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**Come close to God
and God will
come close to you.**

James 4:8

Bible verse of the month

“Come close
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you,”

James 4:8 NIV

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Editorial

We seem to have so much to share with you in our Summer Edition of Good News. The village Day in Lindfield was just an incredible experience. Do read all about what happened! and the Holiday Club that made many Super Heroes! Two of our Church Members share their memories of DDay and how it affected them. Peter kindly shares his experience of The Big Church Day Out.

In our House Groups we have been studying James and our text this month is part of this study, which we can give thought to and find answers by asking for God's wisdom. There are shared memories of holidays, which I am sure can remind us of similar times. How good it is to have the report on the Food Bank which is so lovingly being supported by so many.

We are grateful to Henderson for giving us so many photographs of different events, which brings everything to life. Read about The Boys' Brigade Award Evening to find out all the things they are doing. The Art Group have shared some of their talented members pictures which brings so much pleasure to their Monday mornings. Enjoy your Summer and we look forward to being with you again in September.

God bless,

Anne

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Dear friends

When I was only three months old something truly out of this world happened. I obviously don't remember it occurring, though my sister who is two years older than me says she does. In the early hours of the morning of the 20th July, 1969 two men – Neil Armstrong and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin – were the first two people to walk on the moon. Armstrong a few years later visited my home town, the seat of the Armstrong clan. He was declared the first ever freeman of the burgh and made a speech in the church that I attended as a child. Later he ate lunch at a reception in the hall which was immediately opposite my early childhood's bedroom window. I most likely will never walk on the moon, but I have often walked where the first man on the moon walked.

On that day he was in Langholm, I do think I saw him, but having been but a three year old I wasn't on the guest list for the reception. However all who have shared in the Lord's Supper have shared a meal with that other astronaut, Aldrin. The story is less well known than "the small step" of Neil, but Buzz reportedly took communion on the moon while in the Lunar Module during the mandated rest time between the "Eagle" landing and the hatch being opened. An elder in the Presbyterian Church, Buzz had taken with him bread and wine in plastic containers along with a small silver cup from his church.

Any public mention of what he was doing, or the reading aloud of any liturgy could not happen due to the separation of church and state in the American constitution – NASA was being sued for Apollo 8 astronauts reading from Genesis 1 - but Aldrin invited the world to pause, give thanks and to reflect in silence. Members of his church in Texas shared communion at the same time, and bring it back to mind each year at the Sunday closest to the anniversary.

When we share in communion there is a connection with all others who have sat at the Lord's Table whenever and wherever that may be; from the upper room in Jerusalem to the Sea of Tranquillity. We are one with all God's people when we eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of love and sacrifice, the body broken and blood shed by Jesus. He is the vine, we are the branches, may we always abide in him.

I don't know how far you may travel on your summer holiday, we cannot yet go on a trip to the moon, though I guess some might go to the other side of the world, and others will be much closer to home. Wherever you travel remember God's love and goodness, how he takes the ordinary and makes it Holy. Let each day be a day of praise and thanksgiving

With every blessing for the summer, and beyond.

Your minister

Keith

Family News

Tea in the garden

Once again myself and friends are serving tea at 72 Meadow Drive on SATURDAY 10th AUGUST from 2 – 5.30pm. No cost but any donations for Lindfield United Reformed Church Youth Fund. Look forward to seeing you.

Betty Billins

Thank You

Thank you all for everything you did in making my 80th Birthday very special. What it is to belong to a caring and loving Church. Then to help with 'Super Heroes Academy'; I didn't expect to be in an exercise class! Well done Danny and team! What fun it was assisting the Outreach Group on the Lemonade Stall. It was really a special week for me. "That was the week that was!"

Betty Billins

Moving Home

Related good wishes to Ray and Rosemary Tijou as they settle in to their new home in Lindfield. May you know our Lord's blessing in your fresh surroundings.

Thank You

I want to say a great big 'Thank You' to everyone in Lindfield URC who have shown me such love and care while I have been suffering from a very painful and bruised back after falling downstairs a few weeks ago! Thank you for your phone calls, visits, flowers, shopping, meals and, above all, prayers.

I feel that I am so fortunate to belong to such a caring church and I thank the Lord for that.

Carol Marsh

Thank You

It was great to see a good number of folk stay to the Bring and Share Lunch on Pentecost Sunday. Thanks for coming. Hope everyone enjoyed it! A special 'Thank you' to all who helped in any way – that was a part of the fellowship and fun!

The Pastoral Group

Family News

Wednesday Lunches

July

A reminder that we shall meet for Lunches on the 3rd July as usual, please call to book or cancel your lunch.

Jenny Machell

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August Outing

On the 7th August we shall be having our Lunch Outing to Hilliers Garden Centre at Horsham. The coach will leave the church at 1.15pm and return at 4.45pm.

Please contact Sue if you have not booked and would like to come, the cost is £12 and includes a cream tea and cake.

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sue Waller

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Sunday Morning Singers

Sadly our numbers have depleted in recent months so we would welcome any new members to join us on Friday evenings. Apart from an occasional song at the Morning Service, we prepare concerts for several Care Homes especially where our church members are residents.

Our next rehearsal at the church will be on Friday 5th July @ 7.30 pm and we shall be singing at Oakwood Court on Monday 15th July @ 3pm.

Please come and join us.

