

# GoodNEWS

LINDFIELD URC'S VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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## ...and relax!

Taking time out on holiday



- Boys' Brigade update.
- Ladies' away day – Tina's viewpoint.
- Plus loads of diary-fillers for you.

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**Dear Friends...**



## Two different stages

**O**ur family has been in Lindfield for nearly two months now and we are starting to settle. We would again like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. Catherine, Lydia and George (until he returns to university) have found jobs. Hannah is looking to do A levels and Emily and Josh are just enjoying life.

One of the pleasant things we have found is the friendliness of the people in the villages of Lindfield and Balcombe. We moved from Canford Heath – a huge housing estate dating from the late 60's with a population of over 16,000. With over two thirds of us moving to live there from all over the United Kingdom it was hard to feel a sense of identity and feel like a community.

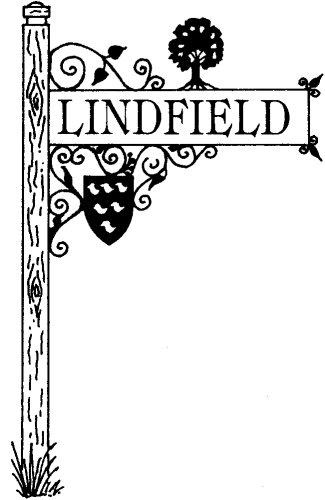
By contrast here, we have found settled communities with a clear identity, with a tradition and heritage (we have even joined The Society for the Preservation of Lindfield). Perhaps this is what leads to the sense of togetherness and friendliness. A community has been established and built over many years.

Whatever the 'community feel' the Church always has a part to

play. Jesus carried out his earthly ministry within the context of the extended family. He called those who followed him to work together, especially for the common good. In the Acts of the Apostles we see the believers regarded as a role model for a sharing and caring community. Jesus encouraged us to get eyes off 'self' and look also to the needs of others. On the other hand, although Jesus certainly affirmed God's law in the Old Testament, he was never afraid to challenge the religious leaders of the day where tradition and religious practice were proving to be a stumbling block.

So whether it is about giving a lead in creating community on a new estate like Canford Heath or building its work on what has been well established the Church will always have something to bring to the neighbourhood in which it is set – as it follows the example of Jesus Christ.

*Colin Bones*



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## Editorial



**Welcome to the pages of another GoodNEWS – spreading word of the Gospel, our church and village activities of all sorts.**

I can only hope you had a pleasant summer break this year, and invite you in to take stock 'post vacation' with us. Special guest writer, Peter McIntosh, explores the values of holidays mentally, physically and spiritually on page 4. Elsewhere in our main feature church friends share their summer reflections too.

Geoffrey Cocksedge brings us more news from 1st Lindfield Boys' Brigade company (p. 21) with what is now a fairly regular update – thanks Geoffrey!

Church life wouldn't be complete without those people working behind the scenes – on page 28 Iris Green reveals the efforts involved in the creation of the new banner, unveiled in the church during July.

Other subjects of interest in this issue include; the mission activities of WorldShare (p. 14); exploring the 'branding' of churches (p. 26); a summary of Colin's service of induction (p. 13) and news of a Vicar taking on the mighty Harry Potter in the book world (p. 9).

All your contributions welcome, let us show who the church is.

*David Tingley*

# Prayer Diary



<b>SUN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that the Holy Spirit may be at work in the three village churches.</li> <li>• Uphold Trevor Lewis and his induction at the Evangelical Free Church on 20th September.</li> <li>• That Colin may be encouraged and inspired as he works amongst us.</li> </ul>
<b>MON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for those facing new situations this term:</li> <li>• Going to school for the 1st time/ New school or University/ New job or No job/ All new opportunities for serving the Lord, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>TUE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the work of WorldShare (see page 14).</li> <li>• In particular, their 'Work for Food' project in Malawi</li> <li>• Training of national pastors.</li> <li>• Also pray for our Harvest Supper on 27th September</li> </ul>
<b>WED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember the three churches' work in the local schools.</li> <li>• Ask God to bless Colin as he gets involved here and at Balcombe.</li> <li>• May all those serving in this area experience God's enabling.</li> </ul>
<b>THUR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for our church's outreach into our community in word and action.</li> <li>• Lift to God your neighbours, friends and family who don't yet know our Lord.</li> <li>• Ask for courage to say the right word to them.</li> </ul>
<b>FRI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for God's help in our own children's and youth work.</li> <li>• For additional staff with commitment and vision for the work.</li> <li>• For the young people's weekend at West Watch – 12–14th September.</li> </ul>
<b>SAT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the wider URC, the Provincial Council meeting 18th September</li> <li>• For the United Methodist/URC at Lewes with their new buildings.</li> <li>• For St. Luke's Silverhill at Hastings, and for all officers, ministers &amp; elders serving in our Sussex East District.</li> </ul>

# Holidays or holy days,

**As the summer memories begin to fade from our minds, URC minister, retreat venue director and general all-round nice guy Peter McIntosh takes a look at what we get out of summer holidays.**

**In this part of our world, spare time, personal freedoms and money are in excess, so holidays are big business. For many they are a right, written into every employment contract, and rightly seen as a necessity for personal well being.**

But what's a holiday for? To get away from it all? To see the sights? To have someone else do the chores? To be restored?

Getting away from it all is absolutely key for many with unfulfilling jobs or responsibilities. No wonder such a holiday might be taken up with eating, drinking and making merry! Anything to dull real life drudgery. Yet such a holiday only brings temporary relief when you have to return to that which is so soul destroying.

Seeing the sights is different. There's a plethora of world wide sights to see places, peoples and cultures, and many opportunities now available to experience them first hand. Spectacular sights and sounds are good. For me, seeing our

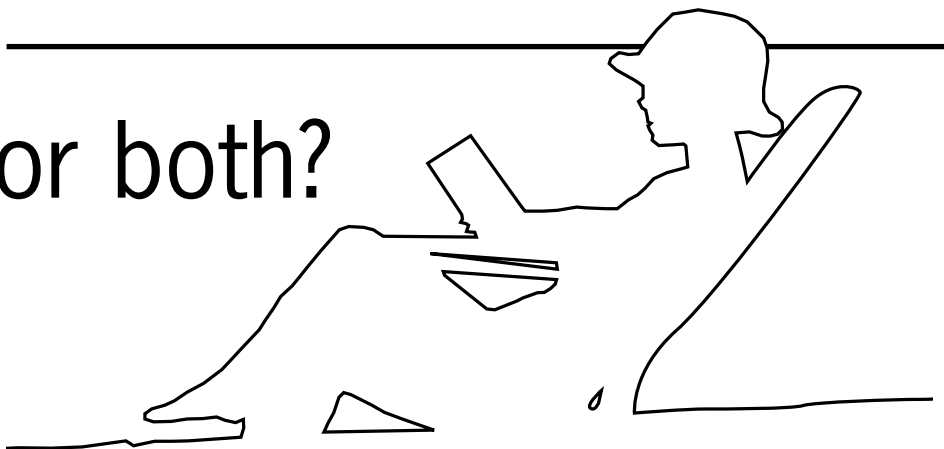
first wild bear in the Canadian Rockies remains special, but at the end of the day they can only be memories (or digital images), to take back to the more familiar daily round.

