

# *GoodNEWS* **MAGAZINE**

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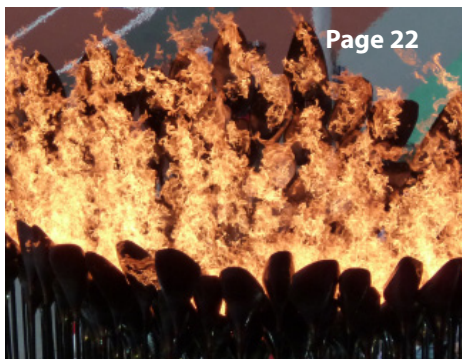
**"May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and  
peace in believing, so  
that by the power of  
the Holy Spirit you may  
abound in hope."**

**Romans 15:13**



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share a special verse of  
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# Editorial

In our magazine we share with Compton House the celebration of their 20th Anniversary. Do read about the celebrations that are taking place this month. The celebrations for all our residents of Compton House and Little Compton need your support. The funds raised from the Autumn Fair give our residents the extra outings and the special finesse that Compton House is renowned for.

They all have the special Christian care and love which makes Compton House so very special. Do read Anne Morgan's reflections, Anne in many past years was an Elder together with so many other duties in Lindfield URC. It is good for us to remember, just how much, so many of the residents have worked and supported the three Churches in their lifetime.

We read how Josh is continuing his great work with our 'Young People'. Do pray for Josh, so that he can give them the tools necessary to learn, how Jesus' love and presence is so wonderful.

I hope when you read this edition of Good News, it will give you a full picture of how our church is moving forward with enthusiasm and prayer to further the 'Good News' Jesus brings to us all.

*Anne*

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# Dear friends

Can you pick a lock? TV detectives do it all the time. It needs a certain skill, but unless you possess it, you're stumped. It's a bit like that when you try to share the Gospel.

One of the drawbacks of having been a Christian for a long time is the fact that most of your friends are Christians too. Very rarely do Christians have a wide circle of non-Christian friends and that's a shame. You see the most effective way to share our faith is to make friends and share it with them. If all your friends are Christians already, you have a problem.

I'm not boasting, but on three mornings a week, I go to the gym. One of the by-products of this self-inflicted torture is that I meet lots of non-Christians and over the weeks, I've got to know some of them quite well. This is my chance. Here are some captive non-Christians. They like me. They laugh at my jokes. I even get to know what they do for a living and the names of their children, so very gingerly I introduce Christianity into the conversation. Immediately I hear the door slam, the keys turn and the bolts slide into place. I feel just like someone on the wrong side of a locked door and there's nothing I can do to open it.

How do we solve this problem? Well, first of all, we must stop feeling guilty. Paul tells us in second Corinthians 4 that "the god of this world has blinded the minds

of unbelievers." However, that doesn't let us off the hook, because the Bible also promises that when we share God's word, it will not return empty. It will accomplish His purpose, so the second thing to remember is don't give up!

The third and most important thing to hold on to, is that although we cannot unpick the lock of the human heart, the Holy Spirit can, so the most effective thing we can do is pray that He will. There you have it – a simple strategy for reaching non-Christians.

- Make friends with them and tell them, as simply as you can, what the Lord Jesus has done for you.
- Don't be discouraged when they don't want to listen. Sooner or later, another opportunity will come to share your faith.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will find a way of picking the lock and opening the door that seems fast shut.

We have two wonderful opportunities to get alongside folk coming up soon – Bonfire Night and Late Night Opening (or Village Night) when the church will be open and full of hordes of people who don't know Jesus as their Saviour. Even if just one gets a better understanding of what we believe, it will be worth it.

As ever, your Pastor and friend,

*Charles S Martin*



## *In Touch*

Our September meeting was spent at the Methodist Church in Haywards Heath where we held our annual Away Day.

We were led by an inspired Janet Goodenough who chose the story of Martha, Mary and Lazarus for her message for the day.

The stressed hardworking Martha, preparing the meal for Jesus, the more relaxed character of Mary wanting to take in everything Jesus said. The death and subsequent bringing back to life of their brother Lazarus by Jesus was a familiar story to us all. Janet, however, managed to bring a very different and personal approach to this story and helped us see the characters in a very different light as a result. During the day we had some breaks for some singing, prayer, and discussion with a simple communion service bringing the day to a final conclusion.

This study day proved that there are always new things we can learn from the Bible, no matter how familiar we are with some of the stories, and Janet certainly held our attention throughout the day. The result was that we returned home full of enthusiasm and much encouraged by her leadership and teaching. Thank you Janet for all the preparation and hard work you undoubtedly put into the day on our behalf.

Our next meeting on November 27th will be led by a member of the Beachy Head chaplaincy team. Everyone is very welcome to come but please look at the notice board nearer the time for further details.

