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SUNDAY**

Sunday 28th September 2014

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Bible verse of the month

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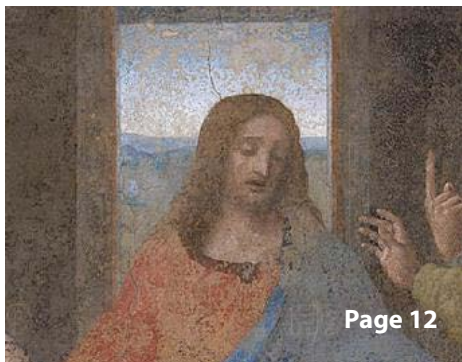
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Editorial

This month there are a variety of subjects covered in our Good News magazine. We have words of encouragement for so many members of our congregation who are struggling with ill health. I hope some of these words will give support to all those who need it.

Jonathan Hall did great things in his Triathlon where he represented Great Britain. This is such an honour for our Church to have such an athlete! Read how he was so well supported by his family!

The most exciting news for our Church is that we have a new 'Youth Worker' named Danny who will be joining us in September. Read how he introduces himself and find out how he really has been sent by God to be in our church. We warmly welcome Ruth who Danny will be marrying next April.

Our Lighthouse children who meet on Sunday mornings, are due to progress into their different classes, Dawn tells us more! We have a special service to celebrate as this happens and this year the whole Church can get involved. There is plenty of information in Good News about what is happening in our Church. We hope you enjoy sharing what we have included in our Good News Magazine, do come and join us on the Back to Church Sunday which is 28th September..

Every Blessing to you all

Anne

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Dear friends

Four years here in Lindfield are coming to an end for Hannah and I. It has been a really fun journey and we have loved spending these years amongst such a warm and loving congregation of God's people. As you know, it is on to pastures new for the two of us as we head to Cambridge, where I will spend four years at Westminster College, training to serve the United Reformed Church as a full time Minister of Word and Sacraments.

As you can imagine, we are both apprehensive but incredibly excited by the move and we know that each one of you will be praying for us - a fact for which we cannot thank you enough! It really is the start of a new journey not only for us but for you as a congregation. You have Danny joining you from the start of September and I know that he is going to do a fantastic job and that God really has elected him to be at Lindfield during this time. There is also the exciting prospect of a minister coming in, hopefully, the not too distant future, we will be praying for you and asking God to bring the right person amongst you just as he has with Danny.

It is always sad leaving somewhere you feel has been home and that is exactly what Lindfield has been to us over the past four years, but it isn't goodbye forever, I am sure we will visit from time to time and God has a funny way of ensuring our paths will cross again!

Isaiah 43:18-19 sums it up perfectly for me

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

New opportunities and ways of doing things will be revealed to you as a Church and these might, at times, seem scary, but God wants good things for those who love and serve Him and He will always provide for his people. He is always doing new things and although this can be difficult at times, He knows what is best for us and will continue to honour those who honour Him.

“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10.

Keep up the good work in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and until we meet again friends, may God bless you and keep you to love and to serve through his Holy name.

Josh & Hannah

Family News

Sad News

One of our much loved members of the Church Family died in July. Evelyn Lea, who has been part of our Fellowship for many years, died in Compton House, where she had spent the last few years as she coped with failing health. Always willing to offer help and encouragement, Evelyn had a lovely reputation as being a very chatty, popular and friendly Christian lady, and going to Compton House now just doesn't seem the same without her! We send our sincere sympathy to her sons, Peter and Leslie.

During the Pastoral vacancy when we have no Minister, please don't hesitate to contact me, (or anyone else on the Pastoral Team) if you are unwell or need help, or if you are concerned about another member of the Church Family. We are not Social Services, but we do want to be as supportive as we can be during any difficult situations.

By the time this goes to print the car outing and tea will have happened. On behalf of the Pastoral Group and all the folk who attend this annual event, may I thank all those who made it possible, including the car drivers and those who provided the tea. It is always much appreciated.

Fiona Tingley

Vacancy Update

As expected, July and August are quiet months and, while we have had some further interest, nothing has resulted. We are partly dependent on the Moderators' Meeting and they do not meet in August.

The Elders are ensuring that we make our situation known in all relevant areas such as GEAR.

Please continue to pray for our Interim Moderator, Robert Bushby, and the Elders as they continue to seek God's will for our pastorate.

David Walters

The Fellowship

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th September at 2.30pm.

