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**I tell you, open your eyes and look at
the fields! They are ripe for harvest.**

John 4:35 NIV

Bible verse of the month

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

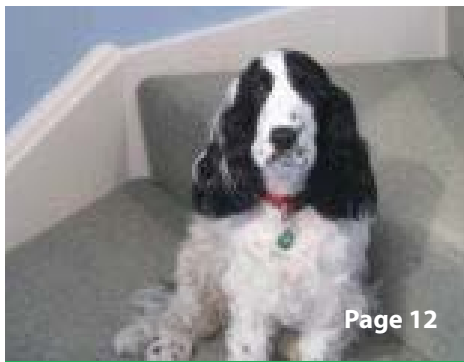
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Editorial

Once again we seem to have so much to look forward to this month. It is very good to see how Danny is settling in to his new appointment. We have an update on his first week of finding his way around our different groups.

The Harvest Supper and Barn Dance can be enjoyed by everyone, read how you can join in this celebration. You will also find details of Tea Time Tunes with Peter Swann.

We are reminded of 'The cost of discipleship' also yet another very thoughtful reminder of 'My cup runneth over' which was also a part of the same service. A gentle reminder to remember the 'Shoe Box' appeal, which is being organised for our Church by Jill O'Mant. We want as many 'boxes as possible to help all the children to have some excitement and real joy in their lives.

We have a very short note about the 'Vacancy' which will give hope to our entire congregation. Prayer is focused this month, which shows how a large part of our church life revolves around the very important Prayer Meetings . Our Church Lunches are restarting so possibly accept the invitation to attend. There is information about two Church groups, The ladies 'In Touch' group, and 'The Fellowship' .They both extend a very warm welcome. There are so many things for us all to read about and get involved in.

As we go into the autumn we have the beauty of our countryside to enjoy . How lucky we all are, I hope you feel uplifted by all that you read.

Every Blessing to you all

Anne

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Dear friends

I cannot believe that six months have passed since I last put pen to paper for our church magazine, time passes so quickly. I last wrote about having patience and waiting for God to answer our prayer to bring a new minister.

We still have to wait for God to answer and we must continue to be patient and have faith that He will, in His time, answer. He already knows who is coming!

He answered our prayer very quickly to bring a replacement for Josh, our Youth Pastor. We now have Danny to carry on the good work that Josh started. Please pray for Josh, Hannah, Danny and Ruth over the coming weeks as they continue to serve our Lord.

No matter who we are or what our previous experience or how closely we have associated with Jesus, His presence is always a gift. We are the ones who quietly wait, scanning the horizon for sight of Him, or listening intently for the sound of His voice. We cannot determine the time of God's visitation. We wait patiently in a place, with an attitude of welcome in our hearts.

God finds His way to our door, our heart and nourishes us with both His word and His presence.

“Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.”

John 21 v 4-6 NIV

Such waiting requires the discipline and effort to ‘fish all night’ and not quit after one, two or even three fruitless hours.

It also requires the discipline of placing ourselves in the space where Jesus might meet and greet us. I pray that each one of you over the coming weeks and months will ‘meet and greet’ Jesus and welcome Him into your hearts.

God Bless you all.

Terry Ward

Terry Ward
Elder

Family News

Sad News

Our dear friend Ted Sparks went home to be with the Lord in September after a period of ill health.

Our love, sympathy and prayers for Lesley and the family.

Fiona Tingley

Thank You

Brian and Sue are overwhelmed by loving support from the church fellowship during Brian's medical treatment.

It is a great encouragement to have received so many good wishes by telephone, emails, cards, flowers, visits and offers of help.

Above all we know that we have been sustained at this time by your many prayers. Whilst it will be some months before a full recovery nevertheless it is at such times that we are privileged and blessed to know the love of God's people.

We are mindful that many others in the fellowship also require all our prayers and trust that they will also be sustained by God's love and grace.

Brian and Sue Tester

Thank You

How do we describe feelings or find the words to pass on thanks for the overwhelming help, support and cards received over the past three months?

We did not know we had so many friends. I could get used to always passing on my ironing so I did not have to do it again! Hilary's cooking has definitely improved too!

We have proved yet again the power of prayer and it seems many other people are feeling the same at this time.

I have really missed you all, but hope to be around again soon.

Barbara Shepherd

The Fellowship

After a successful application and weeks of assessments, Simon Merrett is now training to become a Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police and will "graduate" at the end of September.

Our thanks go to all who have prayed, encouraged, guided and supported Simon and ourselves during the last year.

