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Saturday 12th November

10:00am until 12 noon

**at Lindfield United Reformed Church
High Street, Lindfield**

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We look forward to seeing you!



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The magazine is short, sweet and to the point this month! But they do say that good things come in small packages, so I hope this is no exception!!

Dan McQuillin writes about social networking sites and gives a Christian response to their use. He also gives practical information as to how to get started if you want to.

We have more book reviews, which I do hope will encourage you to read these books. These are books which will encourage and challenge you, and I think will beckon you into a desire to go deeper into knowing, following, and loving the Lord Jesus more.

We have our usual and valued contributions from the Missions Team, and information about In Touch and The Fellowship as well. So please read and enjoy, but also pray about what you have read.

Val

Dear Friends,



As a minister, I have the privilege of being welcomed into many people's homes and everyone is different. There are some surprises and a few mysteries, but I seldom pluck up the courage to ask for an explanation. I don't want to appear intrusive.

If you come to our home at "Ryecroft", you might be surprised by the fact that resting on the seats of some of the arm-chairs, there are small cardboard boxes with faces drawn on one side. The other day someone came to see me and thought they might be visual aids to be used at Family Services, which is a fair guess, but quite wrong. He was surprised when I told him their real purpose. They are disincentives to make sure the dog doesn't make himself at home on the furniture. I suppose the boxes themselves would be sufficient, but my wife has an artistic bent and she it is who has adorned them with faces. In fact the whole thing was her idea in the first place.

"Disincentives" – things that put you off. When my visitor left, I fell to thinking about that word. There are so many "disincentives" around and we need some of them, for example the road-side sign that tells you there are police speed cameras ahead. That's a disincentive to break the speed limit and very necessary it is. So many people are killed and injured in road accidents due to excessive speed. It does nothing but good to slow down those of us who seem to be hurtling to their own or someone else's funeral, but there are other disincentives too.

We usually find them in ourselves. There's the disincentive, when it's appropriate, to engage people in friendly conversation. A kind word even from a stranger can brighten someone's day, but we stand there silently, trying to pretend everyone else is from another planet. There's the disincentive to listen when someone else wants to talk and for Christians, there's what seems to be the overwhelming disincentive to share the Gospel.

It's partly because we are naturally shy and we don't want to risk a

negative reaction, but we don't have to launch into a full explanation of the Atonement the first time we meet someone. In fact of course, the first thing to do is to make friends and most people are very willing to do that. We can soon judge if they're not and add them to the prayer list!

Can I urge you to do your best to overcome the disincentive we have to engage in friendly conversation? We all know that lovely warm feeling when we are aware that someone is really interested in us for ourselves and we have their full attention. Perhaps the best and most effective form of evangelism is to make friends, because when trust has been established, folk are much more ready to listen to what we have to share with them.

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin

Prayer Focus

We will need to continue to pray for the upcoming Elders elections



and the autumn programme of the church not just on Thursdays and Sundays but for all the ongoing regular activities.

However we would like to encourage you to join in a proposed day of prayer and fasting on October 27th, to seek the Lord for the way ahead for the fellowship. This would be followed by an extended monthly prayer meeting from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. to include worship, further waiting on the Lord and feedback on the day. Full details will be available nearer the time.

The Fellowship

The meeting this month is on Wednesday 26th October at 2.30pm. We welcome back again as speaker Yvonne Nulty who will tell us, 'Another Story of Calais.'

We have our usual Bring and Buy Stall, and look forward to seeing old and new friends.

Church - the original social network

It is 4am and I apologise I am not much of a morning person. Jet lag has me awake and ready for a day that doesn't officially start for several hours. I have blearily checked my email to see what work needs to be done and read the BBC headlines to see what's happening in the world. Neither has improved my cherub-like pre-dawn demeanour

So I turn to Facebook to see what friends and family in Lindfield are up to (for whom the hour is more Godly) and scan Twitter for some inspiration:

"Prayer = I am heard more often than I hear. I am loved more deeply than I love. I am known more fully than, for now, I know" (<http://twitter.com/#!/twitturgies>).

I am inspired to pray by these words glowing gently into the darkness from my mobile phone. (I am also jealous that Gerard Kelly can achieve more resonance in 140 characters than I can preaching a 2,000 word sermon, please pray for me!)

