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# Bible verse

## of the month

When I survey the  
wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of  
glory died,  
My richest gain I count  
but loss,  
And pour contempt on  
all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord,  
that I should boast,  
Save in the death of  
Christ my God!  
All the vain things that  
charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to  
His blood.

See from His head, His  
hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow  
mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and  
sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose  
so rich a crown?



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His dying crimson,  
like a robe,  
Spreads o'er His body  
on the tree;  
Then I am dead to  
all the globe,  
And all the globe is  
dead to me.

Were the whole  
realm of nature mine,  
That were a present  
far too small;

Love so amazing,  
so divine,  
Demands my soul,  
my life, my all.

# Editorial

We seem to have quite a variety of subjects in this month's magazine. I hope you enjoy reading them all.

There is some special news to share from our Pastor which you really must read. The sound report will enlighten us all, about what has been happening, and what valuable skills are being learnt. It is good news that Josh our Youth Pastor and Hannah will be remaining with our Church for another twelve months. We look forward to reading all about what he is continuing to do for our young people.

The children were busy with making gifts to celebrate Mothering Sunday for all the ladies in the Church and an appreciation of this is included this month. So much prayer is needed for our 'Church Family Abroad'. Carol tells us about the Wider World and some very disturbing happenings.

I trust we will all be able to enjoy some sunshine this month. We give thanks to God for our beautiful world, which is coming to life again with so many beautiful trees, flowers and plants. It is wonderful how this always helps to brighten our lives.

Enjoy our magazine.  
Kindest thoughts,

*Anne*

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# Dear friends

If you were in church on Mothering Sunday, you will have heard me tell the congregation that I have been advised by my doctor to retire a little earlier than I had hoped. Instead of carrying on until the Autumn, I shall now retire at the end of the Summer and my last Sunday as your minister will be July 14th.

Originally, I thought that my sixty-fifth birthday would coincide with the end of our Youth Pastor's contract. If we were to leave together, the church would lose both its ministers at the same time. That was my main reason for wanting to work the extra few months. However, now that I know Josh is staying with you for another year, that no longer applies. The medical advice I have received merely confirms that it is right to go sooner rather than later.

This is not the time for good-byes. July is still four months away, but it struck me as somewhat ironic that my final Sunday will be the day when the French remember the storming of the Bastille – the hated symbol of oppression – and the dawn of liberty. No doubt, for some people, retirement may offer freedom and emancipation from a life-time of servitude. Not so for me. I shall have to get used to a new way of life which will not be easy.

I remember visiting someone a few days after I was ordained. She opened her door to me and said with delight "My minister has come to see me!" and I suddenly realised that at last, after all those years in college, I was someone's minister. I have never lost the sense of privilege

I felt and feel still, but after July 14th, for the first time in more than forty years, I won't be anyone's minister any more. Of course there will be work for me to do. I shall go on preaching and living the Gospel until I fall out of the pulpit, metaphorically if not literally, but even so life will be very different.

It's never easy to cope with change, but it's part of life and there's little we can do but accept and make the best of it. We all get older. The world changes around us and not always in the way we approve, but as Christians we have a wonderful advantage over people who don't share our faith. We know that no matter how rapidly or profoundly life changes, our loving heavenly Father remains the same. As the Bible says in Lamentations 3:20ff .....

**“My soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.” ”**

Wherever you are, the Lord is your portion. If you stand on the threshold of life or, like me, you have the end in sight, this one thing will never change – the Lord is your portion. In whatever circumstance you find yourself, His love and mercy will never fail. Even if, like Peter, you feel yourself sinking in a rough and turbulent sea, if you reach out to Him in faith, Jesus Christ will take you by the hand.

With sincere best wishes from your Pastor and friend,

*Charles S Martin*

## *In Touch*

The 'In Touch' meeting for April is on the 30th April ( please note this is a week later than usual) We will be welcoming an old friend of the Church back to speak about his experience , having being adopted and wanting to find his Mother. Do join us for what should be a very interesting evening. We begin at 7.45pm for refreshments and usually finish around 9.30pm.

Advance information about the Ladies' Day Away which this year will not be very far as it will be in the Church Lounge and will be led by Darryl Sinclair.

There will be a hot two course meal at lunchtime ( a veggie option is available ) and the date is the 14th September. The day will begin at 10.00am and aim to finish around 4.00pm.

