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Editorial

It is hard to believe that the new term for children and also those going back or starting new at University is upon us already. We are all so blessed to have all the activities starting afresh in September. Do read about everything that is going on.

We have a Day of Prayer for the Nation on the 8th September when we can think of all the unrest there is in our nation at the moment. The Lindfield Arts Festival is here again including a Messy Church to look forward to. Please read regarding our Harvest Festival and what things go with this celebration. Can you guess "Who am I?".

I want to say a big thank you to all the friends of our Church, when they are all so willing to share experiences that they have or things that really need to be said. We all have one thing in common to share The Love of Jesus Christ with all who read our Good News.

Peace and the special Love available, is such a wonderful thing to have, which can be given to us all, if we ask for it.

Enjoy our Good News, God Bless everyone,

Anne

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Dear friends

My summer has not been as I had hoped. I was intending to have a two week break, the second of which we would spend on the Solway coast, just to the west of Dumfries, at the foot of Criffel a tall hill which had originally formed as the plug of a now long extinct volcano.

However, a week before our holiday, my dad had a severe stroke and after less than two weeks has died. This shocked and saddened us all as a family. Our intention had been to holiday close to my parents but we did not foresee that we would in fact be laying my dad to rest. The plans we make sometimes go awry, or as the poet Rabbie Burns, who lived much time around Dumfries, once wrote in "to a mouse";

*The best laid schemes o' Mice
an' Men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an'
pain,
For promis'd joy!*

As I sat at the end of my holiday in a crematorium hearing the minister of the church I attended as a child recite not poetry but a liturgy which I knew almost word for word, I was thankful that although I was experiencing the grief and pain of loss there is in fact a hope of promised joy.

Burns wrote of a mouse's home destroyed by a plough, and so the small animal would likely face death that winter, but in Christ our Saviour we can trust that despite turmoil and our world being turned over there is still life and hope because there is a new home prepared for us, in his Father's house.

Our hope is not limited to what happens in death but concerns how we live this mortal life too. In Christ we discover that the God who made all things wants us to know His love and compassion.

The story of creation in Genesis is of a world where nature is to flourish, and all is good. Likewise the future vision given by the prophets is of swords turned to ploughshares, the end of suffering, and of tears wiped away.

As God's people we are called to seek peace, share love and proclaim that there is a hope and even in what may seem the darkest of times there can be light and joy.

With every blessing,

Your Minister

Keith

Family News

Sympathy

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to two families whose loved ones have journeyed 'Home' in recent weeks.

After a severe stroke, Keith's Father died peacefully in hospital in Scotland on August 4th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Keith, Emmeline, Noah and Faith at what must be a very sad time for them all.

Also, very much in our thoughts and prayers are Shirley Griffiths, Cliff and all the family, following Leslie's death; now home with his Lord and Saviour for whom he has been a very faithful servant over many years.

For both of these families, knowing their loved one is safe in the arms of Jesus will bring comfort and reassurance.

New Home

We rejoice with Pauline Scales as she settles into her new flat. May God truly bless this new home.

Although Elsie Anderson left the area earlier in the year, it's good to report that she is now with her family in their new home in South Wales. We trust that she too will know God's blessing.

Illness

There are a number of our Church Family who are unwell, or recovering from surgery. Please do keep them in your prayers, that they would know God's healing hand upon them, and feel upheld by His strength and love.

Fo Tingley

Thank You

Chris and Mary Comber would like to thank you for all the support we have received during what is proving to be a difficult time.

We are really blessed to be part of a caring Church Family.

Chris & Mary Comber

Readers

Many thanks to all who willingly put their name down to read Sunday by Sunday, it is appreciated and please continue to put your name down if you would like to. If you haven't read before but would like to, please have a word with me. I usually let you know what the reading will be by the Thursday at the latest. Thanks once again.

Terry Ward

Family News

The Fellowship

Because of the weather, the July "Garden Party" was held in the lounge!

Although only ten members took part, I think everyone enjoyed this informal time of chat and laughter, not forgetting Pat's Quiz of course!

Our new session starts on Wednesday 27th September, at 2.30pm. After a short AGM, Dorothy Brown will lead the meeting.

Pat Phillips

Lunch Fellowship

Just a reminder to you that the Lunch Fellowship will continue on the 6th September and on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the same cost of £4.00.

We would be delighted to see you all and if you haven't been before and would like to, please call me on 01444 455047 to book your place.

