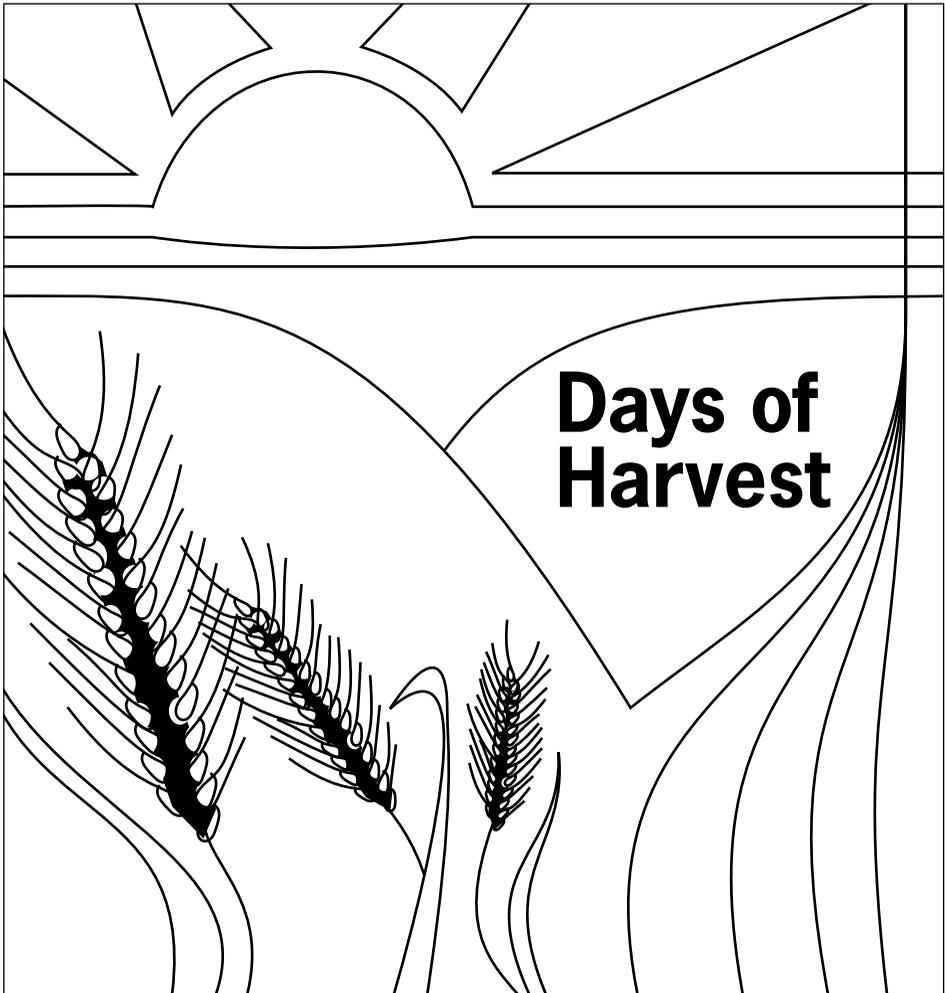


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- What does harvest festival mean these days?
- Suzy Jacques on starting university
- Village & church events for October

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Editorial



This month we have a few timely reminders of the season. In particular, David Nibloe shares a reflection on harvest, and all we have to be thankful for on **Page 4**.

Never fear grown-ups, because you have your own special competition to win an organic hamper of fruit and veg in this issue – see **Page 23**. Be quick though, closing date: 6th October!!

If you are young at heart, test your general knowledge on **Page 15** – with a Veggietales video up for grabs for children.

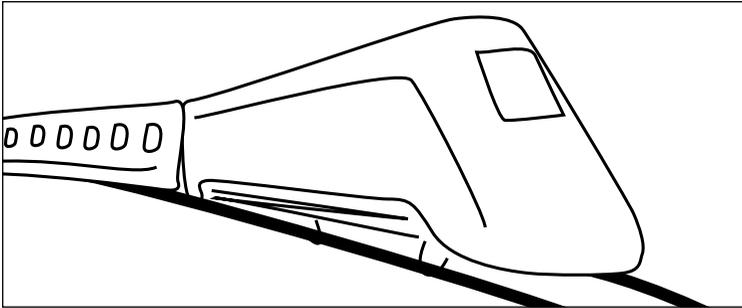
Suzy Jacques gives us an insight into the early days at university on **Page 28**, as we remember members of our congregation who have recently opted for life in 'halls'.

If you have a family and a Bible, why not bring the two together – see Tim Hopson's review of a new Bible for Families on **Page 18!**

I am especially thankful to Tom Burford – who works terrifically hard every month printing and collating GoodNEWS – who has dug out some archive editions of the magazine! **Page 22** gives a glimpse at what life was like when Chris Comber occupied this very chair!

Many thanks for all your valued contributions this month. As you read, I hope you will hear and see something new about our loving Father God.

David Tingley, Editor



We often read in Good NEWS of someone commuting to London from Haywards Heath. Well, I commute the other way – to Brighton every day.

Being a fairly friendly soul – I have struck up a friendship with a “fellow” commuter – not sure of the feminine word for “fellow” – but as in similar – not gender.

It has been going on some three years now – this relationship – and it works pretty well – we always seem to have lots to say to one another and have things in common – as well as the journey.

However, we differ over one very big part of our lives. She is a Jehovah’s Witness and I am a Christian. I feel we tolerate each other’s faith. She has suggested on more than one occasion I come to one of her meetings. I am ashamed to say – that I thought about it, call it curiosity if you like, but one day I asked her if she would come to one of my services. The very firm “No” startled me at first, and then

impressed me. I was curious, but she did not waver. I guess you can and should argue the merits of this in many different ways, but what I want to emphasise is her commitment.

Her commitment was second to none. How fervent are we about standing up for our faith – how strong in what we believe? Do we stand up for what we believe? Are we prepared to ask another to come to one of our services, to ask others to learn about this God who loved us so much that He died on the Cross for our sins?

Do we ‘door knock’ or do we shy away from such things. I believe we do shy away most of the time and we don’t do enough. Jesus spoke about us being lukewarm – is that us? If it is then let us stop and be “on fire” for Christ – demonstrate our love for one another as He taught us. Let us step out and show our commitment to Him – He never wavers in His love for us.

