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# Bible verse of the month

“Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart and  
lean not on your own  
understanding;  
in all your ways submit  
to him, and he will make  
your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5,6  
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# Editorial

As always there are articles within the magazine on the family, the familiar and with superheroes invading the URC the frankly unusual! Find out about what Church members have been up to, about many of the regular activities going on this month and with an article from Keith if perhaps Church Membership is right for you?

We also have an article about one of our younger members - Peter McCleery who has just won an award. To find out why please do read on.

This issue comes out on Trinity Sunday and Dan has written an article on this important, exciting and often misunderstood subject; so do look that one up.

Some of our folks went down to Eastbourne to enjoy the seaside but also to enjoy learning more about what the Bible teaches us about God's unstoppable mission.

We also have another mystery for you to solve in the form of a person within the church giving us some clues as to who they are.

Once again there is plenty to read so we hope that you enjoy your time wandering through this month's issue.

*Val*

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# Dear friends

I write this while in Scotland attending a couple of meetings about Church Related Community Work, a part of the URC which uses the slogan “Enabling Change.”

Yesterday I met an evangelist. He spoke with humour and passion about a change that had occurred during his lifetime. He wanted others to experience something of this change, to have a fresh encounter and see something of a new life, a vibrancy, and a hope for tomorrow.

The person was not a church leader and he was not talking of the Christian faith, but was a taxi driver telling a group of five of us about the city of Glasgow as we journeyed in the back of his black cab from a church on one side of the Clyde to our “budget” hotel on the other.

Looking out the hotel window I can recognise some of that change. I can see the SSE Hydro, an arena built in 2013, where with my family I watched the commonwealth games gymnastics last summer.



I can spot the BBC Scotland building on Pacific Quay, with its giant roof top dish pointing heavenward, or at least to a communications satellite. Just the other side of the BBC is Glasgow Science Centre, with its fun interactive exhibits, which those of you with young children may be familiar with thanks to “Nina and the Neurons”. These all stand on the banks of the river where there were once docks, and great cargo ships, and high employment of manual labour; those old things have gone, though the Finneston Crane still stands as a reminder.

Shiny buildings do not make a city, nor does its past or present industry. This city’s current advertising slogan is “People Make Glasgow.” But what is it that makes people? What gives real hope?

I first came here, on a day trip, as a young teenager, when the journey of transformation was starting to begin, and an advertising slogan “Glasgow’s Miles Better” was being used. My lasting impression of that day was not desolate ship yards, or a drinks reception in the Provost’s Chambers in George Square, but going to the Kelvingrove art gallery and seeing Dali’s painting “Christ of St John of the Cross” where the face of Jesus is not seen, but under His enormous suffering comes a stillness; a peace to the world of His followers.

Despite there still being poverty, and a sense of the gap between rich and poor growing, there is something about this place and its people. I pray for the Church here in this city, that it may be able to serve and enable change to come in communities and individual lives, and that the hope of God in Jesus Christ may bring new life.

This prayer is also for us in Lindfield, a village that some may think has little in common with Glasgow, despite there probably being a similar large gap between those who have and have not wealth, though those without are smaller in number and so may be unnoticed by those of us who are in good homes and have regular incomes. There is something else in common, there are thousands surrounding us that do not know Jesus and have not made Him their Lord.

We need to be ready and willing like my taxi driver to share some stories, but to make it the real Good News.

Your Minister

*Keith*

# Family News

## *Condolences*

**W**e extend our love and sincere sympathy to Anne Elvin following the death of her husband David, after a prolonged period of ill health. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne, that she and her family will find comfort and strength for the days ahead.

## *Congratulations*

**W**e are delighted to hear of the safe arrival of a son, Alexander, born to Ellie and Gary French on May 14th, a little brother for Oscar and Ben. We pray for God's blessing on them all, and send our warm congratulations.

**Fo Tingley**

## *Thank You*

**I**would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown to me following my recent operation. In particular many thanks for your prayers. I felt the Lord was with me every step of the way and He continues to be with me in my recovery.

Many thanks for cards, visits, flowers, phone calls and food I really appreciate it.

**Shirley Anton**

## *In Touch*

**O**n 28th April Martin Hall spoke on "Insect Evidence from Crime Scene to court" which involved describing his work as a forensic scientist. He explained how the use of many sophisticated techniques can help solve crimes and he illustrated his talk with some amazing slides and film clips.

