

GoodNEWS

Lindfield URC's Village Magazine

Winter Edition

JOHN 3-4

15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

16 ¶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

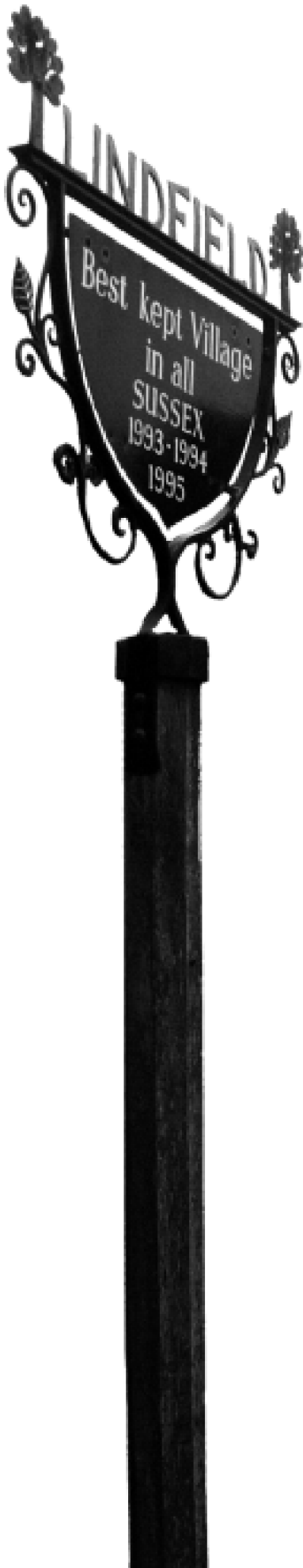
21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

❄ Charles Martin - Christmas comes but once a year. . .

❄ Reminder of Dinner for Six

❄ Goodenoughs in India





Mid Sussex Choir Christmas Concert

7.30pm on Saturday, 18th December

at St. Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath

Tickets are available from Graham Wood

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Editorial

Before anyone picks up the phone and asks where the Christmas cracker greetings are, we are publishing them as a separate supplement nearer Christmas. So, fear not, they are on their way, but not just yet.

I hope you will be encouraged and challenged by Charles' extended letter. It was encouraging to think that with the increase in secularisation there is an opportunity at Christmas to get rid of a load of paraphernalia and so refocus on the amazing birth of Jesus. Charles' challenge to us is to focus on desiring a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus and to be a sower.

Ron and Janet Goodenough write about their time in India, and some of the amazing people they met there.

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Editorial (cont)

Once again this month we seem full of reminders of forthcoming events, so do have the diary out and to hand.

Lydia Goodchild has been a much valued member of the Editorial team. The covers over the past year have been created by Lydia and her contribution to the magazine has been much appreciated. However Lydia's job has changed and she no longer can continue with the magazine as well. I do thank her on behalf of us all for her commitment over this past year.

I guess all that is left for me to do is to say thank you to those who have contributed to the magazine, either by their free choice or by gentle persuasion! **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!**

Val

Dear Friends,



This edition of Good News spans two months – December and January. It's been suggested that my Pastor's letter should be longer than normal, giving me a chance to talk not just about Christmas, but also to look a little further into the future at where God may be leading us. Of course, the thought of having to suffer a double dose of ministerial musings may strike dread into your heart. You may throw down the magazine in frustration and decide to make a cup of tea to recover your presence of mind. If you do, I quite understand, but if not, take courage and read on!

Christmas comes but once a year

As we grow older, Christmas becomes more and more a time for remembering the past. Families used to be larger on the whole and in former years, relatives seemed to keep in touch with one another more. Communities are more fragmented nowadays and with the price of housing in the South East, young people have to move away in order to have any hope of buying a home of their own. It's easy to give in to the temptation of sighing "It was so much better in the old days!" I want to urge you to resist that temptation.

We all get a bit sentimental at Christmastime and there's nothing wrong with that. The glow of the candles, the cuteness of Mary and Joseph as they occupy centre-stage in the nativity play (even if Joseph can't hide his boredom) all add to the uniqueness of the season. In just the same way, we love to see the care and skill with which the church is decorated and woe betide any minister who fails to choose enough traditional carols to be sung from the beginning of December until Boxing Day! But all these things, precious as they are, are peripheral. The truth at the centre of Christmas is much more important and that doesn't change. If some of the accreted traditions which obscure it are falling away, surely that is a good thing.

