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Our verse this month was
chosen by Mary Comber, see
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Editorial

April and May seem to be very busy months for us all at Lindfield URC. There were great celebrations for two couples who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on exactly the same day! Do read their articles on how they met and still remain together after 60 years! Congratulations to both couples.

Danny has been very busy with some of the Young People visiting Spring Harvest, read what the Young People have to say about their activities. We have some very happy memories of our Queen's life of 90 years, with personal memories of some of our Church Members together with their personal photographs.

I was just so moved when Izzy McQuillin was Baptised on 7th April, with so many of her friends being there for her. The rousing music was great and the enthusiasm was so strong it was good to both see and hear. A wonderful evening service full of happiness. Boys Brigade has so much to celebrate, read of all their news.

We hope that you enjoy keeping up to date with all our activities and pray that we will continue to enjoy the Fellowship with our Church Family.

Every blessing to you all.

Anne

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Dear friends

The other day I pulled the phone out of my pocket, pressed a few buttons pointed it roughly in the right direction, and pressed the picture of the camera that was displayed on the screen. It got turned off and shoved back in the pocket. An hour or two later Emmeline asked if she could have a copy to share on Facebook so that friends could see it; out of the pocket comes the phone a few button presses and a little typing and off goes a copy of the picture from my phone to her via a combination of Wi-Fi, electronics, and fibre optics. How wonderful, how quick, how delightful, and how easy I think! But my wonderful wife was unimpressed; it wasn't the speed of delivery that troubled her, but that my photo was out of focus. Actually it was perfectly focused on Ryecroft's front fence, but out of focus on the supposed subject, our son. I had not taken time to think of what I was doing, to compose the photo, or to choose the focal point for the camera so I had the lovely curvy white metal appearing crystal clear, and a rather blurry boy.

There are occasions when, if we don't do the right thing in the right way, we never get the chance again. We might rush at a topic and fail, or procrastinate until the opportunity passes. Getting the timing right is crucial! There is much in the Bible on the matter of time, which is unsurprising as our God who created the heavens and earth made time exist as part of His work in "the first day", Genesis 1: 3-5. God always does things at the right time, the Kairos moment, and sometimes we have to wait for that to come,

but the waiting game can be hard.

One of the flavours of the Fruit of the Spirit is Patience, it's something that I'm perhaps not good at, but want to see grow in me, however when we seek to see such change the Lord often challenges us through needing patience for an outcome that seems to take too long to happen, and when we think someone is "testing our patience" it actually means our patience has already failed.

I wonder how the patience was for the disciples as they waited for something to happen after the ascension. They didn't know what, how or when the next thing would be, but Jesus had earlier promised the paraclete, which is an advocate or helper. The Holy Spirit had already been breathed upon them by Jesus on the night of His resurrection, but at Pentecost, with them together praying in a room, the Spirit came and blessed with new gifts and equipped the church to partake in God's Mission. This month of May, as we, with patience, await Pentecost, please consider how you pray with others, and how together we may be asking for the Spirit to guide us in the mission given by God, to be a witness in the world making disciples of all nations. Please also think of how you prepare yourself for worship – is it a rush, or do you take time to compose yourself so that when we gather we give the subject the focus that is needed, for the Lord is worthy of all our heart, our mind and our strength.

Your Minister

Keith

Family News

In Touch

On the 22nd March we welcomed Ros Black, a local author, who gave us a fascinating insight into the life of Lady Henry Somerset and the Women's Temperance Movement. Her early years were spent bringing up her young son in Reigate on one of her parents' estates but she went on to become a powerful orator who spoke to many people in Britain and America. She spent much of her time working and living with women and children suffering from alcohol and drug abuse, and she set up missions in Ledbury, Herefordshire, and in the slums of London's East End.

Religion played a major part in her life and at one stage worked closely with the Methodist Church, though in later years she became a very High Church Anglican. Ros illustrated her talk with some interesting slides and we are very grateful to her for sharing the life of Isabel Somerset with us.

On Saturday 14th May we are holding our Quiet Day at Burrswood. We hope many of you will be able to come, as it is an opportunity to spend time with God in peaceful surroundings away from all our usual activities at home.

Lunch can be purchased at the centre or you can take a packed lunch. There will be an opportunity to attend a Healing Service, as well as spending time in reflection and prayer at your leisure during the day. Everyone is welcome to come to this and all our other meetings held during the year.

Janet Wade

Sad News

Martin Hall's mother, Jeanne, died peacefully in St Peter and St James Hospice, on March 17th, following a short illness. We extend to Martin, Helen, Jonathan and Alex, and her dear friend Jessie Green, our love and sincere sympathy. Jeanne has been a member of our Church Family for several years, since she moved back to Haywards Heath.

Our thoughts and prayers will be with the whole family.

Sad News

For a few years we were blessed here at the URC to have Elizabeth Rice worshipping with us. Elizabeth, a truly committed Christian lady, has now journeyed home to her Saviour and Lord whom she served faithfully in all of the Lindfield Churches at various times. She will be sadly missed by her many friends and devoted family, and to all her family we send our love, prayers and sincere sympathy.