John and Carol Merrett

The Fellowship

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 2.30pm.

The speaker will be Tom Cole of The Woodland Trust telling us about Ancient Trees.

There will be the usual Bring and Buy Stall, together with a cup of tea after the talk.

All who come may be sure of a warm welcome.

Pat Phillips

In Touch

In August we met for coffee and a chat in "Janet's garden", except we stayed inside as the weather was a bit chilly and no-one fancied going outside!!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th October and we look forward to seeing everyone then.

Please watch the notices to see more details of what we have planned for that evening.

Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new members joining the group.

Janet Wade

Lunch Fellowship

The Lunch Fellowship will have been up and running again in September, in case you have not joined us and would like to, you are most welcome.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday and Friday of the month, that is the 8th and 10th October, 12th and 14th November and 10th and 12th December for a Christmas Lunch.

The cost is £3.00 usually (£4 for the Christmas Lunch) and consists of a two course cooked lunch with fruit juice to start and coffee to follow. We also have a Bring and Buy Stall.

We meet at 12.30am in the hall at the back of the Church and look forward to seeing new faces.

There is usually a speaker for 15 Minutes and we aim to be finished by 1.50pm.

Please telephone Sue Waller to book your lunch for a Wednesday 455047, or Anne Parker for Friday 473519.

Look forward to seeing you.

Sue Waller

Vacancy Update

We continue to pray that a new minister will soon be identified for our church.

There has been some further interest following the summer break and we wait to see if this brings any results.

David Walters

ROC on Saturday

In addition to the usual activities, board games, singing group etc. this month we hope to have a couple of sessions when an outside speaker will bring us information on a specific subject. Of course, if you don't want to play a board game or listen to a speaker then just come and enjoy tea and cake in the lounge.

See you on Saturdays 11th & 25th October at 3.00pm

Boys' Brigade

The BB Company is holding its Annual Enrolment Service at 6.30 p.m. on Monday 13th October.

We would be pleased to welcome as many Church people as are able to attend.



Bible Verse

The text for this month is from Proverbs 3

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3 : v5-6 NIV

This is special to me because it was given to me by a dear friend on my believers' baptism day.

It is the encouragement that I often turn to to guide me on challenging days at work and home.

This focuses me when I need courage in making the right decisions, where intellectual reasoning cannot provide, trust and guidance in the Lord gives you the courage in your better judgement as a Christian.

Natalie Porter

Cost of Discipleship

The theme for this church year is Discipleship. What is it and can we meet the requirements for discipleship?

A disciple is one who is called and is willing to follow and learn from Jesus Christ's words and actions. It follows therefore that such an individual is not exempt from some of His pain and suffering.

Jesus puts this succinctly when he said

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”

Matt.16:24 NIV

Jesus is calling us to lose our old self and become more like Him.

Jesus calls us from our work, from our need to make as much money as we can, to save ourselves and follow Him. Jesus calls us from the ordinariness of our lives to become world changers. He tells us that it is a hazardous business, especially as our natural instinct is for self-preservation. If we want to save ourselves from suffering and pain, from loss and loneliness, from discomfort and unpopularity we need to understand that there is a cost. The price of following him can ultimately lead to death, but in the Lord's service St. Paul says "to live is Christ, to die is gain." The cost of losing our old self brings greater glory in the sight of God.

You must lose the ability to think of yourself first, but rather think compassionately and with humility for those who are dispossessed and in need of shelter, and to think of those who are being persecuted for Christ's sake. However it goes beyond mere thinking. We need to act as the one who came to seek freedom for those who are enslaved, to speak for those who have no voice. As disciples we are called to take sides against injustice and exploitation. It means that our lives should be patterned after Christ who defies conventional norms and practices. We should stand up for ethical and moral living and teaching the sovereignty of God.

Following Jesus means true commitment, with the risk of death, and no turning back. To take up our cross and follow Jesus is to be willing to publicly identify with him to experience certain opposition, and to be willing to face even suffering and death for his sake.

The possibility of losing their lives was very real for the disciples as well as for Jesus. Real discipleship implies real commitment – pledging our whole existence to his service. If we try to save our physical life from death, pain or discomfort, we may risk losing eternal life.

Managers

I was asked to give an update on the work of the managers. So, what do we do?

If we protect ourselves from the pain God calls us to suffer, we begin to die spiritually and emotionally. Our lives turn inward, and we lose our intended purpose. When we give our life in service to Christ, we discover the real purpose of living.

