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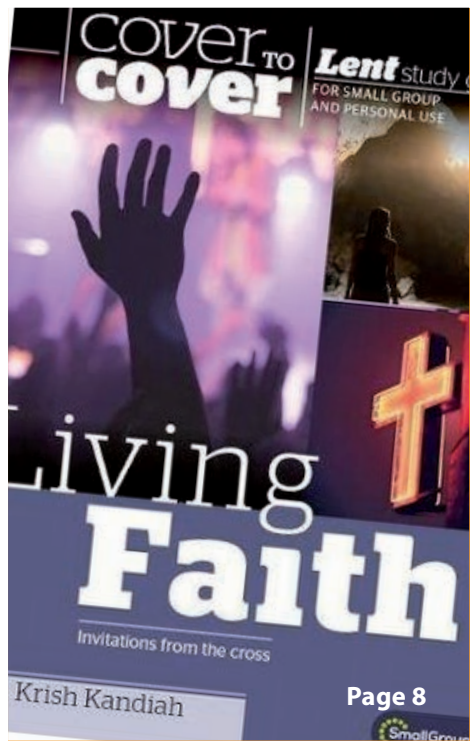
**As one whom his  
mother comforts, so I  
will comfort you**

Isaiah 66:13

# Bible verse of the month

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.”

2 Corinthians 2 v 14 NIV



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# Editorial

What a joy it is to see the lovely Crocuses on the High Street, how blessed we are to have such a wonderful picturesque village. We look forward to our Church hosting the World Day of Prayer. Please read which country is leading this day and take note of the changed time of day. The Perdido Players are coming once again to our Church for another 'Tunes and Tea Concert' on a Saturday afternoon. Do not miss this special occasion, see when and where this concert is being held.

There is an article about a special Hiding Place, which you can explore, do find out more about this. There is a poem which helps us all to celebrate what the word 'Mother' can mean, I hope it celebrates the special Sunday that is coming up. Our thanks to Fiona for sharing it with us all. See the new Bible study, which our Home Groups are enjoying, it is good to share so much with friends.

Enjoy the many special things to share in our Good News.

God Bless you all, with love from your Good News team.

*Anne*

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# Dear friends

**W**hat a wet month we have had! As I have looked out the kitchen window into the back garden of Ryecroft, there have been times the patio has looked more like a pond, and I am surprised that the usual pigeons at the bird feeder have not been replaced by ducks waddling on the lawn and swimming in the flower beds. Our temperate climate should, of course, make us think of rainfall in the spring, and it was just a few years ago we were concerned about dryness and drought conditions, but there has come a time when the land is so saturated that one wonders what impact the next rain shower, let alone storm, may have on land and people.

The climate in the Holy Land is, of course, different, there is rain, and at times hail or snow, but the weather is generally much drier. It is this dryness that leads to the biblical view that rain is a blessing, but a blessing that is not isolated in whom it touches. Jesus says of God, in Matthew 5, "He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

I wonder what blessing we would like the "unrighteous" to know? Maybe when we feel aggrieved by someone we might want to shout or scream at the culprit. Online we might reach for the Caps Lock TO GET OUR POINT HEARD!!!

We might alternatively, if it is someone we know, choose to ignore, or blindside them, and pretend they don't exist. Are these the ways of Jesus, or does such action make us equally unrighteous? The Lord tells us, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

We are called to live and act differently from others in the world. We are to follow the example of Jesus, the Son of God, who was sent from the Father that we may know his Love, be forgiven our sin, and receive the hope of eternal life. Jesus did not aggressively respond with hatred, or ever act maliciously. We do see His anger at unrighteousness in the cleansing of the temple, but He, for these same people, and for us, takes the cross upon His shoulders, suffers and dies.

As rain falls this spring, let us consider the Love God has shown in sending His Son, and may we be moved to think of how His love may be showered through us to all we meet, for whatever we think of any individual, they are Loved by God.

Your minister

*Keith*

# Family News

## *Bereavement*

**W**e have heard recently of the death of Maud Cameron who has been associated with this Church over many years. Please remember her husband and family in your prayers. Our thoughts and sympathy are with them.

**Fo Tingley**

## *Lunch Fellowship*

**I**t is with much sadness that we have had to close the Lunch Fellowship.

For many years, home cooked lunches have been served once a month to a number of folk, both from the church and the community, fun and fellowship has been enjoyed by many at a very low cost, and we thank God for His provision of both the food and the people resource we have had over many years.