This was a fascinating insight into the subject of Forensic Science and we are very grateful to Martin for giving up his time to speak to us. Our next meeting will be our Walk and supper on the 23rd of June.

We are fast approaching the 18th July when the speaker for our Quiet Day at home will be Naomi McBain. I will need to know dietary requirements. Please look out for the notice on the concourse for you to add your name to, which will be available after the June 23rd Walk and Supper.

**Janet Wade**

## *The Fellowship*

**O**ur next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 24th June at 2:30pm. Gwen Kennedy will be telling us of the work of the Lions Club. There will be the usual Bring and Buy stall, and a cup of tea at the end of the talk. All who come may be sure of a warm welcome.

**Pat Phillips**

# Who am I?

If you were successful in guessing the name of the first person featured in "Who am I?" well done! If you weren't, then here is another opportunity to test your knowledge of the congregation.

Where were you born?

*In Arusha, Republic of  
Tanganyika (now Tanzania)*

What was your favourite subject at school?

*Geography*

What was your first Church?

*The Church of Scotland in  
Strichen, Aberdeenshire*

(<http://www.strichentyrie.talktalk.net/>)

What is your job?

*I have done many different  
jobs: Registered General  
Nurse (RGN), Royal College  
of Midwives (RCM) Midwife,  
Flight Nurse, Nursing in the  
British and Canadian Navies*

What's your favourite sport?

*Tennis*

What is your favourite hymn/worship song?

*Be thou my vision*

Are you a half-full or half-empty sort of person?

*Half full*

What's your favourite food?

*Steak and groundnut stew*

If you could go anywhere on holiday where would it be?

*Malta*

What makes you laugh?

*A good joke or story*

What would be your best round of questions in a pub quiz?!

*Scottish dancing*

Let the detective work begin! All will be revealed in the summer edition of GoodNEWS.

# Bible by the Beach

The annual Bible conference - Bible by the Beach was held again in Eastbourne on the first May bank holiday. Richard Pratt, who is the President of Third Millennium Ministries spoke on the Unstoppable Mission of God. He had four points which he talked about at each session.

- *We are created in the image of God therefore created for mission*
- *Called to go not for our benefit but for others*
- *We go because our focus is on our hope in Jesus*

- *We go because we are confident of the power of the gospel to change lives.*

Richard spoke with great humour and honesty whilst talking about great facts which we as followers of Jesus can hold on to and act upon.

The children did their own activities on the same theme. They showed the adults what they had been learning about in the last session. They had obviously thoroughly enjoyed themselves whilst learning amazing truths about God.





## ***God's mission is definitely unstoppable!***

We are so blessed to have this annual event almost on our doorstep here in Sussex. It was a huge privilege to be able to go to Eastbourne for such a continuum of spiritual input over the weekend. The Bible teaching and lectures were solid and inspirational.

Additionally, as well as fellowship with members of our own Church family, it was a joy to bump into several old friends from Haywards Heath and to make new acquaintances. God's mission is definitely "unstoppable" and I pray that I may be used in some small way for His glorious mission!

**Helen Hall**

## ***God must have had a plan with my faulty navigation!***

I am normally good at map reading, so it was a surprise on the Monday morning to realise after about 20 minutes that I was not in the College Chapel listening to Ken Benjamin talking about "Unstoppable mission at work", but in All Saints Church "Sharing Jesus" with Glen Scrivener!

However, God must have had a plan with my faulty navigation because Glen, an Anglican Minister based in Eastbourne, was an excellent speaker and I was very encouraged by his message of ways to share the Gospel. Glen was one of many excellent speakers at BBTB this year, including a couple of Americans, Richard Pratt (founding President of Third Millenium Ministries) who led the Bible studies and Rebecca Manley Pippert (founder of Salt Shaker Ministries). Both were very sound theologically, but gifted as well in being able to share the Gospel and their experiences of mission work so clearly and engagingly.

In addition to the intellectual challenges, there was plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy fellowship with others, including a lunch with all those attending from LURC and the best chips ever on the seafront with Helen! The Saturday night session was a stand-up comedian, Paul Kerensa, who delivered an excellent hour-plus of entertainment – it really was good, clean fun! I would certainly encourage anyone to visit a future BBTB, such good teaching so nearby.