Thank you

Sue Waller

Bible Verse

“*Love one another deeply, from the heart*”

1 Peter 1:22

Our September text springs from David & Lorna Bedford's input at Pilgrim Hall back in June. A sometimes daunting challenge! At Lindfield URC we all believe ourselves to be friendly & welcoming, but over two millennia we Christians have not obeyed as we should, at a global or local level.

Look at something else Peter said in his first letter (1 Peter 4:8) "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins".

And that takes me to the key text in all this, Jesus own words :

“*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*”

John 13:34-35

One is tempted to point to this when church members fall out about the timing of services or Anglicans declare war on whether to allow women Bishops or world communions (Roman, Orthodox or Protestant) differ on which is the "true" church.

Jesus reminds us that society will only know his followers if “we love one another, as he has loved us”.

Lindfield URC has always, since I have known it, sat rather lightly to the wider ecclesiastical scene. Most of us keep our heads down when we hear about Councils, Synods & General Assembly. In a sense, that doesn't matter too much; after all the front line of Christian witness is in the local congregation and its interface with the community round its doors. But sometimes it is a pity when we become a bit parochial, miss things which are good and don't share a wider vision.

At the last General Assembly (Southport, 2016 – I always attend as one of the veteran back-room boys) the Moderators launched a new, ongoing mission project “Walking the Way”. This is designed to be a process to refresh and grow members' and churches' habits of discipleship and mission. The church will be working on this, producing ideas and materials over the next few years. It would be nice to feel LURC is a part of this and will benefit from sharing what comes out.

The basic principle, however, is what David & Lorna were saying to us at Pilgrim Hall, our job is to carry on for Jesus in this needy world.

Looking back, this is something I have been preaching about for years, as Paul puts it so graphically “now you are Christ's body, each of you a limb or organ of it”.

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” Do it like Jesus, for Jesus, that's how people will know we are his disciples. That is how they will meet Jesus, in and through us.

But let me remind you of one last point. GEAR (the URC Group for Evangelism & Renewal) has been around since our church came into being and is a powerhouse behind the scenes.

Some of you, I know, will be aware and receive “In Gear”, its excellent magazine. It is much involved in the “Walking the Way” project and has reminded us of the importance of undergirding this and everything we do in prayer. They are in process of setting up a website dedicated to prayer for the URC and this project. Its focus is discipleship & mission. Please look it up www.praytheway.org.com.

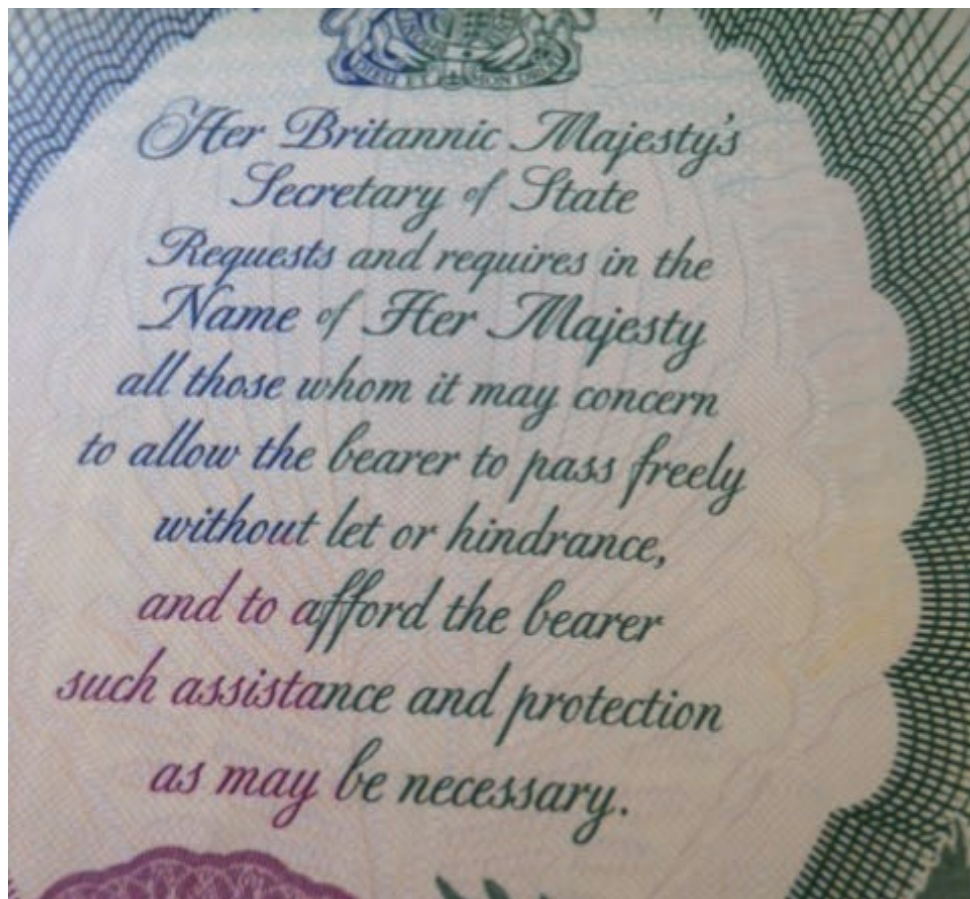
And don't forget – as Jesus says – “love one another as I have loved you”.

