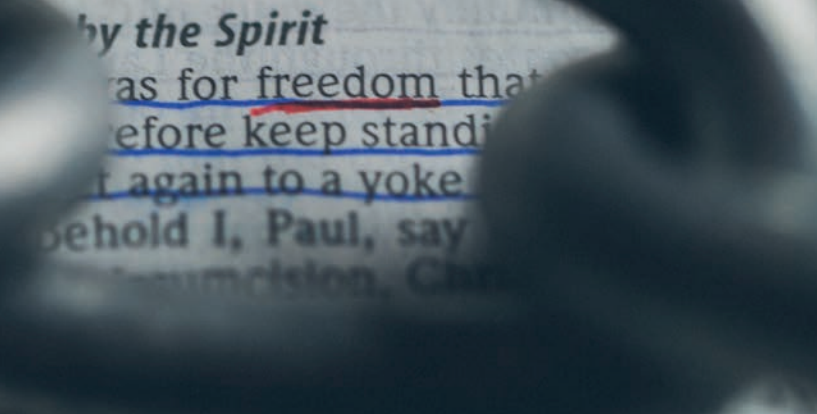


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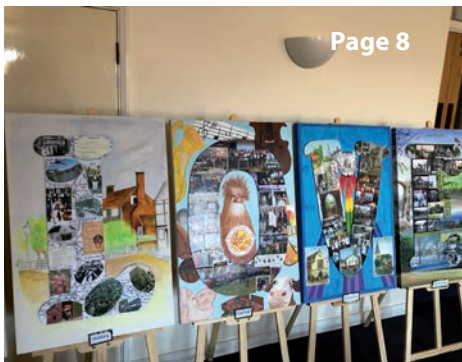
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Editorial

We will have just had the 'Lindfield Arts Festival' when this Good News is distributed. I hope all our readers were able to enjoy the many events held in our lovely village. Inside we share with you just some of the very special time that was had by so many people. Love Lindfield, organised by Lindfield URC was produced from information, photographs, poems and artwork willingly shared by so many. We do say a big thank you to all who contributed, and to the organisers, who made this possible.

This month's Mission is 'Release International', which is the 'VOICE' of Persecuted Christians. There a Mission weekend on the 19/20 October. Read about everything that is being arranged for that weekend. We hope you will be able to join our Church Family in sharing all the special times arranged.

Compton House has a special 27th Anniversary Service you will find more information in our Family News. The Food Bank Team has details of their visit to 'Turning Tides' in Worthing, do find out how this wonderful organisation helps so many people.

As always may God Bless you all, together with special prayers for those of our Church Family who are house bound and unable to join us.

With Love from

Anne

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Dear friends

Our view of the weather can be a bit strange can't it? While on our summer holiday there was a glorious day where the sun shone bright and the beautiful blue sky had barely a cloud floating along between our rented cottage and the sea's horizon, such a vision may bring delight and joy to our heart and make us feel more positive. A couple of days later blueness there was none. Grey had descended cutting the visibility and the far side of Portland harbour had completely been swallowed up. Some may think this grey depressing, but did it defeat us? No! We went out onto Chesil Beach with our hoods up against driving rain.

As I walked up hill through crunching shingle to the top of the stony bank the back of my trousers were saturated and my chin could feel the strong wind pulling my beard and gusts were giving it extra tugs. The wind, and rain were challenging but also exhilarating, and added to the experience of being there. I don't think I was alone in that reflection either. Out on the water were a handful of kite surfers skipping over waves at great speed and occasionally flying 15 feet or more into the air, demonstrating that this was not their first attempt at the sport, nor their first time out in such wet and windy weather. They revelled in the fact it was a day many would have declared miserable and stayed indoors.

As we now move into October perhaps the number of those warm clear blue days will recede and the number of colder, damp, grey ones increase. Does the greyness of day, the wind and the rain mean that there cannot be delight in those days too? Surely not. In fact clouds in the Bible are often a sense of God's presence. In Genesis we hear of the rainbow set in the clouds. In Exodus God uses a cloud to guide the people in the wilderness. Moses enters the cloud on the mountain as he comes close to God. The Psalmists call the clouds chariots for God to ride upon. Daniel's prophecies speak of "one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven" and Jesus echoes this in verses like Matthew 24:30. This vision of clouds marking the Lord's coming is in Revelations too. These are all encounters with clouds that we can rejoice about.

