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*God's
Love*
HAS BEEN POURED
INTO OUR HEARTS
through the
Holy Spirit
ROMANS 5.5

Bible verse of the month

“ Leave all your
worries with him,
because he cares for
you.”

1 Peter 5:7 NIV



Our verse this month comes
from Danny Goodall.
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Editorial

What a wonderful text for the month, from Danny our Youth Pastor! His simple explanation, could bring so many people the help that they may need to deal with their problems. We all have something very exciting to look forward to this month, our Church is going to Pilgrim Hall to have a special weekend away on the 16th to the 18th June. Please read what will be happening there and how you could take part in the fellowship. All the details are on Page 25, do come and join us there. We are busy arranging a special time for the 5 to 11 year olds, when they will all be welcome aboard HMS Adventure. This is a special Holiday Club when the children are on holiday from school! Do read the details and Danny will be pleased to have your name if you are wanting to join in the fun!

We are asked to remember all the young people doing exams, so read what they are all doing and maybe we can give them the prayer support they need when taking these exams.

The Mission Update tells of the success of giving to the Tear Fund appeal. Find out what CAP stands for and find out what this organisation is doing to help people in debt.

Can you guess 'who is the mystery person?' I hope that you enjoy reading about Pentecost, Harry McCleery has written about this. I hope you find all these things mentioned, and more, in this month's Good News both helpful and encouraging.

God Bless you all,

Anne

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Dear friends

By the time you read this I will be back home in Lindfield, with my wife and children, next door to the church, but that is not where I am writing. Although I am in familiar surroundings as I type this letter, the world has changed from the time I called this place home, for I am in my old bedroom, where I slept from the age of 7 until I went to university. It still has reminders of that era with my old wardrobe and bedside cabinet.

There is also a noticeboard on the wall with stickers, badges and other mementos, and the back of the door has a huge poster stuck to it of the first space shuttle blasting off from Cape Canaveral. This is a world I once inhabited, and for the moment am surrounded by, but although there is still the loving presence of my parents this is no longer my home.



The feeling I seem to get as I think of this house is also that when I think of the wider world in which us Christians inhabit. I may have strong memories of the past, I will have been shaped by what has happened in this place; the things that I have done, the family traditions, and the conversations that have taken place here, but this is no longer my home. In John 17 Jesus, after washing his disciples' feet, on the night he was to be arrested, prayed for his friends. He recognised that they, like him, were not of the world but were in it. We might think of ourselves as people of the world but that would be wrong, we are citizens not of an earthly nature but of God's kingdom. The ways and habits of the world used to be our focus, but we now belong in a family whose home is in the heavenly realm.

That we now belong in a new home should rightly change how we relate to where we are. Our ethical values need to be reoriented from what is "right" for the country of our birth to the kingdom we now belong to. As we look at the political manifestos for the general election we need to apply something similar in our lives – do we vote for the way of the world and ideas that are to our old personal gain, or look to make a sacrifice in our vote so that God's Kingdom is the winner?

Earlier in the week, when at the Southern Synod's ministers' spring school, the meeting was challenged to consider the question "What Would Jesus Do?"

Not attached to a particular dilemma but whether it is a useful question. A group of us pondered whether the answer is always clear cut. Looking at how he responds to a variety of situations in a number of Gospels we came to the conclusion it perhaps would be easier to answer "What would Jesus not do?" or, "what might Jesus do?" either of which may result in a number of answers, each fitting a moral frame provided by the Bible.

Applying this to the position we will find ourselves in, just a few days after Pentecost when it is the General Election, it may well be that you see different glimmers of God's way in different parties; how then do we choose what is right? As with all decisions I urge you to pray and seek wisdom from our heavenly Father.

Whatever the outcome on the morning of the 9th June, please spend some time praying for those elected to both government and opposition parties, so that they might each seek to serve in a way that sees the growth of the kingdom.

Your Minister

Keith

Family News

In Touch

On 28th March we met for "cakes and chat" and thanks are due to Jenny Machel for providing the delicious cakes for the evening.

We had a very enthusiastic response to our request for "ideas for the future of In Touch" and as a result had many suggestions for activities and topics for future talks. It was also encouraging to see several new faces joining the group for the evening and we hope they felt welcome and will want to join us in the future.

