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A photograph of a man and a woman standing on a gravel path, viewed from behind. They are both pointing their right arms towards a dense forest of green trees. The woman is on the left, wearing a teal sleeveless top and light-colored pants. The man is on the right, wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Seek His will in all you do,
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Proverbs 3:5-6

Bible verse of the month

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Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV



In this time of uncertainty
let us follow the advice from
this months Verse from
Carol Walters

If you have a verse or article
you would like to share in
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Editorial

May our Good News Team wish everyone a very Healthy Peaceful Happy New Year. I am sure we all have many New Year resolutions. Some friends possibly have different places where they are living, I hope they may find just a little encouragement to make things easier to adjust to possible new circumstances.

This February edition is the first Good News in 2019, where you can see quite a few different things happening in our Church. In December we started to have our Church open, for people passing to come in for either a quiet time or just a chat. We had all the Nativity figures on show, which so many friends had produced. This was appreciated by our visitors, just a little something different. Do read what is being done now and what things you can see or take part in. The Food Bank drop off at our church is another adventure, and again read about the new happenings.

Read the details of a book called 'Tis', do consider reading this. There are plenty of activities which I hope you may consider joining.

To the enthusiasts who enjoy taking photographs, read about our competition. Read and find out what the prize will be!

With all good wishes and God Bless.

Anne

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Dear friends

I woke up yesterday morning and looked out between the curtains of the bedroom window, and the sky was overcast with greyness, “mmm” I thought to myself. The news on the radio was pretty much like every other day for the past couple of months, if not years, Brexit this and Brexit that; half the people pulling in one direction with an equal response in another – no one said anything new, neither side open to compromise in the hope of a workable solution just more greyness of debate. I washed, dressed and stepped outside to walk the dog, and I found it was raining – not heavily, quite light in fact, but the amount that makes one wonder whether to put the hood up or not. Just how grey, and dull, can a day be?

As I walked with the dog, my hair and beard getting damp, I spotted something. There was a small group of green leaves pushing upwards, taller than the surrounding blades of grass, and then I spotted another cluster, and another. God was doing something, He was watering the soil and causing bulbs to grow into plants. He creates the new day, and gives us the experience of life. He brings beauty to the world. I remember my arrival here in Lindfield on a February day 4 years ago and the High Street being a vision of delight due to the crocuses in flower, colour at the side of the road. A vibrancy which, here, is also reflected in the trading of the shops and cafes, in the bustling of people, and the pushing of prams.

I am blessed to live in a community where there is much going on; yet the first thought the morning glimpse of sky gave me, and I suspect others, was a sense of gloom.

How do we approach issues of grey and gloom? What is our outlook on life? God is doing amazing things, but perhaps we become distracted by the world's perceptions of how things “should” be and noticing the grey rain as a pain rather than a blessing. Indeed the rain should still be welcomed after last summer's dryness and what seems to have been a dry winter.

We do not always notice what God is doing under the surface. Flowers don't go instantly from bulb to bloom, from nothing to full on in an instant, and if we were to take our chair out onto the high street to watch the growth occurring we would have to be patient enough to sit for days and weeks rather than seconds and minutes. The same can be said sometimes about church life. Although some things seem to suddenly bloom, quite often the growth and change that brings us to that point might not have been noticed, but that does not mean there is no growth occurring. God is always at work, pouring out His love and seeking the growth of His kingdom.

Every blessing,

Keith

Family News

Thank You

It may be a little late to thank you for using the Church's Christmas Post Box, but we only knew the final amount donated after the last "Good News" was published.

We raised £165 which was more than last year, so a big 'Thank You' to everyone! All monies have been sent to Turning Tides to help them in the wonderful work that they do in Sussex.

From your Post Box Team

(Pat Phillips, Carol Marsh, Sue Gooch and Janet Wade)

Open Afternoons

The Monday and Friday open afternoons have been a special time, providing people from the community with the opportunity to bring items for the foodbank, take time to reflect or chat over a drink and for parents and grandparents to bring children to play. We've had lots of people willing to be welcomers in the afternoons and it has been good to have time to get to know each other better.

