



GOODBYE OLD ORGAN

Last Sunday we said a farewell to our old church organ. It has been in St Andrew's for about the last 10 years. I think we would all agree that it was well past its best. It just about fitted into the buyers van. We had

received a quote of £93 to remove it from the hall, but with the magic of the internet and Matthew's knowhow, we managed to sell it - for £1! So, I suppose we are £94 better off to the alternative. We have received donations in the region of £800 towards the cost of our new one, which we give thanks for. It's not too late to donate. Please give your donations to Bishop Paul, Revd



Mark, Deanne or Daniel. Thank you. Meanwhile, we hope you are enjoying our new instrument. It fits in perfectly. Bishop Paul was concerned the high black gloss would look out of place. But it actually reflects the colour from the other furniture and you don't notice that it's there!



CHURCH FOCUS

Every Thursday there is a celebration of Holy Communion in Church at 11am.

Why not come and join us. It lasts for about 20mins and always concludes with a nice cuppa.



Confirmation Class

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASSES
CONTINUE THIS THURSDAY WITH A STUDY
OF THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT 6:30pm

ALI BABA AND THE BONGO BANDITS

Well done, Emily, for a fantastic performance as one of the main leads in Bentley West School's end of term musical presentation. She had a lot of lines to learn and even when she came on stage without her precious royal ruby

she carried it off perfectly. No one noticed she had to improvise - the sign of a true professional! Her character was called Sultan Pepper who played against the baddy called Mustapha Widdle. If you think that was bad enough, Emily often called for the palace guards called Apoo and Aleak often shouting, 'I need Apoo and Aleak!' Emily also says that many in the school still bow down low when they see her, saying 'Sultan Pepper'. A lot of hard work for the children and the teachers of years 5 and 6, but skilfully done.

YOUTH CLUB VISITOR

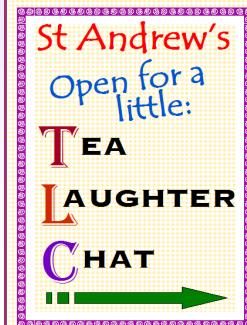
Thankfully this dragon fly was not alive when Mark was showing it to the Youth Club children during the half-time England v Croatia match on Wednesday. If it had



been alive we wouldn't have seen Bishop Paul for dust. He has had two of them in the house over the years at 329 and is therefore not a fan of them, but was impressed by the detail in the wings of God's creation. Wonderfully and beautifully made.

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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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

3pm, 5pm, 7pm Slimming World

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

FRIDAYS

10am to 11am Weight Watchers (NEW!)
7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

SATURDAYS

10:30am to 1pm Saturday Workshop

SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

15th July - Psalm 24 or 85:8-13; 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
am L-Colin, P-Mark; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop
(am - Bishop at Christ Church, Broadstairs)

22nd July - Psalm 89:20-37 or 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6 or
Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
am L-Bishop, P-Paul; pm L-Paul, P-Colin

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie and Finley**, and friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Mrs Ball, Belle** (who has been really poorly recently), **Peter, Lucy and Frank**.
- Lord, we pray for **Arline and Ernie**. We miss them in church. Both are increasingly frail.
- **Pray for our leaders Revds Paul, Mark, Colin, Bp Paul & Nigel.**
- Pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House who is very frail.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert and Sarah** in 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 others that are being introducing to the FCE.
- Give thanks **Eva**'s knee operation went well. Pray we will see her in church soon. It's great she is doing some light gardening.
- Give thanks **Janet & David** have been much better recently.
- Pray for **Alison's mom, Audrey, Dave and Dave's Dad** who has been unwell.
- Give thanks **Wesley** is improving well. It's answered prayer!
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** as he develops a new FCE work in **Croydon** and are now in new premises.
- Pray for **Revd Colin and his helpers**, Deanne and Mike, as he takes Holy Communion to those too frail to attend church.
- Lord, we put **June** to you with her various health issues.
- We continue to hold **Deanne** to you, Lord. Doing too much.
- Dear Lord, we thank you for the work and dedication of the **Revd Robert Leone** in France, Broadstairs and Willesborough, especially as he now returns home to St Martin's this month.
- 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 churches and individuals will also support his planned move to England.
- Give thanks for Bishop's **Auntie Iris** who is doing well.
- Keep **Doreen W** and **Jimmy** in your prayers. How lovely that **Revd Colin** and **Mike** visited them last Tuesday with Holy Communion.
- Thank you, Lord that all the children trapped in the **Northern Thailand** cave were saved and are now recovering in hospital.
- Pray **Bishop Paul** has a safe journey to and from Broadstairs.
- Pray for the families of:

Florence Annie Simpson, who was 96. Her funeral took place on Thursday 5th July at Bushbury Crem. How lovely to see **Byron** and **Pauline** in church last Sunday.

Harry Simeon Wood, who was 95. His funeral takes place on Thursday 19th July at Bushbury Crem.

Elsie May Tonks, who was 86. Her funeral takes place at Bushbury on Thursday 26th July at 11:15am.

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)

Handling those who hurt you

'You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.'
Genesis 50:20

At seventeen, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. At thirty, Pharaoh made him ruler of Egypt. During those thirteen years Joseph suffered terribly at the hands of his brothers. Now he held the power of life and death over them. Yet he chose not only to forgive them, but to feed them in the time of famine. It's one of the greatest examples of forgiveness in history. As they stand trembling before him, Joseph says: 'You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could

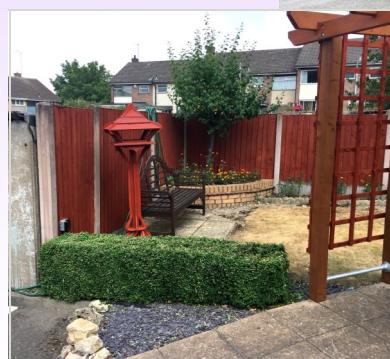


save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children. So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them' (vv. 20-21). Notice four things: 1) Only God understands people's hearts, therefore only He is qualified to judge them. 2) As you become more mature, you'll be able to see the hand of God at work in

some of the situations you've been through; you'll see the 'good' in them rather than the evil. 3) Because you have grown spiritually, you'll acknowledge that others are capable of growing and changing too. 4) Because of the favour and blessing that God has given you, you'll not only speak kindly to your offender but be generous towards them. Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). Are you willing to do that? Are you at least willing to pray, 'Lord, make me willing'?

CHURCH GARDENS

Have a look around our Gardens and see how much hard work has gone into painting the fences, cutting the box plants and tidying up.



There was a great team of people working last week and we must say a big thank you to them all for giving up their precious time and making the garden sing praises louder than any words can utter! Thank you!

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