Having someone else do the chores, the cooking, cleaning, providing, organising, arranging, now that's a package holiday – that appeals! And why not? Many people spend much of their lives in some kind of necessary service to others, often taken for granted. It is nice to be cosseted for once, before it's time to go back to tasks and routines.

So what about a holiday that actually restores? The daily round can often rob us of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Working conditions, the jobs we ask people to do, the environment in which many have no choice but to live, family concerns or strife, global issues, fears, rejections, failures, duties, responsibilities, pain, the sheer business of living for many brings little respite, little that ransoms, heals, restores or forgives. So a time that can

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# or both?



genuinely restore and enable us to rediscover a wholeness for body, mind and spirit – that would make a holiday a genuinely “holy day”.

Life in Christ teaches us that taking time to be restored and healed is essential. A time of retreat, going away to let go, reflect, relax, pray, to be still, to converse openly and honestly with God in our own way rather than in ways dictated to us, can be such a renewing experience. Jesus himself took time out, went away to be on his own, or with friends, time to pray, to be fed, to be restored, to rediscover a peace that passes understanding. He was not like a workaholic, the constantly meeting other people’s expectations, the eating, drinking, and being merry for tomorrow we die attitude (although he did live life to the full). He saw retreat as a kind of faithfulness.

Personally, I love holidays, but these days I do want them to restore. Maybe that means not always getting away from it but stopping to reflect on why it is like it is, or shutting out distracting sights and sounds to allow God’s Spirit to be discerned more clearly or seeing chores as service, not duty. Perhaps we need to give ourselves a holy day more often. Go on, have a break, have a holy day!

*Peter McIntosh*

*My thanks to the editor; for making me look at this matter more closely especially when I’m just about to ‘retire’! Could that be another story?*

# The hard work of holidays!

**Holidays – holy days (old Saxon) – a break from work according to the dictionary and I add: getting away from meetings, commitments, phone, T.V., a time to read, relax, enjoy and “just be”.**

All holidays are hard work, both ends, the preparations to go, leaving everything in order (a few weeds) and returning to multitude weeds and grass growth, mounds of washing, a pile of mail and then catching up with events.

After 14 years of towing the caravan to Ledbury, and the Malverns, we had a hiccup this year, namely the non-functioning of the fridge gas switch. A Gideon’s fleece situation followed and we decided if it was repaired we would return to Ledbury (a site without electrics) – if not we would have to change sites – well it wasn’t, so change we did, looking for something closer to home to avoid the usual five plus hours (if lucky) motorway journeys. We found our answer – Heaven Farm, only 17 minutes away. All our needs were met, peace, beauty, buttercup meadows, history, interest and 15 wallabies.

The weather was super, even some rain, a lovely sound on the

caravan roof (but regretfully it did not patter on my allotment). It did, however, reveal an unidentifiable leak in the caravan and renew the one in the car boot.

We took the opportunity of enjoying Sussex, the Llama Park, little villages, Ashdown Forest, great views and meals at the farm Tea-room (excellent mushroom omelettes).

In the evening when the ‘day trippers’ had left there was time to meander across the fields and through the woods, enjoying just ‘being’.

Words from my favourite hymn epitomised the whole experience for me: –

**O Lord My God! when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**The sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

Holidays – holy days – heaven.

*Norna Derham*

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# First-timers

I've never been particularly good at packing light, but now with an additional family member our car was too small and a bigger one was borrowed for our first family holiday.



We were extremely unsure about where we should go with Georgie, our three month old daughter, so when an offer of accommodation came from my cousin we started making the plans! We were privileged to experience a true holiday with lots of willing hands to help with Georgie and pamper David and me with home-cooked meals and tea in bed. Spending time together away from the pressures and routine of daily life at home and work felt really refreshing. A real opportunity to recharge our batteries – we're already planning our next visit!

*Emma Tingley*

## 'Be still and know that I am God.'

**I**n general, being still is not the easiest thing to attain among the daily rushing around of life.

On a canal boat, however, being still is much more of a way of life largely because you can only move at a speed of 2.5 miles per hour!! There are certainly periods of frenetic activity, usually when starting or stopping or encountering locks, tunnels or other exciting features, but as a general rule it can be said that speed is not really an option.

As a result of this, and the magnificent scenery and nature around the Brecon and Monmouthshire canal, I certainly found that this phrase (above) was very relevant to me as we chugged along (slowly!). The boat was, obviously, compact but had an attractive and comfortable interior and the boat yard owners were very friendly and helpful. As with all things in life our holiday had its ups and downs. The major downward movement could be said to have been Richard deciding to dive in and investigate the bottom of the canal one night while mooring! Fortunately, he was only damp rather than anything more serious. Some of the boaters on the canal seemed to feel that doing an excessive speed of 4 miles per hour(!) was acceptable and Richard and I disagreed on the definition of a realistic distance to jump from the boat to the towpath!

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On the up side, we saw beautiful scenery, squirrels, rabbits, horses, cows, zillions of ducks and most amazingly of all buzzards playing overhead. On the Monday we had several showers of rain but this was more than made up for by the most fantastic rainbow that we could see almost from its beginning to end and was incredibly bright. A very special reminder of God's amazing promises to us and His faithfulness.

'Be still and know that I am God' was still more important to me when we returned home. While we had been away my Gran had died and although many people had been trying to reach us we had not received any of the messages. Although the end was sad and very difficult for my Mum, God was very present in it and the time away was very relaxing. I think that I am learning that there are going to be many things that I do not understand but I thank God that He is Lord of them all and He will not let me go.