Family News

Jeanne Hall - Thanks

Martin, Helen, Jonathan and Alex would like to thank the LURC pastoral team and congregation for the many messages of comfort and support on the death of their much loved Mother and Granny, Jeanne Hall, on 17th March at St Peter and St James Hospice. Jeanne's three other sons, Rodney, Jeremy and Andrew, and their families have also appreciated the messages.

Jeanne really enjoyed her move back to Sussex and the welcome she received at LURC over the last three years. Her funeral on 31st March, taken by the Rev. Robert Bushby, was a fitting celebration of her life, with representatives from all the major phases of her life, in Singapore, Zanzibar, Warwickshire and Sussex. After a short illness Jeanne is now at peace with her Lord.



The Lunch Fellowship

The Lunch Fellowship group continues to thrive and some fifty plus lunches are prepared and served on the 1st Wednesday of the month - May 4th and June 1st being the last two before we have our Outing on the 14th July to Haskins Garden Centre near Angmering.

We are always ready to welcome new diners, but please do contact Mrs Sue Waller on 01444 455047 if you are wanting to join us.

Sue Waller

The Fellowship

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be on Wednesday, 25 May at 2.30 pm..

"Over to You" (to be explained at the April meeting) will consist of audience participation (!) with favourite readings, poems, jokes etc provided by members. There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall and, at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and time for a chat.

A warm welcome awaits all who come.

Pat Phillips

Bible Verse

“This sickness will not end in death, but is for God’s glory that God can be glorified through it”

John 11:4 NIV

In the nineties Chris was suffering with gallstones and was admitted to Princess Royal Hospital to have his gall bladder removed.

The surgeon told us they only did this when the patient's circulation was 60%

and Chris' was only 30%. I couldn't say anything to Chris, but I cried all the way home! When I arrived at our Compton Road House I put on a "Faith Comes by Hearing" tape and the verse they quoted was John 11 v.4. "This sickness will not end in death, but is for God's glory that God can be glorified through it".

Chris was home in three days! Our favourite verse!

Mary Comber

Church Singers

The church singers not only sing on Sunday mornings but also at Compton House and other venues. Here we are at Compton House In April.

Pat is not trying to sing a very low note.

We meet on Friday evenings at 7-30 and would welcome people who enjoy the fun of singing and fellowship.

Peter Swann



The Queen at 90

Memories and reflections

From Dorothy Brown

As a child growing up before the Second World War, I remember pictures of a pretty little girl called Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, three years younger than myself. Soon joined by sister Margaret Rose, photos appeared in newspapers or magazines (no TV in those days). Cared for by 'Nannie Crawfie' and educated at home, they also joined small groups of Brownies, then Guides, formed from their friends, and lived a happy family life.

Soon came upheaval when their Father unexpectedly became King George VI, following the abdication of his elder brother, King Edward. The family moved to Buckingham Palace and Elizabeth became heir apparent.

Soon came the dark days of war. Elizabeth made her first radio broadcast to encourage other children being evacuated to safety at home and abroad. She and her sister went to Windsor Castle, but later, when old enough, Elizabeth returned to join the ATS (Women's Army Corps).

Peace happily restored, her marriage to Prince Philip of Greece gave the nation a much needed joyful event following the wartime years. Two children, Charles and Anne, were born, and life continued normally.



Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Tree Tops, Kenya

Away with husband Philip at Tree Tops, Kenya, news was received of the sudden death of her father King George VI, aged 54 years. Elizabeth was now Queen. Crowds flocked to cinema screens to see footage of the new Queen's arrival home. The slight, black clad figure calmly walking down the aircraft steps and greeting the long line of dignitaries assembled, was a most moving sight. Prime Minister Winston Churchill was reported to have said "I hardly know Princess Elizabeth; to me she is still a child."

The glittering Coronation Service which later followed was the first event to be televised. Thousands of people bought their very first tv (9") for this event, and neighbours and friends crowded into front rooms to watch the beginning of a new age. From that moment on, strengthened by her own personal faith and the support of her husband, our Queen has continued to fulfil the pledge she made on her 21st Birthday: "I will dedicate my life, be it long or short, to the service of my country." May God bless her and give her strength as she continues so ably in this task.

