

CHRIST CHURCH, EXETER

Bishop Paul was thrilled to see friends at Christ Church, Exeter last Sunday. He was there to license Lazlo Flores as a Reader to the church and to assist the Revd John Eustice in worship. John



and created a new vestry. Bishop Paul was also delighted to see over 40 people in attendance. What a blessing! How lovely too, to see so many children. The



lovely Filipino food was a great hit with Bishop Paul. Please pray for Lazlo and his wife, Vina and all the congregation at Christ Church.



CELEBRATING AUDREY'S LIFE

Audrey Mary Page's funeral will take place at St Andrew's Church on Thursday 26th January at 1:30pm. The service at church will be followed by cremation at Streetly Crematorium. You are all welcome to come to the service.



IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF Mrs Barbara Wilson Beloved wife of the Revd Robert Wilson

The funeral arrangements are now available. This will be held on SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2017. Due to timing arrangements the burial will proceed the church service. Burial at: Putney Vale Cemetery at 11am, Stag Lane, Wimbledon, SW15 3DZ. The church service of thanksgiving for the life of Barbara will be held at: St Michael and All Angels at 12noon, Cobham Close, Battersea, SW11 6SP. Light refreshments will be served following the church service.

Bishop Paul will be taking the Minibus to the funeral and if you want to come along please speak to him to see if there's room. Please keep all the family, especially Robert in your prayers.

'LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT'



This year our Less Means More Christmas Project was in aid of a charity called Little Hearts Matter. Little Hearts Matter is the only charity in the UK dedicated to supporting and empowering anyone affected by

the diagnosis of a single ventricle heart condition – or half a working heart. Sadly people we know in church have been affected by this. We are pleased to support this charity and your gifts will be gratefully received. Mark tells me that donations have reached £250. Along with the £150 already donated through the Christmas Lunch collection in December means that £400 has been donated. Thank you for all your support.

Parent & Toddlers

OUR PARENT/GUARDIAN AND TODDLER GROUP RUNS EVERY MONDAY BETWEEN 1 & 2:30pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.



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FAMILY PRAISE LEADER

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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 Coffee and Chat
* 1pm to 2:30pm Parent and Toddler Group

5:30pm Weight Watchers

7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

* 9:30am Bentley West Ladies Group

Bishop in Denom. Office

3pm, 5pm, 7pm Slimming World

7pm Bible Study - Church House

Prayer Group

Luncheon Club

Friendship Club

7pm to 8:30pm Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)

11am Holy Communion

10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office

6pm Karate Class

7pm to 9pm STAND Class

7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

TUESDAYS

10am to 1pm Saturday Workshop

WEDNESDAYS

7:30am Prayer Group

12:30pm Luncheon Club

2pm Friendship Club

7pm to 8:30pm Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)

11am Holy Communion

THURSDAYS

10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office

6pm Karate Class

7pm to 9pm STAND Class

7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

FRIDAYS

SATURDAYS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

22nd January - Psalm 27:1,4-9; Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

am Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Colin
(Paul is in Willesborough and Bishop in Broadstairs)

29th January - Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
am L-Bishop, P-Paul; pm Bishop
(6pm SONGS OF PRAISE)

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** with her poorly eyesight, **Chrissie** and **Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** who has not been very well recently.
- 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** and **Jimmy**.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- 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.
- Continue to give thanks that young **Harvey** is very much better and that the **Revd John Eustice** has been given the all clear.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Please pray for the **Revd Robert Wilson** following the sad loss of Barbara last week. Lord, be with Robert in his moments of loneliness and help all his family at this time in their grief.
- Pray for **Daniel's** family. His Nan, **Dot** who after having the cast removed from her hand is making a good recovery. There are good signs about movement and sensitivity. Thank you, Lord.
- Please keep **Doris** and her Sciatica problems in your prayers. She has been in a lot of pain again. Pray it will be eased as we are all missing her at church.
- Pray **Revd Colin's** eyes will remain stabilised.
- Pray for **Sylvia** in the Winehala Court Home.
- Pray for **Terry** whose shoulder remains rather painful. He is scheduled to have a replacement shoulder in about three months time.
- Pray for **Frances** as she continues to have Chemotherapy.
- Pray for **Mrs Ball** who is now sadly house bound.
- Keep **Deanne** in your prayers. She has not been well recently.
- Pray for the family of **Baby Harley James Steel** who was sadly Stillborn on Tues 3rd January. Pray especially for mom, **Lorna**. Harley's funeral is in St Andrew's on Thursday 9th Feb - 10am.
- Thank you for the prayers for **Bishop Paul** in dealing with all the problems around the Diocese at present. Continue to pray!
- Please pray for **Russell Fenn** in Exmouth who has been rather poorly recently. Pray for the **Christ Church Leadership Team** as they pull together to maintain the services there.
- Pray for the family of **Margaret Ann Salter** who was 93. Her funeral took place at Bushbury last Wednesday.
- Remember the family of **Audrey Page**. Remember Audrey's daughters, Lisa, Sharon and all the family. Her funeral will be in St Andrew's on Thursday 26th January at 1:30pm.
- Pray for the family of **Norman Pickering** from Monmouth Road. His funeral takes place at Bushbury on 7th February.
- 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, Bentley.
- Pray for **Bishop John Fenwick** as he is away in New Zealand and Australia. Lord, keep him and **Lis** safe.



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.

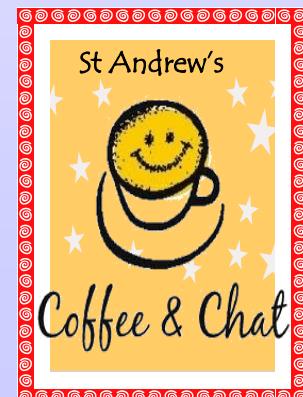
Saving Faith

'...What must I do to be saved?' Acts 16:30

After her first flight, someone asked an elderly lady what she thought of being on a plane. She said, 'It was okay, but I never did put my whole weight on it.' And we do the same when we refuse to place our trust on the finished work of Christ. Most major religions answer the question, 'What must I do to be saved?' by handing you a book of rules you must keep to get to heaven. A lot of us try and give up in discouragement. Instead of leading you away from God's grace, satan tries to make you earn it. When asked, 'What must I do to be saved?' Paul didn't say, 'Work harder, pray longer, give more, and be more moral.' No, he said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...' (v. 31).

Believing is the root of the tree we call salvation; behaving is the fruit that grows on it. We don't do good works to be saved - our good works are just an expression of love and gratitude to the One who already saved us. The Bible says, '...We should be holy and without blame...' (Ephesians 1:4). Without blame? That's an impossible standard! The only way that will happen is if God takes the righteousness of Christ and credits it to our account. And He does! 'God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Corinthians 5:21). The moment you place your trust in Christ, God sees you as 'righteous', and on that basis He accepts you 24/7. Aren't you glad? I know I am!

Four-year-old Robert opened the big bible which had been in his family for years. Absolutely fascinated, he flicked through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the bible. Robert picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old dry leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mum, look what I've found', the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think I've found Adam's underwear!'



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!

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After the Epiphany**

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