**Martin Hall**

## *Challenging and Refreshing*

**F**or me BBTB was both challenging and refreshing. It is always uplifting to worship with a large crowd of Christians, and under the gifted leadership of Andy Fenton and a band of talented musicians, the worship times at BBTB were no exception. The address on each occasion was given by a variety of speakers – the most inspiring to me was Richard Pratt (a theologian from the US), who also led the daily Bible teaching.

Several of us attended two seminars on “Gossiping the Gospel”, given with much humour by Roger Carswell. But what a challenge he gave us – to seek to tell the Gospel to one non-believer every day!

There is so much going on for all ages. It is rather like Spring Harvest but on a smaller scale. It is well worth going to; a spiritual ‘pick-me-up’ on our doorstep!

**Fo Tingley**





## *Like a moisturising shower of God's grace!*

God's compelling attraction focussed our attention on "His Unstoppable Will" throughout the weekend held at the Congress theatre.

The Bible studies flowed effortlessly from Richard Pratt, an American evangelist. He taught us that the baton of Christianity has been entrusted to us for the benefit of others. We learned that the cross of Jesus propitiates the impact of sin; that it acts like the nose-cone of the Concorde aircraft, lessening the impact of supersonic flight on the fuselage.

During each session there were choices to be made as to which seminar one would attend; and afterwards we relaxed around circular tables in the cafeteria to chatter-the-gospel.

Altogether this Bible-by-the-Beach weekend acted like a moisturising shower of God's grace upon us!

**Janet Drayton**

# Church Membership

**A**t my induction to Lindfield URC, at the end of March, there was a lovely feast, which had obviously involved a large number of people preparing food and pouring tea.

Serving tea does not require any element of faith, you could simply be doing a good turn, and the same could be said of someone handing out hymn books, saying hello at the door, helping move chairs or taking flowers to someone who is ill; however I would guess that if not all of us, at least most of us who meet on a Sunday have some degree of faith.

Many people with faith in Jesus feel that they are happy to be a part of a church family without becoming a member of their local church, but as a church, within the one Church, we would like you to think of your faith and your commitment to this congregation, and consider church membership.

Becoming a member of a local church, such as Lindfield URC, involves making a public declaration of belief, and saying that your commitment to serve is not simply because it is a good thing to be kind, but because Jesus desires that his believers reflect his Love in word and deed.



It declares that you have something in common with the other members, and that you are happy to engage in mutual encouragement; serving each other. It also means that you, with the other members, will seek the growth of Christ's kingdom on earth. Above all things as a member you will seek to live being guided in the truth of God's way by the Holy Spirit.

Members therefore have a responsibility to engage in the life and work of the church, including attending Church Meeting whenever possible.

Although anyone can attend Church Meeting it is only members that can vote to decide the way forward for the local church, for example they make the decisions about having a youth pastor, about building works, and only members can elect an elder, or become one.

If you would like to know more about membership, particularly about becoming a member, please do ask me or one of the elders any questions, or come along to a special evening in the church lounge on 1st July at 8pm.

**Keith Morrison**



# 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 (4th 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)

At **6:30pm** Held in the lounge this is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

**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
Thur	8.00pm	Church Prayer Evening 'Engine Room' (4th Thursday)
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 blue book on the concourse table.

## Regular Activities

Mon	10.00am	Art Group
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section (8-11 years)
	7.30pm	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 men and women of all ages
Thur	10.00am	Pop-In Coffee and a chat
	8.00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thur)
Fri	5:00pm	P.U.L.S.E Junior (1st and 3rd week, term time)
	7.30pm	P.U.L.S.E (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
Sun	7.30pm	P.U.L.S.E +

The church is open on Tuesday (Concourse) and Thursday (Pop-In) 10.00am - Noon.

