

GoodNEWS

Lindfield URC's Village Magazine

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Alpha



Lindfield URC launches the Alpha Course

Be reconciled to God...

No longer, then, do we judge anyone by human standards. Even if at one time we judged Christ according to human standards, we no longer do so. When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. Our message is that God was making all mankind his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.

Here we are then, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends! Christ was without sin, but for our sake God made him share our sin in order that in union with him we might share the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

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Editorial

I have to confess I am writing this editorial somewhat reluctantly, because writing it means that the end of the summer break is drawing ever nearer and the 'new' at least academic session is encroaching onto my thinking. However if you should feel the same as me take a look into the magazine because it lets you know about exciting things are happening at the start of September. So I say to myself there is really no need to feel the loss of the summer because it is being replaced by something new. The big event of our

September is the beginning of the Alpha course; and there is information inside for you to read. There is also our church weekend away at home – Potential, and again there is information inside.

Helen Hall writes about what it means to her to be a Christian in her every day life. Geoffrey Cocksedge tells about the Boys Brigade summer camp.

There is also the usual news and information, so do have a read and be excited about what is to come!!

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Dear Friends,



Whilst Charles, our minister is recovering from his heart operation, David Jones writes our introductory page, including his regular Prayer Diary.....

Many of you will know that Charles Martin our minister has recently had heart surgery and it is good to be able to report steady progress as he recovers, he penned the following update in August

“Dear Friends,

Here are a few lines to let you know how my recovery is progressing. It is a month since I had my heart by-pass operation and I had hoped to be stronger by now. However, two weeks ago it was discovered that I was badly anaemic, so I was given a blood transfusion at the Princess Royal Hospital. This made a tremendous difference and I am very grateful to the two anonymous donors whose blood I received. Gradually my strength is returning and I am able to walk a fair distance each day. Needless to say your cards, good wishes and most of all your prayers have been a tremendous support and blessing. The attention I have received from the medical professionals has been second to none and along with the devoted care of my wife and the love of the church family, I am sure I shall be able to resume my ministry by the end of September. Keep praying for me as I pray daily for you. God bless you!

Charles”



As we continue to pray for Charles there are a number of exciting opportunities this month that also need our prayers:

The Church Conference – details of which can be found in this issue of Goodnews;

The Alpha Course – as well as the magazine please see the stand in the concourse;

Josh Thomas our Youth Pastor starts this month – see last month’s issue for more details;

Harvest Festival with a bring and share lunch, combined with Back to Church Sunday.

As a Fellowship we have much to thank the Lord for.

It is good to know “He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us”

David Jones

The Fellowship

We start our new Session of Meetings on Wednesday 22nd September.

Please note we are changing the time, and meetings will now start at 2.30pm. This month it is our Annual General Meeting, which will be followed by a quiz compiled by Alan Fowler. There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall.

We meet every month on the 4th Wednesday, except August and December, in the Church lounge. We open with prayer then give news of members, both the glad and the sad, and announce future events, for example the speaker for the next meeting. We hope to give a wide spread of subjects. After the talk we have tea and biscuits; there is a Bring and Buy Stall, and we pay 50p at each meeting.

We are always pleased to see new members, and all can be assured of a warm welcome

Thank you---

Thank you to all who attended the Model Show on Saturday 14 August. If you were not there, you missed a good day!

We had many visitors from outside the church, and the ALPHA display was in place in the lounge - so we hope that we will see some fruit from this.

The “model railway team” will be at work again, with Michael Davies’ layout, at the Haywards Heath URC Model Railway Exhibition, on Saturday 4th September.

Tim Sanderson

**THE
MEANING
OF LIFE
IS _____.**



Alpha

Lindfield URC's Autumn Alpha course will be launched on **Wednesday, 22 September, 7.30pm** at The Bent Arms in the High Street. The evening will be an opportunity to find out more about the Alpha course whilst enjoying a meal and music. There will be no charge for this event and attendance is without any obligation.

The first session of the Alpha course will be held on **Tuesday, 5 October, 7.00pm**. Each session will start with a meal kindly provided by Home Groups before moving into the church lounge for a DVD and discussion over coffee. The evenings will finish by 9.30pm.