Perhaps this month as autumn takes hold we need to remember the presence of God is with us, His love and hope surrounds us, and that we can trust in Him. It could be the dull greyness you are experiencing is not due to the weather but issues in your family life, your health, or some concern for the future; remember the Lord is all powerful and always present, He knows of the issues in your life and cares deeply for you.

Your minister

Keith

Family News

Congratulations

Yet another special anniversary to mention this month. Carol and Stuart Marsh celebrate their Golden Wedding on October 25th. 50 Years of marriage is quite an achievement, and we rejoice with you! Well done, and our love and warm congratulations to you both.

Fo Tingley

Prayer

Please PRAY for those we know who are struggling with poor health and awaiting or undergoing treatment.

Also, do keep in your thoughts and prayers those members of our Church Family who are now house bound, quite a number of whom are living in residential care. It was great to see several of these friends at the Church on September 12th for the Car Outing and Tea.

Fo Tingley

The Fellowship

Our next meeting takes place on; Wednesday 16th October at 2:30pm. (Please note the change of date for this month only)

Our speaker will be a member of the Lindfield Bonfire Society, who will tell us the history, fund raising and about the general running of the society.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall and, at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and time to catch up with friends.

All who come may be sure of a warm welcome.

Pat Phillips

Compton House 27th Anniversary Celebration

This year will be our 27th Anniversary and the Service will be held at the URC on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to the service and to join us in the hall afterwards for tea and Anniversary Cake.

Family News *Contd.*

In Touch

For our September meeting we swapped our church lounge, where we usually meet, for St. Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill where we were warmly welcomed by their curate, Lucy Hollingsworth, for a quiet morning.

After a short time of worship we studied a reading from Luke 2 – "The Birth of Jesus". This passage was read to us three times and we were asked to imagine ourselves into the story – maybe as a bystander observing what was going on around us – what we could see, hear, smell and what we thought as we prayed ourselves into the story. We then had a short discussion in pairs on what had stood out to us more than before. Later we did the same thing with another reading on the Death of Jesus. This way of studying the Gospel really brought the passages alive to us.

Lucy told us the story of St Ignatius of Loyola who was a Spanish knight until he was injured and turned to God when he could no longer continue with his former life. We learnt about the Daily Examen which he used as a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern His direction for us,

At the end of the morning which included periods of silence for prayer and reflection, we ended with a bring and share lunch, after which some of us took the opportunity to take a walk in the beautiful September sunshine.

We would like to thank St. Augustine's for their hospitality, and especially Lucy who led our study.

Thank You

Michael & Rosemary Davies have been very touched by the flowers, cards and good wishes of our many friends at Lindfield URC on the occasion of our recent diamond wedding anniversary. Having survived thus far the Lord obviously has some more jobs for us to do! Go well and God bless you all.

The Art And Craft Group

The Art and Craft Group are holding a cake and coffee morning on Saturday 12th October between 10am and 12.00 Noon.

Paintings and craft work will be on display in the large hall. Please come and join us on Saturday 12th October.

Doreen Fowler

Shoebox Appeal

It's that wonderful time of year again, when Lindfield URC fill and collect shoe boxes to send around the world as an expression of God's love to needy children in a tangible way.

Let us be a part of changing children's lives in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion.

See the impact that a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a child and how it reaches a community. The mission table will display leaflets from the beginning of October, and if you haven't got a shoebox, there will be flat packs available for a nominal fee.

For anyone unable to fill a box, this year there will be a box for donations of toys, toiletries, stationery etc. on the mission table. Clearly displayed on the mission board will be lists of suggestions for your donations and to help you in your decision about the age of the child to receive your box.

The boxes must be deposited in church no later than November 3rd. The leaflets will give you all the instructions you need to complete your gift.

If you have any enquiries please speak to **Lesley Sparks**

Love Lindfield

The church building is used each year by the Lindfield Arts Festival (LAF) for performance art and craft. This year, the tenth anniversary of LAF, the church with our community has contributed to the content available during the festival. The result is the 7 metre collage consisting of 14 art boards 13 of which each have a letter together read LOVE LINDFIELD. The 14th board placed between LOVE & LINDFIELD has the beautiful poem written by Dorothy Brown about Lindfield.

Working with the Lindfield History Project Group, Compton House residents, Oathall, Blackthorns, Lindfield Primary Academy, U3A, many local businesses and individuals, all of whom we are extremely grateful to, has resulted in the collage being well received by all who have seen it in the church during the arts festival.