**Janet Wade**

## *The Fellowship*

On Wednesday 28th November 2012, we are going to have 'A Glimpse of Essex, from the Oil Refinery to the Beach'

The speaker will be Ruth Ford. There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall and of course, after the talk tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. A warm welcome is extended to all who come, and we are always pleased to greet new members and visitors.

**Pat Phillips**

## *Compton House Autumn Fair*

After last year's success, we are holding another Autumn Fair on Saturday 10th November on our church premises.

We are particularly keen to raise money from sales of cakes of any kind, so if you are able to help please add your name to the sign-up sheets on our church notice-board.

Most importantly, please tell your friends and neighbours about the Fair and display a poster.

Thank you  
**Stuart Marsh (483500)**

# My Life

## *as a Christian artist*

Just after I became a Christian in 1973 I had a desire to want to paint in oils. I bought a daler board and some oil paints in order to begin my new hobby and asked God to help me. My early pictures were very amateurish and I attended evening classes and did 'O' level Art which helped me.

I remember reading in the book of Philippians "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things...."

Even now, each time I sit down to paint I ask God to help me and to give me inspiration. I give the glory to Him on what I achieve.

This hobby of painting has given me a lot of peace over the years and satisfaction, and it is lovely talking to others who share a common interest in the Art Group on a Monday morning. I have found there is great joy in painting and particularly in oils. I found friendship with the ladies, and their honest opinions most of the time. I like to encourage them and look at what they have been painting.

When I painted on my own at home I didn't seem to finish paintings, but now in the company of other artists, I find we all encourage one another. I always do the sign of the cross with my finger on





my painting before i start, and ask God to give me inspiration and wisdom as I paint.

I have painted 18 pictures since I joined the Art Group in February 2008 which I thank God for.

In 2010 Jenny Martin asked me to paint a picture of Ryecroft. The house was built in 1610 and so was 400 years old. Jenny wanted the house painted as it was when it was built all those years ago. I visited the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum at Singleton to see the fine examples of this type of old Sussex Wealden house with the open fire in the centre of the room, later to be replaced by a chimney in the centre of the room.

The picture now hangs in Ryecroft and Jenny has written the history of the house on the back of the picture.

I then photographed Lindfield pond and painted same, which we now have hanging on our staircase at home. We will soon have to buy a bigger house to accommodate all my pictures as we are running out of wall space! At present I am just putting the finishing touches to a view of Ardingly reservoir.

Praise God for the way He has helped me.

**Raymond Tijou**



# Compton House

In November 1992 Compton House Nursing Home was established by a committee of individual members of the three Lindfield Churches when the Home was purchased from Mr and Mrs Blake, who wished to retire.

Later in 1996, Little Compton was purchased from Abbeyfield Lindfield providing sheltered accommodation for nine residents and together they are now known as Lindfield Christian Care Home.

Over the past twenty years, Compton House has been extended and is now registered to provide nursing care for 27 residents. Earlier this year, Little Compton became registered with the Care Quality Commission to provide personal care if required.

A high standard of care has continued throughout the 20 years and on the latest inspection the Home was awarded an 'Excellent' rating by the Care Quality Commission.

The Aim of the Home from the outset has been "To meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all the residents-whether they are members of the Lindfield Churches or from the community at large – who have made Compton House their home". Over the years it has been a great joy and cause for thanksgiving to have seen so many enjoy and benefit from both Compton House and Little Compton.

Although there has never been any formal or financial involvement with the three churches, individuals in these congregations have and do support Lindfield Christian Care Home through prayer, giving, volunteering and serving as Trustees.

***“We pray for the next 20 years and beyond, that this work which the Lord has inspired will continue to meet the needs of each resident and always be to His glory”***

(Keith Ward – The Story of Compton House)





## To mark the 20th Anniversary

- There is a Thanksgiving Service on Sunday October 28th at 3pm in the URC. The speaker will be Rev Roger Hitchings, Pastor and Author of "Could It Be Dementia?"
- Keith Ward's book 'The Story of Compton House' 2nd edition will be published
- A website will be launched
- An Autumn Fair is planned for November 10th in the URC

## How can you help?

- By joining us on October 28th to give thanks to God for the past 20 years
- By supporting the fair on November 10th
- By considering whether you might become a volunteer

(For more information, contact Jennie Herring, Manager on 01444 482662)

**Kirsty Taylor**  
Chair of Trustees



## *Reflections of Lindfield and Compton House*



I first moved to Lindfield in 1966 to take up the position of Deputy Matron at St Nicholas Children's Home Lindfield.

The children I looked after aged from birth to seven years were all from very needy homes. All resided fulltime at the home. It was a very happy place to work and the results were very fulfilling.

Whilst working at the home I started attending Lindfield U.R.C. and found it very welcoming and caring.

The home closed and the land was sold for housing.