Sue Waller, Elder



SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All our preachers and worship leaders this month• Give thanks for the children and young people at LURC• Pray for the staff who teach and encourage them
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ron Goodenough, Sue Waller and the Administration Group• Junior Section Boys' Brigade – more staff needed in BB• All our village shopkeepers and their staff
TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emma Wren and Katy Lewis starting University• Give thanks and pray for the new helpers in Girls' Brigade• Alpha Course at All Saints
WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synod Officers & Synod Meeting – 12th October• David Tingley and the 'GoodNEWS' production team• The Fellowship
THUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forthcoming Elders' Election in November• Church Meeting on 10th October
FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Churches in Hastings Area Group – Minister Ray Sowersby• Boys in the Brigade• Tom Burford and all the church photo-copying
SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give thanks for new birth: Freya Goodchild & Dylan Mitchell• At the other end of life, remember the elderly and house-bound• All the URC's 'District Commissioners'

PLEASE REMEMBER
TO PRAY EVERY DAY FOR
GOD'S CHOICE OF A
NEW MINISTER, and all
those working on our
behalf to seek that end.

Food for thought

Harvest time makes us remember all the good things God has provided us with – but is the food you buy grown the way God intended? Did you know these six fascinating facts from The Soil Association?

- 1** Nine out of ten non-organic oranges tested by the government were found to have residues of more than one pesticide and as many as seven different pesticides were found on a single lettuce
- 2** Health problems as diverse as heart disease, osteoporosis, migraines and hyperactivity have been linked to food additives whose use is banned in organic food production. These include phosphoric acid (eg fizzy drinks: osteoporosis), hydrogenated fat (eg margarine and biscuits: heart disease) and monosodium glutamate (eg ready meals: headaches, asthma).
- 3** On average, research from the Soil Association found higher vitamin C, higher mineral levels and higher phytonutrients – plant compounds which can be effective against cancer in organically grown produce. There's also less water in organic vegetables so pound for pound you get more carrot for your carrot.
- 4** Organic farming is mostly a balanced system managing a mixture of livestock and crops. Resting a field with a 'break crop' such as clover or grass not only feeds the animals, but supplies nitrogen to future crops and also helps to control weeds, pests and diseases.
- 5** Organic vineyards improve soil structure and fertility by adding organic compost in winter and by sowing cover crops (peas, barley, flowers, herbs) between the vine rows in spring. When the cover crops flower they not only bring colour to the landscape, but also beneficial insects into the vineyard. These 'beneficials' help control pests (live vine spiders and weevils) naturally, rather than chemically.
- 6** It takes up to 500 years to accumulate 1 inch of top soil. Soil erosion, due to intensive agriculture, is now a very serious problem. The vast costs of rehabilitating degraded soil will have an enormous impact on agriculture.

Supermarket

Isn't it strange going to a different supermarket from the one you are used to frequenting? The basic items are not in their familiar places, and – if you're like me – you notice things you don't see usually. A rather strange looking fruit or vegetable that you didn't know existed but is probably Jamie Oliver's favourite. An interesting cheese made from goat's milk or something similar.

We have such an abundance of provisions, drawn from far and wide. Take a look in your carrier bag next time you're unpacking the shopping – how many nations' produce have you brought home? It makes you realise just how far some of this food comes to reach us.

In the midst of all this, Harvest can be so distant. 'Seed time and harvest' isn't a rhythm that I've really lived in my life. Most things are on the shelf most of the time. It can seem a bit of an irrelevant celebration.

I was recently passed a book produced by Christian Aid: 'Harvest for the world – a worship anthology on sharing in

the work of creation'. Its pages are filled with poems, reflections and thought-provoking 'snippets' on the theme of God's provision for us. It's one of those books that you can dip into rather than read cover-to-cover. The anthology opens with a section 'for the beauty of the earth'. How uplifting to recognise the power of our God who has created beauty of such intricate detail, and such phenomenal scale:

Creation

We praise you, our Creator,
for the grandeur and mystery of the universe.
Its stretching back in time and its reaching out in space
are beyond our imagining.

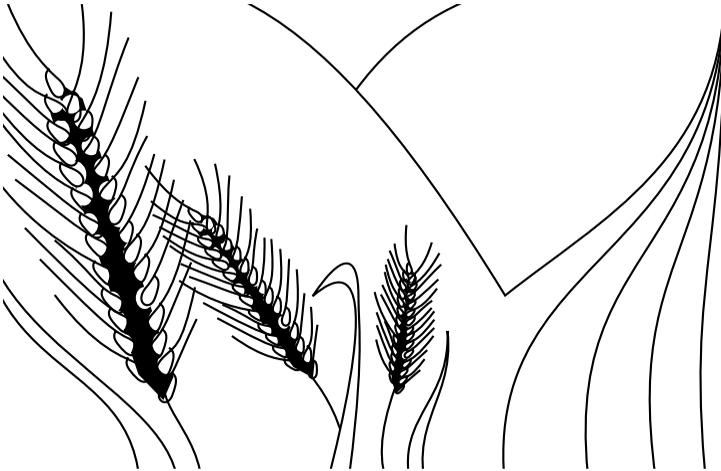
We praise you, for the miracle of life on earth,
the mysterious creation of living beings,
the eternal cycle of life and death,
the countless emergence of new out of old.

We praise you, for the infinity of different creatures,
each unique in its own way,
each fitting into its own niche
and all dependent on one another.

We praise you, our Creator

Alan Litherland

sweep



Just as you are basking in the warm glow of appreciation of all that God has given us, you are challenged by pieces which deal with our stewardship of that which has been given, and our desire to hoard it for ourselves.

One poem entitled ‘Simplistic?’ ends with the observation that ‘we steal from their begging bowls’. Please God, give us the resolve to ensure that isn’t true.

Why not have a look for yourself? I know you’ll find something there to bring Harvest to life and inspire our thanksgiving and our action this year.

David Nibloe

Change My Ways

I own an orchard
But I won’t give you an apple.
I cultivate a beanfield
and sell you soya at a good profit.
I have an education.
I use it to put one over on you.
My shelves are full of books.
I won’t teach you to read.
You have drought and I have rain.
It spoils my day.
I glory in bright silks to wear
But give you cast-offs.
I have much to learn
Will you teach me?

Angela Topping

The Bible – John 6 v1-14





Churches virtual prayer life

A church founded in 1446 is keeping up with the times by launching an online prayer service.

Rosslyn Chapel, near Edinburgh, is thought to be the first church in Scotland to take requests for 'e-prayers'. Worshippers from as far afield as the US have left messages on its online prayer board. Electronic prayer requests so far have covered exam results, relationships, crises of faith and job interviews. Every weekday, the prayers are printed off and offered to God by a member of the Scottish Episcopal chapel.

Source: Metro London 04.09.02

Computer chips to act as 'nanny'?

The Children's Society has urged caution over the use of microchips to monitor children following Reading University's announcement of a pilot "tracking" scheme.

