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**Let my teaching fall like rain and my words
descend like dew, like showers on new
grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.**

Deuteronomy 32:2

Bible verse of the month

“Do not merely
listen to the word,
and so deceive
yourselves.
Do what it says,”

James 1:22 NIV

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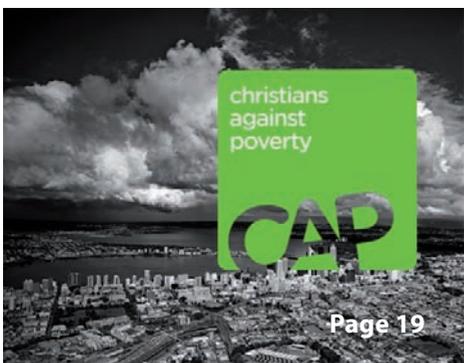
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Editorial

We hope that the variety of articles in this month's Good News means there is something to bring enjoyment for everyone.

A much loved Church Member has sent a special message, do read this. We also need your help for the cover of next month's magazine! Will you give consideration and think about entering our Photography Competition, it could be fun!

Do you have a 'Preacher in your Kitchen'? Find out who has! The Tree of Loss and Hope will be on the concourse from the 1st March, find out exactly what this is all about. What is CAP? See how this can help and support so many people.

We hope you will have pleasure in reading the many different articles in this month's Good News.

With every good wish from your Good News Team, and may God Bless you all,

Anne

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Dear friends

Throughout history the stars have been used to know the time of year and to establish one's geographical position. Recently at Boys' Brigade I was talking with the Juniors about astronomy and introducing them to some of the constellations of stars that they may be able to see. Unfortunately the sky was actually cloudy but we did manage a little star pattern recognition indoors using cardboard tubes that we were pretending to be telescopes. Had it not been cloudy, and we had ventured outside, we might have seen not just the stars but a planet too; the night before the red glow of Mars was clearly visible.

It is from this planet, or rather the Roman's (false) god of war that the planet is named after, that we get the name for the first month of spring, March. War and spring time are intertwined in most ancient cultures, which we see in the story of the siege of the Ammonite town of Rabbah by David's troops in 1Chronicles 20 and 2Samuel 11-12. The events happen "In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war". This was the time of year for war for a number of reasons, even at Jerusalem's latitude there is 2hours more daylight than in mid-winter, and following the end of winter rains, with the drying out of the land, dirt roads become passable so troops could deploy with chariots.

The usability of paths and tracks round Lindfield likewise changes with the seasons, many are incredibly muddy through the winter, but as March progresses, despite spring showers, they do become easier to walk. Here boots are still needed for another month or two – our climate is considerably damper than the Holy Land. However, this winter, I have noticed although there are muddy paths, things don't seem quite so deep and slippery as the past few years. This experience makes me ponder as I cross the fields on my dog walks, whether it is just my perception as I get used to the mud, or because the ground was so dry at the end of last summer, or if it just hasn't been as wet a winter as normal?

The siege of Rabbah's key moment comes after David's general, Joab, seizes the water supply. Without water the Ammonite people would be greatly weakened, David musters all his troops and the city is soon captured. The longest people can live without water is 3 days. Water is essential. However far technology has advanced in the last three thousand years, we still need the refreshment of rainfall to water crops and supply our drinking needs.

I far prefer to see the stars than clouds, I'm not keen on muddy paths, I prefer it to be firm underfoot, I don't like walking the dog in the rain, but God "sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5: 45) it is a blessing that we all do need and often do not value. This spring may it soak into the ground, that the land does not dry too quickly, and may it allow the fields to grow well in summer, with animals grazing in green pastures near flowing, but still, waters.

Your minister

Keith



Family News

Thank You

To all the dear friends in the Church who put on such a wonderful tea party to celebrate my 90th Birthday. Thank you also for all the lovely cards and presents, sorry if I did not thank you personally. I was a bit overcome; but I do so now with all my heart. How blessed I am to belong to such a caring Church.

God Bless you all, with love from
Winifred Scopes

THANK YOU to the very kind person who has donated a super Coffee Maker to the Church.