# June Church diary

<b>31st</b> May Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship	18th		House Groups
	11:15am	Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison	Thursday		
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Rev Keith Morrison	20th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
3rd Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	<b>21st</b> Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship
				11:15am	Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison
4th Thursday		House Groups		6:30pm	Evening Worship Rev Keith Morrison
6th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	23rd Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch Walk and supper 6:00pm start at the Church
<b>7th</b> Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship	24th	2:30pm	Afternoon Fellowship
	11:15am	Morning Worship John Fernandez	Wednesday	7:45pm	Elders' Meeting
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Communion Rev Keith Morrison	25th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
11th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	27th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
				3:00pm	ROC on Saturday Elders Away at Pilgrim Hall
13th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free	<b>28th</b> Sunday	10:30am	Joint Family Worship and Communion Chris Binstead (Arab World Ministries) followed by Lunch
	3:00pm	ROC on Saturday		6:30pm	Evening Worship Rev Keith Morrison
<b>14th</b> Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship			
	11:15am	Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison			
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Rev Keith Morrison			

# YOUTH



*Hello  
Again!*

I would like to begin saying thank you for all your continued prayer for the youth and children's work that goes on within Lindfield United Reformed Church.

LED's (11-16's) on Sunday mornings continue to study characters throughout the Bible. They are currently looking at Joseph, seeing how God was faithful to Joseph throughout his life. In the low points as much as he was in the high points.

LED's have another volunteer Sunday coming up. On May 31st, the LED's will be helping out in different areas around the church – some on welcome, one helping with the sound and visuals and one might even serve you a drink after the service! I received very positive feedback from the last volunteer Sunday and I am looking forward to the one coming up.

Sunday evening's P.U.L.S.E. Plus has finished the Youth Alpha course now. From what I hear they all got a lot out of it. They are now looking at how we can focus on God throughout different situations such as when they are with friends or during exams. They are each taking it in turns to lead an evening and a topic.

P.U.L.S.E. Plus has recently started a prayer diary, as we want to build on how much we pray and remember to thank God for answered prayer. Over the summer term we will be spending some time each week praying for each other and the church.

Boys' Brigade on Monday evening has now begun the summer programme. We are still getting good numbers; in fact we are now up to 13 in Anchors, the youngest section.

# PAGES

We are also now beginning to see links between company section boys and other church groups. I now see two of the boys regularly at P.U.L.S.E. on a Friday evening and one of the boys has started to come along to P.U.L.S.E. Plus as well.

Moving on to Stepping Stones – we are still getting very high numbers! We have recently had 40 children in the hall.

We are also beginning to consider different ways we can reach to parents and use the opportunity we have on a Tuesday to teach them about the God who loves them.

The Christian Unions that I am involved with at Oathall and Warden Park are looking at the Character of God this term. The numbers continue to increase; at Oathall this week we got 30 pupils to come along to the Christian Union.

P.U.L.S.E. and P.U.L.S.E. Jr. are running well. We have had a few new members at P.U.L.S.E. Jr. and we have been looking at some main events in the Christian calendar. We have covered creation; Christmas and we have most recently been looking at Jesus' death and resurrection.

Two weeks ago in P.U.L.S.E. we spent an evening in prayer. I set up about six prayer spaces around the church and allowed the group to go around and interact with each prayer space in their own time.

A prayer space is an area where people are given the opportunity to pray, ponder questions and reflect on their life. There is a specially prepared area or room set aside with items and instructions that provoke thought, wonder, prayer and reflection.

The prayer spaces we had focused on things like giving our worries to God, seeing ourselves as God sees us, we had a space where we could pray for the church and we had a space where we could be creative with paints as we reflected on our favourite Bible verses.

Thank you all for your continued support.

*Danny*

# Boys Brigade

Extra terrestrials were sighted in Lindfield in late April. It was our Anchor Boys dressed up as spacemen, or aliens, and the evening was themed on 'space', with star food, and games which involved asteroid fields and planets. Great fun, and we had a prize for the best dressed spaceman, which went to Harry Moore. (Keith took the devotional period magnificently attired in what appeared to be a monk's cassock, but which turned out to be – a blanket!).

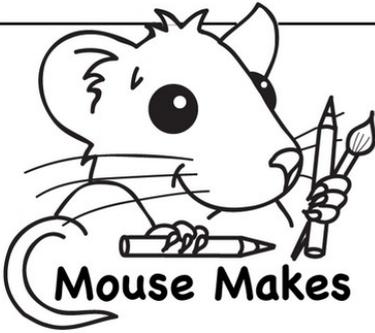
Three Boys, Matthias Fuller, Joshua Bland, and Ben Gault, went with Terry Ward

to the annual Junior Section Holiday at Carroty Wood, also at the end of April, and had an excellent weekend. This event is always over-subscribed, and one of the most successful run by the Boys' Brigade, Brighton Battalion.

