

A photograph of a person's arm and hand holding a dark brown, worn Bible. The person is wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt and khaki pants. They are standing in a field of tall, green wheat stalks. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of faith and nature.

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**Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you**

Hebrews 13:5 NIV

Bible verse

of the month

“Never will I
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will I forsake
you,”

Hebrews 13:5 NIV



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Editorial

We look forward to a special Autumn with the treat of seeing our trees changing colour and some lovely sunny dry days. Regular activities at our church begin again after the holiday period. We have the children in Lighthouse moving towards progression Sunday. Do read what Danny our Youth Pastor is looking forward to with our young people. We have Lindfield's Art Festival when our church will be presenting 'Love Lindfield'. We hope all our readers will share their photographs and memories with everyone. Do read about this and take part in this venture.

Our family news contains some wonderful, special celebrations and congratulations to members of our congregation. All very special members of our church.

Keith, our Minister writes, about our Harvest Thanksgiving and how it has a very special theme. So much for us all to enjoy and take part in. Do come to our Monday and Friday open afternoons if you want a chat or prayer or just a cup of tea! You will be very welcome.

Please enjoy reading our Good News we love to share this with you, and please do come and join in our Church activities. We would love to share fellowship with you.

May God Bless everyone,

Anne

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Dear friends

As I looked out the kitchen window this morning I was amazed at the sight of that apple tree in the manse's garden. It has, of course, been there for all four and a half years that we have lived in Lindfield, and by the height of it, and the diameter of the trunk, quite a while before we came too. The astounding thing was not the presence of the tree but the quantity of fruit it was bearing. Every branch is heavy, and weighed down, bending over with the strain. The apples are turning bright red as they ripen, and perhaps it is this change of colour, against the background of the drab green leaves, which has suddenly caught my eye, and held my gaze.

The allure of the colours, and the quantity of produce remind me of the wonders of God's creation. It is more amazing than any artist can capture in paint. The greatest talent, whether working with watercolour or acrylic, can only capture a fraction of the reality of the Creator's beautiful handiwork. We are truly blessed not only to be able to enjoy with our eyes, but to be able to smell, touch and taste the fruit, which the Lord has enabled to grow. Yet we can also know that what we encounter here on earth in the present is simply a foretaste of the richness of the new earth when Christ reigns in fullness.

A friend spoke to me recently about having had a cataract operation. Their biggest experience was that they discovered that a sheet of A4 computer printer paper was not just white but "WHITE!" They had apparently only previously seen white with a yellow tinge, even good quality new paper had a faded look rather like an old newspaper kept for some forgotten reason on the top of a tall cupboard. He also noted the greenness of grass and the blueness of the summer sky.

Even with such a correction in his vision we can be sure that just now we only "see in part" but one day "we shall see face to face" (1Corinthians 13).

We are blessed that we have that hope, but I pray that as a church we may bear much fruit so that others too may come to know, in a growing way, Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Your minister

Keith

Family News

Congratulations all round!

Firstly, belated congratulations to Mary Comber who celebrated her 90th Birthday in July.

Mary has been in membership of this Church since March, 1950 – nearly 70 years, which must be quite a record! Well done, Mary! Thanks and love from the Church Family.

Also in July Jo and Paul Bloxham celebrated their Golden Wedding. So our love and congratulations to you both.

And going one special anniversary better are Michael and Rosemary Davies! Their Diamond Wedding is on September 19th. Again, our love and congratulations to you as you celebrate such a special milestone in your lives.

Fo Tingley



Family News

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Cream Tea At 72

We had food, helpers, but unfortunately we didn't have the weather, but it didn't put people off. I can't believe I could get so many people in my house! What fun it was! So many people from different organisations I belong to, neighbours and Church Family, all mixing together and chatting. It was a real buzz! I couldn't have done it without my wonderful team of helpers. What a result - £535 for our Church Youth Fund.

Please think "What can I do?" This didn't need a committee; it was just a few people working together. I am sure others in our Church could think up something to raise funds, and you get such fun doing it.

Thank you to you all

Betty Billins

Centenary Peace Dance

The Perdidos were able to pass £200 to the Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion following the dance in July.

Peter Swann

Gone To Glory

On a more sombre note, folk who've been in our Church Family for quite a while will remember Hilary Greatwood. A number of years ago Hilary moved out to Australia to be near her family, and we've heard from her daughter that she has died, aged in her late nineties. She will be sadly missed by them as she was by us at LURC when she moved away.

