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Bible verse of the month

**"Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and lean not on
your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to
him, and he will make your
paths straight."**

**Proverbs 3:5-6
NIV**

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Editorial

Autumn seems to have arrived and this means 'Harvest'. We have written in our magazine a good reminder of what it means, and how thankful we all should be, where we have such an abundance of good things to eat. It is very much in our thoughts, as we were reminded at our morning service by Mathew Skirton. He is Director for Moldova from operation Mobilisation Field Lighthouse who was the Preacher at our morning service. He spoke of the people in other lands where food is so scarce. Do read Martin's article explaining the meaning of 'Harvest'. The photographs are so revealing, to the reality of what farming is to so many.

There is a full report on the Young People's adventures in Romania, do read what they were all doing and what influence it had on both the young people from Lindfield and those whom they met in Romania.

Geoffrey brings us news of the incredible trophies that were won whilst the Boys Brigade attended their Camp, the most ever won at the Camp week. Congratulations to them all, what a team effort! Well done to all our Boys. Why not join this amazing group where there is friendship, fellowship and fun!

We hope you find this month's magazine interesting and that you are able to be aware of all that is being done, here in Lindfield URC to further our Lord's message that Jesus wants everyone to know about.

God Bless,

Anne

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Dear friends

The end of summer and start of autumn often brings a strong sense of New Beginnings. Whether it is the end of summer holidays and the start of a new school year, perhaps even starting a new school altogether, or simply the new season and a sense of activities restarting after a summer pause. For some this might bring fears of uncertainty while for others perhaps a feeling of excitement and anticipation.

For us at Lindfield URC this is particularly true. During the summer our Minister Charles and his wife Jenny retired and left for pastures new of their own, and so we are in a period of Pastoral Vacancy. With this the excitement of seeking God's Will for the leadership of our fellowship, but also knowing that the coming months will bring many new challenges.

Never more important then, that in a society that encourages 'self', we look to uphold and support each other sharing the burdens, responsibilities and challenges that lie ahead, but also sharing the excitement and Joy of being in His community.

It is our passion that The Church is part of the Community around us, to be a place where all are Welcome to come and share the Love of God. Perhaps this autumn is a New Beginning for you: maybe you will come to Church for the first time; maybe

you will come back having been away; maybe you are already actively involved in our Fellowship.

"Back to Church Sunday" is an ideal opportunity to come and visit us; and during the autumn we have Harvest Celebrations and, of course, around the corner the preparations for Christmas.

Whether you are a familiar face to our Fellowship, or a new face, we will delight in sharing the Love of God together. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:12) let's be United: let's engage with each other, Pray with each other, share with each other, encourage each other; within the Church and beyond.

Jeremy Campling
Jeremy Campling - Elder

A date for your diaries:

Mission Supper

16th November

Speaker from Algeria
(more information later)

Family News

Sad News

After a very long illness Lily Watson (a member of our 11.15 congregation) has died.

We extend to her Family and also to Roy Munday, our love and sincere sympathy at this time of loss.

We offer our sympathy and love to Mac Turner and his Son, Rody, following the death of his wife, Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

Mary, (along with Mies Campling) began The Wives Fellowship (predecessor of what is now In Touch) at LURC, and she also took part in the Christian Musicals that were put on here in the 70s and 80s.

Fo Tingley

Congratulations

Katie (Cookney) and Matt were married at the end of August. Our belated congratulations to them both, and we pray for God's rich blessings on them in their future life together.

Fo Tingley

Thank You

Irene Curtis thanks her friends in the Church for the beautiful flowers she received after her recent accident.

God Bless you all.

Irene Curtis

Music Hall to Mission Hall 2:30pm Sat 2nd November

General Booth of the Salvation Army is purported to have said "Why should the devil have all the best tunes?". It is with this in mind that the Sunday Morning Singers and others and, of course, yourselves will endeavour to bring this statement alive.

The first half will be in the form of an old music hall. There will be a master of ceremonies, songs sung, acts including a Spanish guitarist and Slippery Syd on the trombone.

Following the tea interval, the mission hall pertains with redeeming words set to music hall tunes plus testimony.

If you would like to come then why not consider wearing a hat or even dressing up and enter into the spirit of the age.

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

For more information, please speak to Peter Swann on 01444 450335

Shoeboxes



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 10th November

Thank you!

