

RUMOURS OF ANGELS

Last Sunday we had a feast of lovely music presented by twenty members of the church choir. Sadly we had Colin, Chris, Margaret and Doris missing due to illness. It was great to see the church so full of friends and family and visitors. There was approx 90 people present. Praise the Lord! The church....



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:30am

BRING A PRESENT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FOR BISHOP PAUL & NIGEL TO PLAY WITH! PLEASE LET BISHOP PAUL KNOW IF YOU NEED A LIFT.



... looked so pretty in candle-light. The Christmas story was enhanced by the programming of the church lighting by Matthew, who also controlled the sound and video projection. The star of the night has to be baby Archie during the song, 'What kind of greatness can this be, that those to be made small...' He never took his eyes off Bishop Paul. Our thanks go to Stacey and Dan for allowing Archie to be part of our Nativity. We hoped you enjoyed listening to it as much as we enjoyed singing it!

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

24th December - Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4,19-26
2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
am Colin; 6pm L-Bishop, P-Paul (short HC) 11:30pm HC
31st December - Psalm 148; Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
10am & 4pm CAFE CHURCH (No 6pm 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

OUR LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT 2017/18

Walsall's Winter Homeless Shelter



You may have seen an appeal in the Express and Star last night about the new homeless shelter in Walsall and its need for beds and other equipment.

So, this year our Less Means More Project will gather donations that can be used to assist those helping the local homeless. The shelter opened last November but is way and above over subscribed due to the snow and very cold weather. Councillor Diane Coughlin said, 'Thank God we have got this shelter'. However the accommodation can have more beds than the present 26 - up to 50, also many beds are broken and need replacing. So, what are we going to do to help? Please give your donations to Bishop Paul or Revds Mark or Colin and we will make sure it makes a difference. The homeless of Walsall urgently need our help. I could not put it better than the song, Beauty for Brokenness. It's hymn number 806 in the hymn book. Have a look! Verse 2 begins—Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills and the Chorus—God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain, come, change our love from a spark to a flame.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

MONDAY 25th December - 1pm

BISHOP PAUL WILL BE COOKING CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR CHURCH MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND ESPECIALLY FOR ANYONE WHO WILL BE ON THEIR OWN.

IF YOU WANT TO COME, PLEASE LET BISHOP PAUL KNOW ASAP.

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SUNDAY 31st
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CAFE CHURCH
AT BOTH THE
10am & 4pm
SERVICES

CAFE CHURCH

Following the success of our last Cafe Church the next one is scheduled for New Year's Eve at the 10am morning and 4pm afternoon services. This will also be our Songs of Praise and will include photographs for the review of the last year—2017. *It's been a busy year!*

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

Don't forget to let Bishop Paul know if you are coming to his Open House New Year's Eve Party at the Church House from 8pm. All are welcome. Just bring your own drinks. Bishop Paul will provide the food and fireworks to let the new year in.

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela**, her family **Chrissie and Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Edie Ball, Eileen, Deanne** and **June's** brother-in-law, **Frank**.
- Remember **Winnie** who has vertigo problems at the moment.
- Lord, we pray for **Arline and Ernie**. We do miss them in church.
- *Please pray for the worship team **Nigel**, and the **Revd Paul**, the **Revd Mark** and the **Revd Colin** and **Bishop Paul**.*
- Pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House who is very poorly.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**. Pray for **Revd Gerald** and **Rosemary** and **Revd Michael Blades**.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and **Sarah** and all at **St Martin's Church, France**.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for **Daniel's** Nan, **Dot** who is feeling rather unwell at the moment. Give thanks for **Daniel's** new job.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. It was great to see her in church recently but her latest treatment has left her rather weak.
- Please pray for all the churches around the Diocese this Christmas time. **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; **Emmanuel**, Tunbridge Wells and, of course, **St Andrew's**, Bentley.
- Pray for the new church plant in Tunbridge Wells. Remember the minister, the **Revd Peter Sanlon**. Pray also for the **Revd James Paice** and others that are being introducing to the FCE.
- Pray for **Lil Bradley**.
- Remember **Mike** in your prayers.
- Please pray for **Wesley**.
- Pray for **Doreen W**. Pray for **Jimmy** too.
- Pray for **Margaret** following a bad fall on the ice near home. Thankfully she was able to come to the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. She is still in a lot of pain.
- Give thanks **Jean Salt's** ulcerated leg is showing signs of healing. Pray this improvement will continue.
- Please pray for the family of **Sylvia Reynolds** who sadly passed away recently. Donations in memory of Sylvia have raised £400 towards Church funds. This will be given to the Less Means More project to help the homeless in Walsall.
- Give thanks that **Revd John Eustice** scan results have not shown anything other than a muscular problem.
- Thank you, Lord **Deanne** found the strength to help in the kitchen on Wednesday for the Christmas Lunch.
- Pray for **Janet** who has been rather up and down with her health of late.
- Please pray for **Peter, Lucy** and all the family as **Belle** has been so poorly in The Manor Hospital.
- Pray for **Dave, the husband of Alison**, friends in France of Bishop Paul. Dave has had major surgery but thankfully is a little better and been moved from intensive care to a general ward. Alison is thankful for our prayers. Please continue.
- Give thanks **Colin** (Bishop's brother) is a little better but still having occasional severe stomach pains.
- Give thanks **Dean**, who has been poorly after having the wrong medication is much better and now on the mend.
- Give thanks for a family who gave a **hamper** for the homeless which Bishop Paul delivered last Friday.

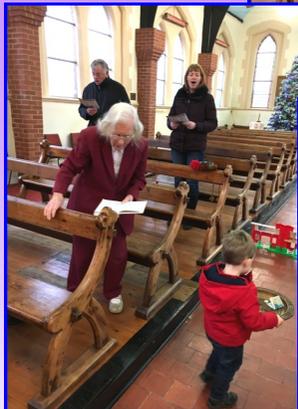


CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday was our Christmas Lunch. All reports say that it was a lovely meal and I must thank Deanne, Daniel and Marie for their hard work in setting and serving on tables. Just in case you missed it, we had melon or pate starter; turkey dinner with all the trimmings; toffee pavlova or Christmas pudding followed by cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee with mints, mince pies and a choice of wine. Yum!

ST JUDE'S

Carols & Lessons service was held last Sunday. Nearly everyone present read a lesson. The singing was as special as ever but missed Sharon.



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 prayers - daily!
Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, Put on the full armour of God...



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Happy 70th birthday to Chris for today!
Happy 80th birthday to Eva for yesterday!