



### IT'S GONE!

The drapes in the hall have served us well over the last two and a half months. Designed especially for the Greatest Showman Holiday Club, the image suited our Christmas Fayre, Christmas Meal, services. The hall now looks twice as big! The drapes have all been saved just in case we may want to resurrect the idea again in the near future. There

was over 160m of fabric, which in old money is over 530 feet.



### TOM & SARAH HAIG

Let's give a warm St Andrew's welcome to old friends, Tom and Sarah at tonight's evening service. Do spend time getting to know them and please pray for them in their ministry in Malawi. They last visited us in October 2017 at our Harvest Festival service.

### DREAM KILLERS

'He dreamed still another dream.' Genesis 37:9

This sounds like a song from Les Mis! I love dreams even though some can be quite disturbing. I often get woken up in the middle of a great dream, but very rarely can I pick it up where I left off. For the next few weeks I'd like to look at some dream killers.

This week : **discouragement**. A story was told of a couple who loved mushrooms and bought several pounds of them from a roadside seller. They made mushroom omelettes, mushroom salad, mushroom



soup, and even concocted a mushroom dessert. Even their cat gobbled up the leftover mushrooms. Later the lady went into her kitchen and found the cat lying on the floor, gasping for breath. She immediately phoned the vet who said they'd probably bought some poisoned toadstools and advised they go to the hospital immediately. When the couple came home from the hospital, they expected to see their cat lying lifeless on the floor. Instead the cat was in the corner with a brand new litter of kittens. What they thought were death pains were just birth pains! When it seems that your dream is gasping its last breath, keep believing God; you're closer to giving birth than you've ever been. Don't let discouragement kill your dream. Joseph dreamed a second dream, an even bigger one! 'This time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me' (Genesis 37:9). If you've abandoned your dream because of discouragement, rise up and reclaim it. If you've already fulfilled it, ask God for a bigger one. You say, 'But the challenge looks too big for me.' It's not too big for God, you'll never out-dream Him. In His Word He asks, 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' (Genesis 18:14). You may die with your dream on the drawing board or under construction or left to be completed by another, but you must seek God and dream again!



### OUR LESS MEANS MORE PROJECT 2018/19

### Walsall's Winter Homeless Shelter

Our appeal for funding to aid the homeless in Walsall has now come to a close. Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

*Our Less Means More Project gathered donations to be used to assist those helping the local homeless. The shelter runs through the winter months. The money will be sent off to the shelter on Monday, so any last minutes donations can still be made today. With the frosty mornings approaching, our help will be most welcomed.*

**We have raised £725! - THANK 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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### 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

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

7pm to 9pm Bible Study (every 2nd Thurs)

#### FRIDAYS

7:30pm Willenhall Operatic

SATURDAYS 10:30am to 1pm Saturday Workshop

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

SEE ABOVE FOR DETAILS

### SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

13th January - Psalm 29; Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

am L-Paul, P-Colin; pm TOM AND SARAH HAIG

20th January - Psalm 36:5-10; Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm L-Bishop, P-Paul

(am Bishop at St Jude's)

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for friends - **Judy, Pam, Hilary, Elizabeth, Frances, Mrs Ball, Belle, Peter, Eva, June and Frank.**
- We pray for **Arline and Ernie.** Lord, we thank you for them and their generosity to the mission of St Andrew's.
- Pray for **Jenny Parsons** in her further treatment for MS etc.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert** and **Sarah** in France.
- Remember **June & Reg Foster.**
- Pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna.**
- Pray for **Dot.** She has not been well recently.
- 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, 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 for James's wife, **Rosie** who has serious problems with her eyesight.
- Pray for **Janet** - She is very much up and down recently. How lovely to see them both in church recently.
- Pray for **Amber** and her mom, **Lisa** in your prayers.
- Pray for **Alison Bishop's mom, Audrey,** and husband **Dave.** Alison tells me they are all doing well.
- Pray that the Lord will keep **Wesley** safe.
- Pray for **Lil Bradley** who is now home following a two week spell in the Manor Hospital. She is still rather unstable walking.
- Remember **Garly, Timothy and the family** now settled in Italy.
- Keep **Mark** (Jenn's son) in your prayers. He's up and down.
- Pray for the **Revd Jabson Watson** and the church in Croydon.
- Remember the **Revds Gerald and Michael** and all the congregation at our twinned church in Shoreham-by-Sea.
- Pray for **Revd Colin** as he takes Holy Communion to the poorly.
- Please remember **Deanne** in your prayers. Please pray she copes without having her car.
- Keep **Doreen W** and **Jimmy** in your prayers. Doreen is in hospital at the moment and is very poorly.
- Please pray for **Jean Salt** and her mobility difficulties that put her back into hospital again. Thankfully now back home.
- Please keep **Bill and Sharon's** daughter, **Alison** in your prayers.
- Please pray that **Bishop Josep's** move to England will go smoothly and that their house sells soon in Brazil.
- Pray for **Mary Jennings** who is now in a Home in Willenhall.
- Remember **Pamela** in your prayers as she is now out of hospital, but still very poorly.
- Remember **Iris Tew** who had a fall recently and still not well.
- Remember the family of **Terry Ratcliffe.** His funeral is now arranged for 1:15pm, Thursday 7th February - St Giles Church.
- Remember the family of **David Wright** who suddenly passed away recently. His funeral is at Streetly on 24 January - 10:45am.
- Remember Bishop's **Auntie Iris** who has had a fall and broken her hip. Thankfully it has now been replaced at The Manor.
- Pray for the family of **Andrew Fellows (Andy)** aged 47. His funeral takes place on Tuesday 29th Jan at Bushbury - 2:30pm.



**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!**  
*O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.*  
**Psalm 30:2**

## HOW MUCH DOES A Prayer WEIGH?

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her have a few groceries and pay later. She softly

explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store. Visualizing the family needs, she said: "Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can." John told her he could not give her credit, as she did not have an account at his store. Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would pay for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, "Do you have a grocery list?" Louise replied, "Yes sir" "O.K." he said, "put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries." Louise, hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed. The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, "I can't believe it."

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scales still did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer which said: "Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands."

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The customer handed a fifty-pound note to the grocer and said, "It was worth every penny." It was some time later that the grocer discovered the scales were broken; therefore, only God knows how much a prayer weighs.



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