Posts and tweets encourage and inspire. News from friends makes me laugh, cry, pray, celebrate and cringe (sometimes all at the same time) all before breakfast. Facebook and Twitter are sterile technologies but the social network they develop is a real community whose emotions transcend time zones and empower relationships to span the globe.

We in Churches should understand this better than anyone else, after all the Church has been a 'social network' for 2000 years. Church is not a building we go to or something we do. It comes down to relationships; having a relationship with Jesus based on what He has said about Himself, and a relationship with each other as "the body of Christ".

This kind of community is one of our most fundamental needs. As Church together we find fellowship, teaching, care, encouragement and worship. Sociologists find happiness has little or no correlation with wealth or IQ, fame or fitness but is centred instead on the strength of our relationships, our connections to friends, family and the wider community. As Christians we know this intuitively - 'It is not good for man to be alone'.

Church extends naturally into the digital communities of social networking. The Church can use tools like Facebook and Twitter to communicate more effectively with members and to share the gospel more widely to people and places traditional Sunday worship cannot reach. Our personal use can enhance and extend our relationships enabling us to remain connected despite the time pressures and geographic dispersal of modern life.

The challenge is to not ghetto our faith offline and make sure our digital identity is an honest reflection of a real faith. Social networks risk being a 'Church of me' that leads us to worship one another; as Christians we must keep Christ not just

represented, but at the centre of these new online communities.

The dangers of social networking are the same as for relationships in the physical Church. The problem is not technology but the human nature of users. Online people feel protected and anonymous so it becomes easier to be less than honest. It is important to protect your privacy and to be sure of the real identity of others. Be thoughtful of others feelings, instant communication can still cause permanent upset or offence! Finally be careful what you share or publish, online things may quickly become more permanent and far reaching than you intended.

So here is a quick guide to getting started on Facebook and Twitter:

Twitter

Twitter is the easiest social network to start with. The premise of Twitter is as deceptively simple as it is strangely addictive. Twitter users post messages or 'Tweets' (up to 140 characters) in answer to the question 'What's happening?' You will find friends, family, celebrities, industry experts and churches all tweeting messages that range in content from the sublime to the ridiculous.

You may see tweets reference another Twitter user by prefixing their name with the @ symbol (eg: @nickygumbel) or reference a topic with a # symbol (eg: #lived) These are highlighted in a tweet and become links to a feed for this user or other tweets on this topic.

Twitter (www.twitter.com) is free, all you need is to choose a login name and password and then start by searching for a person or topic you are interested in. You can send a message in response to another person's tweet by clicking reply, write your own tweets or post another person's tweet you like on your feed by choosing to 'retweet'.

If you like a particular feed you can choose to 'follow' it and then future tweets to that feed appear in your timeline (a kind of tweet inbox).

Facebook

Facebook (www.facebook.com) is also free to join. It is more comprehensive than Twitter allowing you not just to post 'status' messages (of any length) but also share albums of photographs and video.

While Twitter posts are public with Facebook you first search for and confirm your friendship with other Facebook users before you see and share each other's information. Facebook is therefore a more personal network. You still need to take care what information you share and be sure of the identity of people making friend requests.

With Facebook you can comment on your friends pictures or posts, send them private messages, chat or publish notes to them by writing on their 'wall'.

As well as individuals you will find Facebook pages for brands, hotels, TV shows

and even Churches. You can express your approval of these pages (or any post) by clicking 'like'.

On our website (www.lindfieldurc.org.uk) you will find a link to 'like' our Facebook page, read our latest tweets or 'follow' Lindfield URC via Twitter. You can also read this magazine and much more; but that is for a future article.

I look forward to seeing you either online or in person soon and even if you have no interest in Facebook should you find yourself awake at 4am I hope this article may be useful helping you to get back to sleep!

Dan McQillin

Dinner for Six

Believe it or not it has been nearly 6 months since our last round of Dinner for Six meals, which may explain the rumours that Dinner for six has ceased to be! This is not the case, so the plan is to try and fit in one more before the rush of Christmas is upon us.