Eleven-year-old Danielle Duval from Reading will be the first child to have the microchip implanted in her arm. Kathy Evans, head of social policy with the charity, warned: "Inserting a microchip in a child's arm is no substitute for children being brought up in a caring community where everyone is alert to children's safety and they can learn to recognise danger and react to risk."

Source: Christian Herald – the UK's only inter-church weekly. Subscribe on 01903 602100

Seekers lively new website

After greeting newcomer, Dave Sweeting, to his church in Southampton – Paul Harris heard how he had become a Christian after months of searching a range of websites. Paul realised the need for a dynamic and evangelistic 'seekers' site, wrote an article in the Evangelical Alliance's IDEA magazine, and now it's a reality.

Agencies like Springboard, Youth for Christ and Deo Gloria Trust are just a few who have played leading roles in defining the sites' structure and raising funds.

The site – www.rejesus.co.uk – publicly launched in September, takes a lively look at how Jesus has been seen, quoted, misquoted, filmed and worshiped down the centuries. There is even a Pub Quiz approach to finding out more about Jesus!

Source: Sept/Oct 2002 IDEA magazine

Bereavement

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Dolly Bowles** who died on 30th August; also to **Christine Gosling** and her family on the recent death of her father and to **Margaret and Chris Luscombe**. Margaret's mother died on 31st August.

Please pray for:

Emma Wren and **Katy Lewis** are off to university this month, Emma to Roehampton and Katy to University College London. Please pray for them as they start this new chapter in their lives.

From Brenda & Brian Tuppen

We were attracted to Lindfield as a potential retirement location some five years before our move to the village at the end of February.

We attended annual Village Day festivals and noticed how well the three churches worked together during these events. As URC members at Eltham, we took a keen interest in Lindfield URC and found a warm welcome from concourse stewards during our visits to the village. We also found the 'GoodNEWS' magazine highly informative and looked forward to reading the issues posted to us for four years before our house move from Sidcup.

Shortly after moving to Lindfield, Brenda was diagnosed as having breast cancer which required her to undergo a mastectomy, at the Princess Royal Hospital, in early July. We have found the church fellowship to be extremely sensitive to our practical and spiritual needs during Brenda's illness. She was aware of being embraced by a sense of calm before her operation; at the same time the prayer group focused upon her welfare. Brenda has also been greatly helped by positive advice and encouragement from several other women in the church who have experience of similar illnesses. Brenda is currently receiving a course of chemotherapy, to be followed by radiotherapy, at the Oncology Unit of the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

Although Lindfield URC is presently without a Minister, we have been ministered to by the entire fellowship through pastoral visits, prayer and practical measures for which we are immensely grateful.

Thank you all for support and kindness. Whatever the future may bring, we are very happy that we were led to move to Lindfield and thankful to our Heavenly Father for guiding us here.

Brenda and Brian Tuppen

Thanks

Reg and Elsie Campling write:

We acknowledge, with warm thanks and appreciation, the many expressions of congratulations and good wishes we received on achieving our 70th Wedding Anniversary on 30th August. Celebrations continued with family and friends over the weekend at the church and in the garden in glorious weather. This was an occasion when we appreciated how richly blessed we have been over these many years.

We are very grateful for the generous help we are receiving from church friends, now that mobility, for us, has become a problem.

Reg also thanks those who sent him birthday greetings on his 95th birthday at the end of July.

Congratulations to Lydia and David Goodchild on the birth of a daughter **Freya Rose** on 28th August weighing in at 7lbs 1oz

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Kirsty Biersteker, winner of last month's Competition Quiz! We hope you enjoy the pencil case goodies! Thanks to all those who entered; never fear, there is a fresh opportunity to win a Veggietales video this month (p.15) – and the grown-ups can win a fruit/veg hamper (p.23).

DJ in the family

The son-in-law of our very own Janet Wade has just released his first album in the UK.

Pastor DJ Kenny Mitchell, married to Sarah, entitled the album "Brooklyn & Beyond". It contains a range of ambient dance/clubbing music – not everyone's cup of tea perhaps, but if you are anything like me – it sounds great!

Steve Adams, reviewing the CD in 'Christianity & Renewal' magazine said "this would hold its own in the secular dance-music arena while its versatility suits it to use in small groups as prayer music or in youth meetings to put a smile back on the face of teens fed up with poor quality offerings from second rate Christian artists."

Sarah co-wrote "Rise Above", one of the tracks on the album, and even Janet gets a "thanks" credit on the sleeve!

It seems that that is not all the couple, living in New York, have to celebrate as they recently welcomed baby "Dylan" into the world. Congratulations!

The album is available priced £6.99, distributed on Survivor/Emerge records.

David Tingley

My world

Missionary tales by Nikki Taylor



Mercy Ships HQ Freetown, Sierra Leone

"Oh my goodness how this week has flown past! I am the manager of the community accommodation here in Freetown and that is proving a full-time job at the moment. One returning and three arriving new – two from the ship to prepare for the arrival of the Anastasis in November and one girl is our new physiotherapist for 3–6 months. It is difficult to recruit staff, we have needed another physio for many months.

"I managed to get the computer server up and running a couple of weeks ago and so have been running around attending to everyone's requests for 'I can't find my files'.

"So many guests, two more gentlemen who are with Tear Fund and Caroline has run out of space in their house! Damp sheets get a quick run through our precious dryer with some 'Bounce', that freshened them up! Our house has gone from 3 occupants to 12! Thank goodness for Mr Abu our cook. I hope the water lasts out. Only getting water 2 or 3 times a week brings crisis situation closer. But it is lovely having so many people to talk with and share meals with. Even so it can be a lonely experience being here without family or friends especially with the team changing frequently. It is easy to find yourself without support. So friends from other organisations and then Wendy, our physiotherapist, are a real God-send."

University move

Emma Wren is going to
Roehampton – University of Surrey
to do a three year BA (Hons)
Degree in Primary Education.

Her address is:-

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Epworth Court

Southlands College

80 Roehampton Lane

LONDON

SW15 5SL

Balcombe URC



Our main services are held at
11am, on the first and third
Sunday of each month and the
children usually go out to Sunday
School, during the second part
of the service.

Services for this month are:-

October 6th

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

– Philip Wren

October 20th

– Rev. Michael Davies

What have a grandmother eating an ice cream, a bunch of young people dancing in public, tiddlywinks and burnt sausages all got in common? You'll probably not be too surprised to hear the answer is "The latest Carpe Diem social".

On Saturday 7th September, armed only with a gold disposable camera, two teams of Carpe members took part in a Wacky Treasure Hunt followed by games and a barbecue. Here is what two of the group remember from the afternoon...