The meeting will start with a short AGM and will be followed by Helen Starnes telling us about the work of CARE.

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

Pat Phillips

ROC Update

Following the successful trial period ROC on Saturday is to continue through to the end of the year.

This takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month 3.00pm to 4.30pm. It is for anyone who finds themselves at a loose end at this time. In addition to providing an opportunity to meet friends in the lounge to talk together and have tea and cake, some groups are now forming to play board games, carpet boules, and meet around the piano for some 'informal' singing. Other activities are being planned as required.

If you are free why not join us?

Thank you.

David Walters

Bible Verse

“ I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you ”

Matthew 17: 20

(see also Luke 17: 6)

Over fifty years ago my mother sent me this tract during a period of great distress.....it gave me comfort then and still does today.

I still treasure the card she sent me with the tract and it includes a single mustard seed!

Jeanne Hall

Bring & Share Lunch

On the **7th September** – after the 10.30am service we will be saying farewell to Josh (and Hannah) and welcome to Danny (and Ruth) at a Bring and Share Lunch to which you are invited to bring along food to share. The table will be available for you to add your contributions to.

Hot and cold drinks will also be available.

Do take this opportunity to meet Danny and say your good byes to Josh.

If you need any further information contact Terry Ward : 01444 482986 .

Thank you

In Touch

In July we held our annual "Quiet Day" which was led by Alison Weeks, the wife of the minister of the Evangelical Free Church in Lindfield.

We enjoyed a very stimulating and thought provoking day looking at the words "Faith, Hope and Love". We spent time in Bible study, discussion, prayer and praise and ended the day with a short Communion service.

We are very grateful to Alison for giving up her time to lead us, and we all returned home at the end of the day with much "Food for Thought"

Our next meeting will be on 23rd September when Fiona Fuhrman will be talking about her autobiographical book "Renewing" in which she describes how God inspired and encouraged her in her life resulting in her feeling led to write the book. As usual we start the evening at 7.45 with coffee and there will be a warm welcome for everyone, especially if you are coming for the first time.

Janet Wade

Coffee Morning

On Friday 26th September join Chris and Margaret Hersey for a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy cake stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

11am -1pm Dens Barn Farm, Stonecross Lane, Lindfield RH16 2QU

Discipleship

Living the Jesus Way

This was the theme for our week of prayer at the end of July.

As we prayed through the subjects of

Commitment,

Obedience,

Being Equipped,

Bearing Fruit,

Being the Body of Christ

and Going

we were seeking to listen to what God was saying to our church about being a Kingdom People.

A number of thoughts were put forward which we now need to look at carefully and prayerfully to see the way God wants us to go.

For a number of people I think this was a special week and I pray that we may be able to build on the foundation that we have laid.

Carol Walters

Triathlon Update

In the summer edition of Good News I reported on the Mid-Sussex Triathlon that Jonathan used as training for the European Age Group Championships. Several people asked how he got on so I thought I would give a brief update.

Helen, Jonathan, Alex and I flew to Munich where we hired a car for the two-hour ride southwards to Kitzbühel. As we entered Austria we first became aware of the Tyrol mountains and their outstanding beauty. You could see the inspiration for the Sound of Music and why, in praise to God, people were encouraged by Isaiah to “shout from the mountaintops!” (Isaiah 42: 11).

Most visitors see them snow-covered in the skiing season, but they were fantastic with a rich green coat of grass and multi-coloured splashes of wild flowers. The mountains made the triathlon course quite demanding and it was somewhat unnerving on a reconnaissance drive to see some of the roadside trees on the steep descents wrapped in mattresses in case of collisions! We had great weather for the week, except on race day itself, when it poured down, making the routes even more demanding.

Jonathan acquitted himself well at his first international event, coming 19th out of 48 in his male 25-29 age-group category and 6th out of 16 in the GB team in that group. It was a wonderful experience for the whole family, with the bonus of being there to cheer Alistair Brownlee on to victory as European Champion in the elite men's race the next day!

Martin Hall



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The Shard

A few weeks ago Mike and I excitedly made our way to The Shard, near London Bridge. We had booked tickets to ascend the 72 storeys to the viewing platform. I was hoping that I wouldn't feel dizzy when we got to the top!