Peter Swann

Food Bank and Turning Tides

We are excited to report that your donations of food and other provisions have now reached 920 items. We hope with your help to be able to report on achieving 1000 items by September. Thank you to all who have donated.

The Food Bank Team

In Touch

In May Pauline Bethall gave us a very interesting insight into life in Myanmar (Burma) The talk was illustrated with slides and we are grateful to Richard for setting up the projector for us. Pauline's talk led to a lot of questions and discussion afterwards and we are grateful to her for giving up her evening to talk to us.

Our next meeting will be on the 23rd July when we will hold our "Take and Taste" supper in the Church. Please look out for details on the notice board nearer the time.

We will not be meeting in August but please don't forget our Away Day at St Augustine's Church Scaynes Hill on the 19th September when we will join the ladies of St Augustine's for their prayer day.

As usual everyone is welcome to join us for our meetings.

Janet Wade

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday Worship will take place on 3rd July and 7th August at 11.30am led by our Minister Keith Morrison. This is a short service of traditional hymns with prayers and a short address, to which all are welcome.

The Annual Car Outing

The Annual Car Outing has been arranged for Thursday 25th July and invitations will be issued at the beginning of July. Should the weather be too hot then an alternative date will be arranged.

If anyone is willing to take passengers for a ride please contact Heather Swann: 01444 450335.

Thank you

Heather Swann

The Fellowship

In May our speaker was Mike Gardiner who presented members with a most enjoyable and different afternoon, with an introduction to Opera.

This month on Wednesday 24th July at 2.30pm, we will have our afternoon tea with quizzes and time for lots of chat. The quizzes are optional!

There is no Bring and Buy stall at this meeting. All who come will be made most welcome.

NOTE: There is no meeting in August and the next meeting will be held on 25th September.

Do you remember summers?

*Do you remember summers?
In days when we were young -
When skies were blue, all day it seemed
With endless hours of fun
We skipped and played with bat and ball
Or marbles, small and bright.
Then, whips and tops, and skips and hops,
all gave us great delight*

*A day spent at the seaside was such a special treat
Anticipation, journey down, then sand beneath our feet
The sea, so very cold at first, soon lured us in to swim
Then, build our castle battlements, with shells around the rim
Soon open up the picnic bag, with lots of things to eat
A hard boiled egg, a bag of crisps – oh such a special treat,*

*Those happy days of summer,
when all the world seemed young
And memories of lives long lived
had barely then begun.*

Dorothy Brown



Happy Days

Holidays - what memories that word evokes. Travel, planes, exotic places? Yes indeed, but for someone like myself, long past my 'sell by date', just blessed with a good memory, so many other things come to mind. Early travelling by steam train, watching for cows in the fields, then the first glimpse of the sea! Settling into lodgings, then down to the beach with a new spade and pail ready to make sand castles and paddle in the sea – such long, happy days. Then aged eleven, coming from North London to camp with the guides at Uckfield and receiving a visit from Lord Baden Powell's sister in full uniform, a great honour.

Wartime, 'holidays at home' – small events in local parks. Then the big one – a week's honeymoon on the Isle of Wight directly after the war. All the fuel for the D Day invasion of Europe, 'PLUTO pipeline under the ocean' had come from there and the seafront was derelict. No seaside booths or amusements of any kind. To us it was wonderful! Years passing quickly by acquiring our first car and travelling seven hours with young children to get to Cornwall. No motorways in those days! Venturing to foreign parts, Wales in fact. We stayed in a farmhouse near Harlech, the year was 1966. The farmer let my husband and eldest son watch the World Cup Final on a tiny TV set in their stone kitchen. 'They think it's all over it is now' famous words remembered. Touring Scotland was another venture, two sons and their friend in the back seat urging their Father on, 'Go faster Dad, go farther' until we end up staying a night in the John-o-Groats Hotel, such excitement!

Later on again, finding a holiday address in Paignton Devon, in the 'Congregational Monthly' owned by a very friendly couple, the husband being secretary of the local Church. Among other guests were a very young couple with a toddler, Charles, with whom we played and chatted, sometimes in the lounge. All became close friends with the owners and visited several times but never together, but some items of news filtered through occasionally.

Time moved on and many holidays in the Cotswolds and Sussex were enjoyed. When our elder son's work brought him to Sussex and they settled in Lindfield, we enjoyed many happy visits to the area. Retirement and health problems prompted us to move nearer the family. We were very reluctant though to leave the Church where we had been active for so many years, for me the whole of my life and parents before me. Introductions were sent ahead before we eventually moved at the end of March 2003. Who should be looking out for us on the first Sunday, but Elder Fo, the Fiona we had met all those years previously, now with two married sons. But where were we? As the service ended, so we arrived! In all the confusion of moving we had forgotten to put the clocks forward for British Summer Time!

Fo spotted us, looking rather confused, came out and greeted us before sitting and praying with us on the outside bench. A lovely introduction to a caring Church and a very dear friend. So time passes by, all too quickly it seems, but happy memories remain. Thanks be to God.

Dorothy Brown

Special Holidays

When I read Anne's request for items about a particularly 'Special' holiday, I was in a quandary as I have three that fall into that category. So I'll try to briefly outline why each one was a great experience for me, and why I felt God's blessing in them all.