Do keep this date in your mind as I will looking for names as we get nearer the date. I estimate the cost to be £12.00.

**Sue Waller**

## *The Fellowship*

In April, on 27th at 2.30 pm, we will be holding our Charity Tea.

The charity concerned is Blind Veterans UK (formerly known as St Dunstons). Do come along and support this excellent organisation.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy stall, a cup of tea after the talk and a warm welcome to all who come.

**Pat Phillips**

## *The Art Group*

On Saturday 13th April the Art Group are holding a coffee morning and Art Exhibition in the church lounge from 10am 'til 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to come and join with us in this friendly group

**Doreen Fowler**

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## *Compton House*

An advance date for your diary: Saturday 18th May when we have the Annual Plant and Cake sale at Compton House from 10-12 noon.

There will be a wide range of plants, cakes and cards available. If you would like to help, now is the time to sow seeds (tomatoes are very popular) and plant up some plugs and then cakes in the middle of the month. See you there!

**Stuart Marsh**

# April Mission



**A**pril Mission Giving. 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 from the charity's latest 'Saltworkz Update'

"Saltworkz Café is the focus of activities and is open to the public Mondays to Saturdays, offering classic coffee, tea, hot and cold meals and snacks, with Internet access, children's play areas and secluded patio. It's a 'regular' café, but also a place for friendship, information, help and advice.

Saltworkz Café also hosts other special events for people in the local community including 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, including help with homework and computer training; meetings for some of the local Indian community; an International Café and it is the venue for Community Groups for one of the local

churches and various community events. In recent days it seems to us even more so to be the hub for community meetings and events and the place where many from the local community want to spend time and meet their friends and family.

Over Christmas we held a children's nativity event on Wednesday afternoons after school which proved to be hugely popular with the café packed with children and their parents. We are planning something similar for 2013.

Last year saw the retirement of Kevin McGee as Manager. We are pleased to have a team in place with Muriel Collington, the new Manager, and Linda Baptist as Supervisor.



Saltworkz was a founder member of the Bentswood Community Partnership, a group of local residents and agencies promoting community cohesion. Through a generous donation from Affinity Sutton, the local housing association, Saltworkz has been able to purchase new IT equipment and create a new community website, plus hosting some special events for children and young people in the area such as football coaching, circus skills, training and craft sessions in the café during school holidays.

Saltworkz also runs Saltworkz Totz (a toddler group) and Saltworkz Friends (an outreach work with the elderly) in conjunction with our partner organisation, Christ Church Haywards Heath".

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

**The Missions Group**

# Prayer Focus

## Womens World Day of Prayer

On March 1st the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service was held. It is a tradition in Lindfield that all three churches take it in turn to host the service, and this year it was held at All Saint's Church.

The origins of this service date back to the nineteenth century when Christian women in USA and Canada initiated a variety of activities in support of women's involvement in mission at home and abroad. In 1926 women of North America circulated the worship service to many countries resulting in an enthusiastic world wide response and the consequent beginning of the WWDP.

In 1928 a Scotswoman called Grace Forgan learned of this and introduced it to the British Isles.

The worship service each year has a special theme which is developed by women of a different country each year. The themes and countries are selected by an International Committee 18 months before the date of the next service, and when the country has been chosen a National Committee is set up to prepare an order of service on the chosen theme.

Altogether the service is translated into over 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. There have been recent debates on whether to keep the service exclusively for women, but the majority feel the title should be left as it is.



This enables women to have a voice in countries where they may be considered second class citizens. This gives them an opportunity to prepare and take a leading role in denominations where women are not on an equal footing with men. This year the service was prepared by the Christian women of France and the theme was "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".

Parts of the service involve women actively taking part by reading scripts to help illustrate the theme and to bring it to life in a different way. There is usually a short talk and, of course, hymns, sung responses,



# 24 hours of Prayer

and meditations, some of which reflect the traditions of the country involved. This year a song had been specially written by a French composer. This was sung as a solo in French while the offering was being taken. It was also not surprising that included in the service was one of the lovely Taize responses " O Lord hear my prayer "

Every year is different because each country adds its own special touch to the chosen theme and this is what makes this hour long service so unique.