Completed in 2012 The Shard is the dream child of the developer Irvine Sellar. He had an ambitious vision to create an architecturally striking vertical city incorporating retail, offices, hotel, apartments, restaurants and a public viewing gallery. The Shard is 310 m. high; however, the viewing platform is just 240m. above street level and the lifts would take us up to the 72nd floor. And no, I wasn't dizzy, there was just too much to see.

The 360 degrees panoramic views are stunningly beautiful. London spread out before us like a toy town. The mighty river Thames appearing as a gentle silver stream curling and weaving its way to the sea.

Trains like tiny caterpillars crawling in and out of London Bridge Station. Tower Bridge looking as if it had been built of Lego pieces, and The Millennium Bridge appearing very fragile indeed. There was so much to see that we spent 40 minutes marvelling at the scenes before us, and the people? They indeed were like little insignificant dots.

As I looked at these 'little dots' the verses from Psalm 8 came to mind, 'What is man that you, O God, are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.' These seemingly little dots, full of the joys and cares of this life, are known to God, they are human beings loved and cherished by Him. I found myself longing for each human being to know that Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose again for every individual, so that they could personally come to know this great God, the creator of this wonderful universe.

Jean Gardiner



God Incidence!

“What a coincidence”

It is a very familiar phrase in our English language, but as Christians we so often find that what others might refer to as a coincidence we can see as a God-incidence. When these happen we can see the hand of God just arranging events/situations so that we can be where He wants us to be at a certain time or place.

This happened to me again recently, and although I was initially disappointed, it soon became very clear that God had other plans for me that day! Sometimes we just happen to be in the right place at the right time, and if we respond to the prompting of God's Holy Spirit others' lives may be blessed. So let's all listen out for those promptings, and be prepared to change our plans to fit in with God's.

Recalling such God-incidences to others can actually be quite a powerful witness, and sometimes we can encourage one another to see our Lord's hands in the various events in our lives, and then we can give God the glory!

Fiona Tingley

Holy Spirit

During September and October we restart the Alive discipleship teaching programme with a Sermon series focussing on the works and person of the Holy Spirit. We will be looking at the promises made throughout the Old and New Testament as to the nature, character and power of the Spirit to transform our relationship with God and empower our daily lives here on Earth.

September 7th

Promise of Life – Dan McQuillin

September 14th

Promise of Power – Rev. Mike Stanbrook

September 21st

Promise of Unity – Rev. Mike Gardiner

October 12th

Promise of Truth – Jon Hobbs

October 19th

Promise of Glory – Nick McQuaker

I hope this will be a powerful and practical series where we can replace any spooky spiritual fears or misunderstandings with solid assurances promised in scripture.

It seems odd writing and preaching about someone when they are also present with us. I pray that as the spirit comes clearly and sharply into view our teaching, worship and lives will honour and reflect the very real presence of the spirit amongst us and within us.

Dan McQuillin

Last Supper

On a two-day working visit to Italy in early July, I was fortunate to be given a guided tour of some of the lovely, historical churches of Milan, including the monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

It was a great surprise and delight to me to see Leonardo da Vinci's enormous (29 x 15 feet) mural of the Last Supper covering one wall of the monastery's refectory - I had always assumed it was painted on canvas!

It was painted between 1495 and 1498 and, although flaking since 1517, much faded, damaged on many occasions (with the loss of Jesus' feet when a doorway was made under the painting in 1652!) and since subjected to multiple restoration attempts, the skill of the artist is still plain to see.

The refectory is now maintained under carefully controlled climatic conditions and accessed through air locks. Once inside the room there are benches before the mural from which you can gaze and imagine the consternation of the scene, as Jesus says to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me" (Matthew 26: 21).

Jesus is the focus of the painting and it felt to me as if the monks could imagine they were dining in their refectory with Him each day and also be challenged daily to reflect on their own relationship with Jesus.

Martin Hall



Psalms for Today

At a recent group meeting, members were asked to speak of their favourite Psalm and its significance to their lives.

Imagine the chosen variety of songs and poems from the Book of Psalms. Some brought back memories when God spoke to them during times of uncertainty bringing consolation to a troubled heart.

Psalms are often used to celebrate times of joy with its hymns, praises and thanksgiving. They also give comfort in times of great sadness with words flowing like the balm of Gilead.

It was acknowledged that God is indeed an ever present help in times of trouble hence the shepherd psalm was figured very prominently. Psalm 24 takes one from the not knowing stage, to the assurance that God is always with us.

“One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.”

This psalm celebrates the divine quality of God which we find desirable, beautiful and irresistible.