We complain about secularism being a threat to Christmas, but why not use it as an opportunity? The Incarnation – the coming of God into the world as a human being has very little to do with Christmas cards, mistletoe, cranberry sauce and Santa Claus. It's about an act of the most incredible generosity. It's about a God who was prepared to identify Himself totally with the objects of His love, not just to care from on high, but to come and share the cold and dirt of a stable and the agony of a cross. That's the message we have to proclaim and if the cold winds of secularism blow away some of the cobwebs which have grown over it, we ought to be thankful.

I'm not suggesting we shouldn't enjoy ourselves. What better excuse for a party could there be, than the fact that the Word became flesh and lived for a while amongst us? Let's spend what little we can afford to brighten the lives of those we love and do so with a good conscience! But let's never forget that, at its heart, Christmas is about sacrifice – the sacrifice of a young girl's obedience and supremely, the sacrifice of the One who did not grasp and keep hold of His divine status, but was content to take the lowest place, let it go and was found in fashion as a Man.

So what of the future?

In one sense, we must leave the future to God, but in another, we must be sensitive to His leading and ready to respond to His challenge. So where is He leading us? I believe there are two over-riding priorities.

- **He wants us to seek a deeper relationship with Him and a fuller experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.**

If that sounds good to you, be very careful. We often sing

“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me”

but do we ever consider the next line of the chorus?

“Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me”

Don't ask for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit unless you are prepared to be broken! As someone who has known something of that experience, take it from me, it's not a path to be contemplated lightly.

And remember, the Holy Spirit isn't interested in giving spiritual gifts to people who want them for themselves. If you seek the Spirit's gifts, He will expect you to use them for the good of the whole church.

- **We must remember the first of the six immutable laws of sowing in reaping – if you don't sow, you won't reap.**

One of these days I'll share the other five with you, but just now let me ram home the first. If we don't sow the word of God and share the Gospel in any and every way we can, we will be the last Christian generation, because God has no grand-children. Every generation needs to be challenged afresh and confronted with the necessity to repent and believe.

We have a wonderful Outreach Group, but we can't leave all the work to them. They are the “idea factory”. It's great to listen to Dan MacQuillin waxing lyrical at Church Meeting about the opportunities we have because our building is at the centre of the village, but unless everyone pitches in to use those opportunities, we might as well be on Mars!

The autumn Alpha Course was such an encouragement and God bless those who worked so hard to organise and lead it, but it's not an end in itself. We must be ready to find other ways, just as effective, to bring people to faith in Christ. As fire exists by burning, so the Church exists by reaching out and if it stops doing that, it might as well arrange its own funeral.

Thank God that that kind of spineless lethargy does not characterise our fellowship here at Lindfield. There is so much in our church life to encourage and inspire us.

Let me wish you a wonderful Christmas and God's richest blessing in all the days to come.

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin

Prayer Focus

Celebration is a word that should sum up this time of the year as we reflect on the sending by God of his Son to be the saviour of the world.



As we approach Christmas it is a good time to prayerfully reflect on our response to Jesus, no longer the babe in the stable but now crucified, resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Let us pray that many people over this period will come to know him personally as their saviour. There will be many opportunities both here and locally for folk to hear the gospel, and for us to invite them. Pray for village night, Christmas services, Concerts etc – see diary later in the magazine.

Then, as we come to a new year, let us reflect on 2010 and the blessings received with thankfulness, remember those who have had various difficulties with compassion and look forward to what the Lord will do in 2011. Let us be in prayer that the Lord will pour out his Spirit on us, locally and nationally.

Jesus said “I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly.”

David Jones

REMINDER:

This month's edition combines the December and January issues, therefore, there will be NO magazine in January 2011. The next copy date will be January 10th for the February edition.



Greetings fellow time travellers...

