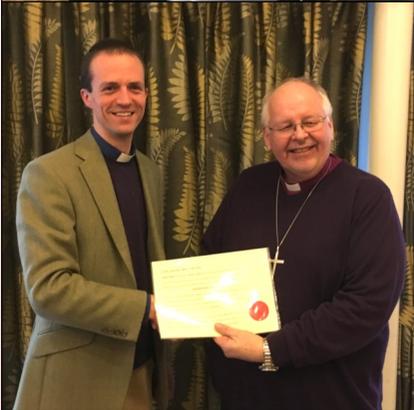




CLERGY CONFERENCE

Last week Revd Colin, Revd Paul, Janet and Dan enjoyed our time at High Leigh Conference Centre along with other visitors, Ministers, wives and baby Joseph at the Southern Diocese Clergy Conference. Our theme was 'The FCE - Planning for the Future'. We had some very good discussions about the present and future of our denomination. We also had the Senior Registration Officer from Hertfordshire, Nadia Wistow who enlightened us to the latest Wedding regulations. Bishop Paul was also delighted to present the Revd Peter Sanlon with a license to assist at churches within the Diocese. Revd Colin preached at the Monday Holy Communion.



Parent & Toddlers

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



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. The Minibus will leave St Andrew's at about 8:30am and go straight to the church. If you want to come along please speak to Bishop Paul or Revd Mark as soon as possible.

Bishop Paul met with Revd Robert on Friday in preparation for the funeral. Robert appreciates all the kindness shown to him, so please keep Robert in your prayers.

OYEZ! OYEZ! (Hear Ye!)

It was a joy to hear that the town crier for Lichfield, Ken Knowles and his wife Marilyn had such a good meeting with the Bentley West Ladies Group last Tuesday. He kindly sent a copy of the photos to Bishop Paul. He said, 'Marilyn and I had a superb morning enjoying the community... in your welcoming church!' Well done, Jane, another interesting meeting. They are so very blessed to have you as their 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
TUESDAYS	* 9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
<i>*Term-time only</i>	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
	7pm	Bible Study - Church House
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm to 8:30pm	Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)
THURSDAYS	11am	Holy Communion
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	6pm	Karate Class
	7pm to 9pm	STAND Class
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

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 WITH CHIP BUTTIES!)
5th February - Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:1-9a
1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
am L-Colin, P-Daniel; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark
(Bishop Paul at Christ Church, Willesborough)

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. Give thanks for the safe arrival of **baby Archie** born yesterday weighing in at 7lb 4oz. Mother and baby are doing well!
- Keep **Doris** and her health problems in your prayers. She still has a lot of pain. 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 in about two 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.
- Thank you for the prayers for **Bishop Paul**. Continue to pray!
- Please pray for **Russell Fenn** and **Christ Church, Exmouth**. He has been rather poorly recently.
- Give thanks for the life of **Audrey Page**. Her funeral took place in a packed St Andrew's on Thursday. **Lee** spoke very well!
- Pray for the family of **Norman Pickering** from Monmouth Road. His funeral takes place at Bushbury on 7th February.
- Pray for the family of **Robert Allen Phillips** aged 80. His funeral takes place at **St Jude's** tomorrow at 10:30am.
- 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.
- Pray for the family of **Ian Gordon Paddock** who was 53. His funeral takes place at Bushbury on Thursday 16th Feb - 10am
- Pray for the family of **Sylvia**. Her funeral takes place at Bushbury on Thursday 16th Feb - 2:30pm.
- 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.

HOPE

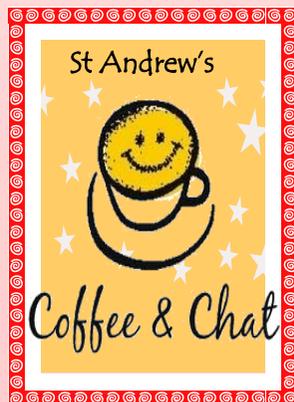
'Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope...'
Hebrews 10:23

Some of the people around you today are living without hope. Look at them; they smile, but their eyes are dead. They talk, but the music has left their voice. They're like mannequins: all dressed up and going nowhere because they feel hopeless. But as a follower of Christ, you don't have to live that way. 'Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.' Our hope isn't luck, like winning the lottery.

No, it's confidence that God will do what He said. No one knew the truth of this better than David. He had every reason to lose



hope. After Samuel anointed him to be Israel's next king, he had to wait for seven years while a paranoid ruler occupied the throne. He had to flee for his life and hide in caves, surrounded by enemies. He saw Israel devastated, his friends killed and his family taken captive. But he never wavered or threw in the towel. Faced with circumstances that would wipe many of us out, the Psalmist said, '...My hope is in You' (Psalms 39:7). '...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning' (Psalms 30:5). In other words, 'It's going to get better!' You can't lose with an attitude like that. David became king because he never lost confidence in the promises of God. They kept him focused; they kept him on top of the circumstances; they kept him going! What has God promised you? Stand on His Word and declare, 'If God promised it, I believe it, and that settles it!'



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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