

Lindfield United Reformed Church

Newsletter April 2024

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Welcome to Lindfield United Reformed Church



We are a family friendly Church meeting in the middle of Lindfield High Street. We believe in God's word made known to us in the Bible, and trust that by His Holy Spirit, He will reveal His plan for our lives. Whether you are very young, or with more experience of life, we provide an opportunity to worship and encounter God.

We gather every Sunday at 10am and every first Wednesday of the month at 11.30am. Details of each service this month are available later in this newsletter. Whilst we would encourage you to attend our services in person, we do understand that this is not always possible. Therefore, we continue to offer live streaming of our services on Facebook Live, or you can listen live on the phone by calling 01444 711407.

Lindfield URC is a proud recipient of the Silver Eco church award for A Rocha UK. This recognises Lindfield URC's commitment to faithful and sustainable stewardship of our resources and buildings, as a response to our engagement with local and global environmental issues and in recognition of the commitment within the personal lifestyles of our members to demonstrate our love for God and one another generously and responsibly.

We are also delighted to announce that the Fairtrade Foundation has bestowed upon us the title of Fairtrade Church. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Our community work continues as we support Haywards Heath Foodbank as a collection point. The drop-off point is open Monday to Friday 10am – 5pm.

Lindfield URC supports and partners with organisations locally, nationally, and internationally to help share the love, spread the joy and communicate the hope of the gospel.

For further information you can contact our Minister Keith by email on kmorrison@lindfieldurc.org.uk or call him on 01444 484791.

Church News & Updates

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday worship will be taking place on Wednesday 3rd April led by Reverend Keith Morrison. The church will be open from 11am for coffee before the service starts at 11.30am.

Messy Church

Messy Church for families takes place on Friday 19th April at 4pm. Activities, crafts, and story following a theme, are followed by a tea for all. If you can help, please contact Jacquie Odell on 07895 772317.



The Fellowship

Our next fellowship meeting is on Wednesday 24th April. This is the meeting when we travel to Australia with Zoe McQuillin! We set off at 2.30pm. At the end of the journey, we will have tea and cake and time for a chat. All who come will be made most welcome.

Chill and Chat

The next meeting of Chill and Chat is on the 17th of April at 7.30pm. Once again it is an 'open' meeting when we have a representative from 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. The speaker is himself blind, so he will be able to tell us about this vital resource from his own personal experience. When we have a speaker from a charity like this, it is important that others in the Church attend to swell our numbers, not only so that we can give a generous donation to the charity, but also as a Christian community, we can show our support (in this case) for those who do a wonderful work in aiding those who have lost their sight. We look forward to welcoming everyone to what I'm sure will be a very interesting evening.

Church Prayer meeting

The Church Prayer meeting this month will take place on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm on the church lounge.

Three churches Prayer meeting

All are invited to join us for a weekly Three churches Prayer meeting on Saturday mornings from 8.45 – 9.30am at the Lindfield Evangelical Free Church.

Church Services in April

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

‘On the road’

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 11.30am

The reading is taken from Luke 24:13-35

³² They said to each other, “He explained to us what the Scriptures meant. Weren’t we excited as he talked with us on the road?” (NIV)

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

Sunday 7th April 2024

‘One in heart and mind’

Service taken by Dan McQuillin at 10am

The reading is taken from Acts 4:32-35

³² All the believers were agreed in heart and mind. They didn’t claim that anything they had was their own. Instead, they shared everything they owned. (NIV)

Sunday 14th April 2024

‘Learning to live with our mistakes’

After a lame man was healed, people were astonished. Peter asks the crowds ‘Why?’ He explains that Jesus is the long-promised Messiah, rejected and killed but raised from the dead by God. And it is through Jesus that the man was healed. Citing Moses and the prophets, he calls the people to repent of their sins – including failing to recognise Jesus – and to know the refreshing presence of Jesus in their lives.

Failing is not always a bad thing; it can make us want to learn and improve. How do we respond to our mistakes? Do we learn to live better lives as a consequence?

Service taken by a Jacquie Odell’s Home group

The reading is taken from Acts 3:12-19

¹⁹ “Now it’s time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, and send you the Messiah he prepared for you, namely, Jesus.” (The Message Bible)

Sunday 21st April 2024

‘How we use our power and influence’

Peter and John had caused upset by preaching about Jesus’ resurrection and are being interrogated by the Council of Jerusalem. Asked by what power they are acting; Peter speaks about Jesus’ death and resurrection. After discussing the situation, and knowing full well who Peter and John were, they order them to cease speaking and teaching in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John said they had to speak about what they had seen and heard. Not really knowing what to do, and wary of making things worse, the Council let them go.