A is for **anyone**

Anyone who wishes to find out more about the Christian faith, including those who are not Christians, those who are not churchgoers, those who are new Christians, those who want to brush up on the basics and those new to the church.

L is for **learning** and **laughter**

Learn about the Christian faith and have fun – laugh and share together over a meal and discussion.

P is for **pasta** or **potatoes**, **paella** or **pizza**

A meal is provided at the beginning of each session - eating together gives time for friendships to form and develop.

H is for **helping** one another

As friendships deepen guests help each other discover the love of God and the assurance that He has called each one of us by name.

A is for **ask anything**

Alpha starts and ends with an “A” that stands for Ask Anything. No questions are too simple and there is freedom to express confusion or difficult issues.

Lydia Goodchild and Tim Sanderson have invitations to the launch party for you to pass on, or if you would like to attend yourself please let one of them know. An RSVP is required for catering purposes by 15 September please.

Lydia adds:

‘During a church event at Great Walstead, I remember sharing my own testimony of how I came to know God’s love and purpose in my own life. I remember the words I used “I believe at some stage everyone asks the big questions.” Alpha is an opportunity for people to do just that. That is why it is so important and why I want to be involved’.

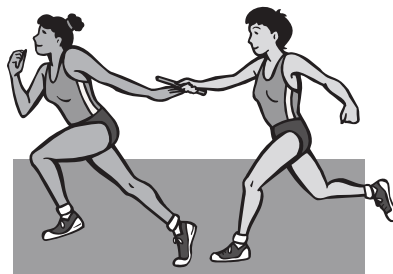
Please pray about who you might ask to the launch party, that the Holy Spirit will lead many to attend and work in their lives to develop a relationship with Jesus, a grasp of the reality of God’s love and a revelation of His purpose for their lives.

Lydia Goodchild and Tim Sanderson, email:

alpha@lindfieldurc.org.uk.

God is in Control - It's all in His Hands

Helen Hall picks up the baton from March edition -



In the March 2010 edition of “Good News” our faithful editor, Val, invited readers to write some thoughts about being a Christian in the “every day”. If you missed the article I do encourage you to go back and revisit it. I’ve just reread it in preparation for my piece here and it makes very rich reading. It was when I first read this item that I felt I must take up Val’s challenge some time, so here I am!

About seven years ago I took on a new, mini career path in community development. Little did I know just what a rewarding journey I was about to embark on. Two dear friends from LURC congregation sent me good wishes for my new role and enclosed a mini card entitled “God is in Control – It’s all in His hands” with the following words from Isaiah 41:10 : “*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I AM YOUR GOD. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*”

I have had several new and different challenges since that new job and am so grateful to God that, no matter how much of a disappointment I may have been to Him at times, He has been faithful to me. God really does seem to use these experiences, the positive and the negative, to help us grow as we continue along our spiritual journey.

I was very taken by the words of a hymn in Church recently (is this Charles’ influence I ask myself?!). The hymn is “Oh the bitter shame and sorrow ...” (hymn no 487 in “Hymns for Today’s Church”) and it was the final line of each verse that

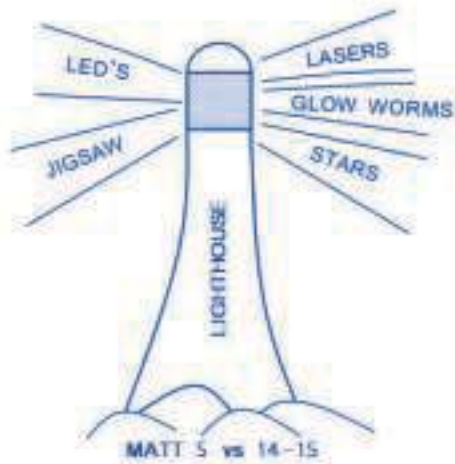
really stood out for me. The end of each verse, in order, was (1) “None of you and all of me!”; (2) “Some of you and some of me.”; (3) “More of you and less of me.” (4) “All of you and none of me!”. I feel it’s as I pray to progress through these phases that I’m giving myself more of a chance to hear what God is saying to me.

I hope that my few words here may encourage others to take on challenges they may not have even considered before – big or small. For many of us a small challenge is huge in real terms but that does not make it any less important. We may not all feel we are in a position to take on something new or different at any given time but God will guide you if you let Him – e.g. you may be a wonderful Junior Church teacher but you just haven’t found out yet ... or perhaps you don’t know what a talent you have for arranging flowers yet ... you may be a pastor in the making ... we may not know but God does.