For Lindfield Churches it is an opportunity for women from all denominations to take part in the service and then get together afterwards over a cup of tea. It would be good to see more people attending next year. Details of the service next year will be published nearer the time, It is well worth going to and will certainly be different, so, see you there!!

**Janet Wade**

Those who attended the last Church Prayer Meeting will have been encouraged and challenged as I was, to hear Alex Hall speak to us about the vision God has given him for twenty-four hour prayer.

Alex is a young man who has had to cope (and is still coping) with health issues which have meant he has had to take a two-year break from his studies as a medical student. You might think that would have dimmed his faith, but you would be wrong. It was wonderful, a little while ago, to hear his testimony at the 9.30.am service when he told us of a prayer he had found. "Lord, let me never forget in the light what You have shown me in the darkness."

Pentecost (May 19th) will soon follow Easter and on that weekend we plan to challenge the church to spend the twenty-four hours from the evening of Friday May 17th to Saturday May 18th covering each hour in prayer. Dan McQuillin will be preaching on Pentecost Sunday. His theme will be the way, before His ascension, Jesus told the Disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's what we will be doing – waiting and praying for the gift of the Spirit.

I hope as many as possible will be able to share in this either in church or at home. More details of how it will be organised will come later.

**Charles Martin**

# Wider World

## *United States of America*

Leaders across the U.S. Episcopal Church have committed themselves to challenging gun violence as part of God's mission of reconciliation. This is in response to the tragedy of the deaths of twenty children and eight adults by shooting in an elementary school in Connecticut last December.

As the United States debates the need for tighter gun controls in the wake of the massacre at Sandy Hook, representatives of both houses of Bishops and Deputies of the church have spoken out about the need for something to be done to prevent the spread of gun violence. A letter has been sent from the Episcopal Church calling all members to repent for not having acted earlier in this matter. Since that fateful day in December, over 2,300 people have died in gun incidents, often poor, coloured youths on the streets of large cities. This has been happening for years and often goes unnoticed, and the church rues the fact that it took this massacre to galvanise people into action.

At the time of writing this article, the Bishop of Connecticut, the Rt Reverend Ian T. Douglas has called on other dioceses all over America to join clergy and lay people of Connecticut for a Walk of Witness in Washington on the Monday of Holy Week to demonstrate to political leaders that they will no longer be silent

while gun violence permeates all areas of society.

## *Azerbaijan*

Churches in Azerbaijan are facing increasing challenges as a result of government fears over religious extremism, Release International has warned. There is growing pressure on Christians in the former Soviet republic after a law was changed in 2009 requiring religious organisations to re-register with the authorities. The process is 'mired in bureaucracy' and applications are often refused.

Churches without registration are considered illegal and are very heavily fined. One church has been established in Azerbaijan for 150 years and always had the correct registration until 2009 but it is now finding it is almost impossible to get it now.

One pastor received a visit to his home from 30 police officers and officials who told him that it was illegal to spread the teachings of Jesus in Azerbaijan, despite religious freedom being guaranteed in the constitution. He refused to comply and was imprisoned for eighteen months. Often the homes of pastors are searched and illegal weapons are "found".

Release chief executive Paul Robinson

# An Observation

says that the crackdown was connected to government fears over the spread of Islamic fundamentalism from across the border in Iran, hence the clamp down on all religious organisations. The government is afraid that if people become Christians they would prefer the interests of Russia over Azerbaijan, while the Muslims would prefer those of Iran.

At any moment the pastor of a church can be imprisoned and literature and Bibles confiscated. Despite these difficult circumstances, the church in Azerbaijan is growing and Release reports that there are now around 10,000 Christians there while there were only a handful 20 or so years ago.

One Christian said "Please pray for us - pray for freedom, that believers can come together without being afraid of the Government, the police, security services or extremism. Pray that Christians will be able to find work, as many are jobless, and pray, too, that there will be those who can represent and defend the rights of believers in Azerbaijan."

**Carol Marsh**

I had occasion to visit our Church on a Tuesday morning, when I found all the rooms at the back of the Church, filled with so many people. 'Stepping Stones' was meeting that morning, which is a morning when all the small children have fun along side with their parents.

This was an amazing experience.

There was a room full of pushchairs; children were in the Church Hall playing games and really enjoying them. Mothers and Fathers were with them to give them the confidence needed to participate in the activities.