The Missions Group

The Fellowship

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 October, at 2.30 pm. Although Rosemary and Ray Tijou will still be telling us about the work of PAT Dogs (Pets as Therapy), there is the sad news that Lucy, their dog, died in August, following a stroke. A new puppy may well take over the good work that Lucy did over a number of years – but more of that from Rosemary and Ray!

There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall, together with a cup of tea after the talk. All who come may be sure of a warm welcome.

Pat Phillips

The Art Group

We will be holding our Annual Coffee Morning and Art Exhibition on Saturday 19th October, 10.00am until 12 Noon.

This year we are joining our art with poetry and verse. Please come and join us and meet with this friendly group.

Doreen Fowler

Lindfield & District Folk Dance Club

This club has been running now for nearly forty years and it began its life here in Lindfield. A number of our Church family belong.

Betty Billins has been joining in the fun for longer than the rest of us, but Brenda Johnson, Paul and Jo Bloxham and myself also enjoy the happy and relaxed evenings, normally on the first and third Tuesdays in each month, from 8 – 10pm. We would love to encourage others to join us. The bonus is that it is good exercise too!

There is an excellent 'Caller' and we do a wide variety of dances. The Club now meets in the hall of the Church of the Ascension in Vale Road, Haywards Heath, and new members (of any age) are always welcome.

Please speak to one of us if you would like more information.

Fo Tingley

In Touch

In August we met in Anne Parker's garden for a "Catch up and chat evening". The weather was perfect and it was really good to be able to meet together and relax in lovely surroundings. We would like to thank Anne for her hospitality.

On the 14th September we held our annual "Quiet Day" led by Darryl Sinclair from Hassocks U.R.C. Darryl chose to study three very different women found in the Bible: Rahab, Anna and Lydia. Rahab (Joshua 2 v 1-21) was a prostitute living in Jericho who put her faith into action by obeying God's will. Ultimately her actions led to the fall of Jericho under the leadership of Joshua. Rahab's loyalty to God was eventually rewarded and the lives of Rahab and her family were saved.

We were asked to consider how we judge other people. Are we often unfair in how we judge others and how we ought to try and look at people through God's eyes? ANNA (Luke 2 v 36-38) Anna's life was very different to Rahab's. She was very old and had been a widow for much of her life. She was considered to be a Prophetess and spent much of her time in the Temple studying the Scriptures. She was one of the first witnesses to Jesus when He was very young though it is unlikely she lived long enough to know Him when He was older. We were asked to consider how important our relationship is with God and how that can affect how we live our lives.

LYDIA (Acts 16 v11-15) Lydia was a wealthy business woman living in Philippi who devoted her life to God. She heard the teaching of Paul and his followers and as a result was baptised and then offered her house as a base for the new converts to meet. Even though she was a busy business woman, she still found time to offer hospitality to the early Christians and she is therefore credited with the honour of hosting the very first Church. We then had to consider how much time, we devote to God, despite leading busy lives ourselves, and how we could be used by God in our Church in the future.

Our day ended with a short Communion service after which we thanked Darryl for giving up her day to lead us and for presenting such an interesting insight into the lives of the three women, each of whom taught us a different lesson in how we can try to draw closer to God in our daily lives.

The day was enjoyable and very challenging leaving us with a lot of food for thought. We were also very grateful to Rosemary Tijou for providing the music to accompany our worship songs. At our next meeting on the 22nd October we will be showing a film but please look out for further details on the notice board. We hope to see as many as possible at this meeting and new members will be very welcome.

Janet Wade

October Mission

Samuel Muhumuza – Uganda

It is now almost a decade since we were introduced to Samuel Muhumuza from Uganda. He is an ordained minister in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Uganda. In addition to his responsibilities of church leadership he established the Ssanje Modern Primary School some thirteen years ago in the Kibaale District of southern Uganda, a very rural and poor area.

Starting with one teacher and a 'handful' of students who would have no opportunity of education there are now around 400 students with a staff of 20+. It has been our privilege to support the work and see it developed.

Samuel has written personally to us for this edition of GoodNews:

"Christian greetings to all the Saints of Lindfield and all our sponsors. On behalf of the entire project (YAP) I want to thank you for your continuous support and to let you know that, without you, dear friends, we wouldn't have reached this far. This year we have students at university and teacher training college. Others are studying for 'O' and 'A' levels plus vocational training,

On behalf of the Children who live in the Church family house, I want to extend their thanks to you for the support and the love you have for them from the beginning up to now.