If you would like to be a welcomer during February or March please sign up on the notice board. The Noah's Ark new beginnings theme will continue until the end of February. During March and April the theme will be 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

Jacquie Odell

Knitters required please!

We would like to have more knitted sheep to use as part of a display called 'The Lord is my shepherd' during April and May and to give to children (and any adult who would like one) visiting the display. If you would be willing to knit a sheep (or a flock of sheep) please speak to Jacquie Odell who will provide wool and a pattern.



Family News

Condolences

After a long and busy life (until recent years in Compton House), Dorothy Forster has recently gone home to the Lord. Dorothy came into membership at LURC in June 1961, a long-standing friend and fellow servant in this Church Dorothy Forster was a Girls' Brigade Officer for many years.

(Just out of interest, you may like to know that there are only three people who are still with us who have been members for longer than Dorothy – Chris and Mary Comber and Betty Billins. We praise God for each of them as they continue to serve God amongst us.)

Fo Tingley

Thank You

I would just like to thank our lovely Church Family for all your kind support - from messages to visits - as I have been settling into my new surroundings. They have all really helped and I have appreciated it so very much. Please know you are very much in my thoughts and prayers and I do indeed thank God for you. God bless you.

With all best wishes and love

Jessie Green

In Touch

Our last meeting in 2018 at the end of November was a Craft evening organised by Jo, Jenny and Pat.

This involved producing various items for Christmas and we are very grateful for the preparation and time put into the evening by the organisers. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the mince pies which later accompanied our coffee made us realise that Christmas was then only four weeks away!!

Our next meeting will be on 26th February when we will have an "In house" evening. We hope members will come prepared to share briefly memories of past events that have played a significant part in their lives.

We will meet as usual in the Church lounge at 7.30 and everyone is welcome to join us. Please don't forget out Book swap and Food Bank.

Janet Wade

New Home

Barbara Shepherd has settled in well in her new home, her address is:

Westall House,
Birch Grove Road,
Horsted Keynes.

Lunches

By the time you read this we shall be too late to wish you Happy New Year, but not too late to welcome you to join us at the February Lunch on the 6th February at 12.30pm.

As usual a home cooked meal will be available with a choice of home-made sweets and coffee all for the sum of £4.00.

Do join us if you are able and if you haven't had the pleasure of our lunch before please feel free to come along.

All we ask is that you book your place beforehand with Sue Gooch on 455047.

Preceding the lunch, if you are able, is Wednesday Worship at 11.30am in the church, to which everyone is invited – lunch attendees or not.

We look forward to seeing you at either or both of these events

Sue Gooch

Womens World day of prayer

The service for the Women's World day of Prayer will be held at All Saints, Lindfield this year on Friday 1st March. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia and is based on the Bible text from Luke 14 v15 – 24.

At the core of the theme is an invitation 'Come', and to enable the response 'Everything is ready'. Come to praise, thank and proclaim the kingdom of love.

The invitation is grounded in the parable that Jesus told about a great dinner, which was attended by the ones called off the streets, as the ones invited first excused themselves. The community around the table is not enough to fill the house, there is still room. Who is missing from the table in our community?

Look out for further details of the service on posters outside and inside the church and on the weekly notice sheet.

Jo Bloxham



Valentines Day

The month of February, of course, includes Valentine's Day and so we have invited the two former members of LURC Junior Church who were married in our church since the last Valentine's Day, Louise who married Thomas and Jonathan who married Yuen, to share a few thoughts on what this day means to them, their first Valentine's Day as married couples.

Good News Team

I love Valentine's Day, a day dedicated to love. To feel love and happiness in whatever form that may be! It's the day I reflect on what's most important in my life ... the people who mean the most to me. Valentine's Day is a day to also celebrate with the person I fell in love with, my husband.

I like taking time to write a message in a Valentine's card whether it be short and sweet or a long thought out message reflecting on happy or tough times we had been through recently.