Sadly man/women power is not so much in abundance and we are unable to sustain these lunches.

We give thanks to all those who have assisted over the years with this venture.

**Sue Gooch**

## *Dedications*

**I**t is with great joy that we will be able to have two services in March where we will celebrate with families seeking the blessing of their infant. On the 1st of March our morning service will include the blessing of Sammie, the daughter of Will and Natalie Porter. A few weeks later, on the 29th March, Sadie the daughter of Alex and Vicky Hancock will be blessed. Please pray for these young families as they make their promises to God.

## *The food of ♥ Love ♥*

**S**o many anonymous people continue to show love to strangers in our community, needing support, by placing donations of food and toiletries in the Food Bank.

We'd love to be able to thank each one of you personally. You know who you are and we send you our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all those who receive your goods.

**The Food Bank Team**



# Family News *Contd.*

## *In Touch*

**A**t the end of January eighteen members of In Touch met at the Red Lion for our annual New Year meal. It was an opportunity to relax and catch up and was enjoyed by everyone.

We also took some time to discuss the future of In Touch and how we can continue meeting as a group but with no official leader. Hopefully, evenings will be run by one or more individuals and it will be their responsibility to announce their programme and to run the evening.

A number of members have already "signed up" to run an evening so please watch the noticeboards and the Sunday news sheets for future details.

The meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the lounge and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Janet Wade**

## *Jesus' Love Freely Given*

**W**e wish to demonstrate the love of Jesus by giving out REAL Easter eggs with the Easter story to people passing the church on the morning of Saturday 4th April. We will have the life sized donkey and palm leaves to symbolise Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The chocolate in REAL Easter eggs is Fairtrade and the proceeds from the eggs support charitable projects. Why not come along and take this opportunity to speak to passers-by about Jesus' love given freely to us. A sign up sheet will be on the board but you are also free to come along on the morning and join in.

**The Outreach Group**

## *The Fellowship*

**T**his month The Fellowship will be meeting on Wednesday 25th March at the usual time of 2.30pm. Our speaker will be telling us of the work and aims of "Lindfield in Bloom".

There will be the usual Bring and Buy Table, and at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and a time to meet with old friends and make new ones.

# Tea & Tunes 2020

## *Wednesday Service*

While we are saddened by the closure of the Wednesday lunch fellowship, we will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.30am, for our mid-week service. Lasting about 30 minutes with traditional hymns, a reading and a brief address, our worship together allows a time to come before the Lord other than our Sunday services. Open to all, I do hope that you are able to attend on the 4th of March.

## *Lent*

The churches of Lindfield will run a joint series of five studies on Wednesday mornings during Lent. The overarching theme will draw on some of the occasions in the Bible where a period of 40 days is seen to be significant; the Flood, the giving of the Law, Goliath's Taunts, Elijah's Escape, and the Time of Jesus' Testing in the wilderness. We will gather 10.15am at Lindfield Evangelical Free Church for refreshments, with a time of worship, a talk and some group discussion from 10.45 to 11.45am. These meetings start on the 4th March and run until the 1st April.

A Maundy Thursday service for the village will also be at the Evangelical Free, this will be at 7.30pm on the 9th April.

**Keith Morrison**

## *Music in Contrast Saturday 28th March at 3-00pm Lindfield URC*

The popular annual concert with the Perdido Players Swing Band will be an opportunity to raise funds for St Peter and St James Hospice.

Local singing group Codabelle who had a very busy Christmas season will be performing in what will be a 'Music in Contrast' concert.

Band leader Peter Swann is "Delighted to welcome Codabelle to join with the band to raise funds for the local Hospice. As the band are engaged to play at Newick on the VE Day anniversary I felt we should share our programme with the people of Lindfield. It includes many of the tunes from that era."

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Truly the event will be music in contrast.

For more information, please contact **Peter Swann** 01444 450335.

