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**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."**

Robert Binyon

Bible verse

of the month

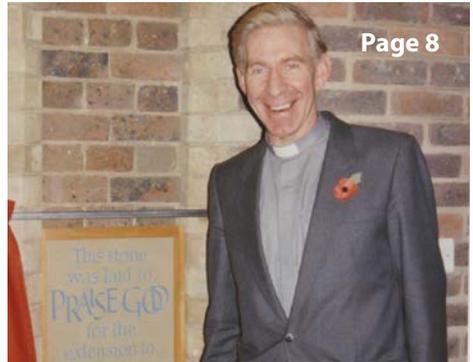
“Bless the LORD,
O my soul, And
all that is within
me, bless His holy
name”

Psalm 103:1-2
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Editorial

This is an edition of remembering. Fresh memories of the most delightful Harvest Festival Service. The Harvest Supper and Barn Dance was so well attended and was full of fun. There are photographs taken by Henderson McEwan which show how much the friends were enjoying themselves. Read also how our young children played a big part in the Harvest Service.

The Boys Brigade had their Annual Enrolment Service, do read, to find out how these boys are being helped to make their lives really fulfilled.

We have tributes in memory of our past Minister Rev Norman Smith who was so valued and loved by so many in our Church. The true sense of our Church family shines out in the many facets of our Church Life, which is so important and rewarding to us all.

We read how Betty Billins visited a place where the memory of so many men and boys is honoured. It is so good that we have these reminders, and in acts of remembrance both personal and as a congregation we must never forget these happenings. We have the opportunity to share in the remembering of those who died so we can have freedom.

We will remember them.

God Bless us all,

Anne

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Dear friends

I always find the month of November full of interesting contrast. Before opening the curtain I've no idea what the day will hold, whether I will not be able to see far due to a grey fog, or whether I might encounter a cloudless brilliant blue sky.

Either way it would seem you now need at least a jumper if not a coat, rather than the short sleeves of summer. There is contrast too on my walks with the dog, some of the fields have been turned over, leaving straight furrows of dark soil, but others are bright green refreshed by rainfall. I find too that trees are no longer just green but those with leaves still on them take on orange, yellow, brown, and red in as many shades as could fill a song like the one in the Webber/Rice musical about Joseph's multicolour dream coat. ("It was red and yellow and green and brown, and scarlet and black and ochre and peach ...").

In our church life too there is a contrast, at the start of the month we are in a period of remembering – All Saints Day, Bonfire Night, and Remembrance Sunday. Yet as the month passes we start to look further ahead; in a church lectionary we would find the "Feast of Christ the King" and often, like this year, November ends with the First Sunday of Advent.

So as the daylight hours get shorter, rather than letting the darkness envelop us, we start looking forward with hope.

It was on the first Sunday of Advent in 2014 that I announced to my churches in Northampton that you had called me to be the minister here in Lindfield. To many in those churches it seemed a great surprise, and I'm not sure that morning left them with the sense of hope and expectancy that Advent Sunday normally has, others could see it was the right time not just for me and my family, but also for them to start a new journey.

On the first Sunday of Advent this year, the 29th November, we will have our Annual Church Meeting, not focused on the past year, but not forgetting it either, as we try to look forward to see what God might be saying to us, and how He calls us forward to be His people in His Church, our village, and beyond. I do hope that you will be able to stay after the 10.30 morning service so that we may share together in our plans for His work.

Your minister

Keith

Family News

In Touch

It was good for everyone to meet again in September after having had a summer "break" forced upon us as a result of the very wet weather in August. We were therefore not able to sit and relax in Anne's garden and enjoy the balmy summer evening as we had planned. Maybe next summer will be different!!

Our speaker in September was Bridget Pepper who described her work raising money for the Reach Fund, which is a special purpose fund at Great Ormond Street Hospital which supports research into cancer and blood disorders in childhood, with the aim of improving methods of diagnosis and treatment. Bridget and her family and friends became involved in this fundraising as a result of tragically losing her daughter Rosie to Wilms Disease (a childhood cancer of the kidneys) when she was 7 years old, over 15 years ago. Bridget continues to fundraise enthusiastically in Rosie's memory, and her story, though very moving and sad, was full of optimism for the future. Our meeting on 24th November is open to everyone.

Please look out for future notices announcing what the programme will be for that evening. Don't forget we start with coffee at 7.45pm .

New members as well as the regulars will be especially welcome

Janet Wade

Shoe Boxes

Shoe boxes need to be in church by Sunday 8th November or sooner if possible please.

We have the ready to make up shoe boxes available again to help you pack your gifts securely.

Suggested donation of 50p would be very helpful to cover costs. All information can be found on the leaflet, but if we can help please contact us. There is also a red gift box for toys if you are unable to make up a complete shoe box and we will make one on behalf of Lindfield URC.