PLEASE do not be put off by others apparently coping well and getting on swimmingly – God’s strength can do amazing things and He can help to hide the nerves and inadequacies that we all feel from time to time – everyone makes mistakes and they can be turned around to be a positive part of the growing if we put it in God’s hands.

I’ll close with a verse we recently used in Junior Church, Joshua 1:9 “... *do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*” Let us all try to encourage each other in and through the love of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ ... Amen.

Helen Hall



An update from the Lighthouse

The beginning of the new academic year is now upon us with the prospect of exciting new things with the arrival of Josh as our new Youth Pastor.

Thinking over the last year we praise God for His continued presence and provision including some new faces.

The observant of you will have noted that our logo features one of the recent new developments in Lighthouse. For some time we have been aware of the growing number of children aged around 3 years and we were keen to provide a group for them. With effect from April 2010 we quietly launched Glow worms, a group for children aged 3 – 4 years to allow them to make the transition from crèche to Stars. We were very happy to welcome Alison Ward, Jo Bloxham and Margaret Gomme who have agreed to help lead this new group.

Glow worms

Glow worms are not in fact a worm at all, but a beetle. They are called bioluminescent as some emit light. Only female glow worms emit light, from their bottoms. The light is about as bright as a LED and the glow worms can turn the light off and on at will. Even the eggs of a glowworm can emit light!

The groups from September 2010 are now;