Rev Michael Davies

Your Kingdom Come

If you travelled abroad this summer you will hopefully have remembered to take your passport with you, for only when you are carrying this do you enjoy the right and privilege of crossing borders confident in safe passage as you head overseas or return home. If you are a citizen of the United Kingdom I wonder if you ever looked inside the cover of your passport and read the first page?

Tucked inside the cover you will find a letter in the name of her Britannic Majesty by whose authority all to whom you present your passport are requested to allow you to travel without let or hindrance and in whose power are requested to afford you assistance and protection.



As we move on from a year looking at relationships our new theme for the next year is 'Your Kingdom Come'. We will spend a year together praying, preaching and living out the promise and the challenge of these three words from the Lord's Prayer.

'Your Kingdom Come' reveals we hold citizenship of a different Kingdom. The Bible is not a book of rules, or a syllabus for some spiritual test, it is a passport whose pages are full of promises and protections that declare we belong to a new and everlasting kingdom, and provides each of us a blueprint, authority and inspiration from the King to build his kingdom, here, in Lindfield.

As we pray 'Your Kingdom Come' we are reminded of an incredible promise, a sure and certain hope that God's grace and victory is ours, and his kingdom our rightful inheritance. You and I are citizens of the Kingdom. What a joy, what a privilege.

But, fellow citizens, we also hear a challenge, a call to be workers, dreamers and builders for God's kingdom here, in Lindfield. The Lord's Prayer makes clear 'Your Kingdom Come' does not mean pie in the sky when we die, but that we are not to cease praying, loving and serving until it is 'on earth as it is in heaven.'

That means the Kingdom, right now, right here.

We are not just called to belong as citizens, but to serve as ambassadors of the kingdom. As an ambassador we are called to share the good news of hope and victory and to reveal it through our actions of love and service. Not in our own strength or by our own authority but in the name of our King.

Over the next year we will open our passports, learning together the rights, privileges, promises and protection afforded to us as citizens of his majesty the King.

You won't get far if you leave your kingdom passport to gather dust in a drawer at home, It's not only to be used once at the end of our days. So grab it and boldly claim these promises for yourself and share them with our community. When you use it, you never know where it may take you.

“ *Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven* ”

Matthew 6:10 NIV

Dan McQuillin

Postcard from Seoul

At the end of July I was invited to speak at a forensic entomology conference in South Korea and so found myself for three nights in Seoul. South Korea to me meant Samsung and Kia and an unfinished war with North Korea, but I didn't really know what to expect.

A gas mask in the hotel wardrobe hinted at the tensions in the air which are now clearly on the rise. Seoul is a busy modern city yet only an hour's drive north is the Demilitarized Zone, DMZ, where you can stare across at the North Korean guards staring back.



In the DMZ: posing in a hut that straddles the border for political meetings - open the door and you are in North Korea

I had to sign a declaration that I would not "point, make gestures or expressions like scoffing, which could be used by the North Korean side as propaganda material against the United Nations Command".

Away from the slightly surreal and uncomfortable atmosphere of the DMZ, I enjoyed a visit to Seoul's Secret Garden, a beautiful area of palaces and woodland where the King and his family used to live, plus a trip up Seoul's observation tower. I welcomed a refreshing hot peach tea with my colleagues after the 35°C heat: the three of us were from Germany, Japan and UK – we would have been enemies a few decades ago, yet now were laughing, catching flies and sharing stories together.

What a tragedy that those in North and South Korea cannot do the same. Sadly I had no time to attend church in Seoul, but South Korea has been described as being "awash with evangelical Christianity". Although census data shows only about 29% of the country are Christian (compared to 23% Buddhist and 46% atheist), I have never before seen so many crosses on the skyline as when I drove through Seoul.

Hopefully their faith will sustain them through this worrying time.

Martin Hall

A Weekend Away

A weekend Away
what more can one say?
Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.
Food for the body
and prayers for the soul
Something to please everyone.