Thank you for your help and support.

Jill & Brian O'Mant

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Flower Distribution

If anyone else would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact:

Heather Swann

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Remember Them

When we pause for the two minute silence on Remembrance Sunday, most people's minds go back to the First and Second World Wars. But do we stop to think about those that have lost their lives since?

I do! In particular I remember Gunner Alan Leeney who was killed in Germany whilst on duty in May 1979. Aged just 18, Alan was a former member of our Boys Brigade, a friend of my son, Keith, as well as many others. His funeral has stayed in my mind so vividly; those young lads had lost a close friend.





Roy and I had wanted to go to the National Memorial Arboretum for many years. This year I had the opportunity to fulfil this ambition. In particular I wanted to go to remember Alan. So I needed to have contact with his mother, Pauline, to find out where his name would be. Terry Ward initially made contact with Pauline. However, as far as she knew Alan's name was not there, but just out of curiosity she made enquires. To Pauline's joy and delight, she found that Alan's name was indeed on the main National Memorial, so he is remembered nationally! (As a member of the Royal British Legion, I personally had no doubt that it would be included.)

When I stood under his name of remembrance, I prayed for him and his family, shed a few tears and placed a Poppy Cross at the foot of the panel. Pauline and I have met and spoken many times since. Together we've been able to unlock some precious memories of a much loved Son and friend.

So this Armistice Sunday, please remember the hundreds of men and women who have given their lives since the two world wars.

One Sunday in May every year, the Boys Brigade provide the flowers in Church in memory of Alan. In the Memorial Gardens there is a Boys Brigade garden. If you are ever in Staffordshire, do visit this special place. It will really touch your heart! There are plenty of seats and open spaces where you have time to reflect and pray for peace in our world.

Betty Billins



In Memory

Reverend Norman Smith

1936-2015



With sadness and joy we share in this months GoodNEWS memories of our former minister the Reverend Norman Smith. Norman's wise teaching was instrumental in many becoming Christians or growing in their faith. As well as through his powerful sermons on Sunday morning Norman was also an inspiration and faithful witness with his entire countenance and character. He led the church by example with quiet courage and conviction, raising his voice only in explosive laughter and enthusiastic praise! We rejoice that in our loss heaven is a louder, happier and wiser place as it welcomes this faithful servant home.

I had the privilege of working closely alongside Norman for 16 years and being best man at his wedding.

I could comment on many great times together but two things stand out for me:- Norman never missed an opportunity to show his faith and discuss the gospel. If you went into a restaurant with him, when he went up to the desk to check in and they asked for his name he would say in his very loud voice "The REVEREND Norman Smith" so that people would look round to see who this person was and hopefully engage him in conversation.

Secondly if you were out with him walking through a shopping area or along a street and you saw a person with a clip board, where most of us would try to avoid them he went straight towards them. He used to say "It is a captive audience. I answered their questions then that gives me the opportunity to ask mine and tell them about Jesus".

I won't comment about his singing, or when he fell out of the pulpit!

David Walters

I have two special memories of Norman, which demonstrate what a loving and caring minister he was. The first day I came to Lindfield United Reformed Church Norman was waiting at the door at the end of the service. He asked me my name and welcomed me. He made me feel very much at home.

The second memory was when my husband died, Norman and Sarah were no longer living in Lindfield but he had obviously heard the news and he wrote such a comforting letter. I have kept it and sometimes read it again.

I would like to thank you Lord for having sent your servant, Norman Smith to be here with us in Lindfield for a while.

Anne Parker

We have so many happy memories of our friend and Minister Norman Smith.

Chris and Mary Comber



There is so much one could say in appreciation of Norman Smith, a much loved past Minister of Lindfield URC from 1984 until the end of 2001. During his ministry here the whole church benefitted from his sound Biblical teaching and great example of Christian manliness.

For me personally, it was a time of growing in my faith, and with Norman's encouragement, at times, stepping out of my comfort zone! I know my late husband, Brian, valued working alongside Norman in his role as church organist, and there was a wonderful rapport between them, both appreciating each other's sense of humour!

Norman's laugh was infectious and another thing for which he will always be remembered. Pastorally, he was a man of wise and caring compassion, always willing to spend time with people in their hour of need, and on a personal level, I will always be so grateful for his support, especially at times of bereavement. Even in latter years when his own health was failing, he would pray for me whenever I visited him. Norman had a considerable influence upon my Spiritual journey, and I will always hold him in very high regard. It was such a privilege to serve under his Ministry, and to know him as a close friend during his years of retirement. He will be sadly missed by us all.

We have many fond memories of Norman among which was the privilege of being in his House Group at Rycroft. His leadership and teaching was much appreciated.