If you cast your mind back to December last year you may remember that during a service we made a time capsule and planted it in the church garden. We filled it with our prayers for the year ahead. Well, the year is nearly up and it's time to dig up the time capsule and thank God for His answers to our prayers. If you can remember what you prayed for and you have a testimony that we could share in a special service in January please let me know. Also, I'll be looking through the prayers soon and may call you if you put your name on your prayer. It would be great to hear how God has worked in your situation so we can give thanks for His work in our lives this past year. David Goodchild



A number of folk from our Church have recently joined a fairly new choir in Haywards Heath called ***inChoir***. We sing a variety of popular songs, including well-known seasonal numbers over the Christmas period when we have several outdoor engagements. If you want to hear what we sound like why not come along to the Orchards in Haywards Heath on Saturday 4th December at 10.40am. Then we will be appearing in concert at the Capitol Theatre in Horsham on January 16th.

For more information, please see: Margaret Gomme, Alison Ward, Helen Hall, Hannah, Tim or Janet Sanderson or Fiona Tingley.

The Fellowship

As our normal meeting date is so near Christmas we do not have a meeting in December - but we do make up for this by having two meetings in January.

The first is on Saturday 8th January at 10.30a.m. when we have a Coffee Morning together with our friends from the Art Group. They will display some of their talented work.

Our normal meeting is on Wednesday 26th January when our speaker will be Sarah Tapp – her subject being 'Interesting Finds in Old Sussex Churches.' There will be a Bring and Buy Stall at this meeting.

We look forward to meeting up with old and new friends at both these events.

Christmas Post-Box

At the end of November, a giant fluffy post-box will appear in the concourse, for church members to post Christmas cards to other church members only. We hope you will use this facility as opposed to using Royal Mail. We just ask that you give a donation in place of buying stamps. This giving will go towards Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

The final posting date will be **Friday 17th December**, and we will have the letters sorted for collection on Sunday 19th December 2010.

A few tips for successful delivery:

Please put the full name including surname of the person you are sending to. (We have lots of Fiona's, Kath's, David's etc.)

Please put the full first line of the address. (We only have the "Who's Who" to go by, some people may not be in there, and we can't deliver it if it is not collected).

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas

The Post-Box Team

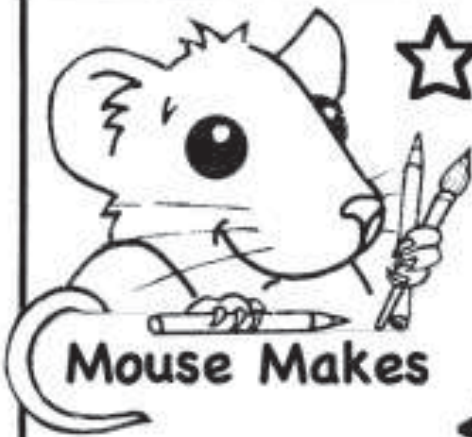
Dinner for Six

New to Lindfield; new to the church; or part of the furniture and still not tried out a 'Dinner for Six' evening - then why not give it a go? You'll love it. Already around eighty people are enjoying meeting others in the church over a relaxed meal at a host's home.



The host provides the main course and coffee and guests bring starter and dessert. At different times during the year, we will be teaming up guests with hosts to share a meal. Being part of this, you'll meet and get to know an even wider circle of friends.

Interested? Sign up on the board over coffee. Or speak to, ring or email Val (440029) (vcookney@aol.com) and a letter of invitation for the evening will come your way. Simple!



There were shepherds that night in the fields taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared and said
"Don't be afraid, I am here with good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today a saviour has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord".

from Luke 2:11-12.


Read The Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20.



glue

To make this Christmas decoration:
 • Carefully cut out around the edge then colour in • Curl around and glue into a cone shape



- Tie a length of ribbon through each 
- Fill with sweets and hang on the tree!



MERRY CHRISTMAS
 from all over the world!

