

Good NEWS

From Lindfield United Reformed Church

May 2012



Bible passage for this month.

We are looking for some special passages from the Bible which we can put in **GoodNEWS** which will help or inspire our readers in all sorts of circumstances.

If you have any favourite bible verses that you would like included, please place in the **GoodNEWS** pigeonhole at the back of the Church, or email to me – annecelvin@btinternet.com. Please include your name, and state if you would like your name printed at the foot of the text. This will be an ongoing monthly slot which I hope will be well supported by you all.

We start this month with a passage which was very special to one of our members.

Anne Elvin

THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

God doesn't promise we will have a life free of troubles, but He does promise to be close and give us strength to cope when we call upon Him.

These reflections may be of help when life gets tough.

"When adversity comes, move quickly toward God, and keep your focus on Him. Then you will develop the strength to overcome"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 says *"Be joyful always: pray continually: give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire."*

In all circumstances we are challenged to be joyful, prayerful and thankful - the gratitude attitude. "This is God's will for you" and "Do not put out the Spirit's fire" suggests that joyless, prayerless, thankless lives quench God's Spirit. There will be circumstances when joy and thanksgiving don't come naturally. Resolve to face the tough times prayerfully and thankfully. Ask God for a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Reject thoughts like "I don't deserve this" and focus on finding the "treasures" that God stores for us in the darkest times (Isaiah 45:3).

Don't allow your limitations or your present difficulties to blind you to the truth that these are opportunities for God's work in your heart.



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I do hope the following pages will encourage us all to read how enthusiastic our members are, in wanting to learn more about Jesus.

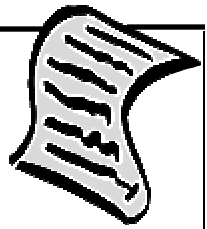
Our congratulations go to the boys and staff of our Boys' Brigade. They have won the Drill Shield and Battalion Squad Medal. This along with completing 'Forty' years service is a great achievement, 'Well done!'

This month, we have articles, which show how our Church is going forward with our youth. We want to ensure they have great opportunities to know how Jesus can influence their lives. It is so important that we show them how the love of Jesus can make the difference between the right and wrong way to live. We are so very fortunate to have Josh, our 'Youth Pastor' to give them guidance and help.

I hope you enjoy reading how our Church is reaching out to all, to further our understanding of the teaching of Jesus. Pray for the work being done and we trust that you will support and enjoy the programme of activities shown in our magazine.

Anne.

Dear Friends,



Just before Easter during Holy Week, the Haywards Heath Food Bank was launched at the Baptist Church in Sussex Road. I went along and was tremendously encouraged by two things that I want to share with you.

Jesus' parables are simple, pithy stories told to illustrate a point. You have to think about them, that's why He often ended them by saying "If you have ears to hear, then hear." Some are easier to understand than others and some are more hard-hitting, they "pack a punch" as it were. One such is the story of the division of the sheep and the goats in St. Matthew 25. You can't mistake the message – whatever we do or fail to do for other people, no matter who they are or what their social status, we do or fail to do for Jesus Himself.

The first thing that encouraged me at the Food Bank launch, is that now that it's up and running, we have a practical way of responding to a real need. Partly as a result of the recession and the rise in unemployment, there are families in our community who have to choose between paying the rent and feeding the children. If you are on benefit and something goes wrong, you often have to wait some time for the benefit to be restored and it's then that it's so easy to go into debt.

So the next time you see the Food Bank volunteers outside Sainsbury's, take one of the shopping lists and buy one or two items to go into their collecting boxes. The contents of that packet of rice or that pot of jam could very soon be on the plate of a hungry child – what could be simpler?

The second thing that encouraged me was the testimony given by a young man from Worthing. The Worthing Food Bank has been in existence for some time and he told us what had happened in his life as a result of going there and asking for help.

He and his partner were living in bed and breakfast accommodation and both were struggling to kick drug habits. They had no money and in consequence could buy no food. Then someone suggested that he pay a visit to the food bank. At this point, perhaps understandably, some people

might question whether someone who had spent all their money on drugs should expect to be helped, but at the food bank no one asks questions like that. Instead they make folk welcome – whoever they are – and make time to find out what they really need. That’s not all. They always offer the Gospel.

As a result of his visit to the food bank, not only was this young man’s hunger satisfied, but he heard about a church where he and his partner could feel at home. Both have now become Christians. Both are free of drugs and they are building a family together.