The year has not been without its challenges. Sadly some families had to vacate their land and move to other areas of Uganda, which meant that a number of children had to leave our school. Some had been sponsored by you at Lindfield and we are grateful that other children have been taken on.

We have 23 staff and all of them are in rented accommodation, paid for by the school, which takes a lot of money from our budget. We cannot yet afford to construct a block for their accommodation due to our income but if we could it would be of a great help financially and in time management and security.



It's our desire to increase our teachers' salaries but that is not possible. If we get the staff block, we would divert the savings to salaries, which would improve the welfare of our teachers. This would be a major project.

I want to thank you for contributing towards the construction of the perimeter wall around the school. I am glad to report to you that so far 50% of the work is done and when it's completed it will be a big achievement.

If we were able to improve our facilities in the next four years;

- ***We should be numbered among the first ten schools in the whole district***
- ***School enrolment should increase by 40% - 50%***
- ***The income of the school would significantly increase***
- ***The school should become 85% self-supporting***



As I conclude this sharing, allow me to take you back all the way to our beginning in 2000 and show photos of our first classroom and how the school looks today!!



I want to thank you very much for standing with us. I always say, I will say it again and again that, without you we wouldn't have reached this far. May the Good Lord bless you and bless the work of your hands in Jesus' name. Amen!"

SAMUEL MUHUMUZA

It would be great to be able to show our love and generosity towards Samuel again this year. If you would like to give during the month please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a gift aid slip if appropriate.

Full reports are available at the Mission Display Area

Thank you - The Missions Group

Harvest Time

From field to table

“Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field”

(Exodus 23: 16)

Among all the other schedules of the Jewish religion, Exodus highlights three great pilgrimage festivals that the Jews were commanded to keep each year. The first festival, the “Feast of Unleavened Bread” (Passover), commemorated the exodus from Egypt and had a loose connection with harvest through its timing, as it was held at the beginning of the barley harvest.

However, the second and third festivals were much more closely associated with the annual agricultural harvest. Seven weeks after Passover was the “Feast of Weeks” or “Feast of Harvest” (“Pentecost” from New Testament times), celebrating the first produce and held during the wheat harvest. A few weeks later was the “Feast of Ingathering” (“Feast of Tabernacles” or “Feast of Booths”), held around mid-September to mid-October when the produce of the orchards and vines had been harvested. It commemorated the desert wanderings after the exodus and everyone lived in tents (= Tabernacles/ Booths) made of branches for a week to remind them of what their ancestors endured in the desert. Our present

day Harvest Festival in Lindfield is most closely related to this latter Festival.

The Old Testament is full of detailed laws for daily living and these even applied to the harvesting methods. In Leviticus 23: 22 farmers were reminded, “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God.”

Alex and I were reminded of this in the first week of September while walking under the Balcombe viaduct as the freshly harvested fields around us had a narrow border of un-harvested cereal crops. We wondered if this had more to do with the abilities of the farmer to steer his tractor right to the edge of the crop rather to any philanthropic gesture but, for all we know, he could well have been following Biblical tradition. Wandering through the neat fields, with their produce already gathered and off to market and only the straw to bring in, reminded me of how fortunate we are to live in a country where we can take so much for granted.



*Above: Harvesting tea in Malaysia & threshing rice in the fields of Java
Below: Martin threshing wheat with donkeys in Morocco!*



Above: Ploughing a rice paddy in Sumatra, Indonesia & Harvest produce on sale in a supermarket in Bogor, Java, Indonesia

The Old testament Jews were instructed to “Be joyful at your Feast [of Ingathering]..... For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.” (Deuteronomy 16: 15). When Helen and I returned to the UK after more than six years living in Africa we walked around Sainsbury’s open mouthed and certainly joyful at the harvest crammed into the store from all over the world!