JOYEUX NOEL

(French)

GOD JUL

(Swedish)

BOUN NATALE

(Italian)

FELIZ NAVIDAD

(Spanish)

Dec10

Word

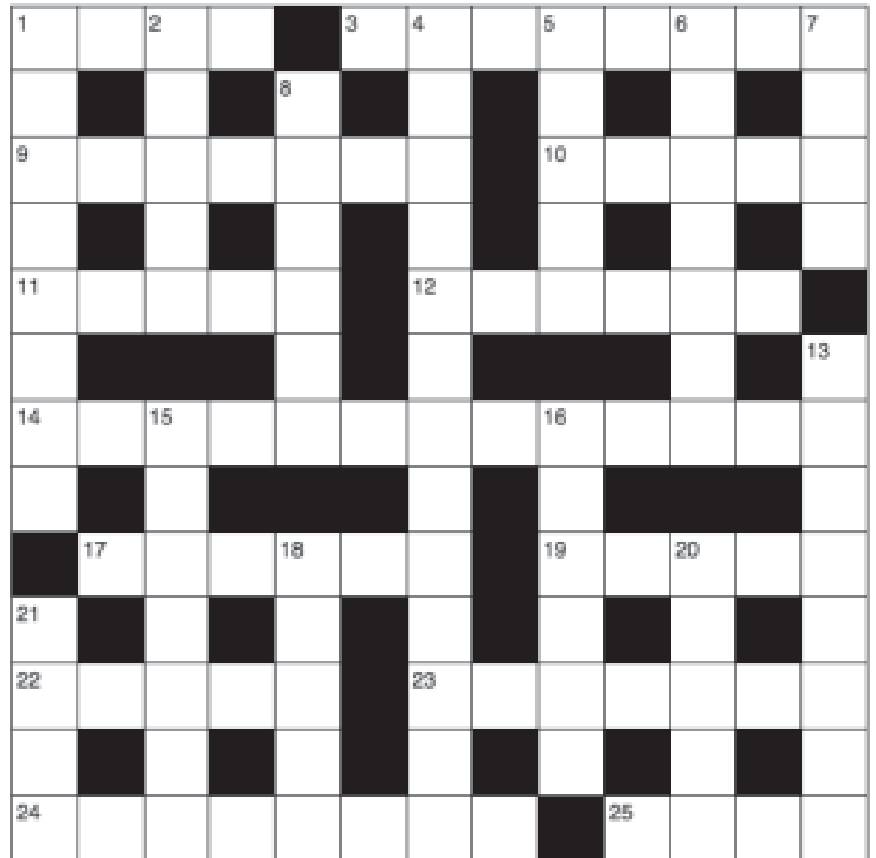
Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)

- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

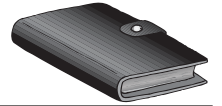
Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)



- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

December Church Diary



4th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints

5th Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin -
Communion
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin

7th

Tuesday 6.00 — Village
9.00pm Festival

8th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

9th

Thursday 7:00pm Final ALPHA
(NOTE change of Day)

10th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

11th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints

12th Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin -
Communion

18th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at All Saints

19th Sunday

9.30am David Jones
11.00am David Jones
4.30pm Christingle Service
- David Walters

22nd

Wednesday 7.30pm Traditional Carol
Concert on behalf
of the Air
Ambulance

24th

Friday 4.30pm Crib Service -
Charles Martin
7.30pm Candlelight
Service

25th - Christmas Day

Saturday 10.00am Family Service -
Charles Martin

26th Sunday

10.30am Charles Martin -
Communion
6.30pm Carols at Ryecroft

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 December are as follows:-

December 5th Jenny Davies

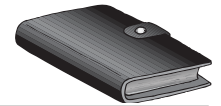
December 12th Philip Wren

December 19th **3.30pm**
CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT -
Charles Martin

December 25th 10.30am
CHRISTMAS DAY - Philip Wren

December 26th NO SERVICE

January Church Diary



1st

Saturday 10.30 — Church open for
12.00 Prayer

2nd Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin -
Communion
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin

8th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

9th Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin -
Communion

12th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

13th

Thursday 8:00pm Church Meeting

14th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

15th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

16th Sunday

9.30am Jenny Martin
11.00am Jenny Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin

20th

Thursday House Groups

22nd

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

23rd Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin
11.00am Charles Martin -
Communion
6.30pm David Jones

25th

Tuesday In Touch Ladies Meal Out
(Watch for
details)

26th

Wednesday 2.45pm The Fellowship
7.30pm Elders meeting

27th

Thursday 8:00pm Church Prayer
Meeting

29th

Saturday 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
9.30am at LURC

30th Sunday

9.30am Charles Martin -
Communion
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin

Balcombe United Reformed Church



*Speakers for January are
as follows:-*

January 2nd	TBC
January 9th	TBC
January 16th	TBC
January 23rd	TBC
January 30th	TBC