In 1996 my late husband Brian and I belatedly celebrated our Silver Wedding with a holiday in Western Canada. It was a place that Brian had long wanted to visit, though beforehand I was quite apprehensive. We spent some quality time with distant cousins of mine on Vancouver Island where we watched whales and enjoyed the scenery, and the isolation of some areas of the island.

Then we joined an organised tour of the wonderful Rockies! Such spectacular scenery! Brian took masses of photographs, which I can look back on and recall the happy memories. We were taken up mountains, onto glaciers, around lakes and into the contrast of desert lands, including a very scenic rail journey. During our holiday Brian was taken ill and spent 36 hours in hospital. He persuaded me to carry on with that afternoon's sightseeing. While walking alone in the beautiful town of Banff I had this deep feeling that God was preparing me for something, but I couldn't think what. Less than a year later I knew the answer when my dear husband died suddenly.



How glad I was that we had made that trip to the Rockies and Brian had fulfilled his dream! We were so blessed to share together and enjoy that beautiful part of God's creation.

My trip to Australia was something I never in a million years thought I'd be able to do! (I'm not a very brave or adventurous traveller, you may have realised!) However, in 2008 the opportunity arose to travel there with friends, so, much to my own surprise, I took it! My first port of call was to Perth where I spent a lovely time with other friends, Bill and Iris Green (former members of LURC). The next challenge was a four hour flight on my own, taking me to the other side of Australia to where I have two cousins living in southern Queensland. Cousin Patricia and I enjoyed visiting the Great Barrier Reef, (where I 'sort of' snorkelled!), an ancient Rain Forest, Uluru and Kings Canyon, the latter viewed, very bravely, from a four seater helicopter with a glass floor, and I'm sitting next to the pilot! Oh my, how God gave me courage in many different ways on that holiday! It was another experience for which I was so grateful to the Lord.

In 2013 I was extremely blessed and privileged to go with a small group of friends from this Church on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For a number of years I'd thought what a special place it would be to visit, so when the opportunity came along God gave me the courage, (with a little encouragement from my fellow travellers), to go for it.

Other friends and family were anxious for our safety in travelling to that volatile part of the world, but we put ourselves into God's hands, and we were so blessed! Our first view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives was breath-taking – we could hardly believe we were actually there in the land where our Saviour, Jesus Christ was born and carried out His selfless Ministry. Jerusalem, with all the official sites commemorating events in Christ's life, was inspiring but also rather commercialised. One of the highlights for me was looking across to the actual fields where the shepherds would have been when the Angels appeared to them on the night of our Lord's birth. However, visiting Galilee was even more special! We saw various places where He preached, healed and carried out His Ministry. The highlights for me here were centred around the Sea of Galilee, having a boat trip and taking Communion on the shores of the Lake. Both were very moving experiences which I will remember always. When you've visited the Holy Land the Bible really seems to come alive in a new way. To be able to actually visualise the places you're reading about is just wonderful! What a blessing and privilege to have walked where Jesus walked, and to have had times of worship and reflection along the way.

I praise and thank God for all these special times in my life.

Fiona Tingley

A Trip to New Zealand

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On the morning of Saturday 13 April we took a Jet Boat ride on Lake Wakatipu. It was very exciting, for the young man who was steering the boat took us close to the shore of the lake and then at the last minute he swung the boat around in a tight circle and as a consequence we got a little wet! After this experience we went for a leisurely stroll around Queenstown Gardens and then in the afternoon we made our way to the Skyline Gondola and up to Bob's Peak. While the others had 5 turns on the luge I went down in the gondola to the Kiwi Birdlife Park and there I saw amongst other birds keas and kiwis.

The following day we did a four hour drive up to Milford Sound and took a boat trip passing Lion Mountain, the Bowen Falls (160m) and Stirling Falls (146m). The boat went right up to the falls and we got quite wet. Some dolphins joined us for part of the cruise and swam along in the bow wave of the boat. We also saw some fur seals sun bathing on the rocks. On the way back the boat stopped at the Underwater Observatory where there were many fish. High rainfall means there is a 10-13 ft layer of fresh water above the underlying salt water.

The following day we left Queenstown after dropping Abi and Jack off at the airport to return to work in Auckland.

We made our way back to Christchurch. The weather was beautiful again. It was a long drive passing Lakes Dunstan and Pukaki and Mt Cook where we stopped to take photographs. We stayed the night just outside Christchurch at Amberley at a B&B called Barb's Place. Barb is a chef who has worked all over the world and we had home-made soup and bread in the evening with her and her husband. They told us about their experiences of the earthquake. Barb had actually gone into the city on the day of the earthquake and said it was the most weird experience when she tried to walk. She just wasn't able to make any progress. They experienced aftershocks for a considerable time and were definitely pretty traumatized by it all.

Leaving Amberley on Tuesday 16th we travelled along mountain roads through Lake Sumner, Lake Hanmer and Victoria Forest Parks. We reached Nelson and visited the cathedral and then walked to the marina. We drove on to Picton where we stayed the night at the Picton Yacht Club Hotel.

The next morning we walked along the coastal path to Bob's Bay. Then we got the boat back to the North Island. After we disembarked we drove round Wellington on to Waikanae where we stayed the night in a lovely Air B&B.



Milford Sound

The owner told us we were her last visitors of the summer and that she would be closing up the house and going down to the South Island for the winter not long after our departure.