He shared with us in many of our family situations being always readily available and generous of his time which was a great comfort to us all.

Norman shared in our greatest joy by conducting our daughter Alison's wedding to Dr Mark Lavender on 12th July 1997. Mark in a career change is now completing his training for the Ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge.

Brian & Sue Tester

Norman was just an incredible man who was amazing in so many ways. It seems he had a wonderful way of welcoming people to our Church. I was so surprised when I had only been to the service in Lindfield possibly twice before and I met him in town. He said in his very cheery smiling way "Hello Anne". He actually had remembered my name that is really a gift.

It was a joy to listen to his sermons which always seem to have a particular message for me.

Anne Elvin



I have both happy and poignant memories of Norman, my first wedding, Peter's Dedication and Tony's funeral. I also remember the 'surgeries' he used to run on a Saturday morning-where you could simply turn up with your problem and he would provide prayer and a listening ear.

Norman (and, later Sarah also) proved to be genuinely caring kind and Godly. Calm in a crisis, he always tried to point people to look upward, to the Lord he served with love and honesty. As an example of how he put his faith into practice, I have not forgotten how he and Sarah came to my home in Crawley (at the time) to look after Peter in the middle of the night as I was going into hospital to have Lydia! A really special and much loved person, for whom I shall always be grateful.

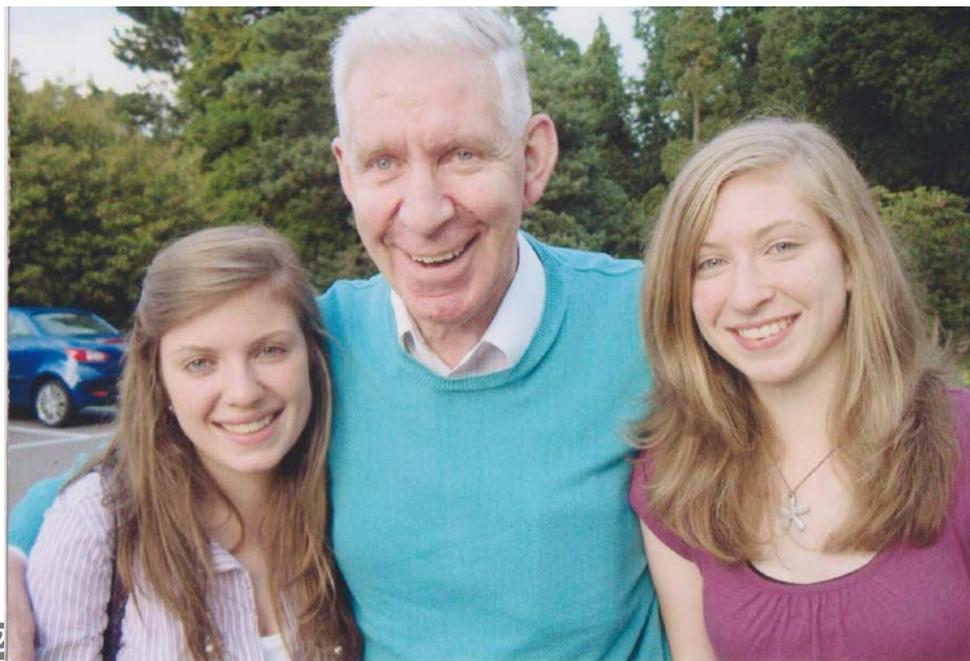
Rosemary McCleery and Family

Just over 30 years ago Peter and I arrived in Lindfield on a wet Saturday morning in search of a property in this area. Already discouraged by a local estate agent we noticed that coffee was available in the Lindfield URC so we investigated, little dreaming that this might be a Spiritual home for us.

We were introduced to this larger than life minister with such an enthusiastic Christian witness and willingness to help us and we even returned to Bristol with two lovely apples gifted to us by Norman as the supermarket had sold out!

The rest is history, but for Norman, we would not be members of this fellowship.

Peter and Heather Swann



I am pleased to pay tribute to the pastoral leadership of Norman Smith for several years when I was a member of the Eldership team.

These meetings were often inspired by the hand-outs he chose. I still keep two such sheets in my Bible! His worship sessions were special times. He once said how he refused to wear slippers at home because he wanted to be able to respond immediately to any call from his flock, without wasting any time.

Norman Smith was a modern saint, in my estimation; whose life accurately mirrored that of his Lord.