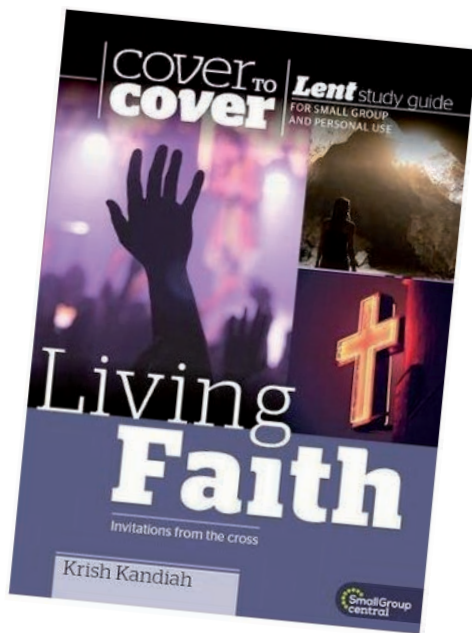
# Home Groups

I recently saw a television advert in which various celebrities encouraged us all to talk. In fact, they indicated that they would pause their own shows in order that we might engage in conversation.

Well, the advert may be a bit daft, but I certainly agree with the premise that it's good to talk. It's good to share, talk and listen to one another and that's exactly what we do at our Home Groups. Great conversation and fellowship, a cup of tea or coffee with possibly a few tasty biscuits thrown in, all combine to make our Home Groups very special indeed.

During Lent our Home Groups will be exploring a Cover to Cover course called 'Living Faith' by Krish Kandiah. During the studies it examines the final words of Jesus on the cross, as recorded in the Gospels. Each of these sayings offers us a unique invitation to connect with God. So, we discover another level of living faith as we hear and respond to Jesus' gracious words, which welcome us:

- *To forgiveness*
- *To service*
- *To hope*
- *To adoption*
- *To empathy*
- *To trust.*



It's certainly good to talk and listen to one another and how wonderful to consider the words of our Lord, especially at such a vital time in His ministry as He speaks from the cross.

The good news is that we have some extra copies of the course booklet, so why not come along and join in the fellowship? Just have a word with me or one of our group leaders and we would be glad to help. Or, if you can't get along to one of the groups but would still like a copy of the material, again just ask.

Here's to talking, listening and sharing together (with biscuits) what could be better?

**Simon Franklin**



# Mum's Poem

## *A New Year Ode to My Dear Mum*

*Mother Dear, why must you suffer so?  
It seems it's not for us to know?  
God helps you to bear much pain and  
strife,  
And you've made Dad a jolly good wife.*

*As a child, I remember such love and care,  
And you and Dad taught me the  
importance of prayer.  
Together you cared for my every need;  
We three were very close indeed.*

*Through teenage years we'd not always  
agree,  
Hard for you, not easy for me!  
But on our happy wedding day  
You looked lovely, were great – our  
thanks we say.*

*You and Dad worked hard for years;  
Always with smiles, seldom with tears.  
Customers still their tributes pay  
To a wonderful couple, "so honest", they  
say.*

*When the pattern of tiny feet came  
A proud Grandmother you soon became!  
Charles was a treasure you could play  
with and love,  
David, too, was gift from above.*

*You listen to all my worries, Mum,  
You're patient, kind and never glum.  
Somehow you always seem to  
understand;  
It is good to know you're close at hand.*

*Such a gifted Mum you are –  
At playing the piano you are quite a star!  
At Operatic, Church and to Brian and me  
You've given so much pleasure and  
encouragement, free!*

*Thank you, Mum, for all that you are,  
For all that you've done as a Mum and  
Grandma.  
May our Lord bless and help you in these  
hard days.  
I love you so much, and will do so always.*

*Fiona*

*I wrote this to my dear Mum when she  
was struggling with very painful arthritis,  
and had been for many years. It's a joy to  
remember her, especially on Mothering  
Sunday.*

**Fo Tingley**

# The Hiding Place

If you ever get a chance to visit Haarlem in the Netherlands, do stop and take a tour of Corrie Ten Boom's house. The Ten Boom's story is one of clear Christian faith and deep courage in the face of the overwhelming Nazi regime which was threatening to destroy everything and everybody they knew and loved. They saw the appalling way that Jews were being treated and decided to step in and do their bit to help them without counting the cost. What a witness to God's amazing sacrificial love!

This moving, true life story is being told by The Oddments Theatre Company, a professional Christian theatre company, on Thursday 30th April, Friday 1st May and Saturday 2nd May at 7:30 p.m. at Shoreham Free Church, on the corner of Gordon Road and Buckingham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6WF.

