

The Verse for the Month

And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

St Jude's
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Upcoming Events

HOLY COMMUNION

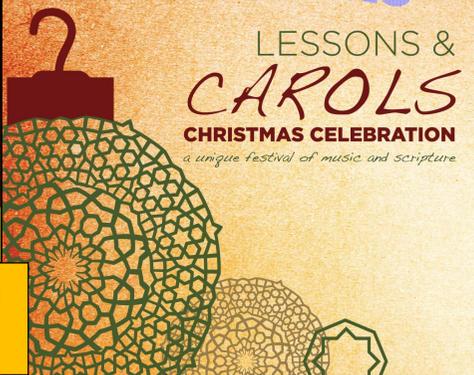
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE



^ Sunday 24th December at 7:30pm

We hope to see you there!

LESSONS &
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
a unique festival of music and scripture



^ Sunday 17th December at
10:30am

God with Us

CHRISTMAS DAY
SERVICE
DECEMBER 25



< CHRISTMAS DAY at 11am (tba)
COME & CELEBRATE THE BIRTH
OF JESUS

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Confirmation

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Weekly Activities

Tuesday - F.R.O.G. Group at 7pm

Sunday Service - 10:30am

(Holy Communion and Songs of Praise as announced)

SUNDAY'S PREACHING LOG

26th November-John Haynes
(24th Sunday after Trinity)

3rd December-Daniel Booth
(25th Sunday after Trinity)

10th December-John Haynes
(1st Sunday in Advent)

17th December-Bishop Paul
(Carols & Lessons)

Retreat 2017



F.R.O.G. Group



Over the month of November Daniel and Matthew have led the F.R.O.G. group with the topic 'The Fruits of the Spirits'. The nine Fruits of the Spirits are Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Self-Control and Faithfulness. Matthew used the FlipChart paper to show illustrations. We did group discussions. We break up on

November 28th and return on Tuesday 9th January. Please come and join us for our Carols at Frog and our Christmas get together. Bring a friend or two. Everyone welcome.



Join us...

for this special F.R.O.G. group.

It will be the last group of
2017.

Come and join in with the fun!!!

Carols @ F.R.O.G.

On: Tuesday 28th November

At: 7pm

Light Refreshments Provided
Carols, Prayers and Fellowship!



Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to the congregation for taking part in the service of prayers, hymns and tribute. We appreciate the support from Churches Together and former soldiers from the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

We will Remember Them!



Remembrance
Sunday

Please Pray for...

- Pray for **John Silva** as he attends to all the problems in the hall at the moment. We pray he finds time in his busy schedule to fit it in.
- Give thanks that **John Haynes** is continuing to get stronger.
- Pray for the church of **St Francis in Shoreham-by-Sea** as they may need to find a new place to worship.
- Please put **Anne** in your prayers as she is having trouble with her back.
- Please pray for **Bishop Paul, Revd Mark, Revd Paul, Revd Colin**, all FCE ministers and those who serve their churches around the Diocese.
- We give thanks for the blessings of our **F.R.O.G. group**.
- Pray for **the congregation at St Jude's** that it will grow in numbers.
- Give thanks for the **Anglican Forum Meeting**, the **FCE Open Day** and the **Church Training Day** held at **St Andrew's** last week. Give thanks for the ministry of Canon Phil Ashley and Canon Mark Eldredge.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** who is travelling monthly from **Christ Church, Broadstairs** to **St Martin's Church, France**. Pray for **Eliane** and husband **Dudley**.
- We ask you to pray for the new Free Church of England plant in **Tunbridge Wells**. Pray for **Peter Sanlon** as he leads weekly worship.
- Pray for **Natalie, Gustaf and Joseph Stenström** as they are trying to look for a permanent place to live.
- Pray for **Sharon Clements** as she under goes tests and treatment for her underlying health problems.

The Moon & God!

What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-five years ago, two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon.

But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life; and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way. He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing.' I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements."

"And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the 'Love that moves the Sun and other stars.'" How many of you knew this? Too bad this type of news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does.

*The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts,
the safest place to be is in someone's prayers,
and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.
Amen.*

(With thanks to Wendy Fryer for providing this item)



Songs of Praise

Our Songs of Praise that took place on October 29th was a great success. Daniel and Matthew led the service with Doreen's help on the organ. John Haynes read Matthew 22:34-46. Matthew wants to give Doreen a very special thanks as his guitar string broke halfway through the service and she had to play for all the remaining hymns. The next Songs of Praise will take place on New Year's Eve at the normal time of 10:30am. We would love to see



you at our special Christmas services and our Tuesday night F.R.O.G. group. Thank you for everyone's support. It is by prayer that makes a church grow stronger.



PRAYER WARRIORS

Are you a prayer warrior? Can we help you pray?

Be a PRAYER WARRIOR. Use our prayer board in the entrance porch to help you pray. Use J.O.Y. to help you pray!

Jesus

Others

Yourself

Be a warrior not a worrier!