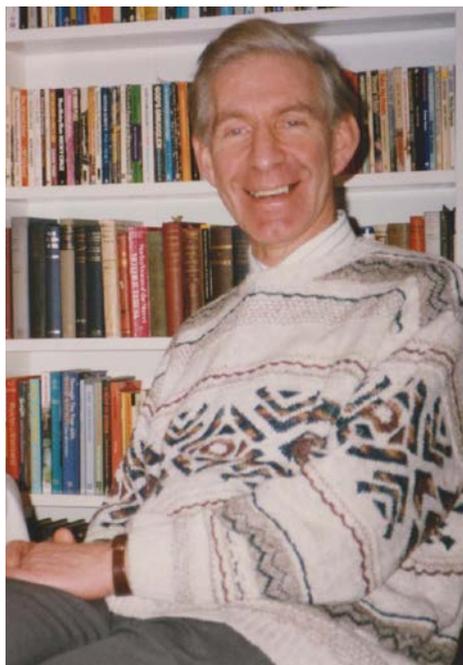
Janet Drayton

Thank God for Norman Smith, who welcomed us when we were strangers, ministered God's healing to our wounded spirits and loved us when we felt rejected.

Mike and Jean Gardiner

Rev Norman Smith was a man of God, no doubt. He defended me during times of spiritual warfare due to my condition of having ME I suddenly wished to end my life. Christ Jesus intervened with a message into my mind to contact Norman, who came immediately with Marianne to help me. All was made well eventually.

Jean Baxter



My wife Barbara and I will always remember how when I was desperately ill in December 2000, Norman said emphatically that he was available day and night, his support during that whole period was amazing.

Hilary Shepherd

Norman was a lovely man with a big personality and was a real inspiration to me and brought me to God. He was always there when you needed him and he was there in good times and bad.

Jane Harfield

New Members

Shirley Griffiths

Dear Friends, I have been asked to write a paragraph on why I asked to become a Church Member of Lindfield United Reformed Church.

My Maternal Grandmother, Aunts, Uncles together with some cousins all belonged to a small Wesleyan Mission in the East End of London. We shared a Minister with a large Methodist Church and had the services of Deaconesses.



I loved the Mission and everyone in it, I really belonged. I was a Girl Guide and helped in the Sunday school. I attended the Bible Class Meeting led by our Minister and we received a quarterly Class ticket which was really a Membership ticket and we paid two pence a week Class Money.

I have been very blessed in my life especially by a saintly elderly lady who prayed for me and I am sure encouraged me to ask Jesus into my life. My parents and I went on several Christian Holidays, when I met Leslie and we have been blessed with three lovely children.

When we moved from Haywards Heath to Lindfield and retired from sixteen years Pastorate at Chailey Free Church I felt I did not belong anywhere. Now we have found everyone in the Church to be kind and welcoming, thank you. I am really grateful to have been accepted as a Member at Lindfield United Reformed Church.

Thank you,

With Christian Love,

Shirley Griffiths

Mike & Jacquie Odell



Previously members of the Methodist Church, we've been coming to URC Lindfield for over a year now and have been made to feel so welcome, accepted and supported that we decided to apply for membership and were confirmed as members in September.

We have been married for 34 years and have 4 children aged between 16 and 24. Mike is a Training and Development Consultant and Jacquie is a primary school teaching assistant. We both love singing, walking our two black Labradors, going

to the theatre and cinema and camping with friends. Jacquie runs a book group and Mike helps to run a youth group.

We have been Christians for many years, undertaking a variety of roles within our previous church. We are now considering the best use of the talents God has given us for Lindfield URC.

Mike and Jacquie Odell

Wartime Memories

A schoolboys wartime memories 1939 to 1945

In September 1939 my parents were renting a large six bedroomed Victorian property in Pavilion Road in Worthing. Soon after the declaration of war my three uncles left to join up.

The house was not empty for long!

A formidable lady from the Jewish Orphanage, South Norwood arrived on the doorstep, and informed my mother that four girls aged twelve to fourteen years old were to be billeted with her! A fortnight later a headmaster from Battersea Grammar School arrived and deposited two boys aged thirteen on us. As I was just eight at the time, life for me was never the same again. Fun and games in the bathroom with Rita Mitzmann and Eva Moss were quickly terminated by my mother, but I had made some astonishing discoveries about the opposite sex!!

In April 1940 a large bomb destroyed the bungalow about hundred yards up the road, and later it was decided that our row of houses needed to be evacuated. We retreated to Ardingly where my Grandfather owned two houses near the Gardeners Arms.

The Jewish girls were re-located to Swansea. It was very primitive by Worthing standards, Gas lighting, one cold water tap, outside loo, an iron kitchen range, and no bathroom. A zinc bath was used in front of the range (rarely!!)

I went to Ardingly school and was given the cold shoulder until they discovered that I had been born in West Hoathly and my Grandma was a Holman!! Everyone in the village was related to the Holmans. We were allocated an evacuee called Tom White from South Norwood. We became friends until his death in 1999.