The day itself usually consists of a nice meal together at home, with candles and flowers but this year will be our first Valentine's Day married so maybe we will do something a little more special, who knows! Whatever we do I know we will be reflecting on our wedding day which was the perfect day filled with love and happiness.

Since being married it has made me think more about what Valentine's Day means to me. I feel it is a day to reflect on special memories. I try to appreciate these memories, share them and keep them alive. So for me Valentine's Day is a day to appreciate all those around me who show me great love and to celebrate love from the past, present and the future.

Louise Henton



On the first weekend of good weather in 2018, Yuen and I were joined by our friends and family for our wedding day at LURC... just 42 years after my parents (Helen and Martin Hall) were married here! We were thrilled that so many of the church family came to share Keith's brilliant service with us. Nine months down the line, there are two significant events in February this year; our first Valentine's Day as a married couple, and (perhaps more significantly) the birth of our daughter! So, lots of opportunity to reflect on how important love is in our relationship with each other, with our family and in our relationship with God.

One of the readings at our wedding included, "...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19) It is a reminder that the love we experience for those closest to us has its origin in Christ, and the love he has for us. Therefore, let's rejoice this Valentine's Day for the love we can share with each other, or have shared with those no longer with us, and know that our Father in Heaven too loves us truly indeed.

Jonathan Hall



Memorial Tree

Would you like to hang a ribbon on the memorial tree to commemorate the life of a loved one or to acknowledge a loss in your life?

During March and April there will be a tree of loss in the church. We will invite people to come and hang a ribbon on the tree in memory of any loss they have experienced. This may be bereavement due to the loss of a friend or loved one but people experience many different types of loss including the loss of a pet, loss of health, loss of job, loss of relationship, loss of home, loss of self esteem and many more, and these losses will be painful and sad too.

At the end of April or early May we will hold a service to bring a general dedication of the hung ribbons to God and ask for His care, healing and peace for those suffering hurt and sadness due to loss. We will also thank and celebrate the good things in life God gives.

Further details will be in the March magazine.

Jacquie Odell



Tis

Have you met the young girl Tis? Well of course not, as this Tis is a character in a novel. However you may well have passed by a Tis in real life whose life story has parallels with the character in the novel.

Since the novel was published in 2013 an online blog to support the message of the story has been seen over 15,500 times in countries around the world. Countries as far apart as the United States and Russia, Brazil and Israel and many others have at least seen one of the 155 blogs that are on line.

Tis's story has also been published on YouTube in 21 half hour episodes for those who prefer to sit back and listen. You can also download each episode from the web site www.debvaren.org

The novel is set in the UK and in Brazil but published in English. After a long search to find translators who were willing and able to translate the text to Brazilian Portuguese this work has been underway now for over a year.

The writing of the novel initially took some 10 years plus more years proofing and publishing. The audio recordings of the music, song and story took another two plus years.

The most recent review of the novel starts with "This is an absolutely well written novel. It is compelling, inspiring and challenging. The characters come wonderfully alive with their different backgrounds and human traits."

Enough said here but more can be read and listened to on line here www.debvaren.org available on your smartphone, tablet and computer.

Just ask a friend with access to the internet to order the paperback if you would like a copy.

Henderson McEwan



Carol Concert

What a wonderful opportunity to promote the Christian Faith and we valued the contributions from Keith and Dan in being so positive.

Also, we thank all the people who made the concert possible, the welcome team, the caterers, the publicity team, the sound and visuals team and the furniture movers. Our performers, Richard guitar, Dawn and Carol, the choir and the band.

The financial result enabled us to send £400 to St. Peter and St. James Hospice. It was rewarding to be accosted in the Lindfield Club by persons unknown who attended and wanted to say thank you for such an enjoyable evening. It makes it all worthwhile.

Peter Swann

Perdido Players Carol Band



Photo Competition

GoodNEWS Magazine is running a photographic competition which is open to all. The winning photograph is to be taken in 2019 with any type of digital camera, including mobile phone cameras. Have fun, take plenty of pictures and select the one you think is 'best'

'Best' means your picture tells a story and is not simply a record of a person, like a passport photo, or a record of an object or place. Best also means a good use of light whether natural or artificial. No light, no photo and it changes throughout each day. Look hard to find your subject and when you see what inspires you and has creative lighting, take your photo.

