

PRAYER DIARY w/c 6th February 2012

Monday	St. George's Church in Baghdad, and its congregation whom we support through FRRME, are under constant threat from suicide bombings and persecution and appeal to us pray for them under this new regime fearing daily for their lives.
Tuesday	Pray for our Healing Ministry Team giving freely of their time and sharing their 'gifts' with those in need. May God truly bless them.
Wednesday	Today, pray for the people living in Crestlands, that the divisions of the past will be forgotten and a fresh unity of friendship will develop.
Thursday	Pray for today's mid-week service and for all those attending, that they will meet with God and seek His direction for themselves.
Friday	Give thanks for our musicians; Marion, Tim, Hazel, Nick, Pete, and Jonathan, not forgetting Hannah, Sam and Amanda. Such a mixture of talents supplied by God, once more, greatly blessing St. Andrew's.
Saturday	Continue to pray for the unemployed and their families. May they not lose hope in their search for work and continue to seek the help they need from the various agencies during this economic crisis.
Sunday	I do not ask for mighty words To leave the crowd impressed; Lord, grant my life may ring so true My neighbour will be blessed (anon)

PRAYERS! Any contributions of prayer requests are most welcome.
Just contact **Wendy Bates** (826757 or higpig@sky.com)

Our vision: TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD AND EACH OTHER SO THAT WE MAY MORE ABLY BRING HIS LOVE TO THE WORLD

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Church Wardens:	Mrs Sue Gill	826607
	Mr Tim Martin	826141
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	<i>Scramblers (Mums & Toddlers) / Discoverers (3-11) / Pathfinders (11-14)</i>	
Youth Group (14-18):	Nick & Sarah Wright	825045



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

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Visit us at www.alresfordchurch.net

Sunday 5th February 2012

- 8.00 am** Traditional Holy Communion (Pauline Scott)
11.00 am All Age Worship (Pauline Scott/Sarah Wright)
6.30 pm Communion & Healing (Pauline Scott/Julie Thompson)

Mid-week diary (in church unless otherwise stated):

Mon	6 th	1.45 pm	Scramblers (Carers & Toddlers)
		3.30 pm	Razmatazz
Tues	7 th	9.30 am	Housegroup @ 30 Poplars Close
Wed	8 th	10.00 am	Internet and Book Café
		7.30 pm	Home Group @ 29 Wivenhoe Road
		7.30 pm	Apprentices Forever @ 13 Heath Road
		7.30 pm	Seekers @ 40 Coppice Road
Thu	9 th	9.30 am	Mid-Week Service
		7.30 pm	Emmaus Home Group @ 23 Wivenhoe Rd

Next Sunday – 12th February 2012

- 11.00 am** Holy Communion (Pauline Scott)
6.30 pm Food for Thought (Pauline Scott)

Prayer for healing or particular requests is available at the end of every service. Please go up to the rail during coffee and two of the Healing Prayer Team will come & pray with you.



NOTICE BOARD

NOTICES FROM PAULINE

Education Sunday: Sunday 5th February. Our All-age Worship today will celebrate work with children & young people in the community & here at St Andrew's.

Giving in Grace: Please return response forms, whether increasing your giving or not, TODAY or NEXT WEEK as part of the offering. If not in church on those dates then please return directly to Catherine Berry at 9 The Chequers.

New Horizons: The project will now go out to tender in mid-February with tenders received mid-March. PLEASE do address any on-going questions or concerns to me! But to pick up on concerns I've heard about:

The needs for the building project have not changed but if anything have become more pronounced.

Changes to the building now would have considerable cost.

All delays to the project will also cost money – and will mean grant applications are wasted.

Extensions have been discussed here for many many years – there is never a 'good' time – the economic climate is difficult but has been before and will be again. If God is in this then now is the time!

Total raised with gifts, pledges & gift aid is now nearly £169 000.

Don & I will be explaining how we are hoping to raise some more of the money needed during the service.

Book of Poetry by Derek South: Will be out for purchase as soon as possible! Any other ideas like this? Recipes? Other poets? Anyone willing to take it on?

Sale of Time: List now up of suggestions of 'time' that can be offered for sale or hire. Please sign up, including how much time in hours you are offering/need, as soon as possible. Please note those babysitting must be CRB checked by ourselves. Forms to be CRB checked can be obtained from Carol Day. For further information see Wendy Bates.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: We are looking for memorabilia (photos/coronation mugs/jubilee medals/show certificates etc etc from the 6 decades of the Queen's rule in Alresford for the exhibition from Sunday afternoon in church. Please let me have a note of what you have that we could use. There is a box available for you by the door to put in your list (with name & phone number) of what you have available please In order to keep costs to a minimum to allow everyone to be a part of this we will also be asking for considerable help with the catering (all the village organisations are being asked to help). Would anybody like to run a traditional stall on the Monday afternoon? Or run a craft area for children & young people?



St. Andrew's is fitted with an Induction Loop. Hearing aid users are advised to switch their aids to the "T" setting.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes: As is becoming a tradition, on Tuesday 21st February we will be holding a Pancake Party – 6 for 6.30pm. Great opportunity to invite family & friends – followed by a fun & informal quiz for all ages & a treasure hunt.

ASH WEDNESDAY on Wednesday 22nd February: United Communion service with imposition of ashes at 7.30pm. An earlier service will be held at 2pm if sufficient demand.

LENT APPEAL: What are you giving up this Lent? As last year we are giving the money we save from not eating chocolate/drinking wine etc to our Lent Appeal. This year it is to the Overseas Missionary Fund & we hope it will help the McCanns return to Cambodia in the summer (not that we want to see them go!) Monies will be collected on & after Easter Sunday. Alex & Marguerite will be sharing their hopes for returning to Cambodia in our services on March 4th.

LENT: As well as 'giving something up' how about doing something new? A new area of service? A good deed every day through Lent? And learning more about the God we worship....

Learning Opportunities for LENT & EASTER: See flier for details & dates & booking slip.

LENT COURSE: 'Surprised by Hope' looking at hope in life, in death & in the resurrection. Will run Monday mornings 10-12, Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.30 & Saturday mornings 8-10. Please return one of the slips if you want to attend into the box by the door or give to me. A participant's guide is available at £5.50 – please include cheque or cash for this amount with your form if you want one.

- **Alpha 'Express'** will run on alternate Friday mornings from 10 to 12.
- **My SHAPE** for God's service will run on the other alternate Friday mornings. A course will also run in the evenings Easter.

Healing Prayer Ministers: If you would like to be prayed for at the end of any of the services, Healing Prayer Ministers can be identified by the praying hands badges – just ask them & they would be only too happy to pray with you.

Pauline Scott

BELOVED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "KNOW YOU'RE VALUED"

Saturday 17th March 2012, 10.30am -4pm, St John's Church, Colchester, £35 pp (inc. lunch and refreshments) I am going and can take up to 4 people with me. Please see me for more details or to book your place. Amy would love to see a group of us all there.

Lyn Watson

LIFE OF CHRIST AT WINTERSHALL - Saturday 23rd June.

A number of us went in June 2010 there was no production last year, if enough would like to go I will try to arrange a small coach to take us, cost are Adults £15 children £7.50 and the cost of the coach would be on top of this. You can see a trailer by going on line 'Life of Christ' alternatively I have the DVD or speak to Derek South, Lyn & Phil Bull, Jill Earwaker, Sue Stinson or myself *Sue Gill*.

Items for the next Notice Sheet to **Nick Berry** by **6 p.m. on Thursday** at the latest please, either via the website or as below:

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