Tickets are £11.00 in advance plus a 40p booking fee from [www.oddments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk).

As this year on Friday 8th May we will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) day, this play is a poignant reminder of the inspiring faith and extraordinary lengths that this Christian family went to to love their neighbour. Seeing it with friends and families also gives us a great opportunity to witness. The congregation of Shoreham Free Church would be delighted to welcome you to any of the productions!

**Pam Cripps** – Marjorie Mulligan's daughter and on the Leadership of Shoreham Free Church.



# 40 Days



## Lindfield Churches Lent Course 2020

*40 is a significant number in the Bible, not least because Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. This year we look at five significant sets of "40 days" in the Bible.*

*10.15 –10.45 Refreshments      10.45-11.45 Talk and group discussion*

*All meetings at Lindfield Evangelical Free Church*

**Wed 26th Feb at 7.45pm  
for 8pm (Ash Wednesday)**

**Guided Reflection to mark the  
beginning of Lent at All Saints**

**Wed 4th March**

**The Flood (Genesis 7)**

**Wed 11th March**

**The Law (Exodus 23/34  
& Deuteronomy 9-10)**

**Wed 18th March**

**Goliath's taunts (1 Samuel 17)**

**Wed 25th March**

**Elijah's Escape (1 Kings 19)**

**Wed 1st April**

**Jesus' Testing (Matthew 4)**

**Thurs 9th April at 7.30pm**

**Maundy Thursday  
United Service at EFC**

*A very warm welcome to all!*

# “Faith Talk” Seminar

*Rev Andy Twilley, Training and Development Officer for URC Southern Synod*

We were grateful and privileged to welcome back Andy Twilley to LURC one Thursday evening in February to give a seminar entitled “Faith Talk”. This seminar was building on the one Andy gave us last year helping us to think about how we can ensure a warm, open and encouraging welcome to all who meet our church family.

The main message of the evening was that, ideally, we first need to be able to talk within our congregation openly amongst ourselves about our faith and its impact on daily living, before sharing with others who may wish to engage with us and ask questions about Christianity for themselves.

Our starting point related to fellowship. “Fellowship” describes the essence of being church: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42 NIV).

In brief, the seminar was a journey broken into four sections:

- 1 *Levels of conversation – thinking about different levels of conversation from “formulaic”, with no emotion attached to it, through to “fellowship”, a more intimate form of conversation.*
- 2 *Talking faith with each other – does not come naturally to most people and we were encouraged to explore ways to build on this.*
- 3 *Bringing faith into conversation – think about things you have done relating to faith and consider how to make faith relevant when talking to others. Jesus related to people in a way that was relevant to them. The Bible is relevant to life today as illustrated by the word search Andy gave us (see on the opposite page). There is a topic for each letter of the alphabet .... have a go yourself! – answers found separately in the magazine.*
- 4 *Explaining faith – we need to think about what our faith means to us as well as what it means to be a Christian?*

After Andy’s visit last year we ensured ground coffee was part of our welcome ... what will be the outcome of his latest visit? A challenge for all of us.

## RELEVANT FAITH

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# 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

## 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  
Tuesday 10:00am - Noon

# March Church diary

<b>1st</b> Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	18th Wednesday	10:30am	Lent Session 3 Evan Free
4th Wednesday	10:30am 11:30am	Lent Session 1 Evan Free Wednesday Worship	19th Thursday		House Groups
5th Thursday		House Groups	20th Friday	4:00pm	Messy Church
6th Friday	10:30am	World Day of Prayer at URC	21st Saturday	8:45am 5:30pm	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints Games Evening URC
7th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	<b>22nd</b> Sunday		<b>Mothering Sunday</b> 10:00am Communion Dan McQuillin 6:30pm Something Different Graham Campling
<b>8th</b> Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Communion Rev Keith Morrison	25th Wednesday	10:30 2:30pm 7:30pm	Lent Session 4 Evan Free The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
11th Wednesday	10:30am	Lent Session 2 Evan Free	26th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
12th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	28th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
14th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	<b>29th</b> Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Service Inc. Dedication Rev Keith Morrison United Service at URC Mervyn Weeks
<b>15th</b> Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison			

# YOUTH PAGES

*Hello!*

In February half term we had our Apprentice holiday club!