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

Distributing

December

5th	Carol Walters	Sue Tester
12th	Serena Nathan	Jacqueline Wood
19th	Christmas Flowers	No distribution
26th	Christmas Flowers	No distribution

January

2nd	Christmas Flowers	No distribution
9th	Gladys Porter	Jo Bloxham
16th	Mies Campling	Heather Swann
23rd	Lesley Sparks	Iris Bingham
30th	Mary Comber	Janet Sanderson

February

6th	Carol Marsh	Sue Tester
13th	Audrey McKee	Barbara Shepherd
20th	Jessie Green	Jo Bloxham
27th	Zoe McQuillin	Heather Swann

Distribution Rota

If anyone is able to offer help with distributing church flowers to the sick on Monday mornings please contact Heather Swann - Tel: 450335

Our thanks to those who have helped with distribution over the years but are no longer available to fill this role.

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.

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.

Reflections of India

Most in the church will know that we took another trip to India again in October. The main purpose was to visit a new hospital in Thane – about an hour's drive from Mumbai. This replaces an existing hospital and opened in November. It is 'state of the art' on 7 storeys plus 2½ below ground, has 75 beds, and is fully equipped to carry out almost any operation and treatment. Amazing what can be achieved there on a budget of £6m! Great emphasis, however, is placed on the spiritual needs of patients, as well as the physical.

As well as spending time with the doctor/surgeon who heads up the hospital project we met, as always, some amazing people:

Abraham – once a fundamentalist Hindu, violently opposed to Christianity now working as an evangelist in 30 tribal villages. He nearly died from a snakebite but made a remarkable recovery although his leg was not a pretty sight! An article in the press recently warned the local people to beware of this man who was spreading the 'viruses of Christianity'.

Andy & Sheba who head up an HIV/AIDS work in Thane with about 25 on their team. This work will occupy part of the old hospital eventually. AIDS is an increasing problem but they are seeing many helped both physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Charron - an evangelist and church planter in Haryana. He has started a school for Gypsy children, runs kids work in a very Hindu area and heads up a church, meeting in his own very poor home.

Saurab – heading up a Rehab & Counselling Centre for drug & alcohol addicts in Dehradun. A fine Christian, once an addict himself, heavily into Yoga, able even to levitate. He was released after months of prayer and counselling and now serving others. He has a number of ex-addicts on his staff who are also keen Christians.

Young People's Group. Many converted from Hindu backgrounds and families and have endured persecution and violence even from their own parents and siblings for converting but, as one young man said to us, 'there is no turning back'; - Apathy is not in their vocabulary!!

Sam & Margaret who head up the work in Dehradun. Lovely couple with an open home for all and sundry. Their church continues to grow in spite of opposition and there was a deep sense of the Lord's presence in their worship.

Just some of those that we sought to encourage but as always challenged us with their commitment - **'poor but making many rich, having nothing yet possessing everything'** (2 Cor 6: 10).

Some photographs of our visit, and the people we met appear on the back cover.

Ron and Janet Goodenough.

December Mission Giving

Worthing Churches Homeless Projects (WCHPs)

As we have done for several years now, we shall be devoting this month's mission giving to help the homeless through the work of WCHPs.

They began back in the early 1990s as a 'soup and sandwich' run by a small number of concerned Christians and has grown into a multifaceted organisation with specialist permanent staff assisted by an army of volunteers, offering support to many who have found themselves at rock bottom, lonely and without a home.

WCHPs believes that everyone has the right to a home, regardless of the difficulties and issues they may face in their lives. They also believe in showing those who need their help, that the wider community is there to support them and to offer hope for a better future.

Most homeless people are so because of a relationship breakdown, leaving the armed services or, in the case of and young people, coming out of care. Others may have suffered bereavement or extreme financial hardship. All have a story to tell, some very sad. All are different, but each is special to God.

WCHPs operate a variety of projects including:

St Clare's Day centre which is open 365 days a year, providing a vital lifeline of support for those on the street and offering hot and cold food, drinks, showers, a change of clothes, washing and drying facilities, medical services, chiropody, hairdressing, advice and support.