The collage was inspired by the knowledge that God loves Lindfield and each individual who lives, works or visits the village. Working with common purpose in the community has enabled conversations and facilitated new contacts. We have learned a lot about Lindfield and its people and we hope the community having been into the church building and talked with those who hosted the collage have left feeling there is always a warm welcome inside Lindfield United Reformed Church. Talking with each other builds mutual trust confidence, and dare we say LOVE.

LOVE



The design was inspired by old photographs of the tollgate which was at the bottom of the high street.

The letter L has been populated with photographs provided from the archive of the Lindfield Historical Project Group, compiled by Richard Bryant.

Look out for Humphreys the bakers, originally a confectioners shop and the coronation day celebrations.



The art canvas was painted by Oathall Community Collage students George Stubbs, Anna Bedingham, Rebecca Wallbank, Victoria Schou, Poppy Southerton and Lucy Higham.

Photographs on the letters are provided by Oathall Community College and depict examples of the student's interaction with the local community through drama, dance, music, sports, art, cooking, and the farm. Mrs J Hasim-Smith oversaw this contribution.



The board celebrates the blessing that the three Lindfield churches bring to our community. The artwork of the three churches seen at the base of the board is a reproduction of artwork by Shirley Taylor which can be viewed at Lindfield Christian Care Home. There are also artworks from the United Reformed Church art group which meets on Monday morning at 10am (new members welcome).



Sue Ebrahim's love of Lindfield's nature influenced her art canvas. She has been teaching drawing and watercolour for twenty five years, having trained in Graphic Design and Illustration, also in adult education. She runs sessions weekly at Compton House, Summerlands and Crossways, plus running classes at Cuckfield Baptist church on Mondays and Thursdays. Sue is willing to take commissions (email sueebrahim@hotmail.com)

Can you spot the milk wagon, the harvesting of crops, Mid Sussex Laundry and the Walter & MacCreadie garage receipt?

L



Design and artwork by Lindfield Primary Academy based on each class having the name of a tree.

The words in the letter L reflects the academy values and ambition for the students.

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This artwork is painted by Jenny Lee. She studies architecture at Sheffield University. The design depicts some of the many shops that Lindfield is blessed with.

How many different shops and businesses can you remember being in Lindfield over the years?

The letter shows some of the cafes, pubs and businesses in Lindfield. Can you spot the horse and cart outside the Red Lion pub?

N



This board was painted by Heather Chapman. She had the idea of displaying many of the black and white images received onto a black and white board depicting the traditional design seen on some of the Lindfield buildings.

The photographs have come from many sources. They show the swimming club, the King Edward Hall as a hospital, veterans returning from the second world war and the Lindfield fire brigade.

D



The Fireworks on the festivals board were painted by children attending Messy Church which takes place once a month on Fridays at 4pm at the United Reformed Church. All welcome.

The painting of the guy was undertaken by Pat Waller.

The letter depicts photographs from Lindfield festivals we all enjoy.

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The art work completed by the children of Lindfield Primary Academy Little Compton (affectional) Compton H the tutorship

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Can you spot the pole, pond drinking, b sledging on

This Village We Love

Whenever I Think of Lindfield I picture a sunny bright day
The sound of the leather on willow and laughter of children at play
The common, wide open, inviting with bowls and the tennis nearby
And memories of coloured balloons in the past that floated so high in the sky.

Events, like village day, stall on the green and later, the bonfire and bright fireworks seen
Sports of all sorts, as the year turns around, snowmen in winter, with ice on the ground
Walk down the high street and picture the past great stately homes that were build here to last
Horses were changed when their coach passed this way at inns on the road where we still eat today.

Our pond, with the ducks, swimming round in the reeds
And small friendly shops that supply all our needs
Churches with doors that are open to all, for every event, they will answer the call
This village we love, what more can I say
But thank kindly fate that has sent us this way
Wherever we roam, whatever the test
Lindfield. Dear Lindfield, you're always the best!

by Dorothy Brown

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This board was completed by Francesca and Martyn Gibson. Francesca is a professional artist who specialises in pet portraits. She is open to new commissions. They focused on Lindfield common and the many recreational activities that take place there with the photographs also reflecting that theme.

Can you spot the maypole, cricket, bowling, picnics, the fair and the beautiful nature. Did you know that Lindfield common used to be common grazing land for cattle?