"The first thing we did was the 'Wacky Treasure Hunt'. We were still looking for things, but instead of picking them up, we took photos of them. Once we

were back at the church we played football, Jenga, tiddlywinks, air hockey and Taboo. There were also lots of ball games. We later had a BBQ."

"We had great fun on the day! Each team had a camera and a list of things to take a photo of. Then after the hunt we had a competition of different games like a tiddlywinks assault course and giant Jenga. We all had a great time and the food was good!"

So if you were in the village that Saturday and wondered why some of our young people were intently looking for "someone reading a newspaper" and taking a photo of themselves crammed into a telephone box, you now know why!!

Notices

The Fellowship

The Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.45pm, when the speaker will be Jo Wingham from Social Services, speaking on the subject of 'Benefits – do you know what you are entitled to?' Tea and biscuits will be served at the end of the meeting; visitors will be made very welcome.

Doreen Fowler

Night of Miracles

19th December 2002

Rehearsals are now in full swing but there is still an opportunity to come and join the Sunday Morning Singers.

Rehearsal dates are:

4/18/25 October

1/15/22/29 November

6/13 December

Please contact Peter Swann

01444 450335

Boys' Brigade Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th November – more details next month



Glynde 'magic'

Ten members of the Company Section spent the first week of the summer holiday at the Battalion Camp at Glynde, "Sussex 2002". The sun shone – most of the time – there were many excursions and games, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The atmosphere of the camp was, as always, light-hearted: the three Camp Companies, Arabs, Buffaloes, and Cowboys, sang their 'war' cries, all the staff were gradually "expelled" from Big Brother house! – except, of course, the winner (next year the staff plan to expel the boys), but apart from this fun and high spirits there was also some marvellous and inspired popular Christian worship, led by Ali Goodhead, our young worship leader with an exceptional gift for communicating the Gospel to young people. As I write this, the most popular and lively of the hymns (on occasion led by a boy from the 25th Brighton) to clapping and guitar accompaniment, is still going through my head:

"I wanna see Jesus lifted high, a banner that flies across this land".

The impact of such dedicated Christian witness cannot be

under-estimated: many lads committed, or re-committed, their lives to Christ.

One of our tents, Zulu 3 (James Horton, William Mills, Cameron Sharpe, Edward Johnson, and James Watt) won the football tournament – the final was decided by a penalty shoot out, in which James Horton scored the winning penalty. The cup now resides in our trophy cabinet for the session.

One or two people have suggested that I have overrated the Glynde camp, but in all honesty, I think, if anything, I have underrated it. It really does show Christian youth work at its finest, and the staff, led by Rev. Bryan Pickard, a Baptist minister from Southwick, deserve the thanks of Lindfield people for the excellent leadership and care of the boys provided. I caught a virus just before camp, and consequently the first few days of it were very unpleasant for me, but by the end of the week, the Glynde 'magic' did its work, and I enjoyed myself as much as anybody else. It was a wonderful holiday, and we are eager for the next one.

Geoffrey Cocksedge

Saltmine Theatre Company presents...

THE VIGIL

by Ladislav Fodor



When a body goes missing questions arise. When the corpse belongs to the most controversial figure in history then an answer has to be found. The Vigil is the story of the search for that answer in the most potentially explosive trial the world has ever seen. A vivid re-imagining of the events surrounding the first Easter Sunday.

www.saltmine.org/stc. Touring the country in 2002/03.

**Tue 14 Jan 2003 –
Chequer Mead Arts
Centre, East Grinstead,
7.30pm. (01342 302000)**

**Contact Fiona Tingley,
who will organise a
church block booking.**

Spirituality in the Third Age

An ecumenical day conference for older people and those who care for them, whether through the church, in a residential home or within the family.

26th October, 9.30am-4pm, St. Andrews Church, Burgess Hill

The conference costs £10, including lunch and refreshments.

Further info: Julie Moran,
Church House,
211 New Church Road,
Hove, BN3 4ED.

Tel: 01273 421021.

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julie.moran@diochi.org.uk

The URC Southern Synod Youth and Children's Work Forum presents

"Playing with worship"

An opportunity to attend one of two free workshops that address the issue of how the worship and learning approach in our churches reflects the needs of children and young people in today's culture.

*Details from
Stuart Dew*

"Godly Play" – This workshop will introduce Godly Play, an alternative way of presenting the Christian story to children, so that they can experience, explore and respond for themselves.

"Refreshing Worship" – This workshop will explore some of the principles and practice of alternative, creative worship relevant to the culture of today.

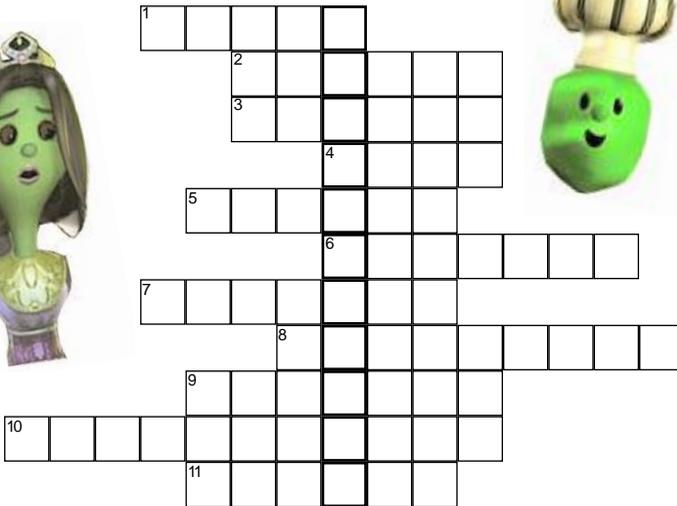
at St John's URC, Orpington, Saturday 2nd November, 10.30am-1pm

competition quiz!



As it's harvest time, the theme for the quiz this month is 'our world'.

To win a 'VEGGIETALES' video just answer the questions to fill in the spaces – look out for the words that are spelled out down the middle – you'll need to write those words on a piece of paper and pop it in the GoodNEWS box by noon on **Sunday 13th October!** Remember to include your name and contact telephone number.



1. What ingredient makes bread rise?
2. What is the name of the world's biggest desert, found in north Africa?
3. What fruit would you find growing on a vine?
4. Which is the longest river in the world?
5. A semi-circular cutting blade used to harvest crops by hand?
6. What product, made from milk, can we enjoy in lots of different fruity flavours (as well as some more unusual ones)?
7. Which American city is also known as 'The Big Apple'?
8. In which country would you find 'Ayers Rock'?
9. 'Emperor' & 'King' are both types of which bird that lives in the southern hemisphere (a chocolate biscuit is also named after them!)?
10. What white vegetable do we often eat in cheese sauce?
11. What is the capital city of our country?

