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**We will remember
them...**



Bible verse of the month

“For to us a child
is born, to us a son
is given, and the
government will be on
his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace. ”

Isaiah 9:6 NIV



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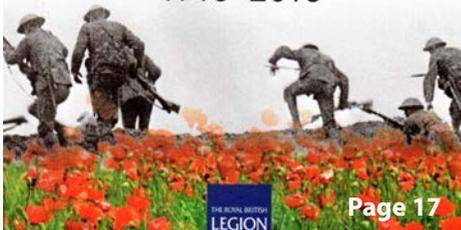
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Editorial

We are delighted to have our Minister Keith back with us, do read his back home letter. Keith emphasises the need for us to think about change, as the season of Advent approaches. Dorothy Brown, our loyal Church Member, has a talent for writing poems. One day these words came to her to give a very concise Advent way of thinking. Advent starts on Sunday 27th November so please read what is happening on that Sunday morning at the 9.30am Service.

'Life and Faith' is an article that I hope we can learn from, how our lives can be directed with God's plan for us. Do find the text for the month, which is from Mike Gardiner. I asked Mike with all his knowledge of the Bible to help me find the correct words for this time of year. Find the instructions on how to help our worldwide family of children, with a gift at Christmas. The Shoe Box appeal is such a delightful way of giving and sharing.

Danny our Youth Pastor is managing to reach so many young people at our schools, so do read what is happening it is great Good News!

I hope you find the Good News in our Church Magazine helpful and informative.

With all good wishes and God Bless you all.

Anne

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Dear friends

As I returned to the pastorate from my sabbatical I noticed change. The change of season has a chill in the air, which led me to get my down filled jacket out of the wardrobe to walk to a meeting. Change can be seen in the trees, my car was so covered with leaves the other morning that it had seemingly turned from its normal strange grey colour (commonly known as filthy) to become a beautiful mottled orange and yellow, but I had to dust them all off before I could drive it. The seasonal change can be seen in the shorter evenings as the sun sets, and also as the stars come out and we start to see the winter constellations – My favourite Orion (because it is so easy to recognise) has been hidden for much of the summer but is now rising into the sky before I go to bed. These are all indications that we are moving towards the end of the year.

The times they are a changin', was written by Bob Dylan, this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature. I doubt many who heard that song for the first time back in the '60's ever imagined its composer would win such a prestigious award, indeed this is the first time ever that a composer has received this accolade, I guess that is indeed an indication that change is around us in not just weather but in the understanding of the arts, and the politics of the generations. The hard – soft Brexit debate is barely off the news, nor the economy. Uncertainty and change makes the financial markets volatile, and it is possible we will see this impact our lives

through what happens to our mortgage or the price of goods in the shops. Change may make us worried, but we need not be, because we know where our hope comes from, the Lord Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Hebrews 13: 8

We heard that verse on my first Sunday back, which was also the last Sunday for Adrian and Val Cookney as they head off to serve God in Bradford. Their answering of God's call demonstrates that although the Lord Himself is unchanging it does not mean His people in the church should be static; on the contrary we are called to be active. The very purpose of the church is to be God's Spirit empowered agent of change, yet too often people set in their ways reject this concept and try to stick with the status quo.

2000 years ago God's people were desperate for change, they were longing for the Messiah to free them from the world that had turned from His way. Perhaps as the nights grow darker, and the end of the month approaches, we too in the season of Advent will cry out loudly for Him to come and bring His change to the world. However the danger, as always when we pray, is that He will ask us to be part of the answer. May He give us the strength and courage to respond; to live out our faith as we engage in His mission, seeking transformation and redemption.

Your minister

Keith

Family News

Congratulations

It certainly seems to be the season for Special Wedding Anniversaries! We rejoiced with three couples recently, and now we send belated congratulations to Martin and Helen Hall who celebrated their Ruby Anniversary early in October. God bless you both.

Condolences

After a long illness and months spent in hospital, Jane Harfield's Mother, Joan Hastings, has died. We send our love and deepest sympathy to Jane and to all the family. May the thoughts and prayers of the Church uphold you at this sad time.