The Fellowship

Unfortunately our last meeting, tea with quizzes had to be cancelled as it would have taken place during the very hot spell of weather.

We start our new programme on Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm, when our good friend Barry Turnwell will be our speaker.

There will be our usual Bring and Buy Stall, items to sell are urgently needed please!

At the end of the meeting there will be a cup of tea and time for a chat with friends. All who come will be made very welcome.

Pat Phillips

Lunch Fellowship

A reminder that the Lunch Fellowship Group will meet on Wednesday the 4th September at the usual time of 12.30pm do join us if you are able.

Please contact Sue on 455047 to book your place if you have not already done so.

The team look forward to seeing you all again.

Sue Gooch

Thank You

Some connections remain the same no matter how long until you are able to be there again. My visit was short but filled with great things.

The time I spent back with Lindfield URC raised a lot of nice memories in my mind, like it was yesterday. I believe you should feel really blessed to have each other so near.

I would like to give thanks to everyone with gratitude for the way you welcomed me at the Church I love.

Vera Amos

In Touch

In June we met in Balcombe where we were given a tour round the beautiful Ham Gardens. The weather was perfect and after our walk we returned to the church for tea and cake.

We last met in July when we held our Take and Taste supper in the Church. As usual it was a great opportunity to catch up while sharing a meal together.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th September when we will be joining the ladies at St Augustine's church Scaynes Hill for their Quiet Day. Everyone is welcome to join us and please look out for further details on the notice board nearer the time.

Janet Wade

For up to the minute information about the latest events and activities at the church, and the opportunity to listen live to our services or enjoy sermons again please visit our website :

lindfieldurc.org.uk

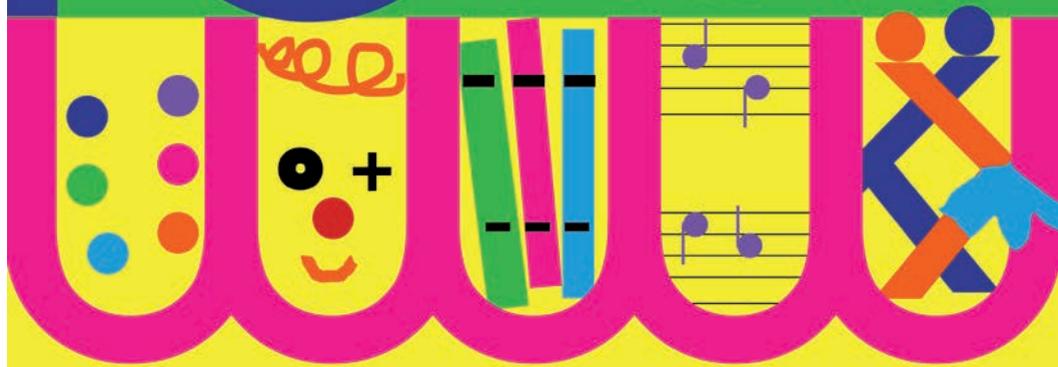
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Love Lindfield

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the United Reformed Church LOVE LINDFIELD community collage for Lindfield Arts Festival. The collage is a celebration of Lindfield and demonstrates God's great love for his people. The display features photographs from Lindfield past and present and 13 large art works - the collage is 7 metres long in total! In addition to the individual items sent in, there is art work to see from a variety of community groups including the church art group and the Messy Church children.

We hope that everyone will come and view the actual collage which will be on display in the church from 2pm - 4pm each day during the week of 16th - 20th September and in the church lounge on Saturday 21st September from 10am to 4pm. Please invite your family and friends to come too - its a great opportunity to share lots of happy memories and share God's love!

Henderson McEwan & Jacquie Odell



L, our first Letter



Messy Church helps to decorate the letters

1,000 Thank You's

To all those who have popped an item into the URC food bank drop off point. Your contributions have now reached a staggering 1040. This overwhelming response means that a great many people, particularly children, are benefitting in our community and surrounding areas. The photograph shows children from Messy Church celebrating that some of their donations have helped others. As the autumn months arrive let's keep giving food to help those who, for a great many reasons, need food at this time. Penny has placed small yellow cards giving details of the items most needed - please pick one up from the food bank stand.

