

Free Church of England - Southern Diocese

**AUTUMN RETREAT 2016**  
Monday 24th October to Thursday 27th October

**HIGH LEIGH CONFERENCE CENTRE, HODDESSEN**  
(High Leigh has superb facilities to explore including 40 acres of woodland)

Join us for another amazing week!

CHILDREN WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PROGRAMME AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES. ADULTS MAY JOIN IN WITH THEM OR THE MAIN CONFERENCE. THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN THE CHURCH FAMILY ALL MEET TOGETHER.

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CONFERENCE THEME: **THE PRINCE OF EGYPT**

**COSTS**  
£215 PER PERSON  
Book by the end of AUGUST AND RECEIVE A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF  
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(For ALL FCE Southern Diocese Members)  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WELCOME  
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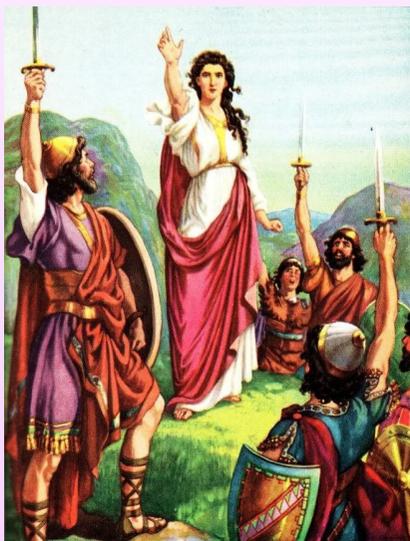
### Southern Diocese Retreat

If you want to join Bishop Paul, Revd Mark and Donna, Revd Paul and Janet and Revd Colin and Churchwarden Deanne for another amazing Conference in October, please speak to either Bishop Paul or to Revd Colin Hunter as soon as possible.

### The Bible Character Alphabet - D is for Deborah

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey." Psalm 119:103

The Deborah we are talking about is not Rebekah's nurse, who was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree, but the Deborah we read about in Judges Chapters 4 and 5, who was a prophetess and judged Israel. Evidently her name is the same as the word meaning bee. The root word of Deborah's name and "bee" means to speak or pronounce. Clearly "Deborah" is a very appropriate name for a prophetess and judge! But the link with the bee is also appropriate because that ties in with God's Word which the psalmist describes as "...sweeter than honey." Doing a quick run down on honey's virtues we can say it imparts energy to the eater - so do the words of God and by extension all those who speak it out like Deborah; "...for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you." Proverbs 3:2).



## Parent & Toddler Group

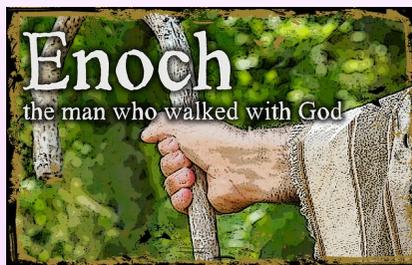
OUR PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP MEETS EVERY MONDAY FROM 1pm to 2:30pm. COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE COMPANY.



### The Bible Character Alphabet - E is for Enoch

"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgement on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.' These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favouritism to gain advantage." Jude 14b-16

Noah wasn't the only person to preach before the flood. Today we discover through Jude that Enoch also prophesied about the coming judgement. Part of God being just is that He warns through His Word, through prophesy and through the conviction of sin brought by the Holy Spirit when we are in danger of meeting His wrath. Through Enoch's example we can discover how we should respond to God. In Genesis 5:22-24 we are told twice that Enoch "walked with God". In other words Enoch kept close company with God, (the NLT translates it, "...walking in close fellowship with God") until the day, when Enoch disappeared, "...because God took him". I remember hearing one preacher saying that he imagined it that as God and Enoch were walking together there came the day when God said, "Hey we're nearer my place than yours so come home with me!" Close fellowship indeed!



### COFFEE & CHAT

The Coffee & Chat Shop will be open for business tomorrow as usual. Come and enjoy the chat and a specialised coffee or the best Bishop's Brew in Bentley! Toast is always available with jam or marmalade or just butter. This is a free community project with compliments of St Andrew's Church. You will, as always, be made very welcome. Thank you to all those regular supporters, it is much appreciated by Colin, Janet and Sue. Why not come and join us!

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### FAMILY PRAISE LEADER

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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:

<b>MONDAYS</b>	10am to 1pm	Coffee and Chat
	1pm to 2:30pm	Parent and Toddler Group
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	9:30am	Bentley West Ladies Group
	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	3pm, 5pm, 7pm	Slimming World
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	7pm	Bible Study - Church House
	7:30am	Prayer Group
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	2pm	Friendship Club
	7pm	Youth Club (5 to 11yrs)
	11am	Holy Communion
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	10am to 1pm	Bishop in Denom. Office
	6pm to 8:30pm	Karate Classes
	7:30pm	Willenhall Operatic
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	10am to 1pm	Saturday Workshop

### SUNDAY LESSONS LOG

1st May - Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9  
am Mark (Holy Communion); pm Paul (Bishop in Broadstairs)

8th May - Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34  
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17:20-26  
am L-Colin, P-Bishop; pm L-Mark, P-Bishop

15th May - PENTECOST - Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Acts 2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17  
am L-Colin, P-Paul; pm L-Bishop, P-Mark