At the end of May we will be celebrating Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit. If ever there was an example of His work amongst His people, it’s what took place in that young man’s life. Are you surprised I was encouraged?

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin

Prayer Focus

As we approach May we look forward to Pentecost and the reminder of the coming of the Holy Spirit.



Scripture tells us that the promise of Pentecost is “to you and your children and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” – that therefore includes you and me if we have trusted in Jesus.

There is always more of the Holy Spirit and his gifting and empowering available and His delight is that we should know and love Jesus more fully. Perhaps as a reminder we could read Acts 2 again.

Let’s pray this month that, as individuals and as a fellowship, we might grow in our devotion and love to Jesus and see his Spirit moving among us and seeing people brought to the Lord as these things happen.

As usual there are many prayer needs displayed on the various notice boards around the church and you will be aware of needs within the fellowship that need continual prayer.

David Jones

Spring Harvest 2012

I am actually sitting down in my lounge at home, reflecting on the week that was. For five nights and four days, seventeen adults and nineteen children and young people travelled to Butlins, Minehead for our annual Church visit to Spring Harvest. Spring Harvest exists to 'Equip the Church for Action', by creating opportunities for people of all ages, to encounter God, get changed by that encounter and go and change the world.

Spring Harvest is a theme-driven event. This means that each year they take a big-picture idea, that is essential to the life of the church, and explore it in a range of different ways. This year's theme was 'Church Actually'. It was an exploration of what it means to be the people of God, in a changing world. What does God actually intend for his Church, and how are we actually meeting those intentions? We explored four aspects of this plan.

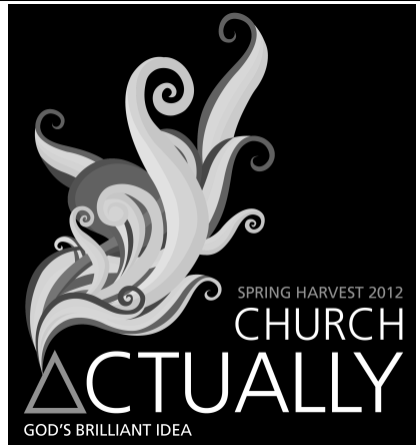
Day 1 was titled 'Let them Shine: The people of God'. This discussed how we are called to be shining lights in the world, showing God's love.

Day 2 was titled 'Give them Power: The community of the Spirit'. This explored God's choice to empower his people, pouring his very nature into them by his Spirit.

Day 3 was titled 'Help them Love: The Body of Christ'. We were reminded that we are the body of Christ, and it is through us, that God will continue to touch the world.

The final Day was titled 'Make them One: The Bride of Christ'. We were encouraged to look at the goal, towards which the Church is moving: that of a single human family, drawn from every tribe, tongue and nation: diverse people united in the worship of their creator.

Each morning Gerard Kelly led a Bible Reading exploration. These sessions explored the theme through four sections of John's gospel. You



could also attend other seminar zones. These are practical sessions that take a look at the day's theme and unpack the concept of Church. There were eight different zones, each presented in a slightly different way. With such variety, you could definitely find somewhere comfortable to explore how the Bible applies to your local church context.

I attended the Worship zone. This zone explored the biblical framework for worship. This was led by Vicky Beeching (a worship leader) and Malcolm Duncan (a Pastor). Day by day, we explored worship, why and how. Not only was there good advice about the practical side of leading worship, but there were really good reminders about why we worship.

In the evenings we would attend the Big Top celebration. The worship was led by musician Pete James. We sang a wonderful mixture of traditional hymns, well known worship songs, and of course some new songs, which you will also be introduced to in the next few months. The evening speakers tied up the day's theme, and gave opportunities for you to respond.

Our young people attended sessions run especially aimed at their age groups. They enjoyed vibrant, interactive teaching. They had time to chat in small groups and pray with each other. They learnt about how Christ can transform their lives and the difference they can make at home and school. (As this goes to press, our Young people are already planning something to make everyone in the village know that 'Jesus loves them'.)

In the evenings following the evening celebrations, if we weren't worn out by then, we took the opportunity to attend some of the best Christian entertainment there was. Tim Vine entertained with his very quick wit, Jonathan Veira sang and made us laugh. And we joined Pete James for a fun night of acoustic worship and chat.

