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Greater love has no man than this

John 15:13



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Editorial

Gloves and wellingtons are out again with all the trees changing their coloured leaves. We have left behind our summer which was so long. How incredible it was that we were all able to enjoy the sunshine for so long.

This month is now remembrance time, do read Chris Comber's article, which helps us to be aware of things that have happened in the past.

The Poppies that are all set out on Muster Green are a constant reminder of all the men who gave their lives so that we can enjoy a free country.

Adrian Cookney explains about CAP and how that helps so many people. Jacquie is organising that we open our Church premises in the afternoon between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. This will enable passers-by to come and share some time with some of our members. Often any trouble shared can sometimes help when friends can give a listening ear. How good for us to remember that we can share the love of Jesus, to show people we care,by the way we live.

Bonfire night brings an invitation to have a warming drink, read about the details in our magazine.

There is a lot going on in our Church, but if you visit us, there is a very warm welcome waiting for you.

God bless and enjoy our Good News,

Anne

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Dear friends

A s I sit to write the letter to you this month I am suddenly struck by how often in these letters I note the passing seasons, which usually relates to the falling of leaves in Autumn and the popping up of bright flowers in the spring. That said the often chilly and misty grey month of November has a particular flower that although we might have seen by the road side, or edge of fields earlier in the year, has a particular poignancy that causes us to take note, papaver rhoeas, the poppy.

In the UK it tends to flower from late spring to early autumn, May to October, and so by Remembrance Sunday although we might wear a paper poppy, perhaps those small glimpses of red in the wild are fewer in number. With each passing year the same can also be said of those who remember the depth of dismay of the world wars. There are still people in our congregation who remember the Second World War. generally recalling the events of their childhood, perhaps evacuation, or the devastation of the Blitz, but it is six vears since the last British veteran of the First World War died and so the accounts of the Somme, Passchendaele, Gallipoli, Jutland, Megiddo and the many other battles on land, sea, and in the air become but stories in our history books.

As time passes, and the collective memory of the wider population fades, the world changes to one where our village Remembrance parade cannot take place as there is no insurance cover. This is something I doubt was ever needed to be considered when young and old first stood and paused in silence at the top of the high street giving thanks for the sacrifice of family and friends who had given their all.

In the bloodshed of conflicts over the years I wonder how many young men, and women, have been comforted by the words of the 23rd psalm ... "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" it is very familiar and can give strength at challenging times, but I wonder too how many recalled as shells exploded above, and around them, the 22nd Psalm? We hear Jesus say its opening line as he is stretched out upon the cross ... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" We know of course that Jesus, God's Son, was not forsaken, and we might remember too how the psalm concludes "Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!"

is understood that our It memories work on the basis of remembering when we last remembered an event, rather than the original event itself. Parading down the high street in past years now becomes part of those memories. No longer enacted but brought alive again as we reflect. The parade may be past but remember those who marched off hoping to be home soon, but never returned. Remember too those who did return but were never the same again. Remember the pain and hurt, the mud and tears, the blood and fears; it is important to bring back to our mind that although a war may contain heroic acts, war, itself, is horrific for those in battle and those at home

May you, this month, experience the Peace which surpasses all understanding.

With every blessing, your minister,

Keith

Something Different

6.30pm in the Lounge on Sundays

4th November

When it gets to bonfire night we will expect the sound of a crowd on the high street, loud bangs of fireworks, and the crackle of a fire, but that is still 24 hours away. At #SomethingDifferent we begin our month with the challenge of listening – when do we hear and what do we hear?

11th November

With the village Remembrance service at 3.30pm we will not be having a #SomethingDifferent, but instead encourage you to join with others on the village common at 7pm for the parish council's lighting of a beacon, and an act of remembrance.

18th November

We will be exploring a short "grizzly" episode at the start of Elisha's ministry – and not insulting Keith about his recent haircut!

25th November

It's not Advent yet! On the last Sunday of the Christian year we will think of Good Friday, and the trial of our king, considering justice and mercy.

Family News

Delight and appreciation for the lovely harvest punnet and flowers which arrived today following Sunday's Harvest Festival. A very BIG thank you from Norna Derham having been on the receiving end of this for the first time in 50 years. A lovely surprise and a feeling of belonging to our Church family.

