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Bible verse of the month

“Fear not, for
I have redeemed
you; I have
summoned you
by name, you are
mine”

Isaiah 43:1
NIV



See page 23 for more
information about are verse
this month from Hilary
Shepherd.

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Editorial

This month we have both good news and sad news. We are delighted to welcome Penny and Rob into our Church family, so do read the words that they have written. Read the family News. Danny has been so busy with so many things, again it is fantastic what he is doing in our community.

Martin has some exciting news about his sons and his talents, in doing very healthy activities! Keith our Minister is going to spend time elsewhere do find out what he will be doing very soon. So many things of interest to find out about. Enjoy keeping up to date with everything going on in our Lindfield United Reformed Church. How lucky we are to enjoy the fellowship of our Church Family.

Do feel free to join with us, there is so much peace to enjoy with the love of everyone, our Lord is with us all so we can enjoy the peace he gives us.

Every blessing to you all, with good wishes from your Good News Team and myself.

Every blessing to you all.

Anne

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Dear friends

You may remember that this time last year I wrote the letter from Glasgow where I had been attending a meeting about Church Related Community Work in the United Reformed Church. My time on that national committee is drawing to a close but I had two final pieces of work for it a trip to Dawlish in Devon, and the next day to report (via Skype thankfully) the outcome of my visit to the committee meeting in Sheffield.

My journey to the seaside was rather complex and involved 4 trains in each direction, which of course relies on them all running and connecting in the way they should, which of course was a very unlikely possibility made more complex by my very first train being cancelled due to industrial action, however I managed to get another, and my connection which took me to Reading to join a GWR to Exeter. Stood on Reading's platform 7, with heavy rain falling on the roof I suddenly started to think of when I probably had last been there; it would have been before the millennium, around the time I was candidating for ministry. It was then that I realised how from the train I would see many of my old stomping grounds, paths I had walked or cycled along, stations I used to use, and even at one point, near Salisbury, on the way back home, a building I worked in when a sandwich student 26 years ago.

When we have not been somewhere for a long time how do we think of it? Does our mind play tricks? I seem to remember the 3 months of the summer of 1990 being lovely and dry, but am sure that not all of my walks to work were sunny, were they?

As years passed I have dropped out of touch with the friends and colleagues I once knew well, and wonder what I would now say or write to the people I once worked with so long ago, especially that my life is now so different. Then I was a young, single, physics student, now I am a not so young, married, father who is a minister - I wonder if their lives have changed completely too?

Over the course of the summer, in our church services, we will look at a letter sent by Paul to a group of friends, a church in Corinth. Since he had left them there had been misunderstandings and disagreements, questions of theology needed to be answered, and he also needed to encourage them. Much had changed in his time away, but he wanted to walk with them and help them rediscover the relationship we can have with Christ Jesus. Many of the topics raised are challenging, and the letter is written to a particular social context that is quite different from that we find ourselves in nearly 2000 years later, that said I do believe we will learn something of ourselves, our relationship to each other, and our relationship with our Lord as we explore 1 Corinthians.

As we approach my sabbatical I will be travelling again soon, but hope my epistle to you, will not find you straying from the path but following His way.

With every blessing
Your Minister

Keith

Family News

Congratulations!

It is a real joy to be able to bring some good news!

The Manchester Family have all been doing rather well at Chess. Oliver has recently been selected to represent Great Britain. He is one of just five in the 11 year old age group. So many congratulations, Oliver! Thomas also did well in the same competition, and it seems that Lauren is not too far behind! We wish them all every success in future championships.

‘Seagulls’ Fan of the Year – that is the award given to Graham Wood recently at a special dinner and presentation evening, which he attended with his daughter, Julia. Graham has been a devoted supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion since the 1940s, so he certainly deserves the award, especially as attending matches (which he still does) is not at all easy for him these days. Congratulations, Graham!

The evening service in April when Izzy McQuillin was Baptised by total immersion was a wonderful service in which it was a privilege to share! Izzy was supported by the Worship Band and her friends from Ruach, as well as by our own young people. Before the Baptism, skilfully done by Keith and Danny, Izzy gave a moving testimony. God bless you, Izzy!

Condolences

As we rejoice when someone makes a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are also saddened when one of His faithful servants moves from this life into the next. Joe Lunt, a loved and well respected member of our Church for many years has been called home to the God he served. Joe died in April, following a long period of failing health and being confined to his home. Boys Brigade was a large part of Joe’s life, and there must be hundreds of lads whose lives have been touched by Joe over the years. We send our love and sincere sympathy to Joe’s wife Betty, and to his sons, Simon and Jonathan and to the wider family.