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from Acts 4:5-12

¹¹ Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone” (NIV)

Sunday 28th April 2024



‘Journeying alongside others’

On the road to Gaza, Philip meets an Ethiopian court official who was reading the prophet Isaiah – the passage that begins, ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter’.

Prompted by the Spirit, Philip asks the man whether he understands what he is reading. The man says he needs a guide, and Philip uses this as an opportunity to speak about Jesus and the man immediately asks to be baptized. Philip turns back towards Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news everywhere he goes.

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morisson at 10am to include Communion

The reading is taken from Acts 8:26-30

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. (NIV)

- Following every service there is always an opportunity for personal prayer. Please speak with either the person leading that service, one of the elders or one of the pastoral team at the end of the service.
- All our Sunday morning services will include ‘United’ for children and young people who go out to their own group during the service.
- Coffee will be served after each Sunday service in the Church Hall. We welcome everyone to join us.
- Our services are available online ‘live’ on Facebook or you may listen by calling 01444 711407.

April's Diary – 'more than just Sundays'

Wednesday 3 rd April	11.30am	Wednesday Worship
Thursday 4 th April	Various	Home Groups
Saturday 6 th April	8.45am 10am – 1pm	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC Lindfield Repair cafe
Sunday 7 th April	10am	Sunday service
Monday 8 th April	10am–12pm	Art Group
Saturday 13 th April	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 14 th April	10am	Sunday service
Monday 15 th April	10am–12pm	Art Group
	6pm	Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors
	7pm	Boys Brigade – Company section
Tuesday 16 th April	10 – 11.30am	Stepping Stones
Wednesday 17 th April	7.30pm	Chill and Chat
Thursday 18 th April	Various	Home Groups
Friday 19 th April	4 – 6pm	Messy Church
Saturday 20 th April	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 21 st April	10am	Sunday service
Monday 22 nd April	10am–12pm	Art Group
	6pm	Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors
	7pm	Boys Brigade – Company section
Tuesday 23 rd April	10 – 11.30am	Stepping Stones
Wednesday 24 th April	2.30pm	Fellowship
Thursday 25 th April	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting in the Lounge
Friday 26 th April	7.30pm	Pulse for Year 6 and above
Saturday 27 th April	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 28 th April	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 29 th April	10am–12pm	Art Group
	6pm	Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors
	7pm	Boys Brigade – Company section
Tuesday 30 th April	10 – 11.30am	Stepping Stones
Wednesday 1 st May	11.30am	Wednesday Worship



Future Dates for your diary

Next Church Meetings – Sunday 12th May and Sunday 7th July at 11.30am

Monday 20th May – Boys Brigade Awards Night at 6.30pm

Saturday 1st June - Lindfield Village Day

We will be running our Lemonade Stall and Messy Church activities during the day.

Sunday 23rd June - Three Churches Family Picnic

Further details in June's newsletter

Flower Distribution in April

7 th April	Alison Ward
14 th April	Carol Marsh
21 st April	Fiona Tingley
28 th April	Christine Faro



GCSE Exam Prayers



This summer Faith will be sitting her GCSE exams. Most of her exams are in May, and we will put more details in the May newsletter, however, she does have a French speaking exam sometime between 29th April and 3rd May and she would really appreciate your prayers as she takes them.

Church Painting and decorating

The managers are putting together a schedule for updating some of the emulsion paintwork around the church building. If you are happy to wield a paint brush or roller on some walls, David Walters would be delighted to hear from you. Please call him on 01444 457938.



News from Compton House

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for Compton House. The home is beginning to fill up and we are now also welcoming people who need short term respite and palliative care.

The home is delighted that church members are joining with us in our activities and Vlado the new manager is very keen to further strengthen our links with the community.

Can you serve at Compton House?

A large part of Compton House's success is down to the support of those in the community, including volunteer gardeners and visitors. They are keen to increase the volunteer opportunities including help with visiting and/or serving refreshments to residents in their rooms. If you like more information please contact the home manager Vlado or speak to Mike Odell.



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