When we do not know Christ, we make choices as though there is no afterlife. In reality this life is just an introduction to eternity. How we live this brief span determines our eternal state. What we accumulate on earth has no value in gaining eternal life. Even the highest social and civic honours cannot get us entrance to Kingdom

Discipleship means taking sides. Those who chose to be with Christ must recognize the number and intensity of those who are against and become even bolder in their way of living like Jesus. Discipleship means constantly swimming against the tide in order to maintain the standards God sets for us. It means a constant deepening of and sharing the message of the gospel. It also means to be responsive for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the world, and to be resourceful in the way that we share the gospel. Discipleship means sacrifice and total allegiance to the work of Christ. It is not always easy or comfortable but the crown of Glory is the prize.

Rev Dr Rosieta Burton

Much of the weekly ongoing work is behind the scenes and unnoticed. If it is not done then you will notice!

Painting, weeding, cleaning, chair repairing, noticeboard refurbishment (both internal & external boards) drain unblocking all very mundane necessary work. We did remove and clean, repair and replace all the secondary glazing along the clerestory windows in the church recently, installing blinds in some areas.

Access is the main problem with work of this type, but fortunately most managers are not afraid of heights. There are some major items needing attention in the near future. More about that another time.

The work just completed at Ryecroft does show. Have you noticed? Rusty gutters cleaned and painted, garage doors painted and the porch now looking better than it has for many years following a very thorough painting job by Dennis Waller. Other ongoing work:- floor insulation, remedial work to combat damp etc. is not so visible but very necessary. Let's hope it is all worthwhile.

That is all for now. Got to go - something else needs repairing.

David Walters

Harvest Thoughts

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

What do I think of when Harvest Festival comes around?

A number of things cross my mind. I think of the sight of a farmer harvesting a field of wheat behind the stone windmill that we stayed in during our holiday in France this year. I think of the large loaf in the shape of a sheaf that my baker Grandfather made for me, my brother and sister to take to church for Harvest Festival each year. I think of the number of rural workers employed in harvesting in years gone by and the difference in most countries now.

I also think along the lines of the hymn at the beginning of this article of God's provision for us.



There is a wonder and awe in my thinking of the seed sown in the field and the crop that comes from it and the need for the various seasons to make that happen. Why is the crop within the seed? Why are the seasons needed to bring about the full crop? It's because God ordained it to be so.

I am reminded of the story of the clergyman talking to an old gardener and remarking on what a wonderful job he and God had made of the immaculate garden. The gardener agreed, but told the clergyman that he should have seen it when God had it to himself! What a wonder that God allows us to participate in his creation and bring about the meeting of our needs. God doesn't need us to make the world beautiful. He can do that in a spectacular way without our help, but he allows us to join with him in the work.

Note, however, that God allows us to participate in meeting our needs, but not necessarily our wants.

There is another harvest. At the end of Chapter 9 of Matthew's Gospel Jesus talks about the fact that the harvest of souls is huge, but the workers are few. However, we then enter Chapter 10 headed "The Twelve Harvest Hands" in the modern version of the Bible called "The Message". Thereafter the twelve are individually named. Ordinary flawed human beings to whom Jesus entrusted the growth of his Kingdom. Part of what he said was "Go to lost, confused people here in the neighbourhood. Tell them that the Kingdom is here".

I, and I am sure you, meet so many people who are lost and confused. What can we do about it?

There is a lady that I know who always signs off emails with the words "Big Hugs". We may not be able to give people a physical hug, although that can make people feel loved and appreciated. How about a spiritual hug? Show that you care. Show that you feel their pain. You will never actually understand how another person is feeling, but you can show empathy. God loved the world so much that he gave us his Son to die for us. How do you think that Nicodemus felt when he heard these words from Jesus and then saw it come to fruition?

Share God's love. Show that love. By doing so you will help Jesus to reap his harvest. Sow the seed. There is so much contained in that seed; love, growth, strength, salvation.

God caters for all our needs, physical and spiritual. At this time of harvest, let us give true thanks for that and become workers at the Harvest.

Our Harvest gifts will go to Brighton and Hove City Mission. Their slogan says "Bringing the love of Christ to the City". That seems to fit with exactly what I have said above. They aim to cater for the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Brighton and Hove. The love of Jesus in action.

May the love of the Lord Jesus be with you this harvest and always. How about sharing a little of it?!

John Merrett

Dog's Life

Hello, my name's Lucy and I'm a Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel aged 14 months at the time of writing. The last time I wrote I was only a few months old, so was up to all sorts of mischief. I have been going to Obedience Classes for many months which have helped, and I am now an adult dog so have calmed down considerably, but still tend to get into mischief and chew things I shouldn't at times.

