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Editorial



The front cover has been drawn by Kieran Harfield whilst he and his family and others from the church were at Spring Harvest. You may also read about this year's Spring Harvest inside the magazine.

Hugh Lowries has written a very thought provoking article on Christians losing their nerve.

There are reminders for Potential Weekend, and adverts for train enthusiasts. Plus, of course, the usual family news and information about forthcoming meetings and events.

Next month will be the Bumper Summer Edition, to take us through the holiday season - see you then!

Val

Dear Friends,

Winner or loser – which are you?



The politicians tell us that the real winners from the inconclusive election result are the voters. That's difficult to understand, because it looks as though no one is going to get what they voted for. However, in the world of politics as Humpty Dumpty said, words can mean whatever you want them to mean. So let's leave politics behind and try to find some more trustworthy guidelines to evaluate where we really stand.

The word "loser" is often used these days as an insult. "You loser!" someone shouts and it's meant to hurt. It also pre-supposes that the only acceptable result from any contest is victory, an out-and-out trouncing of your opponent, showing that he or she is wrong and probably stupid as well. All that shows is lack of insight and immaturity.

In my efforts to persuade people to accept the Christian faith, I have often argued so long and hard, that I have won the argument and lost the person.

C. S. Lewis, who possessed one of the greatest intellects of the twentieth century, said that his friend Arthur Greeves, who was intellectually nowhere near Lewis's equal, nevertheless was crucial in his journey to faith. This is what he said about their correspondence.

"He (Greeves) remains the victor in that debate. It is I who have come round. He was not a clever boy. He was even a dull boy. I was the scholar. He had no ideas. I bubbled over with them. It might seem that I had much to give him and that he had nothing to give me, but that is not the truth. I could give concepts, logic, facts, arguments. He had only feelings to offer - feelings which most mysteriously (for he was always very inarticulate) he taught me to share. Hence in our commerce I dealt in superficiality, but he in solids. I learned charity from him, but failed for all my efforts, to teach him arrogance in return."

We sometimes get discouraged by the fact that our words fail to convince unbelievers and we may even be tempted to give up, but that would be a

great mistake. What convinces people, is not an argument that shows they are wrong, but love which shows they are valued. Logical argument is important of course. Sharing the Christian Faith should never descend into a subtle attempt at emotional or moral blackmail. Modern secularists like Dr. Evan Harris (who thankfully lost his parliamentary seat in the election – three cheers for the voters of Oxford West and Abingdon!) are right when they say that religion is morally bankrupt if it abandons logic, but faith which depends only on logic is like cold beef without horseradish sauce – tough, chewy and tasteless.

So let's go on sharing our faith, even though few appear to listen. The real winners are not the intellectually superior, but those whose arguments convince people they are loved by pointing them to Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin.

Prayer Focus



We hope you found the Global Prayer material helpful. It would be good to receive feedback. However we clearly need to continue to pray for our world as there are still many situations of need and injustice that need the Kingdom of God to break in. Much of the material can be used for future prayer. Please continue to pray that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be raised up throughout the world bringing salvation to the people. There is a lot of additional material on Missions, Evangelical Alliance, and CARE notice boards.

As well as praying globally we also need to uphold the work locally. At the church prayer meeting in May we featured the work of Stepping Stones. If you were not able to join us have a word with Janet Goodenough to find out their current prayer needs.

During the June prayer meeting we will be featuring the work of the Pastor and the many opportunities he has to share the gospel in the village. We will also be supporting the work carried out in the high street and other venues. Why not join us to hear what is going on and support them in prayer. We can together be part of the sharing of the gospel with others.

Losing our Nerve

Hugh Lowries was for many years the Headmaster of Great Walstead School here in Lindfield. After his retirement he and his wife Zilla moved to Polegate in East Sussex, where they are now very involved with their local church community.

The situation

Have you ever, as I have, climbed a ladder intending to do a small job on the roof of the house, and then when you've arrived at the top of the ladder, realised that you are too scared to go any further? At a wedding I attended, the Best Man stood up to give his speech and then, losing his nerve, cowered behind the lectern till he crept sadly away. These examples are relatively trivial. What is not trivial is the loss of nerve that is displayed in the Christian church in the Western world.