A special visit

Half of the food given is donated to the local homeless charity, Turning Tides. Sally Ross-Clark usually hands over our donations to Karen, the Mid Sussex coordinator, to distribute to people in need in Mid Sussex. In August Sally, Lindsey and I went to Worthing to see the main facilities they have and to hand over some additional donations. They lent us their shopping trolley to transport the items from the car and we were able to hand them over at the main drop off point. More details about our visit will be in the October magazine.

Thank you
The Food Bank team



Open

We're open again - please come and say hello! After a summer break we are opening the church again to welcome people from 2pm to 3pm on Monday and Friday each week in term time starting on Monday 2nd September. It would be lovely to see, not only visitors to the church, but also church members, family and friends. Come along for a warm welcome and refreshments. You can have a chat or sit quietly and talk to God if you prefer. Food bank donations are welcome at this time or you may wish to put a ribbon on the tree to remember any loss you have experienced.

We have a special need for additional volunteers to be a welcomer this September. Between 16th and 20th September we are open every day between 2pm and 4pm as part of Lindfield Arts Festival week. During this week we will have on display the LOVE LINDFIELD collage and we need an extra 11 volunteers to welcome people visiting the collage. If you are one of our 17 regular volunteers thank you so much for all the help you have already given, I hope you will continue to be a welcomer during the coming months. If you have never volunteered before but would like to join the welcome team your help would be very welcome. If you are able to help as a one off during the Arts Festival week it would be much appreciated as there are 11 extra hours to be filled that week.

All the sign up sheets are on the notice board on the concourse. Please sign up!

Thank you

Jacquie Odell

Are you passionate about gardening? Read on!

We would like to update the garden area at the front of the church. We need to form a small team of 2 or 3 people willing to do the initial investigations into the feasibility of the project, with guidance from the managers, and willing to consider a contemporary design, take ownership of the project and run it on a long term basis. Once the initial investigations have been completed and a design put in place we will then be in a position to invite people in the community to make donations of plants, pots etc to be included in the scheme.

If you wish to be one of the leaders of this project please speak to Jacquie Odell.

The Outreach Team

Origin of our Harvest Festivals

Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. Here in Britain we have given thanks for bountiful harvests since pagan times.

In the Middle Ages the celebrations used to take place at the beginning of the harvest season on August 1st and was called Lammass meaning "Loaf Mass". Farmers made loaves from the new wheat crop and gave them to the local church. They were then used as Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest. This custom ended when Henry V111 broke away from the Catholic Church .

Nowadays, of course, we celebrate Harvest Festival at the end of the season in late September or early October, and this tradition as we know it today was begun in 1843 by the Reverend Robert Hawker who invited his parishioners to a special Thanksgiving service in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter" and "Come ye thankful people, come" helped popularise his idea and spread the annual custom of decorating our churches with flowers and home-grown produce for the service.

Little has changed today and we do hope that many of you will be able to join us for our own Harvest Festival.

Carol Marsh



Harvest Weekend

Join us for our Harvest Weekend! Event details are below.

Friday 27th September

4pm – 6pm

Messy Church with a Harvest Theme

Aimed for children and young people. A time to get crafty and learn about Harvest – Dinner included!



Saturday 28th September

5.30pm – 9pm

All Age Challenge Evening!

Aimed for all ages. An evening of challenge activities, quizzes and puzzles! Something for everyone! Dinner Included! Tickets required for catering purposes – see Sue or Danny. No charge, but donations on the night.

Sunday 29th September

10am – 11am

All Age Harvest Service

We are Blessed and We want to Bless Others!

Join us for our Harvest service to learn together how we can bless those around us. Our harvest gifts will be going to Crawley Homeless Charity.

Refreshments provided

Sunday 29th

6.30pm – 7.30pm

United Service at the Evangelical Free Church

An evening service joined with Evangelical Free Church. Refreshments provided

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.