We have now come to the end of the issue of Active Kids Vouchers for this year, and are so grateful for the generosity of those who have donated vouchers. Our young people definitely benefit from the items we are able to acquire through this scheme.

**Geoffrey Cocksedge**





## Mouse Makes

There was a time when the whole **world** spoke **one** language. Everyone used the same **words**. Then they said to each other, "Let's make some **bricks** of **clay** and **bake** them in the fire."

They used these bricks as stones and they used **tar** as mortar. Then the people said, "Let's **build** ourselves a **city** and a **tower** that will reach the **sky**, then we will be **famous**."

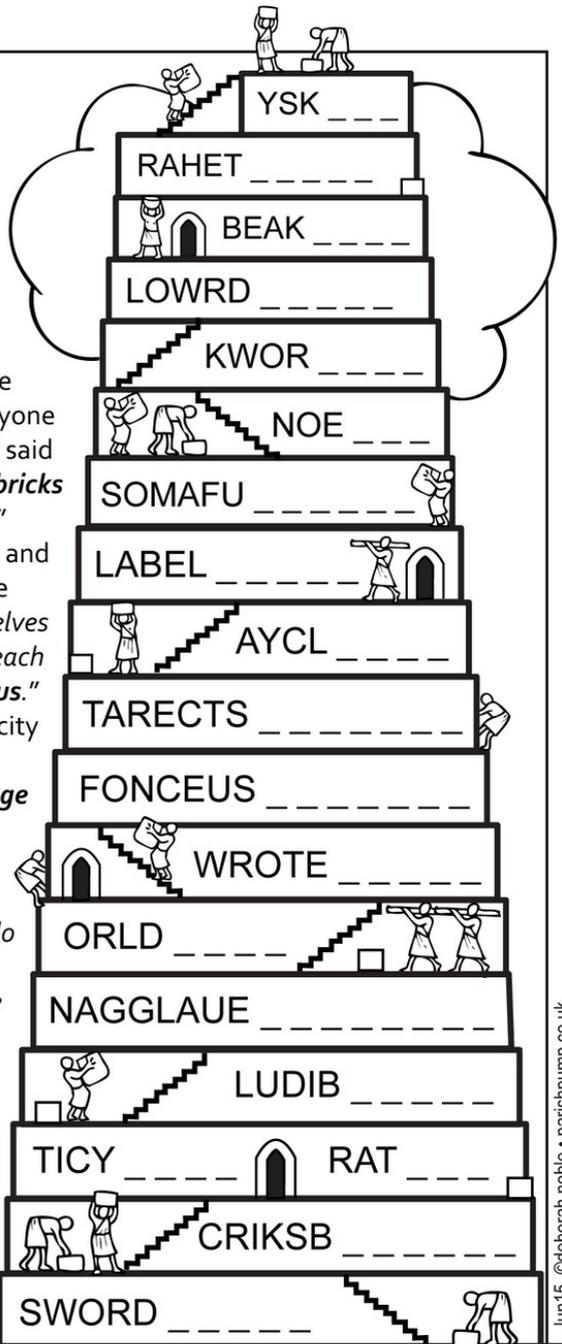
The **Lord** came down to see the city and the tower and said, "These people all speak the same **language** and I see that they are joined together to do this **work**. This is only the beginning of what they can do, soon they will be able to do anything they want. Let's go down and **confuse** their language

then they will not be able to **understand** each other."

So people stopped building the city and the Lord **scattered** them all over the **earth**.

That is the place where the Lord confused the language of the whole world.

That is why it is called **Babel**.



The words in **bold** in the story have become jumbled up on the tower, can you unjumble them?



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READ Genesis 11:1-9

# Spring Awards

## *What are the Spring Awards?*

The Spring Awards are a celebration of achievements which includes both academic and vocational qualifications. A certain amount of Colleges throughout Sussex are chosen, and they find talented individuals and recognise their achievements and progress (both mentally and physically).