Please make it possible to keep up this tradition as the younger help support the elder generation. Caring is so essential as we think of other's needs and encouragements that applies to those who have soldiered on for many years. The disc of life spins on in this ever changing world which can be so unpredictable !

Norna Derham

Bonfire night Monday 5th November

We will once again be giving out hot chocolate to people watching the bonfire parade. If you are able to help to transport the drinks from the kitchen and to give a warm welcome to people using the premises please come to the church at 6.30pm. Thank you

Thank You

have to say a very big Thank You for the ongoing prayers and flowers I have received since my heart attack and recent troubles, I am truly grateful and I am sure the prayers have made a great difference for today (Saturday)I managed to walk up to the shop in the village without my stick! Mind you I had to stop in the cricket field and have a sit down before I managed to walk the last few steps to the shop, I managed to keep going on the way home though!

Love to everyone, **Daphne Collins**

The Fellowship

The November meeting of The Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, 28 November at 2.30 pm.

As we do not meet in December this will be our "Christmas comes early" miscellany.

There will be the usual Bring & Buy stall and, at the end of the meeting, a cup of tea and time for a chat. All who come will be made most welcome.

Opening the church

t has been agreed that we will open the church from 2pm to 3pm every Monday and Friday starting in December. We hope to be able to extend the number of open afternoons in the future. You will be receiving a questionnaire asking if you are able to help with this new venture. Please give the questionnaire your prayerful consideration and return it to the box on the concourse or give it to Jacquie Odell. Thank you.

Jacquie Odell

In Touch

On the 25th September Janie Bishop came and gave us a very interesting talk about Franklands Village. She included details of its history, some of its more prominent residents, and of course the landslip. We are very grateful to her for giving up her time to speak to us and to Richard for setting up the slide show for her.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Craft evening on 27th November to which everyone is welcome.

We meet in the lounge at 7.30 and remember we have started to collect food for Haywards Heath food bank and we also have a book swap.

Eldership Elections

The Election of Elders takes place at our Annual Church Meeting on 18th November and the closing date for nominations is the 8th November.

Elders share with the Minister in the pastoral oversight and leadership of the local church. Elders are Ordained into the URC and inducted to serve a three year term in their local church.

Two Elders complete their current three year term this year, Jeremy Campling and Sue Waller and there are currently several vacancies.

Nomination forms are available from Sue Waller and completed forms returned to the Church Secretary. Nominees must be over the age of 18 years and have been in membership for at least 12 months. They must agree to their name going forward and the nomination must be seconded by two other Church Members.

All Church Members have a responsibility in this process so please continue to pray and seek God's will as to who should stand for this vital role in the life of the church.

David Walters

Janet Wade

Betty's promptings

F o and I have recently spent a coach holiday staying in Kendal. We had visited Hawkshead early on in the week, but we both wanted to revisit it again on one of our free days. Hawkshead is a small village with nooks and crannies around every corner, all bedecked with beautiful pots and hanging baskets filled with a variety of coloured begonias. So, using my 'Queen of the Bus Timetable' skills, we returned to Hawkshead!

As we wandered around in the attractive centre of the village, we saw what looked like part of a row of terraced cottages, a tiny Methodist Church. It was open so we went inside. On one side were lovely scenic photographs of the Lake District with fitting quotations beside each one which were very meaningful. On the opposite side I was drawn to a small window ledge and read the following prayer:

God made us a Family We need one another We love one another We forgive one another We work together We play together We worship together Together we use God's Word Together we grow in Christ Together we love all men Together we serve our God Together we hope for Heaven These are our hopes and ideals Help us to attain them O God, Through Jesus Christ our Lord

You might say, why am I telling you this? Over many years God has said to me in various circumstances "Do it now – don't wait for tomorrow!" I've shared several experiences with my House Group.

My dear late husband, Roy, couldn't understand it when it first happened, but as the years went by, he came to realise that I just had to follow that prompting. I've been told that it is God working through me by His Holy Spirit. Finding this wonderful prayer seemed so fitting for LURC. So it felt like we had been guided back to Hawkshead and into this tiny Chapel for a special purpose; another of the Holy Spirit's prompts!

Sometimes I feel drained when these events happen, and I was pleased that Fo could see how it affected me on this occasion.