The prize winner will have their photograph on the front cover of our April 'Good News' Magazine. Remember your winning photo will need to fit on the front of 'Good News' so have a look at the magazine cover before you frame your picture. Have fun and your efforts could be really rewarding, in learning all that you can achieve!

Your photographs can be submitted by email to, goodnews@lindfieldurc.org.uk If you prefer to submit a print this can be placed in the 'Good News' slot at the rear of the church. Remember to include your name and telephone number on the back of your print.

If you are under the age of 18years please state your age. All entries should be submitted by Monday 25th March 2019.



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

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)
	7:30pm	In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages

Wed	11:30pm	Wednesday Worship (1st Wed) a midweek service
	2:30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages

Thur	8:00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)
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Fri	5:00pm	Rooted (Years 2-5)
	7:00pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)

The church regularly open midweek on
Monday Afternoon
Tuesday 10:00am - Noon
Friday Afternoon

February Church diary

2nd
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

16th
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

3rd
Sunday

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

17th
Sunday

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

6th
Wednesday

11:30am Wednesday Worship
Rev Keith Morrison
12:30pm Lunch Fellowship

21st
Thursday

House Groups

7th
Thursday

House Groups

23rd
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

9th
Saturday

8:45am Three Churches
Prayer Meeting,
Evan Free

24th
Sunday

10:00am Communion
Adam Earle
6:30pm Something Different
Carmen Davies

10th
Sunday

10:00am Family Worship
Jon Sermon
Romans 1.11
6:30pm Something Different
Rev Keith Morrison

26th
Tuesday

7:30pm In Touch

15th
Friday

Messy Church

27th
Wednesday

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

28th
Thursday

8:00pm Church Prayer
Meeting

YOUTH PAGES

Hello!

Back in November, I attended the National Youth Ministry Weekend, which was held in Birmingham Resorts World.

The National Youth Ministry Weekend is an event for everyone involved in church youth work. A weekend of inspiration, training, teaching, worship and fun. A creative space away from everyday life where you can find fresh passion and new ideas for work with young people.

I joined 1000 other youth workers for the weekend all looking at the theme of 'risk'. One of the talks for the weekend focussed on Peter stepping out of the boat. There is an element of risk when following Jesus.

In Matthew 14:22-33 we read that the disciples are all in the boat when they see Jesus on the water, but only Peter takes the risk to step out of the boat.

The decision Peter made to step out of the boat was a foolish one – you don't jump overboard during a storm! (Unless Jesus is there!)

Most of us would stay in the boat. The boat is safe, it is what we know, it is sheltered. The stormier things get, the further into the boat we may go!

But not Peter. Peter hears Jesus' call to 'come' and does so!

Peter takes the risk.

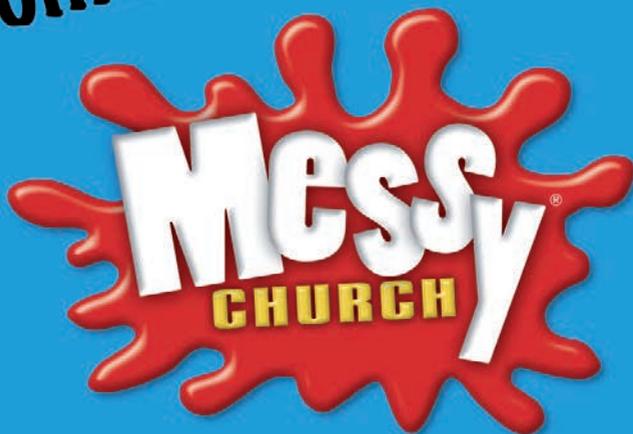
What risk do we need to take? Some of us may need to take a risk to start something new. Some of us may need to take a risk to stop doing something we have been doing for a long time!

Whatever the risk, we can walk on water when our eyes are fixed on Jesus.