Augustine said that “a God s-shaped hole within us that remains a painful emptiness until it is filled, and it can only be filled with the one for whom it was made, and who made it.

God made us for Himself, and we long for God like aliens longing for a homeland – we are fascinated by God”

Having made a request to dwell in the Lord’s house and to behold His beauty, the psalm pleads for, and then confidently celebrates, closeness, a tender familiarity that is beyond God’s mystery and power. Dwelling in the house of the Lord means that one can know God intimately and share secrets.

We, like the psalmist cannot imagine the lengths that God would go to answer our request for a relationship.

God set aside His power and mystery to come and His home among us, so that He may be known everywhere. His dwelling place is with us, wherever we are and whatever we do.

References:

Leslie F. Brandt, Psalm Now
Richard H. Schmidt, Praises Prayers & Curses

Rev. Dr. Rosieta Burton

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
Wed	9.45am	Short Service of Intercession
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.

September Church diary

4th Thursday		House Groups	18th Thursday		House Groups
6th Saturday	8:00am	Elder's Quiet Day	20th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
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7th Sunday	10:30am	Progression Sunday Dan McQuillin Followed by Bring and Share Lunch	21st Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship
	6:30pm	No Evening Worship		11:15am	Communion Rev Mike Gardiner
				6:30pm	Evening Worship John Goodway
10th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	23rd Tuesday	7:45pm	In Touch
11th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	24th Wednesday	2:30pm	Afternoon Fellowship
				7:45pm	Elders' Meeting
12th Friday	Lindfield Arts Festival		26th Thursday	8:00pm	Engine Room Church Prayer Meeting
	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship			
13th Saturday	Lindfield Arts Festival (URC)		27th Saturday	8:45am	3 Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints
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14th Sunday	Lindfield Arts Festival		28th Sunday	Back to Church Sunday	
	9:30am	Family Worship		9:30am	Communion
	11:15am	Morning worship Rev. Mike Stanbrook Baptist Minister & Chaplain HMP Send		11:15am	Communion David Goodchild
	6:30pm	Evening Worship Communion David Walters		6:30pm	Evening Worship TBC



HELLO

Hello! I'm Danny Goodall, I'm 24, and I am moving to Lindfield in exactly two weeks in preparation to begin working as the new Youth Pastor at Lindfield URC at the beginning of September!

A bit about me...

I am engaged to Ruth Cooper (whom I'm sure you'll meet, as she will be around too), and we are getting married in April 2015! Ruth is currently working in an old fashioned sweet shop in Worthing and she also loves to bake cakes for birthdays, Christmas and she has even done a few wedding cakes.

I am writing this in the middle of History Makers camp for kids aged 12-15, as the 48 campers are enjoying all kinds of sports outside in the sunshine, so I hope not to get too distracted!

I am the Camp Director and have been involved in the work at Dalesdown since I was 18, (and I was a camper for many years before that!)

For the past two years, I have been working at The Community Church Storrington whilst finishing off a degree in Theology and Children's Ministry.

My work in Storrington included running the Sunday morning youth group, organizing youth socials, helping with messy church, running a Christian Union as well as many more small jobs within the church.

My main aim over the past two years with the Sunday morning youth was to build friendships between them as none of them knew each other when I arrived. This has worked all too well as it's difficult to get them to stop talking! I feel passionate about youth growing relationships and friendships with each other, which is important to be able to grow trust within any group, but more importantly, to help the youth grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

How did I get here...?

That's the bit about my education and work experience, but I now want to tell you what led to me take the role as the new Youth Pastor at Lindfield United Reformed Church.

Three years ago, I was finishing my second year of a three-year Social Work degree. During the summer, I felt God was leading me to do something else and so I began

a degree in Theology and Children's ministry in September 2011. Throughout the whole degree I felt God was guiding me through and, not being very academic, it is only by God's grace and help that I graduated last month!

I then began the job search... I applied for almost every job that I could find, and I got a few interviews. However, with each interview I could feel that the job was not quite right for me. After a few weeks of searching, Ruth mentioned that the youth worker she knows from Lindfield URC was moving on and they were looking for a new one.

This was when I first met Josh and a God filled month followed. With each meeting I had with Lindfield URC I felt more and more like this was where God was leading me. (And from what I hear, the church was very enthusiastic towards me too!) And so, when I was offered the job, I accepted without question.