Fo Tingley

Thanks for prayer and support

My name’s Peter McCleery and I have recently got a Job as an Integrated Networks Technician at Creative Technology in Crawley. I have Autism and am aged 19, I am in my final year of my BTEC Level 3 in IT. It has been a real challenge for me but I want to say thank you to everyone for the prayers and support throughout this amazing journey.

Peter McCleery

Family News

Thank You

It is with grateful thanks I write this. It was so kind of the Church Family to send the cards and flowers and the visits made to me when I had the knee replacement operation in February. It made my recovery time go so much quicker and I know all the prayers helped the healing process.

Yours in friendship,

Val Lane

In Touch

In April we were treated to a very interesting talk by our Minister's wife, Emmeline Morrison who described how God has guided her throughout her life from childhood up till the present day when she leads a very busy life in Lindfield. She also showed us some great slides to illustrate her talk. Thank you Emmeline and please come and talk to us again sometime soon.

Our meeting on June 28th will be our annual Walk and Supper when we hope to walk round Blunts Wood and return to church for a light supper afterwards. Please look out for details nearer the time and of course as usual everyone is very welcome to join us for the evening.

Janet Wade

Lunch Fellowship

As we draw nearer to the end of the Lunch Season, June 1st being our last Lunch before the outing and a break until September. We are looking forward to the Coach Outing to Haskins Garden Centre at Angmering. To date some 27 places have been filled leaving us with a possible five spare seats.

The coach will leave the Church at 1.15pm on the 13th July and will return at around 5.00pm, the cost of £12 will cover the coach and a cream tea, if you don't come to the lunches and you would like to come with us, please contact Sue Waller 455047 as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Sue

The Fellowship

We welcome Jean Gardiner who is coming to talk to us at our next meeting which takes place on Wednesday, 22nd June at 2.30pm.

We warmly invite you all to come to what is sure to be an inspiring meeting. All who come may be sure of a warm welcome.

Announcement

The Chair of the South-East District of the Methodist Church, Rev. John Hellyer, in consultation with the circuit stewards and ministerial staff, has made the following interim arrangements for pastoral oversight in 2016-17, since the announcement that Rev. Dr David M. Chapman is to be stationed as Chair of the Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire District of the Methodist Church from September.

In addition to her present responsibilities, Rev. Rose Westwood will become Superintendent and Co-Leader of the Central Sussex United Area from 25 July 2016 until 31 August 2017.

In addition to his present responsibilities, Rev. Peter Rayson will have pastoral charge of Haywards Heath Methodist Church from 25 July 2016 until 31 August 2017.

A number of our supernumerary ministers have kindly offered to provide pastoral assistance during this period in addition to leading worship.

Your prayerful support for all our ministers and churches at this time is greatly appreciated.

Alan Brock

Senior Methodist Area Officer/Circuit Steward

Service Times

Please take careful note:

From the **26th June** (Sunday before Keith's Sabbatical begins) the Sunday Service times will be :

10.00am and 6.30pm

up to and including the 9th October.

Refreshments will be served following that 10.00am service when it is hoped there will a time for fellowship to be had together.

As usual Holy Communion will be on the 4th Sunday at 10.00am and 2nd Sunday at 6.30pm . When there is a 5th Sunday the evening service will combine with the Evangelical Free Church.

If you have any queries about these arrangements please do not hesitate to speak with an Elder who will be pleased to help.

Sabbatical Preview

A bit of a rest?

The question of a sabbatical, its purpose, and its timing can be a bit tricky. In the United Reformed Church ministers become eligible to a three month sabbatical after each period of ten years, though it should be noted this is not a holiday but must combine rest with a period of learning which should be of benefit to the local and/or wider church.

I was ordained a minister in Northampton on the 2nd October 2004, which made my “tin” anniversary 18 months ago. This was about the same time as I was reading the pastorate profile for Lindfield URC and asking whether this was where God was calling me, obviously not the right time to go on a sabbatical, however I did discuss timing of this break with the elders when I first met with them, and a year (and a bit) on from my induction you are now going to lose me for 3 months from the end of June through to mid-October.

