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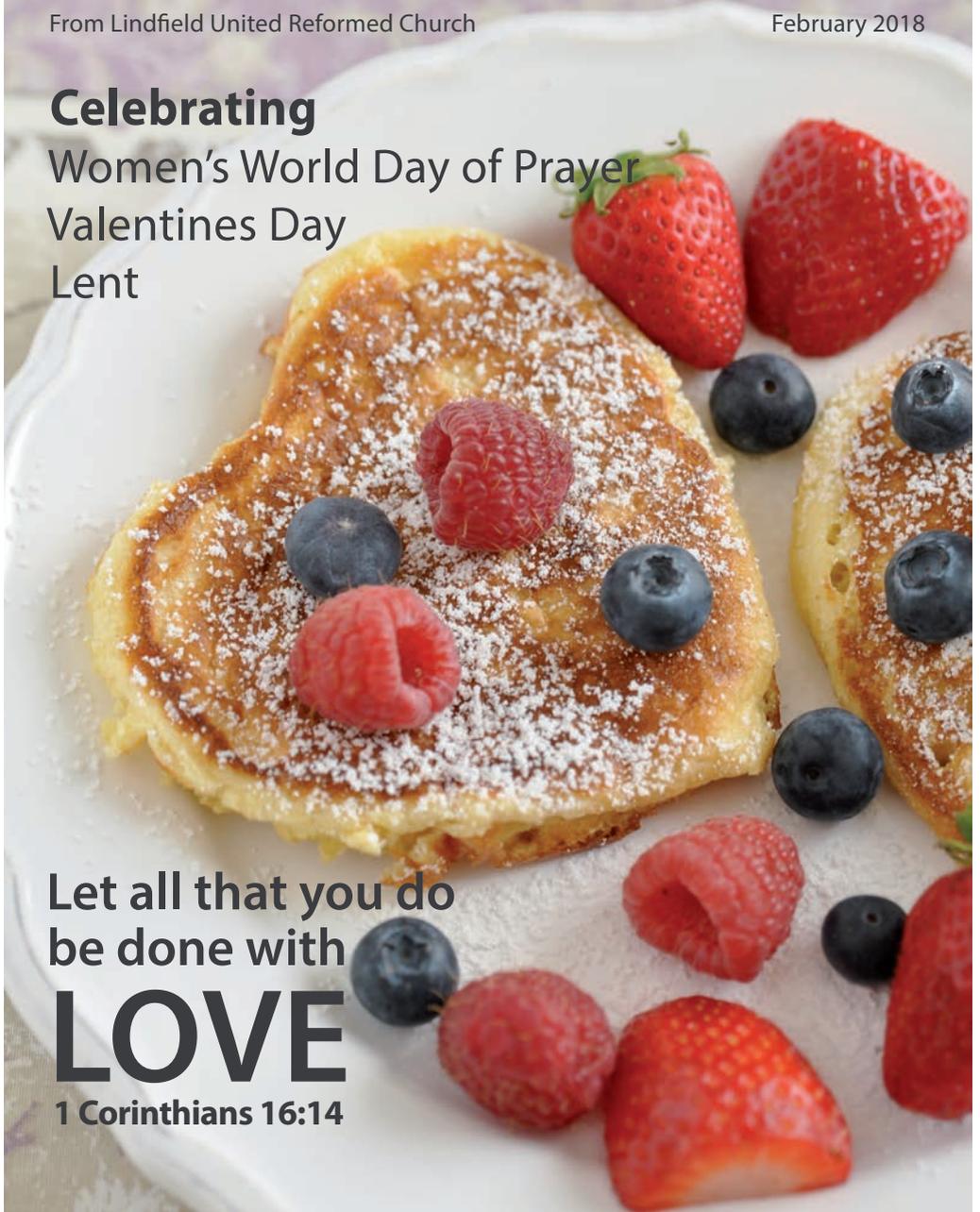
## Celebrating

Women's World Day of Prayer  
Valentines Day  
Lent

Let all that you do  
be done with

# LOVE

1 Corinthians 16:14



# Bible verse of the month

“Watch, stand  
fast in the faith,  
be bold and be  
strong. Let all  
that you do be  
done with love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13,14 NIV



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# Editorial

**W**ow, in a blink the first month of the New Year has slipped by! Welcome to the first “Good News Magazine” of 2018 but, of course, THE good news remains the same in 2018 as it has since Jesus first broadcast it c. 2,000 years ago.

Sadly Anne Elvin remains unwell and so is unable to be hands-on with the editing this month. She is in our prayers and we send her every best wish for a swift recovery. I should like to thank Helen for helping me with the editorial duties from November-January.