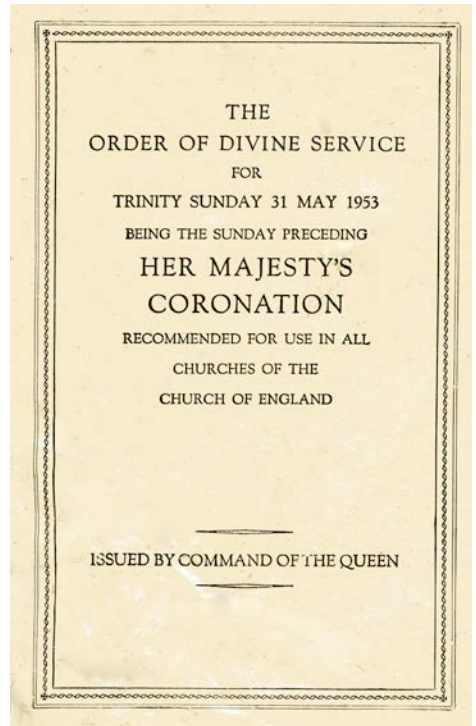
From Betty Billins

We went as a family to the owners of the farm where my Dad worked to watch the Coronation Service on their television. (It was quite something to be asked to go to the big house!) In the afternoon we had a celebration on the common, starting with a service. Then there was a fancy dress competition (see photo of me as Rule Britannia).



Betty (Willis) Billins 1953

My Dad helped with children's and adults' races, and there were also activities on the Pond – no safety precautions in those days! And the swans took it all in their stride, too!



I remember the Queen opening Sight Savers, then in Heath Road in Haywards Heath. It was nearly dark and the car had lights inside so that we could see her.

A personal memory for me was when I was fortunate to be part of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, when only two Sussex Women's Section Standard Bearers of the RBL were chosen to be part of a 1,000 Standard Bearers. Firstly we were on parade on Horse Guards Parade, inspected by Prince Charles; then we went by coach to Windsor Castle to join more standard bearers, totalling 2,700. These were inspected and the salute taken by our Queen and Prince Philip. It was a very long day, but one I shall never forget.



THE SCENES AT HORSE GUARDS PARADE. Top is HRH The Prince of Wales inspecting the Standard Bearers and below greeting Col J. Hughes, and from (r to l) Mr D. I. Cadman (Past National Chairman), Mrs G. M. Little (National Chairman Women's Section), and Capt H. Whitehead (National Vice-Chairman), while on the right is the Metropolitan contingent Marching Past as the Prince takes the Salute.

I went to the evening Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall, in the presence of our beloved Queen. (A Women's Section member of RBL is only permitted to attend this once.)

Now through the media we are able to see how she has been as a mother. These times must be very special to her, as they are to all mums.

One of my memories of her through the tv was the sadness the Queen showed when her beloved Royal Yacht Britannia was decommissioned. It must have been a place where the family could have privacy away from the media. When I visited it I could just imagine how precious this ship was to her Majesty.

I admire and look up to our Queen in the way she has served this country for so many years, with Prince Philip by her side. Would we want to do what our Queen does at 90?

**Please come along to our Spring
PLANT & CAKE SALE**

**on
Saturday 7th May
from
10am – 12 noon
at
COMPTON HOUSE
Compton Road, Lindfield**

- ✓ Bedding Plants
- ✓ Vegetables & Herbs
- ✓ Hardy Perennials
- ✓ Homemade cakes
- ✓ Refreshments



Our Residents are also running a table to raise money for The Stroke Association

We look forward to seeing you whatever the weather

Proceeds from the sale will be split equally between Compton House and St Peter & St James Hospice



Ascension & Pentecost

Where do they fit in?

A headline summary for the Christian year would, I suppose, start with something like this:

Christmas is the celebration of the coming of God into human history as a man, Jesus. He came to show everyone what he is really all about (since we seemed quite unable to understand him through prophets, preachers or scriptures).

Then Good Friday is the time that Jesus gave himself, a painful sacrifice on a rough wooden cross, in the supreme demonstration of God's love as he took all the sins of the human race upon himself - the darkest day in creation's story.

But Easter Day reverses all that because Jesus rose. He conquered the world's depravity and overcame death - the most beautiful revelation of all.

So, for a short while God comes back to walk again amongst his followers, comforting, teaching, reassuring them that all is not lost - sin and death really can be vanquished. They saw him, talked to him, had a meal with him, so they knew the truth. But what then?

Two very significant things happened. First, he apparently left them again! We have that strange account (have a look again at the first eleven verses of Acts)

"he was taken up before their very eyes and a cloud hid him from their sight". So the physical Lord, they had followed was gone. On Good Friday, they thought he was dead, finished and their world had come to an end. But this time he was just not there anymore, but they had a different feeling about everything.

What was it he had said, the very last words recorded in Matthew's Gospel "And be sure, I shall be with you to the very end of time"?

So we come to Ascension - the end of Jesus's earthly ministry, his "incarnation". But that just means his presence takes another form. In Palestine two thousand years ago he was confined to one time and place. We had to meet a saviour who was truly man as well as truly God. But now he has no limitations, unlike a physical prophet or a spiritual guru at whose feet we have to go and sit. Now he is free, to walk with us, each one of us, every step of the way.

But wait a minute. If he is not here, how is his mission accomplished, how is he continuing his ministry in our needy world?

That's where Pentecost comes in. "You will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem.....and away to the ends of the earth."

Two 'Must See's

A key text for me is in Paul's word to the Galatians "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me". It is we who now carry on Jesus's work on earth – he is in us and has given us power in the Holy Spirit to enable us to do just that.