I think it will be great to have a cross-over with Josh in September, where he can pass the baton over to me. I am very much looking forward to beginning the job and working with the amazing young people of Lindfield, and helping them grow their relationships with Jesus!

Danny

Boys' Brigade



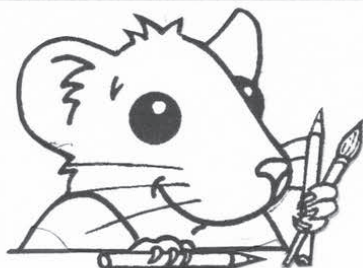
It was bright sunshine for most of the week at the annual Battalion camp at Glynde in July. All days except of course for the Monday of that week, when we were woken by peals of thunder and flashes of lightning, followed shortly by buckets of rain. No matter, there was no flooding, the field was well drained, there was scarcely so much as a puddle of water to be seen when the rain eventually stopped, and the lads were quite unfazed: games in the marquee were enjoyed every bit as much as games in the field.

Sporting glory did not come to us to the same extent that it did last year, but the Lindfield boys won a prize for top marks in the potted sports competition, and Wesley Heyward won the pool trophy. Many boys look forward to camp specifically because it gives them the opportunity to meet up with friends they have made in previous years, and with whom they share the same sporting passions, so all games were played in a

friendly comradely spirit, without Company rivalries getting in the way. I always feel that the way camp brings boys together from all around Sussex is one of its best features.

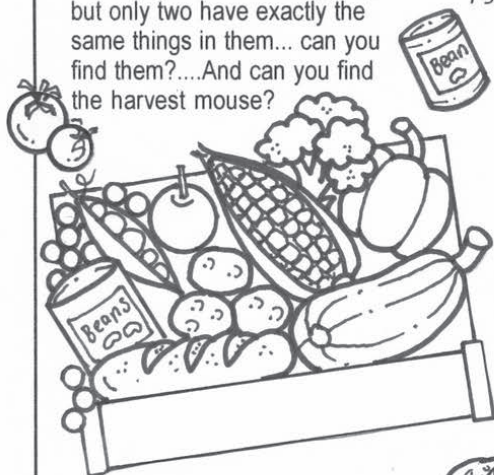
One of my roles in camp this year was assistant to the Medical Officer, May Slater - the only woman in camp! - who has looked after campers for years, and this year treated a couple of our own Lindfield lads when they felt unwell. It's a privilege to work with "Auntie May", as she is known, a really fine lady.

May's son, David, is a Baptist pastor, who led our worship, and made sure that the week always had a spiritual emphasis, but we were particularly pleased to have a visit from a couple of gentlemen representing the Gideons, who presented everyone in camp, adult and boy, with a New Testament stamped with a BB crest on the cover. We just pray that boys will have been started on a spiritual journey during a week of absolutely marvellous fellowship.



Mouse Makes

The boxes are full of harvest food for Harvest Thanksgiving, but only two have exactly the same things in them.... can you find them?....And can you find the harvest mouse?



*'Let us **fear** and **respect** the Lord our God.*

He gives us autumn and spring rains at the right time.

He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right time.'

Jeremiah 5:24



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

'May the peoples praise you, God!

May all the peoples praise you.

*The land yields its harvest;
God, our God blesses us.'*
Psalm 67:5-6



'Honour the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest'.

Proverbs 3:9



'God...gives you rain from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy'

Acts 14:16-17



Art Group

This picture is a result of so much encouragement from my dear husband Sid. I do enjoy all the Art Group Meetings at our Church.

Daphne Collins



All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small.

New Work



It has been a very exciting and busy time the last couple of months as I have started my first full time job at the Princess Royal Hospital as Health Care Assistant. I am really enjoying my new job even though it means getting up very early in the morning and finishing late at night as the shifts are 12 hours long. I have done training days which I need to use in practice, they are very long and informative but worth every step.

I am based in Clayton ward which is the medical side of Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre. It's a lovely ward and my colleagues are very kind and have helped me to settle in well. I have learnt to do so much including taking observations and manual handling.

I get 4 breaks throughout the day two 15 minute tea breaks and two half an hour breaks for lunch and dinner. Usually you will find me eating some sort of sweet item of food or chocolate cake from the League of Friends cafe upstairs which is really yummy!