I saw so many helpers all doing their part in giving mothers and toddlers such a happy morning. There were many songs being sung which gave enjoyment to both adults and children. It was an incredible sight and how wonderful that these families are able to share in the love of Jesus.

I think it is incredible how so many members of our Church give their time so freely, to enable the children to have such a happy time. I was also impressed that the parents could also share and meet each other, which help to brighten their day. Friends are so important and knowing they too are sharing in the love of Jesus is wonderful. Obviously there is a waiting list to attend 'Stepping Stones', due to the restriction of the numbers of children able to attend.

**Anne Elvin**

# Sunday Services

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, those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service.

**Recordings of services can be borrowed** free from the church.

## 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. <small>Venue rotates between the three churches</small>

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

## Regular Activities

Mon	10.00am	Art Group
	6.00pm	Brigade - Anchor Boys <small>(5-7 years)</small>
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section <small>(8-11 years)</small>
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade - Company Section <small>(11+ years)</small>
Tue	10.00am	Stepping Stones <small>(Parents and toddlers - term time)</small>
	7.45pm	In Touch <small>(4th Tues) for women of all ages</small>
Wed	2.30pm	The Fellowship <small>(4th Wed) for men and women of all ages</small>
Thur	10.00am	Pop-In <small>Coffee and a chat</small>
	8.00pm	Church Meeting <small>(2nd Thur)</small>
Fri	7.15pm	Zest <small>(Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)</small>
Sun	7.30pm	Youth Fellowship

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

# April Church diary

1st Monday		<b>Easter Monday</b> (Bank Holiday)	18th Thursday		House Groups
3rd Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship *note date change	20th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting
4th Thursday		House Groups	<b>21st</b> Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship Stuart Nixon
5th Friday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship *note date change		11:15am	Morning Worship Stuart Nixon
6th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting		6:30pm	Evening Worship The Pastor
<b>7th</b> Sunday	9:30am	Communion The Pastor	24th Wednesday	2:45pm	Afternoon Fellowship
	11:15am	Morning Worship The Pastor		7:00pm	Elders' Meeting
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Mike Gardiner	25th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
11th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	27th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting
13th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting	<b>28th</b> Sunday	9:30am	Morning Worship The Pastor
<b>14th</b> Sunday	9:30am	Morning Worship The Pastor		11:15am	Communion The Pastor
	11:15am	Morning Worship The Pastor		6:30pm	Evening Worship Ron Goodenough
	6:30pm	Healing Service with Communion The Pastor		7:30pm	Youth Fellowship
			30th Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch Group *note date change

Further details and a full updated Church Calendar is available on our website:  
[www.lindfieldurc.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldurc.org.uk)

Hello, in this month's Good News you can read a little bit more about what we will be doing on our youth trip to Romania. We officially started the fundraising process back in March and as a part of that please try and get along to one of the special events being run over the next few months. The first of these will be on May 4th and a details can be seen on the next page.

**Josh  
Thomas  
Writes...**



There will also be fundraising envelopes available on a Sunday morning so if you feel able to help out financially we would be extremely grateful.

Please keep this trip in your prayers, our young people are very excited and I know God will be using the young people on the trip and such trips can be faith defining and life changing.

*Josh*

## **Romania 2013**

So the project has officially launched! On the 17th August; Josh Thomas, Hannah Durrant (will be Thomas when we go!), Alex Jeffs, Alex and Johanna Harfield will be making the long trip to the northern part of Romania and more specifically the town of Radauti (nestled in the valleys of the Carpathian mountains). We will be travelling with members of the Cascade organisation, a charity we as a Church have supported on a fairly regular basis. They were set up after the 1989 crises hit Romania and supported

the community out there in practical ways as well as through prayer. One of the projects they were able to set up was a summer conference in which they supported young people teaching them vital lessons such as how to run an honest business in a corrupt country.

These conferences were a huge success and they have developed and changed to continue to support the needs of the young people they have contact with. We will be joining them for this year's conference and will be looking to bring a British young person's view on the topic, which this year is 'The ambiguities of democracy'



As well as being able to bring our perspectives the aim is to introduce our young people to the idea of mission work in a foreign country and they will be able to see how the charity has grown and developed their work in this specific area since their setup back in the early 90s.