October diary

3rd

Thursday House Groups

6th

Sunday **9.30am*** David Nibloe & Daryl Sinclair
11.0am* Daryl Sinclair
6.30pm* 'Special' time of prayer/worship for a new Minister at Lindfield URC

9th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

10th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting

11th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

13th

Sunday **9.30am*** David Nibloe & Derek Heath
11.0am* Derek Heath
12noon Copydate November GoodNEWS
6.30pm* Communion – Steve Fisher (Minister Tonbridge URC)

17th

Thursday House Groups

19th

Saturday 10am-3pm
One World Week – "Into Action Day" for all the family Haywards Heath URC

20th

Sunday **9.30am*** Brigades' Enrolment Service
David Nibloe & Stuart Dew
11.0am* Stuart Dew
6.30pm* Richard Walters & Cavin Wood

22nd

Tuesday 7.45pm Ladies 'In Touch'

23rd

Wednesday 2.30pm The Fellowship
7.45pm Elders' Meeting

24th

Thursday 8.00pm Monthly Prayer Meeting

27th

Sunday **9.30am*** David Nibloe & Charles Martin (Interim Moderator)
11.0am* Communion – Charles Martin
6.30pm* Richard Walters & Jeremy Heath



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from www.lindfieldurc.org.uk

What about our Sunday Services* then?

Coffee is normally served between the morning services and after the evening one.

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. There is a crèche, and after about 20 minutes children and young people up to age 14 go out to their own groups on most Sundays.

The **11.00am service** is usually more set and formal.

At **6.30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Personal prayer is available after every service. Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We **do not take up an offering** during the services, but all those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service. Thank you.

Cassette **recordings of services** can be borrowed free from the church.

! *Don't forget, this lot is always going on...*

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Mon	9.15am	An Hour of Prayer
Wed	9.45am	Short Service of Intercession
Thur	8.00pm	Church Prayer Evening (4th Thursday)
Fri	7.30am	Prayer Meeting in the Lounge

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

Sun	6.30pm	Sunday Evening Youth Group
Mon	6.30pm	Boys' Brigade – Junior Section (8-11 years)
Tue	10.00am	Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers)
	6.15pm	Girls' Brigade – Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders
	7.45pm	In Touch (4th Tuesday)
Wed	2.45pm	The Fellowship (4th Wed.)
Thur	10.00am	Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
	8.00pm	Church Meeting (2nd Thur.)
Fri	5.30pm	Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys (5-7 years)
	7.30pm	Boys' Brigade – Company Section (11+ years)

One size fits all

Hodder & Stoughton publish a so-called “Bible for Families”, but what does such a volume actually contain in addition to the Bible? Tim Hopson, father of two, husband to one, goes in search of the ‘good word’...

In a nutshell... “The Bible for Families” is based on the NIV (New International Version) translation of the Bible.

It contains over 200 pages of original material. These provide:

Guidance

Really useful suggestions on how to get the most out of the Bible. These are posed as questions, for example,

“We don’t go to church, but I would like my family to get to know the Bible stories I knew as a child. How do I do that?”

“My husband goes to church occasionally, and I have no faith really. How can we use the Bible with our children?”

“We really want to grow spiritually as a family. Where should we start if we want to read the Bible together regularly?”

“My children want to look through the Bible on their own. Which parts should they use?”

“What if we want to start to develop our family time together?”

Tasters

This gives you the gist of each book in the Bible. It provides an outline of what the book contains and also highlights points of interest to look out for.

Main Course

These can be used as weekly studies. Topics like, “Forgiveness, the greatest gift”, “Parent and Children: Happy Families?”, “Grace: Amazing or what?” and “Peer pressure: Know your limits”.

Main Course Specials

There are three main course specials. “New Parents”, “Christmas”, “Easter”.

Food for thought

These allow for more in depth study on the following topics:

- The family & the wider community
- The family and the church
- The family in different cultures
- The family and the Bible

Small portions

These are designed for younger children. They are intended to help them think through some 'sticky issues' of daily life. These would be good for children 5 years or above.

Dish of the day

This provides suggestions for daily reading. Each reading is designed to take just a few minutes. You don't have to read them in any order.

Breakfast News

This provides a witty and original view on what the newspaper headlines would have read many years ago. The headlines are presented graphically and are set against a timeline. A random selection....

- CREATION! "It's Good!" says God
- Tenants evicted for breach of contract ("It was the wife's fault claims Adam")
- Jesus at centre of big picnic mystery

In conclusion.....

The additional material in this Bible makes the content very accessible.

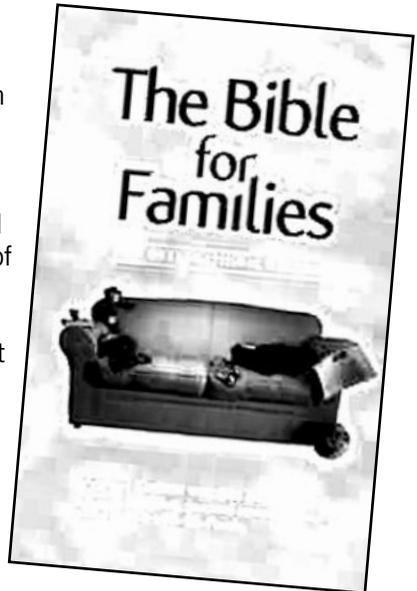
There are lots of excellent suggestions for families who would like to use the Bible together.

The style of the material is presented in an appealing way.

The different sections (Dish of the day, Main Course etc) provide a wide variety of topics which encourage regular reading and therefore the benefit of God's word.

"The Bible for Families" is published by: Hodder & Stoughton (ISBN: 0-340-75662-4).

It features additional notes by Care for the Family, a leading UK charity which aims to promote family life – and is aimed at all types of family, including single parent and those in which not all members share Christian beliefs.



Samaritan's Purse

This year we are again collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They are distributed to some of the poorest children in over 100 countries worldwide regardless of their nationality, political background or religious beliefs.

If you would like to pack a shoebox please collect a leaflet from the missions table and follow the instructions. You can fill a box for either a boy or girl aged 2–4, 5–9 or 10–14 years old with toys, sweets or other small gifts. There are one or two things you can't include which are specified in the leaflet. Please wrap the box and the lid separately and enclose a cheque for £2 made payable to 'Samaritan's Purse' to cover transport costs.

Please bring the shoebox to church on 10th November and we will forward them on.

If you can't fill a shoebox but would like to contribute to the work of Samaritan's Purse please take a missions envelope and give in the normal way.



THE COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION – a note of thanks.