Thursday 18th April found us on our way to Mount Egmont National Park which is dominated by the extinct volcano also known as Mount Taranaki. We arrived early so decided to do a walk to the Dawson Falls. That night we stayed in the Mount Egmont Lodge which was rather like a large log cabin. All the internal doors were painted with flowers and each bedroom had it's own little wooden balcony.

The lounge was all decorated for Christmas complete with Christmas tree because a film company had been there a few days previously taking photographs for an advertisement for Christmas venues.

Up early the next day we drove on to the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves. It was just magical to float silently through the cave in a boat looking up to see millions of glow worms twinkling in the blackness on the ceiling of the caves. We were not allowed to take photographs because we were told it would upset the glow worms. We continued back to Auckland to meet up with Abi and Jack again.

NEW ZEALAND

3 Apr - 22 Apr 2019

On our penultimate day in New Zealand the five of us took the ferry over to Waikeke Island. We had lunch on the terrace of a restaurant overlooking the beach and then my daughter and I paddled whilst my son-in-law swam in the South Pacific Ocean. It wasn't quite as warm as the Mediterranean but considerably warmer than the English Channel! Afterwards we went to the Cable Bay winery and then the Mudbrick winery for tasting. We returned home on the ferry and went to a Thai restaurant in the evening.

Sunday 21 April and it was our last day in New Zealand. We went to the Auckland Botanical Gardens and visited the two greenhouses after which we went back and had lunch with Abi and Jack and then left for the airport for our flight home. All in all it was an amazing holiday. We saw so many wonders of God's world, met some very pleasant people and were extremely blessed with beautiful weather so we saw all the mountains and lakes at their absolute best.

Anne Parker

Thurs 4th April	Fly Virgin Atlantic to L Angeles. Air New Zealand to Auckland
Fri 5th April	Lost to the international date line
Sat 6th April	Stay in Auckland
Sun 7th April	Day in Auckland. Travel late to Rotorua
Mon 8th April	Day in Rotorua
Tues 9th April	Lake Taupo, Mt Ngauruhoe, Tongariro Nat Park to Wellington
Wed 10th April	Crossing to South Island. Travel to Christchurch
Thurs 11th April	Pick up Abi & Jack from Christchurch. Travel to Queenstown
Fri 12th April	Queenstown
Sat 13th April	Queenstown
Sun 14th April	Queenstown
Mon 15th April	Christchurch
Tues 16th April	Picton
Wed 17th April	Crossing to North Island, Wanganui
Thurs 18th April	Waitomo Caves
Fri 19th April	Hobbiton
Sat 20th April	Auckland
Sun 21st April	Flight Air New Zealand to San Francisco Virgin Atlantic San Francisco to Heathrow

Pentecost

It was such a pleasure to join the Congregation at the Lindfield URC. for the Family Worship Service on 5th May 2019; led with much wit and humour by Rev. Simon Franklin. I found it very inspirational.

Simon spoke of Pentecost and raised our awareness regarding prayer to the Holy Spirit our ever-loving Father.

Definition of Pentecost : Pentecost is a Christian festival that takes place on the seventh Sunday after Easter and celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Christ. Pentecost is a Jewish festival that takes place 50 days after Passover and celebrates the giving of the ten commandments.

Quite a few years ago, I worked as a weekend receptionist at St Georges' Retreat in Ditchling, run by Catholic Nuns. I would often call in to the Church briefly, time permitting and sit quietly, silently praying these words from a prayer card at the Retreat :

O Holy Spirit Soul of my Soul, I adore you.

Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

I promise to submit to everything that you ask of me, and to accept all that you allow to happen to me.

Just show me what is your will.

Amen.

I still use this prayer regularly, it brings me closer to God, guides and comforts me in many different situations.

Cardinal Mercier wrote the prayer, you can read the full prayer and more information, if you Google "Cardinal Mercier's Secret to Sanctity and happiness".

Peace be with you all.

Sally Ross-Clark

Speaking and Listening

I wonder how you keep in touch with distant family and friends, sharing the news of joys and sorrows. Maybe you write letters, or maybe drop them an email. When on holiday maybe you send a post card. It could be the case that you use the telephone, perhaps even skype or facetime where you could see each other. We sometimes encourage our children to draw a picture of something for their grandparents – if you are artistic, whatever your age, you may choose still to do that. Whatever medium you choose to use I imagine you are informal in your language, and relaxed in your style – it is quite different writing to a cousin you have known all your life compared to contacting a big business where you do not know the individual who will read it.

I wonder now how you approach your prayer life? We can write or speak our prayers, they may even come out in song words we sing or a form of artwork. God knows us intimately and has done from the time we were knit together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139). Likewise many of us have known of God, and perhaps been in a relationship with Him, from the earliest times we can remember. How then do we choose our language, is it clinical, like a hospital senior consultant, or even an Army general (someone I suspect few of us are likely to meet).

There is perhaps a difficult balance to be found. I remember some years ago a Spring Harvest speaker commenting that the one we adore is "God Almighty, not God all-matey" but in Jesus, the Christ, God makes himself known to us calling his followers friends (John 15). Paul later, in Romans 8 and Galatians 4, speaks of our "adoption to sonship" by the spirit's dwelling, meaning that we can rightly cry "Abba, Father", which is the call of a child to a parent.