I moved on to Orchard House in Cuckfield where I resided looking after mentally handicapped children. During this time I became an Elder at Lindfield U.R.C.

I was then pleased to accept the position of Housekeeper at Abbeyfield in Lindfield (which is now Little Compton).

This was lovely as I was back in Lindfield and happy at the U.R.C. serving as an Elder.

When I retired I moved to Joan Nightingale House in Haywards Heath so I transferred my church membership to Haywards Heath U.R.C and still served as an Elder there.

My health started to fail in 2009 and I realised that I was beginning to need

24 hour care. Fortunately a room became available at Compton House in January 2012 and I moved in.

Compton House is so very caring. The staff are lovely and everything I need is well taken care of. I have learnt to paint, pat a dog (Lucy), exercise.

Attend lovely Sunday services in the lounge and have made lots of new friends.

The entertainment is lovely and I have been on two enjoyable outings.

The food is excellent like a 5 star hotel.

There is a lovely Christian atmosphere here and I feel I am now back home.

God has been so good to me.

**Anne Morgan**

You are invited to an

# Autumn Fair



**Christmas  
Gifts**

**Cakes**

**Plants**

**Crafts Cards**

**Jewellery**

**Refreshments**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:00am until 12 noon**

**at Lindfield United Reformed Church  
High Street, Lindfield**

This event is to support  
Lindfield Christian Care Home  
(‘Compton House’)



**ADMISSION FREE**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

# November Mission

## *Turning Point*

Over the past six or seven years we have supported Simon & Becky Lunt who are working with Operation Mobilisation Turning Point in London.

This month we are devoting our mission giving to this strategic ministry and are pleased that Simon and Becky together with a small team will be with us for the weekend of the 17th and 18th November. – see separate notice

London is often described as the most cosmopolitan place on earth. With 12 million people speaking more than 300 languages, London is certainly the most international city in the world.

Its strategic importance! OM Turning Point has trained and helped thousands of people to share the love of God, both in London and around the world. Throughout the history of this ministry, thousands have joined short-term outreach programmes in London and more than 500 people have completed one and two-year training programmes. In partnership with others, OM Turning Point workers have established two bilingual churches.

Its uniqueness! For well over 30 years OM Turning Point workers have shared the Gospel in London. Their training

programme is recognised both within OM and among other mission agencies as ideal preparation for those hoping to serve right across the World.

Three-fold Ministry Plan:

- **Short-term mission opportunities, church seminars & resources**
- **Training for long-term cross-cultural contact**
- **Bi-lingual international church planting**

Keep praying for:

- **The on-going outreach and training programmes**
- **More skilled volunteers both in administration and for short term projects and year-long placements**
- **An increase in financial resources**

More information about the ministry of OM Turning Point is on the missions display boards and table.

If you would like to give towards this work please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any of the Sunday services. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.





# Family News

## *Thank You*

Sue Waller would like to say a big thank you to all those who have supported her during the last five years.

On the 11th September I had my final visit to the Cancer Centre in Royal Sussex County Hospital Brighton. They pronounced me cured of Hodgekin Lymphoma, and I understand it will not return.

Thanks be to our Great God who has seen me through these last five years.

Thank you to the Fellowship of this church, without your prayers, phone calls cards meals and practical support Dennis I could not have managed in the way we have.

THANK YOU so much

**Sue Waller**

## *Shoebox Appeal*

Last year we were able to send about 150 gift boxes via Samaritan's Purse to children around the world.

We are hoping that we can at least achieve the same number again this year

Leaflets explaining everything can be found on the Mission Display Area.

All shoeboxes need to be brought to the church on or before Sunday 11th November

## *British Legion Remembrance Service*

The Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion Remembrance Service will take place at All Saints Church Lindfield on Sunday 11th November 2012 at 3.00pm.

We gather at the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths at 2.45pm. This service is for all who would like to remember those that lost their lives in both World Wars and all conflicts since.

**Betty Billings**

# Sunday Services

The **9.30am** 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. Holy Communion (1st Sunday)

Coffee is served between the morning services.

The **11:15am** service is a more traditional service than at 9:30. Holy Communion (4th Sunday) Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, normally a joint service is held at 10:30am

At **6:30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

Healing services as announced

**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   |
| Wed  | 9.45am | Short Service of Intercession   |
| Thur | 8.00pm | Church Prayer Evening<br>(As announced)   |
| Sat  | 8.45am | Three Churches Prayer Meeting.<br><small>Venue rotates between the three churches</small> |

Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table.

