

## The Verse for the Month

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 29:11-12

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# Upcoming Events

On October 29th-10:30

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IT'S  
SONGS  
OF PRAISE  
@St Jude's

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR  
PLACE YET! SEE JOHN.

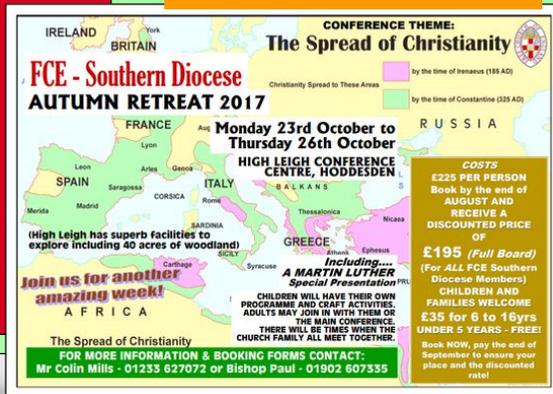
**CONFERENCE THEME:**  
**The Spread of Christianity**

**FCE - Southern Diocese**  
**AUTUMN RETREAT 2017**

Monday 23rd October to  
Thursday 26th October  
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Remembrance Sunday



Sunday 12th November

*'We will remember them'*

WE HAVE COME TO  
WORSHIP HIM



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

*This will be published in our next  
issue. Watch this space!*



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## Weekly Activities

**Tuesday - F.R.O.G. Group at 7:30pm (from 29th Aug)**

**Sunday Service - 10:30am**

**(Holy Communion and Songs of Praise as announced)**

### SUNDAY'S PREACHING LOG

24th September-John Haynes  
(15th Sunday after Trinity)

1st October-Rev'd Mark Spiers  
(16th Sunday after Trinity)

8th October-John Jefferson  
(17th Sunday after Trinity)

15th October-Bishop Paul  
(18th Sunday after Trinity)



What a blessing! The church looked full from the front and the back. The singing was also spectacular with all the voices. One special moment was when Ruth, the daughter-in-law of a previous Minister, the Revd Howard Crook. You can see a plaque in his memory on the

left Chancel wall. There was also a time for refreshments and fellowship following the service at the new seating area at the back of the church. Cakes and biscuits were provided by Bishop Paul. Matthew and Daniel had also put together a short Powerpoint of photographs from over the years including Confirmations and the time when the church Organ was refurbished.

Bishop Paul was very impressed with the work that had gone into making this a very special day. Mission is very important to the Free Church of England and it is good to see St Jude's taking mission on Chuckery as being very important. Here's looking forward to next year. Bishop Paul.



## 'Celebrating Church Life'

St Jude's 'Celebrating Church Life' service was a great success. The special service was held on Sunday 3rd September in the afternoon. Daniel and Matthew had a reward for all their hard work in sorting out addresses to over 70 families and individuals who had held a wedding, baptism or funeral in St Jude's from the year 2000. There were also many names who had signed the Visitors Book.

Although only a few from these invitations attended many had sent apologies and sent a donation. We thank the New Testament Church of God for gathering with us along with other guests. Bishop Paul led the service and a gave a short talk about celebrating church life. Revd Colin read 2 poems including one from Pam Aryes and the Diary of a Church Mouse by Sir John Betjeman. Revd Paul briefly touched on the meaning

of baptism and Revd Mark spoke to us about weddings using an illustration of 'A Little Bag of Happiness'. Matthew and Doreen were on music duty and Daniel gave us an introduction about his and Matthew's work at St Jude's. Thank you, also to all at St Andrew's for all the support through everything. Just under 50 people came to this event.



## F.R.O.G. Group

Our F.R.O.G. Group has started back. The first group was held on 29th August and we had 10 in attendance. The back of church has got a new seating area and it is a great facility for the group. In the last issue of the Newssheet we advertised a Film Night for 'Peter the Redemption' We had 18 and everyone enjoyed the fish & chips. We raised just over £30 for

church funds from a raffle. We really appreciate the support. We hope to see you at our next group!!!



## Prayers

- 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 back on the mend.
- 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 blessings of our **F.R.O.G. group** as we are gradually growing in numbers.

## Pursue Your Dream

'Be strong and courageous.'

### Joshua 1:9

When it came time for Joshua to take the place of Moses, God said to him, 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.' And today God is saying the same to you. He wants you to pursue the dream He has put in your heart! Alfred D. Souza wrote: 'For a long time it had seemed to me that life

was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, and a debt to be paid.



Then, life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life.' When you encounter obstacles, you discover things about yourself you never knew. You discover the depth of your faith in God - and in yourself. Every problem introduces you to yourself. Obstacles are merely a call to strengthen your position, not surrender your dream. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did. So, when your dream looks impossible, trust God and act as though it's impossible to fail. Why? Because 'with God all things are possible' (Mark 10:27). That means if you're going to climb Mount Everest, make sure to bring the flag with you. Don't listen to those who tell you, 'It can't be done that way.' Or to those who say, 'You're taking too big a chance.' Ignore what people say can't be done and focus on what God says can be done.



### Diary of a Church Mouse (last bit)

... Within the human world I know  
Such goings-on could not be so,  
For human beings only do  
What their religion tells them to.  
They read the Bible every day  
And always, night and morning, pray,  
And just like me, the good church mouse,  
Worship each week in God's own house,  
But all the same it's strange to me  
How very full the church can be  
With people I don't see at all  
Except at Harvest Festival.



## Harvest

Harvest at St Jude's is always very special but this year, thanks to John Haynes, John Silva and Norma and John Jefferson, St Jude's was bursting with vibrant colours from all the fresh produce. Although only a few could attend everyone took part in doing a reading or poem. What a blessing it was. It was good to see John Haynes looking so well after a recent spell in hospital. Thank you Lord!



## BE A PRAYER WARRIOR

Are you a prayer warrior? Can we help you pray? In the entrance of St Jude's we have a prayer board. You are welcome to write or read a

prayer from this board. **'Put on the full armour of God, so that you can stand against the devil's schemes' Ephesians 6:11.**