## *How did I get nominated ?*

I was nominated by the College Special Needs Coordinator, Jackie Fitzgerald. A short video was made and an interview soon followed. I then received a letter of acceptance and I was made the Pearson BTEC Most Improved Learner of the Year.

## *What happens at the Awards Evening?*

We had a three course meal then entertainment from the drama students at Chichester College. The award presentation involved a short video, bright lights, loud music and a welcome handshake. I was given a £100 Debenhams gift card and an engraved plaque, together with a certificate. The night was truly memorable and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

## *What is the award for?*

The Most Improved Learner Award was for my unexpected progression from Life and Work Skills (Special Needs Course, last year) to a BTEC level 3 in Information Technology (this year) .It was to celebrate how I coped with my autism and learning difficulties whilst progressing. If you would like to know more, please come and talk to me.

**Peter McCleery**



# All Together

**W**hy, do you think, did Jesus choose twelve men to be His disciples? What was the point, as Jesus was a miracle worker and a very eloquent speaker. He could walk on water; change water into wine; multiply food for thousands of people; heal the sick and forecast future events. So why did Jesus choose some fishermen, a tax collector and a few lesser known guys to be with Him everywhere?

Doesn't it appear odd that Jesus wanted disciples who, as time passed, were slow to learn; argumentative; frightened; amazed and puzzled? Right from the start of His ministry Jesus must have known He was bringing together a motley group of characters who would not understand Him; doubt Him; and let Him down. Surely, Jesus would have been better off going it alone without having the hassle and frustration!

Well, what is amazing, is that Jesus decided to limit Himself. He wanted the fellowship of close friends to share their good and bad times. He wanted to be involved with them no matter what happened. He enjoyed meal-times, discussions and, no doubt, a joke or two! Jesus came from Heaven to show that in God's Kingdom there is togetherness.

This world can get messy, troubled and nasty, and it is into this cauldron that Jesus came to be involved with its problems. He wanted to share His mission of love and compassion, participating with others, to change places of darkness into God's healing light.

He chose ordinary people, with their weaknesses, anxieties, hang-ups and faults to fill them with His Spirit and transform them into workers for God. Today, Jesus works with us, despite our frailty and stubbornness. He patiently draws alongside us to change our attitudes and behaviour so that we show God's love wherever we are.

Jesus came to build His church: a community of believers who would work and serve together to change society for good. So let's be aware of the Holy Spirit's direction and be encouraged that we are all partners together.

Help to carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

## **Canon David Williams**

Chaplain with the Thames Gateway  
NHS Trust

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# Trinity Sunday

Robin Parry wrote: *"For many Christians the Trinity has become something akin to their appendix: it's there, but they're not sure what its function is, they get by in life without it doing very much, and if they had to have it removed they wouldn't be too distressed".*

The Trinity is a core doctrine that Christians worldwide agree upon, but most have such difficulty fully explaining we are left concluding that it must be complex and unimportant. But the Trinity is not a PhD option on top of the Christian faith, an academic puzzle for intellectuals to ponder. It is central to how we can know God, how we can be rescued from sin, how we can understand the life and mission of the church, indeed what it means to be human.

God will always be beyond our complete comprehension and control. While we cannot expect to fully understand God, the entire purpose of the bible is a quest from God to restore us into relationship and community with him. He longs for his people, Israel, to return to him, gives up everything on the cross that we be restored into relationship and promises that by his spirit we will be lead to the truth and into the community that the Trinity expresses.

It is not theoretical, or just for other people. It is a deeply personal and intimate invitation, with your name on it.

*"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."*

## John 16:12-15 NIV

The truth, the trinity is a picture of the unseen, knowledge of the unknowable. A revelation and reassurance to our hearts of that which our heads cannot fathom. If you seek it with too much intellectual strain you will miss the simple miracle that is a gift for you from the holy spirit.

The trinity was not a late invention of Greek philosophy but is a formula for the sum of all historical revelation; a shorthand for the big story of the Bible. From Gods relationship to his people Israel, the saving grace of the Gospels and the hope and comfort of his presence with us always. It is not learned but revealed; not known but experienced, it is as much part of us as the spirit is part of the Trinity.

What matters is not the detail of how it works, but the depth of what it means.



