



Songs of Praise

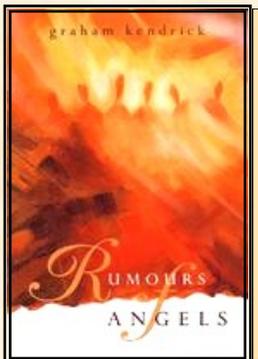
**NEXT SUNDAY
29TH OCTOBER ~ 6PM
FOLLOWED BY CHIP BUTTIES
THIS WILL BE LED BY DANIEL & MATTHEW**



MARIÁH-ARMELLE'S DAY
Yesterday was 6 month old baby Mariáh-Armelle Angela Gray's big day for her Baptism. She is pictured here with her mom and dad, Gabrielle and Dwain. The family is also related to Bishop Paul. Mariáh-Armelle's mom's great uncle is Bishop Paul's cousin. I know, you work it out. Is that his first cousin three times removed or his third cousin? The church was filled with family and friends. Bishop Paul thanks Matthew for his help with the Music of Amazing Grace and This Little Light of Mine. What a lovely day.



Two completely unrelated photos of the Church bell and Barney who was so comfortable, in a deep sleep and dreaming.



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED for our Christmas Musical: RUMOURS OF ANGELS

BY GRAHAM KENDRICK
OUR REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY WAS FANTASTIC. WE NEXT MEET A WEEK ON THURSDAY AT 7pm
EVERYONE WELCOME



MEMORIAL SERVICES
Last Sunday we held our annual Our Loved Ones Memorial Services. Although numbers were down on last year, there were too many people to be accommodated comfortably in one service. I must thank all those who made this service possible - to Daniel and Matthew for sending out the invitations and coordinating the replies; to Mark for his invaluable assistance during the service; to Colin for his



lovely solo; to Revd Colin for the poems; the tea and coffee makers; and for the fantastic £895 collection. Thank you, Lord!



Parents & Toddler Group
THE GROUP MISSES ONE WEEK DURING HALF-TERM But back a week on Monday.
1pm to 2:30pm
(Voluntary subscription £1)

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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
	6pm	Weight Watchers
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
TUESDAYS	* 9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
* term-time only	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
	7pm	Bible Study at 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)
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10:30am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop
SUNDAY SERVICES		SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

22nd October - Psalm 99; Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
am Bishop; pm L-Colin, P-Mark (HC)

29th October - Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm SONGS OF PRAISE - Dan & Matt
(PM BISHOP & REVD MARK IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS)

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** after a spell in hospital after a fall, but now thankfully home, her family **Chrissie** and **Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Doreen, Frances, Sylvia, Edith Ball, Deanne** and **June's** brother in law, **Frank**.
- Remember **Winnie** and husband, **Ray**.
- Lord, we pray for **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**.
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Lil's daughter, **Jenny** has had a spell in hospital with a slight stroke. Thankfully she is now home.
- 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**. Remember **Eliane** and husband, **Dudley**. Pray especially for Robert as he has **Christ Church, Broadstairs**.
- 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** is feeling rather unwell at present. Give thanks that **Dan** begins his new job shortly following his induction yesterday and a training day next Saturday.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. God willing she will be is planning to be in church tonight.
- 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.
- Please pray for **Revd Peter Sanlon** and the new church plant opening in Tunbridge Wells next Sunday. Pray for the **Revd James Paice** and others that are being introducing to the FCE.
- Pray for **Eileen Wassall** who sadly had another fall.
- Pray for **Lil Bradley**. Her mobility is causing many a concern.
- Remember **Mike** in your prayers.
- Please pray for **Wesley** who is progressing well.
- Pray for the family of **Diane Smith**, who was 70yrs old. Her funeral took place at Bushbury on Monday.
- Pray for **Doreen W** who is now home following a spell in the Manor Hospital following a stroke. Please pray for her recovery and for **Jimmy**.
- Sadly **Keith McGann** (Wingate Road) passed away last Tuesday. His funeral took place last Thursday in church. Keith was 66 years old. It was good to see some neighbours in church.
- Give thanks for the new and regular **visitors** that came to St Andrew's last Sunday for our annual Memorial Services.
- Pray for **Jean Salt** who is house bound at the moment due to having an ulcerated leg. Pray it will heal soon.
- Pray for **Synod** and the **Southern Diocese Retreat** at High Leigh Conference Centre this coming week and for travelling mercies in the church minibus.
- Pray for the family of **Frank Gilbert Britton** who was 80 years old. His funeral takes place in church on Thursday 9th November at 10am.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BISHOP PAUL

It was Bishop Paul's 65th birthday last weekend and thoughts of retirement were very much in his mind. Chance would be a fine thing, you might say - yet dealing with a busy church and an ever demanding Diocese and Denomination would make shedding some of the load, very attractive, says Bishop Paul.

Has your love grown cold?

You don't love me...as you did at first! - Revelation 2:4

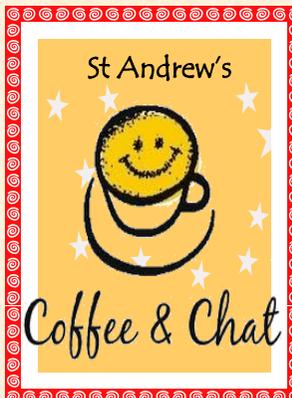
Love is like a fire; when it's not fuelled, it goes out. That's what happened to the Christians in the church at Ephesus. In earlier years Paul wrote these words to them: 'Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love' (Ephesians 6:24). Their love for the Lord was so strong and so evident to all, that Paul commended them for it. But by the time Christ speaks to the same church in the book of Revelation, their love for Him had waned: 'I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me' (vv. 2-5). Evangelical leader John Stott wrote: 'They'd fallen from the early heights of devotion to Christ which they'd climbed. They'd descended to the plains of mediocrity. In a word...the hearts of the Ephesian Christians had chilled. Their first flush of ecstasy had passed. Their early devotion to Christ had cooled. They'd been in love with Him, but...had fallen out of love.' You can go to church, read your Bible, and pray every day, yet not love God as you should. Loving God is a commitment and a heart attitude that results in obedience. It's a focus: a daily decision to honour Him in all you say and do. So, has your love grown cold?

COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & Chat will be **CLOSED** for business tomorrow as many of us are leaving early for the Retreat. We are back to normal on Monday 30th October.

Come then 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. Come and join us!



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.



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