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

Regular Activities

Mon	10:00am	Art Group
	6:00pm	Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	6:00pm	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	11:30am	Wednesday Worship (1st Wed) a midweek service
	2:30pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed) for men and women of all ages

Thur	8:00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thursday, Alternate Months)
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Fri	5:00pm	Rooted (Years 2-5)
	7:00pm	Pulse (Years 6-9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)

The church regularly opens midweek on
 Monday Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm
 Tuesday 10:00am - Noon
 Friday Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm

September Church diary

1st Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	21st Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints Lindfield Arts Festival
4th Wednesday	11:30am 12:30pm	Wednesday Worship Lunch Fellowship	22nd Sunday	11:00am 6:30pm	Communion Something Different Rev Keith Morrison
5th Thursday		House Groups	25th Wednesday	2:30pm 7:30pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting
7th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	26th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
8th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	27th Friday	4:00pm	Messy Church Harvest Weekend
12th Thursday	8:00pm	Church Meeting	28th Saturday	8:45am 5:30pm	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints Harvest Supper, Quiz and Challenge
14th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, All Saints	29th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Harvest Rev Keith Morrison United Service at Evan Free
15th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	19th Thursday		House Groups

YOUTH

Hello!

On Friday June 28th, 9 young people gathered together with Keith, Jo, Jane and me at Blackland Farm for the Youth Weekend Away!

As a way to round off the year, it was decided that all the young people aged 10 to 14 with a connection to the church (through Pulse, Boys' Brigade etc.) should have a camping trip to Blackland Farm. The young people arrived at 7pm to find Keith and me underneath a parachute ready to help them put up their tents. Once they had got over the shock of having to do this themselves, they got on with the task and soon the tents were up and ready.

Later that evening we gathered for our first of four bible sessions. Our theme that weekend was 'What is Church?' For our first session, we set a team building challenge for the young people. They had 30 minutes to build a structure out of newspaper that was able to hold an egg, as well as allow a marble to travel along it a little distance. The score for this challenge was the height of the egg multiplied by the distance the marble travelled!

This first session got them thinking about how we work together within church and that everyone has their bit to do.

On the Saturday, we had another two bible sessions. For the session in the morning, the young people had to design a church from scratch.

If money, materials etc. wasn't a problem, what would they create? What would be important for them to include, what isn't important to include? It was very interesting to see where their priorities were – all groups had a place where people could be baptised! Some included a library and a youth office, and another group had a church with its own donkey!

For our third session, I asked them the questions 'What is Church?' Is it a place to go to one hour each Sunday morning? Is it somewhere to sing songs and see your friends? After a bit of discussion, we came up with 5 things that the church is – Body, Family, Temple, Bride and Army. We looked into how the church was each of these and why.

We finished on Sunday morning looking at what the church is there for. We read the great commission in Matthew together and discussed what our role is within the church. We are sent to make disciples of others and baptise them in the name of God! We talked about how we do that in our everyday lives with our friends and at school.

It was great to unpack this topic with the young people throughout the weekend and I look forward to continuing these conversations with them through Pulse and other groups from September.

During the weekend, we also had some planned activities including wall climbing, bouldering, zip line, bungee trampolining and swimming!

We all enjoyed the swimming at the end of the day on Saturday as we had the hottest weather so far in the year, hitting around 30oC at the hottest point! We were very grateful to be able to hide under the parachute for some shade!

It was a great weekend and I hope the young people are looking forward to going again next year.

Danny

PAGES



Boys' Brigade

We are now preparing for the new session with Boys starting back on 9th September. We are expecting all boys to return from the summer break giving us a minimum number of sixteen. We are also aware of some boys who want to join so numbers look promising.

Our timetable will be a bit different as we are running the Anchor Section and Junior Section alongside each other with some joint activities and some periods split into the separate sections. We have a number of families living a distance away with boys in both sections and this helps reduce time spent transporting boys.

The Company Section will continue with their own programme from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. We will have five boys in the Company Section making it much easier to run a full programme. There will be some changes to staffing arrangements. The main change on a Monday evening is that Danny cannot be with us for the next year but he will still be involved in planning and preparation and will also be attending whenever possible.

Thank you for your support,

David Walters



> the adventure begins here



Mouse Makes

Read the story in Mark 1:1-20



Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he *scattered* the seed in the field some of it fell along the **path** where it was stepped on and **eaten** by the birds. Some of it fell on **rocky ground**, when the plants sprouted they **dried** up because the soil was dry. Some of the seed fell among **thorns** which grew up with the plants and **choked** them, and some seed fell in the **good** soil; the plants grew and produced corn

- a hundred grains each!



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Shoebox Appeal



It's that wonderful time of year again, when Lindfield URC fill and collect shoe boxes to send around the world as an expression of God's love to needy children in a tangible way.

Let us be a part of changing children's lives in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion.

See the impact that a simple shoebox gift, packed and sent with love, has on a Child and how it reaches a community.