The Village had been taken over by the Canadian Army. Wakehurst Place was the headquarters of the 1st. Canadian Division and we had a platoon of the Calgary Highlanders resident in Bolney Farm opposite our house. There were trenches being dug everywhere, military vehicles and guns appeared in woods and fields.

By now only Doctor Mather had a car. Suddenly, overhead the Battle of Britain burst upon us. For August and most of September the skies filled with Dorniers, Stukas and Me 109s and our fighters, (not Spitfires,) in our area it was all Hurricanes. We lads became expert at identifying aircraft types, and spent a lot of time going to crash sites and bomb craters

One incident which I recall was the sight of a large formation of JU 87 dive bombers being attacked by six hurricanes. They seemed to panic on being attacked and broke formation in all directions.

My Mother shouted "Are they ours Chris? How dare they come over here, what is being done about it? Anyway I must put the potatoes on!!"



A small bomb crater appeared in the middle of the road on Buckshalls Hill. It wrecked the cottages opposite but the 88 bus drove around it (carefully!) Today the police would have closed the road for a week at least !!!

The winter of the Blitz was rather more traumatic, Heinkels were overhead most nights on their way to London.

We could see the red glow in the sky as the city burned.

I had a bed in the coal hole under the stairs. As 1941 progressed we became used to the war and all the restrictions and bad news. Local men being killed and disasters like the loss of HMS Hood, the evacuation of Greece loss of Crete etc. but it was to get a lot worse in 1942 when the Japanese attacked us.

However Russia and (at last) America (late again) were on our side. Aircraft overhead were now mainly ours heading for Germany night and day.

I had bought a bicycle and rode it to Haywards Heath every day to my new school, Belvedere Prep where a desperate attempt was to made to turn me into a young gentleman. Wakehurst was now (1944) packed with armour(Sherman tanks) we lads spent hours training turrets and making friends with the crews Down the road the prison camp was full of Italians soon to be replaced by Germans.Massed formations of bombers could be seen heading for the continent all day and all night. D day came at last and then when we thought we could relax came the doodle bugs.

However even they did not stop us going to school regularly by bike and bus. We just got on with our lives and hoped that somehow this latest horror would be dealt with; as it was.

Happy days.

Chris Comber

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.

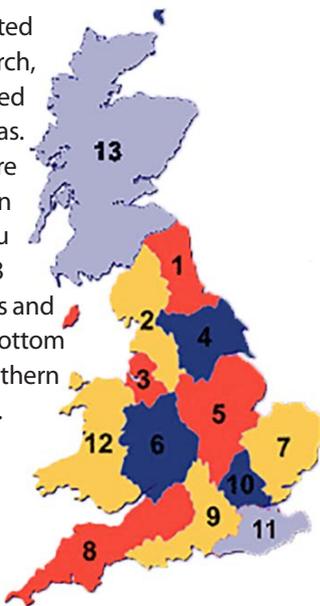
YOUTH

Hello

This month I want to write about the Southern Synod Youth Executive.

Let's start big!

Within the United Reformed Church, the U.K. is divided up into 13 areas. These areas are called synods. In the picture, you can see the 13 different synods and we are at the bottom right, in the southern synod (area 11).



So that explains half of 'Southern Synod Youth Executive', but what about the other half?

Within each of the synods, there is a Youth Executive. This is a group of young people between the ages of 14 and 25 associated with churches in different areas of their Synod. The aim is to enable young people to have a voice and influence decision making in the Synod and to help plan and organise events for young people. Mixed in with the serious stuff, there's a lot of fun and opportunity to meet new people.

The Youth Executive meet 3 to 4 times each year, usually on a weekend, but they stay in touch between events using a Facebook group. They also share information with others through a blog they update on a regular basis.

Synod Youth Executive have representatives on the Synod Children & Youth Work committee and some attend and speak at the annual Synod Together meeting or at their Synod Area meetings.

Many of the members of Synod Youth Executive attend the URC Youth Assembly each year (last weekend of January) and every other year some members of the Synod Youth Executive will represent their Synod at the URC General Assembly.

We now bring it all together and end up with the Southern Synod Youth Executive.

The Southern Synod Youth Executive is currently made up of six young people, they are:

- Conor O'Connor (Chair)
- Alex Cole
- Jo Harfield
- Olivia Gibbs
- Sam Gibbs
- Rueben Watt

Each year, at Synod Together, we have the opportunity to vote in new members to the Southern Synod Youth Executive. We have the capacity to have about 12 young people on the team and we aim to have youth from as many different churches as possible!

I hope that this has answered any questions you may have had about the Southern Synod Youth Executive, but if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please pray for all those who are on the Youth Executive as they do this in their spare time. Please also pray that we are able to grow and make a difference to the youth in the Southern Synod.

Thanks!

Danny



More information about the Southern Synod Youth Executive is available on the notice board in the large hall.