On 25th April we welcomed Ben Cross who gave us a talk on "Alstroemeria". He is a fourth generation grower based near Arundel and Ben and his family grow and harvest over 40 varieties of British Alstroemeria all year round. His interesting talk was illustrated with some excellent slides and some bunches of a few of the varieties were available for sale at the end of the evening.

Our meeting on June 27th will be our supper held in the church to which everyone is invited. Please look at the notice board for further details nearer the time.

Janet Wade

Thank You

Many of you will be aware that earlier in the year I had a fall which resulted in a crush fracture of my spine from which I am making slow progress.

I would like to thank the members of our Church family for their prayers, phone calls and visits, together with the kind gifts of flowers and plants. Colin and I are greatly blessed by your thoughts and support.

Val Lane

Lunch Fellowship

Just a reminder that the Wednesday Lunch Fellowship will be on the 7th June at the usual time of 12.30. Jenny Machell will be running that Lunch so if you are able to come on the day and have not signed up, please telephone her on 01825 723142.

If you are unable to come on the day please phone the Church number 484620.

The Outing to Snowhill will take place on the 5th July, leaving the Church at 2.00pm and arriving back around 5.00pm, there are still a few spaces left on the coach and if you would like to join us please telephone me, Sue Waller on 01444 455047. The cost is £12.00 and includes afternoon tea.

Sue Waller

Bible Verse

“*Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you.*”

1 Peter 5:7

Once heard someone say, ‘if you worry, then you suffer twice.’

It often feels like worrying is part of our make-up, something we can't control. But God does not want us to worry. God cares for us and wants us to give our worries to Him. He wants us to know that He has things under control, however out of control they might seem to us.

The amazing truth is that God will sustain us. He is willing and able to be our strength and support. God is bigger than our worries, and with faith in Him, we can have victory in our lives. So, may we leave our worries with Him, and know that we are cared for by the maker of the universe.

Cleaning and Repairs Morning

Thank you to those who came along to help in this practical way. We had some good fun and got a lot done especially around the outside of the premises. The jam doughnuts were good as well.

If you missed out there will be another opportunity soon. **The Managers**

The Fellowship

The Fellowship next meets on Wednesday, 28 June, at 2.30 pm. Jane Bishop will talk to us about Franklands Village and its history.

There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall, and a cup of tea and time for a chat with friends at the end of the talk. All who come will be made very welcome.

Pat Phillips

Congratulations

Our congratulations and best wishes to Tony and Margaret Stevens who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 1st June.

Change of Address

Three of our Church family have recently moved.

Cliff Griffiths to 32, Newton Road, Lindfield.

Joan Armitage is currently in Ashton House, Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath.

Elsie Anderson has left her home in Haywards Heath to be near her Family.

Fo Tingley

Grateful Thanks

To give is to receive, a maxim that is well-known.

We love because He first loved us.

I am musing on the gifts of love demonstrated by the Pastoral Team, the Flower Team and others. Thanks are very much due to the Flower Team for that love and consistency, for example the gifts of a Hyacinth or a Poinsettia and a Christmas card that we elderly and sick receive in our homes every Christmas.

The bouquets of flowers delivered throughout the year together with sympathetic enquiries and understanding. I give thanks to the pastoral team who visit and shop for me. Here I would like to tell you of an occurrence with Terry Ward. Weekly shopping was due, especially for my cats, more important than me. Casting around in my mind as to whom I could 'bother' next. This relapse had lasted so long, I could not think of the person to phone with this request, my mind had become apathetic and lethargic a feature of CFS/ME. Within minutes, Terry who had shopped for me before, phoned and asked "If I needed anything". This is what Norna calls a 'God Moment' and it certainly was.

Thanks be to God and Terry for obedience to God's prompting.

I give thanks to others for praying over me and for me; to Rosieta for her card containing a beautiful prayer and reminders of God's love in all situations in which we find ourselves. Another form of giving and care is from our Good News Magazine. What a deal of thought, work and teachings come from the contributions and the printing thereof. The photographs and paintings are all informative and thought provoking. Surely this giving of self is seen in heaven.