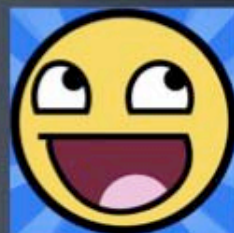
In order for this trip to go ahead there is a certain amount of fundraising, which needs to be done, and each member of the group needs to raise around five hundred pounds. This will include all travel to the conference (flights and a 12 hour train journey), full board and accommodation during the event. Our first fundraising event will be on 4th May and will be a café from 12pm – 4pm we hope you will be able to come

along for coffee, cake and sandwiches as well as some excellent entertainment (we will be asking for cake donations nearer the time if you are skilled in this particular ministry!). On the same day we will be running a quiz evening with a buffet and a promise auction, this will be from 6 – 10pm and tickets will be £5 per person or £15 per family. The second event will be a BBQ with a presentation from the group and also from the Cascade organisation. This will be on Saturday 15th June so please put this in your diary.

These events will be a great deal of fun so please come along and support the young people if you are able to do so and if not please uphold them in your prayers.

# Cafe and Quiz 😊

12pm – 4pm Cafe with entertainment.



£5 entry per person for the quiz including the buffet.

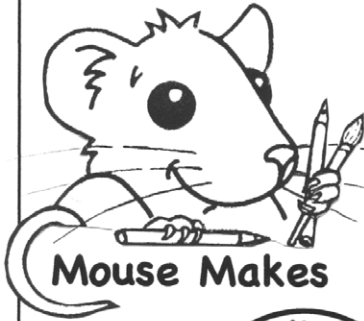
6pm-10pm Buffet and quiz

# Quiz

4<sup>th</sup> May 2013 @ Lindfield URC.

All profits go to the Lindfield youth trip to Romania.





## What is your most valuable treasure?

The bible tells us that the most valuable thing you can ever have is something that can **NEVER** be lost, broken or stolen.

The most **valuable** thing you can have is to be **friends with God** through Jesus.

Read: *Matthew 6:19-21*

Keep  
my words,  
**treasure up my**  
commands  
*Prov 7:1*

Do not  
store up  
treasures  
on earth  
*Matt 6:19*

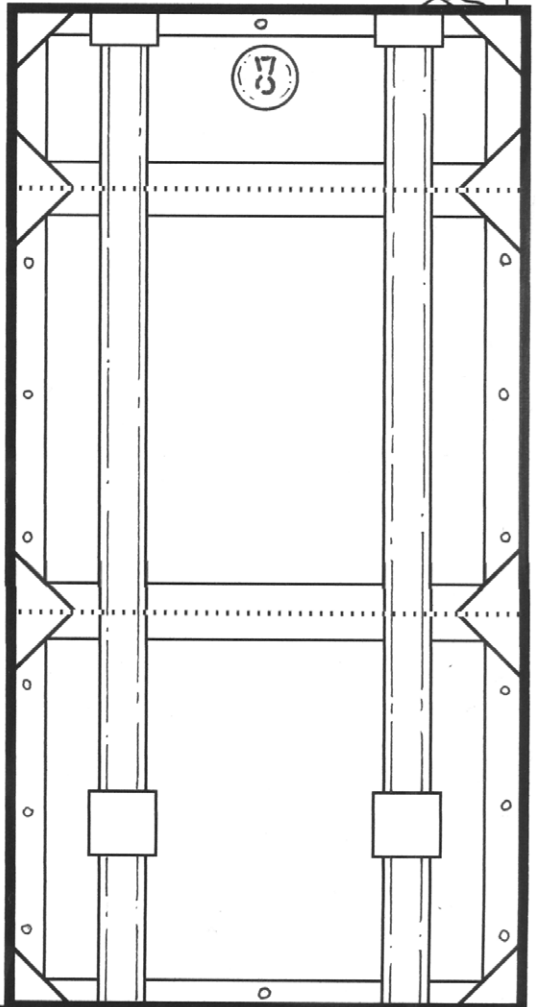
Your  
**HEART**  
will be where  
your riches are  
*Matt 6:21*

In **Christ**  
are hidden all  
the **treasures** of  
**wisdom and**  
**understanding**  
*Col 2:3*

Be  
**RICH**  
in good  
deeds  
*1 Tim 6:18*

Be  
**generous**  
givers  
*1 Tim 6:18*

Cut out these  
coins. Cut out  
the treasure box  
and fold along  
the dotted  
lines. Glue  
the coins  
inside the  
box



# Sound Seminar

## *Can you hear me at the back?*

Following on from the recent sound seminar held in the church in early March, it was suggested that Richard Walters, who looks after the technical team in church, writes something for the magazine about what is involved in 'doing sound'.