18 young people come through the doors between Monday 17th and Friday 21st February to learn how we can be God's apprentices.

We kicked off on Monday by 'getting the call'. We learnt about Zacchaeus and the Rich young ruler and how each of them was given the same choice to make. Should they follow Jesus? Zacchaeus saw how important Jesus was and so chose to follow him and in response, he gave back more than he cheated people out of. The rich young ruler, however, couldn't let go of his money and therefore couldn't put Jesus first.

On Tuesday we looked at the story of Mary and Martha and learnt about distraction. Mary was sat at the feet of Jesus listening to him, but Martha was distracted by the preparations that needed to be done around the house. We need to be more like Mary and not get distracted from Jesus.

Wednesday, we learnt about the story of Joshua and Jericho. God gave Joshua some very strange instructions as to how to defeat Jericho, but Joshua followed what God said. Sometimes in life we will have big challenges in our way, we need to tackle them how God wants us to, however strange that may seem to us!

## All Age Games Night!

**Who: Everyone!**

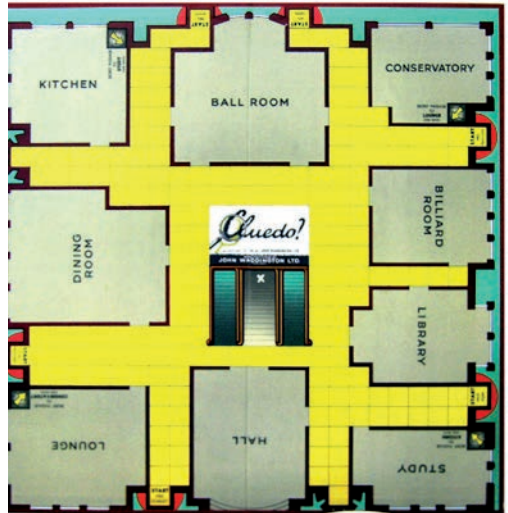
**Where: Lindfield United Reformed Church**

**When: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
5.30pm to 8.00pm**

**Snacks and drinks will be available  
during the evening.**

**Feel free to bring a friend or two!**

**Come and have fun!**



On Thursday we learnt about Saul on the road to Damascus, and his encounter with Jesus. We learnt that although Saul thought he was doing what God wanted him to do, he had actually got it all backwards! Once he had met with Jesus, he stopped doing what was wrong and started doing what God wanted him to do!

Friday, our last afternoon of Holiday Club, we learnt about a very strange interview in the bible. In a normal interview, the person in keen to be hired and will do their best to get the job! However, we learnt about Moses talking with God through the burning bush. God hired Moses, but Moses tried to get out of the Job! He came up with every excuse he could think of, until God told him to just get on with it! God would be with Moses the whole way!

The week rounded off with an All Age Service on Sunday morning where we learnt about Peter. Peter is hired as he is. An apprentice has an interview, a trial period, but Jesus doesn't do that for Peter, and he doesn't do that for us.

Jesus knows us as we are, and he chooses us as we are. He says to all of us 'follow me'. When that call happens, we need to be ready – to simply say yes and to follow.

Apprentice Holiday Club 2020 was a great week! I thank God for all His provision and all He will continue to do in the lives of those who came.

*Danny*

# Boys' Brigade

All sections got underway following the Christmas break, and we are encouraged by the steady increase in numbers, although the Anchor section is still a bit low.

The Juniors and Company sections are now preparing for the next Battalion event which is the swimming competition. The Juniors won this last year and we are hoping for a good result this time. The Juniors also have a Spring competition in March.

The content for this varies from year to year, usually a mixture of team games, memory and quiz questions.

The two new drummers in the Company section continue to grow in confidence and now play alongside our experienced drummers on occasions. Marching (and playing) with the drums can be difficult but progress is being made with this.