Once again the Good News is full of great contributions from you, the congregation. Thanks to Henderson for a photographic reflection on the busy days and nights around Christmas and then it’s straight into the realities of the New Year. Danny has taken a slightly different look at Valentine’s Day this year – my advice is “send a card”, a billion people can’t be wrong! Ruth takes us through the history of Shrove Tuesday and gives a novel spin to the traditions around Lent. There are diverse offerings from Lesley, Jean and Janet, all encouraging and thought provoking. Finally, being the month of Valentine’s Day we have a double challenge for you, to guess not just “Who am I?” but “Who are we?!”

God bless,

*Martin*

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# Dear friends

Last Friday, from the greengrocer, I bought a small number of long green stalks held together by a couple of elastic bands. They looked a bit like spring onions with the white bit of the bottom removed, however this bunch was not to be eaten but put in a vase with some water on the kitchen table. A day later they didn't look that different, but when Sunday morning came the tops of a number of the stalks were starting to open up and a vibrant yellow flower was being released. This was a hint of things to come and by Monday a small number of golden trumpets were on display. The little bunch is hardly big enough to be Wordsworth's "crowd", and confined to their glass receptacle they don't stretch "continuous as the stars that shine," but the daffodils give a delightful contrast to the grey of the rainy world outside the window.

The yellow flowers give a sign of something coming, and make me think of the crocus flowers that will spring up along the High Street hopefully in the next week or so, and which welcomed us when we moved to Ryecroft in the February half term three years ago. These displays of brightness are a sign of life in a world where trees are bare and the news listened to on the radio, and viewed on the telly gives a bleaker picture. These flowers reveal things need not be so grey.

As followers of Jesus we are to bring colour and vibrancy into the world. In Matthew 5 we are told to be "Salt" a mineral that doesn't simply preserve food but adds flavour, exciting the taste buds. In the same passage we are to be "the light of the world" something that is not hidden but visible for others to see, an example for all, which chases away the darkness.

As we approach Lent, which this year begins in the middle of February, consider not necessarily what you will give up or withdraw from, but think instead of how God introduces new hope. What extra opportunity will you give God to do that in your life? How might a new flavour come to you? How will He, the one that put the sun and stars in the sky lighten your day in a new way? Having considered that, think further on how you may brighten the day for those in darkness, and who you will be praying for throughout Lent that they might taste and see that the Lord is good.

May you be reminded of God's Glory each day.

Your Minister

*Keith*

# Family News

## *Congratulations*

Our warm congratulations to Danny and Ruth Goodall who are expecting a baby in the summer. What delightful news!

**Fo Tingley**

## *Sympathy*

There have been a number of funerals over the past couple of months of people more loosely connected with our Church. We want to assure their families of our thoughts and sincere sympathy at this time.

**Fo Tingley**

## *The Fellowship*

The next meeting of The Fellowship will be on Wednesday, 28th February, at 2:30pm when our old friend Barry Turnwell will be our speaker.

There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall and, at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and a time to chat. All who come will be made most welcome.

**Pat Phillips**

## *The Lunch Group and Wednesday morning service*

The Lunch Group met on Wednesday 3rd January, and we were pleased to see, beforehand, some of the group attend the first 11:30am service.

This service is, of course, open to everybody, and if you are also able to join us for lunch at 12:30 we should be delighted to see you.

All that is asked is that you book your lunch by contacting Sue Waller on 455047 by Tuesday 6th February.

Do join us on the 7th February, and don't forget the service at 11:30am if you are able. For more information please do contact me on the above number.

Thank you,

**Sue Waller**

## *Improving our Welcome*

On March 1st at 7.45pm for 8.00pm in the church, there will be a seminar lead by Andy Twilley, Synod training and development officer entitled, 'Improving our Welcome.' This evening is open to everyone.

**Sue Waller**

# Family News

## *Grateful Thanks*

**W**e give many thanks to Keith for conducting such a moving and relaxed Thanksgiving Service for the life of Ian Jackson who died in St Peter & St James Hospice on 26th November 2017.

Ian lived in Lindfield for 58 years and farmed for most of those years at Walstead. We would also like to give many thanks to Richard W who did the music, Chris C who played the organ, Sue W who welcomed guests, Betty B who did the flowers, Fo T and Alison W for their support and all the other members of LURC who work so hard behind the scenes.

We had friends and relatives attending the service from Derbyshire, Dorset, Suffolk, Surrey, London and Sussex and all remarked on the warmth and welcome they received from LURC.

Thank you all.

**Gill Jackson** (and son Jamie)

## *In Touch*

**H**aving already met together for our post-Christmas meal in January, we meet next on 27th February in the lounge to hear Ros Black talk about her new book "Grace Kimmins and her Chailey Heritage". We look forward to Ros coming to talk to us again and everyone is welcome to join us.