## Regular Activities

|      |         |   |
|------|---------|---|
| Mon  | 10.00am | Art Group   |
|      | 5.45pm  | Brigade - Anchor Boys<br><small>(5-7 years)</small>                                   |
|      | 6.15pm  | Boys' Brigade - Junior Section<br><small>(8-11 years)</small>                         |
|      | 7.15pm  | Boys' Brigade - Company Section<br><small>(11+ years)</small>                         |
| Tue  | 10.00am | Stepping Stones<br><small>(Parents and toddlers - term time)</small>                  |
|      | 7.45pm  | In Touch<br><small>(4th Tues) for women of all ages</small>                           |
| Wed  | 2.30pm  | The Fellowship<br><small>(4th Wed) for men and women of all ages</small>              |
| Thur | 10.00am | Pop-In<br><small>Coffee and a chat</small>  |
|      | 8.00pm  | Church Meeting<br><small>(2nd Thur)</small>   |
| Fri  | 7.15pm  | Zest<br><small>(Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)</small> |
| Sun  | 8.00pm  | Youth Fellowship  |

The church is open most mornings from 10.00am to 12.30pm

# November Church diary

|                   |                             |   |                   |                             |   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1st<br>Thursday   |                             | House Groups<br>Drama Week  | 15th<br>Thursday  |                             | House Groups  |
| 2nd<br>Friday     | 8:00pm                      | Drama Week<br>Performance   | 16th<br>Friday    | 12:30pm                     | Lunch Fellowship  |
| 3rd<br>Saturday   | 8:45am                      | Three Churches<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Evangelical Free  | 17th<br>Saturday  | 8:45am                      | Three Churches<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Evangelical Free                                    |
| 4th<br>Sunday     | 9:30am<br>11:15am<br>6:30pm | Communion<br>Morning Worship<br>The Pastor<br>Evening Worship<br>The Pastor   | 18th<br>Sunday    | 9:30am<br>11:15am<br>6:30pm | Mission Weekend<br>Morning Worship<br>OM Turning Point<br>Evening Worship<br>The Pastor |
| 5th<br>Monday     |                             | Bonfire Night   | 22nd<br>Thursday  | 8:00pm                      | Monthly Prayer<br>Meeting   |
| 8th<br>Thursday   | 8:00pm                      | Church Annual<br>General Meeting  | 24th<br>Saturday  | 8:45am                      | Three Churches<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Evangelical Free                                    |
| 10th<br>Saturday  | 8:45am                      | Three Churches<br>Prayer Meeting<br>Evangelical Free  | 25th<br>Sunday    | 9:30am<br>11:15am<br>6:30pm | Morning Worship<br>Communion<br>The Pastor<br>Evening Worship<br>Rev. Mike Gardiner     |
| 11th<br>Sunday    |                             | <b>Remembrance Sunday</b><br>9:30am Morning Worship<br>10:55am Remembrance<br>Service<br>The Pastor<br>6:30pm Healing Service<br>with Communion<br>The Pastor | 27th<br>Tuesday   | 7:45pm                      | In Touch - Beachy<br>Head Chaplin Team  |
| 14th<br>Wednesday | 12:30pm                     | Lunch Fellowship  | 28th<br>Wednesday | 2:45pm<br>7:00pm            | Fellowship<br>Elders Meeting  |

Further details and a full updated Church Calendar is available on our website:

[www.lindfieldurc.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldurc.org.uk)

## *Zest Group*

We have had a very good start back to zest this term and have done things such as a challenge night and have been on a trip out to laser quest which was a really fun trip! Our numbers have been good and at this time last year, we had a large number of boys and not many girls attending, this however seems to have changed and we now have about 25 young people coming along and a good mix of genders!

We have been taking the young people through a 'Christianity Explored Course' and have currently done two of these sessions, which have seemed to go down pretty well.

We really value all of your prayers and encourage you to keep doing so! We would really be grateful if you could pray for the success of our Christianity Explored Course, our leaders, the young people and our programme.

Thank you for all your support.

## *Local schools*

As Youth Pastor my role includes working very closely with the local schools, this

**Josh  
Thomas  
Writes...**



has been fun and a good opportunity to reach out into the community.

I thought I would write a short update on some of the things I am currently doing in the various schools.

### **Lindfield Primary School and Blackthorns**

I am still very involved in the schools assembly team at both of the two schools. We do assemblies every week at both schools and aim to teach the children about Jesus' love for them in a fun and energetic way. It normally consists of reading a bible story to them in an interactive way and then singing a song (actions always go alongside this!) and then we say a prayer together.

### **Oathall Community College**

Over the last two years a team of youth workers from the local area, have taken over running the Christian Union at the school.



I have been very involved in this team since the start. We go into the school every Wednesday lunch time, when we generally get up to about thirty young people, aged between eleven and sixteen coming every week.

We have recently started a study of the parables. The sessions usually start with a game and then we split into groups, to study the bible passage and always end the session praying together, for each others week and any concerns or needs that the students have.