All ages together
and friendships renewed,
Learning and questioning too.
Sunshine or showers,
just talking for hours!
Finding a new point of view?

Games being played
or a 'snooze' in the shade
Everyone playing their part
Thanking The Lord,
for this time to reflect
Cares of the world set apart

Some, there maybe,
who now can't get along,
Yet joining with love and with prayer.
Memories still and thoughts of their
friends,
Wishing they could still be there.

Soon, time to go home,
the days quickly passed.
Many farewells as friends part.
Thankful that memories still will remain,
Stored always close in each heart.

Dorothy Brown



In Touch

In Touch is a ladies group which meets once a month on a Tuesday evening. All ladies, friends and family are welcome to join any of the events. If you enjoy eating you may be enticed to join us as there is a bit of a food theme in the summary of previous and future activities below!

In June we enjoyed a bring and share supper. We are very blessed to have some talented home cooks in our midst! It's always great to have the time to chat to friends old and new.

On a beautiful summers evening in July we went on a private tour of the garden at 47 Denmans Lane. We were welcomed by owners Jim and Sue Stockwell and their son Ben. They were very hospitable and willing to share many gardening and design tips as we wandered round the 1 acre garden with its extensive flower beds. The garden also includes ponds, vegetable and fruit gardens. After the garden visit we returned to the church for tea and cake.

Jacquie Odell



Dementia Awareness Morning

Have you been affected by someone you love and care about who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia? Do you know how best to help them, to speak to them, or how the symptoms manifest themselves at different stages of the illness? How do we recognise the early signs of the disease?

There are many different types of dementia, and sadly more and more folk seem to suffer with it in one form or another. These are just some of the questions which will be answered on **Wednesday 13th September.**

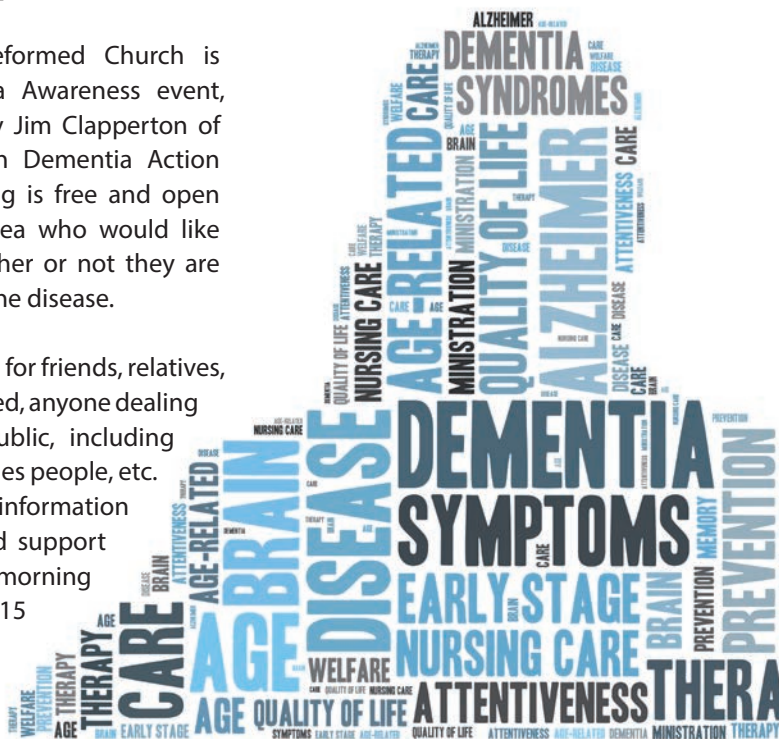
Lindfield United Reformed Church is hosting a Dementia Awareness event, which will be led by Jim Clapperton of the Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance. The morning is free and open to anyone in the area who would like to learn more, whether or not they are directly affected by the disease.

It is a valuable insight for friends, relatives, retail assistants, indeed, anyone dealing with the general public, including church personnel, sides people, etc. There will also be information about local help and support that is available. The morning commences at 10.15 with coffee, and is expected to finish around 11.30am.

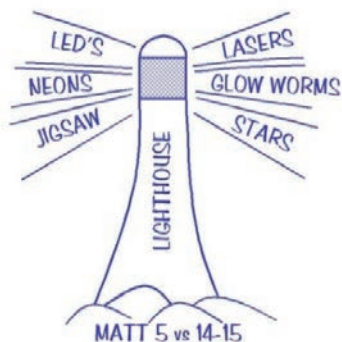
Earlier in the year Helen Hall and I attended a similar event at Scaynes Hill, and we can really recommend it. None of us know what is around the corner (fortunately!). So do please consider joining us for what I'm sure will be a very informative morning. All will be very welcome.