Fo Tingley

Readers

Many thanks to those of you that continue to put your name down to do a reading at one of our morning services, it is really appreciated and saves me hassling people. If you are a current reader or would like to start, please put your name on the sheet (which can be found on the window sill next to the mission table) or speak to me. Thanks in advance.

Terry Ward

In Touch

Our September meeting was led by Jacquie Odell who talked about "Images of Christ ". She illustrated her talk with a number of paintings by different artists from many parts of the world, showing how the perception of Christ's image varies depending on where you live and what your culture and background is. This proved to be a very interesting and thought provoking evening and led to much discussion afterwards and we are very grateful to Jacquie for giving her time to talk to us. On November 22nd we are having a Christmas craft evening led by three of our members ,so we hope you will join us for coffee at 7.45pm ready to start at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Janet Wade

The Fellowship

On Wednesday, 23 November, at 2.30 pm, we will be having our "Christmas" meeting with a miscellany of poems, readings, a Christmas quiz, etc, etc, which I hope you will enjoy.

There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall and, hopefully, a mince pie with your tea! All who come can be sure of a warm welcome.

Pat Phillips

Family News

Thank You!

To all my friends at Lindfield URC a very big THANK YOU for all your kindness, including flowers and 'phone calls, over the last few months. I was very touched when the day after Harvest Festival a little bowl of fruit was on my doorstep with good wishes. I thank God for the blessing of such good friends. "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it."

Jessie Green

*How
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kindness
touches it.*

Advent Calendar

Please join us during the 9.30am service on the four Sundays of Advent, starting on Sunday 27th November, to see the windows on the giant advent calendar being opened.

Twenty Four different groups and over 200 people have been involved in creating the Advent calendar, including all the children who helped on Lindfield Arts Festival day. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

Jacque Odell

Lunch Fellowship

A reminder to all that the Wednesday Lunch fellowship will be on the 2nd November at 12.30 as usual, all are invited and if you know of someone who would like to come please do invite them giving names and contact details to Jenny Machell up to January please 01825 723142 (in the temporary absence of Sue Waller)

You are also reminded that Christmas is fast approaching and the December date for our Christmas Lunch is the 7th December, do please book early for this date as catering is slightly more tricky.

Thank you so much

Sue Waller

Harvest Celebrations



What a great time we had over the weekend of October 1st and 2nd when we celebrated Harvest, and gave thanks to God for all His blessings and provisions that He gives us. (We are so blessed here in this country; it is all too easy to take the plentiful good food that we enjoy for granted. If only the whole world had its fair share! For millions of people a bowl of rice is their only ration every single day.)

The Saturday morning was a hive of activity in the Church, which had already been set up for the Harvest Supper. A wonderful amount of greenery arrived this year (thank you), which enabled extra decoration around the Church, enhancing the displays of fruit and vegetables. The flower arrangers were busy creating amazing works of art – all part of God's incredible creation.

The non perishable produce was added to on Sunday morning when children and adults brought their gifts which went on Monday to Open House at Crawley (a charity for the homeless).

In the afternoon a team of ladies worked very hard preparing the delicious Ploughman's Supper. This was enjoyed on Saturday evening, along with a Barn Dance.

Once again we had an excellent 'Caller' who had the able-bodied amongst us dancing, laughing and having great fun! Hopefully, for those watching it was an amusing time, too! We had a number of visitors with us who all seemed to enjoy themselves. A number of them helped to put the Church back to normal, which meant it was done in double quick time!





On Sunday morning we had a service for all the family, the theme of which was based around The Lord's Prayer. With songs and hymns old and new, children participating and 'Mr Bible' adding meaning to the whole service, it was a real celebration of praise and thanks to Almighty God.



The evening service was much smaller and more intimate. Although I was unable to be there, I have no doubt it was equally glorifying to God.

Finally, on Monday morning there was a team of folk dismantling the decorations and flower arrangements. A delightful task was taking the flowers and produce round to members of our Church Family who are unwell or no longer able to get to Church, and these were much appreciated.

So, as we praise the Lord for a really happy weekend, I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in any way at all (I've not mentioned any names as for sure I would leave someone out!) Thanks, too, to all those who came along and enjoyed the celebrations with us.

