



The Free Church
of England
Southern Diocese

AUTUMN RETREAT

to be held

Monday 27th October ~ Thursday 30th October 2014

Come and join us at our new Conference home at
High Leigh Conference Centre
Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

Sit back and enjoy the fellowship
Conference Speakers and Conference Theme to be arranged
Wednesday afternoon free for leisure and exploring

CONFERENCE COSTS: £205.... BUT WAIT! BE QUICK

**Cost reduced to £165 for all
FCE Southern Diocese Members**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & BOOKING FORMS CONTACT:
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BOOK EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE

Speakers and full Conference programme will be
advised as soon as available

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

**CHILDREN WILL HAVE THEIR OWN
PROGRAMME. PARENTS CAN EITHER JOIN
THEM OR JOIN THE MAIN ADULT CONFERENCE.
THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN THE CHURCH
FAMILY ALL MEET TOGETHER**

HIGH LEIGH HAS THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES

**Woodland Trail, Football Pitch, Putting Green, Games
Room, Tennis Court and 40 Acres of Parkland to explore!**

CONFERENCE: If you are interested and would like to go to this
Conference, please see Bishop Paul as soon as possible.



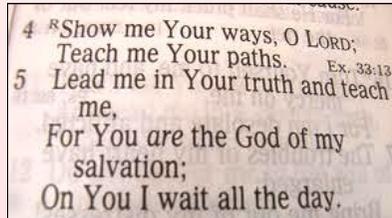
MONKEY BUSINESS

Ask Mark about bumping
into a long lost relative at
Holly Bush yesterday. The
resemblance is rather un-
canny. However after intro-
ducing himself, he found out
it was a mistake and then he
really did feel a right chimp!
However, wait until next
Sunday's Songs of Praise
service, as we have two very
similar characters coming
back to visit us. Sorry, I can't
tell you any more than that!

Never Stop Learning

'...You need someone to teach you...' HEBREWS 5:12

When I was in Philadelphia recently, I was unexpectedly asked to say a few words at the Scranton Cathedral after the service lunch. I told them what Mark had said about all good leaders need to be FAT. They all laughed, and then I explained why— Faithful, Available and most of all Teachable. Marlene LeFever quipped, 'Becoming an effective teacher is simple. You just prepare and prepare until drops of blood appear on your forehead.' In the 1920s Charlie Chaplin was the most famous person in the world. Born into poverty, he worked on the stage to support himself and by the age of 17 he was a veteran performer. Then at the age of 29 he did something unheard of: he signed the entertainment industry's first million-dollar contract. But he wasn't successful simply because he had talent and drive. He was also teachable. He kept learning and perfecting his gift. Even at the height of his career, the highest paid performer in the world didn't rest on his laurels. He said: 'When I watch one of my pictures, I pay attention to what the audience doesn't laugh at. If several audiences don't laugh at a stunt, I tear it apart and try to discover what's wrong. On the other hand, if I hear laughter I hadn't expected, I ask myself why that particular thing rang the bell with the audience.' The truth is, if Charlie Chaplin had replaced teachability with complacency and arrogance, we probably wouldn't even remember his name today. But he didn't. He never forgot the basics and he committed himself to learning. Eventually he co-founded United Artists, a mega-movie company that's still in business today. There's an important principle in this story. The Bible says, 'Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again.' If you want God to use you, stay teachable and never stop learning.



COFFEE & CHAT 4 FREE

The Coffee & Chat Shop will be open for business as usual tomorrow even though it is a Bank Holiday Monday.

Come and enjoy 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.

Numbers per week are averaging at over 30.

This is a **free** community project compliments of St Andrew's Church and you will, as always, be made very welcome. See ya!



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Revd Mark Spiers & the Revd Paul Reynolds

SUNDAY SERVICES

10am ~ Morning Service

11:30am ~ Family Praise

6pm ~ Evening Prayer

Holy Communion 1st am & 3rd pm Services

Mid-week activities:

- **MONDAYS** 10am to 1pm Coffee & Chat
- **TUESDAYS** 9:30am Bentley West Ladies Group
- 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
- 7:00pm Bible Study - Church House
- **WEDNESDAYS** 7:30am Prayer Group
- 12:30pm Luncheon Club
- 2:00pm Friendship Club
- 7:00pm Youth Club
- **THURSDAYS** 11:00am Holy Communion
- 10am to 1pm Bishop in Denom. Office
- **SATURDAYS** 10:00am Saturday Workshop

HOME MISSION PROJECT 2014

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE GENEROUSLY
HELP US REACH EVEN MORE PEOPLE IN NEED.
THIS PROJECT WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT 2014.