Dinner for Six is an opportunity to spend time with others over a meal. We team up hosts and guests to share a meal. The hosts provide the main course and coffee, whilst other guests supply starters and desserts.

I will assume that those who are already on the list will wish to continue unless I hear to the contrary. If you are new to the church or haven't had your name down for Dinner for Six and would like to join, please sign your name on the board in the lobby 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!

May I put in a plea for more folks being willing to host a meal.

Val Cookney

COMPTON HOUSE

Two events are happening in November for you to book in your diary.

The first is the Annual Anniversary Service to be held in our church on Sunday 6 November. The service starts at 3pm and will be followed by refreshments in the hall. This is for everyone to show the three-churches' continued support for this non-profit making nursing and residential home.

The second event is the Autumn Fair on Saturday 12 November also taking place on our church premises. As usual, there will be many different stalls. We are particularly keen to raise money from sales of cakes of any kind. If you feel able to help, please sign the sheets on the notice boards.

Most importantly, please tell your friends and neighbours about the Fair and display a poster.

Thank you, Stuart Marsh.

FAIR TRADE GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

We have a Fair Trade stall in the Church lounge every third Sunday between the two services. Are you a regular purchaser of the wide range of goods that we have to offer? We include teas, coffees, biscuits, dried fruit, sugars, rice and pastas, jams, marmalade and honey, various chocolate bars (very tempting!) nuts and many more items and, later on in the year, Christmas cards and Advent calendars.

We realise that some Fair Trade products appearing in the supermarkets are sometimes cheaper than our prices, but the proceeds of our products go to specific projects and areas of need.

Despite recession and rising food prices, the Fair Trade movement continues to attract ever-increasing support in this country. Over 6,600 churches are now affiliated to the Fair Trade Foundation and more than 500 schools have joined. There are also Fair Trade towns. UK shoppers continue to embrace Fair Trade showing no downturn in ethical values despite the tough economic times. Sales soared in the past year by 40%, reaching an estimated retail value of £1.17 billion, compared with £836 million in 2009.

Every day in the UK we are now consuming an estimated 9.3 million cups of Fair Trade tea, 6.4 million cups of Fair Trade coffee, 530,000 of certified drinking chocolate and 3.1 million Fair Trade bananas (not available from us, of course!)

You can play your part by ensuring that disadvantaged people are not exploited. We look forward to trading with you every month. Thank you for your ongoing support.

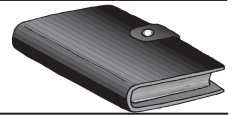
Carol Marsh, Jenny Machell and the Dunford family.



Family News

Our Congratulations to Jenny and Malcolm Pilling who have become the grandparents of a baby girl born on 09th September.

October Church Diary



1st 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

2nd 9.30am The Pastor -
Sunday Communion
11.15am The Pastor
6.30pm The Pastor

6th Daytime House Groups
Thursday 7.45pm Coffee
8.00pm Autumn at
Lindfield - A growing Church
Nick McQuaker

8th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

7.30pm Missions Event
with John Hall -
Romans 1:11
Trust

9th 9.30am John Hall
Sunday 11.15am John Hall
6.30pm The Youth Pastor -
Communion/
Healing

12th 12.30pm Lunch
Wednesday Fellowship

13th 8.00pm Church Meeting
Thursday

14th 12.30pm Lunch
Friday Fellowship

15th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

16th 9.30am Mike Gardiner
Sunday Fair Trade

11.15am Mike Gardiner
6.30pm Youth Service

20th Daytime House Groups
Thursday 7.45pm Coffee
8.00pm Autumn at
Lindfield - A growing Church
Stuart Barbour

22nd 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

23rd 9.30am David Jones
Sunday 11.15am David Jones
6.30pm The Pastor

25th 7.45pm In Touch (Check
Tuesday Notices for time)

26th 2.30pm The Fellowship
Wednesday 7.30pm Elders Meeting

27th 7.30pm Church Prayer
Thursday Meeting

29th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

30th 10.30am Family Together -
Sunday Josh Thomas
6.30pm The Pastor

Please note these dates are correct at time of printing, but watch the weekly notices in case of change. The details of the Sunday Evening services may change; members of our Young People's group will be taking part in all these services, but the pattern of worship will remain the same.