Fo Tingley

Life and Faith!

When Anne Elvin asked if I would write something about “my working career and how my faith has helped” it really set me thinking! So what have I (or rather God) done with my life?

I left school with a few GCE O Levels (GCSE nowadays) to work at the Bank of England in London – I disliked school, perhaps mainly because I was hopeless at sport. I studied at evening classes for A levels with the intention of gaining a place at a university.

My parents were members of Watford Congregational Church (my father was a deacon, treasurer and Church Secretary at various times) and I went, with a group of young people, each Sunday at 11am and 6.30pm. We listened quietly (some of the time) to some excellent preaching and had plenty of fun going to such places as Wembley Ice Rink, Palace Theatre etc; those were the (fairly) carefree days. During this time my faith grew, probably with three benchmarks which have stayed with me for the rest of my life. First, God is a God of Love, with an interest in everyone, even me. Second, His is the plan being followed, not always what I desire. Third, I must trust and have faith in Him, for He has a plan and a purpose – you never know what is round the corner, but God does!

This third point really played out when, one day, working at the Bank, I was

‘phoned by my father who said he had two spare tickets for a concert at the Royal Albert Hall that evening; would I like them? Yes, please! At the time I had no regular girl friend, all friends were busy that evening, so I had no option but to ask the supervisor of the 25 girls in my section if she thought any would like to come out with me that evening. (I was prepared to ask myself but I was not sure which of the girls had regular boy friends and I could really get into embarrassing trouble asking the wrong one!). The girl she volunteered was Zena Birkbeck and this started a friendship and very happy marriage (when we were 22 and 21 years of age!) lasting 42 years 28 days. I’m sure God arranged for my father to have those tickets and for the happy outcome!

Clearly, God also had different plans about my going off to university. In my late teens I developed Crohn’s disease and was told I was not to live away from home. So, I carried on with evening study taking 11 years to get my A levels, degrees, and finally a doctorate in mathematics from Imperial College. Such amazing support and encouragement from Zena, putting up with my three or more evenings a week of study. I’m sure God had a real hand in all this.

Meanwhile, the Bank had trained me in computing (remember this is the late 1950s, tape decks in large cabinets in air conditioned rooms etc) and after a few years I left to have a senior job at

Selfridges, concerned with developing their computer systems. This led to a move into Higher and Further Education, teaching maths and computer systems to undergraduate and post graduate students at London University and Brighton, and subsequently, after two or three more job promotions, being appointed principal of a large further education college in Hertfordshire where I stayed 11 years. Still under 50, I decided to do something different. I became Group Training Manager for BAA, the British Airports Authority, for a few years before retiring in 1992. Since then I've enjoyed various activities, including being a bus conductor on the Bluebell railway vintage bus. Retirement gave me extra time to be actively involved in church work, eg being Synod Clerk for some years, and preaching (although I lack any training).

I'm sure, going back to my three faith points, God's plan (rather than mine) was being worked out. Some surprising twists and turns that I couldn't have predicted; poor Zena's death in 2003, but a happy marriage to Mies since 2005 – God has given me two lovely wives.

Like everyone else, I've had ups and downs over the years but I've always counted on God's promised love and, even in the difficult times, tried to keep a steadfast faith knowing that His plan is evolving.

Graham Campling

A Poem for Advent

Anticipation

Expectation, jubilation

Alleluiah! Songs of Praise

Children singing,

churchbells ringing

Advent Season - count the days.

Preparation, constellation

Angels in the skies above

Christ is coming, blessed

Saviour

Everlasting, boundless

love.

Dorothy Brown

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	Rooted
	7.30pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
Sun	7.30pm	18-25 Group

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

November Church diary

2nd
Wednesday 12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

5th
Saturday 8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

6th
Sunday
9:30am Family Service
11:15am Morning Worship
Tim Griffiths
6:30pm Evening Worship
Rev Mike Gardiner

10th
Thursday 8:00pm Church Meeting

12th
Saturday 8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

13th
Sunday
9:30am Family Service
10:55am Act of Remembrance
11:15am Morning Worship
Rev Keith Morrison
6:30pm Communion
Rev Keith Morrison