During this time I am going to be exploring the connection between uniformed youth organisations and the churches that they are a part of, but often are apart from. I intend to conduct some surveys, and interviews, among Boys’ Brigade officers, scout leaders and ministers of churches with uniformed youth; I am aiming to find what they think does and does not work well.

I will also, in August, be on the international service team of “Roverway” a large camp in France with over 5000 Guides and Scouts (aged 16-22) from across Europe, where I might see faith from other cultures expressed among uniformed youth as many overseas scouting organisations are denominational.

But what has led me to this?

During my time in Northampton I saw growth in the Boys’ Brigade leading to growth in Junior Church which led to growth in church membership from young people and their parents. Although we have excellent youth and children’s work in Lindfield and our BB has been good at helping boys to develop in a positive way, it does not look at the moment that it is likely to be a beacon for church growth in the way that I have seen happen. I am struggling to understand why this is; here we have faithful leaders from the church working hard, and sharing their faith, with the young people.

I suspect that over the summer I will not find any specific answer or solution, but perhaps I will gain some ideas for us and later be able to share my findings wider.

I hope you will be able to pray for me to know what is right in my preparations, my research, my arrangements, and for safety in my travelling.

Also please pray for Emmeline, Noah and Faith, particularly for the time I will be away in the first two weeks of August.

I do ask too that you continue to pray for the officers, helpers and boys of the 1st Lindfield company, that seeds of faith will grow, and be seen to blossom and bloom, that we will see more and more of the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among these boys.

Keith Morrison



Sunday 12th June 2016

Lindfield United Reformed Church
Invites you to join the celebrations

All Age Service

9.30am Lindfield URC

Family Games

11.00am Lindfield Common

Picnic

12.15pm Lindfield Common
Please bring a picnic &
blanket and join us

Picnic & Games weather permitting, further details:
www.lindfieldurc.org.uk

Sing to the Lord

A new song

If you regularly attend the 9:30 service you may have noticed that we have been introducing some new songs over the last couple of months. It is often at this time of year with initiatives like 'Spring Harvest' and 'Bible by the beach' that we come across new songs like 'Cornerstone' or 'This is amazing grace' that we can use to worship God.

In our services our songs are generally thought of as our 'worship times'. Of course we are called to live our lives as worship to Him, not just our Sundays. But there is something about meeting together and singing the truths from the Bible that help us to connect with each other and put Him central in our lives.

When we are choosing which new songs to sing it is sometimes difficult to take the 'big top' celebration atmosphere of a thousand people singing and translate it into our context. Often the songs that have most impact on the big stage do not resonate so easily with a smaller congregation. We also try to ensure that the words we sing are biblical and true. People will often be humming the tune of a song they sang in church long after the service is over, so good theology is very important in our sung worship.

In it's great hymn book, the book of Psalms, chapter 96, the bible tells us to:

“Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the people!”

These new songs are often new expressions of His love from a new generation of hymn and song writers. They are written in modern language and express the constant truth of the bible to an ever changing society.

If we introduce a new song and it captures your imagination in a positive (or negative) way, always come and find either me or Adrian and tell us your thoughts. That way we will better understand how we can encourage you to get closer to Him.

David Goodchild



Joe Lunt

A true Christian gentleman

Joe was at the inaugural meeting of 1st Lindfield Boys' Brigade in December 1971 when a good number of boys turned up to find out what the BB was all about. The company was then registered and so the 1st Lindfield began in January 1972. I joined the following September and a working friendship began which would last for more than 30 years.

Joe became officer-in-charge of the junior section where he remained until his retirement. During Joe's thirty years in that role we think about 300 boys passed through juniors on to company section. During the late 70's and 80's there were 48 boys in membership (140 in the whole company) and we had a waiting list. Joe knew each boy by name and their various needs. Joe was an excellent organiser, patient, caring and the boys always came first. We had some great days out during the 30 years.

I have met boys from then who still reminisce about the good times. Joe cared about the community to and never walked to BB or church without stopping to pick up rubbish and he always arranged for a good few boys to help with the village cleaning days.

Joe also spent hours on our renowned jumble sales and our Village Day stall. Nothing was to much trouble, he was always there to lend a hand when needed.

Many a boy will have fond memories of Joe and many would have given their lives to Jesus after hearing the kind and encouraging words he would have instilled in their hearts. Joe is home now with the Lord he loved.

We continue to hold Betty, Simon and Jonathan in our thoughts and prayers. A few words to finish from the BB object. To advance Christ's Kingdom among boys

Joe certainly did that and many will give thanks for his witness.