A Prayer

by Rennie Simpson
Canon of Chester Cathedral

*Come to us when we realise
our need of you*

*Come to us when we search
for you*

*Come to us when we forget
and ignore you*

*Come to us when we fail you
Come to us with the love that
made us and redeem us
Bring us O God in time
to eternity
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

And Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all, His Love.

Jean Baxter

Tunes and Tea

25 March 2017

Grateful thanks to the church to allow the Perdidos to play their concert in aid of the Air Ambulance. The audience were very generous and the retiring collection amounted to £371 and we were able to send £300 to the charity and the balance went to support the church general fund.

Thanks also to the Sunday morning singers who were able to support the singalong and the host of people who volunteered to make cakes and served the tea. It was a real community event.

A picture of our 'salute' to Dame Vera is shown. Thank you Henderson. Several other pictures are on the Perdido.Players Facebook page. Thanks again.

Peter Swann



This article should have gone into the May Edition of Good News. My apologies to Peter and to everyone that it did not! I thought you all would want to know despite the lateness of the information what money was sent to the Air Ambulance and the United Reformed Church general fund.

Anne Elvin.

Pentecost



I am very excited to be asked to write an article on Pentecost, which this year falls on the 4th of June. Those of you who are familiar with ancient Jewish agricultural festivals (created to remind the Jews to spend time worshipping their unseen, living God) will know that the Feast of the Firstfruits falls at the same time that Passover took place when God killed the Egyptian babies and Pharaoh finally released the Israelites from slavery

(if you struggle with this, remember the Egyptians were throwing newborn Israelite boys into the River Nile); and (years later) on the same date God's Son Jesus was crucified and became the ultimate lamb of redemption to save people like you and me from the natural darkness of our own souls, when He was resurrected from death to life. Hallelujah!!!

Anyway seven times seven weeks (49 days +1) after the Feast of First fruits or Passover the Jews celebrate the Feast of Weeks when the produce from the first fruits shows living abundance. This is at the time of year when God gave the law to Moses and also (600 years later) the time of Pentecost. The time when God sent His promised Spirit on 120 people in Jerusalem. The Bible has never been a random scramble of events put together by humankind. It is the inspired word of the living God.

'Tongues of fire' portray the presence of God. The violent wind can also be translated 'to blow or to breathe', so the violent breath and presence of God filled the room with tongues of fire. Awesome! Dispersed Jews had come from all over the known world to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. When dispersed, Jews go home they take the message of Christ's resurrection and promised presence of the Holy Spirit with them. The message of Christianity is spread to the known world like wildfire.

Acts 2 v2

“ Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ”

This is Pentecost when the church of Jesus Christ was born. When I was at university I remember a lecturer, who was a doctor, saying that the Bible had been written by schizophrenics. How little he sadly understood! If you are still reading this, Well done.

Two years ago I went to Big Church Day Out. I wandered into the 14th century chapel alone at midday. The entrance was dark and cool compared to the brilliant sunshine outside.

Matt Maher was reverently singing and playing his guitar alone. I snuggled up between two people on the old pews and took a deep breath. The scene was a million miles away from the strobe lights and dancing girls on the main stage. As I sat there staring at the pew in front listening to the music - a stillness filled my heart and soul. It was a place of reflection and perfect peace.

To my right in the transept people were being prayed over. Others were lying prostrate on the floor. Some in floods of tears. There were people like me sitting with souls laid bare in love.

Nothing was staged. There was no embarrassment. There was no invitation to come to the front, or to put your hand up if you've just become a Christian. All forms of pretence had been left in the porch. Everyone in the room, with bleeding hearts of humanity, had been touched by the hand of God through His

Holy Spirit. As I arose to leave I was met by a crowd of people trying to get in. I have never experienced the power and presence of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost as I did in that room on that day.

A few weeks ago I was suffering from emotional and mental meltdown. I had one very bad day when a rage of wrath filled my head. I remember lying on my sofa. As I prayed I looked up and saw an old wrinkled, deflated balloon on my living room ceiling. It had been there since Valentines day.