So please don't wait. Let God work through you now and always.

Betty Billins

Remembrance Sunday

6:00am Bagpipes will be played at the War Memorial

Early morning playing of the pipes will be mirrored at countless sites around the United Kingdom

10:50am Royal British Legion gather at the War Memorial

Supporters are welcome to join us in the Churchyard of All Saints for a short remembrance to commemorate the time the guns fell silent in 1918

2.45pm wreathlaying at the War Memorial

The road will not be closed, so all wreaths will be laid within the Churchyard of All Saints Church.

Supporters are welcome to join us but must be aware there is no road closure in effect.

3.30PM Service of Remembrance at the Lindfield United Reformed Church

Tea and biscuits kindly provided by the church following the service.

7:00pm A Beacon Will Be Lit On Lindfield Common

Commemorating the centenary of the cessation of hostilities in 1918, a beacon, sponsored by Lindfield Parish Council, will be lit on Lindfield Common, replicating a ceremony taking place at many sites across the United Kingdom. A short remembrance service will take place around the lighting.

THE LINDFIELD REMEMBRANCE PARADE ON SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018 HAS BEEN CANCELLED! Regrettably the Lindfield Branch of The Royal British Legion must advise that the annual Remembrance Parade down the High Street from All Saints Church has been cancelled again this year and for the foreseeable future.

Wise Words

Recently I heard a life motto of three words from a missionary that I thought I would share with you.

Live together gratefully.

Live – Jesus said - I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10 vs 10.

We should embrace the adventure of life – "we're immortal until God calls us home". Today will soon be yesterday, and we have so much to live for so don't waste today. Jesus never said following him would be safe, the safest place to be is in the heart of God's will, but safety isn't the absence of danger, it's the presence of God. So live your life with passion, and don't worry about the things the world worries about – Matthew 6 vs 25

Together – so in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith - Galatians 3vs26.

Whether we like it or not, we are all part of God's family, part of one church. We need each other. We are called to love each other. We are in this adventure of life together. Brothers and sisters may be very different, but together they make up a family. Ephesians 4 vs 3 – make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Psalm 133 vs 1 – How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. **Gratefully** – give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever – 1 Chron 16 vs 34

We have so many blessings to count. Maybe we have a home to live in, maybe we can see, maybe we can walk, maybe we have family who we love, maybe we can chose what to eat for breakfast, maybe we have clothes to wear, maybe we are free to attend church. Not everyone has all these things. They are all incredible gifts. We must be thankful to our Father in heaven who has blessed us with so much. And if we are facing a time of trial, we must be grateful for that as well, "consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds" James 1 vs 2 and 1 Thessalonians 5 vs 18 "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Last year, at the church weekend away, I mentioned another three words from a different wise Christian, which had resonated deep with me, "peace, partnership and participation". Those three words have been with me since. However now I can add "live together gratefully" whilst continuing to pursue "peace, partnership and participation".

Blessings to you my friends.

Emmeline Morrison

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Shoebox Appeal

Lindfield URC are now collecting shoe boxes filled with necessities as well as treats for children in need throughout the world. You can find advise on how to pack a box and what to put in them, depending on age and gender of the child in the leaflets on our mission table. Flat pack boxes are also available for a contribution of 50p.

Operation Christmas Child will pack a box for anyone who can't get to the shops for £20.

All boxes must be in by November 4th. Have FUN buying the presents, and be CERTAIN that your gift is giving a child great happiness. It may be the only present they receive.



Mission Group



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.

Coffee is served after the morning service.

Holy Communion (4th Sunday)

At **6:30pm** Something Different. 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)
	7:30pm	In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages
Wed	2:30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages
Thur	8:00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)
Fri	5:00pm	Rooted (Years 2-5)
	7:00pm	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) 10:00am –Noon.