**Janet Wade**

## *Thanks for you Christmas Cards!*

**I**t's a little late to thank you for using the church's Post Box, but we only knew the final amount donated after the last Good News was published. We raised £149, all of which will be forwarded to the Worthing Churches Homeless Projects to help them in the wonderful work that they do there.

Thank you from Carol & Stuart Marsh, Anne Parker and Pat Phillips.

**Your Post Box Team**

# Knitivity

It was great to see so many children enjoying the Knitivity whilst queuing to see Father Christmas on village night. Over 100 children took a quiz sheet and tried to find the characters in the 14 Lindfield shop windows, with about 50 children completing the quiz and winning a nativity story book or art activity.

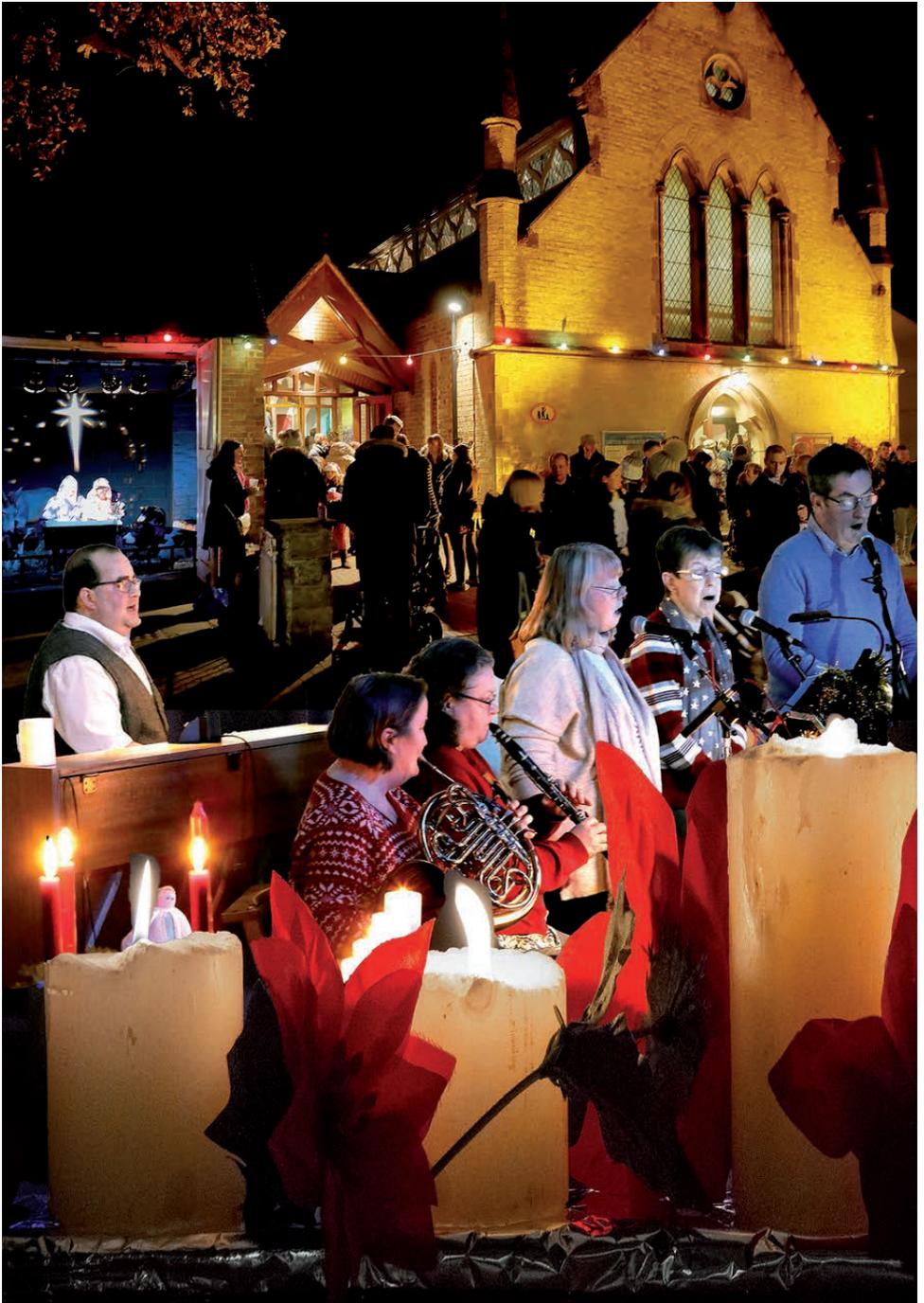
Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Knitivity so enjoyable.

**Jacque Odell**



# Christmas 2017





# Women's World Day of Prayer

*Friday March 2nd 2018*

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 2nd March. It has been prepared for us by the women of Suriname, a small country on the Atlantic coast of South America, and the theme is God's Creation.