As I prayed and looked I felt God repeat to me the words on the heart shaped balloon, 'I Love You.' We went to Spring Harvest at Easter and my wife went to the front for prayer. She found people wearing the same T-shirts who weren't on the prayer ministry team but they prayed for her anyway.

I quickly forgot about the prayers but I know that our family life has been transformed. I have been given patience and self control beyond my wildest dreams.

I know that God through His Spirit can meet our most intimate, deepest needs. The spirit of Pentecost is upon us. Praise the Lord for praying wives who have enough faith to believe in a God who cares. May the Lord Jesus Christ, in His mercy, fill your hearts and minds with His Spirit, wherever you find yourself, in your walk with Him.

Knit and Natter

Thank you to everyone who is knitting nativity figures in preparation for the Christmas Knitvity. We currently have four Marys, two shepherds, a king and a baby Jesus knitted towards the sixty knitted figures required. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in helping to knit the Knitvity figures please speak to me (Jacqui Odell 07895772317) or come along to a Knit and Natter group on a Wednesday at the URC Lindfield.

If you are knitting at home please keep me up to date with the character you are knitting to ensure we have the correct number of each character at the end.

Future dates:

14th June 4pm - 6pm

12th July 4pm - 6pm

13th September 4pm - 6pm

11th October 4pm - 6pm

8th November 4pm - 6pm

Jacqui Odell



Sunday Services

The **10.00am** 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 after the morning service.

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
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Thur	10.00am	Pop-In Coffee and a chat
	8.00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)

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

June Church diary

May 30th Tuesday	1:30pm	Holiday Club	11th Sunday	10:00am	Family Service Rev Keith Morrison
31st Wednesday	1:30pm	Holiday Club		6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
1st Thursday	1:30pm	Holiday Club House Groups	15th Thursday		House Groups
2nd Friday	1:30pm	Holiday Club	16th Friday		Church Away Weekend
3rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints Village Day	17th Saturday		Church Away Weekend
4th Sunday	10:00am	Family Service Rev Keith Morrison	18th Sunday		Church Away Weekend
	6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison			No services at URC
7th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	22nd Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
8th Thursday		Church premises in use for General Election	24th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints
10th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints	25th Sunday	10:00am	Communion Rev Keith Morrison
27th Tuesday	7:45pm	Ladies In-Touch Group		6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
28th Wednesday	2:30pm	The Fellowship		7:45pm	Elders' Meeting

YOUTH



Hello!

We have now entered the month of June, but for the young people with exams, the summer feels a long way off. Exams can be a difficult and stressful time for anyone, so I thought this month I would outline who has exams, what they are taking and what their worries/concerns are.

We can then pray for them during this exam period.

Kieron Harfield

Level B-Tech in Digital design and science.
Exam in June and coursework due in July.
Main concern: Not passing.

Lauren Manchester

End of year exams in all subjects.
Exams in June and July.
Main concern: Science exam.

Thomas Manchester

End of year exams in all subjects.
Exams in June.
Main concern: English exam.

Oliver Manchester

End of year exams in all subjects.
Exams in June.
Main concern: worry of failure.

Freya Goodchild

GCSE mocks in all subjects.
Exams in June.
Main concern: disappointing people.

Joe Goodchild

A-level mocks in Psychology, English and History.
Exams in June.
Main concern: results are being sent to universities so he wants them to be good!

Toby Saunders

SAT's in all subjects.
Exams were in May.
Main concern: wants to get good results.

Tom Giles

Level 3 functional skills in maths and level 2 functional skills in English.
Exams in June.
Main concern: might not get the results he hopes for.

Izzy McQuillin

A-level mocks in Psychology, Religious Studies and PE.
Exams in June.
Main concern: getting her EPQ done on time.

Allan Kay

GCSE's in all subjects.
Exams in June and July.
Main concern: not doing as well as he knows he can.

Lydia McCleery

GCSE's in all subjects.
Exams in June and July.
Main Concern: whether she views her results as good enough.

This list does not cover everyone who have exams within the church. Please do also pray for those who are not written here.

“*Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you.*”
1 Peter 5:7.