November Church diary

1st Thursday		House Groups meet this week	15th Thursday		House Groups meet this week
3rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free	17th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free
4th Sunday	10:00am 3:00pm	Family Worship Rev Keith Morrison Compton House Anniversary Service, followed by tea	18th Sunday	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	Rev Keith Morrison Annual Meeting
7th	6:30pm 11:30am	Rev Keith Morrison Wednesday Worship	22nd Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	·	Rev Keith Morrison Lunch Fellowship	24th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC
8th Thursday 10th		Church Meeting Three Churches	25th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Rev Keith Morrison Something Different
Saturday		Prayer Meeting, Evan Free	27th	7:30pm	Rev Keith Morrison
11th Sunday	10:00am 10:55am	Family Worship Act of Remembrance	Tuesday		Crafts
	3:30pm	Rev Keith Morrison Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance	28th Wednesday	•	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting

YOUTH PAGES

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thought I would take this month to write about how the youth and children's groups have been getting on since their start in September.

Boys' Brigade has had a good start with good numbers in each section. We had 15 boys enrolled at our recent enrolment service. Anchors has recently had a superhero themed evening, learning about Abraham the superhero in the Bible!

In Rooted this year we have started our journey through whole Bible. We have so far learnt about creation, Adam and eve, Cain and Abel and Noah's ark. By July we will have journeyed all the way through to the early church, as well as having made a Bible timeline! Each week we do a craft or activity related to the story and then colour in a picture to add to the Bible timeline.

Pulse has a brand-new feel now that the new group have come up and started. The activities at Pulse have been planned by those who come along! So far, we have done a chip hike, a board games night, a pizza making (and eating) night, a scavenger hunt and a talent show! Each week we also begin by chatting about something they might experience in their lives. This could be peer pressure, pride, boasting, courage etc. And after a chat about it, we see what the Bible says about the subject.

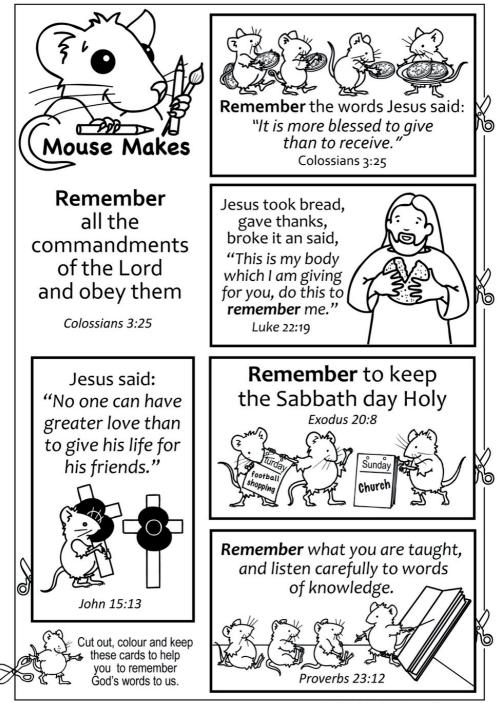
So far, we have had two Messy Churches and they have both been very popular! Each with up to 40 young people attending. We had a harvest theme in September, which fitted in with our harvest weekend, and then we learned about the lost sheep in October. We have two more before Christmas and I have already had more interest for new young people to come along!

Christian Union in Oathall is going incredibly. I missed a few weeks after the first introduction week, and when I returned the numbers had gone up to 58! We are now working with the school to find a larger room to meet in. We have had the theme of Mythbusters this term, questioning such things as 'Church is boring' and God is a distant God'. We have also had another Grill a Christian where some fantastic questions were asked and able to be answered.

God is doing amazing things with the young people, please do continue to pray for them. Pray that they would continue to learn about Him and have courage to talk to others about their faith. Until next month.

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Christmas Postbox

Where has the year gone? Yes, it's time to think about Christmas cards!

We are bringing out the red Christmas Postbox once again and it will be on the Concourse from Sunday, December 2nd until Friday, December 15th for you to put your cards into. Cards may be collected on Sundays 16th and 23rd.

If you do wish to send Christmas cards to members and regular worshippers in our church, just pop the cards in and we'll do the rest. We do ask that you give a donaton to charity, and this year we are again supporting the Worthing Churches Homeless Project which is a very worthwhile cause.



Tips for a successful delivery:-

- Please write the full surname of the person you are sending to.
- Please add the first line of the address in case we have to deliver them by hand.
- Please confine addresses to the local area.
- Please sort your cards into alphabetical order and secure them with an elastic band.