Now we can all enjoy 'Proper' coffee when we meet to chat after the morning service. That makes an even better reason for you to join us for that valuable time of fellowship. (If you are not a coffee fan, other drinks are available!)

THANK YOU also, to Danny and Ruth for their kind invitation to the Church Family to share the celebration lunch with their families following Josie's Dedication Service. What a happy occasion it was! We enjoyed a wonderful meal and the opportunity to spend time with them and our Church Family.

Family News

In Touch

We spent our first meeting of the New Year in the Red Lion where 25 ladies enjoyed the annual post Christmas Dinner. We all enjoyed the meal and the opportunity to relax and catch up with one another throughout the evening.

Our next meeting will be on the 26th March when Rosemary Hands will talk about when she worked with several Archbishops of Canterbury. This will a very interesting evening and everyone is welcome to join us.

We meet as usual in the lounge at 7.30 and please remember our book swap and the food bank.

Please note an advanced date for your diaries. On Thursday 19th September we have been invited to join Scaynes Hill ladies group for their prayer day.(St Augustines Church.) Look out for more details nearer the time but it will be a great opportunity to join with another church for our annual Quiet Day .

Janet Wade

Wednesday Lunch and Service

Hi Everyone, just the usual reminder that the Wednesday lunch will be on the 6th March, if you were unable to be with us in February due to the clash with All Saints opening week and may not have your name down, do please give me a ring to secure your place. Likewise if you haven't been before and wish to join us you are most welcome, do please let me know on 455047.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Wednesday 6th is also Ash Wednesday and the 11.30am Wednesday Worship Service will include Holy Communion and will be led by Rev Michael Davies . This service is open to everyone, do join us for this short traditional service or praise and worship and this month Communion.

Thank you

Sue Gooch

Tree of Loss and Hope

The Tree of Loss and Hope will be placed on the concourse from Friday 1st March until the Autumn.

There will be ribbons available under the tree and by the food bank drop off point to allow those in church, at the open afternoons, or simply passing through the concourse to tie a ribbon onto the tree to acknowledge a loss in their lives.

We all experience many different losses during our lifetime, many of which we come to terms with. At times, however, the sadness and sorrow experienced remains stuck within us and we struggle to let it go and find peace.

Hanging a ribbon on the tree is a way of handing over some of these feelings and hurts to God, praying that he will help you to find peace, healing and hope in your situation.

You may wish to write the name of the person, or loss experienced, on the ribbon or you may prefer to leave it blank. Either way placing the ribbon on the tree represents acknowledgement of the loss and a request to God for help and comfort.

Hopefully, handing over some of the pain to God will free up some space for happier memories or hopes for the future to filter in.

If anyone wishes to receive prayer for any of these losses please ask a member of the church for prayer or place your name and contact details in the prayer box situated by the tree.

Food Bank update

The food bank seems to be gaining momentum with the total items received so far being 524!

We've enjoyed chatting with people bringing in food on the Open Afternoons, including the inspirational story of a lady who gave up alcohol for January and then spent the money she had saved buying food for the food bank.

Thank you for your donations which support the food bank and turning tides. Please keep them coming!



Approaching Lent

Spring is upon us, and the old English word for the season, Lenten, gives us the name for the period many Christians observe in the run up to Easter. But how do we prepare for the Lord's rising from the grave? Well, by remembering why he died for us, that our sins may be forgiven and we may receive new life. This time of preparation is to be a spiritual journey thinking of how we have moved from slavery to hope, and from waywardness to Godliness, so traditionally it has been seen as a period of fasting.

Before preparing for Easter in Lent a period of getting ready for Lent, known as Shrovetide used to be considered in church calendars. This two and a half week period, from the ninth Sunday before Easter is generally forgotten by us in many British congregations though the last day, Shrove Tuesday is still celebrated, but culturally often now called Pancake Day, or in other countries, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).



With the coming fasting in mind, before lent starts, the fatty foods that would be avoided in the coming days are to be used up, this is rather like the cleaning out of the leaven before the exodus journey. Shrove Monday, or Collopy Monday, the second last day of Lent was similarly a day of eating up food that you may have had, but in this case it was thin slices of meat, normally bacon, that would be fried, with the remaining grease coating the pan for the following day's cookery.