Fiona Tingley

If you require any further information please give me a call on 01444 483419.



Freeze!



At the time of writing I am looking out of the window at British summer time – or rain as it more commonly known, but this is not the reason for the title of this article.

Following a recent review of the children and groups involved currently in Lighthouse it became apparent that if we followed the ages and guidelines usually applied from Progression this year it would mean that one of the groups would be hugely larger than all of the others and that the group sizes and dynamics would be very much affected as a result.

In consultation with Danny it has, therefore, been decided that all groups will stay in their current form for the next academic year so that the next progression will allow for groups that are more equivalent in size and, hopefully, more enjoyable and fulfilling for both the children and the Lighthouse teachers.

Our Sunday morning children 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.

Each group obviously seeks to engage with the children with activities appropriate for their age so that these vary 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. If this is something you would like to consider then please speak to Danny or myself.

Once a month we have Jigsaw, this is a totally different session when most of the groups all meet together. Then we have lights and music, worship, puppets and a lot of fun! We are drawing to the close of our current series which has been NIV – Gods Special Agents (you may have noticed some suspicious looking characters in services on Jigsaw Sundays!). We have learned about different Bible characters and their missions for God and what it means for us if we want to be special agents for God today. If you want to know more then please ask one of the children! We are starting a new series in September so watch the Jigsaw board in the hall for clues on our new theme!

A call to Prayer

We have had a good year in Lighthouse and the children and young people in our congregation are always a blessing. It is a source of great encouragement that they are always so keen to get out to their groups and activities. We had the opportunity this year to see the Wintershall nativity, which was a good experience and our feedback after this event featured in a previous magazine! We also enjoyed producing our own nativity with lots of technical assistance from Danny and Richard which featured in a Sunday morning service before Christmas.

Over the month of August the children have enjoyed being led by a number of different people and our grateful thanks go to all who generously give of their time so that the regular teachers can have time off over the summer.

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. Please keep the teachers and children in your prayers, that both teachers and children will deepen their relationship with God and that we will see growth, both spiritually and numerically in the next year.

Dawn Walters

Lighthouse Coordinator

After seeing all the different problems that are facing us as a nation at the moment several Christians have called for the 8th September to be set aside as a :

Day of Prayer for the nation September, 8th 2017

We are planning to open the church for private prayer during that morning. (time of opening to be confirmed later)

All are welcome to take this opportunity to pray for our nation.

Carol Walters



Sunday Services

The **10.00am** 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 after the morning service.

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 Thursday, Alternate Months)
Fri	5:00pm	Rooted
	7.30pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
Sun	7.30pm	18-25 Group

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

September Church diary

2nd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	16th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints Ladies Quiet Day at home
3rd Sunday	10:00am	Family Service Rev Keith Morrison	17th Sunday	10:00am	Family Service Rev Keith Morrison
	6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison		6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
4th Monday		House Group Week			
6th Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship	22nd Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
8th Friday		Church open for prayer time TBC	23rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints
9th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints Lindfield Arts Festival Weekend	24th Sunday	10:00am	Communion Rev Keith Morrison
10th Sunday	10:00am	Family Service Rev Keith Morrison	27th Wednesday	2:30pm	The Fellowship
	6:30pm	Baptismal Service Rev Keith Morrison		7:45pm	Elders' Meeting
14th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	30th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Tiger, All Saints
				6:00pm	Harvest Supper and Quiz

YOUTH



Hello!

A new academic year is once again upon us, and with it comes a new start! For some, the new start is the next year up in school, for others, it is the jump from secondary school to college, and for a few, it is the step out of college and into decisions about life ahead!

It can be a new start for the church as well - a time to refresh ourselves with God's vision; to align ourselves once again with what He is doing within our village.

I often find this term one of the busiest, but heartwarming, as the village comes together for Bonfire Night, Village night and Christmas Festivities.

We launch straight into it in September with the Village Arts Festival on the 8th, 9th and 10th. On the 9th September, we will be having a 'taster' Messy Church in the lounge of the church. Those passing by can drop in and out as they please, and get involved with Moses related crafts. This will run from 10am to 12noon.

They will then not have to wait long until our next full Messy Church happening on Friday 15th September at 4pm!