We apologise for the rules, but it does make life a little easier for the collators!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and may we be the first to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

The Post Box Team



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Gounod - St Cecilia Mass

Jenkins - The Armed Man (excerpts)

Sunday 12th November 2017 7.30pm Dolphin Centre, Haywards Heath

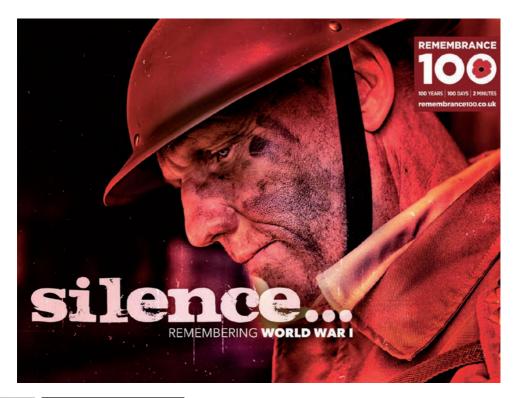
Tickets £15 (Conc. £13) available from the Dolphin Centre Box Office, Carousel Music - 01444 417654 & M Kershaw - 01825 791241

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Memories of World War I The Mason brothers of Lindfield

The Memorial to the men of Lindfield who lost their lives in WW1, includes two families who lost three sons, the Newnham family of Compton Road and the three sons of Dr. Fitzmaurice.

However, there was another Lindfield family who also lost their three sons, but by 1914 these men, all born in the village, had moved out of their family home and were residents in the Worthing area. These were the sons of John Henry Mason, innkeeper of the Bent Arms who was also a Carman, running a fly carriage business from the premises. The Mason family had lived in the Mansard-roofed house opposite the Tiger for many years, George Mason famously driving his pony and trap through the Toll gates when they were burnt in 1884. (My great, great Grandfather John Comber from West Hoathly, married Sarah Mason at All Saints in 1818.)



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The eldest son, Private John Henry George William Mason was born in 1888. In 1914 he was living in West Tarring and enlisted in Worthing, joining the 11th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers which were allocated to the 18th Eastern Division, part of Lord Kitchener's New Army. John was killed in action on 10th August 1917 during an attack on Pilckem Ridge during the first few days of the Third Battle of Ypres. He has no known grave. His name is recorded on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West Tarring Parish Church and the Worthing War Memorial.

Private Raymond C H Mason had also moved out of the family home and was living in Worthing. He was born in 1893. He enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment in Worthing. Later he was allocated to the 116th Company of the newly formed Machine Gun Corps. He was killed in action near Polygon Wood during the third Battle of Ypres, 23rd September 1917. He also has no known grave and his name is recorded on the Tyne Cot and Worthing Memorials.

Sergeant Sidney Richard Victor Clous Mason was born in 1894. He had moved to Worthing before the war and was a married man. He was employed as foreman by Mr Woodward of Worthing and is also recorded as a well-known local footballer. He enlisted in Worthing, joining the 13th South Downs Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment which became part of the 39th Division. Sidney was promoted to Sergeant in 1917, and survived the fighting on the Somme and Third Ypres, but when the German Spring Offensive began on 23rd March 1918, the 13th Royal Sussex, with rest of the 39th Division, was involved in a desperate attempt to defend the Somme bridges. During this period 77 men were reported killed in action, including Sqt. Mason, who is listed killed in action on 28th March 1918. Like his brothers he has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres and Worthing War Memorials.

All three brothers are recorded on the Commonwealth War Graves as "The Son of Mr & Mrs John Henry Mason, Innkeeper and Carman of Lindfield High Street."

Let them be now "freshly Remembered." (Henry V)

Chris Comber

A Family Thought

Betty and I returned from the Lake District with 12 unique shopping bags between us! Bags full of happiness, bags full of gratitude for God's protection, bags full of fun and bags full of love. Most of the bags are to be gifts which will be given with love and thankfulness for who the recipient is, what they mean to us, and the blessings they have brought into our lives. These particular bags are 'Fun' as well as useful! Hopefully, these presents for family and friends will put a smile on their faces.

I wonder if sometimes we can have a smile on our face, yet, take the mask off and we find inside the truth that there isn't love, gratitude and warm friendship? Just as our bags are fun on the outside, we can look good outwardly, but carry within burdens of unhappiness, worry, resentment and frustration.

