

Parent & Toddler Group

THE GROUP MEETS AGAIN THIS WEEK & EVERY MONDAY FROM 1pm to 2:30pm (Voluntary subscription £1)



Confirmation Class

CONCLUDES THIS WEEK ON MONDAY & THURSDAY SERVICE SUNDAY 18th FEB - 6pm



The Church's Year - WHAT IS...

...SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA & QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAYS?

Some enquiring minds have asked why we have such strange Latin names for these three Sundays leading up to Lent. Well... In accordance with the words of the First Council of Orleans, some pious Christian congregations in the earliest ages of the Church, especially the clergy, began to fast *seventy* days before Easter, which was therefore called Septuagesima" - the seventieth day. The same is the case with the Sundays following, which are called Sexagesima (sixty days)(last Sunday) and Quinquagesima (fifty days)(this Sunday) and the following week used to be Quadragesima, (although this is not the tradition in our church because of the beginning of

Lent on Wednesday) So some Christians commenced to fast seventy or sixty days, others fifty, others forty days before Easter, until finally, to make it properly uniform, Popes Gregory and

Gelasius arranged that all Christians should fast forty days before Easter, commencing with Ash-Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. We will have a short service for this in church at 6:30pm this Wednesday before Youth Club.



ASH WEDNESDAY

SHORT SERVICE
THIS WEDNESDAY - 6:30pm



HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY - PAULIANNE

Can you believe that Paulianne is now 18years old. She is still at school doing her A Levels. Many happy returns of the day for last Sunday. (We had cakes!)

ZOE - A PUBLISHED POET!

Our evening folk will also know Zoe, the gret Granddaughter of Eileen Wassall. She came and showed and read her acrostic Poem 'Dragons' at our Evening Service a couple of weeks ago. Thank

Dragons

D ragnons, dragons everywhere
R oaring loudly like banging drums
A crobatics in the sky
G rowing ready to bite me
O ut of the sky came my dog Beethoven
N ips the dragon on their legs
S aves the day!



Zoe Bickely (9)

Barcroft Primary School, Barcroft

you, Daniel for capturing the moment she read her poem. Barcroft Primary School should be very proud of her. The poem is printed in a book called 'Once Upon a Dream' and contains lots of poetry from 'Dream Makers from The West Midlands'. Our confirmation class also did acrostic prayers. Have a go at writing one on the words 'GOOD FRIDAY' or 'EASTER SUNDAY' and I'll publish the best ones. Best of luck!



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
* term-time only	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
WEDNESDAYS	7pm	Bible Study at St Jude's
	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
	1pm to 2pm	Keep Dancing (NEW)
	6:30pm to 8pm	Confirmation Class
FRIDAYS	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
SATURDAYS	10:30am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop
SUNDAY SERVICES		SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

11th February - Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
am L-Paul, P-Bishop; pm L-Mark, P-Paul

18th February - Psalm 25:1-10; Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
am L-Mark, P-Paul; pm L-Colin, P-Bishop
6pm CONFIRMATION SERVICE

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Pray for those about to be confirmed - **Marie & Terry.**
- Pray that more moms will attend our **Toddler Group.**
- Pray for our **Thursday Holy Communion**, that more will faithfully attend. Thank you, Lord, there were 5 of us last week.
- Lord, we pray for **Pamela**, her family **Chrissie and Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Edie Ball, Eileen, Wesley** and **June's** brother-in-law, **Frank.**
- Give thanks **Winnie's** vertigo problems have improved.
- Lord, we pray for **Arline and Ernie.** We do miss them in church. It was great to see them recently.
- 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 our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea.**
- Pray for **Revd Gerald and Rosemary** and **Revd Michael.**
- Pray for the **Revd Robert and Sarah** and all at **St Martin's Church, France**, especially as they have had to move to temporary accommodation but made welcome in a Catholic Church.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS. Happy birthday to Alan this week.
- Pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna.**
- Pray for **Daniel's Nan Dot**, who is still rather unwell.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers.
- 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 **Lil Bradley, Mike Barlow, Pat, Deanne, Eva, Jenn, Mary, Sue Dean and Doreen W** are all feeling a little better.
- Pray for **Margaret** with her broken wrist. It was good to see her at Holy Communion last Thursday.
- Give thanks **Jean Salt's** ulcerated leg is much better. Thank you, Lord. It was great to see her back in church.
- Pray for **Janet** who is still unwell despite the good results of a recent scan. She has good days and bad ones. Give thanks **David** who has had a severe chesty cough is feeling better.
- Please pray for **Belle, Peter and Lucy** and all the family.
- Give thanks **Dave**, friend of Bishop Paul who live in France is improving. Prayers are now required for **Alison's mom, Audrey**, who is in hospital in Dolgellau with health issues following a fall. Alison and Kathryn now need to find her a home.
- Give thanks **Colin** has had the result of his MRI scan. All is well. Praise the Lord!
- Give thanks the **funding application** for Phase 2 has been submitted. All we can do now is pray for a positive outcome.
- How lovely **Councillor Diane Coughlin** went out of her way to thank St Andrew's for our gift to help **Walsall's homeless.**
- Pray for the families of the following loved ones called home: **Herbert Edward Bayley.** His funeral takes place on Friday 2nd March in church at 11am. **Betty Merrick** (Willenhall Operatic) who was 84. Her funeral is on Friday 9th March at Bushbury Crem (West) at 12noon. **Geoffrey Rushton** aged 82 from Parsons House by the shops. His funeral is at Bushbury on Monday 5th March, 2:15pm.

STOP PRESS!
COME AND SUPPORT COLIN HUNTER
AS HE IS ORDAINED A PRESBYTER
AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ON
SUNDAY 4th MARCH AT 6pm

Trust God, and act!

'Perhaps the LORD will act on our behalf.' - 1 Samuel 14:6

During the early days of Saul's kingship, the Philistines controlled the western border of Israel, and battle lines were drawn at the pass called Michmash. Saul seemed content to sit on the sidelines, but Jonathan wanted to be on the front line. 'Come, let's go over to the Philistine outpost on the other side' (v. 1). There was only Jonathan and his armour bearer, so the odds didn't look good. But

when you make a move that is motivated by God's glory, it moves the heart and hand of God. What it requires is a step of faith. And often it's the longest, hardest, and

scariest step you've ever taken. Usually when Israel's kings went into battle it was because they had received a word from the Lord assuring their victory. Jonathan had received no such word. He simply said, 'Perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf.' Most people operate out of the opposite mentality: 'Perhaps the Lord won't act on our behalf.' They let fear dictate their decisions instead of faith. So, they end up with Saul, sitting on the sidelines. And how did the battle turn out for Jonathan and his armour bearer? 'So the Lord rescued Israel that day' (v. 23). All it took was one daring decision! That's all it ever takes. When you move, God will move on your behalf. And if you don't move, you'll always wonder 'what if?' Our longest regrets are our inaction regrets – the things we would have, could have, or should have done but did not do. So, the word for you today is: trust God, and act!



BELOVED PASTOR

How lovely that Pastor from Harlesden keeps in touch with Bishop Paul. I know the Tamil congregation really miss him since returning to India last year after a long battle to keep him in the country. He is pictured here with his lovely wife Anandhi and daughter, Chelsea. She was only little when Pastor came to England and he hadn't seen her for eleven years. Pastor told Bishop Paul that he is missing England and all his friends in the Free Church of England very much, saying India is too hot for him and would happily swap it for the cold of England!

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