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November 2013

At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them

Bible verse of the month

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

**Psalm 46:1-3
NIV**

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Editorial

November is a special month which always has the 'Remembrance Services' at the forefront of our thoughts. In Good News we have some guidance on what is really meant by Remembrance.

We are so blessed to have so much going on in our Church. Enthusiasm is certainly prevalent in our members. We have our Youth Pastor who has so many great ideas. The lives of our young people will be enriched by the changes that are being made in all aspects of their time, when they attend their different groups. We are so delighted to be able to welcome new boys into the Boys Brigade. Do read Geoffrey's report which is so encouraging. We have a poem written by one of our talented young people, Peter read this in a Sunday Evening Service, when the entire congregation said how good it was. We have this in our magazine for everyone to be able to share it.

There is a new 'Engine Room'. This article shows how this new venture will give us all a special direction to follow. There is exciting news for everyone about something which will happen in the week before Christmas. There is Hot Chocolate on offer on the 5th November!!

I hope you all find pleasure in reading our 'Good News' and that you will find it an uplifting experience.

God Bless,

Anne

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Dear friends

When I think of the month of November, the word 'Remember' instantly comes to mind!

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.”

As we celebrate Armistice Day every year, we have the opportunity to remember all those who gave their lives for their country in the two world wars, and perhaps even more poignantly, those currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Very sadly so many have lost their young lives in recent conflicts, and others face danger day after day as they seek to bring peace and justice in various parts of the world. People have lost husbands, wives, parents, sons and daughters. Do we really care? Do we truly give thanks for what has been achieved on our behalf in the past? Do we think of those who are suffering right now?

So as we approach November 11th this year, let us all remember, be thankful, and pray for those who have been bereaved or who are suffering as a result of wars and civil unrest.

And on a lighter note:

“Remember; remember the 5th of November,

Gunpowder, treason and plot....”

Without Guy Fawkes attempts to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605, we'd have no reason to have such a 'jolly' each year on November 5th here in Lindfield (and of course in many other places up and down the land).

The Bonfire Society do a stalwart job in providing an enjoyable evening for villagers and visitors alike. Many other organizations within the village provide support, entertainment and education, catering for every age group and a variety of interests. Not to mention our local Parish Council and all that they seek to do on our behalf. Whether or not you are out celebrating on Guy Fawkes Night this year, let us remember and give thanks for all the blessings we have living here in Lindfield, and indeed the surrounding area.

Another 'Remember' for me this month are a number of birthdays of family and friends. Those of us who have families are so blessed, and friendships, too, are equally important. This is another reason to give thanks. My own birthday falls in November - a good time to give thanks for my own parents.

Family News

Thank You

In the book of Proverbs we read these words: "Listen, my child, to what your father teaches you. Don't neglect your mother's teaching. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and clothe you with honour." I always remember them instilling in to me these words from Ephesians 4: "Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry." It always saddens me when there is discord, whether it is in a family situation or between friends. Life is too short to hold a grudge, so if you are struggling to get on with someone to whom you were once close, please think again. You and they will feel so much better if you put things right! Then, like me, you will have to remember to send them a birthday card!!

So my conclusion on the subject of 'Remembrance' – we have so much for which to give thanks. Each one of us should take every opportunity we have to do so, and to show understanding and give encouragement to those we love and those we meet day by day.

God bless you.

Fiona Tingley

Fiona Tingley - Elder

To everyone who attended Mary's funeral on the 23rd September 2013, and to all those who were associated with it in so many ways; Roddy and I wish to say a VERY BIG THANK YOU.

We thought that the entire Funeral Service – however sad it may have been- would have pleased Mary.

The Minister, flower arranger, organist, reader, verger, sound/vision, catering, Church Secretary, and all those who sent us sympathy cards, are all worthy of our heartfelt thanks.

Over the past few years, both Roddy and myself have been aware of how much we have been and continue to be in the thoughts and prayers of those connected with the Lindfield U.R.C. [and others]; and this has been a strong spiritual support to us.

To everyone who attended Mary's funeral, thanks for coming, it is comforting to know that we are not alone in this world, and that others care about us.