I have been visiting unofficially in Compton House since last October when I was too young to even walk on the pavements! The residents have watched my progress and always seem pleased to see me.

I have also been popping in to visit the patients at St. Peter & St. James Hospice.

I always sense when the people I visit are very sick or elderly so am very gentle with them.

When I turned a year old Ray and Rosemary took me to meet the Pets As Therapy co-ordinator for this area who was going to vet me to see if I was suitable to be a visiting dog. It was a very hot day in mid July and we went to a recreation ground in Handcross. Rosemary told me I had to be on very best behaviour that day! The lady took Ray and I to the children's play area where there were children playing and traffic on the busy road nearby.

Fancy going to a children's play area I hear you say. I think it was to see how I would react with all the distractions around me. I didn't take any notice and didn't even flinch when she dropped a metal tray behind me!

After testing me with Ray it was Rosemary's turn to see if I behaved differently with her. The result was the same as when I was with Ray, and the lady said she was surprised I was so well behaved for such a young dog! She hasn't seen me tearing about at home!

A couple of weeks later we heard that I had been accepted and I received my certificate and my official identity badge which I wear on my lead. I now proudly wear my fluorescent yellow jacket to Compton House and to the Hospice. In the next few weeks I will start to visit the children at Chailey Heritage Foundation.

I have already met some of the teenagers who live there, so am looking forward to seeing them regularly. I also have a speaking engagement at Burgess Hill on behalf of Pets As Therapy.

Lucy



Shoe Boxes

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal



This will be our first year as coordinators of the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal and we just wanted to inform our fellowship at URC of the changes to this fantastic appeal.

Brian and I will be reminding and badgering you all for your shoe box gift from September until mid November!

So, if you are planning to buy any new shoes soon - Keep the box! Hopefully we will see it return to us for the pick up - filled with lovely goodies for our overseas children who have so little.

In these awful times of conflict, persecution, hunger, and horror of war, the innocent children always suffer, so we are hoping our Lindfield URC will help as always to bring a smile to a hurting child.

More information will be via a DVD at a morning service during September or early October.

In the meantime, we have leaflets to help you purchase maybe each week something small to go in that box, please just ask!

Any queries or questions please contact us via:

jillomant@yahoo.com or 01444 487809.

Thank you for your help in advance.

Jill & Brian O'Mant



Tune & Tea

1st November 2014

at 3pm

Music and Song from 'The Shows'



You may recall that superb fish and chip supper where the Singers sang some numbers from the shows.

You could say that was a rehearsal for the big event which is shown above.

We have had much fun rehearsing for the show and, for several, it was a trip down memory lane as we sang songs from the Spirit musical which involved so many from the church.

The Perdido Players Band will be supporting the Singers in what we hope will be an enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

Tickets are not required, admission is free, refreshments are free and if you would like to give a donation it would help St Peter and St James Hospice and the church.

For further information contact

Peter Swann

01444 450335

Psalm 23

This is something which we did in the Church Service when Rev Dr Rosieta Burton preached. David Goodchild asked us to follow his instructions as shown below.

Do try this along with the version of the 23rd Psalm. The words used are not the version we all are used to but the meaning is simple and still very moving.

My cup runs over...

Form a cup shape with your hands.

Fill the cup with what you want to give thanks for this morning.

Our family, friends, health, material blessings, spiritual blessings or victories, our work, our rest, our food, our homes. Our answered prayers, our relationship with God, His forgiveness, our salvation, our restoration, our peace.

Perhaps our cups are looking quite full...

Perhaps we look at our lives and how He has blessed us, and continues to bless us and we want to give thanks. He has even blessed us with a way to do that.

We can read in Psalm 23 how David, the shepherd boy who became king gave thanks to God.

1-3 God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through Dark places, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

Let's pray...

Psalm 23 'The Message'

Thank you David



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 (4th 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)

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

Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

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
Thur	8.00pm	Church Prayer Evening 'Engine Room' (4th Thursday)
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 blue book on the concourse table.

Regular Activities

Mon	10.00am	Art Group
	6.00pm	Boy's 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	4:30pm	P.U.L.S.E Junior (1st and 3rd week, term time)
	7.30pm	P.U.L.S.E (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
Sun	7.30pm	P.U.L.S.E +

The church is open on Tuesday (Concourse) and Thursday (pop-In) 10.00am - Noon.