More than a quarter of a century later we try to remind ourselves regularly of our wide-eyed wonder at what was available to us then, lest we slip into casual acceptance of what is not only still available but now with even more choice. I often think it would be fascinating to make a TV documentary tracing any fruit or vegetable - orange, cabbage, tomato, mango, banana - from its plastic-wrapped condition on our supermarket shelves back through the supply chain all the way to the plant it grew on to see what was involved. Hopefully if we buy fair trade food the end point will be a reasonably comfortable situation, at least relative to that country – however, who really knows? A few of the images with this article show harvesting and food on the way to market in different parts of the world where the farming technology is not quite up to what we are lucky to have in UK. However, although harvesting by hand in, so called, developing countries looks physically exhausting, I often think

that the social aspects of coming together in poorer communities are better than the somewhat solitary existence of modern farmers here, where a tractor driver could spend all day entirely on their own in a GPS-guided machine. According to a paper in Occupational and Environmental Medicine from 2000, farmers are one of the professional groups at highest risk of suicide in England and Wales for a wide variety of factors including isolation, lack of social support and high levels of occupational stress. This gives us even more reason to appreciate the sacrifices of the farming community, not just at Harvest Time but right through the year. Therefore, let’s remain joyful always at what the Lord and his people have provided for us, whether from a hot, sun-blessed pineapple farm in the tropics or from a cold, rain-swept, hillside sheep farm in the English Lake District.

“We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;”

Further reading: Exodus 23: 14-19;
Leviticus 23: 1-44;
Numbers 28: 16-31 and 29: 12-39;
Deuteronomy 16: 1-17

Martin Hall

Pauline Scales

My name is Pauline Scales. How blessed I've been to join you at Lindfield URC.

I became a Christian when I was twelve years old through going to a Girl Crusaders class. Then Summer Camps built up my faith through my teens as we learnt what practical Christian living was all about. Surrey Schools Christian Rallies helped deepen our Bible knowledge listening to great men of God expounding the Word to us. Proverbs 3 v 5-6 became a key to seeking God's will and walking with Him through my life.

“*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight*”
Proverbs 3 v 5-6 NIV

The Lord led me into Physio training at Guy's Hospital and though I was unable to complete it due to ill health (I later did Nursing), it opened up the way for me to go and work for two and a half years in Nepal in Green Pastures Leprosy Hospital in Pokhara. That was a life changing experience as I really learnt how to trust the Lord for all my needs - and how, out of their nothing, the Nepalis give.

Once, when I needed a new sari, an envelope came with 100 rupees "A gift from the Lord" - I never knew who from. The next year it came in kind with a note - "The Lord has told me to give you this" - a beautiful pink sari. "Oh, thank you, Lord", I said, "but this is far too nice for work - it's a Sunday best one." Then, a few days later, a black and white dog-tooth check one - with a turquoise border. My blouse was turquoise, so the Lord even matched it up for me! Praise Him!"

Then back to England and once again work in a Christian Old people's Home with the Aged Pilgrim's Friend Society (now Pilgrim Homes), which I always looked on as my real Mission calling. Looking back over my life I am so blessed to have had such an exciting and fulfilling career walking with the Lord. Though M.E. brought an end to my working life in 1982, I've continued to experience His provision for my daily needs and that:-

“*The Joy of the Lord is my Strength.*”

Pauline Scales



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Bob Goff @bobGoff

We can love with one foot on the brake or both feet on the gas. Love like you're running out of time

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

October Church diary

3rd Thursday		House Groups Meet this week	19th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting URC
5th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting URC	20th Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship
6th Sunday		Harvest Festival 9:30am Communion 11:15am Morning Worship David Walters 6:30pm Evening Worship		11:15am	Morning Worship John Ellis (Moderator URC General Assembly)
				6:30pm	Evening Worship
			22nd Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch Film Night
9th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	23rd Wednesday	2:45pm 7:00pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
10th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	24th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
11th Friday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	26th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting URC
12th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting URC	27th Sunday	British Summer Time Ends	
13th Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship		9:30am	Morning Worship
	11:15am	Morning Worship Nick McQuaker (Sussex Gospel Partnership) Communion		11:15am	Communion Graham Campling
	6:30pm		6:30pm	Evening Worship	
14th Monday		House Groups Meet this week 6:30pm Boys' Brigade Enrolment Service	Further details and a full updated Church Calendar is available on our website: www.lindfieldurc.org.uk		

Josh Thomas Writes...



Hi there, in this edition of Good News we look back over the fantastic week we spent out in Romania, from the perspective of all those who went on the trip.

You can also see some photos of the people, places and sessions we experienced during our time out there. I want to just take this opportunity to thank every single one of you which is echoed by all those who went on the trip. To hear more about our experience, as well as Emily McQuillin's trip to Uganda

and Tom McQuillin's trip to Sri-Lanka, please join us for our Harvest Supper.