The Lindfield U.R.C. truly merits its 'Caring Image'.

Mac and Roddy Turner

Please Note

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

The Services will be at the usual time of 9.30am and 11.15 am. However at **10.55am - 11.05am** there will be an Act of Remembrance led by Michael Davies.

Both congregations will therefore have an opportunity to attend. It is suggested that the 11.15am folk be at the Church by 10.55am on that day if they wish to attend that Act of Remembrance.

Bible study notes

We are hoping that we will be able to order daily Bible notes from Eastbourne Christian bookshop, from January 2014.

If you already use notes regularly or would like to start using notes and would like to order them please do put your name and the kind of notes on the list on the book table in church

Val Cookney

Fair Trade

Although we are no longer able to supply Fair Trade and Traidcraft goods direct to you, there is now someone at the Perrymount Methodist Church in Haywards Heath who has become an agent and who can order whatever you would like. Her name is Susan Young, telephone 01444 440711 and she has catalogues available. I also have a catalogue, so if you would like to see that first, just let me know.

Carol Marsh 01444 483500

Christmas is COMING!

The fluffy red pillar box will make its annual appearance in the concourse in church from Sundays 1st-15th December. The money raised by making a donation will go to the Worthing Churches Homeless Project. Please send your cards only to regular worshippers who live locally. It would also be very helpful if you could sort out your cards alphabetically (with a full address) and secure them with an elastic band. Thank you.



The Royal British Legion's service of Remembrance is on Sunday 10th November at 3p.m. at All Saints Parish Church Lindfield. This is preceded at 2.45 pm by the laying of wreaths by the Royal British Legion and Village Societies. The Last Post will be played following the two minutes silence. This service is to remember those who have lost their lives during two world wars and all the conflicts since. We also remember all those that are suffering the results of war. All are welcome to attend.

Betty Billins

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Thanksgiving Service

The 21st Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of Lindfield Christian Care Home (Compton House) will be held on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00pm in Lindfield URC. The speaker will be Colleen Hurd (Brighton and Hove City Mission). The service will be followed by tea and Anniversary cake in the hall. We do hope you will be able to join us.

Stuart Marsh

New Number

Donald and Audrey McKee have a new telephone number which is 01444 415451.

Guest Preacher

Mark Ventham
Sunday 24th November.

Mark moved to Haywards Heath in 2009 with his wife, Ros, and their two sons, when he became one of the full-time paid elders of Christ Church Haywards Heath. Previously Mark was studying at Oakhill Theological College and prior to this he was an assistant Pastor for seven years for a church in Warwickshire.

Sue Waller

The Fellowship.

We do not meet in December so we thought it a good idea to have a 'Christmas Miscellany' on Wednesday 27th November at 2.30pm.

This will be an informal meeting so do come along and let Christmas begin then! There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall and hopefully, mincepies and a cup of teas after the 'fun and games'.

All who come will be made most welcome.

Pat Phillips

Mission Supper

Saturday 16th November

7.00pm

Speaker: Yousseff O
OM Leader in Algeria

Come and hear the amazing things that God is doing in this North African country

Tickets available from the Missions
Group:

Val Cookney, Jean Gardiner,
Ron & Janet Goodenough
or call 01444 417002

For special dietary needs
speak to Ron or Janet

Recipe



Lemon Curd

(Lemon Cheese in the North of England)

One quarter pound of butter.

10ozs Sugar

3 large eggs

Juice of 3 Lemons

This should make approximately two pound jars of Lemon Curd.

There are two ways of making the Lemon Curd,

1 Using a double pan with boiling water in the bottom pan, or a bowl over a pan of boiling water. Place the butter and sugar in the top pan or bowl mix them together, allowing the butter to melt. Add the beaten eggs and lemon gradually. Keep the pan of water boiling and stir the mixture constantly until it thickens. When the correct consistency is reached, pour into jars and refrigerate.

2 It can also be made in the Microwave oven. Use a large two quart jug or a large bowl suitable for the Microwave. Place the sugar and butter in the jug or bowl, cook for two or three minutes on medium heat setting, allowing the mixture to melt. Add the beaten eggs and lemon gradually, then whisk well, preferably with a rotary whisk. Continue cooking for short periods and then take out of the oven, whisk well. Repeat this procedure of heating and whisking until a thick consistency is reached. Pour into jars and refrigerate.