Rupert Bacon House provides short term accommodation offering residents an opportunity to explore a way forward by engaging in key working sessions with WCHPs staff as well as living in a more secure environment.

Delaney house, specifically set up to work with substance misuse clients. Access to Delaney House, is via an assessment process at St Clare's Day Centre. Through an in-depth programme residents can explore and reflect upon possibilities of change. Many are in need of medical help and rebuilding of shattered lives and find in Delaney house a place of refuge and hope.

There is '*Move On*' accommodation provided in a 5 bedroom unit that is designed to specifically help clients at the very sensitive stage of 'move on'. Some clients find as they move into the community they face a real challenge regarding independent living. This accommodation provides a six to eight month opportunity to have a far greater degree of independence, explore how to budget, maintain a tenancy and gain further life skills.

Cornerstone House provides supported accommodation for those with longer term needs. Clients are usually engaged in full time education, voluntary work or have entered back into the job market. The Community Link Team provides additional support. Cornerstone House provides residents with the tools to access independent accommodation, supported by the Homelessness Prevention Worker as they settle into their future surroundings.

A dedicated Charity Retail Shop was opened in Worthing town centre in December last year where good quality items (no electrical goods) are always needed, collection/delivery can be arranged if necessary.

Visit the display in the church concourse throughout December to find out more.

January Mission Giving

Febabroadcasting hope.

Feba UK is a Christian charity, committed to reaching people who are unable to easily have access to the Christian Gospel throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Using short wave, medium wave, FM or the internet, Feba programmes are produced wherever possible in-country by local followers of Jesus, often in partnership with like-minded organisations. The good news of Jesus is brought to people in a language they understand, and to those who may also be visually challenged.

The programmes produced are fresh, compelling and engaging, developing innovative approaches to address issues facing individuals, families and communities. Feba broadcasts seek to build up trusted relationships with audiences, becoming a sustained and consistent presence in their lives. Contents range from Bible teaching to farming techniques, leadership skills and training to health care. Whatever the content, the purpose is to communicate God's love.

Feba is a network of eight autonomous interdependent national organisations based worldwide. The work is co-ordinated from regional centres which allow the producers to share the same cultural issues as their audience; they also appreciate the same values, traditions and fears as their listeners.

Our prayers and financial support are always greatly appreciated by the team at Feba, particularly in this difficult climate. We have so much freedom to read the bible, listen to the radio or to choose the channel we listen to. How privileged are we? For more information please see the Missions display in the concourse or visit www.feba.org.uk.

If you would like to give towards the work of Worthing Churches Homeless Project in December, or to Feba in January please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please also complete a gift aid form if appropriate.

Thank you.

FAMILY NEWS

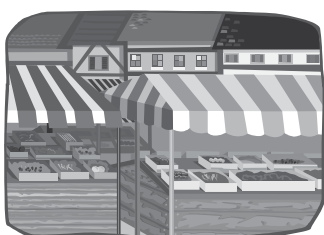
This month may I just draw your attention to the fact that a number of our church members and friends are struggling with health issues, and would value our prayers.

As I write we have two in hospital and one in a hospice. Others are undergoing tests or facing surgery in the future, or simply very unwell at home or have become housebound.

So for many this Christmas will not be an easy time, particularly if they have been bereaved during this past year, or live on their own with little or no family around.

They are all our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we want to assure them of our love and prayers.

John, Heather, Beth & Roy, Emma, David and family would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank you!' for all the prayers, cards, meals and other practical help given since Heather's accident on 7th October. Your support and love have been a great blessing to us and we shall forever be grateful. Heather is making slow but sure progress.



Village Night

On Tuesday December 7th the church will open for the late night Festival at 6:00pm, when we will welcome visitors to Lindfield

Village Night, serve hot food and drinks, and share the Good News of Christmas.



Advance Notice...

On Sunday February 6th we will have a combined morning service at 10.30am, when we will celebrate believer's baptism, as Alex Jeffs confesses his faith in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. All are encouraged to join on this occasion. If anyone else wishes to be baptised, please speak to Charles Martin.

Bible by the Beach

‘Oh we do like to be beside the seaside...’ indeed it is a favourite English pastime to spend time down on the beach whatever the weather. However, if you go down to the beach at Eastbourne during the Weekend of 29th April – 2 May 2011 you will get more than a suntan or ice cream in a cone!!! For this is the weekend of the Bible by the Beach.

