

cafe CHURCH

**SUNDAY 31st
DECEMBER
IS OUR NEXT
CAFE CHURCH
AT BOTH THE
10am & 4pm
SERVICES**

CAFE CHURCH

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



CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT EMMANUEL CHURCH, SALTLEY



Last Sunday Bishop Paul visited Emmanuel Church in Birmingham for the confirmation of Linda Hickman. It was a lovely service and Linda has been attending the church for

about a year and was prepared for confirmation by the Revd Daniel Choe. It was also lovely to see Bishop Kenneth and Edna in the congregation. Please continue to pray for this church.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Seventeen of us sat down for Christmas Day lunch. Bishop Paul was Chef again for the day and by Boxing Day he had served more than 60

Christmas meals (and all the trimmings!) It was great to see the Revd Jabson and his lovely family with us to share in our meal. Perhaps next year you would like to join us for a meal on Christmas Day. It is free and you will be most welcome to share with us



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

It was lovely to see many at our 10:30am Christmas Day service. This delightful chap came with his mom and it was their first time in St Andrew's. They are neighbours of Leandra. His name is Portoscar. We all had fun opening presents together and singing our favourite Carols.

MYSTERY DONOR

Bishop Paul had a phone call from the Daily Mirror on Boxing Day asking for information about a good news story of a person pushing envelopes through the doors of the houses in Lyndon

Close containing £50 or £100 in each envelope with the words 'Jesus Loves You' written on. I told the reporter that the person giving the money obviously wanted to remain anonymous. Now, who do we know who lives there? What a surprise Christmas gift.

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

31st December - Psalm 148; Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

10am & 4pm CAFE CHURCH (No 6pm Service)

7th January - Psalm 29; Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
am Bishop; pm Bishop

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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.



**What a fantastic start
We have raised over £700
Thank you!**



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 and extra hours!
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. She has been in hospital with a chest infection and sadly will not be in church today.
- 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. 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.
- 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. Thankfully now home.
- Pray for **Dave, the husband of Alison**, friends in France of Bishop Paul. Dave has had major surgery to have part of his colon removed. Thankfully he is a little better and hoped to go home but further complications have prevented it.
- Give thanks **Colin** (Bishop's brother) is a lot better and on the mend. Thankfully Chris is better too.
- Pray for **Dean**. Thankfully her eye is much better but continues to be poorly with a severe water infection.
- Pray for the January **Clergy Conference**. Bishop Paul still needs to finalise the programme.
- Pray for all those with **coughs and colds** and especially for those who had to work through the Christmas period.
- Pray for **Garley** (Timothy's wife) as she has been suffering with severe migraines recently and has been so poorly with them.
- Pray for **Tom and Sarah Haig** in Malawi. They were so thankful for our gift to them this year.



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...



CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION BY CANDLELIGHT

Over fifty folk braved the late hour to see in Christmas Day with the celebration of Holy Communion. The church looked very atmospheric with all the candles lit. Nigel delivered a short Christmas message which was thought provoking asking us all to strip back all the glitter and tinsel of Christmas and to hold on to the truths of the Saviour, Jesus, born to us. Perhaps that's a message for us for 2018 too!



THE GRAND
 Last week I took Matthew and Emily to the Grand Theatre to see the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk in Wolverhampton. My thoughts are with the Grote family. I took Bishop Roy to one, he and Ellen had never seen anything like it.

Confirmation Class Starting Soon...
 These will start in the New Year. Please speak to Bishop Paul.

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THE WEEKLY NEWS

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Happy New Year!
 Sunday after
 Christmas Day

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