

st andrews
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
Tonight 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.



THREE CONFIRMATIONS

What a joy to confirm three Confirmands last Sunday at St Andrew's. The three - Amber, Zoe and her mom Liz had completed the seven confirmation classes last week and so, in the blazing heat and sunshine they were all confirmed. They all picked their favourite hymns to be included in the service and the Revd Mark presented them and led the service, which included Holy Communion, and the Revd Colin preached. We sang 'O Happy Day', 'Thank You, Lord', 'Broken for Me, Broken for You' and 'O Lord, My God - How Great Thou Art'. Bishop Paul missed a verse out on two of them. He put it down to the heat! Please continue to pray for them. The service concluded with refreshments including a lot of cake. Have you ever considered being Confirmed? The classes are easy going and all who come through them will tell you that it could be the best thing you have ever done in your life. Interested? Speak to Bishop Paul. There is no upper age barrier!

WAYSIDE PULPIT

COME IN AND HAVE ALL YOUR ANSWERS QUESTIONED!

COME TO CHURCH AND GET A FAITH LIFT

**Can't Sleep?
Don't Count Sheep
Talk to the Shepherd!**

**WHO EVER STOLE
OUR MOWER
GOD WILL GET YOU**



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.

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Open for a little:
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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
*** 9:30am** Bentley West Ladies Group

TUESDAYS

*** term-time only** **10am to 1pm** Bishop in Denom. Office
3pm, 5pm, 7pm Slimming World

WEDNESDAYS

7:30am Bible Study at St Jude's
12:30pm Prayer Group
2pm Luncheon Club

THURSDAYS

7pm to 8:30pm Friendship Club
11am Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)

FRIDAYS

10am to 1pm Holy Communion
1pm to 2pm Bishop in Denom. Office
Keep Dancing

SATURDAYS

10am to 11am Keep Dancing

7:30pm Weight Watchers (NEW!)
Willenhall Operatic

SUNDAY SERVICES **SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS**

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

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

19th August - Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14 or Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm L-Colin, P-Bishop
(am Bishop at St Jude's Church, Walsall)

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.
- We pray for Arline and Ernie. Lord, we thank you for their commitment to St Andrew's and their generosity over so many years. Lord, keep them strong.
- 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.
- Pray for Janet following a brief spell in hospital. Thankfully she is now home but will see the specialist in a few weeks time.
- Pray for Alison's mom, Audrey, and husband Dave who was in Limoges hospital but is now home and on the road to recovery.
- 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 Eva and Deanne to you, Lord.
- 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.
- Please pray for Gerald and our twinned church in Shoreham as we discuss the future ministry there.
- Give thanks for the rain that has fallen. Lord, may there be sufficient rain for the farmers and their animals.
- Please pray for the Revd Robert Wilson who suffered a bad angina attack last weekend. Thankfully he is home and needs to rest.
- Give thanks that St Jude's, now has some additional security with the Potter's House Church moving in to share the building and running costs.
- Give thanks for the many adult and infant baptisms.
- Pray for all our children while they are on holiday from school. Pray they will be kept safe & sound & protected.
- Pray for the families of:
Nedeljka (Nina) Higgs who was 69. Nina and the family used to attend St Andrew's in the 1980s. Bishop Paul took the funeral last Friday in St Andrew's Church. Remember Pete, her husband and two girls, Gina and Nikki and sister Nadia. Kenneth John Morris who died suddenly while on holiday. Mark takes this funeral at Streetly on 29th August - 1:30pm.

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)



DID YOU KNOW? (Lesley Secker will love this story!)

A stray cat that wandered into a London cathedral a decade ago has been immortalised in the building's stone renovations, the first addition in 200 years.

'Doorkins Magnificat' – affectionately named after the door she entered in Southwark Cathedral and the Song of Mary, with a nod to the famed atheist campaigner Richard Dawkins –

has had her face carved in stone as a corbel. (A corbel is a structural piece of stone jutting out from the wall.) The decision to choose Doorkins for the carving was made by students, who also chose local heroes, suffragette Evelyn Sharp and police officer Wayne Marques, who fought off the three

London Bridge attackers last year. 'I hope when people see the corbel of the cat they'll say why on earth is a cat here,' Reverend Andrew Nunn said. 'And that somebody will be around to tell the story of a little lonely stray cat who wondered into a church and found herself at home and maybe they'll wander in and find themselves at home as well.' The corbel was designed and carved by Miriam Johnson who is a student at the City & Guilds London Art School. Doorkins also stars in a book written by congregation members Lisa Gutwein and Rowan Ambrose. She has her own Twitter account, @DoorkinsM, and line of merchandise. Ahhh.....

Half-truths and false impressions

'Deliver my soul from lying lips, and a deceitful tongue.' Psalm 120:2

When you deliberately create a false impression, the Bible calls it dealing in 'falsehood...error, deception, cheating' (Revelation 22:15). That may sound harsh, especially if all you had in mind was making an extra pound, sparing someone's feelings, or trying to make yourself look better. No human being would set such a standard, but God does. And He's serious about it. Case in point:

Ananias and Sapphira. When this couple tried to create a false impression about their giving, they dropped dead in the presence of

the apostles. As a result, 'No one else dared join them' (Acts 5:13). How long would you have lasted in that church? Peter said, 'You have not lied to men but to God' (v. 4). That puts a whole new slant on it, doesn't it?

The story's told of a guy who went fishing and caught nothing. So he stopped by the market on his way home and bought three fish. Then he told the shop assistant, 'Throw them to me – that way when I get home I can tell my wife I caught them.' Solomon said, 'My mouth speaks what is true...All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse' (Proverbs 8:7-8). Some of the worst lies are the ones we tell ourselves, and end up believing. And another thought: a liar's biggest problem is they can't believe anybody else, because 'how you live your life is how you judge your neighbour'. So if you have a problem telling the truth, pray, 'Deliver my soul...Lord, from lying lips, and...a deceitful tongue.'



THE WEEKLY NEWS

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Prayer

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