Many of us would not have believed twenty years ago that marriage would have become sidelined in the way it has. It is now an optional extra which some people choose to enhance their relationship. Homosexual practice, co-habiting, assisting suicide, widespread unnecessary abortions are all acceptable to many of our fellow citizens, including many within the Christian church. And no one it seems dares to say that human beings do not exist just to please themselves, but are answerable to a God who made them and loves them. How is it that things have changed so rapidly and the standards we once felt were held almost universally come to be flouted so boldly?

Evangelical boldness – the Clapham Sect

In many ways, what is more remarkable is that it has taken so long for Christian values to disappear from our national life and from the wider Western world. To gain some insight into what has gone wrong, let us take a look at a time when Christians were bold to enter the public sphere. One such time was the early nineteenth century when the Clapham Sect held sway. These were evangelicals, men and women who believed in personal salvation and the Bible as a sure basis for life, who gathered round Rev'd John Venn, the Rector of Holy Trinity, Clapham, and his father, Rev'd Henry Venn. Other well known people who lived in Clapham, then a village on the outskirts of London, and used their influence to promote Christian values were Hannah More, James Stephen, Henry Thornton and William Wilberforce. It was their energy and

commitment, along with that of other like-minded people, that brought about the ending of the slave trade and later the ending of slavery itself. But they did not stop with slavery – they worked tirelessly to protect child factory workers, to encourage the education of the poor, reform of the penal system and to bring integrity into political life.

The challenge of philosophy and theology

These were people of drive and intelligence, and of simple but deeply held faith. What they were not, on the whole, was intellectuals. They did not study the works of Immanuel Kant. Few people did since his works were in German and not yet translated. Nor did they read the works of the German theologians who, having imbibed Kant's philosophy, applied it to religion and the study of the Bible. What these men taught was that there were two ways of thinking: the religious and the rational. One was essentially subjective and based on faith. The other was founded on what could be observed and susceptible to analysis by reason. The most influential theologian of this time, Friedrich Schleiermacher was happy to divide his mind into these two compartments, retaining a tender spirituality based on intuition, while viewing the Bible as a record of religious experience, rather than communication from the living God. Gradually, these writings and others that followed were translated into English and became a more and more powerful challenge to simple Biblical faith. At the same time, the view of the world based on reason was busy eating up the world of faith. This is illustrated most powerfully by the experience of Charles Darwin who progressively lost any real faith in God as he developed through observation and reason his theory of evolution.

The Stephen family

Another way of understanding what happened during the nineteenth century is by seeing what happened in a single family. I mentioned James Stephen, a lawyer who performed a key task by his sharp legal mind in the abolition of the slave trade, and who married as his second wife a sister of William Wilberforce. His son, who became Sir James Stephen, was instrumental in taking the abolition of slavery legislation through parliament. He was a committed Christian, but, aware of the writings of German theologians who cast doubt on the reliability of the Bible, he found himself, though an intelligent man, out of his depth in finding a way of rebutting them. His deep conviction was that the Bible was true, but he did not know how to defend it against attack. It was



James Stephen



Sir James Stephen



Sir Leslie Stephen

therefore with gladness that he saw his youngest son, Leslie Stephen, go up to Cambridge and read for ordination. He anticipated that by his study of theology, Leslie would be able to bolster his confidence that the old certainties were still certain.

The outcome was very sad, though fortunately Sir James died before things came to a head. Leslie had been seen in the early days following his ordination in 1855 as he worked as a tutor in Cambridge as the epitome of the 'muscular Christian', one who combined manly virtues with a strong Christian faith and influence. He was an outstanding mountain climber in the early days of that pursuit. But in 1865, he wrote: 'Finally I make this note of my creed. My faith in anything like religion has been gradually growing dimmer. I can scarcely believe that a year ago I was preaching sermons. I now believe in nothing. But I do not the less believe in morality. I mean to live and die like a gentleman if possible'. What happened in between? He was influenced by the philosophy of Kant and Mill and exposed to those who denied the truth of the Bible or, worse, while denying it, continued hypocritically to go through the motions of the religious life. Leslie Stephen sadly had nothing to draw on to counteract the arguments of the philosophers. The intellectual battle had been lost by default.