Maybe we want to think of how we might speak to a member of the royal family. Princes William and Harry at an event like the trooping of the colour they are statesmen in military uniform, commanding authority, yet we will also have seen images of these young men as they have over the years engaged with the poorest of the world, such as those impacted by HIV/Aids in Lesotho. The language we would use depends on how formal we feel we need to be at the time.

Maybe we don't need to be concerned about what words we may use, but simply give some time to the Lord. There is no "wrong way" to pray. It can be loud or quiet, stillness or involve movement, being by one's self, in a small group or even with thousands of others. The only wrongness comes in not being honest to God.



Here is one way that you might want to try as a form of daily prayer. Find a place where you won't be disturbed, have a notebook, pen and a bible beside you. Calm your breathing and put any random thoughts that come aside – write them down if they are things you need to deal with later and that way they won't continue to interrupt. Don't do anything for a minute or two, simply breathe in, and out, then then start to tell God of what happened yesterday, what you are doing today, and of what you will do tomorrow. Tell God of the good and the bad, the things that concern you and what has made you glad. As you do this imagine you are talking with a friend – Jesus can be our best friend. Even share in your prayer the things that seem trivial, nothing is trivial to God.

Remember He uses our prayer times to speak to us as well as listening to what we say to Him, so be aware that the Spirit may cause you to look up a passage, give you a word, or a picture, or maybe prompt you to action. When you think you have told God everything you want to don't simply rush off, but stay in stillness, listening for a few minutes more. As you develop a prayer routine the topics of prayer may change and grow, but always allow some time to listen for what God might be saying to you. As your prayer time ends make a note of anything significant and also put the date, that way you will in future be able to look back and think of prayers answered.

Rev Keith Morrison

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.

Church diary July

3rd	11:30am	Wednesday Worship
Wednesday	12:30pm	Lunch Fellowship

6th	8:45am	Three Churches
Saturday		Prayer Meeting, URC

7th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship
	6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison

13th	8:45am	Three Churches
Saturday		Prayer Meeting, URC

14th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Graham Campling
	6:30pm	Communion Rev Keith Morrison

19th	4:00pm	Messy Church
Friday		

20th	8:45am	Three Churches
Saturday		Prayer Meeting, URC

21st Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship
	6:30pm	Something Different Rev Keith Morrison

23rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Ladies In Touch Bring and Share Supper	11th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Kay McIntosh
24th Wednesday	2:30pm 7:30pm	The Fellowship Elders' Meeting	17th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free
25th Thursday	8:00pm	Car Outing Church Prayer Meeting	18th Sunday	10:00am	Family Worship Adam Earle
27th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, URC	22nd Thursday	8:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
28th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Communion Rev Keith Morrison Something Different Rev Keith Morrison	24th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free
			25th Sunday	10:00am	Communion Jean Gardiner

August

3rd Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free	26th Monday		Bank Holiday
4th Sunday	10:00am 6:30pm	Family Worship Rev Keith Morrison No Evening Service During August	27th Tuesday		No In Touch Meeting
10th Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free	28th Wednesday	7:30pm	Elders' Meeting
			31st Saturday	8:45am	Three Churches Prayer Meeting, Evan Free

YOUTH



Hello!

In May half term, we ran our Super Hero Academy Holiday Club! From Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May, Batman, Superman, Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl taught 27 young people how we can be Super Heroes for Jesus.

Each day we looked at a different character in the bible and discovered what super power each one had. Batman (Alex Harfield) then had to complete a challenge that was related to each super power.

On Tuesday we learnt about Abraham and God's call for Abraham to follow him. Abraham's super power was faith and Batman had to do a step of faith for his challenge! Batman had to attempt to stand on eggs without them breaking – and he was successful!

On Wednesday we learnt about Gideon and his ability to do the impossible! (With God, of course). God told Gideon to form an army to defeat the Midianites and after God's leading, the army was very small indeed! When it came to the battle, the Israelites didn't have to fight at all – the battle was won because they followed God. Batman's challenge was also to do what seemed impossible – crush a drinks can without even touching it! Again, he was successful.

On Thursday, we learnt about Esther and her enormous courage! Esther had a difficult choice to make, should she risk her life to try to save her people, or keep quiet and let her people die? Esther was courageous and decided to go before the King to try to save her people, even though this put her life at risk! Batman also had a challenge that required a lot of courage. Batman had to stand underneath a bag full of water whilst pencils were being poked through! Batman had to trust that the bag would not leak!

On Friday we learnt about the Ultimate Super Hero – Jesus! We thought about what a super hero might look like (cape, mask, brave, muscles etc.), then we looked at Jesus when he was praying in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus did not look like the super hero we may think of, but he was the biggest super hero because he prayed to God 'not my will, but yours'.

We rounded the Holiday Club off with an all age service on the Sunday morning, where we had a good number of the young people come along! On Sunday morning we learnt how we too can be super heroes for Jesus. We don't need to have a cape or super powers, we can be super heroes for Jesus just as we are! Amazing!

Looking forward to next time, our next Holiday Club will be in February half term instead of in May, running from Feb 17th to Feb 21st 2020. So, whether you are a young person able to come along, or an older person able to help, watch this space!