Terry Ward



Try Triathlon!

The Haywards Heath Triathlon, organised by Hedgehogtri Events, took place early in the morning on Sunday 10th April 2016. Based around the Dolphin Leisure Centre, competitors could either do a Sprint triathlon (384 m swim; 25 km bike; 5 km run) or a Supersprint, which was basically half the Sprint distances and designed to encourage newcomers. There was also a relay event at the Sprint distance for teams of 2 or 3 – instead of a baton, the team members just passed on the ankle timing chip at each transition.

Jonathan entered the Sprint event and had a great race, finishing first in his age group (20-39) in a time of 1 hr 12 min 02 secs. He was second overall, being only 7 seconds (=0.16%) behind the winner!

However, it is encouraging to learn that the winner was in the 40-49 age group, so Jonathan has plenty of future opportunities to come first!

That's one of the great things about triathlon, it is a very inclusive sport and all abilities, shapes, sizes and ages take part. Obviously you need a bike, but it need not be a sleek carbon-fibre machine, some compete on old road or mountain bikes. Obviously you need to be able to swim too, but you don't need to be a Mark Spitz - one of the competitors had only learnt to swim at the Dolphin in the previous month!





BRITISH TRIATHLON

Alex and I entered the relay as a team - Alex swam and ran, while I did the bicycle sandwiched between - and I am delighted (amazed) to report that we won!!

Okay, I now have to admit that we were the only relay team, but I couldn't have been prouder of Alex and the way he has bounced back from his illness to compete, when it was a struggle for him to walk half-way down our road not so long ago!

Thanks to God and many in our congregation for answered prayers! In a time of 1 hr 41 min 20 secs we would have come 77th out of the 102 entrants if we had been a single person! I hope that we might have encouraged others to think about trying triathlon, it really is a fun and friendly way to get fit and stay fit - and perhaps next year we'll have some competition for the relay event from others in LURC?! If you want to know more about triathlons check out: www.britishtriathlon.org

Martin Hall

Lindfield Arts Festival

LINDFIELD *Arts* FESTIVAL

Saturday 16th September

This year the Arts festival will all be held on the one day, Saturday 16th September.

It will all be concentrated in the High Street which means our church building will be in the centre of the festivities. We will be hosting a number of events for children during the day including visits by a number of authors of children's books who will be running sessions in our Upper Room. Other children's activities will be held in the Main Hall. Musical events will be taking place in the church during the day and in the evening there will be a concert by the Mid Sussex Sinfonia.

Plans are still in hand to see how we can be involved and make contact with those who come onto our premises on this day.

More details to follow.

David Walters

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
	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

1st Wednesday	12.30pm 2.00pm	Lunch Fellowship Holiday Club	16th Thursday		House Groups
2nd Thursday	2:00pm	Holiday Club House Groups	18th Saturday	8:45am	Prayer Meeting, All Saints, Tiger
3rd Friday	2.00pm	Holiday Club	19th Sunday	9:30am	Family Service
				11:15am	Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison
4th Saturday	8:45am	Prayer Meeting, All Saints, Tiger Village Day		6:30pm	Evening Worship Keith Morrison
5th Sunday	9:30am	Family Service	22nd Wednesday	2:30pm	The Fellowship
	11:15am	Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison		7:45pm	Elders' Meeting
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Keith Morrison	23rd Thursday	Church premises closed for European Referendum	
9th Thursday	8.00pm	Church Meeting	25th Saturday	8:45am	Prayer Meeting, All Saints, Tiger
11th Saturday	8:45am	Prayer Meeting, All Saints, Tiger	26th Sunday	Start of 10.00am	10.00am Services Communion Keith Morrison
12th Sunday	9:30am	All age Service Followed by games on Common		6:30pm	Evening Worship Keith Morrison
	11:15am	Morning Worship Keith Morrison	27th Monday	Keith on Sabbatical	
	12.15pm	Family Picnic			
	6:30pm	Communion Keith Morrison	28th Tuesday	TBA	In Touch Walk and Supper



YOUTH

Hello!

This month I want to tell you about the Christian Union that runs in Oathall Community College every Wednesday lunchtime.

