



BAPTISM

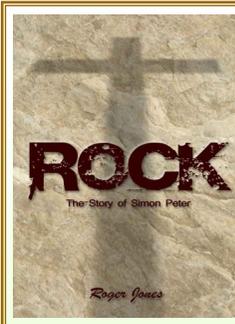
Last week's Baptism eventually got started some 25 minutes late. There was a church full of family and friends to witness the baptism of Taiyon Daniel Randall-Akpan. Getting people seated was difficult and sadly some still had to stand. This baptism was rescheduled from when we had a very heavy snow fall on 4th March. Many family members had travelled from London. It was a real blessing. Well done, Mark!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE ROCK MUSICAL WILL BE PERFORMED:

**Sunday 20th May at 6pm, at St Andrew's and
Sunday 24th June in the Bandstand, Willenhall Park**



**AFTER A 4 YEAR WAIT
WE ARE STARTING REHEARSALS FOR**

'ROCK'

The Story of Simon Peter

This fantastic musical is full of beautiful music.

**Next Rehearsal will be on
THURSDAY 19th APRIL AT 7pm
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US**



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Last Friday Bishop Paul took Matthew and Emily to have a look at Lichfield Cathedral. It looked impressive with its unique three spires. In fact it is the only medieval English cathedral with three spires. There was a funeral in progress when we arrived and so we waited in the nearby Cathedral Cafe. The Cathedral had many volunteers working in the building and the impressive new lights were all lit and were in keeping



with the style of the building which was completed in 1340, taking about one hundred and fifty years to build. The first cathedral on the same site was consecrated on Christmas Day in the year 700 to house the bones of Saint Chad. The present day Gothic Cathedral was once the seat of an Archbishop under the rule of Offa, King of Mercia and Pope Adrian. This only lasted 16 years and then restored back to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & Chat TLC will be OPEN tomorrow as normal. Come and join us for a chat and a specialised coffee or the best Bishop's Brew in Bentley! Toast is always available with jam or marmalade or just butter. You will be made very welcome. Why not bring a friend? The church is always open for you to pray for family members, friends or the world around us.

St Andrew's
Open for a little:
TEA
LAUGHTER
CHAT

Confirmation Class

OUR NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN VERY SOON.

Please speak to Bishop Paul if you wish to be included in the new class.



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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 * 1pm to 2:30pm 6pm 7:30pm	Coffee and Chat Parent and Toddler Group Weight Watchers Willenhall Operatic
TUESDAYS	* 9:30am 10am to 1pm * term-time only 3pm, 5pm, 7pm 7pm	Bentley West Ladies Group Bishop in Denom. Office Stimming World Bible Study at St Jude's Prayer Group
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am 12:30pm 2pm 7pm to 8:30pm	Luncheon Club Friendship Club Youth Club (5 to 11yrs) Holy Communion
THURSDAYS	11am 10am to 1pm 1pm to 2pm 6:30pm to 8pm 7:30pm	Bishop in Denom. Office Keep Dancing Confirmation Class Willenhall Operatic
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Saturday Workshop
SATURDAYS	10:30am to 1pm	
SUNDAY SERVICES		SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

