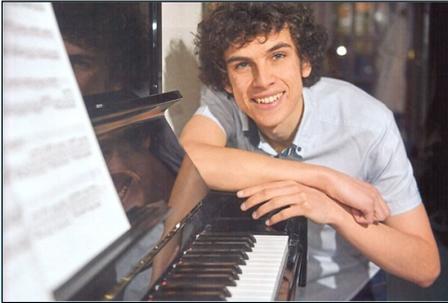


# SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY 15th JULY**  
**12 noon**  
**WE NEED HELP WITH:**  
 gifts, grocery, bottles, toys,  
 bric-a-brac, raffle items,  
 make some cakes, etc.

## A Charity Concert with Phil James and Friends



at St. Andrew's Church, Bentley  
**Saturday 22 July 2017**  
 at 7:30pm

Tickets available from  
**Mike Barlow**  
 £7.00 (including light refreshments)

Join Phil and friends for a range of musical items  
 All proceeds to  
**Little Hearts Matter**  
 Visit: [www.philjamesmusician.co.uk](http://www.philjamesmusician.co.uk)



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
 Last weekend Bishop Paul joined with the congregation of Christ Church in Exmouth for their morning Service. There was a time of worship plus a liturgical Holy Communion Service and Bishop Paul preached. It was great to see the church was in good

heart and although many were away due to other commitments there were a good number of adults and children present who had their own teaching during the sermon. Please join Bishop Paul in praying for this church regularly.



**OFFICER SPIERS**  
 Last Monday, Mark, had his delayed stint with Wolverhampton Police Force in Low Hill. He looked the part in his stab proof vest and radio. It was a long shift from 2pm to 11pm but he enjoyed it so much he has asked if they will take him out again, soon: this, they are happy to do.



**BARNEY'S MUCH BETTER!**  
 Thank you for the many messages asking about Barney's health following an operation for an abscess. As you can see he is much better and up to his old tricks. He has to be checked every few weeks just to make sure that it does not return.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

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**Mr Nigel Dutton**

### 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  
 6pm Weight Watchers  
 7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

**TUESDAYS** \* 9:30am Bentley West Ladies Group  
 \*Term-time only 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office  
 3pm, 5pm, 7pm Slimming World  
 7pm Bible Study - St Jude's

**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  
 7pm to 9pm StAND Class (as announced)  
 7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

**FRIDAYS** 7:30pm Saturday Workshop  
**SATURDAYS** 10:30am to 1pm  
**SUNDAY SERVICES** SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

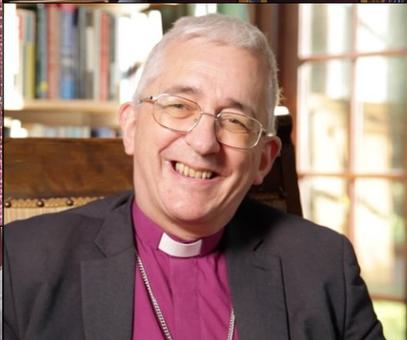
### SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

9th July - Psalm 45:10-17 or 145:8-14; Zechariah 9:9-12 or Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
 am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark

16th July - Psalm 119:105-112 or 65:9-13; Isaiah 55:10-13 Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
 am L-Colin, P-Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop (HC)

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** with her poorly eyesight, **Chrissie** and **Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Doreen, Frances, Sylvia, Edie Ball, Deanne** and all of **June's** family.
- Remember **Winnie** and husband, **Ray**.
- Lord, we pray for **Arline** and **Ernie** as they battle on. Both have been rather poorly. Help them to cope, Lord.
- Please pray for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revd Paul, the Revd Mark and the Revd Colin** and **Bishop Paul**.
- Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, who remains poorly. **Baby Martha Rose** had a big heart operation last week. Everything has gone extremely well. Thank you, Lord. Pray for a full recovery.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall.
- 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** in France, especially remembering **Eliane** and her husband **Dudley**
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Give thanks **Daniel's** Nan, **Dot** is much better.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. Give thanks she was feeling well when Bishop Paul spoke to her recently.
- Give thanks that **Revd Colin's** cataract operation went well.
- 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 **John Haynes** who was scheduled to come out of hospital yesterday. Sadly he was too weak and poorly. Remember **Doreen** too as she has been poorly with her foot.
- Please pray for **Revd Peter Sanlon** in Tunbridge Wells, the **Partnership Synod** and **James Paice** in Wimbledon and the many friends they are introducing to the FCE!
- Give thanks **Eileen Wassall** has now had her cast off and her elbow is doing well. It was good to see her in church.
- Please remember **Thelma Ward** in your prayers following the sad news that her husband, **Brian** passed away rather suddenly while they were in Bournemouth for a wedding recently. His funeral takes place in church on Tuesday 18th July at 12:30pm.
- Pray for the family of **Brian Ernest Phillips** who was 76 years old. His funeral was held in St Jude's Church, last Tuesday.
- Pray for the family of **Pat Jones** who was 81. Bishop Paul took the funeral at Sandwell Valley Crem last Wednesday.
- Pray for **Lil Bradley** as she moved to Holly Bank House in Short Heath last Monday for respite care. However she then returned home last Thursday and doing well.
- Pray for the family of **Bernard Connolly** who was 80 years old. His funeral takes place in church on Friday 21st July at 2pm.
- Pray for the **Revd Steven Hanna** and family as they travel to be with us at St Andrew's today.
- Give thanks **Mark** was kept safe with the Police last week.



## JOSEPH LECKIE LECTURE

As advertised in church recently Bishop Paul attended Walsall URC on Broadway for the Churches Together bi-annual Joseph Leckie Lecture. This was given by Bishop

Michael Ipgrave (Bishop of Lichfield). His talk centred on his early career in Japan recounting the emotional journey his father took in returning to Japan after suffering at the hands of Tai-Burma railway builders as a POW under Japanese masters during World War II. If you have ever seen the film *The Railway Man*, there are very many similarities. Bishop Michael served as a Parish Priest in Japan for 2 years and explained how he discovered a 250 year period where Christianity was very much an underground movement. During this time, people living in Nagasaki and elsewhere were required at an annual ceremony to trample on a Christian holy image, often of Christ, or Mary (see picture above) to demonstrate that they were not a Christian. These ceremonies were a source of ongoing anguish for the Christians in hiding, who remained haunted by what they had done. In one community they would even return home and burn their sandals (which they hadn't been allowed to remove), mixing the ashes with water and drinking them while begging God for forgiveness. How lightly do you take the gift of having freedom to worship? What would you have done if confronted with either Martyrdom or keeping your faith alive, yet hidden from those who would want to bring you harm? The story of Christianity in Japan is an amazing story and I am thankful to Bishop Michael for bringing it alive with stories of his own experience there. Next time perhaps you will like to come to listen to these lectures - it was an amazing evening.

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*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.*