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**May the LORD answer you when you are  
in distress;**

**may the name of the God of Jacob  
protect you.**

**May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and grant you support from Zion.**

**May he remember all your sacrifices and  
accept your burnt offerings.**

**May he give you the desire of your heart  
and may your plans succeed.**

**May we shout for joy over your victory  
and lift up our banners in the name of  
our God.**

**May the LORD grant all your requests  
Some trust in chariots and some in  
horses, but we trust in the name of the  
LORD our God.**

**They are brought to their knees and fall,  
but we rise up and stand firm.**

**Psalm 20 verses 1 - 5, 7,8**



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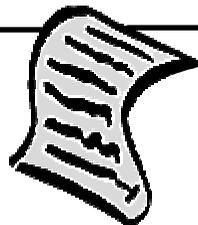
I am so pleased to be the new editor of our church magazine. How fortunate I am to have Val, our previous editor to show me what is expected and to guide me along the right path. It is very reassuring to have her shadow what I do in the next few magazines. This will be a definite learning curve for me, but with all the Editorial Team's expertise, guidance and prayers, I feel our church magazine will continue to be something which will enrich our readers.

In March we had our weekend called 'Gospel Gold for Lindfield' which has brought so much pleasure and blessings to us all. There were so many activities to keep everyone busy. We were also able to enjoy the fellowship of others and have a greater understanding of His word.

I hope that our magazine will encourage and help all who read it, to grow in their commitment with our Lord.

Every blessing to you all,  
Anne.

## ***Dear Friends,***



This year Palm Sunday falls on April 1st – All Fools’ Day. That seems to me to be entirely appropriate. When He rode down the Mount of Olives to the welcoming cries of the people, Jesus knew that He was only days away from His death, but He went on without a backward glance. Who but a fool would have done that? Surely life is precious. What’s the point in throwing it away?

The Easter story is very well-known. If you go regularly to church, you will have followed in the Good Friday March of Witness and shared in the joy of the Easter greeting “Christ is risen!” many times. You will know most of the Easter hymns and you will often have heard the story of the resurrection appearances. It will all be very familiar and you know what familiarity is supposed to do – it’s supposed to breed contempt. Could we ever get so used to hearing about Jesus’ death and resurrection that boredom begins to set in?

I hope not, but that’s why I want to smack you in the eye with this thought. Everything about the Easter story is crazy. It’s all back to front. A man who knows He’s going to be crucified rides calmly into the hands of His enemies. In the face of rejection, scorn and hatred, He goes on loving and forgiving. The hideous agony He has to endure, the depth of which is almost beyond comprehension, turns out to be the act which saves the world and to cap it all, in submitting to death He is able to destroy its power and open the gate of everlasting life. Have you ever heard anything so much against reason? Only a fool would act that way. Only a fool would believe it.

But that is what we are called to be – us Christians. God calls us to be fools for Christ. He wants us to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us, to face the kind of treatment meted out to Him and to do so with a glad and willing heart. Jesus said .....

“If anyone would come after Me he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me and for the gospel will save it.” Mark 8:34-35.

Those words were paraphrased by a young man who did something equally foolish. With four others he landed his aircraft on a stretch of sand in South America. They had gone there with love in their hearts to take the gospel to the indigenous people, but the people didn't understand and all the young men were killed before they had a chance to explain why they had come. His name was Jim Elliot and this is his version of what Jesus said .....

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

"He is no fool ....." Jesus was no fool and neither is the man or woman who is ready to give up everything to follow Him.

Your Pastor and friend,

*Charles S. Martin*

## ***Prayer Focus***

Easter weekend is such a significant time in the Church calendar. Let's pray that as we focus on the wonder of Christ's sacrifice, we will be drawn closer to Him. In the words of a Stuart Townend song 'This the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.' Amazing love! Pray too that as others join us over the weekend they will encounter Jesus and embrace Him as their Saviour.

Continue to pray for the Church Weekend Away – Energise 2012 – and especially for Paul Stokes as he prepares to lead this time away. Pray that we will be drawn closer to one another and to the Lord.