This will keep in the fridge for about four weeks.

Anne Elvin

Sri Lanka

From the 28th of June to the 14th of July this summer I went on a charity trip to Sri Lanka with 'Extra Cover'. The charity was founded after the devastating tsunami in 2004 and seeks to assist in educating the children of Sri Lanka who suffer from poverty and a corrupt government.

I went on this trip with 17 other young people from my school and our mission was to simply visit these schools, teach a few classes, and give the children some days to remember! It is easy to put that task into one sentence however, in practice it was much more difficult as you are dealing with children who know little English, so when it comes to teaching them about sport or drama it poses a great challenge. However, during our time there we learnt how we would adapt to these conditions and after a week I was able to teach a successful lesson about

sport with my friend Ben. Our strategy was to draw a sport (football, cricket, tennis, etc.) on the blackboard before finding a relevant action to accompany it. Once we managed to get the children performing the actions without guidance, then we tried to persuade them to repeat the word after us, with astonishing success! This was incredible to witness as you were able to see yourself making a lasting impact on the education of these children.

As I draw to a close, I would like to share with you two memories from my time in Sri Lanka. My first memory comes from outside of the school after we had returned to where we were staying after a long day of teaching. I sat with some friends and decided to walk down to the village, barefoot, to buy some 'lemon puffs' – a very tasty Sri Lankan biscuit! I felt truly at one with their community as every person





I passed gave me a smile and a wave and I felt so welcome amongst them.

My second memory, and possibly my favourite moment of the entire trip, comes from one of the bigger schools we taught at. I was working with very young children (8-9 years old) and found that I had to keep them relatively still as we watched performances from other children. I distracted their attention by lifting them, spinning them around, giving them piggybacks, etc. There was this one girl called 'Nama' who would come up to me, spread her arms wide to signal she wanted to be picked up, and I would do

so. But what was so special about this is what happened a few hours later after I got back from a cricket match I had been playing with some of the older boys of the school. I went back to the classroom to get my bag and Nama poked her head out of the door, saw and recognised me, and ran over. She gave me a big hug round my legs before spreading her arms to be lifted up. This was such a heart-warming moment as I realised that the small things I do in the lives of these children don't just bring temporary happiness; but instead they bring a great lasting joy that they will remember for a long time!

Tom McQuillin

November Mission

This month we devote our mission giving to the work of OM in Algeria. We are delighted that Yousseff O, the OM leader will be with us for the weekend of the 16th & 17th. On the Saturday there will be a mission supper – see separate notice – and Yousseff will be preaching at both of our morning services. This is a brilliant work but first a profile of the country.



Facts about Algeria

Population: 36 million
Languages: Arabic, French, Berber languages

People groups: Arabs, Kabyle Berbers, Chawis, Mzabis, Tourags etc.

Geography: 5 times the size of France.

Mostly populated in the north.

Politics: Republic. Led by president Bouteflika since 1999, re-elected 2004.

Income per person p.a. \$5,000

Over 25% unemployed.

Fast growing economy due to oil and gas reserves but most of the wealth generated does not reach the ordinary citizen

Recent History

Algeria is officially a Muslim nation but the Lord is doing an amazing thing in this generation...

In 1992 the Islamic party capitalised on popular discontent and won the elections. The Government declared the vote invalid and led the country into a decade of civil war. Over 100,000 people, mostly civilians, died and the country is deeply traumatized by the violence it has witnessed. Although incidents still take place, the political situation has greatly improved and people are longing to leave a dark decade behind.

Around 1981, God began to move in an amazing way amongst the seven million Kabyle people. This people group, mostly living in the mountains east of the capital, has long suffered under suppression and discrimination and many are tired of Islam's religion.

A handful of new believers braved persecution and started preaching the gospel in village after village. God's Spirit has been clearly at work up to this day. Many report healings and miraculous signs, but the greatest miracle is the numerous lives changed by Christ's healing presence.