If you are able to join us a please add your name to the sign up sheet which can be found on the main notice board at Church this is instead of tickets. If you can come do tell us, so we can know how many people we need to cater for.

Thanks again,

Josh

A Leaders perspective....

Our trip to Romania was filled with great fun, new friends, and very interesting topics which were discussed, acted out and then made into a variety of creative videos. We looked at the issue of democracy, and specifically at solidarity, the pros and cons of this system, religion, and economics. The discussion of topics was entered into with great enthusiasm and deep thought.

This made us all think more about democracy than we ever had before, and as to whether this 'equal system' actually was fair. Groups looked at how the church should have or not have an impact on this political system. It was discussed whether we could effectively run a democratic country. Would all the different groups of people, such as the sick, people in the education system, churches, immigrants and tourists be happy? The young people also made some astonishing videos. The topics chosen were euthanasia

and whether the police should carry guns, where the power actually lies within a democracy. These videos are available on the Cascaid website, and are definitely worth watching. Their dedication to the tasks given was impressive; some even stayed up until two o'clock in the morning just to begin editing their videos.

Our young people also enjoyed a week of meeting new people from another culture. All three of them fully immersed themselves into the week's activities, making new friends and even learning some Romanian. I believe that this week was truly beneficial to our young people and that the topic broadened their thoughts and their way of thinking and the necessity of considering others. We even survived the twenty nine hour journey without losing any of them! Thank you once again for your prayers and generosity; it was greatly appreciated by all of us.

Hannah Thomas

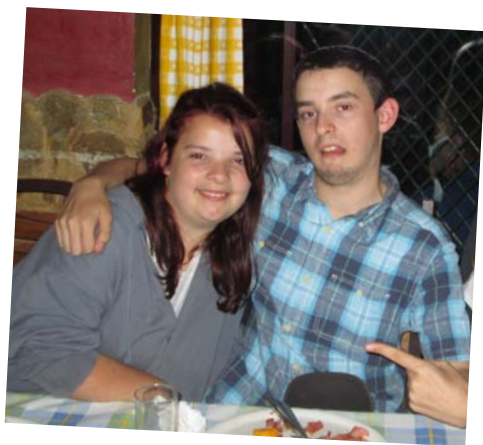


New friends, fun and the experience of a lifetime.

Our trip to Romania started out with Alex Jeffs being searched when going through security at the airport. Alex had not removed his metal crucifix!! This caused alarms to sound, whilst Johanna, Josh, Hannah and myself, watched on in amusement, Alex was not pleased!

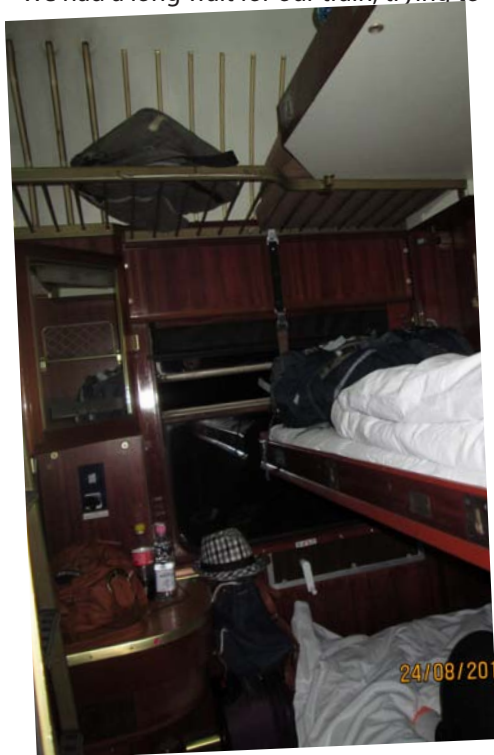
We boarded the aeroplane and enjoyed the flight with no further incidents. We had a short trip in a minibus, from the airport, which took us to the main railway station in Bucharest.

We had a long wait for our train, trying to



pass the time in many ways. Eventually our train arrived at eleven thirty at night and we then settled down to yet another part of our journey. We tried to sleep but only with great difficulty. The next morning we woke up early and found to our disappointment that our train was running an hour and a half behind schedule. Eventually we arrived at Suceava, where we gathered together our luggage and left the train. We were met by three organisers of the camp where we were to be staying. 'Misu' whom we met first, together with two other gentlemen, took us from Suceava, through Rădăuți ending up at Brodina. This is only six kilo meters from the Ukrainian border.