Danny

PAGES

Boys' Brigade

It is always difficult to maintain continuity this time of the year with the many holidays, Easter, May Day, and half term. Boys get out of their routine and it takes time to recover. Attendance has however been good and we continue to be encouraged by the growing numbers in the Anchor Section. A number of parents of boys of Junior Section age have also asked about their sons joining the BB. This steady growth is very encouraging.

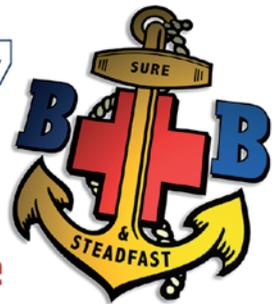
The Junior Section had two main events last month: We entered the International Team Games Competition, competing against boys from many countries. We didn't have to travel across the world as each company carries out the team games in their own premises with an independent judge marking the scores.

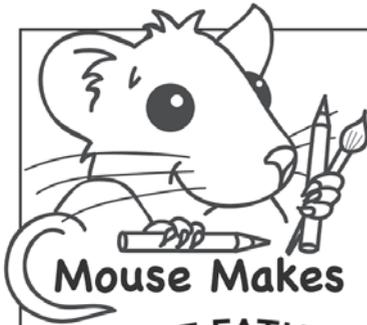
We will not know for a few weeks where we came. The other major event was the weekend away at Carrotty Wood near Tonbridge. Five of our boys joined others from the Brighton and Hove Battalion for the weekend. Activities included model plane making, archery, BMX biking, swimming and crossing a muddy swamp on the low rope course which always ends up in boys covered in mud. For the devotions period we looked at 'Super Heroes' both these days and in Biblical times.

After our awards evening we move into our summer session when we hope to spend most of the time out of doors.

David Walters

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here





Mouse Makes



"May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS** Christ and the *love* of **GOD** and the *fellowship* of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."



2 Corinthians 13:13



Can you find all the names of the Trinity in this 3 in 1 word search?

GOD - THE FATHER

C R E A T O R
J O N E L H O L Y
E A I L M G N O A
H S A V I O U R H
O J M A G D I D W
V U O N H I G H E
A D F A T H E R H
H G I M Y K I N G
E T E R N A L

GOD - THE SON

M E S S I A H
S J M O S T T A L
C E M N V W R B A
H S A V I O U R M
R U N O N R T E B
I S U B E D H A W
S H E P H E R D A
T A L I G H T A Y
L O R D O O R



LORD • GOD
JEHOVAH • I AM
YAHWEH • 
HOLY • ONE
SAVIOUR • KING
 ETERNAL
ALMIGHTY
CREATOR • JUDGE
FATHER • ON HIGH



JESUS • CHRIST
SAVIOUR • LORD
EMMANUEL
 SHEPHERD
LAMB
WAY • SON
DOOR • LIGHT 
BREAD • WORD
MESSIAH • VINE

GOD - THE SPIRIT

S P I R I T E
W I T N E S S T
C O M F O R T E R
P T H E L P E R I
O T R U T H A N N
W I S D O M C A I
E B R E A T H L T
R I G U I D E E Y
T H O L Y R D



HOLY • SPIRIT • COMFORTER • TEACHER • GUIDE
HELPER • TRUTH • POWER • WISDOM • BREATH • ETERNAL



Hiding in one of the puzzles is the word 'TRINITY', can you find it?

Holiday Club



This year it's all hands on deck at HMS Adventure travelling on a voyage of fun and discovery for children ages 5 to 11. Departing with its experienced crew located in the Upper Room, Lindfield URC on Tuesday 30th May 2017 the adventure runs throughout the week until Friday 2nd June from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. That's a total of 15 Hours with HMS Adventure.

Then to celebrate the journey and award the prizes there is an additional one hour special 10.00am to 11.00am on Sunday 4th June.

The adventure includes special badges, treasure chests & treasure, music & song 'on the beach', drinks & snacks and each day 'going live' with Captain Book. Captain Book also known as Mr Bible is the ship's Captain. Plenty to do, enjoy and experience so don't miss out. Be sure to reserve your place.

Contact Danny Goodall
dgoodall@lindfieldurc.org.uk

Mission Update



Our mission focus for June 2017 continues with Christians Against Poverty (CAP).