Today, there are an estimated 60,000 Kabyle believers in the country who worship the Lord Jesus. This is the fastest growing church movement in the Muslim World. But with this incredible growth come over-whelming needs.

The unfinished task is still huge. The churches need their leaders to be trained. Outside the Kabyle mountains, among 30 million unreached people, there are only around 1,000 believers gathering in 25-30 mainly small fellowships.

Shoeboxes

Yousseff is married to Hee Tee and they have three daughters. He was born into a very conservative Algerian Muslim family. While visiting Europe in 1977 he first heard the Gospel. A couple of years later he became a Christian while in Sweden and joined OM in 1980. He studied at All Nations Christian College between 1983 & 85 where he met Hee Tee. In 1997 they started the House of Hope in Western Algeria to meet the needs of the church and after hosting summer camps for several years their vision and team has enlarged with many associates throughout the country.

Core Ministries of the work include:

- Local Fellowship, Hospitality and Compassion Ministry
- Timothy Training School, Summer Camps, Mobile School
- Evangelism, Follow-up & Church Planting
- Radio, Satellite, TV Programme Production
- Christian Literature printing and distribution
- Relief & Development, Sports Ministries
- Micro-Enterprises, Chinese Outreach & Evangelism

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

The Missions Group



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/Envelopes explaining everything can be found on the Mission Display Area. If anybody doesn't feel able to fill a shoebox but would like to make a gift towards the contents of one please speak to Janet Goodenough.

Please note there is often a shortage of boxes for older boys

All shoeboxes need to be brought to the church on or before Sunday 10th November

Thank you

The Missions Group

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 (As announced)
Sat	8.45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting.

Venue rotates between the three churches

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
	6.00pm	Brigade - Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade - Junior Section (8-11 years)
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade - Company Section (11+ years)
Tue	10.00am	Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers - term time)
	7.45pm	In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages
Wed	2.30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages
Thur	10.00am	Pop-In Coffee and a chat
	8.00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thur)
Fri	7.15pm	Zest (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
Sun	7.30pm	Youth Fellowship

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

November Church diary

2nd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free	16th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free 7:00pm Mission Supper
3rd Sunday	9:30am 11:15am 6:30pm	Communion Morning Worship Ron Goodenough Evening Worship Janet Drayton	17th Sunday	9:30am 11:15am 6:30pm	Mission Weekend Morning Worship Ron Goodenough Communion David Walters
5th Tuesday		Bonfire Night Church Open	21st Thursday		House Groups
7th Thursday		House Groups	23rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free
9th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free	24th Sunday	9:30am 11:15am 6:30pm	Family Worship Communion Mark Ventham Evening Worship Henderson McEwan
10th Sunday	9:30am 10:55am 11:15am 6:30pm	Family Worship Act of Remembrance Morning Worship Michael Davies Evening Worship Mike Gardener	26th Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch
13th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	27th Wednesday	2:45pm 7:00pm	Afternoon Fellowship Elders Meeting
14th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Annual General Meeting	28th Thursday	8:00pm	Engine Room Prayer Meeting Lounge
15th Friday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	30th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting Evangelical Free



Hello! In this month's magazine we look back at the harvest weekend and take a look at how the youth work activities are evolving with some exciting changes in January.

Enjoy!

Josh

Harvest

A huge thank you to all those who came along to the harvest supper on Saturday 5th October. It turned out to be the pinnacle of a brilliant weekend of sharing and praising God for all his gifts. We shared together in a ploughman's supper and then had a quiz about all of the various places our young people visited over the summer break. The evening concluded with presentations from Tom and Millie McQuillin about their trips to Sri-Lanka and Uganda respectively and finally Alex Jeff's, Alex and Johanna Harfield and Josh and Hannah Thomas on their trip to Romania.

All of the young people spoke eloquently and informatively about their trips and it showed just what a life-moulding event these kind of trips can be. We should all feel very proud of our young people and all the amazing things they can achieve when they put their minds to it. All in all it was great way to celebrate all of God's gifts this harvest time.