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 October are as follows:

October 2nd	David Jones
October 9th	Philip Wren
October 16th	Donald Nisbet
October 23rd	Charles Martin
October 30th	Matthew Wren



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 **11:15am service** is a traditional service.

(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.

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

Distributing

October

2nd Heather Swann	Iris Bingham
9th Janet Wade	Heather Swann
16th Jessie Green	Janet Sanderson
23rd Carol Walters	Sue Tester
30th Mies Campling	Barbara Shepherd

November

6th Carol Marsh	Jo Bloxham
13th Betty Billins	Iris Bingham
20th Sue Waller	Heather Swann
27th Zoe McQuillin	Janet Sanderson

Distribution Rota

If anyone is able to offer help with distributing on Monday mornings please contact Heather Swann.

October Mission Focus – Romans 1:11 – Uganda

It is now almost seven years since we were introduced to Samuel Muhumuza in Uganda. During that time it has been our privilege to support the work of the Sanje Modern School that he established in the Kibaale District, which now has around 400 students with 20 staff.

Our giving, together with the sponsoring of 50 children, has made a tremendous difference to both the facilities of the school and the lives of many children. Your support is really appreciated.

The ability of students the world over varies but it has been encouraging to receive regular reports and letters from the children and to see their progress over the years. One young man, Baruta John, who has been sponsored since 2004 is now starting a university course, which is brilliant. He is a fine Christian young man. This is a photo of him recently with Samuel.



In addition to having overall responsibility for the school, Samuel is an ordained minister in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Uganda and pastors a church near the school. He also oversees one of the Spiritual Life Centres established by the Romans One-Eleven Trust for training local pastors.

The school is in a very rural area where there is much poverty. Resources are always needed not just to maintain and operate the school but also to comply with government regulations and requirements, which often change. As an example all primary schools now need to have boundary walls constructed and with Sanje Modern occupying an area of about four acres this will be quite a costly outlay.

Coupled with this, Uganda's annual headline inflation rate continues to rise with a rate for May this year recorded at 16%.

During October we will be devoting our mission giving to Samuel and it would be good to be able to send another substantial gift to him, which he may wish to set aside for a specific project such as the building of the perimeter wall. We will also retain enough to 'top up' the Bursary Fund which is being used for additional funding for some students who need more support because they are

now at secondary school or boarding.

We are not appealing for more sponsors but there are one or two who are no longer being supported, so if anyone is interested in taking these on please speak to Ron or Janet Goodenough.

Our giving to Samuel is channelled through the Romans One-Eleven Trust, which is headed up by John Hall, a retired URC Minister who visits Uganda regularly. We are pleased that he and his wife, Gwen will be with us for the weekend of the 8th/9th October. We will have an evening with them on the Saturday and John will be preaching at our Sunday morning services – see the information below.

Please see the mission display for photos and more information.

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

Saturday October 8th - 7.30pm

**An informal evening with
John & Gwen Hall
from Romans One-Eleven Trust**

John has recently visited Samuel in Uganda and will be able to bring up-to-date information from his time there. He will also share about the work of The Romans One-Eleven Trust in Uganda and neighbouring countries

John will also be staying over and preaching at our Sunday morning services.

Refreshments will be a light buffet and desserts.

Free tickets can be obtained from the Missions Group: Ron & Janet Goodenough, John Barling, Val Cookney or Jean Gardiner

IN TOUCH QUIET DAY

A quiet day for In Touch ladies – is that possible, I hear you ask? Well the answer is 'Yes'!

On September 3rd we met in The Tiger Lounge, under the guidance and leadership of our good friend, Deaconess Kay MacIntosh. And while I'm onto credits, I'd like to say a sincere thank you to Rosemary Tijou for her music ministry, and to Sue Waller who organised the day, and with a great team of helpers, provided us with a very yummy lunch!