When first starting I felt rather nervous and thought I was throwing myself into the deep end as I have never done anything like this before, the complete opposite to the dry-cleaners. I'm really pleased where I am in this new chapter of my life. Originally I was going to do home support work, but I was offered my current job. I was stuck between the two of which one to do but a quote that William Ernest Henley wrote "I am the master of my fate, the captain of my soul" helped me to make my decision.

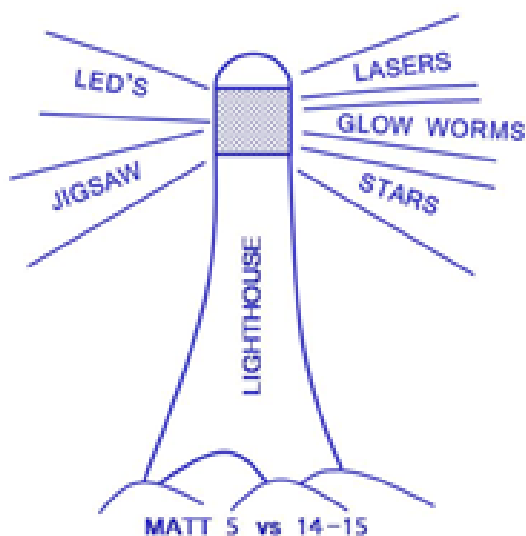
The saying that God works in mysterious ways is true as I feel that I have made the right decision and I could not be happier. I also have the support of my parents, sisters and brother in law to thank as they told me to have faith and do what I feel is right.

Gina Balicki

All age progression

On September 7th we will experience a real all age progression! Our annual Progression service usually includes an opportunity for the leaders and helpers of Lighthouse to be identified and to rededicate themselves for the next academic year and for the children to come forward in their groups and receive a gift from Lighthouse but this year's service will also feature the changeover from Josh to Danny Goodall, our new Youth Worker.

We are also pleased to be able to welcome some new helpers to the team from September.



“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” Matt 5 v14-15 NIV

While we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Josh and Hannah we are also extremely glad to welcome Danny and his fiancée, Ruth, and we hope that they will soon feel very much part of our church family. We praise God for the time that Josh and Hannah have been with us and for this next exciting step in their lives together as Josh begins his training for the ministry and for Gods' amazing provision in Danny.

Our Sunday morning children's and youth activities are called Lighthouse after Matthew 5 vs 14 and 15 where Jesus calls us to be a light to the world and that is our vision for both the teachers and the children that are part of Lighthouse, 'to give light to everyone' and share the amazing love and power of God.

On most weeks the children and young people divide into age groups, all of which have light related names;

Glowworms

is for children aged 3 years – Reception

Stars

is for children for school years Reception – year 2

Lasers

caters for children in school years 3–6

LED's

is for young people in school years 7–11

In this way we cover the whole age spectrum from 3 – 16 years. Glowworms, Stars and Lasers use Scripture Union material so that each group is considering the same story or theme but the material is targeted at different age ranges and the LEDs follow their own syllabus which is determined by the leaders.

Each group obviously seeks to engage with the children with activities appropriate for their age so that these vary slightly from group to group but it would be fair to say that they include lots of exciting crafts, games, stories, songs and discussion.

If you like the sound of this but are over 16 while I regret we cannot cater within the groups for older 'kids' there is always a welcome for new helpers, either regularly or over the summer when the regular helpers and teachers are having a break!

Once a month we have Jigsaw, this is a totally different session when the three older groups all meet together. Then we have lights and music, worship, puppets and a lot of fun!

In the last year we have also been able to launch our prayer buddy scheme where each child in Lighthouse has a specific 'prayer buddy' who prays for them as an individual and I hope and trust that this has been a real blessing to both the 'prayer buddies' and the young people that they have been praying for.

We would always love to welcome new children and young people but are also very aware that God has blessed us already with a fantastic group of young people and we seek to honour God and them week by week as we spend time together. If you know of any children that may be interested then please mention Lighthouse to them and encourage them to come along. Please keep the teachers and children in your prayers, that our activities and vision going forward for 2014/15 would be Gods' planning and not just ours and that we would all grow closer to Him.

Dawn Walters

Lighthouse Coordinator

September/October Mission

During September and October we will be supporting Crawley Prison Fellowship in their work at Lewes and Ford Prisons.



HMP Lewes

Prison
FELLOWSHIP



HMP Ford

Prison Fellowship's mission is to show Christ's love to prisoners by coming alongside and supporting them. One Gospel Message driving the work is Matthew 25 verse 35: "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Crawley Prison Fellowship, one of 120 Prison Fellowship prayer groups in England and Wales, comprises volunteers from churches in Central Sussex.