PAGES

Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade was up and running in early September, and has had some lively, happy evenings. Our work with the boys has been enhanced by Behaviour Plans, originally suggested by the Youth Pastor: their introduction has already helped to produce a happier, more harmonious atmosphere at our meetings. We are now looking to expand, and welcome more boys to join us.

There have been some staff changes: Danny has taken on the leadership of the Anchor Section, and David Walters the Junior

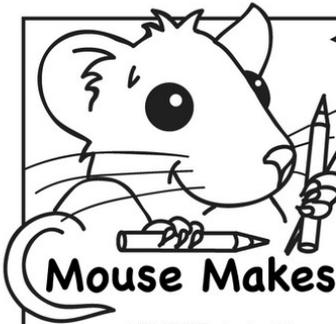
Section in succession to Terry Ward, whom we thank for many years of valuable service.

Our first major event of the session was our Enrolment Service, early in October. It was led by Danny, and Keith, now our Chaplain, conducted the act of enrolment itself, and gave a short address.

We look forward to competitions and outings, and hope to strengthen our links with the whole life of the Church.

Geoffrey Cocksedge





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 fortold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle
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 ordinary town among ordinary people. The
Shepherd's Candle reminds us that the first to
 worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's**
 candle reminds us that it was the angels

ADVENT starts this year on 29th November,
 it is the time before Christmas when
 we celebrate the arrival of
 our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

who announced the
 birth of Jesus and
 will be with Him
 at his return.

1
 THE PROPHECY
 CANDLE
 Isaiah 9:2-7

2
 THE BETHLEHEM
 CANDLE
 Micah 5:2-4

3
 THE SHEPHERD'S
 CANDLE
 Luke 2:15-20

4
 THE ANGEL'S
 CANDLE
 Luke 2:8-14

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Questions

This is the side of a house in the High Street pictured some time ago. Where is it?

It is now a business premises. When was the business established?

Answer in the next issue of Good News.



Answer to the October photo



The house is Finches Lodge. It is on the corner entrance to Finches Gardens. The big house "Finches" dated from the 1880s. The estate and house were owned by Walter Savill - owner of Shaw Savill Shipping. In 1947 the house was converted into the County Hotel. In the 1960s the hotel was demolished and the estate was developed for housing, despite the local opposition which led to the formation of the Lindfield Preservation Society.

Wider World

Ring of Remembrance



In North-East France there are many cemeteries and memorials remembering the fallen of the two World Wars, but last year L'Anneau de la Memoire (Ring of Remembrance) was opened on November 11th by President Francoise Hollande and it is a little different from the others.

It is situated at Notre Dame de Lorette near Arras and shows all the names of those who perished on this part of the Western Front during the First World War, whether friend or foe. The memorial is made up of five hundred gold-coloured steel frames arranged in an oval which is over three hundred metres in circumference.

There are 580,000 names from forty different countries inscribed in white lettering on the gold.

The memorial's architect, Philippe Prost says he chose the ring as it is synonymous with unity and eternity. Unity, because the names form a sort of human chain, and eternity because the letters are joined without end in alphabetical order without any distinction of nationality, rank or religion.

With this beautiful but simple memorial it is hoped that it will be a step towards peace and reconciliation in the future.

Carol Marsh



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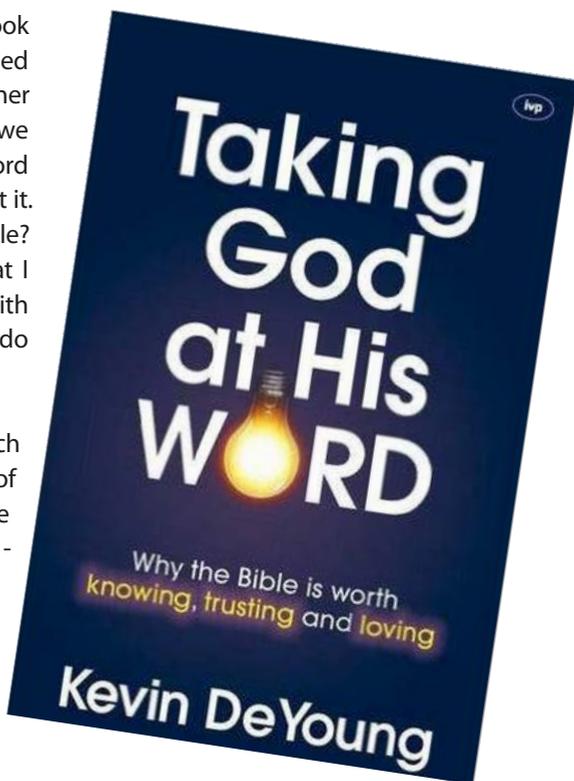
unwrap the meaning of Christmas

Book Review

Without question the Bible is the book which has impacted, challenged and changed more lives than any other book throughout history. It is the book we claim to believe and to follow as the Word of God, but we all have questions about it. Is it completely true? Is it understandable? Is it necessary? Can I really find all that I need to come into a right relationship with God and to live my life day by day? How do we relate Jesus and the Bible?