The mission table will display leaflets from the beginning of October, and if you haven't got a shoebox, there will be flat packs available for a nominal fee.

For anyone unable to fill a box, this year there will be a box for donations of toys, toiletries, stationery etc. on the mission table.

Clearly displayed on the mission board will be lists of suggestions for your donations and to help you in your decision about the age of the child to receive your box.

The boxes must be deposited in church no later than November 3rd. The leaflets will give you all the instructions you need to complete your gift.

If you have any enquiries please speak to **Lesley Sparks**

Madly in Love

Recently Mike and I spent two weeks in London caring for our daughter's house - and the cat! We really enjoyed being 'tourists' in London. One very special moment was our Sunday visit to a Church in Tottenham Court Road. A Church in Tottenham Court Road? Yes, God's family, Hillsong, meeting in the Dominion Theatre.

Hillsong is an evangelical Church that is strong in its love for God and its love for people. It originated as a Mega Church in 1983 in New South Wales, Australia. Now Hillsong can be found in many cities. The Church in Tottenham Court Road has 4 services every Sunday with people queuing to get in. As we didn't want to queue we went and had a coffee and turned up early for the 11.15 service. Most of the people were young, we were probably the oldest people there! How wonderful to know that hundreds and hundreds of young people are being taught about the Bible.

Was it noisy! YES! VERY! But did it matter? No! We were caught up in the praise and worship, we couldn't stop smiling! We didn't know even one song that was sung but we enjoyed them all. However, there was one song that made me feel very uncomfortable. We sang, 'God is madly in love with you.' I just did not like the words! But later at home I started to think about the truth of those words. We believe in a God who is love and indeed loves the whole world.

A God who gave His Son Jesus to be our Saviour. A God who loved us yesterday and today and will do forever. A God who forgives all our wrong doing, who gives us peace and joy, a God who promises that He will never leave us. A God who is preparing a beautiful home in heaven for us. Yes, a 'God who is madly in love with you.' Now, that really is Good News!

Jean Gardiner



Mission Focus

September/October

RELEASE INTERNATIONAL Voice of Persecuted Christians

Release International

www.releaseinternational.org

The mission focus for September/October this year is Release International (RI).

RI is an inter-denominational Christian ministry working through local church partners in more than 25 countries, helping persecuted Christians prayerfully, pastorally and practically. Its ministry is based on Hebrews 13 v 3: '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.'

The organisation was founded in 1968, inspired by the testimony and ministry of Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand, who was imprisoned for his faith for 14 years in communist Romania. His inspirational story is told in his book "Tortured for Christ".