17th
Thursday House Groups

19th
Saturday 8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

20th
Sunday
10:00am Morning Worship
Rev Keith Morrison
11:30am Annual Meeting
6:30pm Evening Worship
Rev Keith Morrison

22nd
Tuesday 7:45pm In Touch Ladies
Group

23rd
Wednesday 2:30pm The Fellowship
7:45pm Elders' Meeting

24th
Thursday 8:00pm Church Prayer
Meeting

26th
Saturday 8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

30th
Sunday
9:30am Communion
11:15am Communion
Rev Keith Morrison
6:30pm Evening Worship
Rev Keith Morrison

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www.lindfieldurc.org.uk

YOUTH

Hello!

I have very exciting news to share this month!



As you may know, I go into Oathall Community College every Wednesday to run a Christian Union with other leaders from other churches in Lindfield and Haywards Heath.

Over the past year, we have had a steady group of about 25 students come along, most of them from youth groups of the local churches. We have been focusing on teaching the students how to spread the gospel, and why to spread the gospel; encouraging them to tell their friends about their faith.

On Wednesday 5th October, we put on a 'Grill a Christian' event, where anyone can come along to ask the leaders questions that they have about their faith. We had done this a few times in the past and have always encouraged those who come to invite friends, though there have only ever been one or two extra people.

However, on the 5th we had 63 students squeeze into the classroom! There was standing room only! They all were keen to ask questions and it was such a shame that we only had 30 minutes to answer their questions! The leaders met quickly after, and discussed whether to do another 'Grill

a Christian' again the following week, as it had so much interest. We decided to do it again and we invited everyone back the next week.

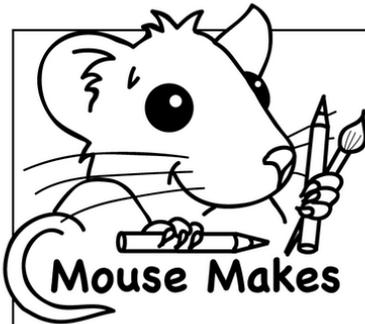
Again, on the 12th, the room was packed! Some questions were about miracles, some about God's kindness, some about suffering. We are now in discussion as to how to 1) keep this momentum going and 2) direct those interested and with questions to youth groups where they can find out more.

Please pray for this group that those with questions would be open to the gospel. Pray for the leaders as they provide answers for the questions asked.

This is an amazing opportunity given by God, and we do not want to let it slip through our hands!

Danny

PAGES



Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!
 Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember