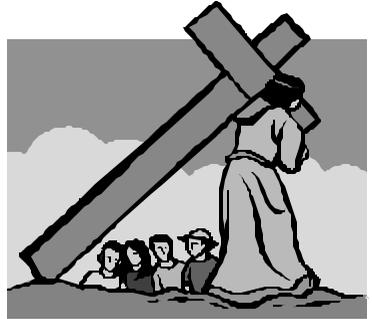
Prayer is always needed for the changing face of our world and for governments in difficult situations.

Janet Goodenough



## ***EASTER - the young people's view***

Easter, a time for many young people where the main focus is how many Easter eggs they can get and how quickly they can be consumed! We however decided to task the young people of Lindfield URC with telling us the true message of Easter to see if we got something a little bit deeper... Here's what they had to say:



“Easter is a renovation of the Lord’s world. Everything is re-grown, re-born and ridden from sin. Jesus helped us to remember this by sacrificing his life for those he loved. The life flowed out of his crucified body and into the earth, giving life to the seeds that lay there.”

Joe Goodchild

“Easter is honouring the sacrifice made by Christ on Good Friday.”

Alex Harfield

“Easter is a time of forgiveness and a time to remember why Jesus died on the cross for us. Also it is a time for new life and spring!”

Gina Balicki

“Easter is when Jesus gave his life to take away our sin.”

Johanna Harfield

“Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus, it is about how Jesus forgave us all. It is also about how he conquered death and how he rose from the dead and came back to life to forgive our sins.”

Peter McCleery

“When I think of Easter the first word that comes into my mind is Easter eggs! But it's not all about that, it's about Jesus and what he did. He saved us and he could have ran away but he didn't, he faced it, he was brave, he was kind, he was the Saviour.”

Izzy McQuillin

“Easter is about Jesus dying and rising up from the dead.... And about Easter eggs he-he!”

Kieron Harfield.

Easter is a time to remember the amazing sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross and to celebrate the miracle of his rising again, so whilst you are tucking into an Easter egg feast this Easter Sunday let's remember that Jesus, our Lord and Saviour died and rose again to set us free!

Josh Thomas.



## **In Touch**

The Ladies met in February and had a very interesting time discussing the variety of books that each were reading/had read. A very diverse selection of books were discussed and generally a good time was had by all.

In March Janet Wade led the evening billed as Symbolic Wildlife in Churchyards, not in the least bit gory but nonetheless quite fascinating.

In April Sarah Tapp will bring us the History of Shoreham. Do join us for this evening which begins with refreshments at 7.45pm on the 24th April.

All Ladies are welcome to join us on the fourth Tuesday of the month unless noted otherwise, if more information is needed please do speak to Sue Waller 455047, Janet Wade 452270 or Anne Parker 473519 who will be pleased to give you any help you may need.

Sue Waller

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## ***On being a House Group Leader***

When I heard last year that leaders were needed for the newly formed House Groups starting after Christmas, I said hesitantly that if our church was really desperate I would attempt to lead a group. Confidently believing that no-one would be that desperate I carried on with my life, enjoyed the summer, and looked forward to the programme of talks and discussions which were planned to replace the "usual" House group meetings during the autumn.

Unexpectedly the "call" came, and I found myself attending the Leaders' meeting in January where I noticed that most were much better qualified and more experienced than me. I have a lot to learn!!

I have been a member of a house group for many years and have had a number of different leaders during that time. What has not changed, however, are the four main core values of House groups; SPIRITUAL GROWTH, FELLOWSHIP, CARING, and OUTREACH, and I have found that belonging to a small group within the larger Church family is a great way to encourage and support one another and deepen our relationship with God.

If you don't already belong to a House group, I do encourage you to consider joining one. As well as the more serious parts of the evening with Bible study and prayer, it can also be great fun and the evenings are carried out in a very relaxed atmosphere. If you don't feel you want to contribute at first, that is understandable; I spent a long time before I felt confident to say anything....though those who know me well may be surprised to read that!!