*“At the heart of reality lies the love between the Father and the Son.*

*The Spirit unites us with Christ so that we begin to experience the same depth of love that exists between the Father and the Son.”*

**Graham Tomlin**

The miracle of this eternal relationship is central to our faith and the reason God has been seeking you with all of his heart for all of eternity.

The relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit has been depicted as ‘Perichoresis’ a greek word which means, literally “dancing around”.

In place of complex theology then we can consider the Trinity to be a joyous, divine dance; expressing love for one another.

You are not just invited to join the dance, you were born to dance!

(Even if like me you have two, or seemingly three left feet.)

The Trinity then is no appendix, but as critical to us as our heart. A heart that dances because it is filled by the Holy Spirit with wonder and worship for God. That beats so powerfully with the love and peace of Christ that our feet cannot keep still.

The dance of the Trinity is not complete until and unless we are restored and reunited into relationship with one another and the God who created us, the God who saved us and the God who even today longs for us to join the dance.

**Dan McQuillin**

# Mission Group

## May/June 2015 : Operation Mobilisation

Mission Giving in May and June this year is to support Operation Mobilisation with a Family House in Peja, Kosovo where refuge and rehabilitation is available for those women, and their children, subject to domestic violence and human trafficking.



At our morning services on the 10th May, Nick Fletcher of Operation Mobilisation (OM) told us about the work:

- Women have been given the skills and opportunities to support themselves and their children
- In one case a woman returned to her husband with the support of the family house team. Both husband and wife have become Christians and jointly work in a business founded by the wife
- A number of women have found new life in Christ through this project, which enabled OM to plant a church in Peja in 2014 to enable new believers to advance in their Christian faith and begin serving their local community.

There was an article in the May GoodNEWS and there is more information on the Missions display board on the concourse. If you would like to give, please use one of the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please also complete a gift aid form if appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to Lindfield URC.