It is entitled, "All God's Creation is very good", and is concerned with the care and protection of our world.

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in Lindfield at the Evangelical Free Church at 2pm with refreshments afterwards.

**Jo Bloxham**

(See also <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>)

**God:**

*Creator of the universe*

GOD

Creator

Of the Universe

Of the earth and sea

Of earth's fruits and of flowers

Of all humans, habitats and creatures

Help us to value and care for your world.

In all its beauty and fragility

In trust for you

Creator

GOD

**Helen Mason**



# Valentines Day

## *Fun Facts!*

- *Based on retail statistics, about 3% of pet owners will give gifts to their pets on this day.*
- *More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold.*
- *About 73% of people who buy flowers on Valentine's day are men.*
- *Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.*
- *220,000 is the average number of wedding proposals on Valentine's Day each year.*
- *There are enough candy hearts made each year to stretch from Valentine, Arizona to Rome, Italy, and back again. The number of these candy hearts produced is approximately 8 billion.*
- *There are approximately 50 million roses given on Valentine's Day around the world.*
- *Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards, second only to Christmas. About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.*

Valentine's Day has never quite made sense to me, though I can't really explain why! I have always preferred to buy surprise gifts or flowers for those I love throughout the year, when they are not expecting it.

However, Valentine's Day can be a great reminder of God's love for us. On Valentine's Day, people show those around them that they are loved and valued, without expecting anything in return.

God loves us unconditionally. This means that there is nothing we can do to make God love us any differently!

This Valentine's Day, I may not be buying a gift or sending a card, but I hope to show those around me that I love them unconditionally, just as God loves us.

## **Danny Goodall**

Facts found on the following websites:  
[http://www.softschools.com/facts/holidays/valentines\\_day\\_facts/148/](http://www.softschools.com/facts/holidays/valentines_day_facts/148/)

<https://list25.com/25-interesting-facts-valentines-day/>

# Lent

*What will you give up or perhaps take up for Lent?*

Will you be having pancakes on the 13th February? Pancake day, also known as Shrove Tuesday, was historically a day where people would use up the rich foods in their house before Lent. It was a day of feasting, of celebration, before fasting for 40 days until Easter Sunday. Eggs and milk were included in the indulgent foods that were used up, and it was found that the combination of these (with the addition of flour) led to what we now know as a pancake.

My husband loves pancake day; it is the only day of the year where he eats the same thing for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Every pancake of his is topped with maple syrup, however the most popular pancake topping in the UK is classic lemon and sugar.

While we now see Shrove Tuesday as an excuse to load ourselves with sweetness, we should really be considering the roots of the day.



The name Shrove Tuesday comes from the very old Christian ritual of 'shriving'. To shrive means to absolve; Christians would confess their sins and have the slate wiped clean before Lent.

Lent is the period of time between Shrove Tuesday and Easter Sunday, where 40 days (47 including Sundays) were traditionally spent fasting. Some Christians still spend this time fasting, but traditions have changed, in that many people choose something to give up for 40 days. Be it chocolate, alcohol or Facebook, it is often something that will be challenging. I once gave up chocolate, only to be taken as a surprise for a friend's birthday to a cafe that specialised in all things chocolate. I had a vanilla milkshake whilst everyone was dipping into fondue and munching on warm chocolate fudge cake. To this day I am proud to have withstood the temptation!

It is temptation that has inspired Lent; the 40 days represents the time Jesus spent fasting and being tempted by the Devil in the wilderness before he started his ministry.

Lent can also be a time for taking something up, such as praying daily with a loved one, following a new Bible study, or taking more time to simply listen to God.

If you're after something new, over the last few years '40 acts' by UK Christian Charity Stewardship has gained popularity, with its tag line: 'What if lent could be more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline?'. They send out an email every day with a new challenge encouraging people to make a positive impact on their community.

Alternatively, Christian Aid are running 'Count your blessings', a resource with a daily thought, bible reading or story of someone supported by the charity. These are combined with small ways to make you think about others and how blessed you are, such as 'give 30p for every minute of your shower today'.

However you choose to spend Lent, I hope you find a way to grow closer to God, and enjoy a few pancakes along the way!

**Ruth Goodall**

# 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.

Coffee is served after the morning service.

Holy Communion (4th Sunday)

At **6:30pm** Something Different. 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

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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)

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Tue	10:00am	Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers - term time)
	7:45pm	In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages

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Wed	2:30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages
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Thur	8:00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)
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Fri	5:00pm	Rooted
	7:30pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)

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Sun	7:30pm	18-25 Group
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The church is open on Tuesday (Concourse) 10:00am - Noon.