October Church diary

2nd Thursday		House Groups	16th Thursday		House Groups
4th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, URC	18th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, URC
	6:30pm	Harvest Supper and Barn Dance			
5th Sunday		Harvest Thanksgiving	19th Sunday		
	9:30am	Family Worship		9:30am	Family Worship
	11:15am	Morning Service		11:15am	Morning Service
		Graham Campling			Nick McQuaker
	6:30pm	Evening Worship		6:30pm	Evening Worship
		David Lowries SGP			John Goodway
8th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	22nd Wednesday	2:30pm	Afternoon Fellowship
				7:45pm	Elders' Meeting
9th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	23rd Thursday	8:00pm	Engine Room Church Prayer Meeting
10th Friday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	25th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
				3:00pm	ROC on Saturday
11th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, URC	26th Sunday		
12th Sunday				9:30am	Communion
	9:30am	Family Worship		11:15am	Communion
	11:15am	Morning Service			Alex Jeffs
		Jon Hobbs		6:30pm	Evening Worship
		Grace Church			Graham Campling
	6:30pm	Evening Worship			
		Communion			
		David Walters			
13th Monday	7:00pm	Boys Brigade Enrolment Service	28th Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch Film Night Time TBC



YOUTH

The last two weeks have been very busy for me as I settle into my new Youth Worker role. I began work on Monday 1st September, alongside Josh Thomas, and had a great week shadowing him and asking him every question possible. I'm sure he was glad to have some peace and quiet by the end of the week!

That first week was filled with meetings and note taking. Trying to learn about all the different groups that happen within the church, the times they are on and the leaders who help. The week was also filled with many new names for me to learn, and I am pretty sure this task will take a few more weeks before it is completed!

Week one ended with Josh's goodbye and my induction into the church. The service also included the progression of the Sunday school children, praying for them for the year ahead and their recommitment as the new academic year begins.

The last fortnight at Lindfield URC has been fantastic and I have felt very welcomed by the church. I am excited about the year ahead and all that God has planned for the church and for the community.

As the schools all start back again, so do the after school clubs and youth groups.

Boys Brigade started up again on the 8th September, and I went along to help out. I had not been to a Boys Brigade group before so I enjoyed watching and learning about the different aspects such as the drumming, marching and the competitions they are involved in.

On Wednesday 10th I joined some of the team in the All Saints office, and we went to run 'Refuel', which is the Christian Union at Oathall Community College. The first session involved a small Bible study, but it was mainly a time to get to know the pupils who attended. About ten students attended the first session of the new academic year, and so we are expecting some growth as they settle back into the school routine.

The teams for Pulse Jr. and Pulse met on Friday 12th to begin planning for the term ahead. The teams are very enthusiastic and excited to start again, and the Pulse Jr. team were all very keen to tell me that my role is to cook dinner for all of the children!

LED's have had their first session back on Sunday 7th. This term they will be looking at the overall story of the Bible; learning how the Bible is one big story made up of many smaller stories.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time here at Lindfield URC, and I hope it doesn't take me too long to learn everyone's names!

PAGES



Danny

University Challenge

This month sees a number of our young people heading off to university:

Alex Hall returning to Imperial College, London to study Immunology & Infectious Diseases, Tom McQuillin is starting PPE at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and Josh Thomas begins ministry training at the URC's Westminster College in Cambridge.

It is a time of change, excitement and trepidation for students and parents alike, and as a church family we share the excitement and in supporting our students through prayer and encouragement.

As they head out they take with them our love and most importantly a faith which can sustain them through the challenges and guide them through the opportunities ahead.

As well as taking our support with them we hope they will find new Christian communities and Churches to uphold them and uplift them while they are away.

Please remember them all regularly in your thoughts and prayers as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

We look forward to welcoming them (and their washing) back home safely soon.



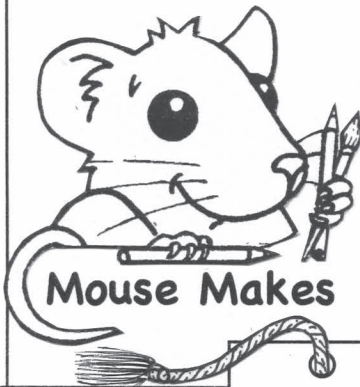
Alex Hall

Alex will be returning to Imperial College, London studying Immunology & Infectious Diseases



Tom McQuillin

Tom will be studying PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

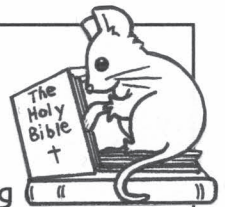


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GOD'S WORD FOR US

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for **teaching** the truth, **rebuking** error, **correcting** faults, and giving **instruction** for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."