This was interspersed with football on the beach, swimming in the pool, fun in the fair, competing in a five-a-side competition, cups of tea in the sun and a final meal in Pizza hut with two birthdays to celebrate.

So now, we all find ourselves back in Lindfield. We have all been challenged this week and in the worship zone I was encouraged to think about the following:

Understand the wider community

Keep your worship connected to your world

Hold on to the ability to lament (cry)

Turn intercession into an opportunity to engage with the world

Don't be afraid to be open

Live it – this has to be part of your lifestyle, not just something you do in congregation.

Be ready for a rough ride and continued misunderstanding – but DON'T GIVE UP!!

You can see why I am relishing the moment to put my feet up. But as for the future, only God knows!!

Zoe McQuillin

The Joys of Spring Harvest.

I found the theme of this year's Spring Harvest – that the Church was and still is God's Brilliant Idea – really encouraging! We aren't perfect as a church (!) or as individuals (!) but God wants to show his great love through us to our church family and our community. The teaching was a call to love, to serve and to encourage one another – which was particularly poignant as our time away led up to Easter.

We spent our afternoons in the swimming pool, fun fair, archery range or the bookshop (sadly a rare opportunity these days) but I did attend one afternoon seminar which explored the outreach opportunities provided by this summer's Olympics. Approximately 90% of the population plan to watch the opening ceremony and 70% want to watch in community – sounds like a wonderful opportunity to throw open our church doors again!

Our thanks to Zoe McQuillin for organising Spring Harvest 2012 so brilliantly!

Lydia Goodchild

Youth Page

Recently as a church we took a group to Spring Harvest 2012, an annual Christian conference that takes place at Butlins in Minehead. It provides a fantastic opportunity for everyone, young and old to meet together, learn more about God's love for them and spend time worshipping together.

We were able this year to take more of our young people to this great event including three young people from our Friday night zest group. Here is what Tom, one of those young people had to say about his time there.

Josh Thomas

Spring Harvest:

2012 was my first year attending Spring Harvest. This was a major turning point to me in my life with God. Before I went, I was generally confused with my understanding and where I stood with God. On my 3rd day at Spring Harvest our speaker Chris Rogers told the people who wanted to let Jesus into our lives to stand. I did, and I felt the Holy Spirit descend upon me and thus developing my friendship with God. "I was blind but now I see!"

Spring Harvest is a popular religious event where people from all over the world gather together to praise the Lord. When I came home from Minehead I felt somehow less connected to God. On leaving the Spring Harvest buzz, I can feel quite anti climactic, so upon returning, myself, Alex Harfield, Millie, Tom and Izzy Mcquillin, and Danny Lucas, (The Youths who attended Spring Harvest) along with Dan Mcquillin (Supervisor) and Hayden Alexander (Last minute recruit) decided to buy and place 'Love Heart Post-It notes' across Lindfield on Saturday 7th April. The message read "Jesus Loves You!" with the intention of bringing a little part of Spring Harvest 2012 home with us. All in all I am really looking forward to Spring Harvest next year!

Tom Jackson

BOYS' BRIGADE



In January the Company completed 40 years service in Lindfield. A 40th anniversary is not that special, but it is a satisfying achievement, and we thought a modest celebration was warranted. We had a cake made, and held a party for the Boys. The cake was cut by the oldest (Wesley Heyward), and youngest (Oscar Cleeve), Boys present, and each Boy and staff member was presented with a badge to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was a particular pleasure, to have with us, some former staff members, including Brenda Johnson, Peter Swann, Michael Bryan, Rob Drake, and Tony Dolder. This was a very happy evening.

Wesley Heyward, Louis Haddrell and Tom Hewitt have been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal. Alex Jeffs, who originally joined the BB at the age of 9, has been registered as an Officer, and started training for that role.

Our Company Section Boys have been working hard on their drill under David Walters instruction, and their efforts were crowned with success when they won the coveted Drill Shield and Battalion Squad Medal at the competitions held in March. However, we share the Drill Shield with our friendly rivals at Christ Church URC, Burgess Hill. The Squad Commander in the Squad Medal Competition, L/Cpl. Tom Hewitt, earned a special commendation from the judge for his excellent handling of the squad.

We are looking forward to the weekend camp at Blackland Farm in May with our Zest friends. So much planning has gone into this event and we hope it will be a blessing for all the young people of the Church, please pray for its success. Unfortunately, we are unable to make a specific contribution to the Jubilee celebrations in the village as so many Boys are involved in exams around that time. We would ask you to note that we are not having a display as such this year: instead we will have an Award Presentation evening on Monday 16th July, to which all friends are welcome.