The theme of our day together was “God's mercy is as gentle as silence”. Kay enabled us to find a great deal more to the meaning of God's mercy which was so helpfully and encouraging. Yes, we did have three periods of silence. During the first, Kay had prepared a series of symbolic items for us to meditate upon in our own space just as we desired. There was a Cross, a bowl of water with a heart-shaped sponge and towel, a blanket in which we could enfold ourselves, a piece of red material representing the cloak of His righteousness, a ring symbolising God's joining with us, an ornament showing God holding a child within His hand, and a picture showing the Lord Jesus leaning off the side of a rugged cliff reaching out to rescue a lamb that had fallen. To me it was a most moving experience to sit and feel God's mercy through all these different channels.

The other sessions gave us the opportunity to look at a number of Bible verses, ponder them for ourselves, and to see what the Lord was saying through them into our own situations.

Before moving into a Communion service, we were encouraged to share anything that had especially touched our hearts. For me it was the symbols in our first session, and I shared the following psalm that I felt inspired to write in response to that:

“I come before you, Lord, overawed by the power of your love. As I look at that Cross, I can only begin to imagine the enormity of the agony that you suffered on my account. That you, the Son of God, should take on that burden for me is just awesome. Then to sit wrapped in your arms, enfolded

in your never ending love! Thank you that in your mercy you called me to be your adopted daughter. Washing my hands – allowing your living water to cleanse me and to feel your forgiveness. Thank you for that assurance that it is the robe of your righteousness that I can wear, because of the ring that binds me to yourself. You reach out again and again to catch me when I fall, just like a shepherd rescuing a lost lamb. To know that I am held safely in your hand, whatever my circumstances, is almost too wonderful for me to comprehend. I will never fully understand all that you so graciously do for me. Your mercy and love are so real and too amazing to put into words. I can only praise and bless you, my Lord and Saviour.”

Janet Sanderson also wrote a prayer as her response:

“Dear Father,
I thank you that you hold me in the palms of your hands. I thank you, you watch over me day and night as a shepherd watches over his sheep. You are always thinking about me and are concerned about me. I thank you because of your death on the cross I have new life in Jesus and you have forgiven all my sins. I thank you that I have been washed clean and been given a robe of righteousness. I thank you I am joined to you and nothing can separate me from your love. Thank you for the comfort you have shown me; help me to show your comfort to others.
I love you Jesus.
Amen”

The Communion Service made a fitting end to our lovely time together. We were so grateful to Kay for making it a very special and meaningful Quiet Day.

Fiona Tingley

In Touch meets again this month on the 25th October. We will be showing the DVD “Faith Like Potatoes” — The Story of a farmer who risks everything for God. Do join us for that evening. Please watch the weekly notices for a possible earlier start to this evening . Popcorn will not be supplied but other refreshments as usual! All Ladies are welcome.

Sue Waller

Book Reviews

I make no apology for putting two Book Reviews in. We have the most extraordinary privilege in this country of having at our finger tips a wealth of resources in the form of books. Men and women of Christian maturity, faith and literary skill have written of their experiences, their knowledge from years of study and walk with the Lord. They are priceless opportunities to grow in our own understanding and faith.



If the books that have been reviewed don't appeal to you, please write about a book that you have enjoyed and has helped you.

Thank you to Fo Tingley for the first Book review. Fo mentioned this book during an evening service recently and then got a written review in before I had a chance to ask – Brilliant!!

“The Grace Outpouring”

I have recently read this amazing book in just 5 days whilst away staying with a friend. (Most books take me several weeks or even a month or two to read, so you can tell this one is good!) It is a very readable book about a couple, Roy and Daphne Godwin, (a most appropriate surname as it turns out!) who find themselves out of their comfort zone when God calls them to run Ffald-y-Brenin, a Christian Retreat Centre in the wilds of the Welsh valleys. Right from the first chapter I was blown away by testimony after testimony of how God was transforming lives in this very special place. Perhaps it's best to quote the synopsis on the back cover of the book.

“Imagine a House of Prayer in every town. Imagine Churches filled with Christians who want to bless others; who want to pray and then stand back and watch God at work, changing lives before their very eyes. Since his arrival at Ffald-y-Brenin retreat centre in rural Wales, Roy Godwin has been able to imagine all this – because he has seen the amazing effects of God working in sovereign power on people who weren't even sure he existed! Roy has witnessed the outbreak of God's bounty and blessing in the retreat centre, in the grounds, in the fields and out into the community.”