### **Warden Park School and Great Walstead School.**

I have been involved in both of these schools on a more ad-hoc basis over the past two years. I have been a part of a Christian organisation who teach Religious Education lessons, on the subject of 'Relationships and Christian

views on this'. We have done regular Religious Education lessons at Warden Park and I get the occasional week in every term that is jam packed doing these!

My involvement at Great Walstead has included helping them to run their Christian Union. We looked at the identity of Jesus and what that meant to the young people.

As you can see, so much of the work I have been doing in schools, has been incredibly varied which has been a great challenge. I love going into all of the schools and seeing familiar faces from Boys Brigade and Zest. We have found that young people I have worked with in the schools, are now coming along to our own church groups, which has been fantastic!

Please keep praying for our local schools and all of these different aspects of kingdom work that is going on.

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## **GO CRACKERS!**

Church members and adherents can send greetings and best wishes to each other on our special "Crackers" page which will appear in the December "Good News".

You might like to give to the Worthing Churches Homeless Project by posting your cards in our giant fluffy red post box. (from Sunday 2nd December, please only post cards to people who regularly attend our church. We just ask that you please give a donation in place of buying stamps.



## *EasiJigsaw – travelling God’s way*

**T**he observant among you may have noticed that the Jigsaw notice board in the hall has recently been cleared and updated to make way for new developments! We finished our last series on God’s Champions, in line with the Olympics and Paralympics in the summer.

Jigsaw happens on the third Sunday of the month when all the Lighthouse groups meet together in the upper room. The room is transformed with the use of lights and sound courtesy of Richard Walters and Charlie Tingley and the teaching and planning is done by the Jigsaw team, Josh Thomas, Hannah Durrant, Charlie Tingley, Richard and Dawn Walters.

We have recently been joined by Alex Harfield who will hopefully bring a fresh input into our planning and preparation.

Our new series which commenced in September is based on Biblical journeys and entitled EasiJigsaw – travelling Gods way. We have an expert travel guide, in the form of Mr Bible, who helps us with our geography and understanding where the journey took place plus some new technology, our very own bespoke sat-nav which is capable not only of directing us to our destination but simultaneously taking us back in time also.

All this is accompanied by praise and prayer, Bible study and fun.

Our first Bible journey, and there are a surprising amount to choose from when you start to look, was Noah.

Noah’s journey was one of total trust, he obeyed God implicitly even when he was told to build a boat far away from the sea in a world when it had never ever rained, and to prepare for the fact that God would send him various animals, birds etc that would then need to board the boat as God intended to flood the world.

People may well have thought he was mad or deluded but he trusted in God and was saved from the flood as a result.

We have many more travels to follow so keep an eye on the board to find out about other Biblical journeys

### **Dawn Walters**



# World News

## *Pakistan*

A few weeks ago, a Christian church was destroyed in Mardan, near Peshawar, Pakistan, when thousands of people stormed the compound. They burnt down the church and ruined the homes of two priests and the head teacher of the church school.

The Bishop of Peshawar, Humphrey Peters is asking Christians to pray as the damage was very severe and much equipment at the school was destroyed including five newly installed computers. Fortunately no one was hurt during the attack, but it is feared that relations between communities will be further damaged.

The Moderator of the Church of Pakistan, the Most Reverend Samuel Azariah is calling on the government and faith leaders to provide the lead in preventing further attacks.

## *Sudan*

Barnabas Fund, an organisation which supports persecuted Christians worldwide, is airlifting Christians from Sudan amid tensions following the predominantly Christian South Sudan gaining independence last year.

So far around 500 Christians have been flown to safety in an operation to rescue some 2,000 women and small children trapped in the north. Many have made their own way to South Sudan, but for others the journey is too arduous and it is believed that many thousands are still at great risk and the Barnabas Fund hopes to move the most vulnerable.

There is growing concern for Christians in Sudan as President Omar al-Bashir intends to strengthen Sharia law in his country and the Barnabas Fund is appealing for donations to support the ongoing airlifts.

**Carol Marsh**

## *Gideons Local help needed*

For many years, each year, 11 year old pupils at, Warden Park, Oathall, Handcross Park, Great Walstead and Ardingly College have been offered pocket size copies of the New Testament and Psalms.

It is indeed an answer to prayer that Gideons have been privileged to make the presentations.

Sadly, whilst the welcome from the school remains and funding is still provided by people such as yourselves, the number of local Gideons available to visit the schools is now diminishing as a result of house-moves and age, to the point where the Haywards Heath branch may have to be closed

unless ....

Please pray urgently that the Lord of the harvest will send new workers (ie. Gideons) into this field – and if you feel that He may have you in mind, discuss it with your church leaders and contact

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# Silent retreat

## *St. Cuthmans Coolham*

**Janet Drayton**

**M**isgivings began to assail me as the date for the two day silent retreat drew near. How would I cope with the silence? How could I not chat to the three others of the group over coffee? What if I got the giggles --- how should I behave?