The robust confidence in God and the Bible shown by James Stephen developed into the worried uncertainty of his son which resulted in the loss of faith by his grandson. The end of that story is that Leslie Stephen became the father of Virginia Stephen, the novelist Virginia Woolf who, a complete unbeliever, drowned herself in the River Ouse south of Lewes.

Our own time

By the time I was growing up after the second world war, the division between faith and the scientific approach to the world was complete. All that we learnt at school was objective and neutral as to values; what we learnt at home and at

church was personal, subjective and not susceptible to rational analysis. Faith was alive and kicking, Christianity still the official religion, tolerated and even admired in public life, but ultimately having limited relevance. What has occurred since then is that the long process that began in the late eighteenth and nineteenth century has finally made belief in God and his Son a private hobby, which anyone can adopt, like stamp collecting, but which must never seek to influence law or politics or morality. And we, the people of faith have accepted our status.

What should our response be?

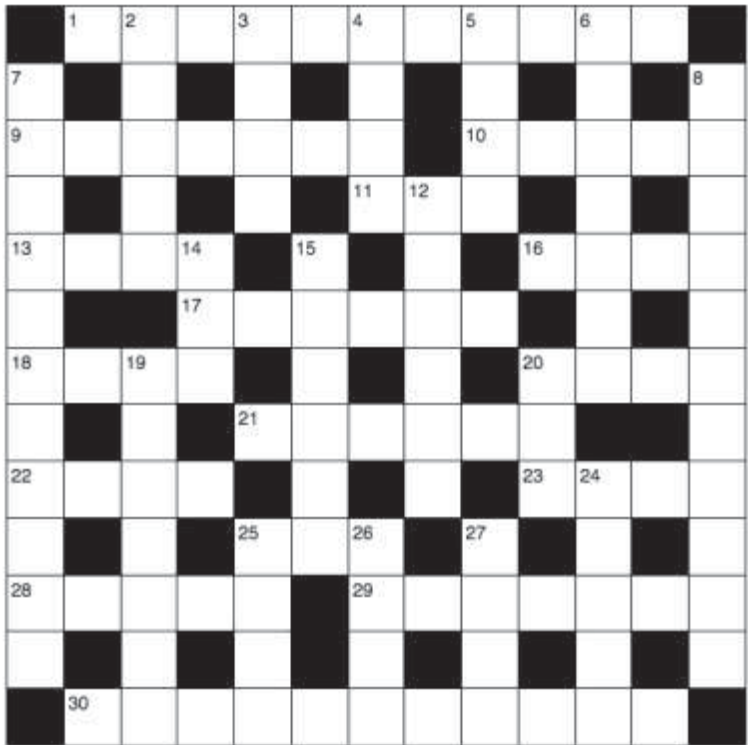
How can we in Britain, in North America and Europe regain our nerve? Two things have to happen to make this possible. The first is we need to have a view of God which is larger, deeper and clearer than we have had in recent times. God is creator, sustainer and rightful king of all the world, deserving allegiance from every human being. As that becomes real to us we shall give His authority, His laws, His purposes the place that rightfully belongs to them in our own lives and the life of our nation. Secondly, we ordinary church members must become again thinking people who search the scriptures, who argue and discuss, who read and comment on all the theories and issues of the day. We have sat in our bunker too long. We are much better placed than our forebears since much has been written in recent years which can develop our thinking – we just need to engage with it and together regain our nerve. *God's Undertaker* by Oxford mathematician and philosopher of science, John Lennox, opens one's mind to the really strong arguments that support a Biblical view of the world and science. Study of that would be a good starting point.

Hugh Lowries

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Tiger Cubs Pre-school are collecting the Active Kids Vouchers. If anyone has any spare that could be donated to us, it would be most appreciated.

Please give to Clare Nibloe or Jackie Griffiths or leave in the "N" pigeon hole at the rear of the church.