2 Timothy 3:16-17



READ
Psalm
119:105
Proverbs
30:5,6

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Our Story

How we came to Lindfield URC



How did Ray and I come to Lindfield URC? We came to live in Haywards Heath in early June 2005 and retired here from South London. God had guided us to make our home here and we knew He would guide us to the church He wanted us to attend.

We attended a different church each Sunday morning and evening and prayed that the church which showed us the most love and friendship, there we would stay.

I had looked at the Lindfield URC website several months before we moved here and had a virtual tour around the church! After a couple of weeks of 'looking around' the local churches we decided to try Lindfield URC (we had been worshipping at the URC church in Tooting for several years where Ray had been an Elder and I played the piano fortnightly for the morning service). It was mid June and the day of the British Heart Foundation Bike Ride, so we had to abandon the idea as we could not get into Lindfield! However, we came to the evening service and have been coming ever since! God answered our prayer and we knew this was where we were to stay.

Rosemary Tijou

Art Group

We thank you thou

O Father

for all things

bright and good

The seed time

and the harvest

Our life, our health

and food

Picture on the facing page by

Pauline Schofield

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 11th October the Art Group are holding a Coffee Morning and Art Display.

Please join us between 10.00am and 12 Noon for Tea or Coffee.

Come and chat to this friendly creative group.

Doreen Fowler



Food Bank



During her exams an 'A' level student from Cowfold committed to bringing in a delicious plate of cakes or cookies each Wednesday for the customers to choose from at the Distribution Centre. Next week Sally is meeting a young guide leader to talk about how the local Guide Units could be involved in raising awareness and funds for Foodbank. We give thanks to God for these opportunities and developments.

Please continue to pray for the smooth running of Foodbank: for all the people who received food, and for growing positive relationships with referral agencies. Let's give thanks to God for the support from all the volunteers and the general public.

The Haywards Heath Foodbank has now been up and running for two and a half years. In that time 1,000 vouchers have been distributed and over 2,500 people given food. Over 1,000 of them were children. During the period from January to July this year the number of local people receiving support from Haywards Heath Foodbank continued to increase compared to the year before.

In 2014, 755 people received food and 350 of them were children. From January to July 2013, 646 people received food and 246 were children.

One of the highlights over the summer has been our increasing engagement with groups of local young people. Sally Martin spoke to the Beavers at Balcombe and we had a promotion table at the Albermarle Centre for the Year 10 students at Oathall College. The aim was for the students to become aware of the volunteer work that goes on in their locality.



The Beavers are having a go at doing the job of a warehouse volunteer. They are looking closely for the expiry dates on the jars and then filling the box with food that is printed on the yellow label.

Harvest Supper & Barn Dance

Saturday October 4th 6:30PM



Saturday October 4th at 6.30pm is a definite date for your diary! Please do come along with your family and enjoy this evening of fun, food and fellowship. It is a chance for LURC to really 'let its hair down' and you don't want to miss being part of it! We are starting early with some dancing, and the ploughman's supper will follow on shortly after, so that those with younger children can be part of the evening, even if they need to leave after we have eaten. The dancing will then continue under the direction of an excellent Caller. If actual dancing is not or no longer your thing, I am sure you will still enjoy yourself laughing at the rest of us.

Tickets for catering purposes will be available from Terry Ward and Fiona Tingley, and taking a ticket(s) does commit you to coming if at all possible. There will be no charge for this event but we do request a donation to cover the expenses of the evening.

So please take this as your personal invitation – ALL will be most welcome, and if you have not been part of our Church family for very long this will be a chance for you to get to know folk as we relax together.

Fo Tingley

Engine Room

Update

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

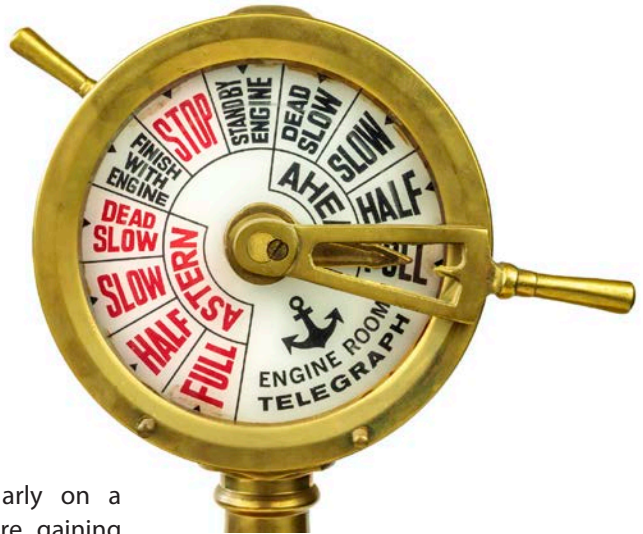
Last year I asked :

HOW IS OUR ENGINE?