Danny

PAGES

Boys' Brigade

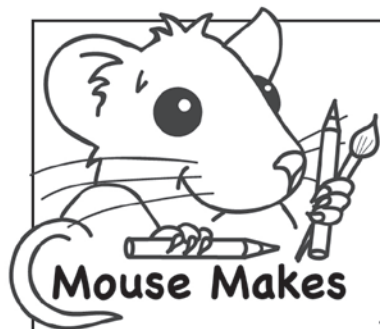
We held a very successful Awards Evening in May with 100% attendance. Many family members came along together with members from our church fellowship. The drummers performed very well and boys and parents had good fun in the team games. All boys received awards for achievements accomplished during the year and on this occasion we also promoted two boys from Anchors to Juniors and two from Juniors into the Company Section. This progression gives us five boys in the Company Section (including one new recruit just joined) a number which will enable a more varied programme each week. Of course this now means we need to build numbers in the Anchor Section so our Company will continue to grow in all sections.

We now move into our summer programme with games and activities outdoors. Our last evening of this session is 1st July and we start back on 9th September.

We are currently looking at the possibility of running the Anchor and Junior Sections together next session. This will assist with staffing and also help parents with boys in both sections who currently spend most of the evening driving back and forth.

David Walters





Who did Jesus choose
as His first disciples?
_____ and

Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was
a tax collector?

Matthew 10:3

Who was
John's brother?

Matthew 4:21

Which disciple
betrayed Jesus?

Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote
Revelation?

Revelation 1:1

Who became the
Apostle to the
Gentiles?

Acts 13:9
Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of the Apostles
recorded the stories of
Jesus and wrote about
what it means to be
a Christian.

Matthew and John
wrote gospels.

Paul wrote many
letters to the new
Christian churches.
(Look at the New
Testament to see
how many he wrote.)

**James, Peter, John and
Jude** all wrote letters.

John wrote the book
of Revelation.

In the time of the disciples
it was usual for men to have
two names. Which second
name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE	BOANERGES
MATTHEW	SIMON
JOHN	DIDYMUS
PETER	THADDEUS
THOMAS	SAUL
PAUL	NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW	LEVI



DID YOU KNOW?

Four of the
disciples were
fishermen: Andrew,
Peter, James and John.
They would have used **two**
different nets to fish:
a circular one in shallow
water and a large
dragnet in deep
water.



A J O J E S J U D P A U L J
T M J U D M A T T H E W A E
J A O D J A M E S I M O N S
A T H A D D E U S L E H D U
M T N S M A T T H I A S R S
E N O T H O M A S P E T E R
S A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS**
and all the Apostles
in the word search?
PETER • JAMES • JOHN
ANDREW • PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW
MATTHEW • THOMAS
THADDEUS • SIMON
JAMES • JUDAS
MATTHIAS • PAUL



D Day Remembered

My D DAY Memories

June 4th and 5th 1944 : Night duty as a nurse at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Stanmore. June 5th against all odds and very tired, I travelled by bus and train to see my parents for a short while, as it was my 21st Birthday! Back the same route carrying a small cake my Mother had saved her rations to make for me to share with my friends. Short rest on night duty again.

6th June AM, I emerged from a blacked out hospital, the sky full of aeroplanes!!

What's happening?? Walk back with others along country lane to a stately home owned by Sir John and Lady Mildred Fitzgerald. As part of their war effort they were billeting about twenty young nurses. There, we were told the news, the invasion of Europe had begun. Excitement, hopes, fears, what would the future bring?

Dorothy Brown

This was written by Dorothy Brown, a most loved Member of our Church and an incredible lady who wrote this on Sunday 6th June 2019 before she came to our 10.00am Church service. At her great age of 96 years it really brought tears to my eyes when she said she just had to write down her memories of D Day!

Just showing how everyone did their part in helping the war effort to give us all freedom. How blessed we all are for the dedication of our 'Heroes'.

Anne Elvin

A Teenagers D Day

On Tuesday June 6th my day began with a bike ride of six miles from Ardingly to Belvedere Prep School in Bolnore Road Haywards Heath. Normal bus services had been cancelled to clear the roads for the movement of military traffic.

We knew something unusual was happening as there were tanks, lorries and armoured vehicles constantly passing through Ardingly. Wakehurst Place was packed with the Sherman tanks of the Canadian Army where we had spent many happy hours clambering over these monsters and making friends with the crews. Later were realised that they had all gone from our area never to return.

I often wonder what happened to them; as the Canadian armoured division took heavy casualties both in tanks and men at Falaise in Normandy.

We did not get a lot of sleep on Monday night, as there was a constant roar of

Full of love and emotion

heavy bomber squadrons passing overhead. This continued all day.

When I arrived at Belvedere we were called into the main hall and addressed by our Headmistress Mrs Gregory (her husband Captain Gregory was with the invasion force), she told us that great events were obviously taking place and lessons would be cancelled. We then said prayers for our armed forces. We spent the day discussing the war, and hoped that this would see the end of the Germans.

As we all know; the enemy was on the run, but the Germans are a resilient bunch and by August we were enduring the Doodlebugs!!!

But that is another story!!

Chris Comber

June 2019

A very special, beautiful day full of love and emotion occurred in the King Charles the Martyr church in Tunbridge Wells. This day was May 28th when during the ceremony at 2pm Martyn and Francesca became Mr & Mrs Gibson.

Following their marriage they spent a couple of days in the Cotswolds on a 'mini-moon' and planning a honeymoon somewhere warm and exotic.