There are six of us who go along and run the Christian Union on a rota basis. Myself as one of them, the other five are:

Keturah, from Christ Church Haywards Heath

Steph, from Haywards Heath Baptist Church

Chris, from All Saints

Jess, from Ruwach

Dan, from Ruwach

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I find it a blessing that there are so many youth workers in and around the area who are able to work together to spread God's word. We also meet together often to plan the Christian Union timetable as well as to pray for our churches and youth groups.

We begin each Christian Union with an ice breaker question. This gives the pupils time to arrive, settle down and talk to one another whilst they eat their lunch. It also allows us as leaders to catch up with how they are doing, how their day or week has been and find how we can pray for them.

After the ice breaker, the six of us take turns in leading a small teaching or testimony. This term we are learning about David from the Old Testament. We are also providing the pupils with testimonies that show God's work happening in our lives, or the lives around us. I think it is important to be reminded that God is always at work, even when we don't always feel it.

The teaching comes to an end and we encourage the pupils to break up into smaller groups to pray together about what they have learnt and for the week ahead.

We join a group to help lead the prayers and to allow each pupil to have a voice, no matter how shy they are.

We give as much time as we feel is needed for the prayers each week (unless the lunch break ends), and when the prayers come to an end we finish off the Christian Union with a fun game to allow the pupils to create friendships with one another. The leaders often try to win against the pupils, but this is rarely successful!

It is a privilege to be able to go into Oathall regularly and run a Christian Union, and to see God at work within the school. We are often encouraged by the Christian teachers who sometimes come by if they have the time.

Please pray that the doors will be kept open for us to continue to spread God's word in schools. Pray that we would be able to equip the pupils with what they need to be able to be God's messengers within their school. And pray that we can see God at work within our community.

Danny

Boys' Brigade

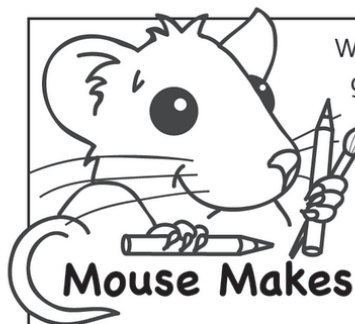
The Boys from the Junior Section have been particularly active this month with a couple of our boys joining with 26 boys from other companies in the Battalion on an away week end at Carrotty Wood Christian Activity Centre. A great time was had by all with games, swimming, craft, which entailed making and flying model planes and many other activities.

One activity that was in short supply was sleeping. One eagerly awaited event was the low rope walk. This entailed working through a course of rope walks, climbing, swings etc. mostly across a very muddy terrain and stream. Boys were told to take old clothes for this event as most had to be thrown away at the end. Boys had to be hosed down before they could enter the building and have a shower.

The other key event was the Battalion seven-a-side football competition at the Triangle Leisure Centre. We had a full team plus reserves and were able to play a full part in this competition for the first time in many years. We didn't win but it was a good fun and gave us an opportunity to compete with other teams and continue friendships formed at the week end away. Sadly we will be saying farewell to two boys at the end of this month as they return home to Brazil. Bruno and Lucas have been with us for nearly a year while their mother worked at the Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place. They have been very keen members of the Company. They knew very little English when they first joined us but now can converse very well. We will miss them and hope to keep in touch with them.