On Sunday 10th September, we will be having our Progression Service. This is the time we re-commit ourselves, as a church, to share God's love to the young people in a real and relevant way, and encourage them to have a personal relationship with Christ. We pray for those who will be involved in Lighthouse; and we pray over the children and young people for the year ahead.

PAGES

This time of year, often makes me think about what has happened over the past twelve months; but I am also excited to see what God has planned for us in the year to come! I wonder what I will be looking back on this time next year!

Danny

Harvest Weekend

Join us at Lindfield United Reformed Church on Saturday 30th September for Fish and Chips and a quiz!

Doors open at 6pm with the quiz starting at 6.15pm.
Food will be at 7pm.

Fish and chips: £5.70

Sausage and chips: £2.55

Food tickets must be bought by Sunday 17th September.



Then...

Re-join us on Sunday 1st October at 10am for an All-Age harvest service.

Feel free to bring food items that will be donated to Open House

The service will last about an hour and it will be followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome!



Boys' Brigade

During July we continued with our regular meetings although when possible the Anchors and Juniors went outdoors for games and various activities. The Anchors had a treasure hunt up the High Street locating information from the properties. Juniors spent one evening building a fire and roasting marshmallows. A very successful evening.

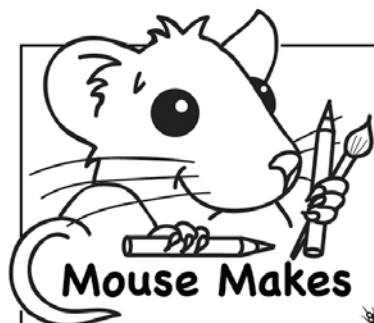
The Juniors also entered the Battalion Five-a-side football competition. We didn't win but had some good games.

Unfortunately neither of our Company Section boys were able to attend the Battalion camp at Glynde this year.

We now prepare for the start of the new session. This gets underway on 11th September and we hope to see all boys return after the August break. Growth in the Anchor Section was particularly encouraging last session and our aim is to continue this into this new session across all Sections.

David Walters





Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED

SEEDS • SOW • LAND

PLOUGH • SCATTER

SOIL • GROW

CROPS • REAP



WHEAT SW P I C K C
A P P L E R A I N R O K
U R G P T P E A R S
T O R L B L E S S E D U
U B O U R O R Y E P O G
M O W M O U S E R E T A
N U T S S G R A P E S R
O G O D E H S C R O P S

OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR

ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR



May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalms 67:5-7



B A L E L B E R R I E S
O L T H A R V E S T G L
S C A T T E R E A P R A
U A T L O A F S O W A N
N O A T S D S O W A N
T H A N K S G I V I N G
S O I L C O R N K C D M
O I S E E D S E S E U L

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE

TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY



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

The beautiful land of song!

It was quite a late booking, and one done almost on impulse! Betty had lived in North Wales with her first husband, and two of her children were born there. It was also where she first met Roy, many, many years ago.

So it has been a very special place to Betty for a number of reasons. For me, it's where my late husband, Brian, & I had our first holiday together, staying with Betty; so not surprisingly, the destination we chose for our honeymoon back in 1970.

So it always tugs at my heart strings! Suddenly, back in early May, we found ourselves booking a coach holiday to Llandudno. Our hotel was right on the sea front – oh what the heck, lets book a front room, we rashly decided!

And what a blessing that turned out to be! It was not only a front bedroom, but it had a large bay window, allowing us to see the full length of the sea front, from the Great Orme in the west along to the Little Orme.



Whenever we were in the hotel & not eating, the pair of us sat in the window fascinated by all that was going on (including a very attentive seagull that sat on the window ledge!)

There were walkers (of which we were two), joggers, cyclists, mobility scooters; you name it they were out there! However, the best bit came in the evenings. It stays light much later up there – seemed strange to be walking along the prom after 10pm and it was still far from dark. The setting sun and the amazing cloud effects had us spell bound – long past Betty's bedtime! God blessed us so much with the awesome beauty of His creation! It was an uplifting experience – we couldn't help but feel a real sense of God's presence with us.

The reason for our late stroll along the sea front was because we attended two superb Welsh Male Voice Choir concerts. What a treat that was! I have to agree with my dear friend that there is something so special about Welsh male voices. At the first performance, part of the choir's programme was accompanied by a harp, which almost transported us heavenward! During the other concert they had a young baritone soloist who had just completed his third year of study at the Guildhall School of Music. This very gifted young man was accompanied beautifully on the piano by his own Father.