See art from Francesca at www.facebook.com/FLevingsArtist/

E



Each child that attends Blackthorns Primary School was tasked with drawing what they most love about Lindfield.

The individual pieces of art were collated to complete the whole.

Come and view all the different images which range from feeding the ducks and rides on the playground to visiting the local shops and cafes. Plus attending the different groups the children are involved in.

L



The U3A art group enthusiastically undertook to paint individual pieces of artwork to create the whole. The images are varied in style but depict the buildings of Lindfield.

Can you spot their self-portraits on the letter?

The group meets on Thursday afternoons in the King Edward Hall.

D



The map of Lindfield inspired this board and particularly focusses on the high street with its many community events and celebrations. We received many photographs taken on the high street.

Can you see the van on fire, buildings that used to be shops but are now residential houses and some familiar faces on the high street today?

Food Bank



In early August, members of the Food Bank Team set off on a warm sunny day to familiarise themselves with the Turning Tides Food Bank Depot and the Community Hub at St. Clare's and the many facilities on offer at the Turning Tides Ending Local Homelessness main base in Worthing.

St. Clare's offers support for rough sleepers and the insecurely housed, a breakfast drop-in Monday to Saturday and weekly workshops and group sessions supported by a team of specialists including Community Inclusion leads, Advice and Assessment Workers and a Substance Misuse Worker.

We received a very warm welcome from Turning Tides and were privileged to be given a full guided tour of the facilities available at St Clare's Hub including – washrooms, showers, clothing/shoes/ bedding stockroom, individual rooms for medical services and counselling etc. We were delighted to meet and chat with some of the afternoon Art Workshop clients and enjoyed conversation and laughter and were able to see some of their wonderful artwork on display.

Turning Tides supports local people by providing hot showers, shelter, food, assistance in finding a stable home and help with CV's and employment applications. They also assist in fighting addictions to promote a healthy lifestyle and help domestic violence victims to find a safe environment.

St. Clare's has a fabulous committed team of staff and volunteers and we were so pleased to visit the Food Bank Depot in Worthing Town Centre.

Everyone was very friendly and helpful; they really do appreciate your kind and generous donations.

Thank You!

The Food Bank Team

Eldership

We are approaching the Annual Meeting on 17th November, and so again come to that time where we as a church are challenged to pray and consider who God may be calling to serve as Elders within our fellowship.

The Elders are a team of people, female and male, that bring their different gifts together for the leadership of the church. The Elders, with the minister, look at every angle of church life; from worship to pastoral care, from youth and children's work to overseas mission, ecumenism, and the provision of the sacraments (Baptism & Communion). Elders of our church have the responsibility of being trustees of our charity.

Elders in the United Reformed Church need to have been a member of the local church for at least a year at the time of their election, and over the age of 18 years. If the individual has been elected for their first time, then they will be ordained to their new calling through the laying on of hands, seeking God's spirit to equip and empower them. At times difficult decisions need to be made by the Elders.

These things may not always be popular with everyone, but resolution is made with the discernment of the Holy Spirit, and so God's will for the church and the world should be seen in the outcome.

In our constitution we declare that Elders are inducted for three years, but they are eligible for re-election at the end of each period. We do not have a limit on how many candidates for election there can be, or how many may be elected, however each individual will need the approval of 75% of voting members in a secret ballot at the annual meeting. Candidates for election need to be nominated and seconded by members of the church, a form for this is available from our church secretary, Sue Gooch.

Any nomination must be made to her before our church meeting on Thursday 14th November.

If you would like to know more about Eldership please do ask either myself or one of the elders.

Keith Morrisson

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. <small>Venue rotates between the three churches</small>

Regular Activities

Mon	10:00am	Art Group
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	6:00pm	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)
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 2:00-3:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am - Noon
Friday Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm

October Church diary

2nd Wednesday	11:30am 12:30pm	Wednesday Worship Lunch Fellowship	20th Sunday	10:00am	Mission Sunday Release International Kenneth Harrod followed by Lunch Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
3rd Thursday		House Groups		6:30pm	
5th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC			
6th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Rev Michael Davies			
	6:30pm	Something Different David Goodenough	21st Monday	6:30pm	Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service
12th Saturday			22nd Tuesday	TBA	In Touch Film
	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC	23rd Wednesday	2:30pm 7:30pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
	10:00am	Art Group Coffee morning	24th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
13th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship	26th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC
	6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	27th Sunday	10:00am	Communion Rev Keith Morrison
17th Thursday		House Groups		6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
18th Friday	4:00pm	Messy Church			
19th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC			
	7:30pm	Mission Film			

YOUTH



Hello!