Please may we ask folk to encourage parents to bring Boys of 5 and above to join our Anchor and Junior Sections, and we would be especially pleased to see the sons of members of the congregation. The Christian influence of the BB on Boys is enormous and far reaching.

Geoffrey Cocksedge



'ENERGISE' – Church Weekend – 22nd to 24th June

If you are planning to come to all or part of the weekend as a 'day visitor' you will need to book a place. This is for catering purposes and also because places are limited. We will need final numbers by Sunday 20th May so please speak to Ron or Janet Goodenough (41 7002)

The adult programme is being led by Rev. Paul Stokes who is a URC Minister serving a growing, multi-generational, congregation in Plymstock on the outskirts of Plymouth. He is employed by *GEAR* to work as an *Evangelism and Renewal Advocate*, leading workshops and other events around the country and has also co-authored a book; *'Growing the Church in the Power of the Holy Spirit'*.

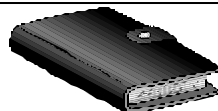
Children and young people will have their own programme with separate leaders.

We are trusting that the cost of the weekend will be covered by personal donations. Special envelopes are available on the book trolleys in the church. Donations can be made at any time using these envelopes and placing your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Our second and final gift day is on Sunday 13th May.

Thank you,

Ron and Janet Goodenough

May Church Diary



3rd Thursday	House Groups	20th Sunday	9.30am David Jones Fair Trade
5th Saturday	8.45 — Prayer Meeting 9.30am at Evangelical Free		11.15am David Jones 6.30pm The Pastor
6th Sunday	9.30am The Pastor - Communion 11.15am The Pastor 6.30pm The Pastor	22nd Tuesday	7.45pm In Touch
10th Thursday	8.00pm Church Meeting	23rd Wednesday	2.30pm The Fellowship 7.30pm Elders meeting
11th Friday	Lunch Fellowship Outing to Southdowns Garden Centre	24th Thursday	8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting
12th Saturday	8.45 — Prayer Meeting 9.30am at Evangelical Free Lindfield Arts Festival Weekend	26th	8.45 — Prayer Meeting 9.30am at Evangelical Free
13th Sunday	9.30am The Pastor 11.15am The Pastor 6.30pm Healing Service with Communion – The Pastor	27th Sunday	9.30am David Walters 11.15am David Walters - Communion 6.30pm TBC
17th Thursday	House Groups		
19th Saturday	8.45 — Prayer Meeting 9.30am at Evangelical Free <i>Spring Cleaning Morning at the Church</i> 9.00am – 1.00pm		



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 service 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

Family News

CONGRATULATIONS to Stuart and Carol Marsh who have another Grandson, Samuel, born to their daughter Lisa on 3rd April.

THANK YOU from Barbara Balicki and family for all the cards and messages of sympathy and concern for them at this time. Barbara would like everyone to know how much she and the family have sensed God's love through these.

THE FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 23rd May at 2.30pm. This will be a musical afternoon when Alan Fowler will present 'Your favourite tunes'.

We look forward to hearing these, and we are always pleased to welcome new members.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall and after the music. Tea and Biscuits will be served.

Winifred Scopes

Pen friend request

Mr. Lester Wood visited our Church whilst on holiday and has asked if any people in our congregation would like to write to him at his home in Leeds. He lives with his parents and one of his hobbies is writing letters. His address is: 133 Street Lane, Leeds 8, LS8 1AA.

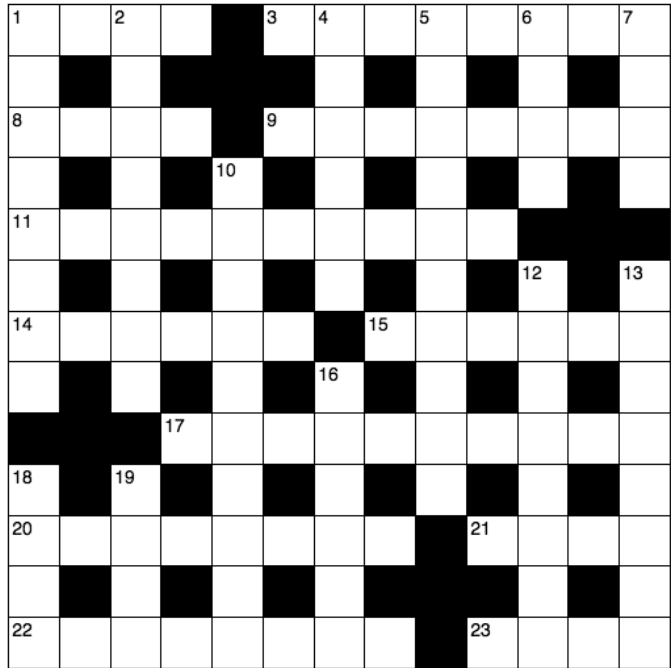
Time for a 'Spring Clean'