CAP exists because it believes nobody should be held hostage by debt and poverty. It is passionate about releasing people in our nation from a life sentence of debt, poverty and their causes. Through its services, which are all run through local churches, it is tackling poverty head on. CAP's vision is to bring freedom and good news to people in every community through 1,000 CAP projects by 2021.

We were privileged that Adrian and Val Cookney came to LURC on Sunday 7 May to tell us more about the organisation. Adrian and his wife, Val, moved away from Sussex last year to take up a post with CAP. It was good to hear first-hand wonderful and often moving stories of people who were able to rejoice at having come through very desperate times in such positive ways. Their willingness to share their stories was truly inspirational and very humbling.

As well as debt services, CAP now helps people to step into employment through CAP Job Clubs; helps people get control

of their addictions through CAP Release Groups and equips people to live well on a low income through CAP Life Skills.

More details of CAP's services can be found on the CAP website (www.capuk.org) as well as additional information including the amazing story of the birth and growth of the organisation, personal stories of those who have used the service, and messages of support from the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Money Saving Expert Martin Lewis. You can also see the mission display in the LURC concourse for more information or contact one of the Missions Group team – Jean Gardiner, Terry Oliver, Lesley Sparks, Alex Hall and Helen Hall.

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

Thank You

We were pleased to be able to launch an appeal for donations toward the East Africa Crisis Appeal via Tearfund and are delighted to report that LURC donated £821.25.

Thank you as always for your faithful support of mission whether through prayer, giving in time and/or financial support.

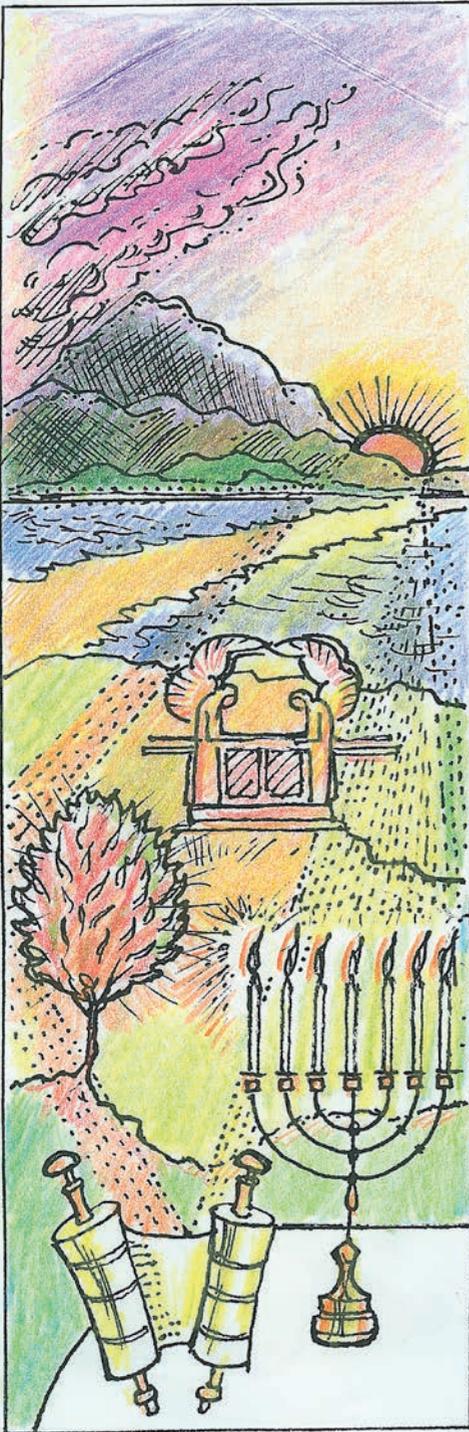
Missions Group

Faith

Shown here are two more designs, from the set of six, mentioned previously.

This pair were inspired by the concept of Faith, an essential aspect of belief even when it does not seem rational. The two designs attempt to symbolise examples of Faith recorded by scripture. The Old Testament design features, 'The Burning Bush

The Parting of the Red Sea and The Sacred Ark'. Each depicts responses of Faith found in the book of Exodus. Moses became an effective leader of the Israelites despite personal misgivings.