All of my fears melted away when we arrived and were shown round. The elegant house with its sense of calm gentleness pervading soon melted all of my fears.

I knew that GOD wanted to engage with me there; and He dealt quite firmly through Exodus chapter 34 verses 1-11a. He caused me to revisit the undeniable fact that He is holy. He is so holy as to be almost unapproachable. Only by the bridge of Jesus' dying on the cross can I be sufficiently cleansed and commune with Him. The reassurance that He is always available for me is breath-taking! Wonderful.

The patron saint Cuthman was born in 681 in Chidham near Bosham. His parents were shepherds, and his father died whilst Cuthman was young. Life became even harder for them when his mother was no longer able to walk. Cuthman felt he had to seek exactly where GOD would have him serve; and took to wandering the countryside for his destiny to be revealed. He took his mother with him seated in a single-wheeled cart [like a wheelbarrow]. One day the rope which Cuthman had put round

his neck to help bear the weight snapped whilst they were in Steyning. Cuthman took this set-back as an omen from GOD that he should stay and preach and serve there.

Whilst building the church the largest roof timber was very heavy for the villagers to place correctly. The legend says that a stranger drew near and offered to assist saying " I am He in whose name you are building this church."

Saint Cuthman's Retreat Centre is a haven of calm. The house is panelled in dark oak in the entrance hall and the large library, and furnished with inviting easy chairs, and Persian carpets laid on polished wood floors. Comfort and well-being are actively present in the sunny lounges and spacious bedroom suites. All four of us had splendid views of the gardens and lake from the writing-desk position directly placed in front of the windows of our rooms. We could sit and look out at the verdant scene and let "the I AM" seep into us.

Twice daily there are short acts of worship held in the chapel. This is a modern building which adds to one's worship by its very simplicity. The minimalistic decor of a communion table made of rustic wood plus the uninterrupted vista through the large plate-glass window behind it of the natural gardens all culminate in a praise-filled space in which to worship. Amazing: especially at night with the lighting effects amongst the trees adding to the wonder !



Each participant was made to feel special as our names were included in the service by the leader who sat behind us, unseen.

The two day visit was over only too quickly for the four very thankful people.

### **Jenny Martin**

How I have benefited from my retreat?

1. Time to stop running and listen to God.
2. Space to be really still and be able to focus on God.
3. Opportunity to read.
4. A wonderful space to feel God really close.

### **Lesley Sparks**

I was looking forward in eager anticipation to my first silent retreat on September 26th-28th.

The day before I went, I read

Romans 15:13--"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

I believed that the fulfilling of that verse would be a wonderful outcome from the retreat.

On the morning of our departure I was reading from another source and the same

verse was there. Was I being given it by God? I'd like to think so!

St Cuthmans is all one could desire for this special time. Natural beauty is all around and a tranquil atmosphere was evident throughout the house and grounds.

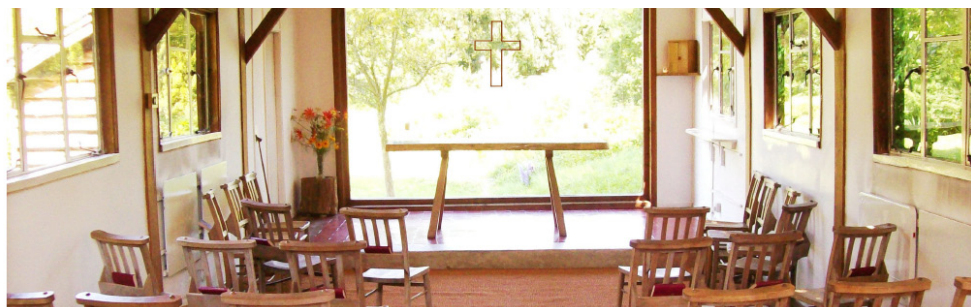
We all opted to eat in the silent dining room, and agreed afterwards that there was great freedom in not talking during the meals (which were simply delicious), allowing a continuation of where we were with God.

It was a perfect time to read, observe, listen and rest in the Lord.

The twice daily gathering for prayer, in the pretty little chapel, was filled with deep joy and peace.

I am learning to "Listen to Him with faith; listen with trust; listen with hunger to be fed by His word; listen with gratitude and in peace.... To be simple, like a child nestled in it's father's lap, peacefully listening to his story". ("Open to God" by Joyce Huggett ).

I feel privileged to have had this experience, and as we make plans to go again next year, why don't you consider joining us.



# Olympics Legacy

A quarter of a year has already passed since the London 2012 Olympics began! For some they are a distant and rapidly fading memory, but for those of us lucky enough to attend any of the events I am sure that the memory is much stronger and overwhelmingly positive. Everyone will have a very different set of memories, a personal legacy, of these London games.