Please can you help on:

Saturday 19th May between 9.00am and 1.00pm, for a complete spring clean of the premises.

Just turn up with your rubber gloves; all other equipment will be provided. We hope you can join us.

For any further information contact the managers.



Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)

May Mission Giving.

saltworkz café

This month we are supporting the work of 'Saltworkz', which many will know is a local Christian charitable work demonstrating the love and message of Jesus in the local community by offering help and arranging community activities with a particular focus on the Bentswood area of Haywards Heath. The following is the from the charity's latest 'Saltworkz Update'.



"Saltworkz Café is open to the public Mondays to Saturdays, offering classic coffee, tea, meals and snacks, Internet access, children's play areas and a secluded patio. It's a 'normal' café, but also a place for friendship and advice and a signpost to Christian activities in the area.

Saltworkz also hosts:

- The Haven Pregnancy Crisis Counselling Service
- Men's and Women's breakfasts organised by many of the local churches
- Social events for the local elderly community
- A weekly drop-in session for teenagers run by Christians offering friendship, advice, help with homework and computer training.
- Meetings for some of the local Indian Community Groups for one of the local churches
- Various outreach events.

We recently extended the community garden attached to the café in conjunction with the charity 'Impact'. This area was recently assessed as part of the Britain in Bloom competition.



Along with running the café, Saltworkz is involved in providing one-to-one practical support, initiatives to help relieve poverty and introducing people to others who can support them in specific areas. We are often able to invite people to events run by the local churches.

Saltworkz is a founder member of the Bentswood Community Partnership, which is a group of local residents and agencies promoting community cohesion. Saltworkz has hosted and been actively involved in arranging new playground equipment for Barn Cottage Green; the Bentswood Arts Project – encouraging young people to create large artworks to be mounted on the hoardings of a local housing development site and special events for children and young people in the area such as football coaching, circus skills, dance training and craft sessions in the café during school holidays.

Saltworkz also runs a toddler group – Saltworkz Totz – in conjunction with our partner organisation – Christ Church, Haywards Heath. For the past two years we employed a Community Worker, Keturah Howard who was able to start many new initiatives and continues to support Saltworkz events in her new role as Youth Worker with Christ Church.”



Saltworkz relies on donations to supplement its regular income from the café, which then enable regular outreach activities to continue. It's great that we can support this local charity.

More photos can be seen at the Missions Display Area

If you would like to give towards this vital work please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service.

Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.

Also if you have not visited the café in America Lane why not drop in for some food and a coffee. The café menu includes: all-day breakfast, lunch specials, paninis, tea, coffee, baked potatoes and sandwiches.

It's a great place to meet up.

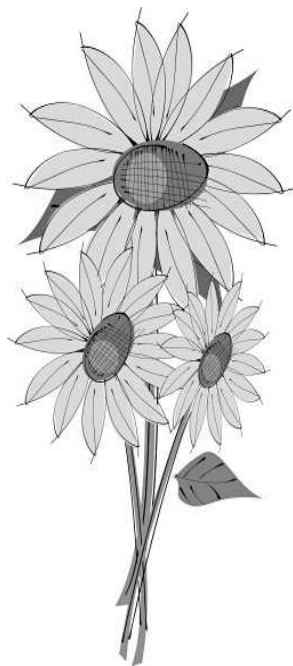
Thank you - Missions Group

Spring along to our **PLANT & CAKE SALE**

Saturday 12th May

10am-12noon in the beautiful gardens of
Lindfield Christian Care Home
Compton Road, Lindfield

- ◆ Bedding Plants
 - ◆ Vegetables & Herbs
 - ◆ Hardy Herbaceous Perennials
- ... all at very competitive prices



plus...

FREE Admission

FREE Gardening Advice & Leaflets

Refreshments & Cakes for Sale

If wet, we have plenty of cover!