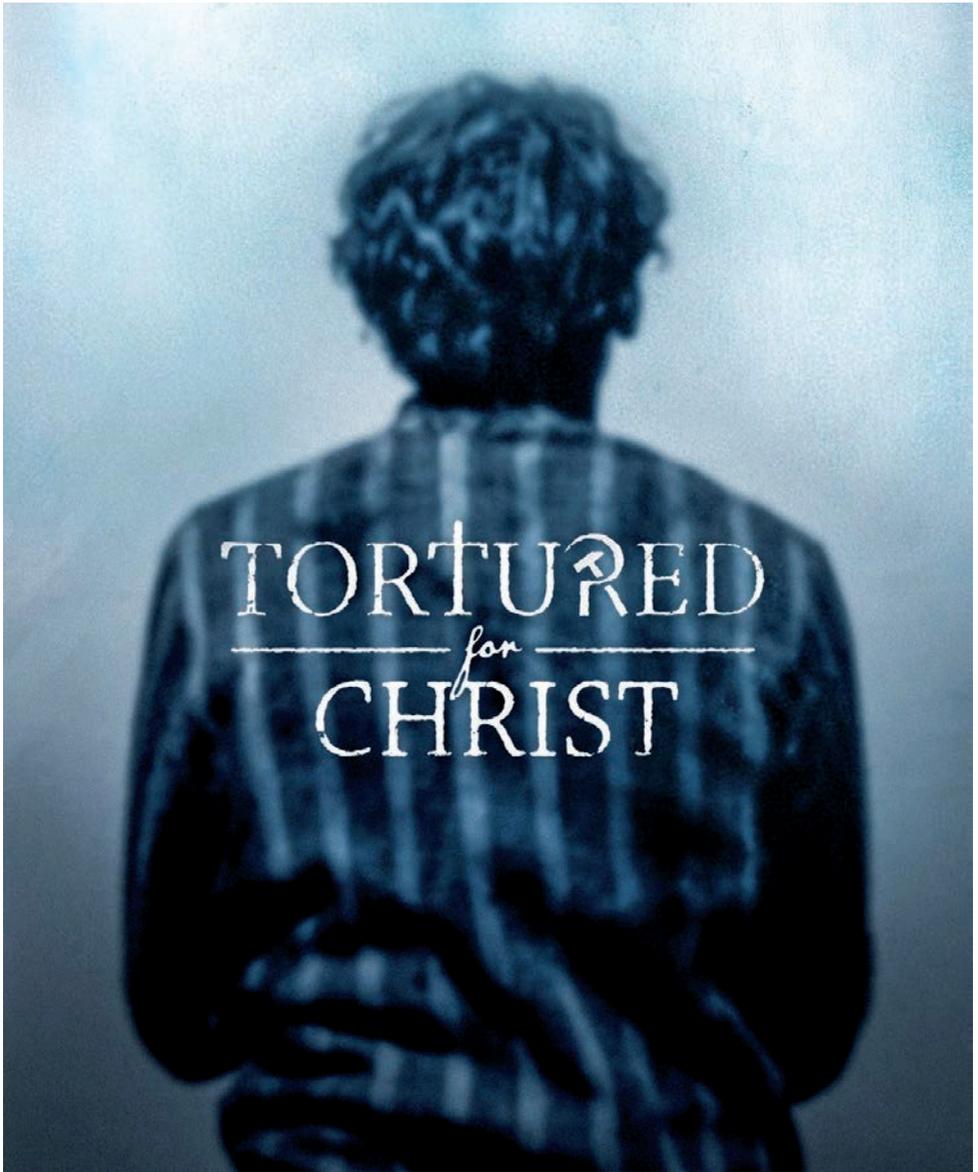
We are delighted to be holding a mission weekend 19/20 October to which you are invited to hear more about this organisation.

On the Saturday evening we will be showing the film of the book "Tortured for Christ" and will have a representative from RI to introduce the film and provide Q&A time afterwards.

On the Sunday the RI representative will be preaching in Church at the Morning Service and will also give a talk about RI after morning coffee. This will then be followed by a mission lunch.

Please see the Missions display board in the Church or speak to one of the Missions Group (Jean Gardiner, Lesley Sparks, Terry Oliver, Alex Hall, and Helen Hall (Helen's tel no 01444 452815)) for more details about the weekend or for booking a free place for the lunch.

Missions Group



“Tortured for Christ”: The Film
@ LURC on Saturday 19 October 2019

7.00pm tea/coffee for 7.30pm film (70 mins) + Q&A time

It's a dog's life

Hello, my name's Lucy and I'm a Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel aged 6 years. How the years fly past. It only seems yesterday I was a puppy doing all sorts of things I shouldn't do. I've grown up quite a bit since those days but have still retained some of my puppy ways!

It's quite a while since I wrote to you all, so thought I would put pen to paper and bring you up to date with what's been happening in our household.

Early last year I overheard Ray and Rosemary talking and picked up they were putting our house on the market! Every so often Ray would put my bed and box of toys in the car and I was despatched to a lay by in Perrymount Road with Ray. I understand not everybody is a dog lover so Ray and Rosemary had to hide all evidence of my living in our house! After about an hour Rosemary would phone Ray and say 'come back - all is forgiven!' We would then return home and put back everything they had hidden. This happened on numerous occasions until one day last October a lady wanted to buy our house.

After a number of hiccups two big furniture vans arrived outside our house one Wednesday morning in April. Ray put my bed in the car and took me off to spend the day with my good friend Auntie Barbara in Lindfield. Barbara has a lovely big garden and I had a wonderful time exploring all the bushes - such exciting smells all around.

I knew she had had another dog there recently - I could tell!

At teatime Ray came to pick me up and took me to our new home in Lindfield. I had visited the bungalow the day before and had a good look round, so it wasn't strange. Rosemary even had my dinner all lined up for me on that first night! She got her priorities right! Very important!