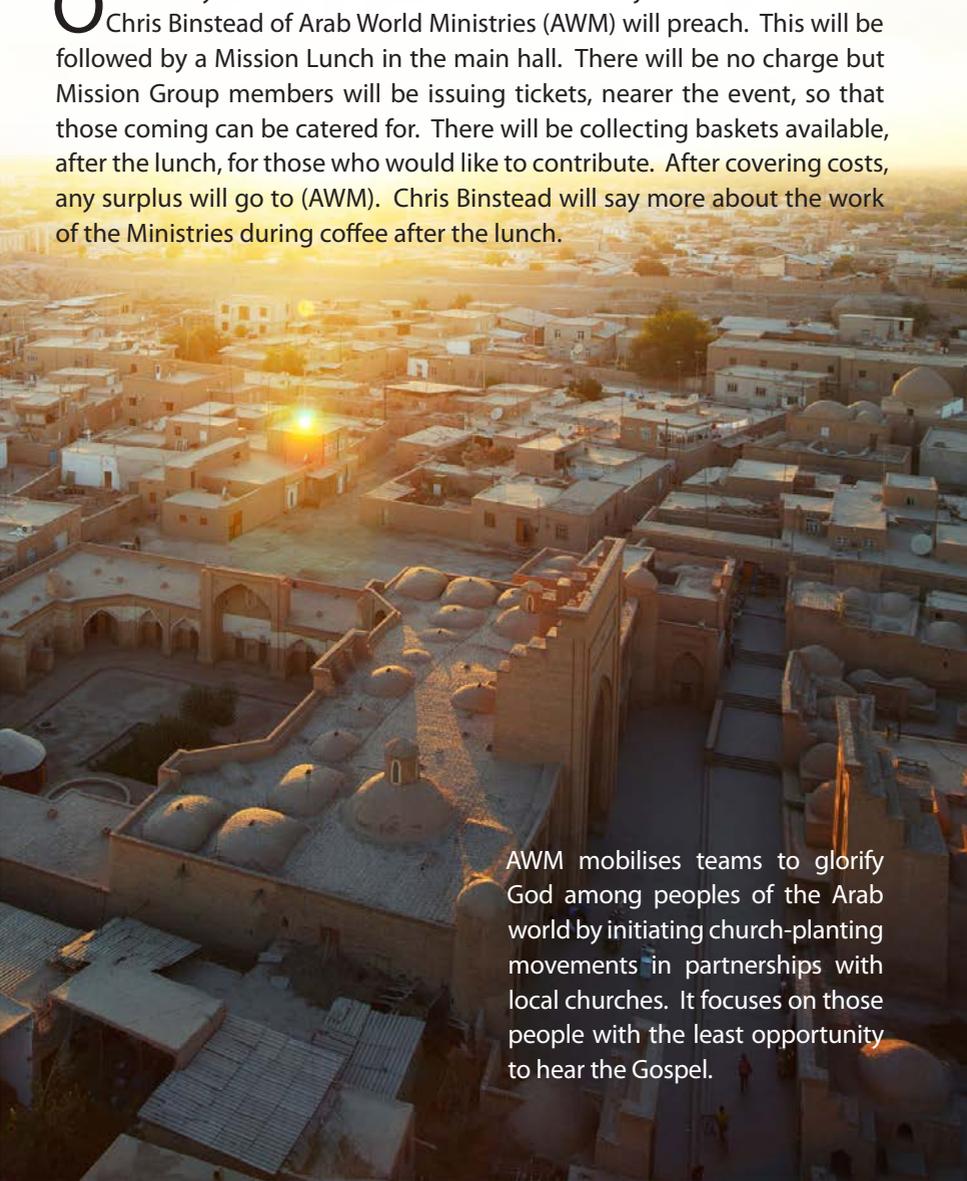
**Missions Group**

# Mission Service and Lunch

## 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015



On Sunday 28th June there will be a 10.30am joint service at which Chris Binstead of Arab World Ministries (AWM) will preach. This will be followed by a Mission Lunch in the main hall. There will be no charge but Mission Group members will be issuing tickets, nearer the event, so that those coming can be catered for. There will be collecting baskets available, after the lunch, for those who would like to contribute. After covering costs, any surplus will go to (AWM). Chris Binstead will say more about the work of the Ministries during coffee after the lunch.

An aerial photograph of a densely packed city, likely in the Arab world, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the buildings and streets. The architecture features many flat roofs and some domed structures. The overall scene is peaceful and captures the beauty of the urban landscape.

AWM mobilises teams to glorify God among peoples of the Arab world by initiating church-planting movements in partnerships with local churches. It focuses on those people with the least opportunity to hear the Gospel.

# Wider World

## EBOLA

### Liberia

**A** National Day of Thanksgiving was held on Monday 11th May after Liberia was declared free of the Ebola virus by the World Health Organisation. The country was declared free of the virus after going 42 days (twice the maximum incubation period for the deadly disease) without a new case being diagnosed.

Celebrations took place in the streets of Monrovia, the capital of the country with much rejoicing. In the churches on the Sunday, members of the congregations did not have to have their temperatures taken before they could enter the buildings - but they still did not hug or kiss at the end of the service. Both Christians and Muslims were asked to pray for the victims and their families. Some 4,700 people died during the outbreak.

### Sierra Leone

**I**n Sierra Leone life is slowly beginning to return to normal after the Ebola outbreak, but the surviving population is experiencing many difficulties. 1.8 million children were left without education when all the schools were closed down during the outbreak. They are now starting to re-open, but the education system is beset with problems, with the legacy of the Ebola virus leaving many families too poor to afford schooling. Thousands lost their businesses and incomes and poverty and hunger are widespread.

The health system is also struggling to cope after all their resources were drained and there are now many cases of TB and HIV. Sadly, It will take Sierra Leone a long time to recover fully from this terrible disease.

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# Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
June		
7th	Jean Baxter	Fo Tingley
14th	Brian Tuppen	Nick Bingham
21st	Janet Wade	Sue Tester
28th	Carol Walters	Barbara Shepherd
July		
5th	Betty Billins	Jo Bloxham
12th	Gladys Porter	Iris Bingham
19th	Mies Campling	Heather Swann
25th	Fiona Tingley	Janet Sanderson

# Around Lindfield

## Saturday 30th May

Village Day including Three Churches Tea Tent

## Saturday 6th June

3.00pm ROC on Saturday - Lindfield URC

## Wednesday 10th June

12.15pm Tiger Arts - Lunch at The Tiger (This month only)

1.00pm Concert : In All Saints Church

Diana Davey (Clarinet)

Mike Lavelle (Cello) & Celia Vince (Piano)

## Saturday 20th June

3.00pm ROC on Saturday - Lindfield URC



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