A Harvest Poem

*Harvest, Harvest a time to eat lots of fruit
and veg all Juicy and Sweet.*

*God's given these gifts to us, so that we
can cherish and love each other.*

*He's given us food, water and love, so be
thankful to him and give him love.*

*Thank the Lord for these things, so that we
may know the compassion of our Saviour.*

He's given us hope and a bright future.

*Thank you for the sun and rain, I hope that
we all remain in you.*

Amen

By Peter McCleery

A time for change!

For the past eleven years Zest has been running at our Church and has met with hundreds of young people and introduced them to Jesus Christ. However after eleven years we feel now is the time for change... So as of January, Zest will become... Pulse! Pulse will be for those aged 11-16 (in other words those in secondary school.) We have a hugely exciting programme lined up already and we will be thinking

about things affecting young people in a fun way. You can expect all of the same fun and friendship and of course the tuck, but it will be structured slightly differently using exciting material from 'Youth For Christ' called 'Rock Solid'. We will still have the usual trips and club nights but everything will be sharper, more exciting and, most importantly, shiny and new! Change is never an easy thing but it definitely is something that should be embraced and entered into with excitement and anticipation for the work God is doing amongst our young people. We are also

hoping to introduce Pulse Junior for those in primary school aged between five years and ten years. This will run twice a month and will include games, craft, cooking and a bible story. In order to get this off the ground we need help however, if you feel this is something God is calling you to do please do not hesitate to contact me, my email address is jthomas@lindfieldurc.org.uk and I would love to hear from you.

Publicity will start in November so look out for that and please pray for this exciting venture as we prepare for January.

Josh Thomas



By now you will have probably heard that we are intending to run the hugely exciting GiftFM again this Christmas time. We will be running this from the **15th December until the 25th December (Christmas Day!)**

We have been looking at the possibility of working in conjunction with some of the local schools. The project will be the same as last time in that the venture will be something that is available to any young person in the community. This year we intend to open it a bit wider to those who are slightly older but have an interest in getting involved. If this sounds like you please contact Dan McQuillin or me. Last time around, online the project reached houses all across the country and on FM those in the village, Haywards Heath, Cuckfield and Burgess Hill. We were able to reach out through services that were broadcast to those who couldn't get out of their houses and those who would otherwise not have been touched by church at all, consequently it was a great success.

This year we hope it will be even bigger and better and we can improve those aspects that weren't quite perfect last time! Again please pray for this venture and do speak to Dan or myself if you'd like to get involved!

Josh Thomas

Boys Brigade

September and October are always the most interesting, and sometimes exciting, time of the year for youth organisations, and especially for our BB Company.

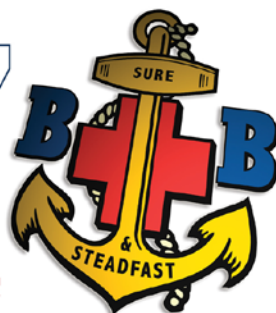
Most of the familiar faces were back, and a number of new faces have come along to join them. So our fellowship has grown, and our Anchor Section, dormant at the end of last session, has sprung back to life. As of early October we can report a significant net increase in our membership, and we are always happy to welcome more Boys at any time of the year.

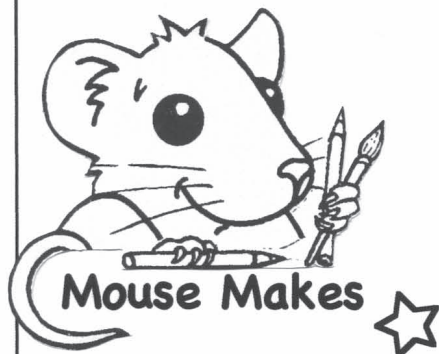
Our Enrolment Service is still to take place at the time of writing, and there are a number of special events and activities planned for the year ahead.

It was a pleasure for me to promote Alex Jeffs to the rank of Lieutenant. I have known Alex since he was a 9 year old - his first contact with the Church - and, although he has not been in the Company continuously since that age, I believe that BB has helped him to grow into the young Christian that he is now. The BB staff is delighted to welcome him as a full Officer, and a comrade in the great work of advancing Christ's Kingdom among Boys. I am blessed with a team of fine committed Christian men and women to work with me in BB, but our greatest wish and prayer is that more young people will hear the call to take up youth work in our Church, and provide it with a new generation of leaders in BB and other organisations.