We extend a warm Christian welcome to Mr & Mrs Gibson in Lindfield URC as they join us together in worship and the life of the church here in Lindfield.



1919 ~ 2019 Centenary PEACE DANCE

Thanks to the Lindfield
history project group

Tickets £10
Peter Swann
01444 450335
or at the
door

Licensed bar, raffle
Ladies hat competition



WAR



PEACE

20th July ~ 7-30pm
King Edward Hall

Music & Song
over the century

Lindfield

In the interval
Strawberries & cream

Perdido Players
Swing Band



In aid of Royal British Legion Lindfield Charity No 219279

Centenary Peace Dance

*King Edward Hall.
20th July at 7:30pm*

In the advert opposite, did you recognise a relative in the peace photograph?

We wondered if you would like to share in the fun by either decorating your bicycle, or wearing a fancy hat. There will be a prize for the best hat.

In the process of bringing the show together I would like to thank the Lindfield History Project Group for the use of the pictures and a wealth of information.

Gladys Porter told me that her father's family had six boys all who went to war and all came home. What rejoicing there must have been.

Our aim is to have a remembrance of the 1919 event and to support our current service people, especially those for whom the war goes on as a result of wounds or mental scars.

Tickets priced £10 are available from the writer or the Lindfield Club. After expenses, any proceeds will be passed to Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Peter Swann
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This Month's Mission: Operation Mobilisation



OM motivates and equips Christians to share God's love, and strengthens and plants churches where Christ is least known. Lindfield URC supports teams working in Peja, Kosovo and with the Arab community in North West London.

Regular prayer request letters help those who wish to **pray** for the work. Opportunities exist to **engage** with OM for all ages from youth to the retired, with summer camps, and short or longer assignments with country teams.

Mission giving this month will support the **Peja** team who provide: a shelter for abused women, a business team providing employment for at-risk women and a vocational skills training centre for vulnerable teenagers. The team provide support and training for local Christian communities and reach out to communities not touched by the Gospel.

(To give, use special mission-giving envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any of the Sunday services. Complete a Gift Aid slip if appropriate. Cheques should be made payable to Lindfield URC)

Lindfield Arts Festival

16th-21st September 2019

We are excited to be involved in Lindfield Arts Festival this year as Lindfield United Reformed Church display the LOVE LINDFIELD community collage. The collage is going to be an expression of thankfulness for Lindfield and will be put together with material donated by the people of Lindfield, including members of this congregation. Full details were in the June newsletter or on the leaflets on the concourse.

We have received many items for the collage already but many more are needed so please consider anything that you can contribute. It would be great to have something from everyone! In addition we would like any hand written or typed memories of Lindfield, events or people, that have made you thankful.

These will be displayed on a separate board under the heading I REMEMBER... It would be great if lots of memories about Lindfield could be put on the board for people to read. All these items can be placed in the box on the concourse window ledge or given to Jacquie Odell or Henderson McEwen. Items can also be sent to henderson@lindfieldurc.org.uk. Henderson is willing to scan and return any items for which you would like to keep the originals.

The LOVE LINDFIELD collage will be on display in the church lounge on Saturday 21st September and in the church during Arts Festival week afternoons.

The collage will also be on display on Sunday 22nd September at 10am when there will be a special community service of thanksgiving for Lindfield.

Help needed please!

We are looking for help to steward the display on the 16th - 20th September and on Saturday 21st September. We will be serving refreshments on Saturday 21st September. Can you bake cakes for this event or offer to serve refreshments or steward the display? A sign up sheet with one hourly slots is on the notice board and we will be grateful for your help for this special occasion as many hands will be needed.

Please pray for the Arts Festival as a whole and for the involvement of LURC this year.

Thank you

The Outreach Team

Village Day

A big thank you for all the hard work of so many that contributed to making our presence at the 2019 Lindfield Village Day so positive.

It was a busy time on the church stand with its displays, free lemonade and a competition to take up the challenge to stack cups in the shortest time. Danny can tell you more about that.

With new board displays and updated leaflets to hand out there was lots of opportunity for talk with people about the range of events and groups for all ages in the church. The cup stacking was in front of the youth display which provided Danny and Keith opportunity to chat with some 100 young people as they tested their cup stacking skills. Interest was expressed in the youth groups and Boys Brigade.

Free lemonade was again an important feature on the stand. This year Dan and Zoe estimate we gave out about 1100 cups of lemonade and there were lots of good conversations about the food bank collection and the various groups that meet in the church. An updated church booklet was available which contains information about all our church groups, including the youth work. There were two people who want to come to the Wednesday lunches.

Our big push this year is the LOVE LINDFIELD community collage which over the coming months we will be putting together for display on Arts Festival week in September. There were new leaflets to distribute and lots of interest in the community collage around the village day site. The response during village day was very positive with many promising to send items for the collage.

You will know where your talents are best used - behind the scenes - serving people with drinks - helping to interact with the youth - handing out leaflets - talking with people about LOVE LINDFIELD, church, faith etc.

On village day as before we worked as a team as we reach out in the community. A good day all round. Thank you for making it happen.

The Outreach Team



Art Group

The amazing Monday morning art group have shared some of their outstanding work. The group includes artists working with all kinds of materials and techniques



On a summers day I find the sound of a bee buzzing around the flowers a very peaceful sound. It reminds me of a line from a hymn "All creatures great and small", the bee is a small creature but just as important as a great big Tiger.