Once at the camp site, which was one thousand feet up the mountain, we met the rest of the staff. After being introduced and introducing ourselves, we sat down and had some very welcome food. We then had some free time when we played a few games of badminton. The first of the many Romanians' guests arrived. It was good to meet with them and we found





how easy it was to converse with these young people. Very soon we had a large group of friends with us, who we were able to chat with and share with them, our experiences of our journey from England.

Over the days we discussed, debated and generally held conversations about democracy. We were summoned to the talks with a song by Alice Cooper, 'Wanting to be elected' by courtesy of Dickie Twort. We also participated in role plays and other such activities, thinking of aspects of democracy including; solidarity, economics and how we as Christians should be involved in politics.

We had other activities such as a hike and a night time walk amongst the wildlife. Alex Jeffs and myself joined up with the Romanians and played countless games of 'ultimate Frisbee'. Johanna simply

talked with friends learning more about their lives and what differences there were. We were taught a few Romanian Phrases in which my sister's favourite phrase was 'please give me food', where as Alex and myself just stuck to the simple phrases such as thank you.

Going to Romania was one of the greatest experiences we have had. We met many great people who we hope to keep in contact with. It was sad to leave, everyone having enjoyed their company and finding out how we each could all be friends with one thing which was universal to us all, the love of Jesus. Once on the plane and going home we couldn't wait to see our family again.

Alex and Johanna Harfield

Wolves, Lemons and Romania

First of all, I'd like to say thank you for your support throughout the last couple of months, whether it was financially, prayerfully, or giving advice. I think I can speak on behalf of everyone and that we all had a fantastic time. We arrived at our site early Sunday morning well early for me, it was 9am, after a 29 hour journey, which involved going in a car, airport bus, plane, minibus, train, another car and lastly walking. Not bad going! We didn't see too much of urban Romania, though in all fairness what we did see was dire. I learned History at school, so I was quite aware of the past that Romania had been through. I was shocked to see how different Romania and the United Kingdom is an understatement. I cannot emphasise for one moment how

blessed we are in the UK. Yes true, we do have many problems, but it's nothing in comparison to many of the former Soviet countries.

The campsite itself was around 1000ft above sea level, but fortunately I'm used to such heights.

When we arrived, we were welcomed by stunning views of the tree-covered mountains that surrounded us. We truly were in the middle of nowhere, the only place of interest was the Ukrainian border which was 6km away. During the span of the week, we were to entertain young Romanians (though quite a few of them were older than us!) through group discussions and activities that were designed to look at democracy. Along the way, we learned many words, though perhaps it is best if we don't mention lemons.



In the event that I come across any Romanians during my new job, then I can manage to say a few things. Certainly not your typical holiday, but it was thoroughly enjoyable by all. As you can probably tell, the ever quiet Johanna was not eaten by wolves, though that is probably a good thing!



What struck me so much were the attitudes that the young people have. Despite all the problems Romania has, the corruption, and lack of infrastructure, I am amazed by the love and hope that its people bring. Most Romanians have lived under a dictatorship, and have seen their country and their lives, ruined because of bad leadership. The transition to a democratic society has been hard, yet they still have the perpetual hope their country will one day rise from the ashes, and become strong. It does not take much to realise the state of things in Romania, but to quash the gloom and to inherit a Christ-like hope; that is truly astonishing.



I don't believe for one moment that I will ever look at Romania and its people, and not remember the hope they have. This is truly amazing.



Alex Jeffs

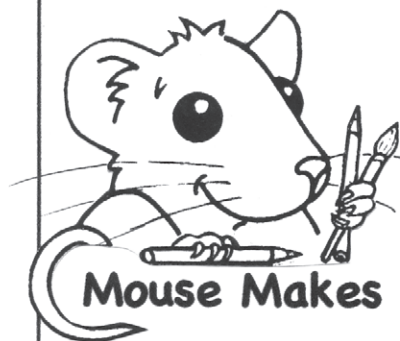
Boys Brigade



We moved to a new camp site at Glynde this year, and were pleased to find that it was spacious and flat, all that we could have desired! Unfortunately, one Boy was unable to attend at the last moment because of a sudden change of family holidays, but those who went had a grand week. Never have our Boys come back with so many trophies: for football, volleyball, and best tent within their Camp Company 'C'. One Boy, Tom Hewitt, also won the pool trophy, and we were equal first as best tent overall, although 'pipped to the post' for that trophy itself, by the 3rd Burgess Hill. Company 'C', usually known by its nickname, "Cowboys". They also won the sports competition trophy, the Laurel Crown, a result towards which the Lindfield Boys made a significant contribution.