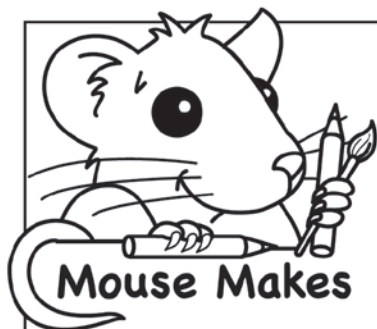
**David Walters**

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>the adventure begins here





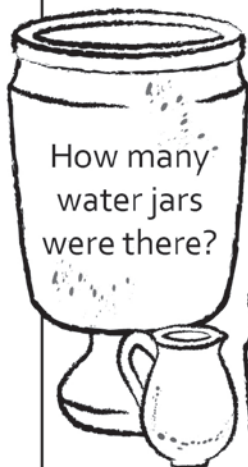
## Mouse Makes

Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

*READ John 2:1-11 to find out what happened.*



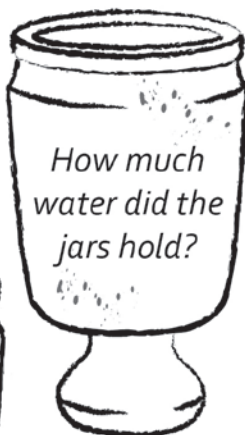
Where was the wedding?



How many water jars were there?



What were the water jars made of?



How much water did the jars hold?



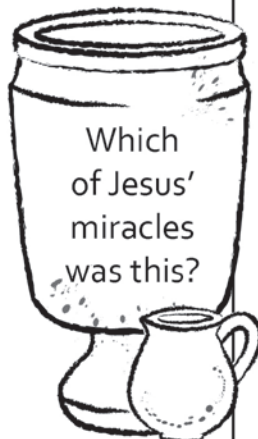
What were the water jars for?



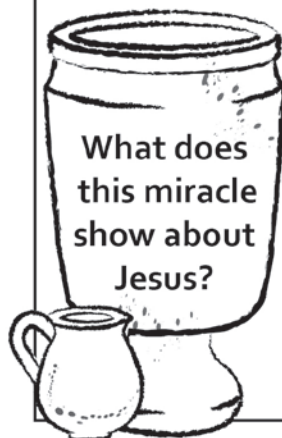
What did the disciples do?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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SERVANTS • RAN • OUT • SIX • STONE • WATER • JARS  
FILL • TOP • TASTE • TURNED • WINE • FIRST

# When Spring Comes

*See! The winter is past; the rains  
are over and gone. Flowers  
appear on the earth; the season  
of singing has come, the cooing  
of doves is heard in our land.*

Song of Songs 2:11-12

**M**arch is the month that I associate with the coming of Spring, my favourite time of the year, and such a relief after the darkness and gloom of Winter. This verse beautifully describes the joy that most of us feel as the days begin to brighten, and Nature starts to awaken once again.

These words also speak to us about a new season in life, one that is filled with hope and expectation. Sometimes we experience the darkness of winter in our lives – maybe in the form of depression, bereavement, chronic illness, family difficulties, financial problems and so on. These long winter months of the soul may seem to last forever. Our joy disappears, our energy dissipates, our mood is low. A thick black cloud hangs over us and it seems as if the sun will never shine again.

Then we have this reminder that no season lasts for ever. The cold grip of Winter gradually thaws and gives way to warmer days. The sun does shine again, and the temperature rises. Birds sing and flowers blossom. The sap rises. Love is in the air.

And in the spiritual realm the same happens. Eventually we will enter a new season of the soul. Joy returns and life gets back to something like normality. No darkness lasts for ever. We experience our own awakening, a kind of mini resurrection. We start to feel alive again, to see possibilities and to dream again.

In the depths of Winter, we can look ahead to the certainty of Spring. Faith enables us to believe that the winter of the soul will soon be past as well. In the darkness we choose to hope in God.

**Rev Tony Horsfall** of Charis Training  
Parish Pump

# 2040 Movie

Fairer World Lindfield are screening the film 2040 on Saturday 14th March, 7.00pm at King Edward Hall. 2040 is a refreshing and encouraging film about climate change. Award winning director Damon Gameau embarks on a journey to explore what the future could look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to improve our planet.