Running on full power?

Stuttering along?

Ignored altogether?



For those who come regularly on a Monday and Thursday we are gaining power and have left the harbour wall. If you haven't joined us yet, you will be very welcome.

The highlight of the year was the week of prayer at the end of July which a number of people found very meaningful.

We can easily feel pleased with ourselves but then I read :

“Zigsa (leader of an underground church) knows that his work relies on prayer. I don't have any mentors and rely on the Holy Spirit to help me.” For secret Christians, prayer is not an optional activity. Every meeting, every activity is covered in prayer. ”

From Open Doors

Carol Walters

How is our engine?

When I was a child, one of the highlights of our family holiday at St Leonards was a boat trip on a Paddle Steamer, usually along the coast to Eastbourne or out to see the Sovereign Light Ship in mid channel. (My word, we did have exciting holidays back then!) Once on board and we had set sail, my Dad would take me several decks below to see the engine, which I always found very fascinating. (Perhaps surprising bearing in mind my lack of 'know how' about anything technical these days!)

Without those enormous pistons (I think you call them), the ship would never have left Hastings Pier, let alone progressed on its journey and given its passengers pleasure and delight.

Our Heavenly Father takes pleasure and delight whenever we spend time praying to Him. It is great that we can do this regularly in the privacy of our own homes, but it is also very exciting to leave our moorings (our homes) and meet with one another to pray. I see prayer as the engine of our Church life, hence our times of prayer together we call 'The Engine Room'. If we do not attend to the engine on a regular basis, there is a danger that we may not reach the full potential on our spiritual journey.

During the past eight months we have spent a lot of time learning about what it means to be a Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, and how we can encourage and support one another as we walk through life with our Saviour by our side. Coming along to the Engine Room for an hour on a Monday morning from 9.30am, on the fourth Thursday evening in the month at 8pm or before the morning service at 9.10am, can be just such an opportunity to grow in our 'togetherness' – to oil and maintain the engine so that our Lord knows we are serious in our desire to seek His will and purpose for His Church here in Lindfield, to uphold national and wider issues to Him and to remember folk for whom we are especially concerned.

If you have not experienced the pleasure and delight of sharing in prayer with others or haven't done so for a while, may I encourage you to seriously consider doing so.

Yes private prayer is vital, but corporate prayer shows God that we mean business. Together we can polish the pistons and oil the moving parts of the engine so that we can head in the direction that God is leading us.

Fiona Tingley

October Mission Prison FELLOWSHIP

Mission Giving in September and October this year is to support our local Prison Fellowship (PF) Group – Crawley Prison Fellowship which works with prisoners primarily in HMP Lewes but also HMP Ford.

The Group supports the Chaplains at Chapel Services and running bible study and prayer groups in the Prison wings, provides presents to prisoners' children at Christmas and runs Sycamore Tree Victim Awareness courses.

There was an article in the September Good News and there is more information on the Missions display board on the concourse. If you would like to give, please use one of the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please also complete a gift aid form if appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to Lindfield URC.

Please note the next Missions Prayer Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 23 October, with the theme of Worldwide Mission. Please look out for more details which will be available soon.

Missions Group

Wider World

MALI

Christian churches in northern Mali were desecrated and looted when the region was overrun by Islamist radical groups in 2012. After French forces wrested control back from these groups, Christians have been able to return to their shattered communities and ruined churches.

Reconstruction work is proving to be a slow and costly process, and peace talks between the government and the mostly Tuareg armed groups are still taking place. Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Yattara, president of the Baptist Church in northern Mali, told World Watch Monitor that the churches there have lost most of their buildings, valuables and vehicles. In Timbuktu, the church's water project, set up over a period of 20 years, has been rendered unusable as most of the materials were stolen.

Dr. Yattara expressed disappointment that the government and international community was not helping the church rebuild. But he remains grateful that the church at least is still there and has not been wiped out by the radical groups.

Mali remains a very difficult place for Christians to live in, even without external assistance or the financial resources needed, the Christians there are determined to resume their ministries and exercise their faith freely.

Carol Marsh

Compton House



Many readers will know about Lindfield Christian Care Home, perhaps better known by some as Compton House (not forgetting Little Compton), in Compton Road.