FAITH PANEL (O.T)

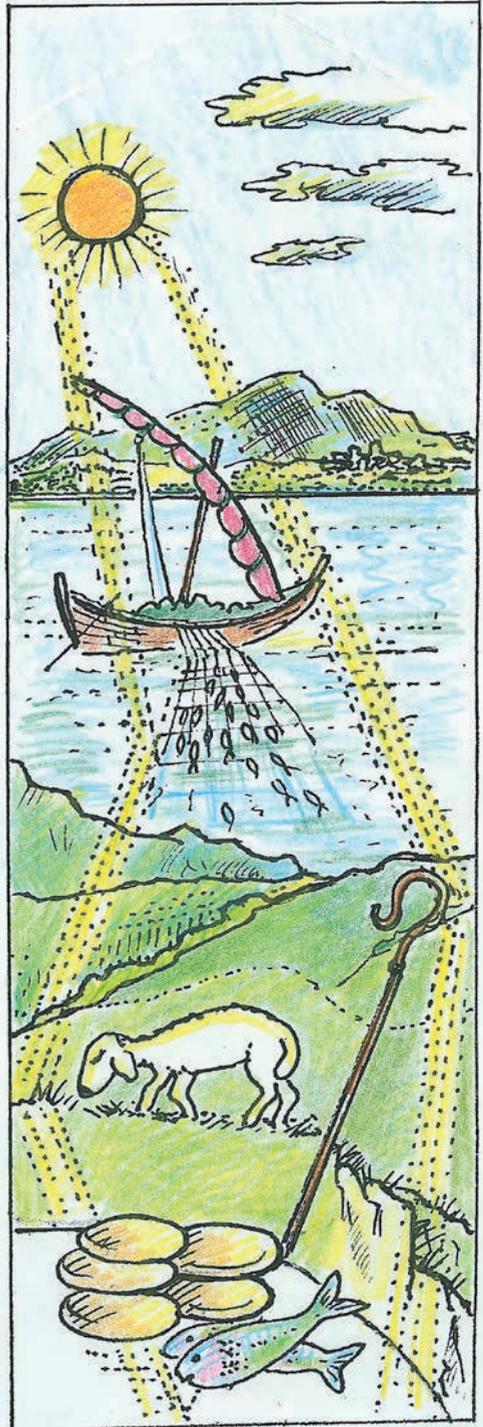
Faith allowed him to overcome huge problems and strengthen his resolve to serve God's purpose.

The New Testament design features The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, The Holy Lamb of God and The feeding of thousands of people with a few loaves and fish.

Christ told followers that they were to become "Fishers of Men", telling them also to "Feed my sheep". Faith is an important starting point but more effective if it leads to subsequent actions.

Brian Tuppen

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FAITH PANEL (NT)

House Groups

Having at the time of writing only had one meeting of the new Home Groups, which will be two by the time of publication, it is a little difficult to say much about how things are going, except that new friendships are being made, and in old friendships perhaps more is becoming known about each other.

Our home groups should allow fellowship and prayer as well as the study of the word. The guide we are using does not claim to pose “questions” on the text but rather has “discussion starters” around a subject heading so that we may grow in our understanding from one another, as well as the word.

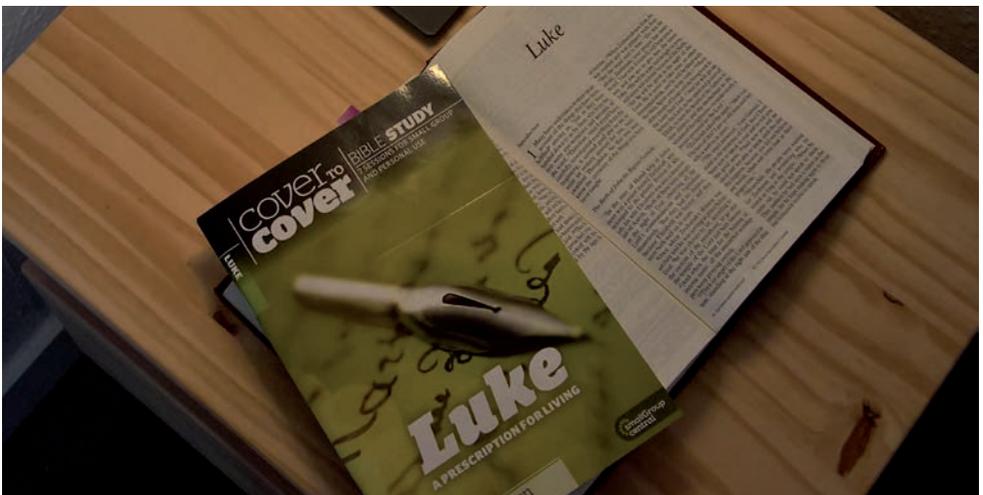
For each session our book draws its scripture readings from across the whole of Luke, rather than working from the nativity to the resurrection.