Geoffrey Cocksedge

THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
>the adventure begins here





CHRISTMAS is coming,
ADVENT is near!

Colour in **one** section of
the Advent candle
(starting at the bottom)

on each of the **four**

Sundays before
Christmas and read
about God's **promise**,
God's **message**.

God's **gift** and
God's **good news**.

On Christmas Day colour
in the flame at the top of
the candle, cut the
candle out and hang
from the tree.

S	A	V	I	O	U	R
H	D	B	I	R	T	H
O	V	A	J	L	J	
P	E	A	C	E	O	O
E	N	E	W	S	V	Y
P	T	O	H	U	E	E
G	O	O	D	S	O	I

Can you find these words?

ADVENT•PEACE•JOY
HOPE•LOVE•GOOD•NEWS
JESUS•BIRTH•SAVIOUR



★ ADVENT ★

Misson Concert

From Music Hall to Mission Hall

Saturday 2nd November at 2:30

Probably having seen the title you are wondering what this is all about?

Well, it all started with me entering the church for choir practice on a Friday evening and hearing and seeing a group clustered around Chris Comber. He played and they sang Old Time Music Hall songs with ecstatic joy.

It made singing anthems and the like a little boring.

How could this joy be translated into an event with the Christian message?

In the early days of the Salvation Army, when it was called the Christian Mission, many popular tunes had Christian words penned to them.

As a result, I made some research and came up with several sets of words to these tunes. The poetry is not the best but it was how people expressed their belief and joy in a simple way. Having bounced the idea off the choir, we embarked on trying out the songs and coming up with a format for a show.

The outcome is that we have a show in

two halves. The Music Hall where we have several acts ranging from a classical Spanish guitarist to, well come and see, many Old Time Music hall songs and a live Master of Ceremonies with a gavel.

The second half sees us at the Mission Hall, early converts full of the joy of the Lord standing up for what they believe.

We do not have a cast of thousands but hopefully those attending will enter into the spirit of the event and there will be a far bigger cast than just those playing a role.

At the interval, tea will be served and the church will be in café style format. Why not invite your friends and share a table together?

Admission is free, there will be a collection in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice and Church Funds.

One of the joys of the Old Time Music Hall was the participation of the audience ie. **YOURSELVES.**

Look forward to seeing you there, why not come and join us?

Peter Swann

01444 450335

PS If you've got a hat or want to dress the part, then please do.

Wartime Visitors

In late 1941, local people were startled to find 600 plus Italian and later German prisoners of war living in their midst. The hutted camps were at Brook House in Highbrook, West Hoathly, and just north of the Gardener's Arms in Ardingly.

The Italians were exuberant, friendly, and very glad to be out of the war. Most of them had been captured in Libya and Abyssinia. They were given dark brown battledress, to which was added a large yellow patch. They were employed on local farms, and unlike our men taken prisoner in Europe, they were paid a small wage, and fed well on agricultural rations.

The camp at Ardingly had one guard named Bill who was an old sweat from the First World War. No machine gun towers or barbed wire to be seen!! Bill used to sell the prisoner's rations. Our family took delivery of five tins of large peaches at 2/6d a tin! These arrived rolled up in Bill's greatcoat!

In a field, now part of the Showground, the Italians marked out a football pitch, which was well used; games were played against Ardingly, Turners Hill, and West Hoathly. They also made all kinds of baskets which they sold to the locals. They also caught, skinned, and ate our cats, which were easily identified by the pelts drying in the sun. Poor old "Squeak"!!

Suddenly it was 1943 and the camp was empty. Then the Axis arrived. 250,000 men had been captured in Tunisia, and 600 of these ended up in Mid Sussex. These men were very solemn, not friendly, but smarter, regimented, but great lovers of football.