David Walters

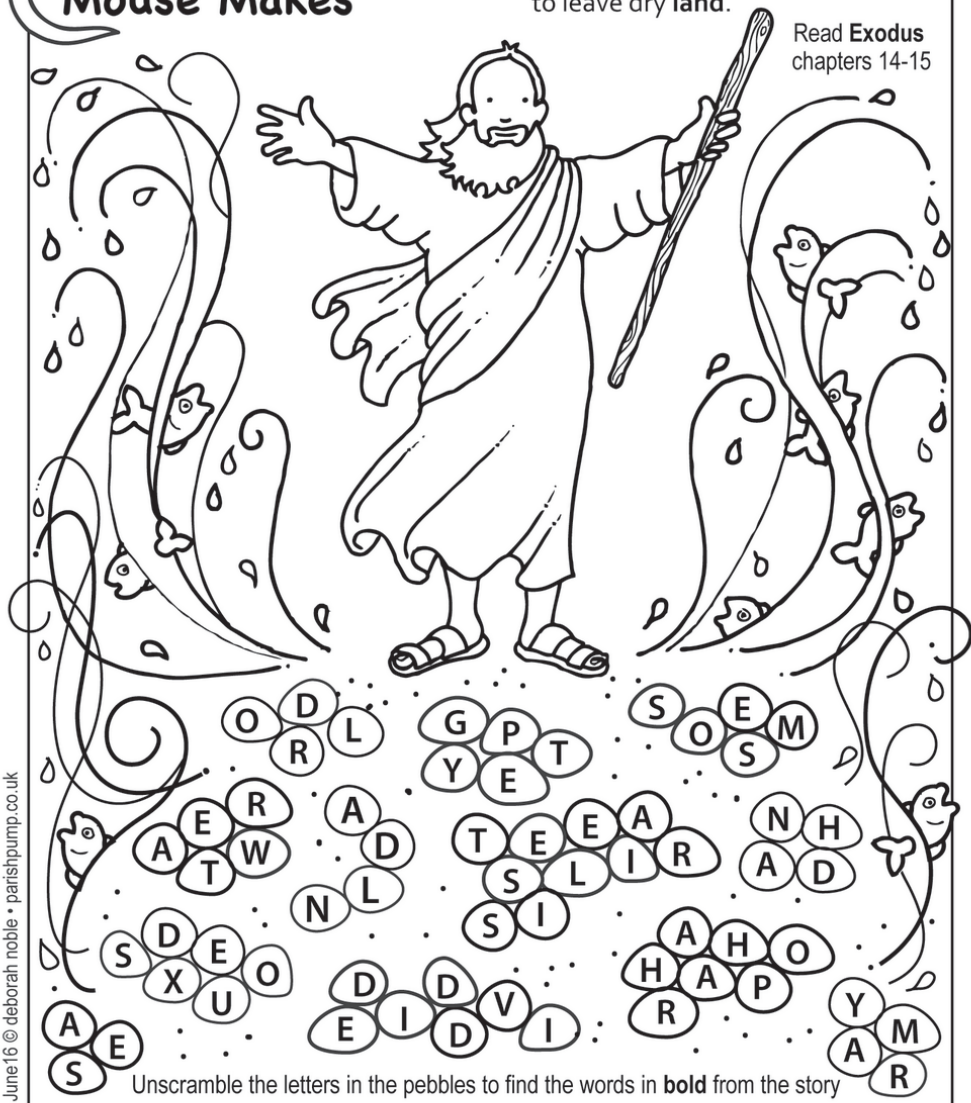




When **Pharaoh**, the King of **Egypt**, let the **Israelites** go free, God led them across the desert to the **sea**.

But Pharaoh changed his mind and came after them with his **army**. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the **Lord** for help. **Moses** told them, "*Do not be afraid*". He held his **hand** out over the sea and the **water** divided to leave dry **land**.

Read **Exodus** chapters 14-15



Unscramble the letters in the pebbles to find the words in **bold** from the story



Bible by the Beach

BIBLE BY THE BEACH *29 April - 2 May 2016*

David and I had not attended Bible by the Beach (by the beach, not on the beach!) before but were encouraged by the enthusiasm expressed by Adrian and Val Cookney for this event – which they have attended for six or seven out of the eight years it has been running. We were pleased that our friends from home and members of our home group, Jane Harfield and Barbra Baliki, also attended.

Joe and Freya opted to spend the bank holiday weekend at home as they have Big Church Day Out (which is really a weekend) to look forward to at the end of May. David and I set off after work on Friday to arrive at The Congress Theatre. There was plenty of parking and a warm welcome as we registered – simply being ticked off on a list and given our Weekend Passes.

Bible by The Beach 2016 was all about being Distinctive – at home, at work and in all areas of our lives. The first event was the evening celebration; the worship was led by Andy Fenton, minister and leader of an organisation called 'Music Ministry', which serves the local church in the UK by training, teaching and equipping. Throughout the weekend Andy led the sung worship sensitively and reflectively, introducing one or two new songs.

The speakers were David Cook, recently retired from his role as Principal and Director of the School of Preaching in Sydney, Jonathan Lamb, CEO for Keswick

Ministries and Paul Mallard, minister in Bath and trainer of church workers. The sermons were from Matthew 5, Sermon on the Mount, which answers one of life's four biggest questions 'How do I live?' (The others being: 'Where did I come from?' 'Where am I going to?' and 'Why am I here?') challenging us to be salt and light and Daniel 1, 2 and 3 to live counter-cultural lives. We were encouraged to look for God's hand, as he is working out his purpose even in the most unpromising situations, to stand for God's honour, to serve God's purposes and count on His grace.