Dawn Walters

# HARVEST SUPPER

**Saturday 27th September**  
7.30pm for 7.45pm

*Speaker: Pam Rose from WorldShare*

*Last year our September monthly mission giving and Harvest Appeal was given towards the work of WorldShare and in particular their work with 'Hope for Africa' in Malawi. We will be doing the same this year. Pam has recently visited South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi so will be able to bring us up-to-date information.*

*Free tickets are available from the Missions Group; Bill & Iris Green, Trudy Biersteker, John Barling and Ron Goodenough*

## End to Potter-mania?

**An Anglican priest from Cloughton, near Scarborough, has recently re-published his children's novel, *Shadowmancer*, as a positive alternative to children's books about the occult.**

Graham Taylor, the book's author, has lectured on the occult and related subjects and was challenged to provide a Christian option to children reaching for Harry Potter.

"There is a rise in the occult in this country, it is for example, the fastest growing faith system among 14-17 year olds." Taylor says "I wanted to write something that wasn't over preachy but did include a strong positive message that provides hope".

High Street stores have been praising the book, with Waterstone's Book of the Month and Ottaker's and WHSmith's Book of the Week earlier in the summer.

Taylor is now writing his next novel, *Wormwood*, a follow-up set in 18th century London and promises to be crammed full of more Christian imagery.

**GoodNEWS is on the case, and will be reviewing *Shadowmancer* soon; watch this space!**

Source: Christianity & Renewal magazine, Aug 2003

## Gay bishop: 'clear choice'

The appointment of openly homosexual minister, Rev Gene Robinson, as bishop of New Hampshire, US, has sent shockwaves through the Anglican Church worldwide. While some bishops are threatening the move will splinter the Church, others are calling for caution. Rev Gene Robinson was appointed by a vote of 62 to 43.

Source: Christian Herald – the UK's only inter-church weekly. Subscribe on 01903 602100

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## Another new village minister!

**After five years without a pastor, Lindfield Evangelical Free Church is finally celebrating!**

Trevor Lewis trained at Moorlands College in Dorset and, since leaving college a year ago, has worked as itinerant preacher and evangelist amongst free churches.

Trevor moved to Lindfield during August with his wife, Sarah and one year old son, Benjamin. He says his interests are in conceptual art, philosophy, politics and playing in the mud with his son.

The service of induction for Trevor is to be held on 20th September.

## **Congratulations to Andrew**

**Rose** on obtaining a 2.2 degree in Mathematics. Andrew will be going on to further studies in Statistics at Southampton.

## **Moving**

**Jim Johnson** will be going to Warwick university in October. Please pray for Jim as he starts this new phase in his life.

## **Thanks from old friends**

Thanks to everyone for the faithful support that Lindfield URC has been to us over these last 13 years. We know that this has been both financially and prayerfully. Our days there at Lindfield were some of the happiest of our lives, and we often remember people and situations.

*Dave & Pam White*

## **To all my friends at LURC,**

I just want to thank you for all your kind expressions of sympathy in different ways upon the most unexpected homecall of dear Ken.

I've been overwhelmed by the many messages I have received and by the large attendance at the service of thanksgiving.

I continue to value your prayers in these days of adjustment.

*Priscilla Walden*

## **Bereavements**

A number of folk have journeyed on to be with their Lord over recent weeks and we extend our love and sympathy to the following:—

**Priscilla Walden** and all of the family on the sudden death of Ken on 27th June. Ken and Priscilla had been at LURC for about seven years and Ken had been our church accountant for much of that time.

**Evelyn Lea** and her family and friends on the death of Michael, also on 27th June. Michael had bravely faced death over a number of months and I'm sure we will remember him for his cheerfulness and his quiet faith at that time. Michael had been very involved in village life and a very faithful helper for many years at the Wednesday lunch club.

**Carol Walters** and the family on the death of her mother on 24th June and also **Dawn Walters** on the recent death of her grandmother.

Phyllis Tanner-Smith, a former worshipper at LURC, died at age 97 in a residential home in Hindhead on 27th June.

*“When I stand in glory I shall see His face, and there I'll serve my King forever in that Holy Place”.*

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## Boy/girl sporting split at picnic

**On Sunday 20th July after the 9.30am service, 53 of us (children, parents and teachers) descended upon Lindfield Primary School playing field.**

The weather was a bit uncertain but at least it wasn't raining! Before we had time to spread the picnic rugs out Rob Biersteker was organising a game of football and Marion Tingley had taken over the "all weather pitch" for a sedate game of golf! Soon the Halls had arrived and the volleyball net was up and some of the smaller ones were having a go with the bats and balls. Some of us sat and watched the activities and I suddenly realised the football game was an "all male" game

varying in ages and the golf had attracted mostly females!!!

Hungry and thirsty, everyone stopped play for lunch and the sun came out (some of us had expected rain and had not applied suncream!) – it was a great sight. After lunch a group game of rounders was launched with short people playing alongside taller people! At one point David Goodchild was bowling and his son Joe (at 4 years old) was batting – brilliant!

People started leaving and by 3.00pm only the Nibloes and Bierstekers were left to close the gates and remove the direction signs. From peoples' comments, I think it was great fun and worth repeating!

*Clare Nibloe*

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## DE-BADGED BUT NOT DESPATCHED!

**May I respond to the kind gift of a book token and to the letters, cards and good wishes of so many of you on the occasion of the handing in of my 'blue badge'. I thank God for the opportunity to serve as pastoral assistant in such a loving church, and grateful to all of you for your prayers and for the warmth of your encouragement. I am thankful too for the fellowship of an excellent Pastoral group and for all I have learned from them. And last but not least, I owe a lot to my wife, Jean, who has taught me so much about listening to people (I'm still learning!).**

**So now I'm retired, but Jean and I are not planning to move away. We look forward to being part of that "every-member ministry" as we all respond to Colin's leadership and move into the exciting new chapter God has planned for our church.**

*Mike Gardiner*

### Full steam ahead

The Fellowship meets on Wednesday 24th September at 2.45pm, when we start our new session with an interesting talk by Mike Mason on The Bluebell Railway. Afterwards tea and biscuits will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy stall. Please come and join us for our new and varied programme.

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### Autumn Pilgrimage 27th September

Once again Brenda Stone and Darryl Sinclair are planning an 8 mile circular walk, this time around the Fittleworth area of Sussex.

There are further details on the noticeboard in the church hallway. Do let Barbara Shepherd know if you are interested in joining in (01444 483167).

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### Happy couple

Church members, Ray and Audrey Saunders, celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on 1st September this year. Much has changed since 1973, including the church they were married in now being a Habitat store! Audrey says the best thing was when their son was born, something she had wanted since she was just six years old!

So it seems that dreams can come true. They comment that life has not always been easy, but they believe that God has worked it out well in the end.