Across

- 1 'Eloi, Eloi, lama — ?' (Matthew 27:46) (11)
- 9 Joseph's second son (Genesis 41:52) (7)
- 10 'No one sews a — of unshrunk cloth on an old garment' (Mark 2:21) (5)
- 11 See 3 Down (3)
- 13 Cultivate (2 Samuel 9:10) (4)
- 16 Not firm or stiff (Proverbs 26:7) (4)
- 17 Jacob's second wife (Genesis 29:28) (6)
- 18 On Her Majesty's Service (1,1,1,1)
- 20 'As for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? — every day, I mean that, brothers' (1 Corinthians 15:30–31) (1,3)
- 21 The second son that Leah bore to Jacob (Genesis 29:33) (6)
- 22 Piece of work (Acts 20:24) (4)
- 23 The expensive perfume that Mary poured on Jesus' feet at Bethany (John 12:3) (4)
- 25 'Come and — the place where he lay' (Matthew 28:6) (3)
- 28 Vegetable identified by the Israelites in the desert as one they remembered enjoying in Egypt (Numbers 11:5) (5)
- 29 'But the — of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it' (Matthew 13:22) (7)
- 30 It happened to Paul three times (2 Corinthians 11:25) (11)

Down

- 2 The second son that Leah's servant Zilpah bore to Jacob (Genesis 30:13) (5)
 - 3 Parents of Cain (Genesis 4:1) (4,3)
 - 4 Abode (Luke 4:38) (4)
 - 5 'Now faith is being sure of what we — for' (Hebrews 11:1) (4)
 - 6 'When they entered [the tomb], they did — — the body of the Lord Jesus' (Luke 24:3) (3,4)
 - 7 The last-named fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) (4,7)
 - 8 Woman who looks after sheep (Genesis 29:9) (11)
 - 12 Looked at (Numbers 32:9) (6)
 - 14 Form of address to married woman (3)
 - 15 Baruch was so described (Jeremiah 36:26) (6)
 - 19 Andrew told his brother Simon that they had found him (John 1:41) (7)
 - 20 Where the Good Samaritan took the man attacked by robbers on the Jericho road (Luke 10:34) (3)
 - 24 'This son of mine was dead and is — again; he was lost and is found' (Luke 15:24) (5)
 - 25 Pins (anag.) (4)
 - 26 Large jug or pitcher (4)
 - 27 Rice (anag.) (4)
- Answers on page 20.

FAMILY NEWS

New Home

Wallace Plimmer has recently moved to 12, Oaklea, Compton Road, Lindfield, and his telephone number is 01444 482299. We welcome Wally back to Lindfield.

Sad News

Owen Broughton, a long standing member of our Church family, has died in Compton House, aged 102. His cheerful countenance there will be sadly missed by staff, volunteers and residents alike.

Those of you who have been attending LURC for a long time will be sad to hear that Ted Nelson has died recently after a long fight with cancer. He and his wife, Dot, moved to Horsham some years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dot and the family.

Thank You's

From Jan Foreman

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful help and support I've received, both before, and since my operation last month. As some of you know, I've had problems with my ankle since I broke it in November 2008, but hopefully this operation will put an end to that.

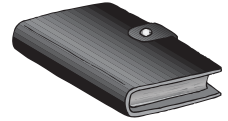
The Christian fellowship in the form of prayers, lifts, visits, meals and shopping has helped me through a very difficult time and I don't know what I'd have done without it. I thank you all most sincerely.

From Anne Parker

I should like to thank everyone who so kindly gave me lifts whilst I was unable to drive recently. Also, thank you so much for the lovely flowers, brought round by a member of the flower distribution team. The kindness and concern of those friends who have prayed for me and given practical help is very much appreciated.

God bless every one of you.