No one is expected to be "Brain of Britain" ( I certainly am not ) but we are all different and have had different backgrounds and it is this which makes everyone's contribution unique and what helps to enrich the life of the individual group.

Janet Wade

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## **THE FELLOWSHIP**

The meeting this month is on Wednesday 25th April at 2.30pm. This is a special event as it is the occasion of our Charity Tea. This year we have chosen to support the work of the Sussex Air Ambulance Service.

Many of you will know how they came to Lindfield when Heather Barling, one of our Church Members, had a very serious accident, and they were able to transport her very quickly to get the specialised treatment she needed.

The Air Ambulance Service is a very vital service. We hope you will bring along your friends and neighbours to hear about their work and that we all will be able to support them in a practical way.

There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, the usual welcome cup of tea and biscuits. We do hope to have a good attendance on the day. All will be made most welcome.

Winifred Scopes

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## **Family News**

### **SAD NEWS**

Sadly, we have to report the death of two members of our Church Family this month, Margaret Richardson and Yvonne Whybrow, both of whom have been battling with illness for a long time. A happy release for them, but hard for those who loved them. We extend to their families and friends our love and sincere sympathy as we uphold them in prayer.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Marjorie Mulligan has now moved to:

Compton House, Compton Road. RH16 2JZ.

### **Thank you to Tom Burford .....**

Chris Comber writes "Tom worked away for many years in the little office upstairs doing the photocopying. He will be sorely missed.

Many thanks Tom for all your efforts, from all those Church Members who have benefited from your services".

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# April Church Diary



**1st**  
Sunday

## Palm Sunday

9.30am The Pastor - Communion  
11.15am The Pastor  
6.30pm The Pastor

**5th**

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday 8.00pm Joint Communion Service at LURC

**6th**

## Good Friday

Friday 9.30am Walk of Witness - meet at Hickman's Lane, Rec. Ground  
10.15am United service at All Saints

**7th**

8.45 — Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

**8th**  
Sunday

## Easter Sunday

6.15am Son-rise service on Lindfield Common, followed by bacon rolls at LURC  
9.30am The Pastor  
11.15am The Pastor - Communion  
6.30pm United Easter Praise at All Saints

**11th**

12.30pm Lunch Fellowship  
Wednesday

**13th**

12.30pm Lunch Fellowship  
Friday

**14th**

8.45 — Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

**15th**  
Sunday

9.30am Mike Gardiner Fair Trade  
11.15am Mike Gardiner  
6.30pm Josh Thomas

**19th**

Thursday House Groups

**21st**

8.45 — Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

**22nd**  
Sunday

9.30am Ron Goodenough  
11.15am Ron Goodenough - Communion  
6.30pm The Pastor

**24th**

7.45pm In Touch  
Tuesday

**25th**

2.30pm The Fellowship  
Wednesday 7.30pm Elders

**28th**

8.45 — Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 9.30am at LURC

**29th**  
Sunday

10.30am Joint Service - The Pastor  
6.30pm The Pastor



## Sunday Services explained...

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities (including crèche). Lighthouse (Junior church) is for children and young people up to age 14  
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)

**Coffee** is served between the morning services.

The **11:15am service** is a more traditional service than at 9:30.  
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, normally a joint meeting is held at **10:30am**.

At **6:30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!  
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)  
*Healing services as announced*

**Personal prayer** is available after every service. 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.

## The Church Week...

### PRAYER MEETINGS:

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| 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. Venue rotates between the three churches. |

Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

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|------|---------|---|
| 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  |

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

## **Gospel Gold for Lindfield - Feedback**

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Isn't the internet amazing! With a couple of clicks I had found most of the craft for the "Gospel Gold for Lindfield" Olympic themed Messy Church!

So at 4pm we opened the doors and awaited the masses! Well, by just after four I was getting worried - 108 fairy cakes were waiting to be decorated - and so far only a couple of people had arrived! However, we welcomed 60 guests in the end. So, including the helpers, Sue Waller and her team provided a meal for around 80 people - well done and thank you to them.