Kevin DeYoung - Senior Pastor at a church in Michigan USA addresses these kinds of thoughts and questions about the Bible in his short and very readable book - *Taking God at His Word* Why the Bible is worth knowing, trusting and loving.

DeYoung's purpose is to help us understand what the Bible says about itself, so he begins by looking at Psalm 119 which he describes as an 'explosion of praise' for God's word. He explains; 'I'm starting this book with the conclusion. Psalm 119 is the goal. I want to convince you that the Bible makes no mistakes, can be understood, cannot be overturned and is the most important word in your life, the most relevant thing you can read each day....When we embrace everything the Bible says about itself, then - and only then - will we believe what we should about the word of God, feel what we should feel, and do with the word of God what we ought to do.'



The following chapters DeYoung focuses on different important statements that the Bible makes about itself. For example; God speaks and He has chosen to speak through human written words. God's word's are true without error. God's word is enough for us to live our lives to His glory. God's word is clear and understandable - to all if only we are willing to see. God's word is final - it is authoritative and true. God's word is necessary - 'it gives wisdom through the working of the Holy Spirit who reveals through scripture God's love.'

Engine Room

Finally, DeYoung looks at Jesus' attitude to his scriptures, and shows that Jesus understood the scriptures to be the word of God and He had not come to change one iota or dot from them, but rather to live by them and fulfil them.

DeYoung closes his book in this way; 'So let us not weaken in our commitment to our unbreakable Bible. Let us not wander from this divinely exhaled truth. Let us not waver in our delight and desire. God has spoken, and through that revelation He still speaks. Ultimately we can believe the Bible because we believe in the power and wisdom and goodness and truthfulness of the God whose authority and veracity cannot be separated from the Bible. We trust the Bible because it is God's Bible. And God being God, we have every reason to take Him at His word.'

If we are serious about the Bible then this book is an invaluable resource as it provides substance and answers to many of the questions we and others have about the Bible. Thinking through different aspects of the Bible will help us to be more confident as we read and talk about it. As we are more confident with what the Bible says and claims, we grow to love and trust it more as God's words speaking to us moment by moment in our daily lives.

Val Cookney

We could think prayer is insubstantial and possibly not sufficient to meet the many different, complex issues of our age.

Prayer has power to move mountains but its power is only released in so far as we engage in ceaseless prayer.

We need to have confidence in the conviction that

“PRAYER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK OF THE CHURCH ON THE EARTH”
Hope Magazine

If you have that confidence, why not join us on a Monday morning at 9.30 am and on the 4th Thursday at 8.00 pm. Both in the lounge.



Harvest Celebrations

The Harvest supper and Service Questions

I had my first visit to the Harvest Supper at our Church. I am now able to attend these functions and I was completely amazed how many people were attending. There were ninety or so people who were obviously enjoying the dancing, as I walked into the Church.

It was so good to see folk enjoying themselves. The Supper we all had was incredible and the ladies of the Church excelled themselves in producing a really delicious meal which consisted of two courses, a Ploughmans follwed by Apple Pie or Apple Crumble as a dessert. Thanks to all who organised the evenings entertainment.



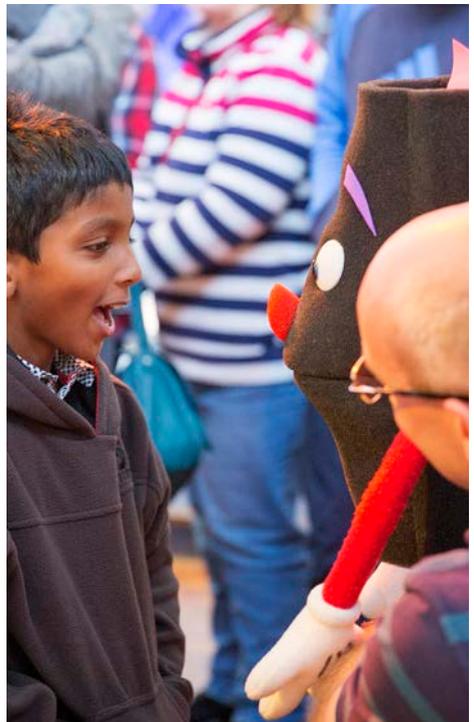


We had an incredible Harvest Service led by Richard Walters and our Minister Keith Morrison. We sang some of the traditional hymns which were enjoyed by so many.