Lent begins on a Wednesday, where traditionally in some churches a cross of ash is marked on the forehead of members of the congregation. The ash is often formed from the burning of leaves, or crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations and reminds the recipient of how ashes were used as a sign of penance for sin, but also that our sin is forgiven through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Along with the marking of the ash cross the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" have traditionally been used, this is remembering God's words following Adam's first sin, however the instruction "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" is an alternative that is now sometimes shared.

The length of the Lenten fast starting on Ash Wednesday relates to the 40 days of rain that fell while Noah was in the Ark, the 40 days of Moses on Sinai, and the 40 days in the wilderness prior to the temptation of Jesus by Satan.

We can also see it as a pre-mirror of the 40 days after the resurrection until Christ's Ascension. There is of course a small hiccup as we count these days, because even a young child with a calendar will quickly add up that the period of Lent, from Ash Wednesday (the first day of lent) through to Easter Sunday more than 40. The duration of Lent is actually 40 plus the Sundays, this is because Sundays are not days for fasting but days for feasting, days for celebrating who God is, remembering His generosity to the earth, and His love for all humanity. If you are having a fast from chocolate, or some other goody, it is allowed to be eaten on the Sunday.

I wonder if you will be having a bacon butty on the 4th of March, and pancakes on the 5th? If so what will you follow through with as your fast during Lent, how will you come close to God in the run up to Easter? It need not be a diet of avoiding fatty food, what about giving extra time to come before God in reading the scriptures? I once knew a family that cut the plug from their TV so that they would come together more as a family.

Above all remember whatever you do, this is a time to grow through your experience so that afterwards you may know that somehow things have changed.

Keith Morrison

St David's Day

1st March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' – but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David – or Dafydd – of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others – living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps!?) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.

Parish Pump

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The preacher in our kitchen

We have a preacher living in our kitchen. He arrived uninvited but very appropriately as we were celebrating the birth of Jesus. He preaches silently, but very powerfully. Several times a day in fact. He has reminded us of things we know already, but easily forget. As all preachers do, and, like all preachers, his calling was to be a humble servant.

Our preacher's portrait accompanies this short pen-portrait – and yes, of course, I'm telling you about a tea-towel someone gave us for Christmas. A bit "in your face" you may say, but the lady who gave it to us loves us dearly. The obvious thing was to put it to use alongside other tea-towels, but we decided to fix it on our kitchen wall, to be seen by visitors but more importantly, to be a constant means of keeping us up to the mark. To remind us that fine words are no use unless put into practice. As the Apostle James says in the passage we in our Home Groups are currently studying: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1v22).

So as we encounter our silent preacher several times every day, we ask God's help in putting it all into practice, and his forgiveness for those things we are still not getting right. And, dare I ask, how would we react if our tea-towel preacher was to take up residence in our Church? Perhaps it would be like having that very practical man, the Apostle James, sitting in the corner and silently observing how we live up to all his teaching?

Mike Gardiner

Rugby, religion and me

We are in the midst of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament and, as I write this, English rugby fans will be celebrating their team winning for the second weekend in a row, having just defeated France (the biggest win over them for over 100 years) after winning against Ireland the week before. In the brutal world of international rugby there seems to be little room for religion, yet the headline above was used by the BBC's Religious Affairs Correspondent, Martin Bashir, when he interviewed Ireland player Andrew Trimble in February 2017. Andrew made his debut for Ireland in 2005 but, after 70 caps, retired from rugby at the end of the 2017-18 season.

Andrew loved playing rugby, but throughout the highs and lows of his career – the highs included being in the Irish team which beat the All Blacks for the first time – Andrew knew that “there's something else out there, there's something more important than rugby”. That something more important than rugby enabled him to cope with the pressure of professional sport. As he said two years ago before retiring, “Rugby lasts for 10, 15 years but the perspective of having a faith, and a sincere faith, is something that doesn't end and something that lasts forever. I'm far happier having that perspective and knowing that there is a bigger picture than putting all my trust in rugby”

In another interview with ‘LifeTimes Magazine’ Andrew said: “Rugby for me is my Mission field.....God has put me in an environment where there aren't too many Christians, so it's a special privilege for me to be a witness there. A responsibility comes with that, though. God hasn't given me this talent for people to think: ‘Wow, he's a great player’, but he's given me this gift of Rugby so that I can share Jesus with these people”.