The aim of the LCCH is “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 (or Little Compton) their home”. Compton House Nursing Home was established by a committee of individual members of the three Lindfield churches as a non-profit making charity, registered with the Mid-Downs Health Authority as a Nursing home for 23 residents (initially). The three churches had been trying to realise the idea of a local Christian home for the elderly since about 1980.

Their plans, prayers, committee meetings and the raising of hundreds of thousands of pounds had nearly succeeded in bringing about their dream. They had an ideal property in view, Compton House, an existing nursing home in a perfect location owned by John and Anne Blake – but they were £50,000 short of their financial target!

They needed a miracle! And God delivered! In various ways, not least by the generosity of John and Anne in reducing the asking price and offering a loan, the purchase and development of the LCCH became a reality. The exciting story is told in full in a booklet published by the LCCH.

What a story!!

What some readers may not know is that each Sunday those residents who are able gather in the lounge at 11.30am for a short service led by someone from the three Lindfield churches. The URC provides someone for the fourth Sunday of each month.

We put together a rota of friends who have offered to lead this short service which is much appreciated by the residents, most of whom are physically unable to attend church.

Please let us know if you would be willing to join this rota – involving you on just one Sunday morning each year for about half an hour!

Mies and Graham Campling

Beware TLA's

During the period when I was involved in the refurbishment and upgrading work on the London Underground there were dozens of TLA's. They were there all the time, TLA's in meetings, reports, work schedules, phone calls, emails etc. You know what I am talking about don't you? Oh you don't know what a TLA is? It's a 'Three Letter Acronym'.

We make them up and use them all the time and of course some have more than three letters

Everyone knows what they mean! or at least they pretend they do. It is a bit embarrassing to ask in the middle of a big meeting when you have been there for some time and everyone else has been using them, "Please what does that mean?"

Our denomination leads the way – 'URC'. Use this acronym outside the church and many people would not know what you are talking about. (It means United Reformed Church by the way).

At a recent Church Meeting the term CSUA was being bandied about. We all know what that means don't we? I suggest a number of people at the meeting were probably relieved when someone actually asked what does CSUA stand for?

The CSUA is the 'Central Sussex United Area'.

There you are, you now know. Or perhaps not! The full name doesn't tell you a lot either does it?

Our church is in the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church (URC). There are 153 churches in the Synod and to ensure churches have local contact the Synod is divided into Six Synod Areas. Our area is a bit different to most as we are a United Area in Central Sussex (CSUA), consisting of 14 URC and United Churches, and 12 Methodist Churches. The CSUA fulfils many functions, probably more for the Methodist Church due to the way they are structured, but one of the main functions for us all is the pastoral oversight and welfare for local churches and ministers.

The Pastoral Committee is central in this role and there is a link person to each church. The Revd. Robert Bushby was appointed our Interim Moderator through the CSUA Pastoral Committee. There are various meetings one key one being the regular meeting for all Preachers. There are two full Area meeting per year when representatives of all the churches meet together.

I could go on but that's enough but I hope this give a brief glimpse of what the CSUA is.

David Walters

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October

5th	Harvest Festival	Fo Tingley
12th	Jessie Green	Nick Bingham
19th	Carol Walters	Sue Tester
26th	Mies Campling	Barbara Shepherd

November

2nd	Heather Swann	Jo Bloxham
9th	Betty Billins	Iris Bingham
16th	Sue Waller	Heather Swann
23rd	Carol Marsh	Janet Sanderson
30th	Zoe McQuillin	Fo Tingley

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 8th October

12.15pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in the Tiger

1.00pm Concert : Greg Harper Folk Singer/Song Writer

8.00pm Horticultural Society in KEH:

'Successional Planting in the Long Border' by Fergus Garrett

Saturday 11th October

10.00am Horticultural Society in KEH : Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

10:00am - 4:00pm 'Come and Sing' A workshop of Handel's Messiah

at St Mary's Church, Balcombe for details please contact

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3.00pm ROC on Saturday - Lindfield URC

Wednesday 15th October

7.00pm Preservation Society in KEH: 'Life Above a Railway Tunnel'

Saturday 19th October

7.45pm Concert, St Wilfreds Church HH www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk

Eloise Irving (soprano) and Lawrence Olsworth-Peter (tenor)

'A night at the movies' info from Christine Colbourne HH 456227

Thursday 23rd October

7.45pm Film Evening in KEH:

'The Book Thief' Tickets available (£6) from Tufnells.

Saturday 25th October

3.00pm ROC on Saturday - Lindfield URC

