

## Parent & Toddler Group

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



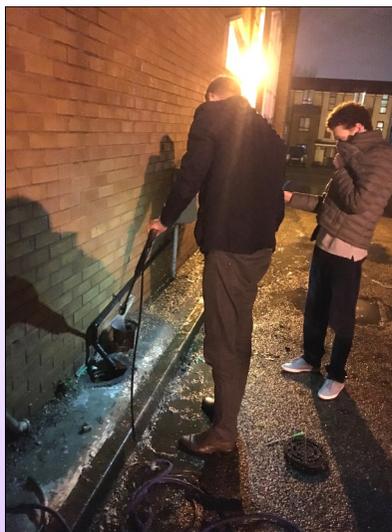
## BENTLEY WEST LADIES GROUP

One of the favourite visitors to the Bentley West Ladies group, Dave Bartley was on good form on Tuesday. Bishop Paul loves it when he's there because of his great Black Country humour and his amazing memory of all the poems about local towns and places. He even had one about nuisance callers at teatime. When there is room in the newssheet, Bishop Paul will print it as it has a sting in the tail and a surprise ending.



## FLOWERS

We've missed not having real flowers in church since Margaret's accident. However, as it is a special day today we thought we should have some fresh ones. After all - the Bishop is coming!



## BLASTED DRAIN!

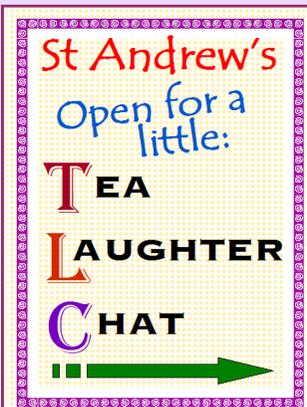
We are not sure you know, but the outside drain has been blocked up now for several weeks and the water has been draining down the drive and into the gutter. However, Dio-Mark came to the rescue with the help of Daniel and Matthew. He had to take the drain apart and remove the blockage of congealed fat and other stuff from the luncheon club and other users. He then blasted the drain clear with his Kärcher pressure washer. You can tell from Matthew's face that the smell was rather putrid. However, it was a job well done, Mark. Thanks.

## CHURCH GARDEN

Spring is on the way at last. The first daffodil has come into flower in the front garden of the church. Lots of others are also about to open. Bishop Paul hopes that they will last until he gets back from holiday.



BARNEY fills the empty space. He is asking for a mint. Ahhh...



## 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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## FAMILY PRAISE LEADER

Mr Nigel Dutton

## 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

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

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

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

25th February—Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

am & pm L-Bishop, P-Colin

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Pray for those about to be confirmed today - **Marie & Terry**.
- Give thanks our **Thursday Holy Communion** has been given a new lease of life. Thank you, Lord. Why not join us?
- 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**.
- Give thanks **Winnie's** vertigo problems have improved.
- 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 **Revd Gerald and Rosemary** and **Revd Michael**.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert** and **Sarah** and all at **St Martin's Church, France**.
- Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS.
- 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.
- Pray for **Margaret** with her broken wrist. It was good to see her at Holy Communion on Thursday and lunch on Wednesday.
- 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 has good days and bad days. She has to see a specialist following the results of a scan. Give thanks **David** who has had a severe chesty cough is feeling much better.
- Please pray for **Belle, Peter and Lucy** and all the family.
- Give thanks **Dave**, in France is improving. Pray now for **Alison's mom, Audrey**, who is in hospital in Dolgellau with health issues following a fall. She will be moving into Wulfrun Rose in Underhill Lane, Wolverhampton on 2nd March.
- Pray for **Wesley**, who has been rather ill lately.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** as he begins a new work in Croydon and assists in the Tamil Church in Harlesden.
- Remember **Bishop John McLean** in your prayers following a heart attack. Thankfully he is back home, although rather frail.
- 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**  
**THE REVD COLIN HUNTER**  
**AS HE IS ORDAINED**  
**'PRESBYTER'**  
**AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ON**  
**SUNDAY 4th MARCH - 6pm**  
**Afternoon tea served from 4:30pm**



### CHRIST CHURCH

It was lovely to see Revd Robert Wilson on Friday at Christ Church house in Harlesden. Bishop Paul was happy to take Matthew with him to keep him awake through the very busy Friday traffic. Pray for Robert and his ministry in Harlesden.

### The importance of self-discipline

*'Learn to sense what is vital...and of real value.'* *Philippians 1:10*

Lent is a time when many people give things up. We were thankful to have a group of people come to church on Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday service. We read the Collect (Prayer), Epistle and Gospel for the day and added prayers for those in need. Bishop Paul talked about the merit of giving something up, but only if it is between yourself and God. Others knowing is rather like the Gospel for the day from Matthew 6:16 onwards: 'They have their reward'. To achieve greater self-discipline, you should: 1) Start your day by doing the hard things first. And when you get sidetracked, make yourself go back and complete them. For example, make your bed, pick up your clothes, and wash the dishes; don't make extra work for others. And don't start several projects at once; the feeling of 'getting something done' will help you grow in self-respect and self-discipline. 2) Make a commitment to be punctual. Tardiness is a hard habit to break. To conquer it you must be willing to call it what it often is – inconsiderate, selfish behaviour. 3) Plan ahead. Everything takes longer than you think, so don't wait until the last minute and then rush around like a chicken with its head cut off. 'Living under the gun' can give you ulcers, whereas allowing extra time is good for your health and peace of mind. 4) Accept correction from those who care about you, without sulking or retaliating. Until you're willing to take correction, you'll never be qualified to give it. The Bible says, 'Wisdom is found in those who take advice' (Proverbs 13:10), so if you're wise you'll welcome feedback and seek counsel. Gandhi once said, 'There's always a limit to self-indulgence, but none to self-restraint.' Ask God to help you control your unruly thoughts, feelings, desires, and behaviours. Identify the unmanageable areas in your life, stop making excuses, face the truth even if it hurts, refuse to feel sorry for yourself, and set a few attainable goals. In other words: 'Learn to sense what is vital...and of real value.'

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