See how transformed were those disciples – first frightened, cowering away at the death of their leader, then excited, bewildered at his sudden reappearance, then bemused because he seemed to have left them again. Then, when they had gathered for the feast of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues.....

Peter stands up to preach that powerful sermon, explaining everything – reminding them of the prophet Joel's words "God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams...." ending "...and everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

Ascension sets Jesus free from bodily limitations to be with us and in us as we continue his saving ministry. At Pentecost he enables us for that daunting, but exciting task by filling us with the Holy Spirit – God's power in us.

Michael Davies

First is the OPEN AIR performance of The life of Jesus from Birth to Resurrection, held on the the beautiful Wintershall Estate with its Woodlands Lakes and Open Parkland.

The performance was especially staged for the Millenium Years only. The then owner, a Christian man, was walking around his park pondering how his land could be used to mark and celebrate that year. This is how this wonderous play came into being.

To wide acclaim from bishops, teachers, the media clamoured for more and so the play has become a yearly event. You can book now at www.wintershall-estate.com or by calling 01793 418299.

I entreat you not to miss this event as I was spellbound and it was a profound Christian experience.

The first actor to play the part of Jesus, became a Christian during his performances. If you need any further information please call me Jean Baxter 01444 440787.

The second 'Must See'

Is the wondrous production of the Nativity in The Holly Barn on top of a small but steep hill on the Wintershall Estate. This is involving a real Baby Jesus. There are horses, goats, lambs, calves and a beautiful aria by the Angel Gabriel. I saw this production twice.

Jean Baxter

Little Compton

Little Compton is a large post war house which has been converted to provide 9 bed-sitting rooms which are arranged over two floors, with a stair lift. Outside Little Compton enjoys its own attractive gardens. There is also parking for up to 5 cars.



It is situated in the heart of Lindfield Village, parallel to the High Street and so within walking distance of the three churches, and all of the many local amenities, including pharmacist, post office, opticians, newsagents, hairdressers, 3 pubs and 3 churches as well as a very large village hall which has regular activities and entertainments on offer.

Little Compton is a unique home for nine elderly people who wish to live independently, but as part of a small community. Little Compton has a welcoming atmosphere which reflects its Christian ethos and values. The rooms vary in size and facilities, but all have an en-suite. There is a small kitchenette for communal use on the ground floor and soon to be on the first floor. The rooms are unfurnished but can accommodate small pieces of furniture and personal belongings to reflect each person's style preference and individuality. There is a communal dining room and conservatory where lunch and supper is served for all residents. There is a choice of menu that is set on a 4 week

rolling programme and provided from Compton House. Residents are responsible for providing their own breakfast and any additional foods, drinks and snacks.

The communal areas are cleaned regularly and there are laundry facilities for all residents, plus a laundry and cleaning service is available for a nominal charge. Little Compton is owned by Lindfield Christian Care Home who also own Compton House which is adjacent to Little Compton. LCCH is a non-profit charity with a Christian ethos, it is open to all and the aim is to provide a safe, homely environment for those who wish to live independently but no longer wish to live alone. Some of our residents still drive and most remain part of Lindfield life, with many of our residents' being regular visitors to the Tiger, coffee shops, tea rooms and the 3 Churches.

If you are contemplating downsizing and would like to be part of a small community come and have a look at what Little Compton offers. Please contact Paula Craen, Susan Jones or Pennie Burton on 01444 482662 for more information or to arrange a visit.

Missions Group

During May and June we shall once again be supporting Crawley Prison Fellowship (PF) Group which:

- *Meets monthly to pray for prisoners, their families, and prison staff*
- *Supports the HMP Lewes Chaplaincy: with one member serving as a volunteer chaplain and also by taking Chapel services and providing fellowship to the prisoners on the Wings*
- *Provides the tutor and mentors to run six-week long Sycamore Tree Victim Awareness courses*
- *Provides Christmas presents to prisoners' children (Angel Tree) both at HMP Lewes and at HMP Huntercombe (Oxfordshire).*

“*I was in prison and you came to visit me*”

Matthew 25:35

If you feel called to participate in any aspect of this work, or to write letters to prisoners, please speak to a member of the Missions Group who can put you in touch with local PF leaders.

At our morning services last September, John Gloster, a Prison Fellowship Trustee gave examples of how:

- *The Sycamore Tree victim awareness courses, run at Lewes and many other prisons, generate hope, for the future, in prisoners for whom it has been entirely lacking*
- *Relationships built up during the course can be developed further by regular mission work with prisoners on the prison wings, and*
- *Angel Tree Christmas presents, provided by PF, not only bring joy to the prisoners' children but also change the lives of both the prisoners and their partners and their relationships with each other.*

More information is available at the Mission display area.

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

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	Boys' 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	5:00pm	P.U.L.S.E Junior
	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.