Look ahead to June, there will be a weekend camp at Blacklands Farm from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th for all those aged 10 to 14. Whether you attend Pulse, Boys' Brigade or even Messy Church – the weekend is for you! More details to come soon but keep that weekend free!

Danny

Come join us for



**All ages welcome! Under 14's must bring an adult.
Fun for the whole family!**

On these Fridays:

**January 25th
February 15th
March 22nd
May 3rd
May 24th
June 21st
July 19th**

4pm until 6pm

**Including games, Craft,
Bible stories and Dinner!**

For more information contact Danny Goodall on: 07443438970 or email dgoodall@lindfieldure.org.uk

Boys' Brigade

We are now into the second half of our session and the programme in each section is progressing well. The Drummers in the Company Section continue to progress and can now play on the march, which is not an easy task.

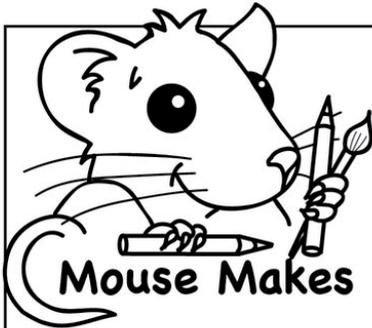
In the last Good News I mentioned the Juniors were preparing for the Battalion potted sports competition. We had a very young team and due to sickness the numbers were low but the boys were very organised and focussed which resulted in us winning the competition.

The next event is the Swimming sports. The numbers in Anchors continue to grow. Recruiting in the Anchor Section is easier than the other section as the boys (and parents) are keen to encourage their school friends to join.

David Walters



THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
> the adventure begins here



WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP
CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP

God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."
Kpio 3:16



How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

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HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

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fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxexxnxdxu
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.
xpxsaxxlmxx
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast **love** of
the Lord *never* ceases"
Lamentations 3:22



Year of the Fly



This is the first issue of Good News prepared in 2019 and, as you all know, 2019 is the “Year of the fly”! What, you didn’t know.....shame on you! Well, I have to admit that until I attended a congress last November I also didn’t know. However, I fully support the initiative if it can encourage more people to talk about flies and the really positive impact they have in our world. In 1942 Ogden Nash published a short poem, “The Fly”: “God in his wisdom made the fly; and then forgot to tell us why”. The reasons are all around us; flies don’t just spread disease, in contrast they are very important plant pollinators, waste recyclers, food sources, medical and genetics tools, biodiversity and environmental health indicators....and much more! So, we can truly thank God for flies and the 125,000 species named so far! The congress in Namibia was grandly titled the “Ninth International Congress of Dipterology” and attended by about 300 fly nerds (Dipterists) like me. Helen also came along to make it our first trip back to sub-Saharan Africa for 32 years!

In addition to the Congress we enjoyed a week-long tour around Namibia; it is a wonderful country of richly contrasting

scenery, from game-rich savannah, through arid moon-like landscapes to the “skeleton coast”, backed by magnificent sand dunes, some of the highest in the world. The tallest dunes are 325 m high – that’s way higher than the tallest spot on the South Downs, Butser Hill near Petersfield, at only 270 m.

Our trip was sandwiched by visits to two contrasting churches. The first was to All Nations Church in the capital, Windhoek, with its tag line, “Real Church, Real People, Real Simple”. We were made to feel very welcome there among a congregation of all races. We just happened to be there on the Sunday that their Junior Church performed a nativity show. The ages ranged from about 3 to 18 and the performances by about 50 young people ranged from song to drama to dance. It was very inspiring, even though the carol singing seemed slightly out of context with the 30+ °C temperatures! No less out of context were all the Christmas lights and decorations in even the small towns we passed through on our trip, with images of Christmas trees and snow never encountered in Namibia!

On our day of departure, two weeks later, we attended another church, the Abundant Life Ministry, which just happened to meet in one of the conference rooms at our hotel.

Despite the name, human life was not in abundance as it was the start of the Christmas holiday season, when many worshippers travelled back to the countryside.