June Church Diary



3rd

Thursday House Groups

17th

Thursday House Groups

5thSaturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**19th**Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**6th**
Sunday9.30am David Goodenough
(PRH Chaplain) -
Communion
11.00am David Goodenough
6.30pm Celebration Clair
Hall "All you need
is love."**20th**
Sunday9.30am Ron Goodenough
11.00am Ron Goodenough
6.30pm Evening Worship-
The Pastor**9th**Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship**23rd**Wednesday 2.45pm Afternoon
Fellowship
7.30pm Elders**10th**

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting

24thThursday 8.00pm Church Prayer
Meeting**11th**Friday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship**26th**Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**12th**Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**13th**
Sunday9.30am Family Worship
The Pastor -
Communion
11.00am The Pastor
6.30pm The Pastor**27th**
Sunday9.30am Family Worship
The Pastor
11.00am The Pastor -
Communion
(Elders away for afternoon)
6.30pm David Jones

**Balcombe United
Reformed
Church**



Bramble Hill, Balcombe RH17 6HR

Our services are held weekly at 10.30am.
Visitors are welcome to join us.

Speakers for June are as follows:-

- June 6th David Walters
- June 13th Philip Wren
- June 20th Charles Martin
- June 27th Philip Wren

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

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June

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|------|------------------|-----------------|
| 6th | Barbara Shepherd | Iris Bingham |
| 13th | Brian Tuppen | Janet Sanderson |
| 20th | Audrey Saunders | Sue Tester |
| 27th | Heather Swann | Jacqueline Wood |

July

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| 4th | Carol Walters | Barbara Shepherd |
| 11th | Janet Wade | Kay Phillpot |
| 18th | Gladys Porter | Jo Bloxham |
| 25th | Fiona Tingley | Heather Swann |

**Sunday Services
explained....**

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time.

There is a crèche, and after about 20 minutes, children and young people up to age 14 go out to their own groups on most Sundays.

Coffee is served between the morning services, and after the evening service.

The **11:00am service** is usually more set and formal.

At **6:30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Personal prayer is available after every service. Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We **do not take up an offering** during the services, but those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service. Thank you.

Recordings of services can be borrowed free from the church.

Porotial – Have you signed up to find yours?

Thanks to all who have registered to join us on our church weekend on the 18th and 19th September 2010. We are really looking forward to joining with you there for a weekend of challenge and encouragement.

We can guarantee that you will be well fed, both spiritually by our speaker and also physically!

We are pleased to report that a team from All Saints will be providing teaching and fun for the children and young people up to 14 years. There will also be a crèche facility provided.

As the weekend approaches please pray that the time would be set aside and used by God to teach us and move us forward as a church. If you wish to give towards the cost of the weekend then you can use one of the *Porotial* envelopes at any time up to the weekend and place whatever you feel led to give in the offertory at any service.

Look out for more details of the weekend on the church website as details are finalised and in the next church magazine. If you have any questions at all relating to the weekend then please do speak to a member of the *Porotial* committee and we will do our best to supply some answers: Richard or Dawn Walters, Charles Martin, Sue Waller or Jessie Green.

June Mission Giving.

saltworkz *café*

This month we are supporting the work of '**Saltworkz**', which many will know is a local Christian charitable work carried out by members of the "Haywards Heath and District Evangelical Fellowship". Its aim is to demonstrate the Christian message in the local community by offering help and arranging community activities with a particular focus on the Bentswood area of Haywards Heath. The following is the charity's Spring 2010 Update.

In December 2005, Haywards Heath Evangelical Free Church (HHEFC) took a lead role in opening the **Saltworkz Café**. The café is open to the public Mondays to Saturdays, offering classic coffee, tea, hot and cold meals and snacks, with Internet access, children's play areas and secluded patio. The aim

is to create a viable café, but also a place for friendship, information, help and advice.

We have just completed our fourth year, which has seen many opportunities and encouragements. Despite the recession we are grateful for the Lord's provision in sustaining the work both financially and through the support of local churches and organisations. The café has a real impact on the local community and we continue to see many regulars as well as new faces. It remains a meeting point and a place where people can relax over a cup of coffee and feel welcomed by friendly staff.



The café is a regular host to local organisations including the Credit Union and Haven pregnancy advice. For the first time last December HHEFC held a children's nativity event on Friday afternoons after school which proved to be hugely popular with the café packed with children and their parents.

This year the café has held many more church breakfasts organised by local churches and Christian organisations. These breakfasts have been an opportunity for outreach and for people to share the love of God.