Pat Waller



(Above) As I painted this, I imagined that I had walked across fields to this peaceful place on the coast.

Barbara Hayward

(Right) I enjoy drawing, it is not only the friendship I receive, but the concentration to get a picture finished.

Jeanie Welch



When I think of summer, I imagine the sun is glowing over land and sea, it makes me feel happy and carefree.

Gladys Muir



Book Review

How to Pray - Pete Greig

I know many of those who visited spring harvest this year were greatly blessed by Pete Greig's teaching on prayer. I wasn't able to make it to Minehead this year but I was encouraged and inspired by reading Pete's book, how to pray, a simple guide for normal people.

Author, pastor and founder of the 24/7 prayer movement Pete's life is as steeped in prayer as it is grounded in reality.

This book on the sometimes ethereal spiritual discipline of prayer is as practical as it is profound, and as warm and funny as it is inspirational. This is a no nonsense and no nagging reminder of the privilege, power and purpose of prayer.

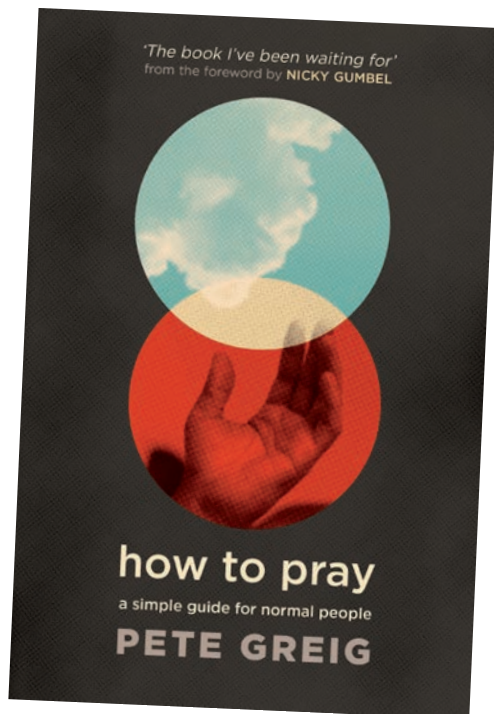
Following the template of the lords prayer the book looks at the nine paths of prayer Stillness, Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Perseverance, Contemplation, Listening, Confession and Spiritual Warfare. If all that sounds a bit much the book brings us back continually to the simple heart of prayer with four basic steps :

Pause

Rejoice

Ask

Yield



This may not be typical summer blockbuster beach reading, but I recommend it wholeheartedly if your prayer life needs a little encouragement or if you want to delve deeper into the wonderful gift of prayer.

I hope this little book will help you to discern Gods voice, know Gods blessing and dwell richly in his grace and love.

Dan McQuillin

Big Church Day Out

I have just had the privilege of attending the annual 'Big Church Day Out', a Christian Music Festival down in Wiston House, Steyning, West Sussex. I experienced two days of Christian Anthems, fantastic and embodied culture, immersive and engaging experiences with fellow Christians. There was a whole range of entertainment and activities to keep you entertained. There were many artists and genres of music to listen to. There were two venues available, 'The Main Stage' for the mainstream Christian artists, or 'The Tearfund Tea Tent', if you wanted something quieter like The King's Chamber Orchestra,

There were additional places where you could go to worship and have many opportunities to encounter God. 'The Kingdom Come Tent', is where I listened to Matt Maher and a few other Artists. This allowed spiritual refreshment and faith enrichment. There was also the 'Bible Society, Spoken Word' stand, where there was a whole range of practical discussions and advice expressed in various ways. There was the Chapel, where you could engage fully with the Holy Spirit and seek peace in your heart.

There was the 'Illuminate Stage', which had more energetic music along with Tom's Bar and the CSW Stage, which had a more relaxed feel and has a range of artists from Electronic, Pop and Country.

The London based King's Chamber Orchestra and Abrams, a Country style American Duo, were good to listen to. Matt Maher, a Canadian Contemporary Artist, had an incredible passion, faith and a longing to see God's Kingdom grow and his word proclaimed, through the amazing gifts of his musical talent.

It was a fantastic weekend, where we were truly blessed, with good weather, fantastic fellowship opportunities and a real sense of purpose, alongside a fantastic community of fellow Christians.

With the Big Church Day Out, you get two options, you can visit or camp depending on how far you are away from the Event. To find out more, chat to me, or look at the website at : bigchurchdayout.com/south

Peter McCleery



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Flower Rota

Arranging

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July

7th	Winifred Scopes	Anne Elvin
14th	Betty Billins	Heather Swann
21st	Heather Swann	Fiona Tingley
28th	Fiona Tingley	Carol Marsh

August

4th	Anne Parker	Jo Bloxham
11th	Janet Wade	Meta Orchin
18th	House Group	Iris Bingham
25th	Carol Walters	Anne Elvin

September

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

Around Lindfield

Wednesday 10th July

12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger

1:00pm Concert in All Saints
Margaret Watson : Harp

Saturday 13th July

2:00pm Lindfield Horticultural Society in King Edward Hall
Summer Show of Flowers and Produce

Wednesday 14th August

12:15pm Tiger Arts – Lunch in the Tiger

1:00pm Concert in All Saints
Two Sopranos – Susannah Moore and Susan Fleet



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