They are not alone in their milestone, as Terry and Alison Ward celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 2nd September. Well done and congratulations to you all.

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### Church magazine awards

**Your own GoodNEWS magazine was entered into 2003 Parish Magazine Awards, a nationwide competition for church magazines, back in May.**

From over 500 entries, we scored as follows: Best Content: 30th, Best Design: 15th, Best Editor: 9th, Best Print: 27th and Best Overall: 12th.

Well done to the whole production team!

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### Daytime drivers required for transport relief work

Some of our drivers for the lunches have now reached their 80's and feel that they would prefer not to continue picking up some of the "elderly" people for the lunch. They have been doing this for many years for which we are very grateful. So I am looking for a few people who would be able to pick up some elderly folk, bring them to the lunch and return them home afterwards. The lunches are always the 2nd Wednesday and Friday of each month, except August, from 12.30pm to approximately 1.45pm. If you are able to help I would be so pleased to hear from you.

Also, if you are retired and would like to come to one of the lunches you would be very welcome (You don't have to wait until you are nearly 80, younger members are welcome too!). Again, we would be pleased to hear from you.

*Iris Green (Friday lunch – Gwen and Derrick Hillman)*

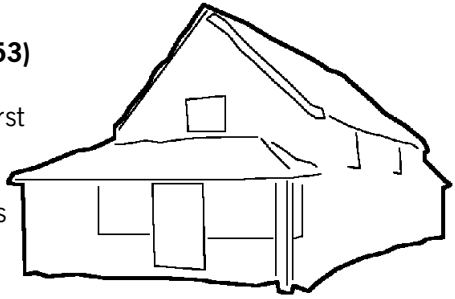
## **Balcombe United Reformed Church**

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**Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR**

**Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)**

Our main services are held at 11am on the first and third Sunday of each month and the children usually go out to Sunday School during the second part of the service. Visitors are always welcome.



**Speakers for September  
are as follows:-**

**7th Donald Nisbet – HYMN CHOICE**

**21st Rev Colin Bones – COMMUNION**

## **Colin's Induction Service**

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**On the 12th July 2003, one of the hottest days of the year (fortunately it was at 5.00pm), was the induction of Colin Bones to Lindfield URC.**

When we first walked into the church we saw there were a lot of people. There were three places you could sit in the building: The main church, the concourse (where there was a television) and the Lounge (where there was also a television).

When the service first started all the ministers taking part walked in together and some of them were wearing black gowns with coloured hoods. The man who was leading while we were in church was called the Rev Nigel Uden and he is the Moderator of the Southern Synod (we know that because the programme told us!) There

were two girls called Sarah and Fiona who are members of a dance group in Poole (from Colin's previous church) who did a modern dance to a song called "Don't look at me" – we think it was really good.

All the children went out of the service just before the sermon and we all went to the Nibloes house for an ice lolly. We played several games on the big green and went to the park at the bottom of their road. When the service finished we went back to the church for some tea. The service seemed to go on for a long time but it's an important service and quite a lot of people were taking part. We did like the badges the people helping were wearing – all the badges had smiley faces on them!

*Emma Nibloe and Kirsty Biersteker*

# WorldShare

**Last year we supported the work of WorldShare in their partnership with Hope for Africa. At that time there was a desperate need in Malawi of relief for the millions affected by famine.**

Hope for Africa, with financial assistance from WorldShare donors, started a 'Food for Work' programme in southern Malawi during the severe drought of 2002. They were welcomed by local churches, many of whom in the villages have small congregations, led by men with great faith but little education. They were hungry, not just for clean water and food, but also for good Bible teaching.

Malawi is a beautiful country, but the south has suffered badly from successive drought and floods. As in other parts of southern Africa, the best land is owned by large corporations and used for export crops, such as sugar. Workers are paid minimal wages and live in poor conditions. Black Africans have little share in the wealth which they work to create.

Again, as in all of southern Africa, AIDS is a major problem, and government anti-AIDS posters can be seen everywhere. Many still

believe the disease is caused by witchcraft.

Hope for Africa has been given a piece of land by the government and their dream is to build a Bible College which will train pastors to be a bridgehead for the gospel into Malawi. Christians from many backgrounds are coming together to win Malawi for Christ and to offer practical answers in areas such as AIDS teaching and support, income-generating programmes etc. The church in

Malawi is lively, joyful and growing but people are so poor and lacking in many things which we take for granted.

We will be devoting our monthly mission giving in September and our Harvest Appeal to WorldShare once again and we are delighted that Pam Rose is coming to speak at our Harvest Supper on Saturday 27th September. Pam has just returned from a visit to South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi so will be able to update us on what is happening there and in other countries where WorldShare has partners.

Please book early as we anticipate this will be a popular evening. Let's also be generous in our giving.



**Free tickets for the supper are available from the Missions Group: Bill & Iris Green, John Barling, Trudy Biersteker or Ron Goodenough.**

# When Children Learn...

When children learn that happiness is not found in what a person has but in who that person is.

When they learn that giving and forgiving are more rewarding than taking and avenging.

When they learn that suffering is not eased by self-pity, but overcome by inner resolve and spiritual strength.

When they learn that they can't control the world around them, but they are the masters of their own souls.

When they learn that relationships will prosper if they value friendship over ego, compromise over pride, and listening over advising.

When they learn not to hate a person whose difference they fear, but to fear that kind of hate.

When they learn that there is pleasure in the power of lifting others up, not in the pseudo-power of pushing them down.

When they learn that praise from others is flattering but meaningless if it is not matched by self-respect.

When they learn that the value of a

life is best measured not by the moments spent giving of one's self – sharing wisdom, inspiring hope, wiping tears and touching hearts.

When they learn that a person's beauty is seen not with the eye but with the heart; and that even though time and hardships may ravage one's outer shell, they can enhance one's character and perspective.

When they learn to withhold judgment of people knowing everyone is blessed with good and bad qualities, and that the emergence of either often depends on the help given or hurt inflicted by others.

When they learn that every person has been given the gift of a unique self, and the purpose of life is to share the very best of that gift with the world.

When children learn these ideals and how to practice them in the art of good living, they will no longer be children – they will be blessings to those who know them, and worthy models for all the world.