This is the third year of this conference, which was instigated by the combined churches in Eastbourne to be an opportunity for Christians, from the southeast and beyond to come together and ‘... focus on God’s Word, with high quality teaching, to recharge, encourage, comfort and empower people to live for God’s glory.’

This year the theme is, ‘Resurrection People – the Implication of the Resurrection on Christian Living.’ It will actually be based again in the comfort of the Congress Theatre Eastbourne, and not on the beach! However, the beach is close by, so lunch can be had from the various vendors who sell all kinds of foods on the sea front. We can recommend the pælla.

There is a full programme planned, including; The Bible Readings led by Archbishop Greg Venables; seminars led by well-known speakers like Michael Wilcox and John Lennox. The evening Celebrations are times of worship and teaching from speakers such as; Rico Tice and Wallace Benn. The Saturday evening celebration will be led by Stuart Townend and Noel Tredinnick with some members of the All Souls, Langham Place orchestra. We went last year and came away at the end of the few days challenged but refreshed spiritually, and we are going back for more next year. We would love to have your company!

If you would like more details please do chat with Adrian and Val Cookney



Vote for Lindfield – but not another general election!

In this election Lindfield has 2024 votes and has already won a prize for being one of the first communities to register 100 online votes.

So if you see a local parish councillor wandering around the church during the next few weeks wearing a purple rosette and with a clipboard in his hand, beware it's not Santa but he does want your vote! But why the church in particular you may ask, but why not, as good communication is what the church is all about and after all, we exist to communicate the Gospel.

The Lindfield Communications Forum are trying to get the Alma Road telephone exchange upgraded so that the village gets a faster broadband service. Currently all users of our exchange receive one of the slowest services in the district, a situation which will get worse next year as the Haywards Heath exchange is currently being upgraded. We believe that upgrading the Lindfield exchange so that it is equipped with the latest fibre optical system will bring considerable benefits for all its users but in particular to local businesses and school children.

The supply of telephone and broadband connections at the exchange and between the exchange and our houses is the responsibility of BT, regardless of the service provider that individual householders have contracts with for these services. We have, therefore, to persuade BT that there is enough demand within the village for this faster service and we believe that by entering Lindfield in BT's Race to Infinity, there is an opportunity before the end of December to do just that.

I suspect by the time you read this at the end of November that most home computer users will be aware of bt.com/racetoinfinity and will I hope, have visited it and voted online for LINDFIELD, if not please do it NOW.

The reason for me walking around the church (and other places) with my purple rosette and clipboard is to try and enlighten those who do not have a computer or use the internet about the advantages to others in the local community that the improvement in broadband speed will provide. Then I hope they can be persuaded to provide me with the details needed for me to register their votes by proxy.

Cllr Alan Gomme, Lindfield Communications Forum

InTouch

I think it fair to say that we have had a varied programme again this year which has been enjoyed by an average of twenty ladies each month.

We did not meet in November, it being difficult to re-schedule – the Alpha course making use of most of the church premises. [*A sincere ‘thank you’ from the Alpha Team for giving us the freedom of the premises! Tim Sanderson*]

It has been our custom to have a meal together in some form or other in January and the jury is still out as to which form this will take. Please watch the notice sheet for further details.

The In Touch team look forward to preparing next year’s programme and are always open to suggestions from ladies. Please make it your mission to join us when you can in 2011, In Touch has become an interesting group to meet with and we trust that it will continue to be so. All ladies are welcome to attend on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm unless otherwise announced, should you wish for further information please do not hesitate to speak to Sue Waller on 455047 or any of those who already attend.

Finally I wish all In Touch a very happy Christmas and look forward to meeting up again in January.

Sue Waller

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod.

DOWN: 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

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 2.30pm The Fellowship (4th Wed) for mature ladies and gentlemen
- Thur 10.00am Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
- 8.00pm Church Meeting (2nd Thur)
- Fri 7.15pm Zest (Years 6–9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
- Sun 8.00pm Youth Fellowship

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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Aids Widow and Family



Hospital nearing completion



Evangelist



Rehab Centre in Dehradun



School for Gypsy Children



Church in Dehradun among the garbage



Village House