A new academic year is upon us and our youth groups are back in full swing!

On Sunday 8th September we had our Progression service.

Once a year, Lindfield United Reformed Church spend time in their service celebrating the progression of their children through Lighthouse – our children and young people's Sunday morning activities.

We pray over our Lighthouse teachers for the year, then call out the names of our young people, who each receive a book. We then pray for our young people before they head out into their groups.

Boys' Brigade started back on Monday 9th September with a good turnout of 12 boys! This year we have combined our Anchor Boys and our Junior Section. The boys begin together at 6pm as they fall in and raise the flag. Then there is a small devotion and an inspection of their uniform before they split into Anchors and Juniors for activities. The boys then come back together at the end of the evening to close before heading home. Company Section had 3 out of 5 of their boys on the first night making sure they all had their uniform sorted and ready before heading into the hall for some hockey!

Stepping Stones had their first morning back on Tuesday 10th with young children running through the doors!

The Open the Book team had their first assembly at Scaynes Hill on Wednesday. The assembly was about 'The road to Damascus'. Four of the team headed over to act out the story of Saul's journey to Damascus. We also had four of the school children help with the acting. It was good to be back to start the third year of Open the Book at St. Augustine's.

Friday 13th saw the start back of Rooted and Pulse! We had 5 come along to Rooted, all who enjoyed a fast-paced game of dodge-ball!

Pulse saw 8 young people come along and we spent the evening playing board games in the lounge – some of which, I'd never heard of before!

This term, both Rooted and Pulse will be learning about the armour of God. Rooted will even be making the armour in the craft sessions!

It's exciting to be back into a new academic year, and I am looking forward to seeing what God will do! Do keep the young people in your prayers.

Danny

PAGES

Boys' Brigade

The new session has got off to a good start with most boys returning after the summer break. The new arrangements; running the Anchor Section and Junior Section alongside each other with some joint activities is working well.

The Company Section continue with their own programme from 7.00pm to 8.30pm and with 5 boys in this section we can now run a full programme.

We carried out a lot of planning to cover for Danny not being available on a Monday, but we are pleased he is available, so with the addition of Terry Ward who is now helping, we have a good staff team. Our Enrolment Service takes place in the church on Monday 21st October. In addition to the boys making a commitment to the Company for the coming year it is also the occasion when the church confirms their commitment to support the work. Hope you can join us at this service..

David Walters

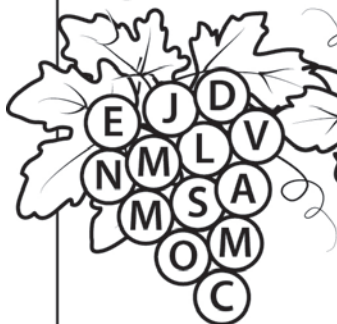
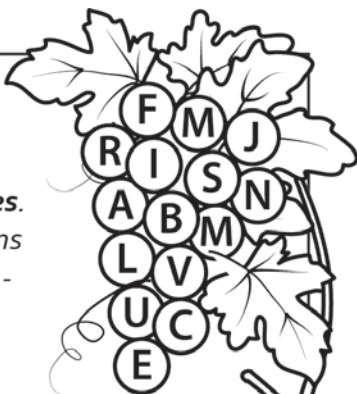


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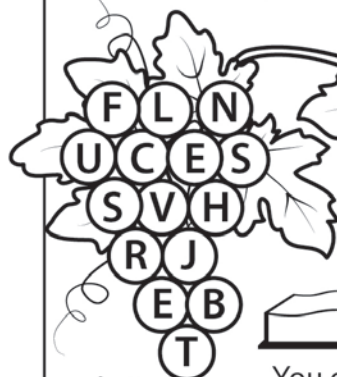
THE TRUE VINE
 Jesus said:
 "I am the **vine**;
 you are the **branches**.
 The one who remains
 in me -and I in him -
 bears much **fruit**,
 because apart
 from me you can
 accomplish nothing."

John 15:5



"My **commandment** is this -
 to love one another just
 as I have loved you."

John 15:12



You can read
 Jesus' teaching on
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 John 15:1-17

How many other
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 THE TRUE VINE

"No one has greater
love than this -
 that one lays down
 his life for his friends."