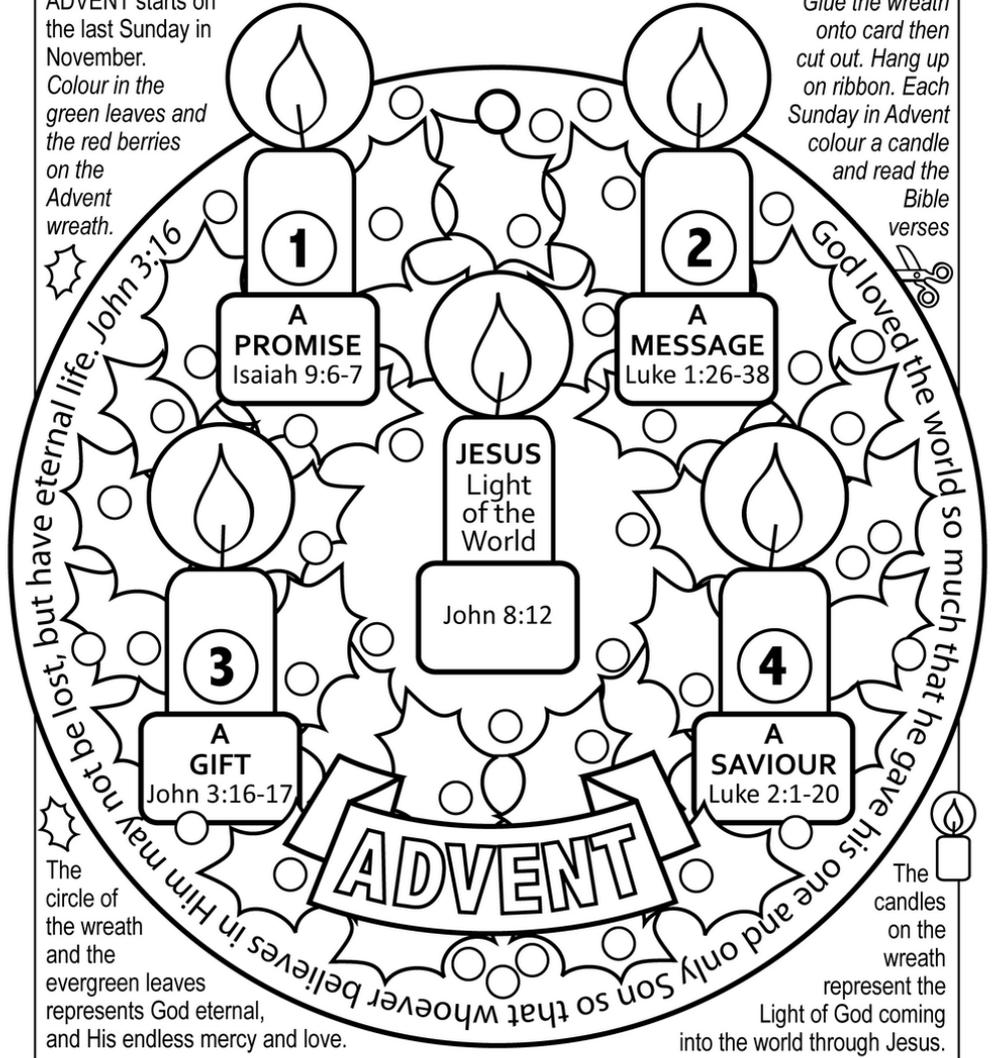


God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and
God's promise come true in Jesus.



ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November. Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses



The circle of the wreath and the evergreen leaves represents God eternal, and His endless mercy and love.

The candles on the wreath represent the Light of God coming into the world through Jesus.

Shoebboxes



It is Operation Christmas Child time again when we as a fellowship send shoe boxes to children all over the world.

Leaflets are available which give more details of how to go about packing a shoe box. The readymade boxes are on sale now if they are easier for you to use. Please see information on the concourse.

The drop off date and dedication will be Sunday 6th November at the morning service.

Thank you once again from all the children wherever they are.

Any queries please contact me.

Jill O'Mant

Email is best - jomant55@gmail.com or 01444 487809.

Before Tea

original by AA Milne

(with apologies for the abridged version)

Emmeline

Has not been seen

*For more than a week. She slipped
between*

*The two tall trees at the end of the
green.....*

We all went after her "Emmeline"

"Emmeline

I didn't mean-

I only said your hands weren't clean."

*We went to the trees at the end of the
green...*

But Emmeline

Was not to be seen.....

You may wonder why this part poem is in the Church Magazine but it is part of a small project of ours in Lindfield URC to achieve something in the short time that Emmeline has been with us to try for everyone to say her name correctly.

It should be as shown and sound like the words at the end of this poem line- seen, green, between, mean, clean, Emmeline.

In the ten years in Northampton it was not achieved, can we try please and pronounce the end of the name of the Minister's wife correctly and beat the 50% errors of their previous pastorate.

Very many thanks to all who get it right !

Sue Waller

Church Secretary

Remembrance

100 years after the Somme

Remembrance Day this year will have a special significance. Almost exactly a century after the Battle of the Somme finally came to its inconclusive end (18th November) we shall once again be remembering all those who have lost their lives in war, or had their lives blighted by its consequences.

The unbelievable slaughter of the Somme – more than a million men were killed or wounded – made it perhaps the bloodiest battle of human history. The incessant bombardment of heavy artillery, the suicidal waves of attack by unprotected soldiers, the introduction, a few months from its close, of the first tanks in battle all contributed to the vast number of casualties, but so did the pointless efforts of both sides to break what was in fact a five month stalemate.

This was a battle nobody won but a million men lost.

This year we shall once again make our prayers for peace and our reflective remembrance against a back-drop of a world that is stubbornly inclined to think that problems can be solved by fighting over them.