Glow worms – 3 years to 4 years old

Stars – 4 years to school Year 2

Lasers – school years 3 - 7

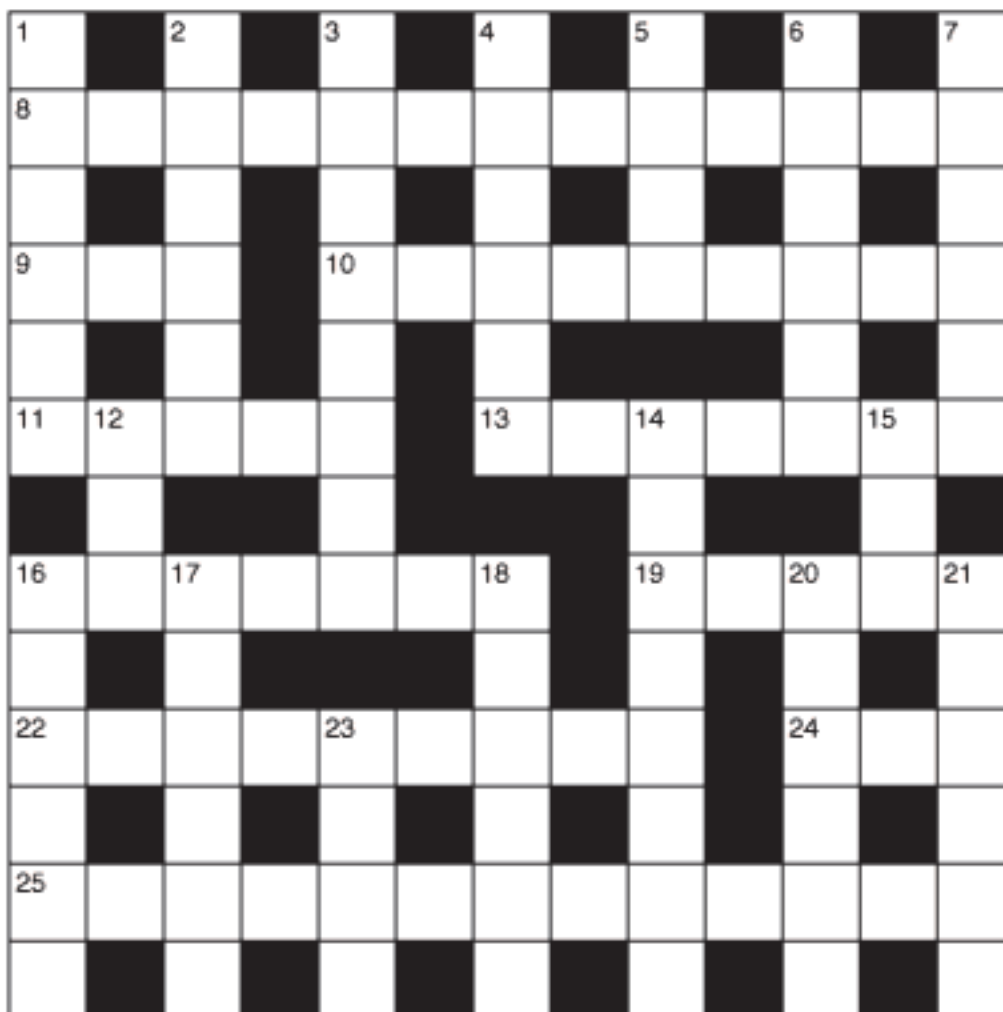
LED's – school years 8 – 10

As we enter this new year and this new phase in our youth and children's work please pray that we will see God at work both in and through our young people.

We are always keen to welcome new helpers so if this is an area that you feel God may be calling you to then please speak to Dawn Walters or Jeremy Campling to find out more.

Dawn Walters - Lighthouse Coordinator

†Word



Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4)
- 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

September Church Diary



2nd

Thursday House Groups

4thSaturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**5th***Sunday*9.30am David Goodenough
- Communion
11.00am David Goodenough
6.30pm Ron Goodenough

8th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

9th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting

10th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

11thSaturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**12th***Sunday*9.30am Ray Dadswell from
True Freedom
Trust
11.00am Ray Dadswell
6.30pm Mike Gardiner -
Communion

16th

Thursday House Groups

18thSaturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints**18th**

Saturday 2.00pm onwards

**Potential - Church away weekend at
Walstead****19th***Sunday***Church Away Weekend at
Walstead****(NO meeting at LURC)**

22ndWednesday 2.30pm Afternoon
Fellowship

7.30pm Elders Meeting

7.30pm ALPHA Launch
supper.

23rdThursday 8.00pm Church Prayer
Meeting

25thSaturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints

9.00am Church decoration

26th*Sunday***Back to Church Sunday**9.30am Harvest Festival -
Dan McQuillin11.00am Dan McQuillin -
Communion12.15pm Bring and Share
Lunch

6.30pm Evening Service

28th

Tuesday 6.30pm In Touch

**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 September are as follows:-

- September 5th Mathew Wren
- September 12th Philip Wren
- September 19th To be confirmed
- September 26th HARVEST
THANKSGIVING - Charles
Martin (health permitting)

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

Distributing

September

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 5th Joan Durrant | Kay Phillpot |
| 12th Zoe McQuillin | Jo Bloxham |
| 19th No Services | (Heather Swann) |
| 26th Harvest Festival | Iris Bingham |

Arranging

Distributing

October

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 3rd Serena Nathan | Janet Sanderson |
| 10th Barbara Shepherd | Sue Tester |
| 17th Jessie Green | Jacqueline Wood |
| 24th Audrey Saunders | Barbara Shepherd |
| 31st Winifred Scopes | Kay Phillpot |

**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.

(Exceptions to these times are shown in the Diary).

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.



We're Nearly There!

By the time you read this, all those attending the weekend should have received a letter with more detailed information about the weekend itself. If you have not yet received yours, please see one of the team.

Prayer

Please continue to be in prayer for the weekend:

Please pray for Ian, our adult speaker, and the children's team, that they might be guided and inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit as they prepare to lead different parts of the programme.

Please pray for the practical arrangements for the weekend, that all will run smoothly, and that none of the practical aspects of the weekend will be allowed to distract us from hearing what God is saying.

Please pray for the worship group, that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit in their leading and playing and as they prepare to play their part in leading the congregation into God's presence.

Please pray for the catering team who are coming to cook Sunday lunch for us, pray that they may see God at work in us, and be challenged about the reality of God.

Finally, pray for us as a congregation, that we will all be challenged afresh by the power of God 'who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine' and that each of us will feel a renewed touch of God's Holy Spirit on our lives as together we 'wake up to God's Power'.

If you have any last minute questions regarding the weekend, please feel free to ask any member of the team: Jessie Green, Sue Waller, or Richard or Dawn Walters.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the Team...

