for **Frances** who, following a Mastectomy is now having Chemotherapy at Cannock Hospital.
- Pray for **Mrs Ball** who is now sadly house bound.
- Pray for **Revd Mark** who travels to Emmanuel Church, Morecambe to preach at **Bishop John McLean's** Church today.
- Pray for **Edward** as he gets Confirmed in two weeks at 10am.
- Please remember **Deanne** in your prayers as some members of her family are going through a rather rough time at present.
- Pray for the **Southern Diocese Synod & Retreat** which starts tomorrow at High Leigh Conference Centre, near Enfield.
- Pray for **Margaret** following a fall recently and was badly shaken up. May she be feeling much better very soon.
- Pray for the **family of Noel Vaughan** (an old member of St Andrew's). The funeral took place on Thursday. He was 90.
- Give thanks for our **harvest** last Sunday. So much was taken and given away this year reminding others that they haven't been forgotten. Thank you, Lord for the true harvest of people coming to church to hear Your Good News.



MIA & NEVAEH
These children were both Baptised last Sunday amongst the harvest. We sang, 'Here I am to Worship' and 'Lord, I Lift Your Name on High'. I hadn't realised Nevaeh is the reverse spelling of 'Heaven', did you?

The Bible Character Alphabet - T is for Tabitha

"There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor. About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, 'Please come as soon as possible!' So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them. But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, 'Get up, Tabitha.' And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord." Acts 9:36-42

Today our 'T' tells us all we know about Tabitha. She was a lady like Persis in the church in Rome. A lady of whom people would say, "Tabitha has worked hard in the Lord." Perhaps the way she served the widows was behind her resurrection and the Lord was mindful of the valuable service she gave to them, which in His eyes was because as James 1:27 says, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you." Whatever the reason a major consequence of her return to earthly life was that, "...many believed in the Lord." and therefore entered into eternal life even as Tabitha had. It is the Tabithas of the Church that bring to life Jesus' words, "Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."



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!

Praise God that He is 'The living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe'.

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