Apparently, he and his Dad had been performing with this same choir since he had first started to sing solos, and was obviously a real favourite with the audience. It made us think how very proud that man must have been of all that his son was achieving. Is that how our Heavenly Father feels about us His adopted children, when He sees us progressing through our life, still linked with Him but using the gifts that He has given us to bless others and be the best that we can be?

With umbrella up to shield Betty from the heat of the sun (yes, this is North Wales we're talking about!), we strolled through the breath-taking National Trust Gardens at Bodnant. Spectacular blue hydrangeas, waterways, ponds, pretty bridges and waterfalls, terraced lawns and so much more upon which to feast our eyes! Even a clear view of the top of Snowdon – a rare sight indeed!

"How good is the God we adore!" He renewed us so much in those few days away, as we soaked up the sheer beauty of His creation, free for us all to enjoy. Equally, our hearts were enriched with the joy of wonderful music. How easy it is to take everyday things in life for granted, but if we look and we listen, the Lord has blessings for each one of us.

Betty and Fiona

On Holiday with God

A quiet day for Ladies

The In Touch group are pleased to invite all the ladies of the church and their friends and family to a special quiet day 'On Holiday with God', run by Emmeline Morrison and Jacquie Odell.

Although the holiday will have times of quiet, there will also be time for food and chatter and plenty of opportunities to relax, reminisce and revitalise as we visit seven countries and meet God on our travels.

*United Reformed Church
Lindfield
Saturday 16th
September
9.45 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.*

Cost: £3 and a contribution of food for a bring and share lunch.

Emmeline Morrison and Jacquie Odell





The Retreats Fellowship

of the United Reformed Church,
Southern Synod

This Fellowship is open to all who want to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

Our Final Quiet Day for 2017

will be on

Saturday 7th October, 10am – 4pm

**at Hassocks United Reformed Church
23 Keymer Road, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8AB
Enabler : Reverend Darryl Sinclair**

Cost £8 Members, £10 non-members (bring packed lunch, drinks provided)

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Mission Update

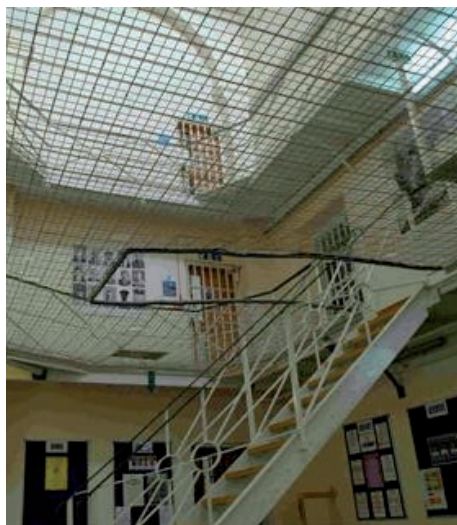
Prison Fellowship

During September and October we will once again be supporting Crawley Prison Fellowship (PF). The Group:

- *Meets monthly to pray for prisoners, their families, and prison staff*
- *Supports the HMP Lewes Chaplaincy with Sunday Chapel Services and praying with, and mentoring, prisoners. One member serves as a volunteer chaplain with responsibilities, within the Chaplaincy, as Restorative Justice Lead and Victim Awareness Co-ordinator*
- *Provides the tutor, mentors and finance to run six-week long Sycamore Tree Victim Awareness courses (three in 2017).*
- *Will provide Christmas presents (the Angel Tree programme), both at HMP Lewes and at HMP Huntercombe (Oxfordshire), again this coming Christmas.*

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

Matthew 25:36



If you feel called to participate in any aspect of this work, write letters to prisoners, or join those who respond to the weekly HMP Lewes prayer letter, please speak to a member of the Missions Group.

Nigel and Valerie Maynard will be talking about the work of the Group during the morning service on Sunday 17th September and will stay, after the service, to answer questions during coffee.

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.



The Persecuted Church

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

Hebrews 13.3

Two Events for your Diary:

- **Sunday 15th October:** *Hunger Lunch for the persecuted church. Andrew Wilson from Release International will visit us for the day, talk briefly during the morning service and then give us more news of persecuted Christians around the world between coffee and lunch.*
- **Thursday 26th October:** *at 8pm, the Church prayer meeting will be dedicated to praying for persecuted Christians world-wide with introductions, by the Missions Group, to the situation in different countries including the work of Christian Missions providing support.*

Make a stand for Jesus

The Word of God stands for now and for evermore, praise the Holy Name of Jesus. His Name is worthy to be praised. A quote I heard recently on Revelation TV (Sky 581, Freeview HD250, Freesat 692) I found very encouraging:

***I'm too blessed to be
oppressed and too anointed
to be disappointed!***

As Christians we would hope to walk in the power of God, and love of course. Here in Lindfield we are blessed in many ways compared to people in some parts of the world, so we should not feel oppressed as we can hang on to God's word and promises to lift us out of any oppression and free us from any fears!