The Kings Church started an exciting work with young people, using the café to run an evening Alpha course. They continue to use it for other regular events, which included a Money Wise course in March. HHEFC has also been running Christianity Explored courses from the café and has recently re-started a regular International Evening where people living in the area, from overseas, can meet new friends, learn about other countries, cultures and traditions, share views and find help and advice.

Community Worker

We employed our first Community Worker, Keturah Howard, in Autumn 2009. Keturah is based in the café to provide support, welfare and education to families living in the area and has made many new contacts during the last few months.

Some of the key areas which Keturah has been focusing on include:

- continuing to help in the work of HHEFC's after school clubs and developing this to provide craft sessions in the café during school

holidays and planning summer events in the local area.

- the setting up of Saltworkz Totz to provide a relaxed, friendly and welcoming environment for parents and carers of pre-school children. There is time to share experiences, learn together, encourage each other and make new friends. Bible truths are taught through singing and teaching.
- bringing together a team to plan how we can best provide practical support for the elderly
- continuing to build links within the community, providing one-to-one practical support and introducing people to others who can support them in specific areas.
- attending the Haven Pregnancy Crisis Counselling training course in order to join the 'drop in' team which provides advice from the café, and raise the profile of Haven in the local area.
- partnership in the Bentswood project.
- visiting a halfway house project in Birmingham to gather information and research ideas in order to prepare a business plan for a similar project here, offering community based support and accountability for individuals and/or families with dependency issues.



More photos can be seen at the Missions Display Area. If you would like to give towards this vital work please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.

Thank you

The Fellowship

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 23rd June at 2.45pm. We give a warm welcome to a very well known member of our congregation, Jean Gardiner. The title of her talk is 'Thai for Two'.

We look forward to seeing regular members and are always pleased to welcome new people.

There will be our usual Bring and Buy Stall.

Spring Harvest 2010 Feedback



A small group of church members went along to a very sunny Minehead for 6 days in early April. We spent our days listening to inspirational teaching following daily themes:

Day 1 – Being Chosen (Esther 1:1 – 2:18)

Day 2 – Knowing God (Esther 2:19 – 3:15)

Day 3 – Following Jesus (Esther 4:1-17)

Day 4 – Belonging together (Esther 5 – 6)

Day 5 – Seeing change (Esther 7)

Day 6 – Celebrating Victory (Esther 8 -10)

The young people spent time in their own age groups following the same theme as the adults. The afternoons were spent relaxing, taking walks on the beach, or grabbing the opportunity to learn new songs in a choir or attending another seminar. The early evening was spent in a time of worship lead by Vicky Beeching and if you had the stamina, you could go on to to the afterhour's entertainment with performers ranging from Jonathan Veira, Jackie Pullinger and the Lacey theatre company with Bob Hartman to name but a few.

At the end of our stay we all joined together in Pizza Hut for our evening meal and I asked the tables to write a sentence on a piece of paper reflecting their time at Spring Harvest this year. This is how they turned out.

Table 1

Fun! Fun! Fun! Laughing and Relaxing, challenged to live differently and beautifully.
Don't look down, look up. Don't step back, step forward. AND it's ok to laugh in Church!!

Spending quality time with great friends and family. Learning more about ourselves, through prayer, praise and just time together.

I think God is preparing me for a challenge – time for me to leave the comfort zone.
Being a visionary and being frustrated are two sides of the same coin.
We are to be servants of God.

Table 2 – (The Under 20's)

Overall Fantastic
Bob the Builder land was fun! Good bands and music.
Vundar bar Pop connection!
The best place eva
Loved it
You meet the most amazing people and make great friends.
Spectackular
Amazing exciting time.

Table 3

To live in community – with all its beautiful faults and love like Christ...what an awesome challenge. Shall we?
Laughter has been the best medicine!
God is faithful and longs for us to reach our potential in a Christ-like way.
A spring blessing. I pray that LURC experiences God's harvest soon!
Enlightening and Challenging
God is still at work even when we don't know what the outcome will be.
You can't go away to Spring Harvest and come away without having been challenged. Spring Harvest is a wonderful resource for Christians. It would be wonderful to have many members of our church sharing this time together and coming home inspired and challenged. It is suitable for all ages from 0-150, if you are interested in coming next year, please read about Spring Harvest 2011, on the opposite page!!