“We acknowledge with gratitude the sum of £487.62. CWM believes that the Christian message is relevant and needed by today's world, and that the best way of putting across that message is to empower local churches to act as salt and light in their respective communities.”

“Your gift will be used in conjunction with the existing resources of CWM and local churches to further the gospel. Wherever we minister towards others in the name of the Lord Jesus, He is present to bless the object of that ministry and those who make the ministry possible. May He therefore bless you richly, in response to your generosity.”

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Shoe box gifts open doors and hearts

Afghan children playing in the dust at the Mile 46 refugee camp paused to look up at the convoy of buses and trucks that arrived at the tent settlement near the Iranian border.

The vehicles carried 3,500 shoe boxes filled with toys and gifts for children who passed the time playing with rocks and rubbish. As the Samaritan's Purse team handed out the boxes, joyful sounds spread across the camp. Operation Christmas Child had come to Afghanistan.

Some 500 miles to the northeast, another team visited Dasht-i-Qala, a town on the frontlines of the fighting just weeks before. About 650 boys and girls at a war-ravaged school broke out in big smiles as they looked through their shoe box gifts. Many of the parents were moved to tears as they saw their children's delight.

Operation Christmas Child has sent 120,000 shoe box gifts to sites across Afghanistan, part of a distribution of nearly 300,000 to Central Asia. These gifts help our local ministry partners build relationships with families and community leaders, opening doors that can lead to more freedom to share the good news

of Jesus Christ.

At the distribution in Dasht-i-Qala, the provincial governor explained that some of the gifts had come from New York children—children who had also suffered at the hands of terrorists and extremists. Even more important for his Muslim audience, he acknowledged that the gifts came from Christians who wanted to share God's love.

"These gifts are from Christian children in the West," he said. "They want you to know that God has not forgotten you."

Source: www.samaritanspurse.org

Blessed by boxes

Romania

"Please thank, on my behalf, the people who have given these gifts. My four children have not known what a Christmas present is." – A mother in Movileni, Romania

South Africa

At a hospital for children infected with AIDS, the shoe box distribution team noticed a doctor crying at the bed of one child. The doctor said, "This child has been here for some time, and I've never in my entire life seen her as happy as she is today. We don't know how long this child will be here. The joy you have brought through these boxes...it's indescribable. I'm not a Christian, but I sure can tell you that your God is a God of love."

The long road of ministerial

Tom Burford has unearthed some archive editions of GoodNEWS magazine. Here is a selection of quotes taken from magazines throughout the year of 1966. It is particularly interesting as it is around the time of Rev Albert Trinder's (Mary Comber's father) retirement. Chris Comber was then the Editor.

"At the **church meeting** held on Thursday, 3rd March, there were present the Minister, seven deacons and 34 members... a lively debate then ensued on the subject of the filling of the pastorate on the retirement of Rev A.D. Trinder in June."

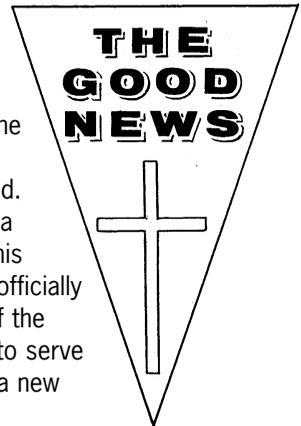
"**World Mission** – We gratefully acknowledge £5.10.5 for Widows & Orphans of Missionaries; £14.4.0 for Medical Missions; and £27.1.8 from the Jumble Sale. I have some more attractive African Hut Boxes to issue, if anyone would like to contribute in this way to Congregational World Mission. *M. Taylor*"

"**Billy Graham London Crusade** – Joining with friends from All Saints Church and the Sewell Mission, we are arranging for coach transport on the following dates; June 3, 8, 18 & 25. It is not just for church members, talk to your friends about it and invite them along. Further details as available. *P. Warburton.*"

"Minister's Message:

June 1966 – Our full-time ministry at Lindfield is rapidly drawing to an end. On the 30th June, after a little over 18½ years, this very happy partnership officially ceases. By the desire of the church, I shall continue to serve you until such times as a new Minister is called to the pastorate. As you know, we move from the Manse in Compton Road to the bungalow in Ardingly during this month. *Albert Trinder*"

"**Church Meeting** – a special meeting was held on 27th April, with the sole object of giving all who were vitally interested in the filling of the pastorate, the chance to give their views on the subject. After some discussion it was resolved unanimously 'that the Moderator be asked to submit the name of a Minister, suitable to the needs of the Church, and preferably between the ages of 35 and 50.'



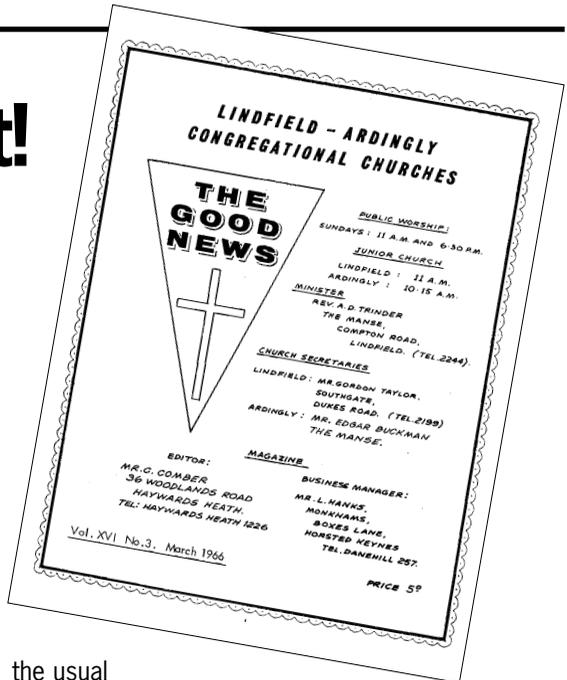
appointment!

“Church Meeting: 2nd June – After a period of devotions and the signing of the minutes of the last meeting, it was recommended by the Minister that another Minister, who has already preached at the church, be asked to preach with a view to the Pastorate. There followed a discussion and after prayer this recommendation was carried without dissent.”

“Church Calender: July – Men’s Forum, cancelled this month. Senior Fellowship Circle, Thursday at 8pm ‘Recollections of Lindfield’ by Mrs L Butcher & Mr R Walder. Young Wives group, Monday 4th and 18th at 8pm. Young Peoples Fellowship, Fridays at 7.30pm. Choir Practice, Fridays at 7.30pm. Badminton, Saturdays at 8pm.

“Church Meeting: November – The entire meeting was devoted to discussion on the filling of the vacant pastorate. It became obvious that a certain minister had created a most favourable impression, so much so, that the decision to send him a call to the pastorate was unanimous.”