May Church diary

1st Sunday		9:30am Family Service 11:15am Morning Worship Keith Morrison 6:30pm Evening Worship Keith Morrison	19th Thursday		House Groups
2nd Monday			Early May Bank Holiday		
4th Wednesday		12:30pm Lunch Fellowship	21st Saturday		
5th Thursday		Note: House Groups Premises in use for Police & Crime Commissioner Elections	22nd Sunday		
7th Saturday		8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church	24th Tuesday		
8th Sunday		9:30am Family Service Including Infant Dedication 11:15am Morning Worship Rev Keith Morrison 6:30pm Evening Worship Keith Morrison	25th Wednesday		
14th Saturday		8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church	26th Thursday		
15th Sunday		9:30am Family Service 11:15am Morning Worship Keith Morrison 6:30pm United Pentecost Praise Service	28th Saturday		
			29th Sunday		
			30th Monday		
			Spring Bank Holiday		
			8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church		
			9:30am Communion 11:15am Communion David Walters 6:30pm Evening Worship Keith Morrison		
			7:45pm In Touch		
			2:30pm The Fellowship 7:45pm Elders' Meeting		
			8:00pm Church Prayer Meeting		
			8:45am Prayer Meeting, Evan Free Church		
			9:30am Family Service 11:15am Morning Worship Keith Morrison 6:30pm United Service at Evangelical Free Church		

Spring Harvest

On April 2nd I took a few of the youth to Spring Harvest. We travelled over to Minehead in Somerset for 5 days at Butlins!

The theme for this year was 'Game Changers'. Looking at what it would mean to change the landscape of this nation in the name of Jesus. Looking at what it means to have an encounter with God that then inspires confidence in us to transform our communities and change the world in his name.

The teaching focused on Moses and God's calling for him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses did not think he was the right man for the job, and we so often feel the same way. But we need to know that God calls us because we are right for the job! We don't have to be popular or famous, we just need to love those around us and tell them about the God who loves them.

Danny

YOUTH





Spring Harvest was amazing this year. It has been great having four days in a little bubble completely focusing on God. The talks this year have really spoken to me. The theme was Game Changers and they were talking about how we can be Game Changers ourselves by doing the simplest of things. The worship was amazing and spending time with friends was great from taking selfies with Allan asleep on the way to Spring Harvest to taking Selfies with Allan asleep on the way back from Spring Harvest and everything in between. This past week was amazing and I can't wait for next year!

Jo Harfield

This was my first time attending Spring Harvest. I'm not going to lie I wasn't expecting much and thought I was going to regret going, but I can honestly say it was an amazing experience that I'm glad I took part in. The week consisted of worship, sermons, interviews with leading figures and a different motivational speaker every day and, of course, the odd afternoon out on the fairground! Furthermore, spending time with the youth from church was also very memorable. I didn't know them very well before but now I feel I have bonded with them and got to know them personally. Can't wait for next year already!

Allan Kay

Spring Harvest 2016 was great, it helped me discover more about my faith and I think all of us who went found out more about each other. I feel my faith has been boosted by the things I experienced and learned while there and hope that continues in my daily life.

Kieron Harfield

Spring Harvest this year was brilliant there were many experiences I will carry with me for a long time.

At Spring Harvest the groups were great, the morning sermons were great I definitely walked away with a greater knowledge from those, and the evening groups were brilliant.

The theme this year was Game Changers based around the story of Moses. In the evening group they played a video about being a Game Changer it was amazing and inspirational and made many of us there want to be a Game Changer.

In between the groups during the days we'd all go around the Butlins site and find things to do, for example, the funfair and go-karts.

In all, Spring Harvest this year was amazing it's not something I'll easily forget, I am definitely hoping to go next year and greatly look forward to it.

Alex Harfield

I found Spring Harvest a truly inspirational and enjoyable experience throughout.

I really enjoyed spending time with my friends, going on the go kart's with Kieron and Alex, head to head in a series of three competitions. I loved the amazing Bible teachings as well as the series of encounters I had with God both with Worship and Praise. I loved the swimming pool and the assortment of rides as well as the amount of bonding time we had together as a Youth Group. The accommodation was absolutely great, providing a central meeting hub point that was followed by delicious homemade meals made by Ruth herself and a series of games and music as well as a time to reflect with prayer.

Throughout the whole week I got to improve my relationship with everyone and as a result understand more about each other's aspects of humour and quirkiness!

We had a lot of games, jokes, banter and Bible study all of which was complemented with a bit of action from the Big Start itself.

I learnt about how God can use us as Game Changers to inspire others through our faith, throughout our daily encounters with our family and friends through the five different themes; encounter, enlist, everyone, equip and empower.

I loved the experience so much that I definitely plan on going again next year with the youth group in 2017, this was an absolute blast and I would thoroughly recommend it!

Peter McCleery

The first words I heard as I entered the arena at Spring Harvest this year were that we were going to be studying Moses. My heart missed a beat as the hairs on the back of neck stood up. I love Moses. Deuteronomy (34 v10) says 'there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.' Awesome!