LESSONS LOG

24th August— Psalm 124 or 138; Exodus 1:8-2:10
Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm Mark

31st August— Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c or 26:1-8
Exodus 3:1-15; Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28
am - Bishop; 6pm SONGS OF PRAISE
followed by a bring and share supper

WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela, Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**.
- Lord, we put the following friends and congregation into your hands: **Mary, Jean, Hilary, Pam** and **Elizabeth**.
- Lord, we pray for the family of **Julie Anne White** (Mary's daughter) who sadly passed away last Monday afternoon after a long battle against cancer. Julie's funeral takes place in church on Friday 5th September at 12:30pm. Julie's wish was that everyone wears something pink, a symbol adopted by the Breast Cancer Support Group. Please remember **Mary, Thomas** and Julie's partner, **Ian** in your prayers.
- We bring **Betty & Colin** before you, Lord. Keep them safe.
- Lord, thank you that **Arline** is keeping much better.
- Please pray for **Iris** and **Alan**'s deteriorating health.
- Thank you, Lord, **Dan's Nan, Dot**, is much better. May it continue.
- Pray for **Audrey** who battles on with her mobility difficulties.
- Lord, we pray for **Carole** that she improves following an operation.
- Pray for **Doris** who continues to suffer with her sciatica.
- Thank you, Lord, for the worship team of **Nigel, Colin, Paul** and **Mark** who assist Bishop Paul in the running of the church services.
- Pray for **Jean's** husband, **Al** as he continues to battle against cancer. Pray for them both. We miss seeing Jean in church.
- Continue to pray for **Doreen** and **Jimmy's Ukrainian family**.
- Pray for **Steph**. She has coped well with her operation and now faces a period of Radiotherapy.
- Pray for **John Haynes** as he has been quite poorly again and had another week in and out of hospital. The latest news is that he will soon be fitted with a pacemaker and has been given a course of stronger antibiotics. John thanks you for your prayers.
- Pray for **Kate**, a relative of John Haynes, who is fighting against cancer for the fourth time. Remember too, **Phil**, her husband.
- Pray for Colin Hunter's nephew, **Christopher**, and give thanks he has been on holiday and had a good break.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and his ministry to the 'ex-pats' in Poitou Charentes, Western France. He leaves England to set up a permanent home in France in a couple of weeks time. Please pray for the congregation at Christ Church, Broadstairs and their minister, the Revd Alan Harvey who is 89 years old.
- Please continue to pray for **Daniel Choe, Grace** and all the members at **Emmanuel Church**.
- Pray for **Thelma** who has not been well recently and for **Brian** too.
- Pray for **Pete**, the partner of Margaret's niece, Amy. He has suffered a bleed on the brain and now in the QE. Pray for a complete recovery from the operation.
- Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson**, who is the grandson of June's sister, Janet, following treatment in hospital for Crohn's disease and is again unwell.
- Pray for Dan's friend, **Tom**. He lost his dad due to cancer recently. Give thanks his best mate, Jagdeep, got home safely from India.

BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

Do you feel you have a burning desire to offer God something, but because of infirmity or age or distance, doing things is difficult? Then why not join our growing number of Prayer Warriors. All you have to do is pray for all those mentioned above and your own family and friends every day. Thank you, Pauline for adding your name to the list.



SATURDAY WORKSHOP

There was an unusual flurry of activity yesterday at the Saturday Workshop. Mark came and cleared out the guttering from the hall roof and repaired the church guttering which had come apart and was letting water run all down the wall outside the Vestry which would have eventually given us more



problems. The grass was cut by Daniel. He is now confident in cutting the whole of the gardens using Bishop Paul's mower. June came and tidied a corner of the Memorial Garden. She planted some pansies and gave them a good watering. There are a few sweet and juicy plums on the tree. You are welcome to try them. First come, first served. Matthew and Emily are below helping



Margaret water the rockery. Margaret had weeded the front garden and the children had also gathered up all the litter that had accumulated around the



grounds. There are still many jobs that need doing, especially around the borders. If you can spare a little bit of time you would be most welcome to join us every Saturday at 10am to 1pm. Or if Saturday is too busy for you, come anytime during the week. Keeping the church gardens clean and tidy makes such a difference to those passing by. And we wouldn't want it any other way for God's house.



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BENTLEY

WEEKLY NEWS & PRAYER SHEET

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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