Security was minimal. They were to be with us until long after the war had finished. They were allowed to fraternize with the locals. Several married here, John Loosen, an excellent footballer, played for Haywards Heath. Harry Leewald married a Lindfield girl and played football for Lindfield. Hans Schubert stayed with his friend Adolf Max, who played the organ at Ardingly Parish Church as late as 1947. Walter Meisselbach from Osterode in the Hartzz Mountains got out of Stalingrad just in time. He came back to visit in 1960's. John Beier was captured in Normandy and was later married in Ardingly.

There were over 1,000 spectators in Victoria Park when they came to watch the Football Match, between the German Team and Haywards Heath Team. Haywards Heath was then a leading County League Team. This game was run by the Camp Commandant Captain A.J. Caller.

Haywards Heath just won 1-0.

Chris Comber

Fight the Good Fight

Strengthening the Church for the coming day



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**Saturday
23 November 2013**

**All Saints' Church
Lindfield**

10:00-15:30

SPEAKER:

Hugh Palmer

Hugh is Rector of All Souls, Langham Place, London.

He began his ordained ministry in Norwich and served at St Helen's Bishopsgate in London and Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield before coming to All Souls in 2005.

His ministry has also involved him in many student and parish missions around the UK. He currently chairs 'New Word Alive', a national bible teaching week, and he gave the Bible Readings at this year's Bible by the Beach

He is a gifted Bible teacher and communicator who will ably apply the timeless message of God's word to our contemporary situation.

Sound Seminar

Can you hear me at the back?

Over the past six months or so, Richard Walters has looked at a number of aspects of the technical life of the church, looking at what is involved and how, most importantly, technology can be used to enhance worship. In this final instalment, we look at a less frequently employed aspect of the technological life of the church, the use of stage lighting in worship.

For general illumination, the standard 'house lighting' in the church is perfectly adequate. However, it is sometimes desirable to augment or replace this, either to focus attention on a different area of the church, or to change the feel or atmosphere in the church. As I write this, the most recent example, would be during the harvest celebrations where a pair of stage lights were used to light the harvest display in the centre of the dais. The next time they will be employed will be over Christmas, where they will be used on a number of occasions. Here, they will be used to illuminate the animals around the manger, and to allow for dimmable audience and stage lighting during the concert and the praise party. Possibly the most surprising use of the stage lights is during the carols by candlelight service, where many of the lights are used, set to a deep blue colour, to give a level of extra light at the front of the church, whilst maintaining the overall effect of the candlelight.

To achieve this we have available a number of different types of lights, including some which are of the traditional incandescent variety and some which are based around

LEDs. The LED-based lights have the advantage of allowing a range of colours to be produced. They also consume much less power, but cannot produce the level of illumination that the traditional lamps can, so these are used for illuminating up the front wall of the church or across the floor. Probably the most versatile lights to which we have access are a set of moving lights, which can change both their colour and the direction in which they are pointing after installation.

The lights can be controlled either from a stand-alone controller, or via a computerised controller running on a laptop. This allows the facility for complex and fast-moving lighting shows to be developed. However,



Engine Room

generally, any changes are used sparingly to support the worship rather than distracting from it.

Because the lights are only used occasionally, much of the infrastructure has to be installed each time they are used. This involves running power and signal cables to the lights, and installing the short metal bars each side onto which the lights themselves are mounted. The lights are then mounted and connected- either on the bars themselves, or on floor stands on the dais. The lights must then be angled as required, and the various 'scenes' programmed so that they can be called up as required during the service.

I hope that this series of snapshots on how and where technology is used as part of our worship has been both interesting and informative. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to play a part in this aspect of our church life then please speak to me!

Richard Walters

THE ENGINE ROOM

Charles Spurgeon likened his church to a SHIP and the prayer meeting to an ENGINE providing the POWER.

How is our engine?

Running on full power?

Stuttering along?

Ignored altogether?



Let us join together in prayer to put the power back in our engine and find out where God is leading us.

Welcome to the Engine Room, (the new name for the prayer meeting), reminding us that we are all involved in seeking God's will for the church. You will have noticed the posters that introduce this new name.