*Taken from Healthy Home News  
and written by David L. Weatherford  
© Chicken Soup For the Soul*



## September diary

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### 2nd

Tuesday 8.0pm House Group Leaders Meeting

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### 4th

Thursday 7.0pm \*Rehearsals begin for Ardingly College Choral Society 01444 892316

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### 7th

**Sunday** 9.30am David Nibloe & Colin Bones  
11.0am Colin Bones  
6.30pm Colin Bones & Richard Walters

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### 10th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

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### 11th

Thursday 8.0pm Church Meeting

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### 12th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

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### 14th

**Sunday** 9.30am David Nibloe & Colin Bones  
11.0am Colin Bones  
12 noon Copy Date for Oct. GoodNEWS  
6.30pm Communion Colin Bones

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### 16th

Tuesday 1.15 – 1.45pm \*Christianity Made Clear – Clair Hall, FREE talk.  
8.0pm House Group Leaders' Meeting

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### 18th

Thursday 1.0 – 1.50pm \* Lunchtime Concert (free) at King Edward Hall College A-level students playing.  
House Group week – check with leader

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### 20th

Saturday tbc \*Service of Induction for Trevor Lewis. L'field Evangelical Free Church

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### 21st

**Sunday** 9.30am David Nibloe & Colin Bones  
11.0am Tim Griffiths  
6.30pm Richard Walters & Colin Bones

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### 23rd

Tuesday 7.45pm Ladies 'In Touch'

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### 24th

Wednesday 2.45pm The Fellowship  
7.45pm Elders' Meeting

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## 25th

Thursday 8.0pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

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## 27th

Saturday tbc \*Autumn Pilgrimage walk  
7.30pm Harvest Supper

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## 28th Sunday

Harvest Thanksgiving  
**9.30am** David Nibloe & Colin Bones  
**11.0am** Communion  
Colin Bones  
**6.30pm** Richard Walters & Colin Bones

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### ADVANCE DIARY

**23rd Oct** \***Lunchtime concert (KEH)**  
Mezzo-soprano & pianist.  
**from 27th Oct** \***Educating Rita (KEH)**  
Play by Lindfield Dramatic Club  
**9th Nov** \***Remembrance Concert**  
Ardingly College Choral Society. 01444 892316.  
**20th Nov** \***Lunchtime concert (KEH)**  
The Lindfield Quintet.  
**29th Nov** \***Perdido Players Swing Night**  
King Edward Hall. Tickets £7.50 inc Ploughmans Supper. Details: Christine Giltrow 01444 452328.

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\* = event not held at Lindfield URC

## Sunday services explained...

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. There is a crèche, and after about 20 minutes children and young people up to age 14 go out to their own groups on most Sundays.

**Coffee** is normally served between the morning services and after the evening one.

The **11.00am service** is usually more set and formal.

At **6.30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

**Personal prayer** is available after every service. Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We **do not take up an offering** during the services, but all those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service. Thank you.

Cassette **recordings of services** can be borrowed free from the church.

# An extravagant praise?

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. <sup>46</sup>But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

<sup>48</sup>"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

<sup>49</sup>Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup>You do not realise that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

<sup>51</sup>He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, <sup>52</sup>and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

<sup>54</sup>Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

<sup>55</sup>When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. <sup>56</sup>They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?" <sup>57</sup>But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

**\* You will have to look up Chapter 12 vv1-10! \***

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**The net is tightening around Jesus. The political and religious centre is Jerusalem, in Judea, the south of the country, and Jesus' challenges to the religious leaders have already made it dangerous for him to go there openly (see 11v7–8). But human need takes him to his friends Mary and Martha in Bethany, just two miles from Jerusalem, and the spectacular raising of their brother Lazarus from the tomb brings the opposition to a head.**

The miracle results in many turning to Jesus, and this causes alarm among the religious leaders (11v45–49). John reveals the real reason behind their concern: the fear that widespread popular support for Jesus would lead the Romans to impose direct rule over the temple (“our place” v48) and the nation, shattering the priests’ political influence. John enjoys irony, and here he points out that Caiaphas, the high priest, has unwittingly fulfilled a prophetic role in resolving that one man, Jesus, must be sacrificed to save the nation. John knows, and we readers know, that Jesus is soon to be sacrificed on the cross to secure the eternal salvation of all who will believe in him.

What happened to Lazarus is still fresh in people’s minds as pilgrims converge on Jerusalem

for the annual Passover (John’s three Passover references – 2v13, 6v4, 11v55 – seem to indicate that Jesus’ ministry lasted about three years). Jesus too returns to Judea, and Mary, Martha and Lazarus give a dinner party for him, climaxed by something extraordinary. Heedless of the cost, Mary uses a whole jar of expensive perfume to anoint Jesus’ feet. (Verse 8 is not a justification of inequality, but a reminder to Judas that he would have plenty of opportunity to devote his life to serving the poor – something that was not in Judas’ plans!) Mary’s action, like Caiaphas’ pronouncement, has a deeper significance; the perfume was normally used for embalming, and Jesus declares to the astonished guests that Mary has, in effect, performed a burial service in advance of his impending death.

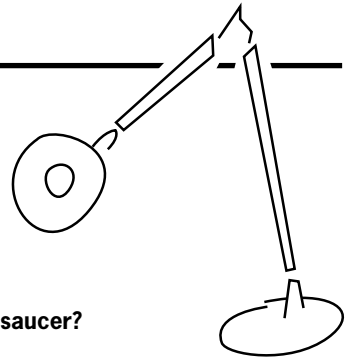
John wants us to see the contrast. On the one hand is the scheming self-serving hypocrisy of the high priests and their collaborator Judas; contrasted with this is the spontaneous devotion of someone who loves Jesus. I am left with the question: is my relationship with Jesus cold and calculating, based on self-interest, or am I extravagant in my worship, in my giving, in my love for him?

*Mike Gardiner*

## Twenty more questions

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GoodNEWS takes a probing glimpse into the minds of those who come to the church! Twenty Questions gives you a chance to guess the interviewee and learn a bit more about them too! This month's guest is revealed on the foot of Page 31.



- 1. What is your best memory from your school days?**  
Sport.
- 2. Favourite TV programme?**  
As Time Goes By.
- 3. If 'Changing Rooms' were to visit your home, which room would you ask them to redecorate?**  
Lounge.
- 4. Banoffee Pie, Apple Crumble or Fruit Salad?**  
Apple Crumble.
- 5. Which service do you frequent most often?**  
11am
- 6. Have you been trained in a specific line of work, if so what?**  
Life Assurance.
- 7. What one person do you think has most influenced your desire to follow Christ?**  
My sunday school teacher.
- 8. Who would you most want to have a 'one-to-one' conversation with (past or present)?**  
W. F. Deedes
- 9. Do you qualify for a free Bus Pass?**  
Yes.
- 10. Shoe size?**  
9½
- 11. Create a new law:**  
Haven't we got enough regulations!?
- 12. Mug or cup & saucer?**  
Mug.
- 13. Do you have a personal email account?**  
No.
- 14. What is the best strength of the Christian church?**  
The indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- 15. Describe the 'Christian life' in no more than three words.**  
Pilgrimage to Glory.
- 16. Most romantic moment?**  
Proposing marriage.
- 17. Best moment of fame?**  
Meeting Her Majesty the Queen.
- 18. Give one piece of wisdom to the next generation.**  
"To thine own self be true."
- 19. What is the greatest difference between your life now and before you became a Christian?**  
I try to give more thought to others.
- 20. Glasses, contact lenses or none?**  
Glasses.