It is one of those activities within the life of the church where much of what happens occurs invisibly behind the scenes, and even that part of the job which happens in everyone's presence- manning the sound desk during the services themselves- should go completely unnoticed by the congregation if done correctly.

The technical team currently comprises about 10 people on duty on a rota basis, with two on duty for the 9.30am service, one of whom is responsible for the projection of words and images on the screen, and the other for the sound. Only a sound operator is on duty for the 11.15am service as we do not normally use the projector at this service. In addition to the Sunday services, technical support is also provided for mid-week meetings as required.

We are fortunate in that much of our infrastructure is permanently installed; so much of what is required is already in place when we arrive on a Sunday morning but even so, the person responsible for sound at the 9.30am service will still be one of the first to arrive. There are a number of jobs which need doing before the services

starts. The 9.30am service is generally more complex than the 11.15am service as a result of having a music group which goes through the PA system.

On arrival, the first job is to get all the required microphones set up and connected, together with the speakers- known as foldback- on the dais which enable the music group to hear each other more effectively.



By this time, the music group will have arrived and you can then set about setting the levels of all the microphones such that a suitable sound is produced in the church. This is where the sound operator needs to have a good 'ear' to be able to identify the different parts of the overall sound and know what changes on the controls will bring about the desired changes in the sound.

This normally involves, firstly, checking that all the microphones are working and that you know what is on each input. Secondly, adjusting the levels of the inputs from a technical perspective



to ensure that a good quality sound is being picked up- and there are a number of controls available on the mixer (the large piece of equipment we stand or sit behind during the service) to allow us to achieve that. And thirdly, adjusting the relative levels of all the inputs to get a good balance, deciding which will be more dominant and which will sit more in the background playing more of a supporting role.

Having got the basic balance sorted, you then have time to have a look through the order of service to see if there is anything out of the ordinary which you need to be aware of, for example an additional speaker who will need a microphone. You also keep an ear out for the music group as they run through the songs for the service, to spot if there are any which need a different balance or where a particular instrument needs to be more dominant, for a solo for example.

Finally, you check the battery levels for the radio mics, and distribute them to as required. If all is working well we have now arrived at about 9.15am, and we are ready for the service to begin.

As to what happens once the service starts, well I think that will have to wait until next month...

**Richard Walters**

# Feedback

On Saturday 2nd March, Richard Walters led a "Sound Seminar" at Lindfield URC which we attended. Although "feedback" is precisely what a sound seminar aims to eliminate, we thought it would be good to provide some feedback from the event. We are fortunate to have a professional sound man in our congregation whose day job is to lecture to university students on the subject. The value of Richard's service to our church was demonstrated by the introductory remarks made by attendees from several other Sussex churches who struggle to cope with the ever accelerating pace of technological change. The fact that we should try to embrace this change rather than fight it – for it will come anyway – was highlighted when Richard reminded us that many in the past actively complained about the introduction of the organ into church services in the 1560's. An example of an ancient letter written in response to the "new-fangled" pipe organ in one church was: "What is wrong with the inspiring hymns with which we grew up? When I go to church, it is to worship God, not to be distracted." Richard's morning presentation started by placing the emphasis on exactly this point, that the role of the sound man was primarily to bring Glory to God through making the service flow smoothly and effectively with as few distractions as possible.

He then moved on to introduce us to the theoretical aspects of sound control. It was interesting to learn why I, Martin, sometimes struggle to understand people even when

I can hear them, as my ears miss out on the important 2,000Hz to 4,000Hz range of "intelligibility" in human speech, delivered by the consonants, which can make it difficult to hear the difference between the letters b, d, t, and v, and also between f and s.

Dawn provided an excellent lunch, a chance to relax and compare notes on sound systems around the churches of Sussex. The afternoon saw a busy period of moving at our own pace through four different sound systems, ranging from setting-up a sound system from scratch, through a couple of increasingly complex systems to end-up at the impressive sound desk used to control our Church's audio-visual elements during each Sunday service. The array of dials and knobs rivals those of a small commercial airliner and the job of the sound man can be quite stressful when, for example, a wedding service requests a variety of music on CDs to be mixed in to all the other inputs. As it says in 1 Corinthians 14 v. 7, "Even in the case of lifeless things that make sounds, such as the flute or harp, how will anyone know what tune is being played unless there is a distinction in the notes?" – it is the role of the sound man to make sure that the notes heard in Church are distinct!