# February Church diary

1st  
Thursday

House Group Week

17th  
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches  
Prayer Meeting,  
Evan Free Church

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3rd  
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches  
Prayer Meeting,  
Evan Free Church  
Elders Quiet Day

**18th**  
Sunday

10:00am Family Worship  
Rev Mike Gardiner  
6:30pm Something  
Different  
Adam Earle

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**4th**  
Sunday

10:00am Family Service  
Rev Keith Morrison  
6:30pm Something  
Different  
Rev Keith Morrison

22nd  
Thursday

8:00pm Church Prayer  
Meeting

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7th  
Wednesday

11:30am Morning Worship  
12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

24th  
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches  
Prayer Meeting,  
Evan Free Church

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10th  
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches  
Prayer Meeting,  
Evan Free Church

**25th**  
Sunday

10:00am Communion  
Rev Keith Morrison  
6:30pm Something  
Different  
Rev Keith Morrison

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**11th**  
Sunday

10:00am Family Worship  
Rev Keith Morrison  
6:30pm Something  
Different  
(Communion)  
Rev Keith Morrison

27th  
Tuesday

7:30pm In Touch

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15th  
Thursday

House Group Week

28th  
Wednesday

2:30pm The Fellowship  
7:45pm Elders' Meeting

# YOUTH



*Hello!*

It has been a long time since I have been able to tell you about the life of the youth, so let's get stuck in!

I want to start with Sunday mornings. LED's started back on Sunday 7th January, looking at the life of Jesus and then the early church in Acts; and the fact that we have the same God now as those people did back then. It sparked good conversation and we ran out of time before we had completed everything! It is great to see them grappling with the material, asking questions and wanting to know more.

The other groups in lighthouse are all running well. They had their Christmas / New Year party on Saturday 6th January: 12 of our young people, along with a few parents and helpers, enjoying swimming followed by food at the Dolphin Leisure Centre.

Boys' Brigade started back up on Monday 8th. Two boys from Anchors have now moved up to Juniors. This evens out the numbers a little more in both groups – and allows a wider range of activities to take place in Juniors.

Stepping Stones kicked off with a bang on Tuesday 9th, with even more wanting to join our waiting list! It was great to be able to talk to them about their Christmases briefly as they registered in. Whilst on Stepping Stones, we had a good turnout of mums to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, though not as many buggies as we had hoped! The service went smoothly and we were just about able to fill all of the roles needed to act out the nativity. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making that service a success!

In Oathall and Warden Park Christian Unions this term, we are going to be looking at the "Fruit of the Spirit". We have been back a couple of weeks already, and numbers have been between 25 and 30! It is great to be able to encourage them in their walk with Christ, and how that fits in with school life.

In Rooted and Pulse this term, the teaching focus will be around the phrase 'we are...' For example, 'We are loved', 'We are forgiven', 'We are saved' - looking at one of these each week. This follows on from last term's teaching which was 'God is...'. Lots of questions are asked at Rooted during the meal time, and it is great to be able to talk through the questions that they have about God.

That's all from me,

*Danny*



## **Messy Church Dates 2018**

January 19th

February 9th

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

June 15th

July 13th

**PAGES**

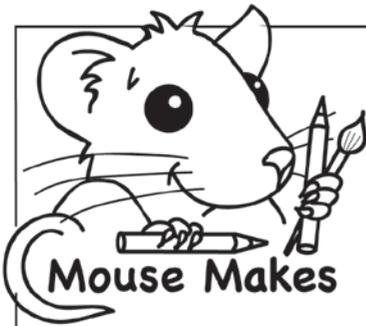
# Boys' Brigade

In the lead up to Christmas the Anchors and Juniors had a joint party evening with the usual games and food. Usual food these days is not cake, ice-cream etc. The boys all wanted Pizza and chips. We had a great evening with lots of fun. The Company section boys went out for a meal. Yes – Pizza and chips! With study and revision for college we have had a very disrupted period in the Company Section but we hope to get back to normal during the next few months.

In order to equal out the sections two of the older boys from Anchors have moved up to the Juniors early. This gives a bit more space in Anchors and allows a wider range of activities in Juniors. We are now working hard on badge work and the Juniors are preparing for the International team games competition and the Battalion swimming sports.