There is a remarkably rich spirit and comradeship at the Glynde Camp, built up over many years; it has won recognition as a uniquely valuable piece of youth work, with a profound influence on the lives of those who attend it.

Camp, however successful, is part of our last session. We now face the challenge, as always at this time of year, of making a fresh start here at Lindfield, as well as building on our achievements, however impressive. We aim to help all kinds of Boys, including those who have problems in their young lives, and those who may never be winners of any trophies. We still want to bring them the love of Jesus Christ, and care for them as individuals. We know that you will support the BB staff with your prayers and encouragement as we seek to do so.

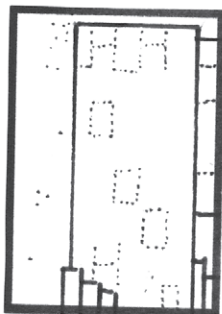


SOLOMON BUILDS A TEMPLE

King Solomon decided to build a temple to honour the Lord God. It took 80,000 men to cut the stone for it and 30,000 men seven years to build it. The finished temple was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide and 30 cubits high and the inside was completely covered with gold!

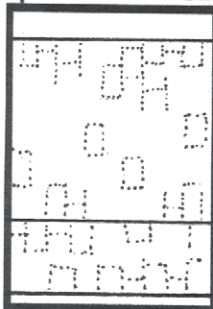
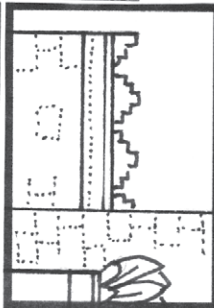
READ about Solomon's temple in 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38

The blocks for temple have all been mixed up! Carefully cut out each block and rearrange to build God's temple. Glue onto card and colour in.

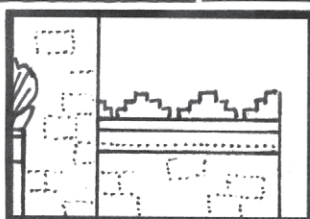
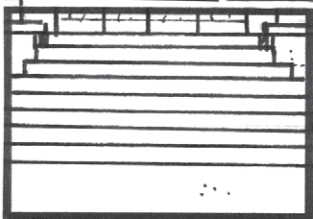
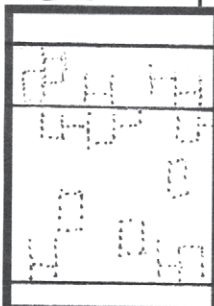
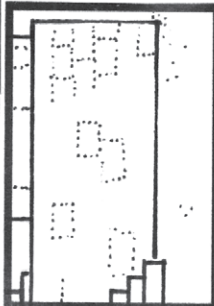


A 'cubit' is about 18 inches or almost 45.5cm long

God said "Build



a temple that



will honour me"



Sound Seminar

Can you hear me at the back?

Up to now in this series, the focus has been primarily on audio, but the use of technology in worship stretches beyond just audio. This month, Richard Walters looks at the role of the projectionist at the 9.30am Sunday services.

For many years, we have projected the words to our songs on the screen, initially by use of an overhead projector, with the song words printed on acetates. Then, since 2001 we have made use of a data projector, driven from a computer mounted next to the sound desk in the gallery. In addition to projecting the words on the screen at the front of the church, it is also relayed to three smaller screens. Two of these are mounted on the pillars in the concourse. The third is mounted facing the front of the church, so that those involved in leading the service can see what is displayed without having to look behind them.

The software used is a bespoke system developed by Dan McQuillin, called Praise Prompter. It is designed to be both stable and flexible. It is important that the system is stable so that the congregation is not distracted from their worship by issues with the projection system failing. As has been stated previously in this series, whatever technology is used in worship, it is important to ensure that it always adds to worship, and never gets in the way. The system must be flexible for much the same reason. If worship seems to be moving in a particular direction and such that a song not on the original list seems appropriate,

it is important that the worship leader can just move into that song, confident that the words will quickly appear on screen.