John 15:13



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ONE WORLD WEEK 2019

"Climate Changes Everything - Now is the time to act"



We are exposed daily to headlines telling us of the "hottest", "wettest", "coldest", "driest" periods since records began. Unless you have had your head in the sand, or write it off as "fake news", it would be impossible not to be aware that climate change is happening and that addressing it - and its effects - is high on the agenda of nations worldwide. From 22nd to 29th October 2019, One World Week (OWW) is focussing on the strapline, "Climate Changes Everything - Now is the time to act".

OWW is a UK Development Education Charity that each year sets aside one week as an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together to learn about issues of global concern, to spread that learning and to use it to take action.

OWW is supported by the United Reformed Church's Commitment for Life Programme, the world development programme of the URC in partnership with Christian Aid and Global Justice Now.

OWW offers inspiration and hope to encourage people to take action to build a just, more equal, inclusive and peaceful world that safeguards environmental resources for future generations. OWW seeks to raise people's awareness and understanding of the injustices which cause poverty and conflict across the planet and in our local communities and threaten a bleak future for our children.

The common purpose of OWW events is to share understanding about some of the global issues that affect us all and to recognise we can all make a difference. Climate change is certainly a global issue and one in which we can all act to make a difference. It is easy to think that one person cannot make a difference to such an enormous problem as climate change, but if everyone made a small contribution it really would have an impact. After all, it is the cumulative effect of the contributions of individual people around the world that have created the problem in the first place.

OWW has some excellent information on its website about climate change and how we can act individually, as a faith community and in the wider world to make a difference. For example, ideas for a congregation include:-

Act to change our life style: Change to renewable energy tariff, use low energy products, highlight events like Walk to Church Sunday, use less paper, use real cups when possible and otherwise recyclable. Turn heating down 1 degree.

Act to better care for our neighbour: Support a charity locally and overseas that encourages tree planting, sustainable farming, Fairtrade, education. Collect recyclables for charity. Invite neighbours in, offer hospitality, adapt for disability access. Bring people to our worship. Use ethically

sourced products, Fairtrade teas and coffees.

Act to secure a better future for all creation: Green any land around our place of worship. Try to create less waste, less plastic. Use electronic mailing where possible. Look at improving your energy efficiency. Use cleaning products without harmful chemicals. Look at eco church awards: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Young and old, we all really can make a difference to reduce the pace of climate change and make the world a better place for us and, especially, for future generations. Remembering that we have been appointed stewards of this planet, a prayer from OWW can focus our minds:

Praise and glory to the Lord our creator who knows and blesses everyone of us.

Guide us as we recognise our responsibility to each play a part in the flourishing of all creation, nature and humankind.

One world created, shared by all!

Sustain us to work together as good stewards of the earth, for Now is the Time to Act.

Amen!

Martin Hall

Mission Focus



Release International

www.releaseinternational.org

This month we continue our mission focus on Release International (RI).

Many of you will have seen our article in last month's edition of "Good News" and be aware that RI is an inter-denominational Christian ministry working through local church partners in more than 25 countries, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically. Its ministry is based on Hebrews 13 v 3: 'Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.'

We are very much looking forward to our mission weekend on 19/20 October which will be focussing on RI. We do hope you will be able to join us for at least one of the events if not all! We are delighted that Kenneth Harrod of RI will be with us throughout the weekend.

On the Saturday evening, 19 October, we will be showing the film of the book "Tortured for Christ" to which an open invitation is extended to all but please be aware that RI recommend that parents/carers consider the content of the film before showing it to children.

The film is based on the inspirational story of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand who was imprisoned for his faith for 14 years in communist Romania and who provided the inspiration to found RI in 1968. Kenneth will introduce the film and facilitate a Q&A time afterwards.

On the Sunday, 20 October, Kenneth will be preaching in Church at the Morning Service and will also give a talk about RI after morning coffee. This will then be followed by a mission lunch.