“The Editor and staff (Mary) take this opportunity, during a lull in



the usual disastrous financial preparations for Christmas, to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!”

WIN! an organic harvest hamper

If you can name the minister that created the ‘most favourable impression’ in 1966 – who then went on to take on the pastorate of Lindfield URC after Rev Trinder. If you need additional help, check out the history page on www.lindfieldurc.org.uk!

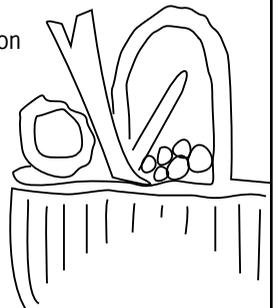
Simply write your answer on a postcard and place it in the GoodNEWS box, or email it to

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CHRISTIAN VIEWPOINT FOR MEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

6 pm Friday 8th November to 2 pm Sunday 10th November 2002

FACING THE FACTS

Speaker at the four main sessions is RICO TICE, who captained the rugby side at Bristol University before training for ordination and is now curate and associate Minister for Evangelism at All Saints Church Langham Place London. Rico developed the 'Christianity Explored' course for use in Churches in the UK and around the World. Rico will break out what is our part in Evangelism and what is God's part. You won't miss the Message, you'll experience the Motivation and you'll capture the Methods.

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- Handle your finances**
- Go deeper into God's Word**
- Reach the thirty somethings**
- Be an effective Christian at work**
- Share your testimony**
- Be a fulfilled single**
- Lead a small group Bible study**
- Start a men's group**

Venue and cost: Britannia Royal Court *** Hotel, Coventry. Price from £115 to include materials, coffee breaks, accommodation, all meals, full use of the indoor pool, jacuzzi, sauna, steam rooms and gymnasium.

Ray Smith (tel 484427) is intending to attend and would be pleased to hear from any other men who are considering going.

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Where there's a will

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To help the many people, including plenty of Christians, who do not have a Will when they die, the Evangelical Alliance has published a useful little booklet packed with useful details to consider when you're making it.

The booklet, entitled “Where there's a Will there's a way”, is available free of charge to any individuals – directly from the Evangelical Alliance (EA). It particularly encourages Christians who do not have a Will to do so. Not only does having a Will written ensure that the beneficiaries of your estate are those who you would have chosen, but the EA reminds us what Paul said in 1 Timothy 5:8;

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

We should also be challenged to remember the “grace of giving” – so that we can generously support any organisations or individuals who could benefit long after our time on this earth has ended. To order a copy, contact Helen Calder at the EA on 020 7207 2108 or email on tmanley@eauk.org

For more information on the Evangelical Alliance, and the work they do, visit www.eauk.org

Letter from Romania

Our friend from Catford and UK co-ordinator of the Christian charity, Cascaid, Dr Dickie Twort, has recently returned from Radauti in north east Romania. In this, the first of a two-part letter, Dickie reports the work of the charity, Dorca, supported by Cascaid, and its work amongst young people, the local gypsy community and families in need.

“This year’s conference at Sucevita was a fantastic time, when we were able to gather together 65 young people from all the major churches – about half were from various protestant denominations, half Romanian Orthodox, and there were also a couple of Catholics and an atheist!

“Many were local but several came from as far afield as Timisoara and Lasi. Some had been before, whereas many had joined us for the first time. The Timisoara contingent were interesting – they were in fact separate ones and twos from both the city and the region, who only stumbled across each other by chance at Timisoara railway station. Although a mix of Orthodox and Protestant, they formed a lovely group, who have resolved to keep in touch with each other.

“In fact, that atmosphere characterised the entire conference, where people from very different backgrounds were able to usefully discuss profound

issues together, under the title “What is Truth?”.

“We looked at Truth from many angles, and in different ways.

“We must never assume that these conferences will continue forever, just because they are great fun; however it was clear from the atmosphere this year, and especially after discussing it with Misu, the local Dorca leader, that now is a crucial time for Romania, when young people are still open to thinking about the important things in life. I find this exciting – and have already started having ideas for next year.....

“The new building for the Dorca Centre in Radauti is progressing steadily but slowly under Misu’s guidance. A consignment of clothes has arrived from France (it seems to be easier – and certainly cheaper – to get them in from there than from UK), and hopefully they’ll be able to start selling them soon. However, much work remains – not least the construction of a storage facility in the new courtyard, although this is beyond their

means at the moment.

“One exciting plan is to use one of the newly constructed front rooms as an Internet Café, which would provide contact with local young people, as well as a useful service and a source of income. But that’s for the future.

“Financially, Dorca is still a bit touch and go, although once the shop starts to function again, it should be easier. We have provided £3,700 in cash since the spring, in addition to covering Dorca’s costs for the conference (£800). (These figures do not include the money channelled through the Pupil Sponsorship Scheme, nor donations to Papa’s work with the Gypsy community.) Best calculations are however, that the likely income from the

French clothes will not cover Dorca’s monthly outgoings, with a £300 a month shortfall likely (previously they were able to receive more clothes with less complications, whereas now the most profitable imports – shoes and children’s clothes and toys – are banned under Romanian law). We are committed to supporting Dorca financially as well as we can, because we really believe in what Misu and the team are doing.”

So, please pray for these dear people. If you would like more information about the gypsy sponsorship scheme why not speak to John Barling (01444 482415) or Ron Goodenough (01825 740351) of our Missions Committee who will be pleased to advise.



Pot Noodles and pints!

Leaving home for Uni was all one big adventure that my big sister Heidi had already begun before me, when I headed up to Warwick University in October 1993. The final shock of leaving home was overtaken by an eagerness to get “stuck in” to University life.

Above all, I was determined that I was going to make a stand for God as the Christian on my corridor. I'd always have an open door, a listening ear and a cup of tea for anyone on the corridor and wouldn't think twice about proclaiming that I was a Christian.

It didn't quite all go to plan. Several of the other “non-Christians” on my corridor had already arrived and were doing just as good a job with the kettle and a friendly face as I could ever have done. As I adjusted to Uni life and made friends with these people, I began to find out that the freedom of being away from home and the courage and acceptance I got after a couple of pints at the Union bar were not reflecting my Christianity at all.

Through that first difficult year, I did go to Christian Union (CU) and I made friends with a girl upstairs who also went and was doing a much better job of being a Christian witness than I was. As I clung to God (or did He cling to me?!) and became more involved in the CU, making new Christian friends, I began to change, moving away from the life I'd taken on in my first year – realising through, at times painful, experience that God's ways are best.