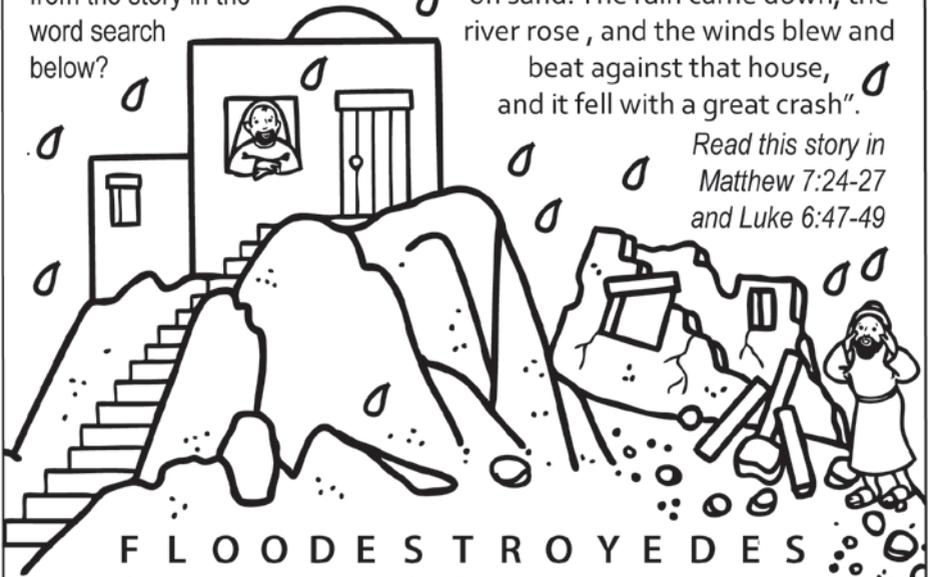
**David Walters**





## Mouse Makes

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?



Jesus taught his disciples...  
 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".

*Read this story in  
 Matthew 7:24-27  
 and Luke 6:47-49*

F L O O D E S T R O Y E D E S  
 O W J H W A R B I F E L L F A  
 B O P O I F O U N D A T I O N  
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 FOUNDATION • ROCK • RAIN • WIND • FLOOD • RIVER • BURST • FOOLISH  
 SAND • GROUND • COLLAPSED • FELL • DESTROYED • RUIN

# Nothing is too hard

*for the Lord*

**O**n July 31st 2003, the adventurer Bear Grylls led a team of five across the North Atlantic Ocean in an inflatable rigid dinghy. They set out from Halifax, Nova Scotia, heading for John O'Groats Scotland. On August 5th, a great storm arose.

There were 100-foot waves. They lost satellite contact. They feared for their lives. Thankfully they survived to tell the tale.

Jesus said that we would all face the storms of life. Life is not easy. These storms may be many and varied.

Abraham, David and Jesus' disciples all faced storms in their lives, so what can we learn from their example?

Abraham was 100 years old and his wife Sarah was 90.

God promised them a son. They said, 'That is impossible' but the Lord was gracious to Sarah and did what He had promised.

David, in the midst of storms says in Psalm 7, "My shield is God Most High....I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High".

The Disciples, fearing they would drown in a storm on the Sea of Galilee cried out "Lord save us!"

Are you facing a seemingly impossible situation in your life? Whatever challenges you may face in the year ahead, nothing is too hard for the Lord.

During the storms of life, it is natural to panic. We can all cry out as the disciples did, "Lord save us".

Jesus' words are the greatest words ever spoken. They are so challenging. The great challenge is putting Jesus' words into practice. His instructions are clear, but the standards seem impossibly high. Yet, nothing is too hard for the Lord.

So, stop worrying and start living. Jesus commands us not to worry about our life or material things. Think ahead, plan ahead, but don't worry ahead. Trust in our Heavenly Father to provide. He knows our every need. We cannot add a single hour to our lives by worrying. As Corrie ten Boom put it: "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength".

Live one day at a time. Don't borrow trouble from tomorrow: as it says in Matthew's Gospel 6:34, "each day has enough trouble of its own".

Make a decision today not to worry about tomorrow. Trust God to provide for you one day at a time. Trust Him even when things don't look great. He has the power to sort out even the most difficult situations (Matt: 8:26, 9:5-6).

## **Lesley Sparks**

*(Adapted from Bible notes by Rev. Nicky Gumbel of Holy Trinity Brompton)*



## **Haywards Heath Music Society**

Promoting professional live music in Mid-Sussex

**Saturday 24th February**  
**7:00pm to 10:00pm**

Haywards Heath Methodist Church  
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The popular local group ENSEMBLE  
REZA will present an evening of  
Slavonic string quartets, including  
works by Dvorak and Shostakovich.

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Christine Colbourne - 01444 456227  
Or from  
[www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk)



# Being a CARE Volunteer

Good  
Neighbours

CARE



“*Love your neighbour as yourself*”

Matthew Chapter 19 verse 19

That short word “as” is the pivot on which Jesus sets the standard for all of my behaviour. The motivation inspiring my life is Jesus' love for me, which has led to my long tuition course about exactly Who IS my neighbour? Therefore my service to as broad a swathe of this locality as I may offer, is my knee-jerk-love-response to Jesus' amazing sacrifice on behalf of my sin.