In the Middle East and in parts of Africa there are still too many who believe that guns and bombs can solve things, when all the evidence of history is that they can't.

Today, a hundred years after the Battle of the Somme, historians still can't decide what the Great War was actually about. And the arrival of the Second World War in 1939 tells us that whatever anyone thought it was, five years of sickening killing had not settled it.

'We will remember them', we say. Surely the finest remembrance would be a world without violence. It still seems a long way off.

David Winter
Parish Pump



Who am I?

This month we introduce another member or regular worshipper by asking them some probing personal questions. See if you can figure out who has answered this months questions...

Where were you born?

Friern Barnet, at that time a very leafy suburb on the edge of North London.

What was your favourite subject at school?

English and Biology.

What was your first Church?

Christ Church Congregational, Friern Barnet, North London (from my baptism until moving to Lindfield).

What is your job?

Did wartime nursing before I married.

What's your favourite sport?

Not very sporting, but through my husband, sons and grandsons I became interested in cricket.

What is your favourite hymn/worship song?

"Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord, to Thee".

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

Very much a "half-full", thanks I believe to a very happy family and church based upbringing.

What's your favourite food?

Any nice meat, fish or poultry and lots of fruit and vegetables!

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

The Cotswolds or South Devon.

What makes you laugh?

Any gentle type of humour and good natured wit and banter.

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

People, literature, words.

The answer will be revealed in the Winter edition of GoodNEWS.

No Singing at Weddings

Just Try Funerals you can get carried Away

It was a beautiful day. A day of thanksgiving and praise. A day in which every moment shouts! Go somewhere! Do something different. Something pleasurable. Something memorable! It was a day for fellowship and a day of thanksgiving for a Brother in Christ.

The venue was made ready and the hosts were already greeting the guests. A good crowd had gathered, some seating reverently others renewing old acquaintances or making new ones. Waiting in the wings was the special guest, while the audience had the opportunity to reflect (with the aid of a slide presentation), on the life of the one to whom they have come to pay tribute on this side of life.

The time of quiet contemplation was interrupted by the beautiful chorus of the Maori people. One was about to partake in a feast of the life of one family who lived in the light of God. It was a life of service to many people and many nations as well as sharing in a variety of cultures with and in the love of God.

One could only admire the stoicism with which the story was shared by a wife and daughter in embracing the audience with their thanksgiving for one well-loved and a life well lived.

Many visions came to mind as I recalled the individual with whom I was privileged to share some Godly moments and to realise that we both liked Maori singing and have great memories of being in New Zealand where I experienced Maori hospitality; and I will no doubt never forget that I literally got carried away while listening to Schubert's Ave Maria.

To Norna and family, sincere condolences, long may you experience the comforting presence of Christ as you remember and share the memories of a life well lived.

Rosietta Burton

MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who helped Stepping Stones, In Touch and The Elders raise £90 towards MacMillan Cancer Support.



What I have learnt *over Keith's sabbatical.*

I was asked to write a few lines on what I have learnt over this summer, when Keith's been on his sabbatical, and two things stand out - that I am very thankful to be here in Lindfield URC, and the importance of teamwork.

People have been so kind and supportive to our family – from help with childcare to praying for us and being pleased to have us around and asking how things are going – we feel well-cared for, and delighted that the Lord has blessed us with such lovely new friends.

I think I have learnt how God has blessed our church with some amazing people, who have a commitment to serve Him with their time, skills, talents and dedication.

Living so close to the church, it is evident that there are people evangelising, painting windows, gardening, putting up Christian posters, welcoming people into our church buildings for various groups at all times of day and night. Hours and days before events, people will be around cooking, moving chairs, decorating the church and getting prepared.

For a service to come together all sorts of different roles are fulfilled so that we can meet for worship. Our children have their teaching prayerfully and well-planned. The words to the songs appear at the right time on the screen. Microphones are faded up and down. Hymn books are handed out and collected in. Flowers are there to minister to us in so many ways, then are distributed to others.