In fact, Helen and I were the only ones in the congregation when the service began; but the pastor started by reminding us of Matthew 18: 20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them". We might have been few in number, but the worship was more than lively, with joy in abundance - the pastor strummed his guitar, his son beat the drums, his daughter mastered the computer projection and his wife led the singing with a wonderful gospel voice...and as promised we were soon joined by a group of only-slightly-late comers - well this was "chilled out African timing" after all! Again, we were made to feel so welcome by the church family and the Pastor singled us out during the service for hands-on prayer, a blessing before we prepared for our journey home - it was a real privilege to join in their service.

Later that day, on a flight to South Africa, we sat next to a Pastor from Johannesburg who had just competed in a 300 km bike race across the Namibian desert. We had a stimulating discussion with him about his evangelical church, "En route", while both time and we flew by. It is wonderful to be able to travel the world and yet feel a part of God's church almost wherever you are. The entire trip was a real blessing to us, time away to unwind from day-to-day pressures made us appreciate home on our return even more than before.

Martin Hall



Freedom in Christ

Yes, it's another year. 2019 and as I wondered what expectations it will bring for Rosemary and I, for family and church life, our community and our country as a whole I wondered what will happen next.

After enjoying all the lovely Christmas carols and festivities I thought, are we ready for the coming challenges the New Year will bring, building bridges of friendship with people, caring for people around the world who suffer persecution and other diverse problems? Are we ready to share the Gospel with people as the Holy Spirit leads us. Jesus still calls people to repent and believe.

Rosemary and I watched the New Year firework display on TV from the comfort of our armchairs...no trains to catch home in the cold! As I considered what the New Year would bring and what we already have, I felt the Lord saying to read Ephesians chapter 1.1-14 - the spiritual blessings in Christ Let us be a continually praying people and see God's kingdom growing amongst us and our nation.

I reached a milestone birthday on the 10th December and as I grow older I feel scripture seems to come over more meaningful to me now than it used to. God's promises are the same yesterday, today and for ever.

They are there for us to hang on to as they never change. The Lord put this passage from Ephesians on my heart to think about. Paul the Apostle is following God's will writing to the saints at Ephesus.

There is such a wonderful life changing message for the Church and anyone who reads the passage reads of the spiritual blessings in Christ available to them, straight from the throne of God.

Romans chapter 5 verse 1 tells us 'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ'. That verse brought in the Reformation and before it came it was known as the darkest days for the church. Praise God! The Reformation began in October 1517. Martin Luther a young priest and a professor of theology said that much of what the Church had been teaching and preaching was wrong, and that men and women are justified in God's sight not by works alone but by faith in Christ's atoning work on the cross, by the Holy Spirit opening their eyes to this truth.

Because Martin Luther stood up for the Reformation which was the truth, the Gospel continued to spread and men and women today can know that they are saved (Hebrews 13.5) and have the assurance of sins forgiven and a hope of eternal life.

Praise God!

When we really want to follow Jesus we can be misunderstood at times, but we can press on with a clear conscience, knowing that the battle is not ours but the Lord's...so don't give up, keep pressing on with God.

Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus loves you. Take Him at His word. The Christian life is exciting. There is something for everyone to do serving God. But be spirit lead, do not burn yourself out but enjoy serving the Lord and giving thanks to God as you see Him at work.

Wishing you all God's blessings and good health in 2019.

Raymond Tijou
P.T.L.

New Strategies

When new strategies need to be employed!

This is a snippet of a chat I had with a lady, who had moved into a care home. This is her way of dealing with such a big change in her life.

I just felt that this could give some encouragement to others facing the same sort of situation.

*Take one day at a time,
Count your blessings in that day,
Give thanks and be positive
In this troubled world
We have a Super Shepherd
To help point the Way
So try to be encouraging
In all you do, and say*

Norna Derham

Anne Elvin

Food Bank Update

The food bank drop off point has been a great success with 192 items donated during December. Items have continued to flood in during January and we thank all who have given. We are continuing as a permanent collection point, aiming to give hope and comfort to those in need, so please keep your donations coming.

Thank you to Sally who has taken half the donations to Turning Tides homeless project and Penny who has taken the other half to the Haywards Heath food bank.