I've written before on the value of a smile ©, so I'm certainly not knocking the value of smiling. But how we conduct ourselves and our body language can convey, not love and encouragement, but negativity and hurt O, anxiety or unseen health issues.

Therefore, it is so important that we look beyond the surface, be aware of others' burdens and baggage (forgive the pun!).

Of course, we can't all be all things to all men! However, if we do detect there is more behind that smile, and that family member or friend needs understanding and words of comfort and encouragement, just be there for them. It's not always us who are in the best place to help, so be ready to point that person in the right direction of someone who can get along side to offer the support they need.

There continue to be a number of folk within our Church family who are struggling for one reason or the other. One thing we can all do is to pray for them. If and when you have the opportunity, bless them with your love and understanding too.

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Well what can I say about working at Christians Against Poverty (CAP)? I am still amazed that I am here at head office in Bradford working alongside 300 other folks to help the most vulnerable in our society and give them hope. CAP are very good at keeping the vision front and centre for all the staff, not just those who deal with clients directly, as we get to hear client stories all the time and it is such a privilege to be part of this organisation who, in partnership with the church, makes such a difference to people's lives. Also that this is done with the whole person in mind, both physical and spiritual, is great; we are 'Christians' against poverty after all!

The profile of CAP is being raised all the time and it was with a great excitement that we were all told back in June that John Kirkby, our founder, was to be honoured by the Queen and receive a CBE for services to debt counselling. We are also being promoted on Premier Christian Radio as their charity of the year. Keep up to date at capuk.org to catch an especially exciting event to be announced later in the year. I am working with a small team of software developers, in the technology & transformation department, to support our debt counselling system (called HOPE). I have learnt so much about working with a legacy system which is really difficult to fully understand in an environment which is complex and requires us to be flexible and adaptable. My job is to facilitate the team as it works through updating the code and with the wider organisation to ensure they get what they need. I have always considered myself to be a lifelong learner but that has really been put to the test these past two years and I don't see that changing and that is really exciting as well as challenging.

Many thanks to those of you who support CAP either financially or with your prayers; it is such an important work and unfortunately still needed in our society today.

Adrian Cookney



Lasting Peace

This year Remembrance Sunday (11th November) marks the centenary of the end of World War One. Of the 65 million men who were mobilized, 8.5 million were killed and a further 21 million wounded. Wilfred Owen wrote of those 'who die as cattle.'

How should we celebrate this anniversary? In remembering the Armistice, our response should be to desire Micah's vision of universal peace in our world:

• They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Micah 4:3

However, why keep asking God for peace, when we continue to see such violence and unrest in our world? The Bible makes it clear that peace is not just the absence of war or being untroubled. It means being in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, with other people and with wider society.

Of course, Micah's words are looking to end of time when God will make all things new in His universal kingdom. However, these promises also can speak to us now. The ministry of Jesus demonstrated the kingdom or reign of God breaking into the everyday, as He healed the sick and brought reconciliation and hope.

When we pray for peace, we're rejecting the 'old order of things', of violence and war and asking God to make His kingdom real today. We're citizens of the new kingdom, reshaping the old.

The end of the centenary of World War 1 is a time to consider peace. Although the war did not bring a lasting peace to the world, for the Christian there's a deeper lesson: peace begins with the healing of hearts, the restoring of relationships and with a deep, costly commitment to justice.

Parish Pump

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

Around Lindfield

Monday 5th November

Lindfield Bonfire Night

Tuesday 6th November

2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall Talk: "Oh, Do Like to be Beside The Seaside" by Ian Gledhill

Wednesday 14th November

- 12:15pm Tiger Arts Lunch at Lindfield URC
- 1:00pm Concert at Lindfield URC :
- the Ensemble Reza
- 8:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall Annual General Meeting followed by talk: "How to Commit the Perfect Murder" by Guy Deakins

Saturday 17th November

7:30pm Haywards Heath Music Society, HH Methodist Church Richard Allen, Harp. Winner of the BBC Young Musicians Platform Award 2016. haywardsheathmusicsociety.org

Thursday 22nd November

7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall "Christopher Robin" PG, Tickets available from Tufnells

Tuesday 4th December

Lindfield Christmas Festival Night



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