I have many of my own to treasure: the Olympics volunteers welcoming us so

warmly, everywhere!; seeing Bolt jog his way to victory in a qualifying 200m race; actually finding a game of basketball (not my favourite sport) nail-bitingly exciting; enjoying special time with my family; even queuing cheerfully in Britain's largest McDonalds!

The Paralympics swimming session I saw was particularly inspiring – one competitor with no legs and just one arm swam as fast as I can with all four limbs! It was not just his being able to compete



that was inspiring, but having the mental strength to get up each morning and want to compete when you think of all the difficulties faced on a daily basis. It makes any of my “struggles” seem rather pathetic!

What about the legacy for our country? After the Olympics’ closing ceremony, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell whose diocese includes the Olympic Park, praised the Games for their positive impact on community life. He said that in addition to the regeneration of a deprived area of East London, “

...I am beginning to wonder whether the Olympic legacy may bring a further change as well: a legacy of good will. This is an Olympic legacy worth holding onto: the desire to serve my neighbour and the desire to celebrate with my neighbour. It is with these things that communities are built,”

Figures just released reveal the contribution made by UK churches to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be ‘the largest ever’, including over 13,000 hours of voluntary service to travellers from a team of 300 Games Pastors at major



**“The good news is Jesus dying on the cross for us and we don’t have to be lost. We can come to him and he can save us and we can follow him and have a purpose in life.”**

Allysion Felix, : silver medal 200 metres, 2004, 2008; gold medal 200 metres, 2012; gold medal 4 x 400 metres, 2008, 2012; gold medal 4 x 100 metres, 2012

**“In the Bible it says that there is only one way to heaven – Jesus Christ. If you are to get to heaven, it can only be through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the way to heaven and the way to God.”**

Dieudonne Disi, Rwanda, 10,000m in 2004 and 2008

**“I believe that career and my fame will end some day. Jesus taught that there are more important things in this life, that there is eternal life. Because I know Jesus Christ I am certain that I have found eternal life.”**

Hendrawan, Badminton singles, silver medal 2000

rail stations, airports, and key tourist sites.

Elsewhere, family members of athletes from more than 20 countries enjoyed more than 2,000 nights of free hospitality and an estimated 500,000 people attended community events run by churches. David Willson, CEO of More Than Gold, whose mission was to enable the UK churches to engage with the Games, said, "This is by far the largest contribution from churches to any Olympics. It has been a very positive experience for the churches themselves.

Many have been seen in a new light by their communities, now have a new sense of confidence, and are experiencing more people taking an interest in what they offer."

As the 2012 Games drew to a close, More Than Gold, hosted the inaugural Legacy Award breakfast in honour of Eric Liddell, winner of 400m gold and 200m bronze medals for GB at the 1924 Paris Olympics. Liddell was known for his strong Christian faith, withdrawing from the 100m because it was scheduled on a Sunday. As the Guardian reported, "Liddell has already decided that the race he has chiefly to run in the world is not on the cinder track". The Eric Liddell Award honours one male and one female Olympian who display outstanding character at home, in their community and on the field of competition.

The female athlete honoured was British rower Debbie Flood, Olympic silver medallist in 2004 and 2008, who said, "Eric Liddell was a great man of faith and an example of an ambassador of God both in and outside sport. God has given me the gifts and abilities that I have and I have tried to use them to the best of my ability while also sharing my faith through how I play my sport on and off the water."

The male recipient was the 2008 Olympic decathlon gold medallist from the USA, Bryan Clay who said, "It's a huge award, it means a lot to me that people think that what I do off the track is worthy of praise. My faith plays a huge role in my life and it's amazing that somebody recognizes that."

After the 1924 Olympics, Eric Liddell went to China as a missionary, saying, "We are all missionaries. Wherever we go we either bring people nearer to Christ or we repel them from Christ.". In 1943 he was interned in a Japanese POW camp, where he died in 1945, just four months before the end of World War II. His eldest daughter, 77 year old Patricia Liddell Russell said, "He was a wonderful dad and it's great the award is given to these athletes because there's more to winning gold than winning gold."

What a wonderful legacy and it is so encouraging to see athletes today with the same love for God!

**Martin Hall**

## *Gems from James*

In his series on the Letter of James, the Pastor has been banging on about the fact that Martin Luther didn't like it. The reason for this is that before he began to preach on it, he shared Luther's opinion. It seemed to be full of hectoring admonitions about being better Christians and not much else. That was a great mistake.

Here are two verses which Charles has emphasised and which give a completely different feel to the letter.

Chapter 1 and verse 21

"Therefore get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

The implication is clear. We have to clean up our act, but it's not something we have to do by ourselves. As believers, implanted in our hearts is "the word ..... which can save you". What James is talking about is the activity of the Holy Spirit in every believer's life, convicting of sin, encouraging repentance and nurturing holiness.

