



st andrew's
church bentley

Gardeners' Service

Sunday 12th August
6pm

"They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit."
Amos 9:14

GARDENERS' SERVICE
Next Sunday we will be celebrating the enormous amount of work that our gardeners have applied to the church gardens over recent years. I am sure you will agree that despite the desperate lack of rain they are looking splendid. It has all been done to the glory of God. It's our chance to say a big thank you to all those involved.

CAFÉ CHURCH
Last Sunday was our third Café Church. However because it has been so unbearably hot in the church, we decided to hold it in the Church Hall



and it was really well received. We had worship, prayers, teaching and fun with lots of tea and coffee too. Everyone, has said what a great time we



NEW PRAYER BOARD
Please note our Prayer Board has moved. It is much more accessible than above the piano. Please take a look - there's cards there too for you to write a short prayer. They are



used during our Thursday Holy Communion service and during the week. Please keep your prayer updated.

BISHOP'S NEW GLASSES?
He wished his glasses were as cheap as this pair - they came free with Emily's Happy meal. His eye is a little better but the sight from his right eye now has double vision making reading difficult. Pray he manages with the liturgy for the Confirmation service tonight for Amber, Zoe and her mom, Liz.

had together and what a wonderful atmosphere in the hall. It actually worked much better and we didn't have to maul with a hundred heavy chairs. We even



managed to get a game of Bible Pictionary. Guessing the Bible Story was quite competitive and even after a few strokes of a marker on the flip chart paper, then the answers were coming tick and fast. Bishop Paul also did a teaching session on 'What is a

Christian?' All our services were immersed in the Café Church. Our next one will be the last Sunday in September. Thank you to all those involved, but especially to those who attended.

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I Am Nothing

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



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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
	7pm	Slimming World
WEDNESDAYS	7:30am	Bible Study at St Jude's
	12:30pm	Prayer Group
	2pm	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
	1pm to 2pm	Keep Dancing
FRIDAYS	10am to 11am	Weight Watchers (NEW!)
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10:30am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop
SUNDAY SERVICES		SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

5th August	- Psalm 51:1-12; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
	am L-Colin, P-Bishop (HC); pm L-Mark, P-Colin (6pm Confirmation Service with HC)
12th August	- Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 or 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
	am L-Paul, P-Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Paul

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie and Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Mrs Ball, Belle (who is now a little better), Peter, Lucy, Auntie Iris, June and Frank (give thanks he now has his driving license back)**.
- We pray for **Arline and Ernie**. Lord, we thank you for their commitment to St Andrew's and their generosity over so many years. Keep them strong in spirit.
- *Pray for our leaders* **Revds Paul, Mark, Colin, Bp Paul & Nigel**.
- Pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House who remains very frail.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert** and **Sarah** now returned to France.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS and for **June & Reg Foster** who have been so poorly recently.
- Pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for **Dot**. She has not been well recently.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. Thank you Lord, she's 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, St Peter's, Croydon and, of course, St Andrew's, Bentley.**
- Pray for the **Revd Peter Sanlon**. Pray also for the **Revd James Paice** and the trials they are facing for the Gospel and the FCE.
- Give thanks **Eva's** knee operation went well. It's great to see her back in church and doing some light gardening.
- Give thanks **Janet & David** are better following a bit of a scare recently in Janet's health.
- Pray for **Alison's mom, Audrey**, and especially **Dave** who is Limoges hospital at the moment following a reversal of a ileo-stomy. God-willing he will be home soon.
- Pray that the Lord will keep **Wesley** safe.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** as he develops a new FCE work in **Croydon**.
- Pray for **Revd Colin and his helpers**, Deanne and Mike, as he takes Holy Communion to those too frail to attend church.
- We continue to hold **Deanne** to you, Lord.
- Give thanks for the successful London fund-raising event in aid of supporting the ministry of Bishop **Josep**. Give thanks that many hearts have been moved and pray that more churches and individuals will support his planned move to England.
- Remember **Maureen**, Barry's sister-in-law following a heart attack. Thankfully she is back home now, but needs to rest.
- Keep **Doreen W** and **Jimmy** in your prayers.
- Give thanks for the **rain** that has fallen. Lord, may there be sufficient rain for the farmers and their animals.
- Pray for **St Jude's**, that the difficulties in accommodating the other church group will be resolved.
- Pray for all our children while they are on holiday from school. Pray they will be kept safe & sound & protected by His hands.
- Pray for the families of:
 - Barbara June Fraser** who was 85. Her funeral took place in St Andrew's Church recently.
 - Nedeljka (Nina) Higgs** who was 69. Nina and the family used to attend St Andrew's. Bishop Paul is now taking the funeral in St Andrew's Church on Friday at 12noon.

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)



THE THREE SPIERS!

I am sure you will know that the Three Spiers floor plaque relates to the three spires of Lichfield Cathedral in the centre of that town. I couldn't resist a photo of our three Spiers. Behind them is Mr Simms Olde Sweet Shoppe! They had a fantastic assortment of sweets from the past, like Pineapple Rock and Almond filled Nugget. They are (were) delicious!

Put God first in all things

'Seek first the kingdom of God.'
 Matthew 6:33

Until the sixteenth century, scientists believed the earth was the centre of the universe and the sun revolved around it. Then an astronomer called Copernicus came along and argued that the sun didn't revolve around the earth, the earth revolved around the sun. In so doing, he revolutionised the scientific world forever. And when it comes to discipleship, Jesus did the same thing: 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.' At its core, sinfulness is selfishness. It's enthroning yourself – your desires, your needs, your plans – above all else. You may still seek God, but you don't seek Him 'first'. Instead of trying to fulfil His purposes, you

try to get Him to fulfil yours. Who's following who? Instead of following Jesus, you're trying to get Him to follow you. It doesn't work that way. 'Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it"' (Matthew 16:24-25). Note the words 'loses his life for My sake'. There's a lot of talk today about 'finding yourself'. The way to find yourself – is to seek God. D. L. Moody said, 'The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man or woman who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.' If you're willing to surrender yourself to God, there's no telling what He will do with you.



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