I made my way, armed with coffee, to my corner in the back row, as far away from the main stage as possible. I find it easy to relax there. I came across a man slouched across a couple of chairs. His body language and facial expression said, 'Don't talk to me. I don't want to interact with you. I just want to be left in peace.' He looked washed out and wasted. The speaker spoke about Moses, his initial doubts and fears and how God moved Moses to become a mighty warrior in God's hands that no man or situation could resist or withstand. I watched my 'slouched' friend rise to his feet, his head raised, visibly relaxed, his burdens released. As I came across my friend in the next few days, I never saw him again perplexed, as I saw him on the first day. I pray that Jesus will bless him and meet on the road ahead. Christianity for me will always be an exercise in how God interacts with His children and what impact that has in our lives. If the action of meeting with Jesus does not produce a reaction, then our faith is in vain. Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship with a living God.

I was in my back row position again, coffee in hand, ready to relax, when the speaker at the front asked everyone to find someone to pray for. My three still functioning brain cells screamed 'not again.' I asked the man in front of me if there was anything he would like me to pray for in my best pastoral care pose. I prayed for him and then gave him a list of my deepest needs for Christ to impact my life. I was both honest and open. As he prayed over me I felt the loving heart of father God pour out of heaven and wash over me. I find it hard to stand in the presence of the living God. All I can do is fall down in worship. My new friend was called David. I will continue to pray for his needs. He was a complete stranger that I might never meet in this life again. We will eternally be brothers through the love of Jesus Christ.

There was a song that was sung across the event that went, 'I am no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.'

I challenge you to say the first line to any of my children in the next few months and I guarantee they will reply, 'I am a child of God.'

One of the blessings of Spring Harvest is to see the richness of Christ invested in your children.

Spring Harvest are looking for partners raise £300,000 in order to preserve the event for the future. With that in mind, I invite all of you to consider a break at Spring Harvest. Come as you are. Come with an expectant heart that God will meet you and bless you for the road ahead.

Harry McCleery

Boys' Brigade

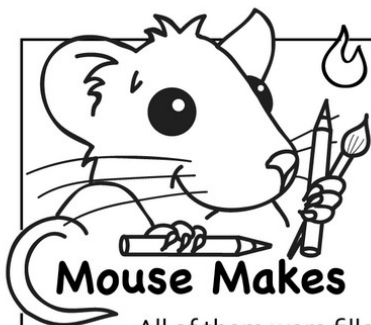
At the Awards Evening in March our Juniors and Anchors played games to entertain the audience, as did Company Section drummers the latter an item much missed in recent years. The games included some which the Juniors had practised for the Brigade's international games competition. Terry Ward and Geoffrey Cocksedge were presented with gifts to thank them for their years of service respectively as Junior Section Officer in Charge and Company Captain. Terry was Chief Guest, and he and Alison presented the Boys with their awards. It was one of the most successful of these events for some years, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves so much they did not seem to mind that we ran significantly over the allotted time!

A special word of thanks to our good friend Henderson, who always willingly turns out for us on these occasions, and takes some splendid photos.

Friends have asked us what we get for the Active Kids Vouchers. To give folk an idea here are some items we have obtained from this source over the last few years: play parachute, bean bags, badminton rackets, shuttlecocks, badminton net ("Qwiknet"), javelins, pop up goal mouths, skipping rope, pop up target, skittles and many other items – all thanks to the generosity of all you good people!

Geoffrey Cocksedge





It was the festival of **Pentecost**, 50 days since **Passover** and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate.

The Apostles and other believers were all together in one place when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.

All of them were filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to talk in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