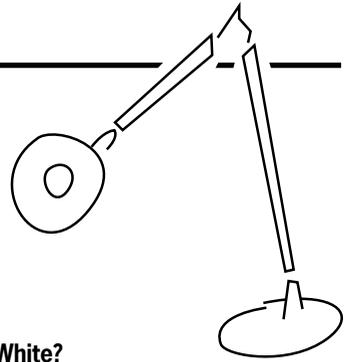
At this time when some young people from our church are returning to or going away to Uni for the first time, I've not written this to worry the parents! I've written in the hope that you will instead read this and be encouraged to remember them in prayer. We all react differently to this new chapter in our lives, so please pray for them. Pray for God's protection, that His Spirit will remind them of the things they have learnt at home at those difficult times and pray that they will find strong new Christian friends and fellowship to grow in Christ, as well as tasting the fun and freedom of Uni life.

Suzy Jacques

PRAY FOR:-
Andrew Rose at Cambridge.
Katy Lewis going to UCL.
Emma Wren going to
Roehampton.
Elena Mullen at Kings.
Alex Cottenham at
Middlesex.

Twenty Questions

GoodNEWS takes a probing glimpse into the minds of those who come to the church! Twenty Questions gives you a chance to guess the interviewee and learn a bit more about them too! This month's guest is revealed on the foot of Page 32.



1. **Tell us one memorable date?**
22.09.02
2. **Why?**
If I said that it would make it obvious who I am!
3. **All time favourite film?**
Sound of Music
4. **What is your shoe size?**
7
5. **Describe your experience of God in a single sentence...**
Indescribable
6. **Jelly Babies or Jelly Beans?**
Jelly Babies
7. **Where is the furthest place that you have ever worked?**
Horley
8. **How long have you been coming to this church?**
10 years -ish
9. **What year did you pass your Driving Test?**
2000
10. **What is your greatest ambition?**
To see my friends saved.
11. **If you met Jesus in the street today, what one question would you ask Him?**
I wouldn't, I'd be worshipping!
12. **Who has had the greatest influence on your life?**
Parents, I thank God for them
13. **Where were you at the Silver Jubilee?**
Wasn't born!
14. **Plain, Milk or White?**
Depends what mood – I like variety!
15. **Favourite holiday destination?**
Doesn't matter – its the people that count!
16. **What would you do with the Millennium Dome?**
Turn it into a huge meeting place for a church.
17. **Approximate height?**
5' 9"
18. **Most-read Bible verse?**
Fav passage at the moment is Psalm 63
19. **Who is your hero?**
God
20. **Broadsheet or Tabloid?**
Broadsheet

Shorts

Definition of a committee:

A committee is a collection of the unfit, chosen from amongst the unwilling by the incompetent, to do the unnecessary.

Home sweet home

What pictures does the word “home” conjure up for you? I hope it’s a happy one, like the picture that comes into my mind. Home to me is at Mum and Dad’s, it’s the family gathered round the dining room table talking about the day just gone, or sitting round the log fire at Christmas.

I moved out of home nearly three years ago, but the telephone number on my mobile is still labelled “home”.

My flat to me is the place where I sleep, eat some of my meals, wash, iron and keep most of my possessions. It’s an ideal place to live to commute up to London, but I wouldn’t really call it home.

Last week Mum and Dad came to the decision that they would sell their house – my home where I had lived since I was seven. And it’s unnerving.

My daily Bible readings have been focussing on the point that, although we have to keep our feet firmly on this earth, our eyes should be fixed on heaven. Until I realised how my flat was just my flat, but Mum and Dad’s house, where I had grown up,

was home, I had not fully appreciated this.

Now it makes sense. Any more than my flat will ever feel like home, I will never feel completely at ease in this world – I’m not meant to, it’s temporary – I’m passing through.

A part of us will always be restless on earth and longing to be at home in heaven with our Father and with our family of brothers and sisters in Christ.

As Selwyn Hughes quoted from Wordsworth:

**In this house with starry dome,
Floored with gemlike plains and seas,
Shall I never feel at home,
Never wholly be at ease?**

Never! We aren’t meant to get too comfortable here on earth – if you are, ask yourself what your comfort is in – something temporary or everlasting God?

If your eyes are fixed on heaven, you still interact with the world, but you do so on a different agenda, with a final hope seeing you through, a hope of a room in a mansion, prepared especially for you.

Suzy Jacques



Rhymes of praise

More thoughts and rhymed feelings from last year's
UNITE2001 church weekend away.

To help you remember what we heard and learnt about
coming together as a church for Christ.



*We unite at Ashburnham 2001,
arriving late, they'd already begun.
The weather was crisp and cold.
The children tired but feeling bold.*

*Saturday dawned sunny and bright,
Crisp and cold as it was Friday night.
Seminars and sessions we went to attend,
subdued spirits and faith for to mend.*

*The children enjoyed it,
we all had great fun,
Playing games and walking,
refreshed by the winter sun.*

*Pyjama parties, family fun,
Everything with precision was run.
Lots of good food,
Caring and loving friends,
We feel that God his blessing sends.*

*So we thank you Lord for this lovely weekend,
and all our prayers and praises send.
We know you are with us through these coming times,
and you'll hear all our prayers,
and even our rhymes!*

The Balicki Family

**Remember the
FREE DOUGHNUT
giveaway at The
Common & Garden,
this year's Three
Churches Village
Day tea tent?
That came from an
idea someone said at
UNITE2001! It was
then put into practice.**

Flower power

"I have recently been asked about the flowers in the church each Sunday. The flower rota (which you can see opposite) is made up of volunteers who either buy or arrange the flowers or give one of our team of helpers money or flowers for their arrangement. For some friends it is a lovely way of remembering a loved one on a particular date."

If you would like further information please contact me, *Betty Billins*.

Whispering John in charity gig

PERDIDO PLAYERS with John Barling (vocalist) are playing at the King Edward Hall on Saturday 30th November. The event is a dance and cabaret in aid of St Catherines Hospice. Tickets will be available in late October.

Virtual Tour of LURC?
www.lindfieldurc.org.uk

Flower Rota

		Arranging	Distributing
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	13	Jessie Green	Fiona Tingley
	20	Barbara Shepherd	Heather Swann
	27	Audrey Saunders	Sue Tester
Nov	3	Winifred Scopes	Dorothy Forster
	10	Betty Billins	Betty Peter
	17	Sue Waller	Jacqueline Wood
	24	Heather Swann	Iris Bingham

Betty Billins & Fiona Tingley

GoodNEWS to listen to...

If, for whatever reason, you wish to listen to this magazine, rather than read it – **YOU CAN!**

Copies of it are available to borrow on CD and Tape at the rear of the church, by the Sunday Service tapes.

The Twenty Questions guest this month was
Emma Wren