## WEEKLY PRAYER UPDATE

- Lord, we pray for **Pamela** in the continual battle to save her eyesight, her daughter, **Chrissie**, and great grandson **Finley**, and members **Judy, Audrey, Pam, Hilary** and **Elizabeth**.
- Remember **Winnie** and **Ray** in your prayers.
- Lord, we pray for both **Arline** and **Ernie** as they battle on.
- Lord, we pray for the family of **Kenneth Booth** (Dan's grand-dad). He sadly passed away last Thursday in the Manor.
- *Thank you, Lord, for the worship team **Nigel, and the Revds Paul, Mark and Colin** who assist Bishop Paul in the services.*
- *Continue to pray for **Lewis Robinson, Frank and Janet**.*
- *Pray for **Dean's** sister, **Molly**, who is still very poorly. Pray for **Martha Rose** who is again back in hospital.*
- Please pray for **Lil Harrison** in Manor House, Willenhall. Daughter, **Jenifer** says she has been quite poorly recently.
- Pray for our twinned church - **St Francis, Shoreham-by-Sea**.
- Give thanks that **Colin Davis** is generally much better.
- Pray for the **Revd Robert Leone** and **Sarah**, his wife at **St Martin's Church** in France. Bishop Paul is looking forward to consecrating the church to the Glory of God in August this year.
- Pray for **Harvey**, the grandson of the **Revd John and Joy Eustice** from Exeter. Harvey has had more scans and awaits a further consultation at the National Orthopaedic Hospital.
- Give thanks **Colin Hunt** has made a very good recovery after a triple heart by-pass operation. Pray for **Chris** as she has also now retired from Longwear Products.
- Please Pray for **Jennie Parsons** of our Family Praise who has MS. Pray that they will keep her MS under control.
- Continue to pray for **Bishop Kenneth Powell** and **Edna**.
- Pray for the family of **Irene Cresswell**, Dan's great grandmother as she was called home last Sunday afternoon. God willing the funeral will be in church on Friday 20th May, 9:45am, (this just needs to be confirmed).
- Please pray for **Ken**. Pray also for **Jane** his wife and carer.
- Pray for **Flo (Paul's Nan)**. Give thanks she is much better.
- Give thanks that **Nigel's** operation on his shoulder recently was a great success and mobility has been restored.
- Please pray for all the churches around the Diocese. **St Jude's** Walsall; **Emmanuel**, Brum; **Christ Church**, Harlesden; **Christ Church**, Exeter; **Christ Church**, Exmouth; **Christ Church**, Willesborough; **St Jude's**, Balham; **Christ Church**, Broadstairs; **St Francis**, Shoreham; **Christ Church**, Leigh and **St Andrew's**.
- Pray for the family of **Jeanne Delphia Glover** who was 91 years old. Her funeral took place last Monday at Sandwell.
- Please pray for **Tom and Sarah** who are working for YWAM in Malawi. They are members of Christ Church, Exmouth.
- Pray for the family of **Joyce Evelyn Street** who was 90 years old. Her funeral took place recently. It was lovely to see Janice and Brian in church last Sunday..
- Remember **Gladys'** family. Gladys was a Luncheon Club member. Sadly she has passed away recently.
- Pray for the family of **Ronald Constable** who was 87 years old. His funeral took place last Tuesday at Bushbury Crem.
- Remember **Ted Critch** in your prayers. Ted was taken off his legs and is in the Manor with a severe water infection.

### BE A PRAYER WARRIOR!

*Would you like to be a Prayer Warrior? Then please tell Bishop Paul. A big 'thank you', to all who continually pray faithfully each day for everyone on our Prayer Sheet. Your prayers are vital for the spiritual health of our church. O Lord, have mercy upon us and receive our humble petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*



## FAREWELL IRENE

It was sad to report the passing of Irene Cresswell, aged 86yrs recently. Irene had only had a very short illness and was called home a week last Sunday. Only on the Wednesday before she had attended our Luncheon Club and Friendship Club. Irene had been a member of our Morning congregation for many years. She had brought with her a succession of her great grand children. First there was Stacey, then Jamie and now Daniel. Irene was always putting her cold hands on Bishop Paul's neck when she arrived at church on the Ring and Ride on a Sunday morning. She also came every week to the Luncheon Club with a £20 note and then shortly after changing it would bring another! Irene had lived in Pugh Crescent along with Ken and Dot and more recently had moved to Darlston. Irene was a lovely quiet lady and she is being missed by all her friends at home and at church. Her funeral is scheduled for Friday 20th May in Church at 9:45am, although the undertaker needs to just confirm this. Please do come and share with her family. Meanwhile please support Daniel and all the family in your prayers, especially with the additional loss of her son-in-law just last Thursday.



### St Andrew's Ministry - Nigel, Mark, Bishop Paul, Paul and Colin



- Remember the family of **Phyllis Lingard Lockley** who was 101 years old. Her funeral takes place in church on Monday 9th May at 11:30am.
- Pray for the family of **Linda Mary Davies**, who was 95 years old. Her funeral takes place at **St Jude's Church** on Friday 13th May at 10:30am. Linda was an old member of St Jude's.
- Pray for **Kirsty and Omotayo** as they get married in church on Saturday 14th May at 4pm. Pray too for Kirsty's mom, **Sharon**, who will be signing their marriage vows.
- Please put **Adam Aldridge** in your prayers and all the family of **Georgina (Georgie) Elizabeth Aldridge** who sadly passed away recently aged just 26. Her funeral takes place in church on Thursday 19th May at 12noon. Georgie and Adam got married in church just last November.
- Please pray for **Bishop Paul** as he copes with all the above funerals in the midst of getting ready for **Convocation** and other meetings taking place from 23rd to 26th May at The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire.

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