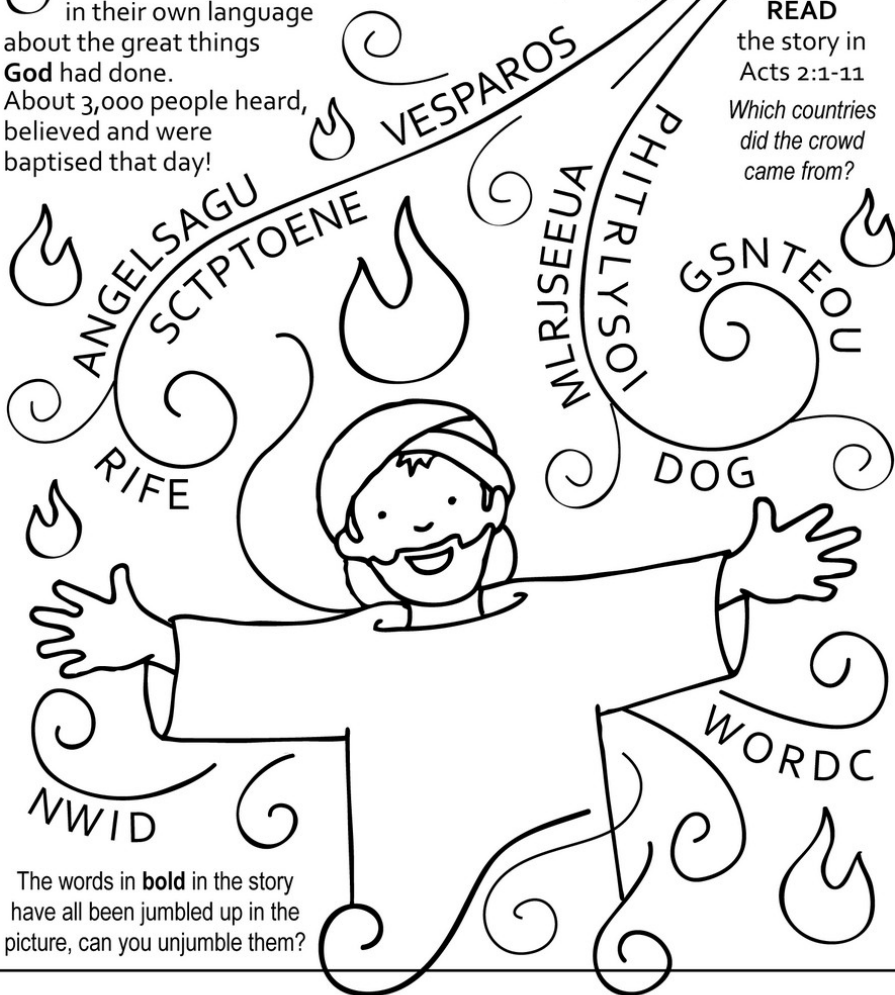
A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the great things **God** had done.

About 3,000 people heard, believed and were baptised that day!

READ

the story in Acts 2:1-11

Which countries did the crowd come from?



The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the picture, can you unjumble them?

Sixty Years On

Mike and Moira Wells

On 31st March 1956, Mike and I were married in the St Andrews University Chapel where I had worshipped when I was a student. We took our vows to love and honour each other as long as we lived. My uncle who performed the marriage ceremony said that it would be okay to leave out the word "obey". Sixty years later, having been blessed with a long life, we are grateful to be together and I still don't obey!

One never knows where one is going to meet their future partner.



Mike was born and brought up in the North of England, and I was born and brought up in the Scottish Border country. At the end of our first year at university, (Mike was at Durham reading Physics and I was at St.Andrews studying History) we applied for a vacation job at



Smedley's canning factory in Blairgowrie as our two University Unions had advertised vacation jobs there. I worked in the canteen serving meals to the students and Mike canned peas. Thus we met! Goodness knows how our attraction and friendship lasted as we had three more years of study ahead of us and we were hundreds of miles apart. Maybe our Christian faith helped to hold us together.

We were both members of our Universities' Christian Union. Several times Mike made the long journey on his motorbike to St.Andrews and would sleep on the floor in the room of a friend in one of the men's halls of residence, and I remember feeding him on a bench by the sea with part of my breakfast.

Our first home was in Maidenhead. A change of company for Mike took us to live near to Tonbridge. By then we had two daughters, Lindsey and Sandra. As always, we looked to find a church where we could worship. One of our neighbours was an Elder in the URC Tonbridge and suggested that we go with him to a service.

The minister was Norman Smith, and it didn't take us long to realise what a super person he was.

We became members of, and involved in the life of this church. We were at the service when Norman ate a daffodil in the middle of his sermon! Sandra joined junior church and became friends with Debbie Smith, and Norman performed the wedding ceremony for Lindsey's wedding. Many of you will know Lindsey, as she attends this church.

When we retired, we moved to Burwash in East Sussex and last year when we felt that our house and garden were getting too much for us, we bought a retirement flat in Ardingly. So here we are in Ardingly, loving being in our new flat and with our two daughters close by. We are delighted to have found the URC in Lindfield. We have been welcomed so warmly, and it would be hard to find a more kindly and friendly group of people.

Moira Wells

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60 years of blundering about

Mary was born in Torrington in North Devon. Her parents Albert and Edith Trinder were Officers in the Salvation Army, so, like all S.A. families, she moved about a lot in her early years.

Major Albert Trinder, eventually became a Minister in the Congregational Church at Honiton, where he served during the wartime years. Later he was at Chudleigh, but in 1947 he was invited to Sussex and became the Minister for the Lindfield, Ardingly, Plumpton and Oathall Wivelsfield group of Churches.

By this time Mary was training to be a nurse at University College Hospital in London. She became an S.R.N in 1951, completed a Mid-Wifes course at Guildford, and worked in the Archibald Mcindoe Hospital at East Grinstead until an out patient's sister's post became available at Haywards Heath Hospital in 1954. It was here that I lurched onto the stage, much battered and in need of serious repairs!

I was born at West Hoathly. All Combers are born or buried at West Hoathly!!



The family was first recorded in the Pipe Rolls in 1346. supplying hoggets of pig meat for the Army of the Black Prince in 1346. Well, at least they beat the French.