Jacquie Odell



Mission Update

The mission focus this month continues with Romans One Eleven Trust.

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith"
Romans 1:11-12

This is the biblical passage which inspired and has continued to undergird the work of the Romans One Eleven Trust since its start in 1992. Its main aim is to provide mutual encouragement for churches in the UK and in African countries.

We are delighted that the Trust's Chair, Rev Jon Sermon, will be joining us at LURC on the morning of Sunday, 10 February 2019. Jon will be preaching at the 10.00am Service and, after the Service, sharing news about the Trust's work.

Please see the Missions displayboard in the Church or speak to one of the Missions Group (Jean Gardiner, Lesley Sparks, Terry Oliver, Alex Hall, and Helen Hall (Helen's tel no 01444 452815) for more details about Jon's visit.

To the right are a couple of photos from the Trust's trip to Uganda in August last year. Please come and join us on 10 February to hear more about this exciting project.

Missions Group



The group passed through the equator and did a little souvenir shopping along the way. They arrived at the spiritual life centre in Kibaale at 6 o'clock and had 'Rolex' for dinner. This is a Spanish omelette wrapped in a chapatti. This morning they visited Samuel Muhumuza's school and taught them crafts and gave out some gifts. The group were thanked with quite a few cuddles and high fives. Here is a photo of Jon blowing bubbles for the group.



Who am I?

With the extended two-month period that you had to work out who the subject of our last “Who am I?” was, I hope that most of you will have guessed that it was Charlie Tingley, a familiar face on drums or keyboard in the Worship Group and the voice of Mr Bible, a camel and many other Junior Church characters! Charlie has been part of the LURC fellowship his entire life and worships here now with his wife and children, Marion, Grace and Fraser. On the evening I spoke with him he had just collected Fraser from the BB, the very same group that he joined at the age of seven as an Anchor Boy.

In an effort to make things slightly more difficult for you, we listed Charlie’s job as a “fine tuner” – of course this was not of pianos but of cars. At school Charlie had the chance to gain some work experience and, realising he was good with his hands, he chose to go to Lavender Motors in Sussex Road. He loved the work so much that he joined Barnard and Brough in Wivelsfield as an apprentice after school and then followed five long years of day-release training at the garage and at Crawley College. Clearly this was a job that Charlie shone at, so much so that he became Nissan’s Master Technician of the Year in the mid-nineties.



For the last 12 years Charlie has been working in a highly specialist technical role, focussing on electrics, preparing high performance cars for races and track days at Abbey Motor Sport in Oxted. Not all the vehicles in Charlie’s life have an engine. He is a serious road bike enthusiast, often waking at (or before) the dawn chorus to explore the roads of Sussex. On his final ride of 2018, on New Year’s Eve, Charlie notched up a total of 4,000 miles for the year, a significant achievement! Do have a chat with Charlie and share some of his passion for things on wheels and the Gospel.

Martin Hall

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February

3rd Zoe McQuillin

Jo Bloxham

10th Zoe McQuillin

Iris Bingham

17th Jessie Green

Heather Swann

24th Sally Ross-Clark

Fiona Tingley

March

3rd Betty Biliins

Sue Tester

10th Heather Swann

Carol Marsh

17th Winifred Scopes

Meta Orchin

24th Anne Parker

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 2nd February

9:30am Lindfield Horticultural Society : King Edward Hall
Coffee Morning, Plant Sale and Seed Swap

Saturday 9th February

7:00pm Haywards Heath Music Society, HH Methodist Church
ENSEMBLE REZA who will play a selection of string quartets by
Beethoven, Borodin and other well known composers.
Further information from Christine Colbourne: 01444-456227,
or haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk

Tuesday 12th February

2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society Talk : King Edward Hall
"Journey to the South Downs National Park" by Geoffrey Mead

Wednesday 13th February

8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society Talk : King Edward Hall
"Churchyards As Important Areas For Nature Conservation"
by Sheila Preston

Thursday 21st February

7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall
"Mary Poppins Returns" U, Tickets available from Tufnells