**We are in urgent need of guests! HELP!!**

**Go on, take the 20 Questions challenge at [www.lindfieldurc.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldurc.org.uk)**



**All sections of the Company have had an active summer. We have been out of doors much of the time, had a lot of fun, and taken part in events far from Lindfield.**

The Company Section has held wide games, been paint-balling, carried out a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition, and participated in Battalion athletics and cross country competitions.

The Juniors have been to the Guildford Leisure Centre for bowling, ice skating and swimming, gone on a ramble, and played field games at Hickmans Lane. Both Juniors and Anchors took part in the Battalion Sports Day in Hove, and our Juniors did well to come 3rd overall, despite their average age being lower than some of their rivals.

As in past years, we had a tent on the Common on Village Day selling bric a brac, and raised around £250. Our thanks to Terry Ward, Michael Bryan and others for their work on our stall.

The Company Section ended the session with a barbecue, and the Juniors held a "Tramps Party" – Boys were invited to come dressed as tramps. Joe Lunt judged the candidates – Jack Dean and Sam Masters, were pronounced the best (or

worst?) tramps!

We took great satisfaction and pride at the presentation of the Ernest Beal VC Watch to Jim Johnson at our June Church Parade. (Paddy Lay has pointed out to me that there have been four, not two, previous Lindfield winners, the others – missed from my earlier report – being Andrew Lay and Andrew Bennewith).

As I write this, Company Section (CS) members are getting ready to go to camp at Glynde.

Camp numbers overall are considerably up this year, attesting to the popularity of this Christian holiday, and the Lindfield contingent contains the highest percentage of CS members we have ever sent to it. The only prominent absentee will be Jim Johnson, since the week clashes with the second part of his officer training (KGVI) course at Felden Lodge. Please pray that the spiritual benefits we have had from previous Glynde camps will be repeated this year.

*Geoffrey Cocksedge*

# It's tough at the top

This summer saw the release of a film which explored the idea of God relinquishing his power to one of his subjects – 'Bruce Almighty'! Jim Johnson and Matthew Wren give us their perspective on what the comedy has to say about God's relationship with us.

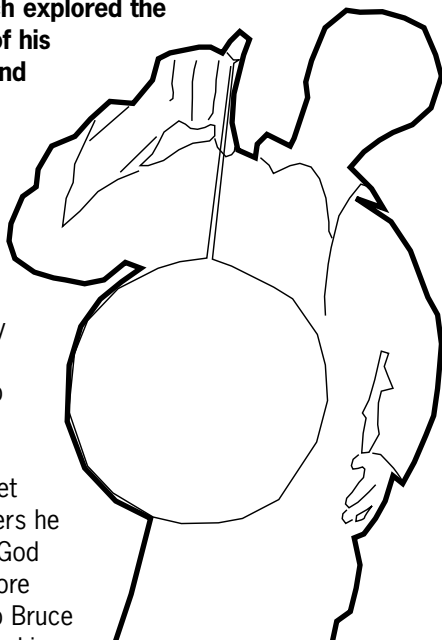
**W**hen students are offered something free they generally won't say no. Jim and I were no exception! So it wasn't long before we were trundling to Crawley in a battered old car to "critically examine" this film for GoodNEWS.

Bruce Almighty is about Bruce Nolan, a news reporter who takes over for God to see if he can do any better! We were afraid that the whole film would just be a very disrespectful mockery of the whole idea of God but were pleasantly surprised to find that there was actually a serious side to it all.

The film starts with Bruce (Jim Carrey) reporting for the local news company in a bid to gain a better job, which subsequently he doesn't get. When the job goes to his main rival he goes off in a rage, loses his job and blames it all on God. 'God is a mean kid with a magnifying glass sitting on a rock and I'm the ant' says Bruce 'God could fix my life in a moment'.

Bruce tries one last shot at actually praying directly to God but when he doesn't get the answers he expects, God replies more directly to Bruce and meets him on his own terms. God gives Bruce all his powers and there are just two rules: you can't tell anyone you are God and you can't mess with free will.

Then the funny part of the film really gets going as Bruce makes up for all the wrongs he thinks God has done him. But then he realises that there is more to being God than just having fun and prayer starts to take up all his time, his solution – say yes to all prayers at which point chaos takes over and Bruce is no longer in control.



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Well God comes back and puts it all to right and the film is nearly over apart from a few rather profound comments. God says that in the world everyone complains at him for all the problems that exist, but without affecting free will God can't solve the problems. This agrees with the Christian perspective that by our sin we have made the world an imperfect place.

God then goes on to say that there are miracles all around us in people doing their little bit to help others, and if everyone cared for others and not themselves most of the worlds problems would just disappear. If we would just pray for the things we care about, praying from the heart, then God hears and answers prayer.

Now if every one who saw the film followed that advice I think many would be amazed to get an answer. As the second favourite film in the cinema when we saw it, I hope that people will listen to what it has to say.

Should you go and see it? Well if you don't mind people finding a humourous side to God then its probably okay for you. However some of the jokes may push the point a little too far. However, it's not a bad film by Hollywood standards.

*Jim Johnson  
& Matthew Wren*

# Hole in one



**Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realising it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.**

As soon as the associate pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not". Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Found on the internet.

*Contributed by Marion Tingley*



**Our church was saddened and shocked to hear news that church member, Ken Walden died suddenly on 27th June. Ken and Priscilla have been at Lindfield URC for seven years and Ken had been our church accountant for much of that time. David Tingley and Ron Goodenough make some personal reflections.**

# Taking it all into account

**H**e was the kind of guy you had to admire. An integral cog in the mechanism of church life, but not one to shout loudly about it. A man with views and passions, but – unlike so many of us (me included) – did not get up and give his two-penn’orth on everything. He saved his words and action for when it mattered to him.

So what will I remember of Ken Walden, our beloved church accountant, now that he has gone to ‘do sums’ with his Maker?