Time flew and the children were very busy going from one craft station to the next - making olympic torches (card and tissue paper), sponge painting Olympic rings (made of paper plates) and decorating a couple of cakes each along with a bag to take them home (if they hadn't already been eaten!) The "Beat the Goalie" proved popular with the boys and girls alike and the graffiti wall, as displayed at the Guest service on Sunday, recorded names and greetings of those who attended.

The afternoon really was a demonstration that the church is the body of Christ - some were crafty types, some specialised in welcome and others in the practical jobs of shifting and laying up the twelve tables we needed in the hall and some in "security" - to ensure no child left the building unaccompanied. We have a special thank you to Richard and Dawn for decorating the premises. We are always amazed by Dan's 'nothing-is-impossible' approach. Arnold made a popular appearance to assist Charles in sharing God's love with the youngest and oldest guests.

I would love to thank everyone in this article by name but I need to leave space for others to report on the other events held during the mission. However, you know who you are and I thank you all! I certainly had a few anxious moments during the run up to the event but found encouragement and support from so many.

Talking of the other events, David and I attended the "I Don't Believe It" event along with Nicky McArthur (whose daughter, Olivia is being christened on Easter Sunday) at the Bent Arms. Justin Brierley spoke brilliantly about faith and science and even my un-scientific mind appreciated all he shared with us.

Nicky, and I also attended the Ladies' breakfast and enjoyed a wonderful full English and found the speaker, Claire from Crowborough, entertaining, moving and thought-provoking. My neighbour, Sue, told me it had indeed been "Food for Thought".

*Lydia Goodchild*

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The end of our weekend of mission saw an event called Nu:Worship happening in the church, there were lights, a gazebo and a general festival atmosphere to go hand in hand with the concept of a festival of new christian music.

The service ran between 6.30 - 7.30pm and music was led by our youth band - Bernard.

We had a speaker from Crowborough named Howard who also teaches at Ardingly college, sharing with us a message on John 3:16, "For God loved the world so much that he sent his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life". (NIV) This was followed by the opportunity to pray a prayer of commitment and commit our lives fully to God. The evening was a good, enjoyable time of worship and also included some drama and some interactive prayer.

I just want to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our youth band, they played a lot of songs and led worship in a very mature way and as Howard our speaker said, he didn't hear a single wrong note so thank you very much to them and to all who came and made it such an enjoyable evening.

*Josh Thomas*

The mission weekend is over and I want to say a huge thank-you to everyone who has helped to make it such a tremendous success. How do I measure success? Numbers matter of course and on every occasion we have had just the right amount of people. With catering involved in everything except the Sunday services, I had my doubts as to whether we would end up with too much food or too little. It was difficult to know exactly how many people were coming to each event, given the nature of the general invitation, but miraculously we hit the target every time.

A special "thank-you" must go to the Messy Church Team. Lydia's organisation paid off handsomely and it was so good to see new faces amongst the volunteers. Sue and her helpers provided some tasty food without a clue of how many to cater for and again, it all worked out perfectly. Several new families made contact with the church and the feedback from them was very positive. They felt welcomed and at ease.

Thanks are due also to Terry and the "Lindfield Master Chefs" for the Ladies' breakfast. Claire – our speaker from All Saints Crowborough – was able to present the Gospel without excluding anyone and to do so with an easy, relaxed air.

Justin Brierly's apologetics talk was particularly successful. As well as being coherent and understandable, he met the challenge of some searching

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questions from folk who clearly have serious doubts about God's existence and the whole nature of faith itself.

The Pub Quiz was fun. The fact that the Pastor's team came last and was awarded the wooden spoon has nothing to do with their in-expertise and everything to do with the difficulty of the questions. However, the Gospel talk given by Stephen from Crowborough was right on the button.

The Sunday morning service "Crossing the Finish Line" was great. As well as the excellent testimony given by Janet from Crowborough, Rupert Evans' sermon was clear and easy to listen to. He left nothing out and presented us all with the necessity of making up our minds about the claims of the Gospel.