*Proceeds split equally between Compton House,
Tearfund and The Overseas Missionary Fellowship*
We look forward to seeing you, whatever the weather.

COMPTON HOUSE PLANT & CAKE SALE

As you can see from the advertisement opposite, the infamous Plant and Cake Sale takes place on Saturday 12 May from 10am - 12 noon.

We welcome any donations of vegetable or flowering plants and/or cakes - just bring them as early as possible on the day.

Please tell your friends and neighbours about this charity event. Thank you.

Stuart Marsh
Trustee

'You must have the recipe'

A teenage girl was complaining to her grandmother how everything was going wrong for her: she hated school, she was fighting with her sister, her mum was driving her crazy, and a friend at school had let her down.



Meanwhile, her granny was baking a cake. She asked her granddaughter if she would like a snack, which of course she did. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yeuch" says the girl, horrified. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Grannie, that is disgusting!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grannie, they're horrible!"

To which her grandmother replied: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, and allowed to change in the oven, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!" She continued, "God works the same way in our lives. Problems can bring you blessings of growth in your life. But you need to let him change you on the inside."

(Parish Pump)

The mystery of the disappearing children!

Nearly every Sunday morning, at some point in the service, the worship leader gives a signal and all the children and youth vanish through the double doors of the concourse – but where do they go and what do they do?

Our children and youth activities are called Lighthouse, after Matthew 5 vs 14 and 15

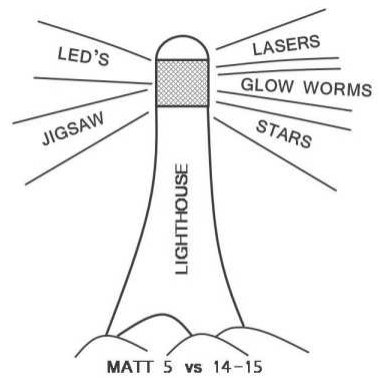
where Jesus calls us to be a light to the world and that is our vision for both the teachers and the children that are part of Lighthouse, ‘to give light to everyone’ and share the amazing love and power of God.

On most weeks the children and young people divide into age groups, all of which have light related names; Glowworms is for children aged 3 years – Reception, Stars is for children for school years Reception – year 2, Lasers caters for children in school years 3 – 6 and LED’s is for young people in school years 7 – 11. In this way we cover the whole age spectrum from 3 – 16 years. We currently follow the Scripture Union material, so that each group is considering the same story or theme but the material is targeted at different age ranges.

Each group obviously seeks to engage with the children with activities appropriate for their age. These vary slightly from group to group but it would be fair to say that they include lots of exciting crafts, games, stories, songs and discussion. If you like the sound of this but are over 16, while I regret we cannot cater within the groups for older young people, there is always a welcome for new helpers, either regularly or over the summer, when the regular helpers and teachers are having a break!

Once a month we have Jigsaw, this is a totally different session, when the three older groups all meet together. We have lights, music, worship, puppets and a lot of fun! At the moment we are doing a series on ‘God’s Champions’ in the run up to the Olympics.

We would always love to welcome new children and young people but are



also very aware that God has blessed us already, with a fantastic group of young people. We seek to honour God and them week by week, as we spend time together. Please keep the teachers and children in your prayers, also that our activities and vision going forward, would be God's planning not just ours and that we would all grow closer to Him.

If you would like to know any more information about Lighthouse, please speak to me or to one of the other teachers that mysteriously vanish through those double doors!

Dawn Walters

Lighthouse Coordinator

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Blot.

DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, 23, Stay.

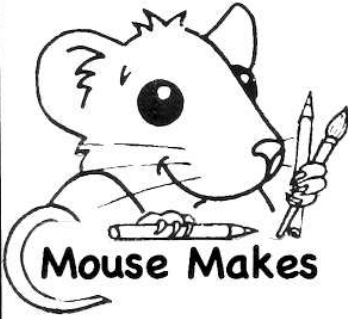
ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda.

Haywards Heath Foodbank is up and running - thanks to you all for your prayers!