By looking at a wide selection of readings it is possible to see something of the Gospel writer’s thrust to communicate certain ideas of theology rather than simply seeing the story.

The first of these concepts is the understanding that God comes supernaturally into the world.

The second topic will consider how the Jesus the Christ came with power, but not in the way society expected, and will challenge us to consider our own political thinking; this is rather timely considering the approaching election, which was not on the radar at the time our book was chosen.

Keith Morrison



Church Weekend Away

Pilgrim Hall, 16th-18th June

ABBA Knowing Me Knowing You

As the date for our church weekend away at Pilgrim Hall near Uckfield on the 16th to the 18th June approaches we ask you to pray for God's blessing for the weekend.

In particular, please pray for Lorna and The Reverend David Bedford from Dorking United Reformed Church who are leading the weekend. Pray that together as a church we can all learn how to move forward together trusting in Jesus, through our relationships with one another and that we will gain a better understanding of the mission on our doorstep, the challenges we face and our dreams for the future.

As a reminder for those who are staying for the whole weekend you are invited to arrive on Friday evening from 5.30pm for dinner at 7.00pm. On both Saturday and Sunday, we start with prayer time at 8.00 am, breakfast at 8.30am and the first session at 09 45 hrs. On Saturday, the final session ends at 5.30pm with dinner at 6.00pm followed by family time.

On Sunday, we anticipate that the events will finish by 2.00pm, and there will then be an opportunity for a time of reflection with David and Lorna, for those that would like to join them.

For those of you that are unable to attend please know that we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers throughout the weekend. Please also remember that there are no church services on Sunday 18th June.

If you would like more information please speak to a member of the committee; Jeremy Campling, Zoe McQuillin, Danny Goodall, Paul Bloxham, Laura Sykes or Mike Odell or email us at weekendaway@lindfieldURC.org.uk

Who am I?

This month we have again asked a familiar face some simple questions. The hard part is to see if you can guess from just these answers, who am I?

Where were you born?

Princess Royal Hospital, Hayward's Heath

What was your favourite subject at school?

R.E. GCSE, as I had a great teacher

What was your first Church?

Hayward's Heath URC

What is/was your job?

I work within the NHS

What's your favourite sport?

Horse riding

What is your favourite hymn/worship song?

*"Blessed be your name"
by Matt Redman*

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

Half full

What's your favourite food?

Anything containing chocolate!

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

Santorini in Greece, the island looks beautiful!

What makes you laugh?

Many things make me laugh: can be simple things like being told a cheesy joke or someone telling a funny story.

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

Picture round

If you are still puzzled you have a month to find out more about each other over coffee after the morning service.

All will be revealed in our July/August summer edition.

Martin Hall

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4th Serena Nathan

Jo Bloxham

11th Brian Tuppen

Iris Bingham

18th Away Weekend

Heather Swann

25th Zoe McQuillin

Fo Tingley

July

2nd Winifred Scopes

Sue Tester

9th Carol Walters

Janet Sanderson

16th Betty Billins

Meta Orchin

23rd Fo Tingley

Lesley Sparks

30th Heather Swann

Jo Bloxham

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 3rd June

Village Day on Lindfield Common

Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th June

The South of England Show at Ardingly Showground

Wednesday 14th June

12.00 noon Tiger Arts - Lunch in The Tiger

1.00pm Concert in All Saints Church :
Orpheus Centre Musicians

7.30pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
"Gardeners' Forum" - please note earlier time



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