

Parent & Toddler Group

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



PLANET EARTH II

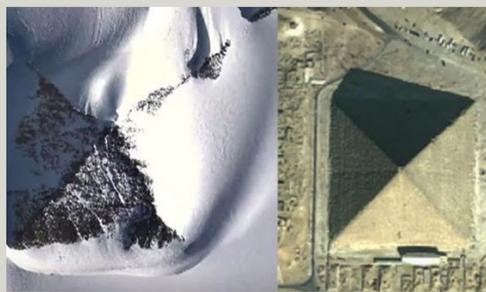
Have you been watching the fascinating Plant Earth II programmes introduced by Sir David Attenborough? Our world is amazing. God's creation is amazing. Here are a pair of carmine bee-eaters migrating through Botswana in search of insect prey. The rely on larger animals such as ostrich and elephants to flush out insects from the long grass. New discoveries about our world are being made every day. For example images on Google earth have revealed a mysterious four sided structure in



Antarctica. It was covered in snow but global warming (don't laugh) is gradually uncovering it. The aerial view below shows the pyramid compared to the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt. It could be man-made from a



time the Antarctica was much warmer or a natural phenomenon known as a nunatak, which is mountain peaks which jut up just above massive glaciers. What do you think?



COME AND SUPPORT THE REV'D COLIN HUNTER AS HE IS ORDAINED 'PRESBYTER' AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH TONIGHT (SUNDAY 4th MARCH) 6pm
Afternoon tea served from 4:30pm

AN INSPIRING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help us remember that the jerk who cut us up in traffic last night is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children. Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't sort out his change in the corner shop correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next term.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savouring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

St Andrew's

Open for a little:

TEA
LAUGHTER
CHAT



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
* term-time only	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

4th March - Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22
am L-Colin, P-Bishop; pm L-Mark, P-Mark
(pm - Ordination of the Rev'd Colin Hunter)

11th March - Psalm 107:1-3,17-22; Number 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 13:14-21
am L-Bishop, P-Mark; pm L-Bishop, P-Paul

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Give thanks our **Thursday Holy Communion** has been given a new lease of life. Thank you, Lord. Why not join us? 11am.
- 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**.
- 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 **Dot**. Great to here she came to lunch recently.
- Keep **Doris** in your prayers. Good to see her back in church.
- 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 poorly wrist. It was good to see her briefly on Wednesdays following the removal of the plaster cast on her arm. Pray she gets some movement back.
- Give thanks **Jean Salt's** ulcerated leg is much better. Sadly she is not too well and not able to be in church. Good to see her on Wednesday when delivering her lunch.
- 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 moving into Wulfrun Rose in Underhill Lane, Wolverhampton on 2nd March.
- Please remember **Mary** in your prayer following the loss of her husband **Les Badnell**.
- Also pray for the family of **Eva Vaughan** (wife of the late **Noel Vaughan**) who has also passed away.
- Pray for young **Wesley**, who has been rather ill lately.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** as he begins a new work in Croydon and also 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 to see the ex-mayor **Councillor Angela Underhill** with her husband and other Councillor at our Monday Coffee and Chat.
- Pray for our **ACM** scheduled for this coming Monday at 7pm.
- Pray for the families of the following loved ones called home:
 - Herbert Edward Bayley**. His funeral took place on Friday in church. Bishop Paul knows Bert's son, Steve, very well as they were great friends from Willenhall Central Boys School. That was some 50 years ago. Wow! That makes Bishop feel old!
 - Betty Merrick** (Willenhall Operatic) who was 84. Her funeral is on Friday 9th March at Bushbury Crem (West) at 12noon. Remember her husband, Alan and all the family.
 - Geoffrey Rushton** aged 82 from Parsons House by the shops. His funeral is at Bushbury on Monday 5th March, 2:15pm.
 - Phyllis May Madeley** aged 98 years. Her funeral takes place on Thursday 29th March at Streetly Crematorium.
 - John Thomas Shorthouse** aged 92 years. His funeral takes place at Bushbury Crem on Wednesday 4th March.

Instead of worrying, pray!

'Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.'
Philippians 4:6

One Bible teacher writes: 'The pressures of our times have many of us caught in a web of the most acceptable, yet energy-draining sin in the Christian family: worry. Chances are good you woke up this morning, stepped out of bed, and before doing anything, strapped on your well-worn backpack of anxiety. You started the day not with a prayer on your mind, but loaded down by worry. What a dreadful habit! Jesus challenged His followers with the question, "Who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:27). Worry solves nothing. It creates unrest and uneasiness, and if left unchecked it can churn our waves of anxiety into a perfect storm of emotions. Add a little imagination and creativity, and our worst fears come to life in Technicolor brilliance. The stress from worry drains our energy and preoccupies our minds, stripping us of our peace...We fret over big things and little things. Some of us have a laundry list of concerns that feed our addiction to worry. It's a very unattractive addiction, yet we somehow manage to make a joke out of it. I've heard people say with a smile, "If I don't have something to worry about, I get worried about not having something to worry about." Anxiety has become a favourite pastime we love to hate. And worse, we're passing it on to our children. As they see the worry on our faces and hear it from our lips, we're mentoring them in the art of anxiety.' So, what's the answer? 'Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything.'



Prayer Warrior?

While on holiday in Rome we visited the Gladiator Museum to escape the rain on the Thursday. Here's Emily getting into the role of a Gladiator. Not sure about you, but I would run for cover!

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