Everything apart from the songs themselves is displayed using Microsoft's PowerPoint presentation software. This allows bullet point presentations alongside sermons or talks, videos and pictures to be presented. The presentations are then run through Praise Prompter, to allow for seamless switching between songs and presentations. The most obvious presentation, which runs before every Sunday service, is the scrolling notices. Each week, Richard will collect a copy of the notice sheet from the church, and then compile the information into a PowerPoint presentation.

We have been running the current version of the software for over ten years now, but computers and file formats have moved on over that period. As a result, Dan is currently in the process of updating the software to allow it to handle more modern file formats.

Next month, we will look at the use of lighting in worship, which we tend to use only for specific, special occasions; looking at how it is controlled and what it can add to our worship

John Ellis

Introducing John Ellis, John is lay moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly a role he will serve from 2013 to 2016. John will be preaching at Lindfield URC on October 20th and joining the elders for their quiet day.



John grew up in Devon Congregationalism and was a teenage Church Treasurer. He was awarded a Senior Scholarship by King's College, Cambridge, and received a First Class Honours degree in Economics. He worked for the Bank of England for twenty years: his diverse posts there included research on international debt issues and co-ordinating the Bank's network of regional Agents.

From 2000 until he was called to be Moderator he was employed by the Methodist Church. After a major reorganisation in 2008, he was appointed as one of four Strategic Leaders in a role which involved leading the whole Methodist staff team.

With a three year term as Moderator, John hopes to be able to help the Church address some of the larger challenges it faces. Behind such issues is the more

fundamental question of what patterns of church life will sustain and deepen the discipleship of existing members while also drawing new people towards vibrant Christian faith.

John has a particular interest in how we view and use money. He has extensive experience of ethical investment campaigning, including representing the Churches in meetings with multinational companies. He has also worked on business ethics more generally, not least as Adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England.

John's dream day off would include following a large fried breakfast with a trip up to London behind a steam locomotive to see England thrash Australia at Lord's, and then celebrating in the evening with a concert of Mozart's music played by an African youth orchestra.

Sue Waller

Autumn Faith

A low, brave sun breaks through the dull dismal dawn of day,
A body struggles to emerge from the cocoon of sleep.

A sleep too soon disturbed, yet the strident ringing of the alarm,
and tick of the clock mark the inexorable passage of time, and
announce the start of the day's schedule, that waits for no man.

Into the bathroom; wash and shave, then breakfast. The habitual
preparations for the day ahead passing unregistered on a tired
mind, as if by an automaton.

To the sitting room, to read the Bible over some slices of
toast: 1 Corinthians Chapter 13. But the words are a haze, no
understanding comes. After an attempt to pray, it is time to press
on and leave for work. Drawing back the curtains, that same sun,
brighter now, illuminates the room! Bouncing around, reflecting
from the mirror on the sideboard, seeking out the dull corners.

Now, the scripture comes to life – “For now we see in a mirror
dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall fully
understand, even as I have been fully understood.” The veil is
lifted; the chrysalis open, the butterfly emerges. Thank you Lord!
You know me, and love me; you have chosen me, and will go with
me today and every day. Your life enters every part of mine, and I
can go forward in trusting you.

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October

6th	Harvest Festival	Janet Sanderson
13th	Jessie Green	Fo Tingley
20th	Barbara Shepherd	Sue Tester
27th	Heather Swann	Jan Foreman

November

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

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 9th October

12.15pm : Tiger Arts - Lunch in the Tiger followed by

1.00pm : Concert in All Saints Church - Christ's Hospital School Choir

8.00pm : Lindfield Horticultural Society in KEH - Talk on Heucheras

Saturday 12th October

10.00am : Lindfield Horticultural Society (KEH)-Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Wednesday 16th October

7.00pm : Lindfield Preservation Society in KEH -

Talk : The History of the Bluebell Railway

Saturday 19th October

7.45pm : Haywards Heath Music Society - St Wilfred's Church

Adelia Myslov (violin) and Craig White (piano) play Bach, Brahms, Respighi and Frolov

Tickets: £12 non-members, with reductions for concessions and members.

Further information from Christine Colbourne: HH 456227

Thursday 24th October

7.30pm : Village Film Night in KEH - 'About Time'

Tickets can be obtained from Tufnells in the High Street.