Adult Speaker



Ian McFarlane is the senior minister of Bookham Baptist church, Surrey, a lively and large congregation which is organised as a cell church. He is part of the leadership team which is responsible for overall leadership and guidance of the congregation.

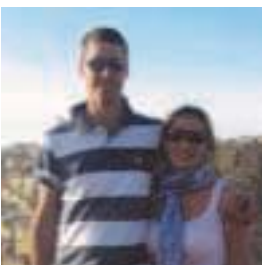
He has been married for almost forty years, with grown-up children.

Children's and Youth Team



Hi, I'm Sarah Kelland. I worship at All Saints Church in Lindfield. I'm a primary school teacher and work at St Wilfrid's CE Primary School in Haywards Heath. I'm a leader of the All Saints 11-14 group and am excited about helping with the children's club at your weekend away!

Hi, I'm Clare Hancock. I also go to All Saints Church and help with the youth work. Recently I returned from Peru where I was working as a missionary volunteer teacher for 16 months. Now I am back working as a primary school teacher at Northlands Wood School in Haywards Heath. Looking forward to meeting you!



Hi, I'm Alex Browning. I'm married to Anna and I am an Actuary, working in Reigate. I attend All Saints Church and I was a leader of the 11-14 group for 4 years. I'm also a home group leader.

Hi, I'm Anna Browning. I used to live in Eastbourne and worship at King's Church but since marrying Alex I have been attending All Saints. I work in social housing. I enjoy singing in the choir and working with children.

Hi, I'm Tim Gage. I work as the vergger at All Saints Church. I love photography, art and music and I enjoy playing the guitar in the worship band. I lead the Year 6 children's Bible club at All Saints and am always up for doing fun and crazy things for God!



September Mission Giving – Romans 1:11 – Uganda

It is now almost a year since we allocated our monthly giving to the work that Samuel Muhumuza is doing at the Sanje Modern School in Uganda. This is a work that has been close to our hearts over the last six years and we have been privileged to be part of the development of the school facilities and the on-going sponsoring of 50 children through their education.

The following are excerpts from two letters recently received from the headmaster and the bursar expressing their appreciation for our support:

We really appreciate the endeavours in uplifting the standards of the School;

1. Buildings – the work on the three blocks is complete (girls dormitory, nursery and primary section). The primary block is now fully furnished which means that the pupils sit comfortably without interference of dust, the dormitory building encourages other parents to bring their children into boarding, the wonderful new nursery block will empower this section in the school.

2. Power Supply – the installation of electric power has made the learning process more effective: a) teachers can conduct both morning and evening preps – a real achievement, b) pupils can revise their books at night themselves, c) some office work which needs electronic equipment like computers is done easily since the school has got power/electricity.

3. *Musical instruments have been purchased (two big drums, one small drum, one long drum and four skins), which are used in Kiganda dance*

4. *The improved facilities and the continuing sponsorship of children has enabled us to promote friendship and love between the school and the community, thus the school is on good terms with the community.*

In addition to this the new latrines, which were funded by another trust, are nearing completion and a start has been made on the borehole.

The past few months have been a very busy period for Samuel in programming and organising the work but the benefits will be felt in the months and years to come.

Having provided funding for these various projects the money given this month will be allocated to the on-going needs of running the school and the children's family house particularly staffing costs and the purchase of general supplies. Inflation in Uganda is currently fairly high so this continuing support is vital.

There are some up-to-date photos of the school on the mission display boards so please take a look at what has been achieved.

If you would like to give please use the special envelopes and place your donation in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.

Thank you - Mission Group.

FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

It seems like this is the time of year for celebrating long marriages! We extend our warm congratulations and all good wishes to Anne Elvin and her husband, David, as they celebrate their Golden Wedding in September. Many congratulations, too, to two Ruby Wedding couples, John and Heather Barling and Ron and Janet Goodenough.

We rejoice with you all and send you our love.

BEREAVEMENT

Please remember in your prayers Micky Willard and the family, following the tragic death of Micky's daughter. Also Dorothy Forster and her family following her husband, Ian's death recently. Our thoughts and sympathy are with them all.

A Message from Dorothy Forster

“Dorothy Forster and her son Nigel would like to thank all their church friends for all the loving support they have given to them in this past month. Many thanks and gratitude for their loving thoughts and the many flowers and cards given.