Various seminars were held and I attended 'Living in a Broken World' led by Paul Mallard. Through his own personal experience of suffering he encouraged us to grasp that suffering is universal but God is in control – God is Sovereign, God is Good and God is wise. Through suffering our fellowship with God can be deepened and we can be transformed to be more like Jesus – which is God's aim for each one of us. It isn't comfortable teaching but as the only condition for suffering is to live long enough - it is vital.

Paul emphasised that God hasn't washed his hands of the world - he has rolled up his sleeves. God loves us more than we can imagine and He wants us to know it! Of course, no-one has all the answers and the reality of our broken world is a mystery we cannot understand this side of heaven.

The second Seminar I attended was 'Growing Healthy Churches' and 'Enabling Churches to Continue Growing'. Dr Ray Evans, minister of Grace Community Church in Bedford, explained how in the book of Acts, different people, who were considered beneath sharing spiritual truths with - were reached with the gospel in different ways - by Word, Deed and Life Experience. Word - Ray made the point that when considering inviting someone along to church we don't say their 'no' for them by not inviting them! He encouraged us to have an invite culture - to understand our non-Christian friends and family are on a journey and that the 25th invitation to a Christmas Carol Service may be the one that is accepted. Deed - the most likely cause of men coming to church is seeing distinctiveness in other men by them living honourably.

The second part of this seminar concentrated on the problems that can arise as a result of church growth.

Ray outlined the need for Leadership Initiative and Membership Ownership, the formation of teams and empowering them suggesting this acronym:

- C** Clarify the team mission - what do we want to do?
- A** Agree on team goals - how or when are we going to do it?
- R** Review our performance - this is how we get better at what we do
- E** Equipping our members - who are going to be involved?

The teaching across the weekend left us in no doubt that we must go beyond just hearing Jesus and do as he says!

The programme provides ample down time in which to walk along the promenade, share a meal or a cup of tea or browse the bookshop.

David and I plan to return next year but intend to stay nearby in one of the many hotels or B&Bs. Why not join us? (and, I expect, Adrian and Val will too!)

Lydia Goodchild

Missions Group

Mission Lunch 10th July

On Sunday 10th July there will be a 10.00am joint service at which Paul Helyer of Mercy Ships will preach. This will be followed by a two course Mission Lunch in the main hall. ("Not a hunger lunch", Lesley says! That will be later in the year). 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 Mercy Ships to which mission giving will also go during July and August. Paul, who has volunteered abroad with Mercy Ships, will say more about the work of the mission during coffee after the lunch.

Operation Mobilisation The House of Joy - Kosovo

Our first mission giving for 2016 was to support the work of one of OM's newest European Missions: working with the vulnerable mothers, teenagers and children through the Family House, the House of Joy, in Peja, Kosovo.

Mike Wheate, of OM, when he preached at the morning services on the 28th February showed us a very moving video about one of the mothers.

The Missions Group are keen to keep in touch with this work and we will be receiving regular newsletters from two of the OM workers in Peja. If you would like to be copied in on these newsletters please let a member of the Missions Group know.

We hope that when workers, from the UK, return for leave from Peja they will be able to come to the Church so that we can meet them, learn about the progress of the work, and look at further ways of engaging with this mission.

Mission Giving May and June

Mission Giving in May and June this year is to support our local Prison Fellowship (PF) Group – Crawley Prison Fellowship and their work with prisoners, mainly, at HMP Lewes.

There is more information on the Missions display board on the concourse and an article in May Good News. If you would like to help with the work please speak to a member of the Missions Group. 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

Bible Verse

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine”

Isaiah 43:1 NIV

When I felt I was being called to full-time Christian work with Rev Bob Gordon and then Kingdom Faith Ministries back in 1981 this verse was constantly cropping up. What a reassurance it gives:

Fear not

Surely we all fear what others might say when we tell of our faith, but I was told not to fear.

I have redeemed you

What a reassurance to know I had been bought back, rescued and free.

I have summoned you by name.

My God knew my name. I had been called and it was personal and confirmed the call.

You are mine

The ultimate confirmation as I knew I was a part of Him.

Hilary Shepherd

Fathers Day

Sunday June 21st

Mothering Sunday is the busiest holiday of the year for phone calls, but here is a wonderful new fun fact... Fathers day holds its very own telephony record (and by a wide margin).

Father's day, is the day with the highest number of reverse charge or collect calls.