My delight in being a CARE volunteer locally has not waned over the years. You who are reading this article “Why not experience some of this joy for yourself and offer a small amount of time to CARE too?”.

Perhaps you might offer to sit with a house-bound person or assist someone with their shopping? Car drivers may drive folk to medical appointments or to the supermarket as the need arises?

Please consider 'phoning the CARE number 01444-455955 and have a chat with the friendly Duty Officer or visit

[careinhaywardsheath.co.uk](http://careinhaywardsheath.co.uk)

Go on!! Be brave and make a bold New Year's resolution to join CARE!

The whole of Christendom is voluntary!

**Janet Drayton**

# A Dissenter

## *in Dissenters Chapel*

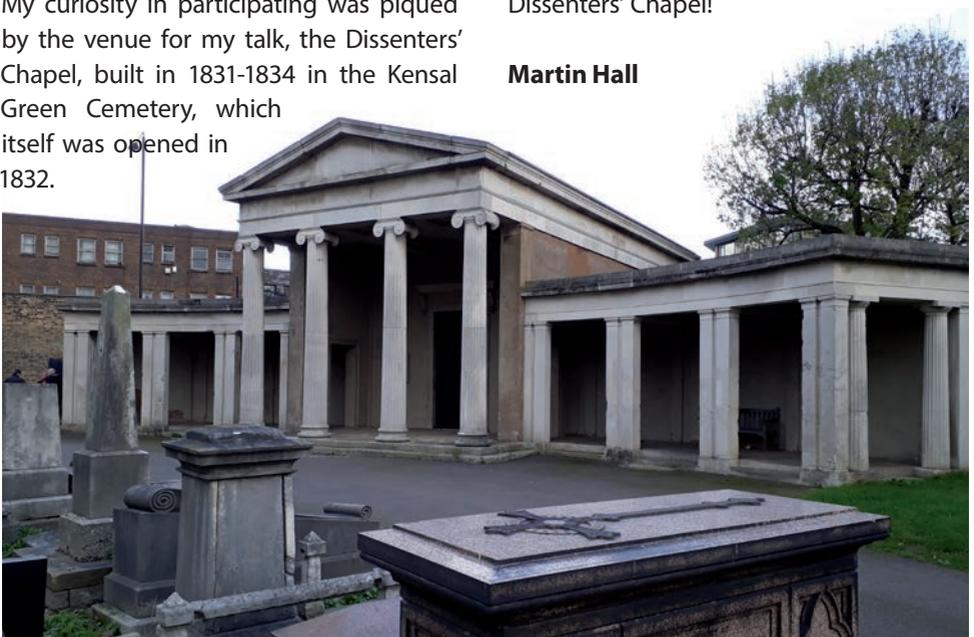
In October last year I was invited to give a talk on my work as part of the “London Month of the Dead”, a series of 36 different events investigating the capital’s relationship with its deceased residents. The profits from the events went to help with the upkeep of London’s seven magnificent cemeteries. These seven “great gardens of sleep” were built by order of Parliament in the 1830s in an attempt to reduce the health hazard that was associated with the old parish graveyards. As London’s population had mushroomed in the early 19th Century from 1 to 2.3 million, the old graveyards were literally overflowing, with visible body parts and decaying matter being flushed into the sewers and the Thames – new cemeteries were badly needed!

My curiosity in participating was piqued by the venue for my talk, the Dissenters’ Chapel, built in 1831-1834 in the Kensal Green Cemetery, which itself was opened in 1832.

The engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the mathematician Charles Babbage, the surgeon who attended Nelson at Trafalgar and the original WH Smith are all buried there. When opened, the cemetery had 39 acres of consecrated ground for Anglicans and 15 acres of unconsecrated ground for dissenters (i.e. any who were not Anglican by confession), with each having a chapel for funeral services. The Dissenters’ Chapel and its catacombs fell into ruin following WW2 bomb damage, but it was fully restored by the Historic Chapels Trust in 1997 and now houses the offices of the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery.

The interior provided a wonderfully atmospheric location for my talk and, as I told the audience, it felt quite a privilege to be speaking as a Dissenter in the Dissenters’ Chapel!

### **Martin Hall**



# Nearer Home



**M**ike and I celebrated our birthdays recently and received many beautiful cards. One card for Mike from his House Group was entitled, “80 years nearer Home”! What an inspiring thought!

Many of us are nearing Home, that glorious place that Jesus went to prepare for us. I was reading recently the following passage and I thought that it might encourage all of us. The passage is entitled, “Getting Ready to Move.” (Author unknown).

“The owner of the house which I have occupied for many years has given notice that He will furnish but little or nothing more for repairs. I am advised to be ready to move. At first this was not a very welcome notice.