After a few days I discovered there was a cat flap in the back door and I enjoy looking through and saying hello to whoever is in the car park! We have a large patio and I have to go out there on the lead. I know now that Ray and Rosemary don't want me running about in the gardens and visiting the neighbours. However, if I get the chance I have been known to slip out of the front door to look for my friend Auntie Mim's house. I soon get caught and taken back home! However, we are only a few minutes walk from Lindfield Common and every morning Ray and Rosemary take me for a run there, so really I have a huge garden to run about in on the doorstep!

I do enjoy living here and the residents seem to like to see me. I continue with my visiting in Compton House and St. Peter & St. James Hospice and also visit a home for people suffering with dementia in Haywards Heath. The first time Ray sat me on a water bed to say hello to a resident I wondered what was happening under my feet! I could feel the movement of the ripple mattress - a new experience for me!

Harvest Gift Weekend

A few weeks ago we went to my favourite garden centre at the foot of the Downs and I had to remind them with a few woofs that I would like some of the free dog biscuits they hand out to canine customers. My waiting paid dividends as they even gave us some to take away with us! The problem is, I'm inclined to think that every garden centre should treat us dogs the same!

Since starting this letter I have been very poorly. It started on my birthday when I felt really under the weather and had pains in my joints. Ray took me to the vet and he gave us some linctus which helped. A few days later I became really poorly and I'm afraid their new carpet went through it one Sunday morning when they were in church! Rosemary has some wonderful stuff in a spray bottle which works wonders, so all was well. However, I grew worse and worse and Ray and Rosemary rang the vet in the afternoon and they admitted me to the hospital straight away. I heard the vet say that if they hadn't have brought me in when they did it would have been too late! I stayed in the hospital for 24 hours on a drip and the vets and nurses were very kind to me. There were several other dogs in the hospital with the same condition. I'm now back on my feet and doing my visiting again, but it was a rather worrying experience.

I had a field day recently at a barbecue when a little rescue dog called Rusty and I stuffed ourselves with sausages, burgers and chicken! I accidentally (?) knocked it off somebody's plate and we both rushed in and cleared up!. Will close now in case I write too much!

Love Lucy

Our theme for Harvest at the end of the month is a recognition that we are blessed, and are to bless others.

As part of this we consider this year's Harvest to be a gift weekend towards our youth work fund. Along with the elders and finance committee I am very thankful for the many generous responses to our appeal earlier in the year, but we feel it is right to make others in the church family, perhaps on the fringes, aware of the financial challenge facing us and consider if they too could contribute towards the cost of our youth pastor either as a one off, or by regular giving.

If you would like to do this there are "Youth Work Fund" envelopes available in church, or you may wish to donate by standing order. If you are a tax payer and are able to use gift aid, it would add greatly to your contribution.

Keith Morrison

Who am I?

For this month's magazine we have asked someone from the church a few simple questions.

Can you figure out who the mystery person is just from these answers?

Where were you born?

Carshalton, Surrey

What was your favourite subject at school?

Mathematics

What was your first Church?

Congregational, Sutton

What is/was your job?

Paperboy, but first full time job was electronics engineer

What's your favourite sport?

Amateur athletics

What is your favourite hymn/worship song?

70,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O my soul)

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

Half-full

What's your favourite food?

Bacon pudding with white onion sauce

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

Isle of Skye

What makes you laugh?

The Goons

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

Horticultural

You don't have to wait for next month for the answer, you can always ask folk their answers over tea or coffee after the service. You might be surprised what you learn.

Martin Hall

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September

1st	Flower Fund	Heather Swann
8th	Carol Marsh	Fo Tingley
15th	Mac Turner	Carol Marsh
22nd	Meta Orchin	Jo Bloxham
29th	Harvest Festival	Iris Bingham

October

6th	Harvest Festival	Meta Orchin
13th	Jessie Green	Anne Elvin
20th	Zoe McQuillin	Heather Swann
27th	Zoe McQuillin	Fiona Tingley

If anyone would like to be involved with distributing the church flowers on Monday morning at 10.30am please contact Heather Swann 01444 450335

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 11th September

- 12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger
1:00pm Concert in All Saints
Dominic Morgan – Tenor
2:30pm Lindfield Preservation Society in King Edward Hall
“Quirky Sussex” with Kevin Gordon

Saturday 14th September

- 2:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Autumn Show of Flowers & Produce

Monday 16th - Sunday 22nd September

Lindfield Arts Festival

Thursday 19th September

- 7:30pm Village Film Night in King Edward Hall
“Yesterday” 12A
Tickets available from Tufnells from 28th August



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