Zoe McQuillin



Spring Harvest 2011 – We are thinking about it already!!

It seems like we have only just returned but we are looking ahead already to Spring Harvest 2011. (Bookings have to be made on the 9th June!!)

Spring Harvest is unique. It's a holiday and it's a conference. It's a retreat and it's a challenge. Through vibrant worship and inspirational Bible teaching, it offers you a truly refreshing break. There is something for everyone, and the theme is taught from the Under 5's to adults. There are on-site leisure facilities, fantastic after hour's entertainment, leadership master classes and a worship stream aimed at those responsible for leading sung worship.

This year's theme is...

Route 66 – Biblical Direction for the road we travel.

It's time we stopped seeing the Bible as a book. It's 66 volumes by more than three dozen authors to make a little library. It's a repository of reference; a treasure-chest of truth; a library of lives.

The Bible holds together with remarkable consistency and strength. Core themes run like rivers through the texts. Questions asked in ages past are answered in dreams of the future. Promises made in times of need are fulfilled in times of grace.

In 2011, the 400th Anniversary of the 'Authorised Version', we'll find out just why the Bible is the most contemporary collection of stories in any time and place.

- What does it mean to believe that these 66 books are inspired by the Spirit of God?
- Can we trust them to bring meaning to our lives?
- How should we apply them, knowing that so many of the questions we face today are not directly referenced in these ancient words?

Route 66: Biblical direction for the road we travel, will equip you to better understand the Bible, to better apply its teachings and to better live out the powerful call of the Spirit who broods and breathes within its pages.

We would like to see many people of all ages coming next year, and joining together as a church fellowship. The dates will probably be Thursday 14th April to Tuesday 19th April 2011 (Week 2 @ Minehead), this will be slightly dependant on availability at booking.

We usually book self catering, but half-board is an option. Adult self catering costs are approximately £190 per person, and half board is £300 per head. If you would like to come and require further information please contact **Zoe McQuillin on 01444 484364 or email her on zoe@mcquillin.com**. You can then confirm your attendance by signing up on the form in the concourse or contacting Zoe direct, **by Sunday 6th June 2010**.

Meditation on Psalm 16

Read: Psalm 16, v 1 -11.

This Psalm is often referred to as one of the “Messianic Psalms” – meaning that the truths embodied in the words are looking forward to Jesus and God’s relationship to Him. Peter picks up on this in Acts 2 v 25 – 28; whilst Paul also refers to the Psalm in Acts 13 v 35.

However, I believe that there is much to be learned from the Psalm as it applied to David, the writer.

David’s psalms express the depths of his feeling at the time – whether he is struggling with opposition and under siege, or, as here, triumphant and joyful. Hence his words are no mere hope but solid reality.

He begins by affirming his trust in God, and that there is no security in looking to other “gods”. He continues with thanksgiving that “Lord, you have assigned me my portion and Cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.” As a result of this, “I will praise the Lord who counsels me...I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.”

David is glad and rejoices about these things, (v9). He concludes with his assurance that, both in this life, and when he dies, God will not abandon him to decay and destruction, but will provide eternal pleasures (vv 10 - 11).

As believers in Jesus, we should take this Psalm to ourselves, and remind ourselves that we have an even more sure hope in Jesus. Therefore, whether life seems good for us, or we are facing the trials of every day life, or greater challenges, let us proclaim: “Blessed be the name of the Lord!”

My own experience is that, through trials and good times, God has set pleasant boundary lines for me. I will trust Him for today and tomorrow.

Tim Sanderson



My old boss had a theory that there is a close affinity between railways and religion. He used to cite a number of well known ecclesiastics who had model railways or spent their spare time photographing steam trains – and a whole lot of locomotive crew and station staff who were lay preachers or readers.

Be that as it may, there is a small, select group at Lindfield URC who are enthusiasts for both and who, in September 2008, exhibited “Uxbridge Junction”, a 7½m x 2m model layout at the Haywards Heath model railway exhibition at the South Road URC. They have been invited to do a repeat performance on 4th September this year.