Indeed, God gave him lots of opportunities to share the Good News: “There are opportunities to speak of Christ with a team mate - sooner or later it comes round to the topic of Christianity and God. You get to know the guys when you're away and there are some super chances to talk about God”.

So how did Andrew prepare for a match? There was no haka for him, instead “As a Christian, the best preparation before a game for me is to sit quietly, by myself and read through Psalm 84. Part of that Psalm says, ‘Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked’. It's such a blessing for me to play for Ulster, and for Ireland, and I do love it, but I would far rather be in heaven, and that verse reminds me of the fact. I have to live for something that will last, not something temporary”.

Martin Hall

Interview quotes from BBC and Life Times Magazine

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	11:30am	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 opens midweek on
Monday Afternoon
Tuesday 10:00am - Noon
Friday Afternoon

March Church diary

1st Friday	10:00am	Women's World Day of Prayer, All Saints	21st Thursday		House Groups
2nd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	22nd Friday	4:00pm	Messy Church
3rd Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	23rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
6th Ash Wednesday	11:30am 12:30pm	Wednesday Worship With Communion Rev Michael Davies Lunch Fellowship	24th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Communion Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
7th Thursday		House Groups	26th Tuesday	7:30pm	In Touch
9th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	27th Wednesday	2:30pm 7:30pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
10th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	28th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
14th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	30th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
16th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	31st Mothering Sunday	Summer Time Begins 10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Rev Keith Morrison United Service at Evangelical Free Church
17th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison			

YOUTH PAGES



Hello!

In January, Ruth, Josie and I attended Youth Assembly.

Youth Assembly is a nation-wide URC conference for young people from 14 to 25 that allows those who go the opportunity to have their voice heard and contribute to the choices the wider URC makes.

Ruth attended as a participant and a voting member after not having been for several years. She loved seeing her old friends again – especially as this year, they held the positions of Moderator, Chaplain and Clerk!

Josie enjoyed her weekend and made many new friends! In fact, as you can see in the photo – she nearly took over the job of Moderator!

I have been for the past few years with the role of overseeing the southern synod attendees, but this year I had a different role.

This year, however, I was part of a team that was seeing if it was possible to provide a creche for attendees with young children. Although this was widely advertised to all synods, Josie was the only creche member! This meant that Sue (the one overseeing the set-up of the creche), and I could talk easily through the workings of a creche being provided for attendees of Youth Assembly, as well as considering whether it would be beneficial to open the creche up to children of the helpers of Youth Assembly as well.

I felt that we have been able to make good progress with providing a creche at Youth Assembly, and I am glad to have been a part of it!

The theme for the main programme of Youth Assembly was 'One Body: we're all in this together!', focusing on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

Katie Gravenor, the Chaplain for the weekend, lead the worship and guided us as many synods came together as One Body of Christ.

We also had speakers from:

A Rocha: A Christian organisation engaging communities in nature conservation.

Beacon: An organisation that provides support for LGBT+ people in the URC, advocates for equality and resources the church.

Youth Assembly is open to everyone between the ages of 14 and 25, so if you are in the age bracket and would like to attend – let me know!

Danny

Boys' Brigade Update

The Junior Section won their second trophy of the session. They came first, out of five teams, in the Battalion swimming competition with a margin of 12 points over second place 2nd Burgess Hill. We were encouraged by the number of parents who came to support us. We also had a great 'Cheer Leader' in Grace Tingley.

Other sections got underway well after the Christmas break.

The Company section are currently preparing for the Scripture competition which this year includes making a video on a Bible passage.

David Walters

Dedication of Josie Goodall

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Josie's Dedication with us. It was brilliant to have so much support as we gave thanks for the wonderful daughter God has given us.