As I said earlier, numbers matter, but the real measure of success is the extent to which we allowed the Holy Spirit to use what we placed at His disposal. Maybe we could have been more ready to invite our non-Christian friends and less ready to accept their refusal first time round. We could have trusted God more and gone ahead less nervously. He constantly gave us little encouragements, including a reference in Charles and Jenny's readings on the first day of the mission to Isaiah 55: 10 & 11. It had nothing whatever to do with the extract they were reading and everything to do with the fact that God has promised that when His word is preached, it always returns with a bountiful harvest.

Josh and "Bernard" are to be much congratulated on a splendid evening service. The music may not have been to everyone's taste, but no one could fail to have been thrilled both with the clarity of the talk from Howard – the young man from Crowborough – and the sincerity of Tom McQuillin's testimony.

One more word of thanks must go to Dan, whose publicity skill was invaluable. He was only able to be involved "hands-on" on Sunday, but without him the mission could not have taken place.

I am left with only two questions –

Why haven't we done this before? and  
When are we going to do it again?!

*Charles Martin*

## ***What on earth is Foodbank?***

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Maybe that is the question you have been asking yourself as you have heard this name start to be bandied around the church. Foodbank is a new local initiative, instigated and working across the churches of Haywards Heath. We aim to serve people who hit a crisis and need some food to tide them over a few days.

We have started to collect food from outside supermarkets (over 2 tons collected from outside Sainsbury's on 24-25th February), as people go in and leave, store and sort and then package it up into single and family sized amounts to be given out at our distribution point –that is No.9 Sussex Road, a shop front owned by the Baptist church.

How will we know who needs help? These families will be identified by front-line professional staff at job centres, health visitors, Citizens Advice Bureau, doctors, social workers – they will give a voucher we provide to the family who bring it along to No 9. Our trained volunteers then meet and greet these folk, listen if they want a listening ear, give them food, and signpost them to other agencies who can help them.

And who are our volunteers? People like you! Some of our fellowship have offered to help by registering as volunteers, either to collect food, sort in our storage space (at Kents Road church), meet people in No 9, do admin, or IT, to pray regularly, or help promote our work –there are many ways to get involved, and many people from across the churches have come forward, thank you God!

We are indebted to Lindfield URC and many other churches for the warm support, and profiling us on The Gift FM. Do pray along with us that many people realise the love of Jesus as we reach out to serve.

If you want further details or wish to get involved then do or contact Fi McLachlan on [fi.mclachlan@aol.com](mailto:fi.mclachlan@aol.com) or 01444 482484.

## **April Mission – Savannah Education Trust**

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The Savannah Education Trust provides an education for some of the poorest children in West Africa through the provision of Christian primary schools in northern Ghana. Registered with the UK Charities Commissioner in 2004 and publicly launched in 2005, with Trustees Paul Ramsbottom of Lindfield, together with brother Stephen and friend Howard Hickman, the Trust has seen the opening of three schools since 2006, the first in the village of Bagri in the Lawra Province of northwest Ghana. The work of the Trust is also ably administered in the UK by Karen, Paul's wife.

So, why education? In communities as poor as these, the purpose of education is not necessarily to improve job opportunities but (over time) to improve the quality of life. The education is focused both on traditional subjects like literacy, as well as on practical skills like hygiene and farming. Research shows that a primary education has a direct benefit on crop yields in subsistence farming. The rate of children surviving childhood and infancy increases dramatically when the mother has received even a basic education. This work started in an area where one child out of every four died before reaching the age of five.

There are three connected programmes: building schools, feeding pupils and training teachers.

The schools are built through a self-help programme. They are constructed by the local community, using local materials. The whole village is in no doubt that the school belongs to them. A borehole, funded by the Trust, provides clean water for the school and is also available for the villagers to use.



The Trust is working closely with government, represented by the Ghana Education Services (part of the local District Assembly). The government fund the ongoing costs of teachers. Each building project is managed by a small community committee. The schools are affiliated to the local Baptist church but are open to every child in the surrounding area, irrespective of religion.

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The education is free. As well as the main school building, each school has a separate nursery. This allows the older children to concentrate on their studies without having to care for their younger siblings.