I could just go on listing all the many ways that the Lord's work is done through Lindfield URC, but what is clear to me that "doing church" is a team effort. Every day I give thanks to the Lord for bringing us to this church community, to this church family. And I am amazed and thankful for my brothers and sisters in Christ who serve alongside each other. Whether you are in a place that you just need to be present at a service, and receive from the Lord, or whether you are a "visible" part of the work, or an "invisible" part doing something that often goes seemingly unnoticed, we are all a part of the body of Christ which calls itself Lindfield URC. We are all linked and need each other's support and prayers.

So thank you for being part of God's team!

Emmeline Morrison

Mission Update

Release International

Last month LURC hosted Andrew Wilson who represents Release International, and he shared with us harrowing stories of Christian persecution around the world.

Release International provides Pastoral care and practical support to the thousands of Christians who are abused, imprisoned and martyred for their faith every year. Our prayers are so powerful, and God is providing them with the strength they need, His love, joy and peace to be with them, and He is using them to be fruitful witnesses to others.

Thank you for your generous monetary gifts which will give aid where it is needed.



Worthing Churches Homeless Projects (WCHP)

Our vision for the Worthing and surrounding area is a community where no local person needs to sleep out and everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

In November/December our Mission is Worthing Churches Homeless Projects.

Today WCHP helps over 1,000 people each year providing a range of services including a Day Centre and four Accommodation Projects. Any one night there are up to 58 people in their accommodation services and on average they have 20-30 people every day at the Day Centre. They work with them on a one to one basis to enable them to live independently once again.

The provision of these services, as well as the upkeep of their properties, costs in excess of £2.4 million annually.

There will be more information going up on the Mission Board and in next month's Good News magazine.

Missions Group

Wider World

International Christian Consulate

The ICC was established in 2015 as a non-Governmental Organisation to protect the growing need and interests of Christians in the Middle East, especially those fleeing persecution or subject to discrimination in their home nations.

At the moment, there is urgent need for action for the Christian minority within the overall refugee population in Greece. There has been a serious lack of understanding of their vulnerability within the camps and hundreds fear for their lives because of their religion.

Many of them have suffered targeted attacks involving beatings, threats at knife-point, death threats, rape, destruction of property and slashing of tents. They are forced to live covertly among radicalised Muslims, some of whom openly claim to be Daesh.

There is a very real and pressing need to segregate these people within the camps, as 88% say that they have been persecuted in some way. Some are being put into safe houses in the centre of Athens, and the ICC is opening a centre for 150 vulnerable Christians which should be open to welcome them just in time for Christmas.

Mission Event

A new Mission has been launched as Christian agencies have joined forces in a new outreach to evangelise people of other faiths in the UK.

The Evangelical Alliance is working with London City Mission and Global Connections to reach out with the Gospel to the five million people in this country who are part of a non-Christian religion.

The "Reaching the World on your Doorstep" event takes place on November 23rd at St Mellitus College, the evangelical college in West London. Ideas will be shared about how to engage more effectively with non-Christian people of faith.

In the past, missionaries went overseas, but, nowadays, people with different faiths are living amongst us and the methods of outreach and evangelism might need refining. The hope is that more can be learnt about reaching out and sharing the Good News of Jesus.

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November

6th Janet Wade

Fiona Tingley

13th Armistice Sunday

Nick Bingham

20th Sue Waller

Liz Cantwell

27th Carol Walters

Sue Tester

December

4th Mies Campling

Janet Sanderson

11th Christmas Plant

No further

18th Christmas Plant

Deliveries before

25th Christmas
Decorations

Christmas

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

Around Lindfield

Saturday 5th November

7.00pm Lindfield Bonfire Night
Free Hot Chocolate served in the URC

Tuesday 8th November

8.00pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall
Talk : "The Magic of Pantomime"

Wednesday 9th November

12.15 pm Tiger Arts - Lunch in Lindfield URC
1.00pm Concert : The Laplace Quartet
8.00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Annual General Meeting
followed by talk by Gill Jones
'from the ordinary to the extraordinary'

Sunday 13th November

7.30pm Royal British Legion Remembrance Concert (Dolphin Centre)
with Mid Sussex Sinfonia & Ardingly Prep School Choir

Thursday 24th November

7.30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall
Bridget Jones' Baby (15) starring Renee Zellweger
Tickets available from Tufnells



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