A wonderful support in time of need. God’s Blessings on you all.

Sincerely,

D Forster”

Barbara Shepherd would like to thank everybody for the plants, flowers, cards, and telephone calls she received during her recent illness. It is good to be back amongst friends again now I am so much better.

Thank you from Sid and Daphne Collins:

“We have so much for which to be thankful especially the ongoing prayers for Sid and me, together with the phone calls and flowers. Improvements in Sid's speech are very noticeable as the days pass and how lucky we are that the stroke only affected this and not his mobility any further. He is also getting back into cooking simple meals which he has decided have to be much smaller for both of us!! We send our love to you all.”

BOYS' BRIGADE



Our 13/14 age group was successful in winning the trophy at the Harriers Competition at Glynde, Jonny Willard also winning a medal for being among the first home .

July was packed with activity, including paintballing (how boys love to shoot each other!), and a training walk from Lindfield to Horsted Keynes (boiling hot day!) where the boys enjoyed the hospitality of the Heyward family. The Company Section finished the session with a barbecue, the Juniors did a trip to Macdonalds, and the Anchors, plus families, had a picnic at Hickmans Lane.

But, of course, it was camp at Glynde which was the great climax to the session, and dare I say it, it was the best ever. Wall to wall sunshine, and loads of laughs, made it a really happy, carefree holiday for the lads. The Lindfield contingent received compliments for their impeccable behaviour (“a credit to their Company” said the camp chaplain), and we were especially pleased that Josh was able to join us for a few days, contribute to the worship sessions, and make friends with many people in the camp. Lord Hampden, the landowner, spent an evening with us, and personally presented the trophy for the 5 a side football competition. We were richly blessed by a truly joyous week, one in which the seeds of faith were sown in many hearts.

Please bear in mind that, while we remain an outreach of the Church to non-Christian families, we are here for the families of the Church itself as well, and welcome all Boys. Please note too that Anchor Boys will meet on Mondays, with the rest of the Company, from mid September onwards: start date Monday 13th September.

Geoffrey Cocksedge

Book Review

God's undertaker - has science buried God?

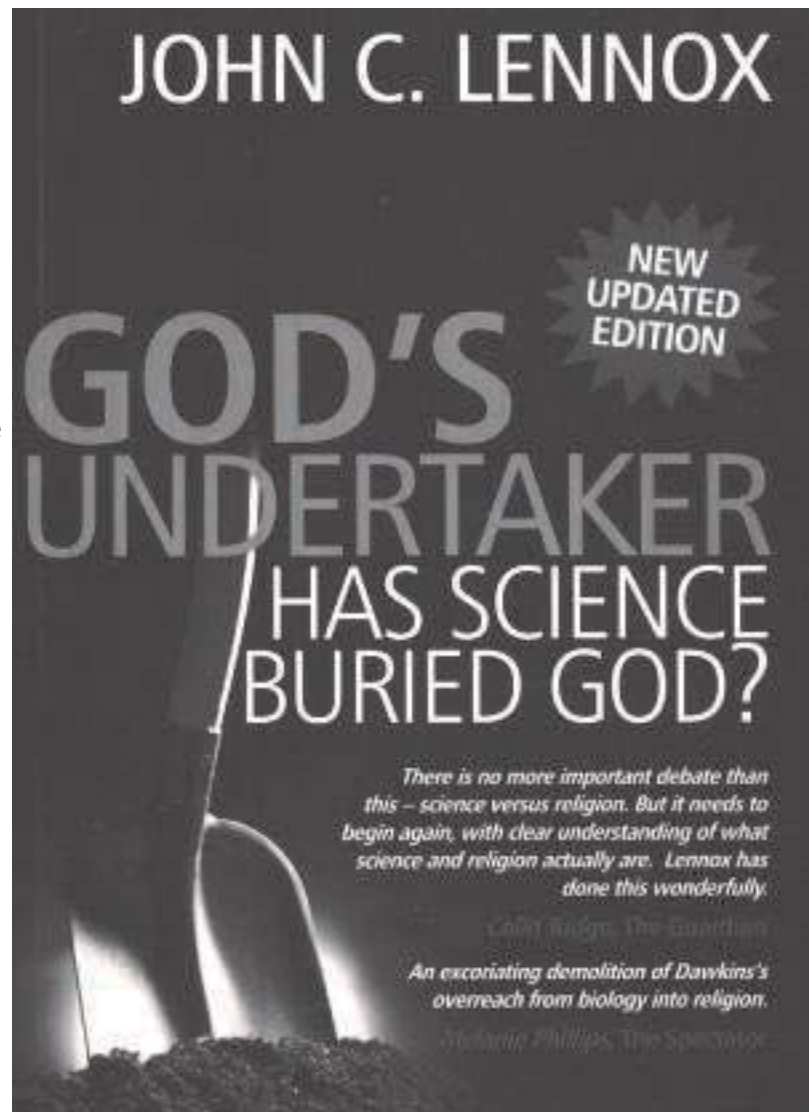
By John Lennox.