The Trust is making funds available for a meal each day for pupils while they are at school. It is shocking to realise that, without this provision, village children will often miss school during the hungry (i.e. dry) season to scavenge for food (rats, mice, birds and fruits) in the bush. Children help around the home and in the fields with domestic chores and farming. A meal eases acute pressure on families, and enables parents to release children from this type of work. The cook is employed by the villagers themselves as their contribution to the programme.

Many schools, particularly in rural locations, struggle to attract qualified teachers. There is a shortage of teachers generally. This is compounded by the fact that many qualified teachers choose to work in more affluent areas of Ghana. Prospective teachers from the local area will be given scholarships to help fund their training. This will be on the understanding that, once training is completed, the teacher will return to work in Lawra District. The first teachers from this scheme have now qualified and are working in the Savannah schools. Others are undergoing training.

We are supporting Savannah again throughout April and recognise its vision and inception as being inspired by God and achievements to date as an outworking of Christian faith and love. To find out more visit [www.savannaheducationtrust.org](http://www.savannaheducationtrust.org) and see the Missions display in concourse area at Lindfield URC. If you would like to support Savannah please use the special envelopes available in the church (donations may be Gift Aided) or ask to see the iPad presentation available Sunday mornings. Thank you.

*Missions Team – Ron and Janet Goodenough, Val Cookney, Jean Gardiner and John Barling.*

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## ***THE WIDER WORLD***

### **Iran**

Following the news in last month's Good News of the continuing imprisonment of Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani in Iran there have been further events concerning acts against Christians across the country in the past few weeks.

Many Christians have been arrested in their own homes and workplaces, and even entire congregations have been rounded up during their time of worship. In Kermanshah authorities entered a house church and arrested all thirteen Christians present. Three are still in custody.

The Barnabas Fund, which works with persecuted Christians, said that international pressure on Iran from the West over its nuclear programme could be causing the intensification of the campaign against Christians, as they are regarded as our allies because of the misconception that Christianity is a Western religion.

### **Afghanistan**

Women's Rights activists in Afghanistan are calling on the international community to maintain its commitment to their cause as they fear that the withdrawal of the military in 2014 could see their progress undone.

A spokesperson for Women's Activities & Social Services Association (WASSA), a partner of Christian Aid, Mrs. Hassanpur, said recently that women were afraid of losing all they had gained if their Government entered talks with the insurgents. They have achieved much over the past ten years and they don't want peace if it means losing their position in society once more. Mrs Hassanpur said that much still needs to be done and highlighted the amount of violence against women, a lack of education and health facilities.

Currently, the official Government still insists that "man are fundamental and women are secondary", and prohibit women from travelling without a man. The fear is that in 2014 the Taliban will return and conditions for women will become even worse.

Carol Marsh.

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Church**



**Bramble Hill, Balcombe RH17 6HR**

Our services are held weekly at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to join us. *Speakers for March are as follows:*

April 1st	Cavan Wood
April 8th	Philip Wren
April 15th	To be Arranged
April 22nd	Donald Nisbet
April 29th	Philip Wren



## **'ENERGISE'**

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### **– Church Weekend – 22nd to 24th June**

Booking for 'Energise 2012' is still open - forms should be returned as soon as possible together with the nominal deposit. The rest of the funding will come from voluntary donations. We don't want anyone to feel they cannot come because of financial constraints.

There will be a further specific gift day for the weekend on 13th May. The special envelopes will also be available until the weekend for those who wish to give regularly.

Ron Goodenough.

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### **Today I said a prayer for you**

Today I said a prayer.

Today I thought of you.

I prayed for God's heavenly touch in  
Every thing you do.

I prayed that he would watch over you  
like the apple of His eye and that His tender  
loving hands will always be nearby.

I prayed that He would be with you  
whatever you go through,  
and that his guiding presence  
will always shine His light on you.

I prayed for God's blessings  
That only he could provide.

Like good health and good friends  
and things your heart desires.

Deep within my heart  
I'm sure he heard every word.

Source unknown.

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## **HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY**

Saturday 14 April

Richard Uttley (piano)

7.45 pm at St Wilfrid's Church