The surroundings here are in many respects very pleasant and, were it not for the evidence of decay, I should consider the old house good enough. But even a light wind causes it to tremble and totter and all the braces are not sufficient to make it secure. So I am getting ready to move.

I have consulted maps of the new country and I have been reading descriptions of its inhabitants. One, the apostle Paul, who visited that country and returned said that it is beautiful beyond description – language breaks down in attempting to tell of what he heard whilst there (See 2 Cor. 12, v.2). Paul said that, in order to make an investment there, he had suffered the loss of many things that he owned here and that he even rejoiced in what others would call making a sacrifice.

# Mission Update

Two or three times I have been down by the border of the river that forms the boundary, and I have wished myself amongst the company of those who were singing praises to their beloved King. Many of my friends have moved there. Before leaving, they spoke of my coming later. I have seen the radiant smile upon their face as they passed out of sight.

Often I am asked to make some new investment here, but my answer in every case is, 'I am getting ready to move to my new Home.'"

Here in LURC we thank God for every precious friend. And especially those dearly loved ones who are getting Nearer Home. We hold them in our hearts and in our prayers.

**Jean Gardiner**

The LURC mission focus for February 2018 continues with the Romans One Eleven Trust. The Trust's main aim is to provide mutual encouragement for churches in the UK and in African countries.

Two exciting notices from the Trust:

- Trip to Uganda - A short trip to Uganda is being planned for this summer and interested individuals are invited to consider joining the trip. We would love to see three representatives from LURC joining this trip and are seeking prayerful guidance.
- 'Feel Uganda' Internship Programme – The Trust has launched an exciting new internship programme and hopes to send the first group of people to Uganda after Easter. Applicants need to be aged 18 upwards.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in finding out more information about either of these opportunities, please speak to Helen Hall of the LURC Missions Committee as soon as possible – or contact The Trust directly. Please pray!

Thank You's – Copies of recently received 'thank you' letters for LURC donations received from Mercy Ships, Christians Against Poverty, Prison Fellowship, Release International, and Tearfund are on the LURC missions' display. It is exciting and encouraging to see how the much-appreciated funds are used.

If you would like to give financially please use the special envelopes and place your donation in the offertory at any Sunday Service. Thank you for your faithful support of missions whether through prayer, giving in time and/or financial support.

**Missions Group**

# Who are We?

February being the month during which Valentine's Day falls, we thought that it would be fun to expand our regular feature "Who am I?" to a "Who are we?" married couple. See if you can guess who they are!

Where were you born?

*Both - Purley, Surrey*

Where did you first meet?

*Sanderstead County Primary School Class 1*

What was your favourite subject at school?

*Her - French*

*Him - Economic History*

Where did you get married?

*Sanderstead Congregational Church*

What were your first jobs?

*Her - Library Assistant at Croydon Library*

*Him - Marketing Brand Manager, Spillers*

What is your favourite sport?

*Her - Tennis (watching nowadays!)*

*Him - Athletics (also watching)*

When did you first come to Lindfield URC?

*November 1969*

What are your favourite worship songs?

*Her - "Make me a Channel of your Peace"*

*Him - "Love divine, all loves excelling"*

Who does the cooking and does your other half enjoy your favourite recipe?

*Her - I do*

*Him - She said, "say yes!"*

If you could go anywhere on a second honeymoon, where would you choose?

*Both - unless we could go to an exclusive Greek Island, we'd go to where we went originally.*

Do you laugh at the same things?

*Both - Yes, "Fawlty Towers", "Two Ronnies" etc.*

Which of you would be the most useful team member in a pub quiz?

*Her - me!*

*Him - her!*

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# Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

## February

4th Zoe McQuillin

Meta Orchin

11th Carol Marsh

Jo Bloxham

18th Jessie Green

Iris Bingham

25th Winifred Scopes

Heather Swann

## March

4th Fo Tingley

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11th Betty Billins

Sue Tester

18th Heather Swann

Meta Orchin

25th Jenny Machell

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 February

9:30am Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall  
Coffee Morning, Plant Sale and Seed Swap.  
Please note earlier time.

## Tuesday 13th February

2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall  
"Sussex Literary Landscapes" - Talk by Geoffrey Mead

## Wednesday 14th February

12:15pm Tiger Arts - Lunch in The Tiger  
1:00pm Concert in All Saints Church  
"Duo Illumina" - Ellie Lovegrove (Trumpet) & Richard Moore (Organ)  
8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall  
"Fruit Growing" - Talk by Paul Templeton

## Thursday 22nd February

7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall  
"Paddington 2" PG  
Tickets Available from Tufnells

## Saturday 24th February

7:30pm Annual Barn Dance of the Lindfield and District Folk Dance Club  
in King Edward Hall. Tickets £12.00 including fish 'n chips  
from Mike on 01444-482741