Odd moments through this summer will therefore be spent in a Lindfield garage perfecting the layout – and we thought it might be nice this time to provide our friends in Lindfield with a preview. So we invite you all to **a coffee morning/afternoon tea and mini-exhibition of models in the hall at Lindfield URC on Saturday, August 14 from 10am to 4pm**

There will be a modest charge for coffee and a programme and the proceeds will be for church general funds. The model “Uxbridge Junction” will be on display, together with a few other exhibits of railways and other models provided by members of the church.

So this is just to give you notice – note the date in your diary now.

Also, if any of you share this interest in railway (or other) modelling with the team and maybe have a layout or exhibit to contribute, please let Michael Davies know (T:482024 or E:michael.j.davies21@btinternet.com).

IN Touch– Ashburnham

Last month our quiet day was spent at Ashburnham under the leadership of Brenda Stone. The theme of the day was “Rolling away the stone” and consisted of three main sections each suggesting different reasons why we may not be moving forward with God; thus preventing us from fully experiencing God’s power and therefore not being able to have such a close relationship with Him as we would have wished.

After speaking about each theme Brenda provided us with some thought provoking sheets and invited us to quietly consider the quotations and Bible references in order to help us find some answers to the three themes. As the weather was warm and sunny most of us took the opportunity to go outside and enjoy the gardens and peaceful surroundings to do this.

Our day ended with us sharing a simple but moving communion service together and we returned home each having been refreshed spiritually and grateful that we had the opportunity of taking a day out from our busy lives to meet with God in a rather special way. We are very grateful to Brenda and thank her sincerely for the thought and effort she put into the day on our behalf.

Our next meeting is on 22nd June when we look forward to having a speaker from “The Haven”. More details will be available nearer the time and we welcome anyone who is interested to join us for that evening.

Janet Wade.

STOP PRESS...

We congratulate Jeremy and Mel Campling on the birth of Annabel Lucy on May 19th, a sister for Louisa (7 lb. 6 oz.) - also Elissa and Steve Pette on the birth of Isaac, brother to Ethan, on May 17th (7 lb. 14 oz.)

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Sabachthani. 9, Ephraim. 10, Patch. 11, Eve. 13, Farm. 16, Limp. 17, Rachel. 18, OHMS. 20, I die. 21, Simeon. 22, Task. 23, Nard. 25, See. 28, Onion. 29, Worries. 30, Shipwrecked.

DOWN: 2, Asher. 3, Adam. 4, Home. 5, Hope. 6, Not find. 7, Self-control. 8, Shepherdess. 12, Viewed. 14, Mrs. 15, Scribe. 19, Messiah. 20, Inn. 24, Alive. 25, Snip. 26, Ewer. 27, Eric.

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Lighthouse (Junior church). (Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
- 11.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
Morning Worship
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)
- 6.30pm Evening Service
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

*Healing services as announced***PRAYER MEETINGS:**

- Mon 9.30am An Hour of Prayer
- Wed 9.45am Short Service of Intercession
- Thur 8.00pm Church Prayer Evening
(As announced)
- Sat 8.45am Three Churches Prayer Meeting.
– 9.30am Venue rotates between the three churches.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Mon 10.00am Art Group
- 6.30pm Boys' Brigade – Junior Section (8–11 years)
- 7.45pm Boys' Brigade – Company Section (11+ years)
- Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers)
- 7.45pm In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages
- Wed 2.45pm The Fellowship (4th Wed) for mature ladies and gentlemen
- 6:45pm Zest 4:5:6 games, craft, tuck plus the 'Bible bit' (term time)
- Thur 10.00am Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
- 8.00pm Church Meeting (2nd Thur)
- Fri 5.30pm Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys (5–7 years)
- 7:30pm Zest Plus (Years 7–10) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

The church is normally open Monday to Saturday from 10.00am to 12.30pm

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Join us for a time of prayer and praise together and to hear Ian Coffey speak from the book of Philemon about how true Christian love expressed in our choices can transform society

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE?

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