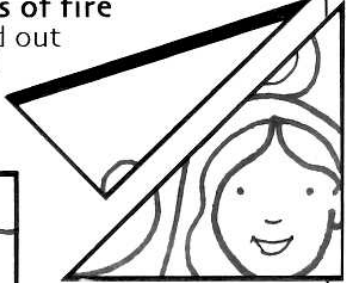
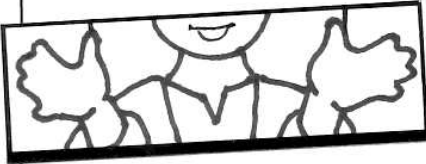
Number 9 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, next to the Baptist Church, is now open, Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, for people to come with their vouchers to receive food. Thank you to all, who both collected and gave food. Thanks also to those, who have sorted food, and are willing to meet and greet those in need. Please continue praying for our care agencies, that they will quickly realize this additional service, from the churches, and that people might experience the love of Christ through our serving.

Thank you again.

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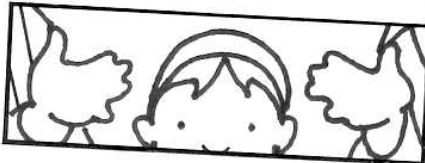
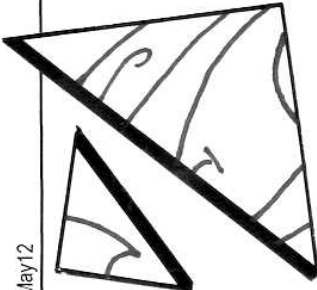
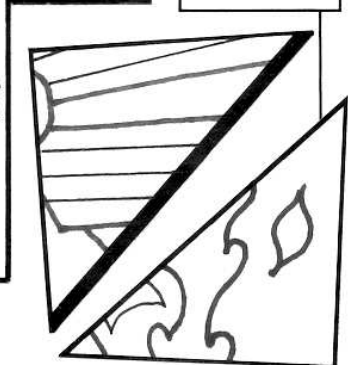
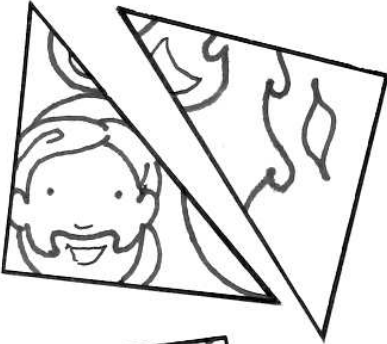


When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a **violent wind** and what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.



Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 1-41

I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL PEOPLE
ACTS 2:17



The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces. Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture →



FLOWER ROTA



Arranging	Distributing
May 2012	
6th Boys Brigade	Barbara Shepherd
13th Fiona Tingley	Jo Bloxham
20th Mies Campling	Iris Bingham
27th Carol Marsh	Janet Sanderson

June 2012

3rd Audrey Mckee	Fiona Tingley
10th Brian Tuppen	Sue Tester
17th Zoe McQuillin	Barbara Shepherd
24th No Flowers - Energise Weekend	

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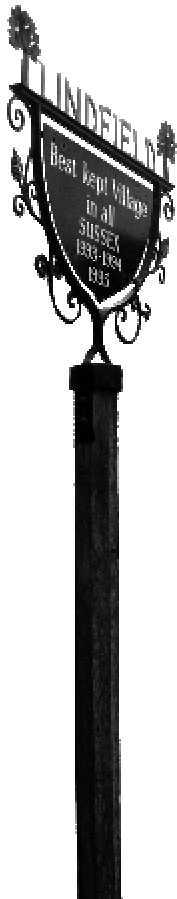
Our services are held weekly at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to join us. *Speakers for May are as follows:*

May 6th Jenny Martin

May 13th Philip Wren

May 20th Charles Martin

May 27th Philip Wren



OTHER EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE

Wednesday 9 May from 12:15pm at the Tiger and All Saints Church - 'Two Sopranos' concert.

Wednesday 9 May 8pm at King Edward Hall - Lindfield Horticultural Society 'Tale of the Tulip'

Lindfield Arts Festival. 11 - 13 May

Various locations in the Village.

On 12 and 13 May, Lindfield URC will be hosting the main art and sculpture exhibitions, plus an 'Art Café' incorporating a presentation of prayers, readings and paintings from the Methodist art collection.

Also: Saturday 12 May, 4.00pm at All Saints - 'InChoir'.

See www.lindfieldartsfestival.com.

Advance Notice: Lindfield Village Day/Jubilee Celebrations 2 - 4 June. Details to come next month!

HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday 5 May

The Rose Trio

(oboe, clarinet and bassoon)

7.45 pm at St Wilfrid's church