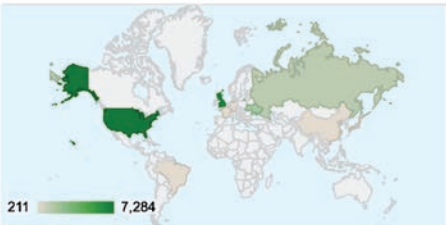
This is a free event, however it is ESSENTIAL to book. Tickets are available by emailing [fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com](mailto:fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com) or calling Chris on 01444 484063



# Statistics

What are they looking at? Find out at [www.debvaren.org](http://www.debvaren.org)

Pageviews by Countries



Entry	Pageviews
United States	7284
United Kingdom	5844
Ukraine	1857
Russia	1300
Unknown Region	288
Japan	276
China	243
France	242
Germany	217
Brazil	211

# Made in Dagenham

As some of you may be aware, one of my main hobbies is amateur dramatics and I am currently rehearsing for Made In Dagenham The Musical with the Burgess Hill Musical Theatre Society. This is a musical version of the 2010 film of the same name, telling the story of the Ford sewing machinist's strike of 1968 (which eventually led to the Equal Pay Act 1970). This is going to be a brilliant show, it's funny while also incredibly moving; touching on the very serious problem of sexual equality. However, I will forewarn that the language is, shall we say, "authentically Dagenham", so it's probably not suited for younger children.

I will be playing the role of Mr Tooley, the troubleshooter from Ford of America who's sent over to bust the strike (I'm the bad guy! "booo" "hisssssss").

If any of you would like to come and see it, it will be on at The Bury Theatre (in Hurst College) from the 1st - 4th April. Evening performances start at 19:30 and there is also a matinee on the Saturday at 14:30. Tickets can be purchased from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bhmts](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bhmts)

**Rob Thurgood**



# Spring has sprung!

I really love the Spring and feel close to God at this time. Every year, no matter what weather we've had, or what's going on in the world, bulbs and new green shoots appear and, to me, this fulfils God's promise to us that He is always with us no matter what.

As the days get longer and the sun rises higher in the sky, there is a greater opportunity to get outside in the garden and get on with an increasing number of gardening tasks.

It's time to:-

- 1** *Sow seeds, especially Cosmos and Sweet Peas for the flower border and Broad Beans, Tomatoes and Runner Beans but beware of the frost! Later in the month is a better time to start these.*
- 2** *Plant Shallots, Onion sets and early Potatoes – ideal to save money!*
- 3** *Cut back Cornus (Dogwood) for colourful stems.*
- 4** *Prune bush and climbing Roses.*
- 5** *Prune shrubs such as Hebe, Willows and Skimmia.*
- 6** *Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials and climbers.*

**7** *Top-dress containers with fresh compost before re-planting with summer flowering plants.*

**8** *Plant summer flowering bulbs such as Anemones, Dahlias and hardy Lilies.*

**9** *Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control*

**10** *Mow lawns on dry days if needed.*

Finally, watch out for slugs – they enjoy the new, green shoots!

Happy Gardening – enjoy your partnership with God!

**Stuart Marsh**





# Turning Tides

*turning-tides.org.uk*



Our mission focus for November and December 2019 was on Turning Tides, a community-led homelessness charity that puts clients and local people at the heart of their mission to end homelessness. Turning Tides works hard throughout the whole year to support those who are experiencing homelessness or in danger of becoming homeless. You can find out more about the organisation from the website ([www.turning-tides.org.uk](http://www.turning-tides.org.uk)), including projects, fundraising and volunteering opportunities. At LURC we were delighted to welcome John Holmstrom, CEO of Turning Tides, and Karen Gordon, Mid Sussex Outreach Worker, on the morning of Sunday, 8 December 2019, where they were able to share God's Word and give more of an insight into the wonderful work that this organisation does.

I am delighted we were able to donate £1,910.22 as a result of your kindness and generosity, including the money raised through the efforts of the LURC Christmas Post Box and Village Night teams as well as the in-house support/link with Turning Tides of Sally and Simon Ross-Clark. Here is the thank you letter that we received from Lucy Knowles, the Turning Tides Fundraising Manager:

"To our wonderful supporters at Lindfield United Reformed Church .... We are extremely grateful to you for your incredibly kind donation of £1,910.22 to Turning Tides. We are delighted that you found Karen and John's visit in December informative and inspirational. Your donation will help our staff provide essential practical and emotional support to people in our community who are experiencing homelessness.

At Turning Tides, we believe that everyone should have a place they can call home, however we cannot achieve this alone. Community is the solution and your involvement has helped to build a compassionate place to live.

It means a lot to our clients that so many people care about them. You have not only helped through financial support for the charity but also demonstrated compassion and solidarity towards everyone who is experiencing homelessness, whether they are rough sleeping or insecurely housed.