Has that wetted your appetite?

The latter part of the book is about Roy's vision for a House of Prayer in every community in our land, surely something we would all love to see, particularly

when in these days this country is so far from the Christian country it once was. Roy Godwin co-authors the book with a former editor of Christianity and Renewal magazine, Dave Roberts.

This story will inspire and encourage you if you are looking for a renewed trust in God and His willingness to “Bless the needy with repentance and the Holy Spirit.”

Happy reading!

Fiona Tingley.

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The second Book to be reviewed is by John Stott . Rev. Stott died very recently in August. He was one of the most eminent and profound Christian writers of recent years. This book is one in a series of commentaries, called the Bible Speaks Today, of which John Stott was one of the contributors.

Christian Counter-culture - The message of the Sermon on the Mount – John Stott

(Matthew chapters 5 -7)

‘The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood and certainly it is the least obeyed.’

This is John Stott’s opening sentence to his book. He goes on to suggest that it is ‘...the nearest thing to a manifesto that Jesus ever uttered.’ Why? Because it is Jesus’ own words in which he describes what he wants his followers to be and to do. It certainly lays down the challenge.

Stott provides in this commentary a very clear and insightful explanation. He plants Jesus words and stories into their social and historical context, which far from making it seem irrelevant to us in the 21st century, actually brings greater clarity and understanding

As a commentary this book takes us through Jesus’ teaching in these three chapters in some detail. First the actual Beatitudes - eight ‘principal marks’ of Christian character and behaviour, and the sort of influence Christians will be able to have on our community IF we exhibit the characteristics as described in the Beatitudes.

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Through illustrations Jesus demonstrates how these characteristics in a Christian should impact on all aspects of our lives; in our everyday lives not to be hypocritical with the external trappings of 'religion' but with the right-ness that is of God, in our attitude to our wealth and possessions, we are to be free from the preoccupation with self-centred anxieties and to have as our aim the 'spread of God's rule and righteousness.' In our relationships we are not to judge but rather to serve and in our praying we should be God centred, thoughtful, trusting and humble.

This book shows clearly and unequivocally the choice that each of us has between living by society's standards and the standards Jesus set. So, do we conform to the standards of our world around us or do we, 'seek first' above all else, that the very purpose and meaning of our lives is to glorify God?

This is a deeply challenging book, but so encouraging as well. It is not a light book and needs to be absorbed in small portions but it is well worth the effort.

I leave you with another quote;

'In applying this teaching to ourselves, we need to consider that the Bible is a dangerous book to read, and that the church is a dangerous society to join. For in reading the Bible we hear the words of Christ and in joining the church we say we believe in Christ. As a result, we belong to the company described by Jesus as both hearing his teaching and calling him Lord. Our membership therefore lays upon us the serious responsibility of ensuring that what we know and what we say is translated into what we do.'

Val Cookney

Stop Press.

Forward dates for your Diary

Sunday November 6th – International Day of Prayer for the persecuted Church.

Saturday 12 November – Missions Supper with Open Doors.

FamilyNews:

Derick and Catherine Roberts will celebrate their Ruby (40) Wedding on Sunday, October 2nd.

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)
- 11.15am Traditional 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

During the Autumn, House Groups will not meet - see the 'Autumn at Lindfield - A growing Church' Programme (Pages 8 - 9).

The church is open most mornings from 10.00am to 12.30pm

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What else is happening in the village?

Saturday 8 October 10 am — 12noon

Horticultural Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the King Edward Hall

Wednesday 12 October 8pm

Horticultural Society Talk - Unusual Winter Plants

Wednesday 12 October 12.15 — 2pm

Tiger Arts Light Lunch and Concert in the Tiger and then in All Saints Church

This month - Hurstpierpoint College Musicians

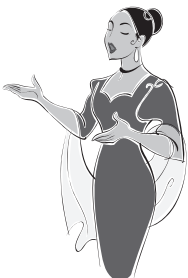
Autumn Colours looking at their best:

Wakehurst Place (NT), Sheffield Park (NT) and High Beeches (Handcross).

HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday 22 October

Joo Cho (soprano) and Marino Nahon (piano)



7.45 pm at St Wilfrid's Church

