

## **Frome MenUnited: Curry Nights 2019 – next Meeting Thurs 24 January**

*Westeroff: 'We commonly think of Christian life from an individualistic or, at best, organisational perspective, rarely from a community perspective.'*

Dear Friends,

Over the past three years it has been encouraging to see how our curry nights have gradually grown, there are 92 on the mailing list. Many felt the recent meeting with Mike Hill was one of the best, a view I share, and the questions put to Mike at the end of his talk were indicative of this. Nearly 60 came along with a number of regulars unable to attend.

Some of us have been pondering how we might move forward; herewith a few thoughts:

- **Always keep it 'simple' and 'light'** (i.e. straightforward to book in; pay on the night; open to all-comers to 'taste and see'; simple menu; warm relaxed atmosphere ...)
- **Seek to deepen**, in a natural way, **a sense of collegiality** (a greater sense of community among us) fostering **a sense of 'ownership'** in the enterprise.
- Avoid any sense of imposing 'more to do' (many of our lives are too busy as it is!) but nurturing **a desire for each of us to 'grow in maturity'**. i.e. 'Equipping the saints' (Ephesians 4:12-16)
- Meetings should offer **more than simply being 'entertained'** by an excellent speaker – crucial though that is to the mix!
- Ideally, to some degree **each meeting should model Acts 2:42**: 'They were devoted to the Word, to prayer, to the fellowship and to the breaking of bread'. How are these elements be incorporated in a natural, creative, relaxed yet engaging way ....?
- **There is much 'buried treasure' in our rank.** *Everyone's* story is fascinating and, wherever we are on life's journey, we have much to 'feed one another'.

In order to clarify *our* thinking (that's all of us!) it is proposed **our next meeting on Thursday 24 January @7.00pm** will provide an opportunity to 'shape' and 'own' the programme for the coming year(s). Usual arrangements – Frome Town FC, £10/head

**It will be full of humour, your thoughts and ideas, and, most importantly God's presence and inspiration! Please pray and invite any friends along.**

### **Future dates for 2019**

Thursdays 21 March, 12 September, 21 November.

#### **The BIG ONE: Saturday 18 May 10.00am-4.00pm**

**'The Big Gathering' at The Cheese and Grain, Frome. Speakers: Linvoy Primus MBE(former Premiership footballer), Rt Rev Mike Hill and Steve Legg (an hilarious magician of international repute and Editor of 'Sorted' – Christian magazine for men). This event is for Men's groups from Bath, Radstock, Frome, Midsomer Norton and the surrounding area. Please PRAY, put it in your dairy and pass it on!**