# Word Search

## *Faith Talk : Answers*

Our clients rely on the generosity and kindness of their community for many things including the absolute basics of washing facilities, food and water. Without our Community Hubs in Horsham, Littlehampton and Worthing they would find themselves without.

As you may know, our Hubs not only enable our clients to enjoy a hot meal, counselling, housing advice and medical checks but also to feel less alone. Most importantly, it would introduce them to support that could help end their homelessness for good through our year-round services. It costs £1,462 a day to run our Community Hubs (in Worthing, Littlehampton and Horsham), including specialist staff. In the first quarter of last year we had 228 people access our breakfast sessions across these hubs. Our hubs are truly a lifeline to 67 rough sleepers and the 68 insecurely housed men and women known to Turning Tides.

Thank you for showing compassion. Together we can make a difference. Together we can end homelessness.

Thank you once again, both staff and clients of Turning Tides are incredibly grateful for your support! It really does mean so much to us."

**Helen Hall**

Some subjects within the Bible that can be referred to in your "faith talking":

*Age/Anger*

*Betrayal*

*Childlessness*

*Death*

*Environment*

*Friendship*

*Grief*

*Hatred*

*Illness*

*Joy*

*Kindness*

*Loneliness*

*Marriage*

*Nature*

*Oaths*

*Purpose*

*Quarrelling*

*Relationship*

*Singleness*

*Tiredness*

*Universe*

*Vengeance*

*Widows*

*Xenophobia*

*You*

*Zealous*

# Who am I?



Congratulations to those of you who worked out that the subject of February's "Who Am I?" was the Reverend Michael Davies, one of the "elder statesmen" of our LURC congregation and a regular, learned and inspiring preacher.

Michael joined LURC with his wife, Rosemary, in 1998, following a distinguished career in many varied aspects of church life, at both a national and international level. Michael and Rosemary met at their church youth club on the day Rosemary left school in 1955. Rosemary was just 17 and Michael was 22 when they went on their first date – to the movies to watch "Wizard of Oz"! They were married in 1959 and have three children, Peter, Jacky and Heather, five grandchildren and one greatgrandchild!

After business training in the City of London, during which he qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators, Michael studied at Westminster College, Cambridge, for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of England.

He served local churches at Rustington in Sussex and Egremont in Wallasey and then for a period was Secretary General of the charity "Help the Aged" (now "Age UK").

When the URC was formed in 1972 Michael became its first national Youth Secretary for six years and then Moderator for Thames North Synod in north London for twelve. In 1990 his final appointment before retirement was as Assistant General Secretary of the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

Since retirement to Lindfield in 1997, Michael has kept busy as Treasurer of the Free Church Council, in various URC appointments at Synod and Assembly level and was a Trustee for 12 years until 2018. He was also a Lindfield Parish Councillor for eight years and is Secretary for the Sussex & Coastway Division of Railfuture. Railways have been a great love in Michael's life away from Church and, until recently, his hobby was railway modelling.

It was a real privilege and pleasure for me to spend some time with Michael chatting about things other than church finances – as, of course, Michael has been a LURC Treasurer and, with the oversight of his great experience, still plays a vital role on our Finance Committee. Do say hello to Michael and Rosemary after one of our services and learn more of this wonderful couple in our midst.

**Martin Hall**

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### Co-ordinator

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# Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

## March

1st	Zoe McQuillin	Iris Bingham
8th	Betty Billins	Anne Elvin
15th	Heather Swann	Heather Swann
22nd	Janet Wade	Fiona Tingley
29th	Flower Fund	Carol Marsh

## April

5th	Ann Parker	Jo Bloxham
12th	Easter	Iris Bingham
19th	Easter	Anne Elvin
26th	Jenny Machell	Heather Swann

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

## Tuesday 10th March

2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall  
Talk : "Wakehurst – Then and Now" by Paul Reader.

## Wednesday 11th March

12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger  
1:00pm Concert in All Saints  
Ivor Humphreys (Flute) & Hilary Needham (Piano)  
8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall  
Talk: "Worth Estate and its Trees."

## Saturday 14th March

7:00pm Film Event in King Edward Hall "Fairer World 2040" –  
A positive film about Climate Change

## Thursday 19th March

7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall  
"Little Women" U  
Tickets available from Tufnells from 27th January



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