Whilst at New Wine (a Christian summer conference) last year I was intrigued by a two part seminar entitled "Has science buried God?".

At university, many years earlier part of my degree course had been called 'Biology and Society' and was essentially a study of how science is 'done' and the ethics surrounding scientific research. Much of the discussion concerned the new scientific age of the eighteen hundreds and the view that the Church had fought to hold back science and had eventually lost. Sadly much of our society still holds the view today that science and faith are incompatible.

John Lennox' two presentations and reasoned arguments during the conference compelled me to buy the book and recommend it to many as a source of hope. He tackles this problem with wit, faith and good solid science.

He argues that far from being enemies, science and faith frequently



complement each other and that a belief in God is both rational and logical from a scientific perspective. Lennox has the letters MA Phd DPhil and Dsc after his name and is Professor in Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Fellow in Mathematics and the Philosophy of Science at Green



Templeton College, so he clearly knows what he's talking about. He has debated with Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens on numerous occasions and answers many of the issues Dawkins raises in his book.

Lennox starts off by contrasting the two world views that most people will choose from. Naturalism (the belief that there is no supernatural and that everything there is is governed by scientific law) and theism (the belief that there are some things, such as

God, that exist outside the physical realm). He then goes on to look at some of the things that science cannot answer.

Further into the book he tackles evolution straight on with some surprising results. He also discusses the origin of life, the genetic code and the inescapable order of the universe. As Einstein says, "The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible at all."

Where John Lennox really shines is in the areas of Maths and Information where he unpacks Dawkins's 'room full of monkeys with typewriters' problem in great detail.

His approach to all areas of debate seems to be rigorous, honest and science based. His book will help anyone with a science background to understand the real arguments behind the 'smoke and mirrors' of the so called 'new' atheists.

Find out more about John Lennox here: <http://johnlennox.org/> or ask me and I'll lend you the book.

David Goodchild (BSc hons)

In Touch

Our meeting in June included a talk from two counsellors who work at the Haven Pregnancy Counselling Centre in Burgess Hill. This is a centre where women facing unexpected pregnancy can obtain discreet help and practical support. We were impressed with the sensitivity and time that was given to women in a variety of circumstances and how they were helped to resolve their problems. We also carried out some role play situations in order for us to understand more clearly some of the issues involved.

In July we spent a very pleasant evening being taken round Latchetts garden near Danehill. The weather remained fine and at the end of our tour we were able to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat on the terrace while continuing to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. This garden is special in that not only does it have water features, colourful borders, mature and new trees etc but it also has a Christian Millennium garden and many other Christian thoughts and texts to read as you walk round.

Our September meeting is on Tuesday 28th when we hope to share our experiences on Retirement. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us for the evening even if you haven't achieved retirement status yet!!

The 'In Touch' Team

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 8, Kiriaith Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Milletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.
DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear

ANSWERS

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)
 Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
 11.00am 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
 5.45pm Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5–7 years)
 6.15pm Boys' Brigade - Junior Section (8–11 years)
 7.15pm Boys' Brigade – Company Section (11+ years)
 Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers - term time)
 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 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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ALPHA LAUNCH PARTY

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of Lindfield URC's 2010 Alpha course at The Bent Arms, High Street, Lindfield on Wednesday, 22 September at 7.30pm.

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in an informal setting. To find out more about Alpha, simply come along for a relaxed and enjoyable evening with a meal and music.

We hope you can come. Please feel free to bring a friend!

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Lydia Goodchild 458050, by 15 September.

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There will be no charge for this event and attendance is without any obligation.