The Group meets monthly to pray for prisoners, their families, and prison staff and review and plan the work of the volunteers.

Support to the Chaplaincy at HMP Lewes includes taking Chapel services and going into many of the prison wings to offer Bible study and to pray with prisoners. Services are also taken at HMP Ford.

At Christmas, presents are provided to prisoners' children (Angel Tree). This now covers both Ford and Lewes prisons. Over 200 presents were delivered last year. Each gift is sent as though from the father in prison and a message to his child is included.

The Group provides a tutor and mentors to run four six-week Sycamore Tree Victim Awareness courses each year at HMP Lewes. These are based on the Bible story of Zacchaeus who, after meeting Jesus, changed his whole way of life. Sycamore Tree is increasingly seen as the first step in the rehabilitation process. Once an offender has appreciated and accepted the effect of his/her crimes on victims and the community, then preparing for a release which will not involve reoffending, is much more possible.

The success of this course is such that the prison management at Lewes have now asked whether it will be possible for the Group to run more courses.

What is the Impact of the work? Some comments:

"The Christian volunteers who give up time to come into prison carry a lot of respect and mean a lot to the guys ... when I left prison all I wanted to do was go back in (legally) as a volunteer."

A Prison Fellowship Group leader

"The baptism was wonderful, Prison Fellowship volunteers were there and gave me encouragement that I could be a strong pillar for other offenders to lean on and that I could share how my transformation had come about."

"A daughter, who had received an Angel Tree gift from her father in prison, visited him shortly after Christmas. She asked: 'how did you know what I wanted?' Afterwards the Dad told the prison chaplain that it was wonderful he had been able to connect with his daughter in this way."

"The Sycamore Tree Course an amazing and powerful experience. The volunteers guided me to really look at my past, see how my actions had affected all those around me, but most importantly it let me make some amends and find forgiveness. This experience gave me strength to put the past behind me and move on. The lessons I learned here I carry with me and draw on regularly."

More information will be available at the Mission display area.

Crawley Prison Fellowship Group needs financial support for Angel Tree presents and also the Sycamore Tree costs which are shared with the Prison.

If you would like to give towards this work please use the special mission-giving envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any of the Sunday services. Please complete a Gift Aid slip if appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to Lindfield URC.

Missions Group

Encouragement

I recently had a letter from a friend including some prose about Prayer, and her 'Response', that I would like to share with you.

Disclosure

Prayer is like watching for the Kingfisher.
All you can do is be where he is likely to appear,
and Wait.
Often, nothing much happens;
There is a space, silence and expectancy.
No visible sign,
only the knowledge that he's been there,
And may come again.
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,
You have been prepared.
But sometimes,
when you've almost stopped expecting it,
A flash of brightness
Gives encouragement

(Anne Lewin)

Response

And yet it's more than that.
It is the safe haven where I can be myself
and know that I am known;
the place where life stands still
and I can pour its riches and pain into the
space that is my God,
and know that somehow they are held.

And in this room, where memories are
alive, I bring the little that I have of faith
and trust and walk into the silence.

(Anon)

I do hope this will encourage you as much as it has me ---

Joan Bailey

To wait on God

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September

7th	Audrey Saunders	Jo Bloxham
14th	Heather Swann	Iris Bingham
21st	Jean Baxter	Heather Swann
28th	Janet Wade	Janet Sanderson

October

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

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 10th September

12.15pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in the Tiger

1.00pm Tiger Concert : Mandy Pomorski - Soprano

7.00pm Preservation Society in KEH - "Sussex Air Ambulance"

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th September

Lindfield Arts Festival

www.lindfieldartsfestival.com



Saturday 13th September

2.00pm Horticultural Autumn Show of Flowers and Produce in KEH

Thursday 18th September

7.30pm Film Evening in KEH "The Grand Budapest Hotel" (15)

Tickets (£6) available from 26th August from Tufnells

Saturday 20th September

7.45pm Samson Tsoy (piano) Concert - St Wilfreds Church

HH Music Society- For information contact Christine : 01444 456227

Saturday 27th September

3.00pm ROC on Saturday - Lindfield URC

7.30pm Tiger Arts : Rhos Welsh Male Voice Choir in All Saints Church

Tickets available from All Saints Church Office : 01444 482405



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