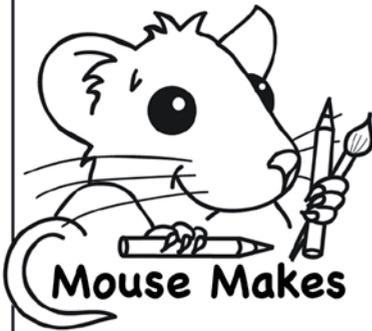
When talking to friends about this occasion, many of them were unsure of what dedicating a child meant. As well as thanking God for the gift of a new baby, a dedication service involves the parents committing themselves to God and bringing up their child within the church and Christian faith. Different from a Christening, dedicating a child is a commitment to help them grow in faith and allows them to make their own decisions regarding baptism in the future.

We had family and friends join us from far and wide, and all have mentioned how they were made to feel very welcome. Thank you also to everyone who helped, from those who contributed food and drinks, to those who helped clear up.

Josie was very well-behaved, and enjoyed her walk around the Church with Keith, especially enjoying his beard!

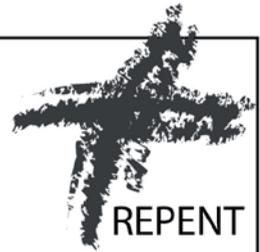
Danny and Ruth Goodall





During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus

Lent is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.



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What is the Evangelical Alliance?

“*The Evangelical Alliance is made up of hundreds of organisations, thousands of churches and tens of thousands of individuals, joined together for the sake of the gospel. Representing our members since 1846, the Evangelical Alliance is the oldest and largest evangelical unity movement in the UK.*

United in mission and voice, we exist to serve and strengthen the work of the church in our communities and throughout society. Highlighting the significant opportunities and challenges facing the church today. We work together to resource Christians so that they are able to act upon their faith in Jesus, to speak up for the gospel, justice and freedom in their areas of influence.

Working across the UK, with offices in London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Belfast, our members come together from across denominations, locations, age groups and ethnicities, all sharing a passion to know Jesus and make Him known.”

What we do - Evangelical Alliance

As members, our church receives the bi-monthly Idea magazine which is available to borrow from the Evangelical Alliance stand in the concourse.

Items from the magazine are also displayed on the board. Weekly updates are also displayed. If you want to know more, ask Carol Walters, or borrow a magazine, or read the displayed articles, I am sure you will find them varied and interesting.

Carol Walters



Mission Focus

Christians Against Poverty

Our mission focus for March and April is Christians Against Poverty (CAP). John Kirkby founded CAP in 1996. When he was younger he had struggled with debt, which in turn sparked the idea to help others on the estates in Bradford out of debt.

CAP has grown considerably since then, and last year helped over 23,000 people. They have over 300 people working at their head office in Bradford, one of which is our friend Adrian Cookney.

CAP works with local churches to help the community around them. Debt is a problem for an ever increasing proportion of the population. CAP work extremely hard to combat this and to bring Christ's love to all they meet. They offer to pray with every client and the vast majority are appreciative of the offer.

Every time someone goes debt free, someone rings a bell in the office to celebrate the fact.

The good news is there are people in government that are willing to listen to CAP's voice and make changes to things like 'Universal Credit' to make them work better for low income families. We can also help by praying for the work they do and by giving.

To find out more on CAP, please see the missions board or type CAP into your preferred search engine.

Charlie Tingley

'It's hard to explain how different he sounded just knowing someone was coming to help.'

New Enquiries team staff member



Every debt problem has a solution - let us help you find it.

#ManicMonday

Call 0800 328 0006

Do you know your neighbours?

We sometimes sing “When I needed a neighbour, were you there?”, but do you actually know and care about the neighbours you have in your road? As Christians, it should come very naturally to us to look out for those living near to us, and especially when they first move in.

Back in the 1970s the Road Wardens scheme was set up by Norna Derham, on behalf of the three Lindfield Churches. The brilliant concept was that in every road within the village there would be a member from one of the Church congregations who would keep an eye open for any new folk moving in, and then to visit and welcome them on behalf of the Churches. There is a full welcome pack which is left with the new residents. That pack contains information about each Church (our’s included, of course) and their various services and activities. These days, there is also a map of the village and leaflets from the various organisations within Lindfield. It must be a joy to be welcomed to your new home in this way, especially if you are new to the area.