Chapter 3 and verse 17

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

What a wonderful description of Christian conduct! Wouldn't you love to be that sort of person? Well, you can be! If you love Jesus, implanted in your heart is the "word ..... which can save you". Don't make the mistake Luther made and think that James is just there to make you feel guilty. Actually, properly understood, it's one of the most encouraging books in the whole of the New Testament!

## *Mission Supper*

Simon & Becky Lunt and Team  
from OM Turning Point -  
London

**Saturday  
17th November  
7.00pm**

LURC have been supporting Simon & Becky for many years in their work with OM Turning Point, reaching out cross culturally with the Gospel in London.

This will be an informative evening and will be a great opportunity to hear the team share about their ministry.

**Free tickets are available** from the Missions Group: John Barling, Val Cookney, Jean Gardiner, Ron & Janet Goodenough

If you have special dietary needs please speak to Ron or Janet

The team will be staying over and taking part in our Sunday services



# Memorial

This year is the 90th. Anniversary of the dedication of our village War Memorial, & as usual the Royal British Legion will read the names of those who did not return. There are many tales of tragedy, endurance & heroism endured by these men. Here are just a few.

The Newnham family from Compton Road lost four sons, three in the first war & one in the second. Alfred (Totty) Newnham was severely wounded at Troyon with the Royal Sussex and died in hospital in Paris, John was lost at Jutland serving with the Royal Marine Artillery on the Battle cruiser 'Tiger', and 16 year old Noel, who was a Royal Marine bugler serving on the dreadnought 'Vanguard' was lost with over 800 shipmates when the ship blew up at anchor in Scapa Flow.

Harold Percy Newnham was a merchant seaman on SS 'Ceramic' when the passenger ship was torpedoed by U 155 in the Bay of Biscay. All the passengers and crew got away in the life boats, but a violent storm swamped the boats and all 655 men, women and children were drowned.

Reginald Legge from High Beeches Lane was one of the first tank commanders. On September 15th 1916 at Flers, his tank 'D6' was leading the way before it was knocked out by German artillery

Reg was taken prisoner but died of his wounds the following day.

Our village doctor Dr. Fitzmaurice lost three sons, Lindsey at the battle of Loos, Richard on

the Somme, & Alexander, who died of disease in a remote corner of British Somaliland.

The Mason brothers John, Raymond and Sidney do not appear on our Memorial but they were all Lindfield lads, born in Lindfield and attended the village school. Their father was John Mason proprietor of the Bent Arms and fly carriage operator. Just before the war they were all living in Worthing, consequently their names are all included on the Worthing War Memorial

Tom Pranklin (from the shoe shop) and Joe Whall were lost serving with the Royal Sussex during the Suvla Bay landings on Gallipoli in 1915

Albert Prodger and Wilfred Boyes had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the Japanese at Singapore and were either murdered or starved to death in captivity. In September 1944 Cyril Boston of the Irish Guards got married on Saturday but was recalled on the Monday. His wife Joan never saw him again as he was lost during the Arnhem operations in Holland.

Harold Tingley was from Scaynes Hill, but by 1918 lived in 3 Eastern Cottages. He served for four years on the Western Front with the 8th. Royal Sussex and was severely gassed. He took part in the 1919 Victory parade, but died of influenza in September. Sadly despite requests from his wife Emily, his name was never included on either Memorial.

He is buried in Walstead Cemetery.  
Let it be then, that on this day they be 'freshly Remembered'

**Chris Comber**

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# Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

## November

|      |                |                  |
|------|----------------|------------------|
| 4th  | Carol Marsh    | Fo Tingley       |
| 11th | Betty Billings | Sue Tester       |
| 18th | Sue Waller     | Barbara Shepherd |
| 25th | Audrey Mckee   | Jo Bloxham       |

## December

|      |               |               |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2nd  | Zoe McQuillin | Iris Bingham  |
| 9th  | Serena Nathan | Heather Swann |
| 16th | Christmas     | Fo Tingley    |
| 23rd | Christmas     |               |
| 30th | Christmas     |               |

# **Around Lindfield**

## **Monday 5th November**

7.00pm Bonfire Night - free hot chocolate served at Lindfield URC

## **Saturday 10th November**

7.45 pm Haywards Heath Music Society. St Wilfrid's Church HH  
Eloisa-Fleur Thom (violin) and Mark Austin (piano)  
Further info from Christine Colbourne 456227

## **Sunday 11th November**

2.45 pm Remembrance, Laying of Wreaths. War Memorial, All Saints Church

## **Wednesday 14th November**

12.15pm Lunch in the Tiger and "A Little Light Music"  
7.30pm Horticultural Society in KEH  
AGM "Vegetable Growing Techniques"

## **Saturday 17th November**

7.30pm Tiger Arts at All Saints - Jonathan Veira and family

## **Tuesday 4th December**

6-9pm Village Night



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