The suggestion, from the floor at a church meeting, from Ken that we consider the idea of building a baptistry into our building, rates pretty high in my memories. To me at the time, this idea seemed totally out of the blue – but he carefully explained the important significance of it to our faith, and said how this facility might encourage more believers in the church to take that further step of commitment in the form of baptism.

Certainly I will remember the swift way in which he dealt with all the invoices, grubby-looking receipts and urgent requests to pay somebody when I had left it until the last minute! His attention to detail was reassuring and his answers were always helpful.

Ken’s faith always appeared to be present in his role as church accountant. I remember emailing him, in response to a newspaper article I had read about a local community charity needing cash to continue their vital service. I asked him whether he, like me, saw this as a potential opportunity to share what resources our church has, for the good of those around us with no hidden agenda. He agreed with my sentiment to financially support local charities and, although nothing has happened yet, from his response I could tell his heart was in it.

Which leads me to my final and saddest memory of Ken. Sad because I fear that I upset or offended Ken. It was following a church meeting where the state of the church accounts had been explained to those present. After sitting through many such meetings over the

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years, I had become irritated by the fact that we appear to need to 'sit' on certain cash funds. Insatiable beast that I am, I thought I would email Ken and ask why this was and why couldn't we give a load of it away! Ken's response showed me just how passionately he took his accounting. In his considered words of the email, he proceeded to tell me just what the funds were for and gave me the figure for that years giving, the highest amount yet.

He was understandably proud to have given so much of our income away to those that needed it more. I felt a bit foolish and naive after reading his reply. I guess that is why he did what he did, and I do what I do. I, for one, certainly respected him for all that he did for our church, but ultimately for Christ. Thanks, Ken, for teaching me a lesson!

*David Tingley*

**The church was packed** on 6th July to give thanks for the life of Ken who had faithfully served the Lord since becoming a Christian as a teenager. Since joining Lindfield URC some seven years ago he made a big impact on the life of the church; handling the day-to-day accounts, supporting various activities and being a real encourager to many people.

He will be remembered as a quiet, unassuming, gracious and godly man who touched many of our lives, for which we are grateful to God.

We continue to extend our love and prayers to Priscilla and the family.

*Ron Goodenough*

# Church on a brand and a prayer

In these extracts taken from a full article in *Design Week*, Danielle Green asks whether the Church of England can use branding to lure people back round the pulpit.

**In the 1970s Britain's favourite Christian, Cliff Richard, crooned 'Why should the Devil have all the good music?' Thirty years on, in an age where style is at least as important as substance, you could be forgiven for asking why the Devil should have all the good branding too.**

With church attendance falling and confusion rife over the Church of England's stance on issues such as homosexuality, it seems the Church needs the kind of image overhaul generally deemed more befitting of less divine 'products and services'.

Although 21st century attractions that arguably divert potential worshippers' attention away from spirituality – football, PlayStation, pop music – are slick in branding's glossy sheen, God, it seems, has always considered Himself above calling in the professionals.

That said, recent developments point to a growing awareness among religious organisations of the need to scatter a little design gold dust.

Central London's Abbey Road Baptist Church recently drafted

in The Field to create a contemporary identity that would reflect its evangelical ethos and multi-cultural congregation. Meanwhile, earlier this year Arthur Steen-Adamson was short-listed for a British Design & Art Direction award for its witty branding work on Truro-based St Kea Church.

But is it possible to brand God and can the Church really be sold to people in the same way as commercial services?

According to The Field managing director Simon Barbato, to talk of branding religion as such is to miss the point.

'The best ambassadors for the Church are the congregation,' notes Barbato. 'If we can unite them and create a strong sense of purpose and belonging then we've met an important objective.'

It is at individual congregation level that the Church of England feels it is most appropriate for any type of branding exercise to kick in, citing itself as too much a 'broad church' to enable an overarching 'corporate' branding.

The Christian church does have one of the oldest and most

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recognisable logos out there in the shape of the cross. And, as Landor Associates executive creative director Peter Knapp notes, this is bolstered by a host of iconography crying out to be exploited in the marketing context.

‘The religious world has some of the strongest brands in the history of mankind. All that symbolism is deep-rooted in the human psyche.’

The problem, suggests Knapp, lies in the Church’s reluctance to deliver those icons to the mass market through more up-to-date channels.

‘Thirty years ago the Church sold itself through youth clubs and village halls. But the Church now needs to be persuasive in a different, “MTV” market. It needs to fight the fight in the mainstream advertising arena.’

And, insists Knapp, that needn’t mean disengaging from the existing messages. Those billboards you see featuring quaint, ‘God Loves You’-type slogans outside churches, he claims, reflect a rich history of ‘great and engaging copywriting’.

According to Arthur Steen-Adamson creative director Mark Steen-Adamson, existing religious iconography can also be subverted to powerful effect.

For instance, in a range of merchandise created for St Kea Church, Adamson ‘reclaimed’

Christian expletives and exclamations in slogans such as ‘Bloody Hell, you’d better believe it’, ‘God knows who I am’ and ‘Holy Smoke’.

Adamson concedes that he met some congregation dissent in the early phases of the project, but says his ideas were swiftly embraced once people got beyond the ‘strong’ language and appreciated ‘the bigger picture’.

There is clearly a good taste tightrope to be negotiated when embarking on religious branding, but that needn’t act as a deterrent. And as Lin Arigho, managing director of Aricot Vert, which last year spruced up the Scripture Union’s image points out; the Church avoids branding at its peril. ‘Ignore it,’ she warns, ‘and you end up the The Vicar of Dibley as your figurehead.’

*Danielle Green*

Below: Arthur Steen-Adamson range of merchandise for St Kea Church



# Banner manufacture!

**A**t the beginning of the year I approached the two remaining members of the banner group to suggest replacing the 15-year-old Pentecost banner.

Leesa Lemay agreed to artistically translate our ideas; Tina Elphick joined to help with the design; Angela Newnham is our expert on materials and stitching and Heather Barling and I are just basic sewers.

## **So how to start?**

Before our first meeting I asked everyone to pray about it and to come to the meeting with any thoughts. When we met we looked at about six passages of scripture relating to the Holy Spirit. We then spent time just waiting on the Lord for His guidance and then pooled all of our thoughts. We talked and it seemed that we were directed to the passage from Isaiah 61 v 1–3. As time went on I thought we would have to end the meeting without a definite picture until Leesa's baby started crying! She went to attend to him and when she came back she'd had an idea, which she quickly sketched onto paper.