In 1947, now living at Ardingly and urged on by Grandad Botting, a local Bandmaster, I enlisted in the Royal Marines Band Service and trained at the Royal Naval School of Music which was then based near Burford in Oxfordshire and in 1949 passed as Musician 2nd Class in Flute, Piccolo, and Piano. Plus all educational exams required for Band Sergeant. I spent next 2 years on HMS Glory, Royalist, Gamecock and Drake, the Festival of Britain. Etc. And then; the career train hit the buffers, big time!!! T.B, and so the outpatients Dept of H.H. Hospital.

There was a silver lining, the outpatients sister had a fabulous pair of knees!

Mary said I smiled a lot!

In 6 weeks I proposed on Brighton Front, we were engaged in six months, and the rest is history.

We bought a house in Haywards Heath in 1956 and spent 11 years there bringing up our three sons Geoff, Phil and Bob. When Mr. Trinder retired we bought the vacant Manse in 1967 and stayed here until 2002 when we 'downsized' to Finches Gardens. We have both dedicated ourselves to the support of our church at all times and have tried to contribute to the lives of our fellow Christians. It has not been easy at times, but our church family has always been there to fall back on when the cold winds blow!

In pride of place on our mantelpiece is a small picture of Jesus in the garden with a young couple. The now (not so young) couple are very grateful that He is still with us and has remained with us during 60 years of marriage Happy days!!?

Chris and Mary Comber



Five things

I have learnt

On April 18th, Danny and I celebrated our first Wedding anniversary. Many people have said that the first year of marriage is the most difficult. I can't agree with that quite yet, as I have no other years to compare it to!

There have been ups and downs, and one thing for certain is that we have both learnt a lot. Here are a few things I have learnt, in no particular order...



1 *Embrace support from others. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so many strong married couples, on both sides of our family and at Church! It has been helpful to have people to call on for advice when it is needed.*

2 *Put God first. Imagine a triangle with God on the top point, and husband and wife on the bottom two points. The closer you move towards God, the closer you move towards each other.*

3 *Protect time together. Although we see each other every day, meaningful conversations can be forgotten in the busy-ness of daily life. It is important for us to set aside an evening or day once a week to have time to focus on each other*

and spend time investing in our marriage and friendship.

4 *You will never stop getting to know each other. There will always be something new to learn, whether it's a funny habit or story from their childhood.*

5 *Don't forget to say thank you! This can be applied to all situations, but within a marriage, showing gratitude for even the small things can help your partner know they are not taken for granted.*

Ruth Goodall

Know Lindfield?



Questions

Part of Lindfield's industrial past, what history does the large building in the centre have?

What happened to it?

Answers in the next issue of Good News.

April Answer

There were two tollgates in Lindfield. One in the High Street and one at the entrance to Hickmans Lane.

The latter prevented traffic from bypassing the High Street gate by going down Hickmans Lane.

Both gates were taken down in 1884 and burnt - to public satisfaction.



St Peter & St James

We're so grateful to the people in Lindfield for their support. It's only with the support of our local community that we can continue providing care. There are lots of different events that people put on in aid of the hospice and we're thankful to everyone who gives up their time fundraising for us. From concerts and plant sales to parties and coffee mornings, these wonderful community events show how caring the people of Lindfield are in helping us continue our vital services.

St Peter & St James Hospice provides specialist end of life care and support for individuals, both within the hospice and at home, with cancer and other life limiting illnesses such as neurological conditions and far-advanced organ failure from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Uckfield and the surrounding villages.

All of our services are free of charge to patients and their loved ones. The annual cost of providing our charitable activities is over £2.6 million, yet less than 14% of our costs are funded by government sources. This means we need to raise over £2.6 million through the wonderful support of our local community - £7,200 each day.

If you would like to find out more about our work, please visit our website www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk or contact the Fundraising Team on 01444 470722.



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Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
May		
1st	Fo Tingley	Heather Swann
8th	Boys Brigade	Fo Tingley
15th	Serena Nathan	Nick Bingham
22nd	Winifred Scopes	Liz Cantwell
29th	Audrey Saunders	Sue Tester
June		
5th	Heather Swann	Jo Bloxham
12th	Brian Tuppen	Iris Bingham
19th	Janet Wade	Heather Swann
26th	Zoe McQuillin	Fo Tingley

If anyone would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact Heather Swann

Around Lindfield

Saturday 7th May

10.00am Compton House Plant and Cake Sale

Wednesday 11th May

12.15pm Tiger Arts : Lunch in Lindfield URC

1.00pm Concert : Juan Pablo Hinojoza : Piano

8.00pm Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall

Talk : "A Sussex Farm in the 1950's"

Saturday 14th May

10.00am Horticultural Society in Jubilee Room, King Edward Hall
Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

Thursday 19th May

7.30pm Lindfield Film Night in King Edward Hall

"Bridge of Spies" 12A

Tickets available from Tufnells

Wednesday 1st ~ Friday 3rd June

2.00pm Lindfield URC Holiday Club (for children 5-11 years)
Details from Danny Goodall 07443 438970.

Saturday 4th June

Village Day on Lindfield Common



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