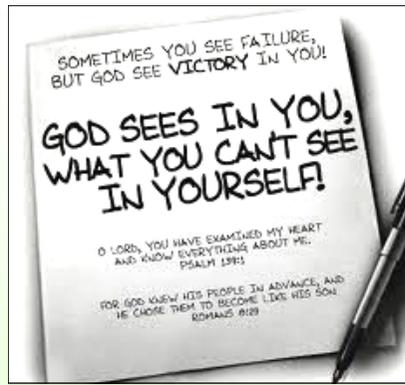
15th April - Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
am L-Daniel, P-Paul; pm L-Mark, P-Colin
(Bishop am St Jude's, pm travelling to Broadstairs)
22nd April - Psalm 23; Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
am L-Bishop, P-Colin; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela**, her family **Chrissie and Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Edie Ball, Eileen** and **June's** brother-in-law, **Frank**.
- 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 frail.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert and Sarah** in France. Give thanks for the successful Easter at Christ Church and his son's wedding.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- Pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for **Dot**. She has not been well recently.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. Lord, help her get stronger.
- 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; Emmanuel, Tunbridge Wells** and, of course, **St Andrew's, Bentley**.
- Pray for the **Revd Peter Sanlon**. Pray also for the **Revd James Paice** and others that are being introducing to the FCE.
- Give thanks **Margaret** is recovering well from her wrist operation and is able to help at Luncheon Club and do the flowers.
- Pray for **Mary** from Churchill Road who had an intruder in her house last weekend who stole money but has left her shaken.
- Give thanks **Jean Salt's** ulcerated leg is a lot better.
- Pray for **Janet** who has good days and bad days, and **David** too.
- Please pray for **Belle, Peter and Lucy** and all the family.
- Give thanks **Dave**, is improving. Pray for **Alison's mom, Audrey**, who moved into Wulfrun Rose in Wolverhampton.
- Give thanks **Wesley** is improving well. It's down to prayer.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** as he develops the new work in **Croydon** and assists with the **Tamil Church in Harlesden**.
- It was good to see **Jeanie Weanie** back with us last Sunday again and to hear she is settling down well in Winehala Court.
- Pray for **Revd Colin and his team of helpers** as he takes Holy Communion to members too frail to attend church.
- Give thanks **Deanne** is a little better with the pain in her neck and shoulders.
- Pray for **Eileen Wassall** in Willenhall following a fall at home and hurting her face and arm. Thank you, Lord, that is could have been much worse. Pray for the family as they try and sort out some better and safer accommodation for her.
- Dear Lord, there is so much around the **Diocese and Denomination** to give thanks for and at the same time, so much we need Your help with. In our own strength, we cannot succeed, but with You, then we have nothing to fear nor be afraid of.
- Please pray for a successful outcome for a planned London fund-raising event in aid of supporting the ministry of **Bishop Josep**. The event takes place in early June. Pray hearts will be moved. Give thanks for the promise of a £5,000 donation.
- Pray for the families of the following loved ones called home: **Wendy Elizabeth Halldron** aged 69 years. Her funeral takes place on Thursday 19th April at Bushbury Crem at 10am. Pray for her husband, **Peter** and their daughter, **Emma**. **James Edward Mottram** aged 92. His funeral takes place on Friday 27th April, 10:30am at Bushbury Crematorium.



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!
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
(James 5:16)

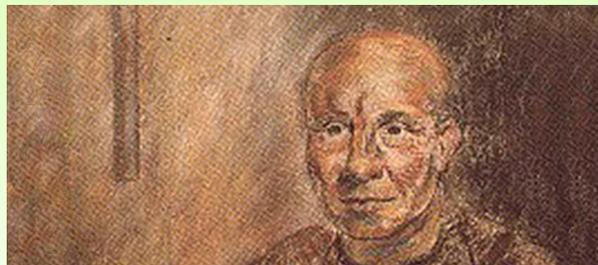


resources. Again, our Easter Gift Day was no exception, raising £760 towards the support of needy families and individuals. Thank you for your generous support. So what can you do for God over the next for months and years. Ask Him to show you and then let us help you achieve those goals. Remember God knows you!

'Let others see God in you!

'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'
 Zechariah 8:23

The prophet Zechariah writes, 'Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord...saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you"' (vv. 22-23). When people see God at work in your life, they'll be drawn to you. It happened to a short-order cook named Nicholas Herman. Dissatisfied with his life, he worried constantly about whether or not he was even saved. Then one day as he studied a tree, he was struck by the truth in Psalm 1:3: that the secret to growing spiritually lies in being rooted and grounded in God. So he decided to make his life an experiment in what he termed 'the habitual, silent, secret conversation of the soul with God'. Today he's better known as Brother Lawrence, the name his friends gave him. Chances are, you've heard of him and his writings.



Although he spent his life in obscurity working in a monastery kitchen, how he interacted with God caused people from around the world to long to know God like he did. His friends said he 'found God everywhere...as much while repairing shoes as...praying with the community'. And after he died they compiled a book of his letters and conversations called *The Practice of the Presence of God*. It's one of the most widely read books of the last four centuries. Jesus said, 'If I am lifted up...will draw all peoples to Myself' (John 12:32). The more you cultivate the presence of God in your life, the more others will be attracted to Him. So, let others see God in you!

WHAT GIFT HAVE YOU?

So often Bishop Paul is told that a person cannot believe that God could have anything for that person to do. Yet, notice who it is that God seeks to do his work. He chose Moses who even asked God if there was anyone else he could choose to go and speak to Pharaoh. St Andrew's over the years has been supported by the faithful few who know how important it is to support the work of their church and sacrificially give of their

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Second Sunday
 after Easter

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