We have the power of prayer as well. Wherever we are God hears prayer. People who have found that relationship with Christ have come into newness of life and God is always seeking to bring others into that relationship with Him as they repent and believe in Jesus.

We don't have to be disappointed as we can come to Him and truly live again praise God, and enjoy Christian fellowship with others. God has a plan for your life. Jeremiah 29.11-12. The best is yet to come! What He has done for others He will do for you!

Raymond Tijou

A gift from God

It was 5.10pm on a Tuesday that I got a phone call saying "We have got a new build ground floor flat for the disabled for you". I replied saying are you sure you mean me? I said "yes I am me!"

They did tell me three years ago that if I did not get anything in the first year they would take me off the list or I would have to re apply. The reply was "Well you are still on the list". Fo Tingley went off in her car to find it for me and two days later I went exploring and found it near to where Rosieta lives. It was right down on the left hand corner, on the corner so peaceful and quiet. Two way views from the lounge windows looking out over grass and trees. I now know that there is a small Nature Reserve so even if they build more houses I should still have my trees to look at.

It was so much further to Church than I expected and lovely as as the lounge looked through the window or however user friendly it would be if I got Wheelchair bound, I felt it was too far. However before I even got back to the common I realised what a gift from God it was. I had not to walk it my wheel chair would take me along my favourite road Gravelye Lane where I can cross safely; whereas the traffic along Hickmans Lane goes so fast I had already realised I would soon be house bound just because I could not safely cross this road.

On Sunday to confirm everything the last Good News I found Jean's article on Iona and quoting that hymn "Will you come and follow me where you don't know" "Yes Lord, I did not see Oakwood before I moved there so I do not need to see this either, I know it is from you."

"yes Lord" So on the day I finally saw the flat I signed the Tenancy Agreement.

"Here I am Lord Thank you for your wonderful gift to me."

Pauline Scales



Mini Messy Church

Lindfield United Reformed Church is a main High Street venue for the 2017 Lindfield Art Festival. The building will be buzzing during the Festival events. Look out for the 'Moses' themed Mini Messy Church in the LURC lounge during the Festival on Saturday 9th September.

All ages are welcome (under 14's must bring an adult) as there is something for all the family, so spread the word.

Messy Church meets from 4pm to 6pm on the following dates in 2017 :

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

Questions? Contact Danny Goodall email dgoodall@lindfieldurc.org.uk



Who am I?

This month we have again asked a familiar face some simple questions. The hard part is to see if you can guess from just these answers, who am I?

Where were you born?

Beckenham, Kent

What was your favourite subject at school?

Biology

What was your first Church?

St Mary's in Addington Village, Croydon.

What is/was your job?

Learning & development consultant

What's your favourite sport?

Swimming

What is your favourite hymn/worship song?

"Make me Lord, a dreamer for your Kingdom"

Are you a half-full or half-empty sort of person?

Half full - "most of the time"



What's your favourite food?

Poached egg on granary toast with avocado on the side

If you could go anywhere on holiday where would it be?

Malaysia

What makes you laugh?

Stand-up comedy

What would be your best round of questions in a pub quiz?!

A tricky question having won the booby prize at so many quiz nights but a "Where in the world?" round with pictures would be good.

All will be revealed in our October edition.

Martin Hall

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Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

September

3rd	Carol Marsh	Janet Sanderson
10th	Zoe McQuillin	Meta Orchin
17th	Mac Turner	Lesley Sparks
24th	Meta Orchin	Jo Bloxham

October

1st	Harvest Flowers	Iris Bingham
8th	Harvest Flowers	Heather Swann
15th	Jessie Green	Fo Tingley
22nd	Heather Swann	Sue Tester
29th	Winifred Scopes	Janet Sanderson

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

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 6th September

8.00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Talk - "An Inspector Calls" - Neil Saddler

Weekend 8th-10th September

Lindfield Arts Festival - more information :
lindfieldartsfestival.com

Saturday 9th September

2.00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Autumn Show of Flowers and Produce

Wednesday 13th June

12.00 noon Tiger Arts - Lunch in The Tiger
1.00pm Concert in All Saints Church :
Jo Kimber & her Jazz Band

Thursday 21st September

7.30pm Village Film Evening in King Edward Hall : to be announced



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