However, there is now a rather large problem! That is a lack of Road Wardens! Some of those officially carrying out this task have been doing so for many years, and are finding it increasingly difficult to continue.

Others have moved on themselves or have had to relinquish this task. And we are all too aware that our village is growing very fast, and it is proving impossible to cover the new estates at all.

Brenda Johnson heads up this work, but is some what dispirited at the lack of helpers and enthusiasm for the scheme at this time. Currently there are only 8 folk from LURC fulfilling this role within our community. Many of the existing roads are not covered. So this could be where you come in! It is a very worthwhile task to undertake, and in no way onerous. Please pray and consider how you could help, not only by being a road warden yourself, but also raising the profile of the scheme, and the benefits it brings to our community, the lovely village in which we are privileged to live.

If you are able to offer assistance, Brenda would be so pleased to hear from you. Her phone number is 01444 455375, or you can contact her by email brendajohnson@waitrose.com Maybe you have received a welcome to your new home in this way! It is so important to make new residents feel welcomed and valued, and as Christians we can reach out to others because we know God’s love.

Brenda Johnson

Traidcraft Update

The struggling commercial arm of Traidcraft, a Christian retailer promoting Fair Trade goods, has unveiled a new plan to help them stave off closure.

The workforce of Traidcraft plc. will shrink from sixty seven to twelve under the blueprint. Twenty two people have already accepted voluntary redundancy.

The proposals, which have been approved by the organisation's board, are due to come into effect this year.

Chief executive, Robin Roth has said, "A couple of people have come forward with plans. We have some outside help, and many people give us great support who really value Traidcraft and we think that we have a plan that can take us forward. The changes are designed to reverse losses – we'll weed out product ranges which are not generating profit.

We will initially focus more deliberately on its established partners, who are predominantly active in Christian churches.. Traidcraft's 4,300 Fair Traders will be able to access a new version of the company they already do business with. Further to this, products will be available to all consumers through the online Traidcraft shop and mail order".

There will be a smaller range of craft goods, they will establish core grocery lines and encourage communities to buy cooperatively in bulk, saving on packaging and the planet.

Many of you will remember that, as a church, we ran a monthly Fair Trade stall for a number of years, only stopping when our local supplier gave up. Those of us Involved remember this as a happy time and I'm sure that we all wish Traidcraft well in the future.

Carol Marsh



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Fighting poverty through trade

Photo Competition

Please remember we have our Good News Photographic competition which we hope you will take part in.

Spring is nearly here so many inspiring things to look at. Please think what would be an interesting subject for you to take a photograph. Young people please think if you can take part it will be fun!

The winning photograph is to be taken in 2019 with any type of digital camera, including mobile phone cameras. Have fun and 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 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, telephone number of the back of you print.

If you are under the age of 18 years please state your age.

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March

3rd Betty Biliins

Sue Tester

10th Heather Swann

Carol Marsh

17th Winifred Scopes

Meta Orchin

24th Anne Parker

Jo Bloxham

31st Fo Tingley

Iris Bingham

April

7rd Fo Tingley

Heather Swann

14th Janet Wade

Fo Tingley

21st Easter Sunday

Easter

28th

Carol Marsh

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

Around Lindfield

Tuesday 12th March

2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society Talk : King Edward Hall
Talk: "The Commonwealth War Graves Commission" Ian Everest

Wednesday 13th March

12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger
1:00pm Concert in All Saints – Robinswood Folk & Acoustic Band
8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society Talk : King Edward Hall
Talk – "Native Orchids of Sussex, Surrey & Kent" Peter Lovett

Thursday 21st March

7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall
"Stan and Ollie" PG, Tickets available from Tufnells

Saturday 23rd March

7:30pm Haywards Heath Music Society, St Wilfred's Church, HH
Emily Sun, violin, accompanied by Jennifer Hughes, piano
Emily, an internationally known Australian violinist will play
works by Beethoven, Poulenc, Strauss and Frolov.
Further information from Christine Colbourne: 01444-456227,
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