I love it!!

Because think what that says about how children see their fathers. How biblical that children instinctively know their father loves them enough to pay the price. That even before they speak, they know he is willing to accept the cost.

The average reverse charge call is 8 minutes, but on fathers day it goes up to 11. This is presumably because after 3 awkward minutes talking to Dad the phone receiver gets handed to Mum.

But fathers everywhere will be more happy than they are willing (or able) to admit that you made the call.

And more than happy to pay.

Dan McQuillin

Know Lindfield?



Answer to the May photo:

The large 3 storey building in the centre of the picture was built in 1840 as a piano manufacturing facility by Thomas Durrant.

It was highly successful and, as well as the home trade, exported pianos to expats and the Raj for 40 years until Durrant retired in 1881. After being put up for sale without success, the building fell into disuse for a few years. It then became the successful Assembly Rooms with a programme of theatricals, meeting rooms, lectures, exhibitions and recitals much as the King Edward Hall is now.

On the ground floor there were Mission Rooms for gospel and temperance activities. However when the KEH opened in 1911, the Assembly Rooms fell into disuse, except for sundry warehouse use, but this time it was for an extended period until 1950.

Then it became a factory for skirt making and supplied famous names such as Gor-Ray and Slimma. At the end of the 1960s, after financial difficulties, the site was redeveloped for the car park, the Medical Centre and bungalows for elderly residents that we have now.

This is the last of the present series on Knowing Lindfield.

Graham Wood

Brighton and Hove Albion Fan of the Year

Many congratulations to Graham Wood who, after 73 years as a fan, was deservedly presented with the Brighton and Hove Albion Fan of the Year Award at a dinner held at the new AMEX Stadium on 24th April 2016. Graham has been following the Seagulls through thick and thin since the 1943/44 season, when his Father took him on the train to watch his first match from the East Terraces of the old Goldstone ground. His Father's ticket cost a shilling, five pence in "new money", and Graham's cost just half that amount!

Graham's award was sponsored by Parker Building Supplies and presented by the company's Commercial Manager, Graham Pitts. On their website it states: "Graham Wood, the popular, multilingual uber-fan received his nomination as a result of an online vote by his fellow fans keen to pay tribute to his dedicated attendance, cheerful banter and an array of stories from a long and interesting life" (<http://www.parkerbs.com/Fan-of-the-Year.php>).

Graham's award was richly deserved because his health problems have never deterred him from getting to each home match and several away ones. Graham was interviewed about his life as a Seagulls fan by Johnny Cantor of BBC Radio Sussex and you can listen to them on the Radio Sussex website.

You can also watch a couple of short films about Graham's support of BHA on YouTube, including his interview with the compere of the award ceremony, Anna Bingham, presenter of Seagulls TV. Watch and appreciate the difference between a true fan like Graham and the modern, armchair-loving, Sky TV football "fan"!

Martin Hall



New Members

Why bother?

We've been coming along for over a year so what difference could it possibly make?

It's not a club and we certainly didn't want to be part of something that would treat people differently just because they weren't members. When we stood in front of you all we realised that we were making a commitment to each one of you in the church family and to God in carrying out the work of Lindfield URC together.

We had such a warm welcome on our very first day at this church and have continued to receive much love and support ever since and for this we are truly thankful.

Showing God's love in action in the village is exciting and we look forward to what God has in store

Rob and Penny Fanner



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Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

June

5th	Heather Swann	Jo Bloxham
12th	Brian Tuppen	Iris Bingham
19th	Janet Wade	Heather Swann
26th	Zoe McQuillin	Fo Tingley

July

3rd	Carol Walters	Nick Bingham
10th	Betty Billins	Liz Cantwell
17th	Gladys Porter	Sue Tester
24th	Fiona Tingley	Jo Bloxham
31st	Anne Parker	Janet Sanderson

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

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd June

2.00pm Lindfield URC Holiday Club (for children aged 5-11 years)
Details from Danny Goodall - 07443 438978

Saturday 4th June

Lindfield Village Day - Lindfield Common

Wednesday 8th June

12.15 pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in Lindfield URC
1.00 pm Concert : Lorna Collins - Soprano

Sunday 12th June

11.00am Queen Elizabeth II 90th Celebration, Games on Common
12.15pm Queen Elizabeth II 90th Celebration, Picnic on Common

Thursday 9th - Saturday 11th June

South of England Show - Ardingly Showground



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