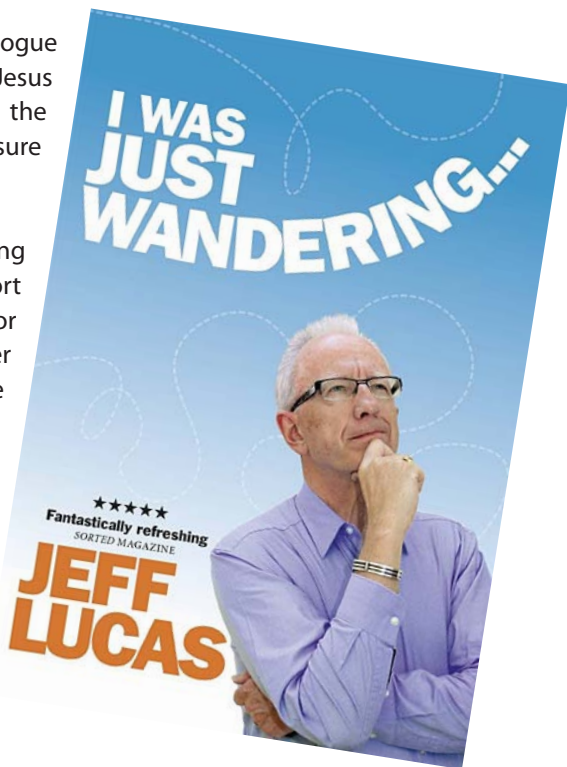
Each month there is a prayer guide published with the news sheet. This covers a daily prayer topic under the heading of Church, village, nation and world. If an organisation within the church has a need for prayer will they please let me know a week before the next publication?

Carol Walters

Book Review

Jeff Lucas describes in the prologue of this book how his walk with Jesus 'is more John Cleese than John the apostle', which is an image I'm sure many will relate to!

'I Was Just Wandering' is an amusing and honest collection of short articles, originally written for Christianity magazine, that ponder over a multitude of topics, all done with Jeff Lucas' usual pithy and engaging style of writing. Each article is only 2 or 3 pages long which makes it a great book to read if you're on the go, and it will leave you with plenty of ideas and issues to contemplate in-between times.



“So let’s ask God to renew our wonder, and save us from dulling down the beautiful story. We, the Church, have often taken the magnificent blockbuster and turned it into a tedious third-rate documentary.

We forensically dissect our doctrines, and drone our sermons with three points that all, horribly, begin with the same letter. We deliver the message as cold, unappetising slabs of truth. Grace is rendered unamazing to preachers and listeners alike”

As usual, Jeff Lucas has an impressive knack for embarrassing himself and using the resultant mess to shine a light on some of life's trickier problems - the book wittily dissects a host of topics, from the foibles of Christian community to reaffirming some foundational tenets of faith. I really enjoy how open he is about his walk with God – fears, failures, hopes and joys – but what really shines through the musings is his enthusiasm for what God can and does do in our lives, through and despite our efforts!

Alex Hall

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November

3rd	Carol Walters	Barbara Shepherd
10th	Betty Billins	Jo Bloxham
17th	Sue Waller	Iris Bingham
24th	Winifred Scopes	Heather Swann

December

1st	Janet Wade	Janet Sanderson
8th	Christmas Decorations	
15th	"	
22nd	"	
29th	"	

Around Lindfield

Tuesday 5th November

7.00pm Lindfield Bonfire Night - Free Hot Chocolate served in the URC

Saturday 9th November

7.45 pm St Wilfrid's Church - HH Music Society

Samson Tsoy (piano) plays Schubert, Schumann and Mussorgsky

Sunday 10th November

2.45pm Remembrance : laying of wreaths at the War Memorial followed by service in All Saints Church.

Tuesday 12th November

2.30pm Preservation Society in KEH - Talk : "A Policeman's Lot....."

Wednesday 13th November

12.15pm Tiger Arts - Lunch in the Tiger

1.00 pm Concert in All Saints Church - Jo Kimber Jazz Quartet.

7.30 pm Horticultural Society in KEH - AGM followed by talk : "Sussex on the Rocks".

Friday 22nd November

Village Film Night in KEH : "Rush", life story of James Hunt and Nicki Lauder