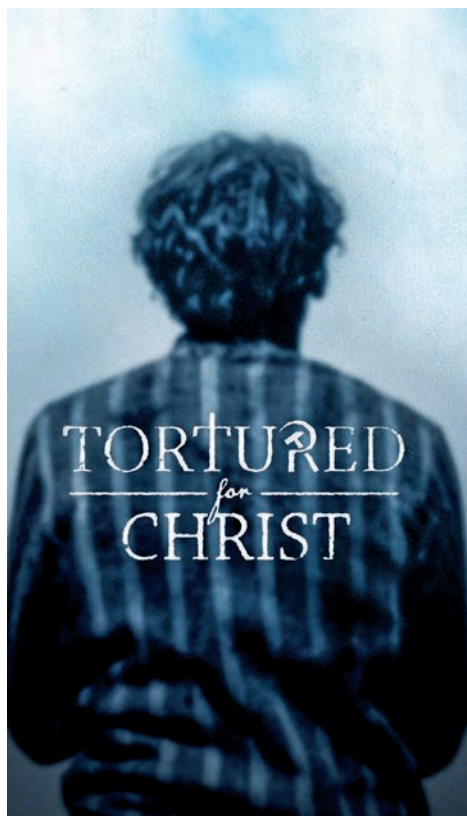
Please see the Missions display board in the Church or speak to one of the Missions Group (Jean Gardiner, Lesley Sparks, Terry Oliver, Alex Hall, and Helen Hall (Helen's tel no 01444 452815)) for more details about the weekend or for booking a free place for the lunch – numbers and dietary requirements are required for catering purposes.

All events are FREE though donations for Release International will be gratefully received.

This year the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) takes place on Sunday November 17, although the organisers are calling on churches, if possible, to dedicate the whole of November to pray for persecuted believers. You can find out more from the Release International website at <https://releaseinternational.org/idop/> or, alternatively, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Missions Group for more information.

Thank you for your interest and support for our brothers and sisters in Christ who so need and appreciate your love and prayers.

Missions Group



"Tortured for Christ" ***The Film***

***Lindfield
United
Reformed
Church on
Saturday
19 October***

7.00pm tea/coffee for 7.30pm

Film (70 mins)
Followed by Q&A time

Who am I?

Revealed - Alec Fruin



Congratulations to those of you who managed to work out from the clues in last month's "Who Am I" article that the answers to the questions were those of Alec Fruin. Alec and his wife, Vi, will be known to most of the congregation through their stewarding roles at Lindfield URC and Alec is a regular reader of the Bible lesson at our morning services. Perhaps fewer know that Alec is also a member of our Managers Group and Vi enjoys decorating the church for special events. Alec and Vi met on the running track that was shared by Mitcham Athletics Club (Alec) and Selsonia Athletics Club (Vi) in South London. Quite how Alec managed to catch Vi I am not sure as she was more of a sprinter while Alec was a middle- and long-distance runner, being a Cambridge Blue for the mile.

However, catch Vi he did and they were married in 1961, living first in North London then in Redhill.

Alec and Vi used to go on motorcycle (BSA 650) and sidecar jaunts into the countryside and it was on such a trip in 1963 that they first came across Lindfield. However, it was not until 1977 that they finally moved to Lindfield, getting slowly closer through homes first in Burgess Hill and then Haywards Heath, while Alec was a commuter working at Philips in London. The emphasis of Alec's Cambridge degree in Natural Sciences was on physics and he started his working life in research, moving finally into research planning from 1970. For some years Alec and Vi had an association with Haywards Heath URC where their children, Andrew and Cathy, went to Junior Church. However, they didn't start coming to Lindfield URC regularly until 2005, following the death of Alec's mother and a reappraisal of his relationship with God. Their grandchildren, Rosie and Cerys, will be known by some as members of our Junior Church and of Gift FM.

Do seek Alec and Vi out over a coffee, find out more about them and learn why, out of a choice of the whole world, Alec should most wish to holiday on the Isle of Skye, especially when the memories he shared with me seemed to include a lot of horizontal rain!

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Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

October

6th	Harvest Festival	Meta Orchin
13th	Jessie Green	Anne Elvin
20th	Zoe McQuillin	Heather Swann
27th	Zoe McQuillin	Fiona Tingley

November

3rd	Betty Billins	Carol Marsh
10th	Armistice Sunday	Jo Bloxham
17th	Sue Gooch	Iris Bingham
24th		Meta Orchin

If anyone would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact Heather Swann 01444 450335

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 9th October

- 12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger
1:00pm Concert in All Saints
2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall
A Sporting History of Sussex, From the Amazing to the Bizarre
by Matthew Homewood
8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Talk by Julie Sargeant

Saturday 12th October

- 10:00am Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Coffee Morning and Plant Sale
7:30pm Tiger Arts in All Saints Church
Performance by Simeon Wood

Thursday 24th October

- 7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall
"Downton Abbey" PG
Tickets available from Tufnells from 23rd September