By the end of the afternoon we both felt much better informed about what the sound man actually does. Alex knows what happens to the input from his drum microphones, while Martin hopes to join the others on the sound man rota in due course, after more intensive one-on-one tuition in an actual service. Let's hope he can do it seamlessly, without any feedback either on the loudspeakers or from the congregation!

# Family News

## *Congratulations!*

In my excitement over the arrival of a new baby into our Church Family in last month's magazine, I omitted to mention two new 'First time' Grand Mothers in our midst!

Warm congratulations to Lesley & Ted Sparks on the safe arrival of Zachary, a much prayed for son for Lesley's daughter Louise and her husband Mark.

Also to be congratulated, Tina & Chris Elphick, who's son Tom and his wife have had a daughter, Edith.

We give thanks to God for the gift of new life.

**Fo Tingley**

## *Thank You*

A big thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits after my very brief stay in hospital.

The operation went well and I am making a good recovery – looking forward to getting back to normal life!

I thank God for answered prayer.

**Audrey Saunders**

## *Thank You*

On behalf of all the ladies of the church, I would like to say a big thank you for all the work that goes in to making the Mothers Day gifts year after year.

The gifts are greatly appreciated

**Margaret Gomme**

## *Sad News*

Sid Collins died on March 8th after a long period of poor health. Sid and his wife Daphne have been part of our Church Family for quite a number of years.

We send our love and sympathy to Daphne and her Family, and are upholding them in our thoughts and prayers.

Harold Buckland, a regular at Pop In, The Fellowship and Friday Lunches, has died recently. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family and friends at this time.

**Fo Tingley**

# Coffee Morning

*Ryecroft*

*Saturday March 9th*

I am delighted to report that we raised £195 towards the work of Meninadanca. Thank you to all who came and gave so generously.

This is a typical case where this charity can use their money to give help to vulnerable young girls.

Twelve year old Poliana sat in the gutter near her house in a small town in Brazil, hunched up and silent. No matter what anyone said to her she refused to answer. Her body language seemed to indicate that she was in great distress.

What was the matter with her? Was she ill? No, she wasn't ill. Her mother had just brought her back from from the 116 Motorway which stretches from North to South in Brazil and somewhere along that road she had been forced to sell her body to a truck driver for the first time.

It was not only the trauma of being raped that was causing her distress. It was the knowledge that this was how she was going to spend the rest of her short life.

This is the fate of thousands of young girls on the motorways of Brazil.



Meninadanca is a small charity which tries to help girls like these by having a place where they can go and be safe, and also use dance [meninadanca means 'girl dance' ] to help bring healing to their minds. Other specific girl therapies are available to them to help undo some of the damage caused by their abusers.

If you want to see more details of their work please visit their website at :  
[www.meninadanca.org](http://www.meninadanca.org).

**Jenny Martin**

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# Flower Rota

Arranging

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## April

7th	Anne Parker	Iris Bingham
14th	Audrey McKee	Heather Swann
21st	Zoe McQuillin	Janet Sanderson
28th	Carol Marsh	Fo Tingley

## May

5th	Fo Tingley	Sue Tester
12th	Boys Brigade	Jan Foreman
19th	Jean Baxter	Barbara Shepherd
26th	Serena Nathan	Jo Bloxham

# Around Lindfield

## Wednesday 10th April

12.15pm: Tiger Arts - Lunch in the Tiger: Piano recital  
Songs From My Heritage - Mezzo Soprano

8.00pm : Horticultural Society in KEH : 'Growing Fuchsias'

## Saturday 13th April

7.45pm: St Wilfreds Church, Haywards Heath Music Society  
Mark Bebbington (piano) plays Haydn, Schubert, Liszt and Ireland  
Further information from Christine Colbourne HH 456227

## Wednesday 17th April

8.00pm: Preservation Society in KEH : AGM followed by talk 'Handkerchiefs not to be sneezed at'.

## Wednesday 25th April

7.45pm Film in KEH : 'Song for Marion'