Leesa then spent time drawing the picture (cleverly putting it onto the computer) and

giving us ideas of different colours as well. When everybody agreed the design Leesa then drew it all free hand to scale.

There then followed a lot of time talking about materials, colours and how we were actually going to make it.

We have always chosen to sew rather than stick so again this takes time. Heather and I had our first lessons in quilting! When all the cutting out is done and the backcloth is ready we always enjoy sewing the "bits" on. When we had all of the letters and figures pinned on, Angela, Heather and I sat and talked about it and just let the picture and words speak to us.

This banner was very different from the others and the practical side of it had not come together easily. Although we had intended it to be ready for Pentecost it was nowhere near finished. With hindsight perhaps that was right and it was ready for Colin's induction.

Our aim is always to encourage folk to focus on God when they see the banners. We always ask the Lord to help us to make them to the best of our ability because we want to give Him the honour and glory and to lift His name up high.

*Iris Green*

# Ladies find 'God's path' ...eventually!

**O**n the 3rd July some 35 of us from Lindfield went to Ashburnham for a Ladies' Day.

We met up with other churches and, after coffee, about 100 or more assembled in the Great Hall for praise worship. We then heard from Jennifer Rees Larcombe, who is attached to the charity Beauty from Ashes, a name taken from Verse 3 in Isaiah 61. She spoke in the morning and after lunch on dependence on God, our trust and hope in Him. Her talk was relevant and meaningful; she was honest, telling us of her pain as well as her triumphs. How she found following God's path may have been difficult at the time, but looking back, she could see His perfect plan for her life.

One of the things she said hit home to me, how it is sometimes easier to give God charge over our own life but much harder to give over to Him our close family and friends. Can I really trust Him and depend on Him to keep safe my most precious earthly treasure, my children? Maybe you can, maybe you have reached that far.

Jennifer was open and frank, admitting her difficulties and mistakes in trying to direct God instead of listening, then acting on Him. No, she didn't have all the answers to the pains of this world, but she did know she was on the winning side, and through prayer and trust in Him is working daily to depend on God.

It really was an uplifting day in beautiful surroundings, with relaxing fellowship.

Thanks, Sue, for organising it! If you missed out this time, I think Sue has tickets for a Ladies' Day in November, when Penny Foxwell will be speaking.

Thanks, too, to Fo who drove Audrey, Fay and myself down as she knew the way; well, we would have missed that pretty country lane if we hadn't got "lost" half a mile from Ashburnham!

*Tina Elphick*



## Keep those boxes for Operation Christmas Child

Please start saving your shoe boxes as we will be filling them with gifts again this year for collection in November. Look out for more information in next month's GoodNEWS.

*Trudy Biersteker*

### These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

Announcements in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: “The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.”

The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water.” The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

“Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don’t forget your husbands.”

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say “hell” to someone who doesn’t care much about you.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

## Shorts

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I dreamed death came the other night, and Heaven’s gate swung wide.

With kindly grace an angel ushered me inside.

And there, to my astonishment, stood folks I’d known on Earth: some I’d judged and labelled – unfit, of little worth!

Indignant words rose to my lips, but never were let free, for every face showed stunned surprise.

No one expected me!

“The Church is not a power base, a campaign, a ‘ministry for the promotion of virtue and suppression of vice’. It is a community of the weak, the failures, those who long for themselves and their world to be better and weep that they and it are not.”

*Veronica Zandel,  
writer and journalist*

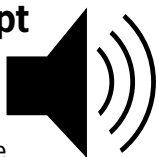
## Groups of bones

The membership of any organisation is made up of four sets of bones. There are the **wishbones**, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; the **jawbones**, who do all the talking but very little else. Another group is the **knucklebones** – they knock everything that anybody tries to do. But the most valuable are the **backbones**, who get under the load and actually do the work.

**To which set do you belong?**

*Found in a church magazine, contributed by Winifred Scopes*

**27th Sept**



Don't miss the opportunity to hear WorldShare's Pam Rose at the Harvest Supper – 27th September.

The Twenty Questions guest this month was: Herbert Fisher. Why don't you take the challenge? Email the editor your answers, or do it on the church website [www.lindfieldurc.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldurc.org.uk).

## WANTED:

*green  
Jelly*

CREATIVE THINKER!

GoodNEWS kids section, Green Jelly, needs a willing volunteer(s) who can put together a lively and inviting four pages of content every month. Computer skills helpful but not essential.

Imagination a key ingredient. Speak to David Tingley for more info. Initially job would be for trial two issues ASAP. Reward: in heaven!!

## Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
Sept. 7	Joan Durrant	Iris Bingham
14	Mies Brock	Fiona Tingley
21	Lyn Tucker	Heather Swann
28	Harvest Festival	Vera Dorton
Oct. 5	Heather Swann	Sue Tester
12	Jessie Green	Dorothy Foster
19	Mildred Taylor	Betty Peter
26	Jean Baxter	Jacqueline Wood

### HARVEST FESTIVAL NOTICE:

The church will be decorated for Harvest early on Saturday morning 27th September. Please can you let us know if you can supply greenery for decoration or flowers, fruit or vegetables from your garden or allotments. Donations would also be welcome to purchase flowers, fruit or vegetables if necessary.

*Gladys Porter, Margaret Goodare  
& Betty Billins*



## Church activities

### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Junior Church  
(Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
- 11.00am Morning Worship  
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)
- 6.30pm Evening Service  
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)
- Healing Services as announced*

### PRAYER MEETINGS:

- Mon 9.15am An Hour of Prayer
- Wed 9.45am Short Service of Intercession
- Thur 8.00pm Church Prayer Evening  
(4th Thursday)
- Fri 7.30am Prayer Meeting in the Lounge

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Sun 6.30pm Sunday Evening Youth Group
- Mon 6.30pm Boys' Brigade – Junior Section (8–11 years)
- Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones  
(Parents and toddlers)
- 6.15pm Girls' Brigade – Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders
- 7.45pm In Touch (4th Tuesday)
- Wed 2.45pm The Fellowship (4th Wed.)
- Thur 10.00am Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
- 8.00pm Church Meeting (2nd Thur.)
- Fri 5.30pm Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys (5–7 years)
- 7.30pm Boys' Brigade – Company Section (11+ years)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

**The church is open Monday to Saturday  
from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

## Phonebook



### Church Telephone Number:

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### Boys' Brigade:

Geoffrey Cocksedge  
01444 474007

### Cradle Roll:

Sue Tester 01444 482810

### Flowers:

Betty Billins 01444 484494

### Girls' Brigade:

Margaret Luscombe  
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