The children played a big part in speaking, some doing prayers and others reading passages from the Bible. Such confidence that was shown by these young children was delightful, it was a joy to see. The Puppets and Mr. Bible were informative and would certainly help the children and others to receive the message quite clearly. Well done to all who organised such an inspiring service.

We were all certainly blessed at the Harvest Service.

Anne Elvin



Who am I? *Revealed*



Henderson McEwan

Aubrey Derham spoke to me asking if I was the subject of the October's 'Who am I?' Maybe you also recognised my profile in last month's Good News? With so little information I would have struggled to recognise myself, but if you did congratulations and please tell me what gave me away. Whether or not you recognised me from the Q & A, please feel free to speak to me in person, on the phone or by email. In talking with folk, we find common ground and shared experiences which enrich our fellowship. So it's good to talk.

In addition to the areas covered in the Q & A we could talk about anything you like, but here are a few more topics about me that we could knock about:

- How the church organ got shot,
- How I tipped my best friend into a canal,
- Why I was baptised,
- The Scottish Connection,
- Rescued on route from Southampton,
- Lecturing Gaddafi's son in Tripoli,
- Walking the Great Wall,
- The Real Thing,
- Shopping in Beijing,
- Banqueting,
- Speakers' Tea,
- The Andes,
- Corporate Culture,
- Why it takes some two and a half years to complete an audio recording,
- Photography,
- Model railways,

and so on.

Before signing off, if you are missing from the church rogues' gallery and would like to have your photo included please do let me know and I will try and take a very, very nice photo to be added to the gallery. It helps us all to link your name to a face when we are such a large congregation. Yours in Christ

Henderson McEwan

Christmas Concert

A Traditional Carol Concert

Thursday 17th December at 7-30pm.



The Copthorne Silver Band will again be with us to lead the carols and provide entertainment during the evening.

Additionally there will be the Sunday Morning Singers, guest artists and of course, yourselves. There is no charge for admission, refreshments provided and a goodwill collection in aid of charity.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and promote the Christmas Message. Suggest you come early to get a seat.

For more information contact :

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Mission Update



For November and December the mission focus will be the Worthing Churches Homeless Projects (WCHP).

WCHP started in 1991 when four local Christians took soup, blankets and sleeping bags to the seafront to offer to Worthing homeless people. Today this vital Christian charity has 40 staff members and over 250 volunteers who enable WCHP to provide a range of services on four sites offering opportunities to homeless people to regain independence.

The charity helps people to get their lives back on track and regain their independence. Being homeless is so much more than not having a roof over your head. As well as helping to provide shelter so people do not have to sleep out, WCHP can support people who are at risk of losing their homes or are in temporary accommodation so that they do not have to face homelessness.

As always, if you would like to give please use the special envelopes and place your donation in the offertory at any Sunday service.

For more details please see the mission display, WCHP website (<http://www.wchp.org.uk/>) or contact one of the Missions Group team – Jean Gardiner, Terry Oliver, Lesley Sparks, Helen Hall and Alex Hall.

Thank you for your wonderful support of mission in so many ways. As I write we are looking forward to our Missions Day on Sunday 1 November. Andrew Wilson of Release International will be preaching at the 10.30am Joint Service and this will be followed by a Mission Hunger Lunch and Talk. Many thanks in advance from the Missions Group for your support for this event. We have received a warm thank you from Arab World Ministry of Pioneers for a donation of £3,300 we were able to send them following the LURC Missions Day in June. We also give thanks and praise for the generous response of over £6,500 to the Open Doors Refugee Appeal.

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Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
November		
1st	Carol Walters	Heather Swann
8th	Betty Billins	Janet Sanderson
15th	Sue Waller	Fo Tingley
22nd	Carol Marsh	Nick Bingham
29th	Zoe McQuillin	Sue Tester
December		
6th	-	No Flower
13th	-	distribution
20th	Christmas Flowers	during December
27th	Christmas Flowers	Deliveries will resume Jan 3rd

Around Lindfield

Saturday 7th November

7.45pm Haywards Heath Music Society Concert
St Wilfrids Church, Haywards Heath
Ugne Tiskute (viola) and Alexandra Vaduva (piano)
Further information : www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk

Tuesday 10th November

7.00pm Lindfield Preservation Society in KEH:
"A Woman Living in the Shadow of the Second World War"
Helena Halls Journal from the Home Front

Wednesday 11th November

12:15pm Tiger Arts - Lunch in Lindfield URC
1:00pm Concert : Nick & Simon Hancock performing some
of the works of the late Flanders & Swann
7.30pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in KEH:
Annual General Meeting
followed by An Annual Challenge (Flowers) by Gill Jones

Thursday 26th November

7.30pm Lindfield Film Night in KEH
"Far From the Madding Crowd" PG - starring Carey Mulligan
Tickets available from Tuffnell's, High Street

