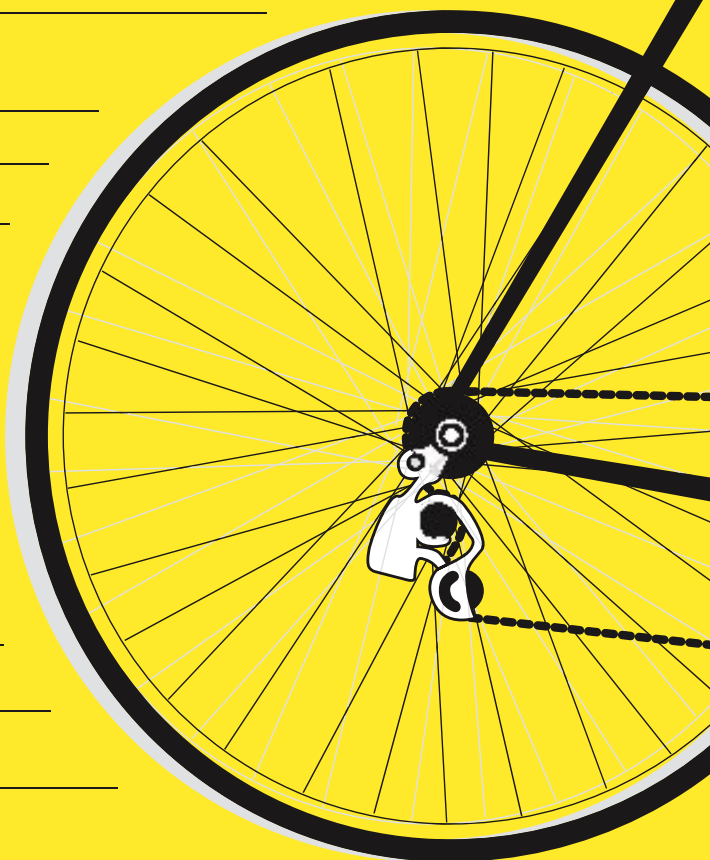


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*Lindfield United Reformed Church – worshipping God, sharing the good news of Jesus and seeing lives changed by his love.*

*We are committed to:*

- *encountering God through daily praise, prayer and bible reading.*
- *encouraging one another to discover and fulfil God's plan for our lives.*
- *demonstrating God's love by meeting physical and spiritual needs, local and worldwide.*



**Dear Friends...**



# The Lord's Prayer

**Recently I have been doing some study on the Lord's Prayer in preparation for a series of sermons and housegroup studies. I am sure that we are all familiar with the words of this prayer – a marvellous model given to us by Jesus – and many, like myself, can readily recite the prayer.**

However, I have been challenged about "reciting." It is possible that some may think that prayer consists solely of reciting the words of the Lord's Prayer, but, as the great preacher C.H. Spurgeon once said, "To recite the Lord's Prayer and believe that you have then prayed is the height of foolishness". I would not want to deprive Christian congregations of the spiritual pleasure and joy of reciting together the Lord's Prayer, but I do want to encourage us to view it as a departure point rather than an arrival platform – to experience a growing confidence that we are praying the way Jesus taught.

An unknown author put it this way: "I cannot say 'our' if

I only live for myself. I cannot say 'Father' if I do not try to act like His child. I cannot say, 'who art in heaven' if I am laying up no treasure there. I cannot say 'hallowed be thy name' if I am not striving for holiness. I cannot say 'Thy kingdom come' if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that event. I cannot say 'give us this day our daily bread' if I am dishonest, or seeking something for nothing. I cannot say 'forgive us our trespasses' if I bear a grudge against another. I cannot say 'lead us not into temptation' if I deliberately place myself in its path. I cannot say 'deliver us from evil' if I do not put on the armour of God. I cannot say 'thine is the kingdom the power and the glory' if I do not give the King the loyalty due to Him from a faithful subject. I cannot say 'for ever' if the horizon of my life is bounded completely by time."

*Colin Bones, minister*

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## Editorial



**All those of you who are heading back to school this month may not be cheering from the rooftops! Some may have enjoyed long summer holidays away from the pressures of work, and might find it hard to raise too large a smile. Here, in our church, we must all wrestle with the sad news that Colin has requested that he be moved to a new pastorate elsewhere (see over).**

However, as we deal with the implications of this situation we must, of course, remember God's power to steer His Church. We must also wear a smile, not to hide our disappointment and concern, but to simply move on.

Should you have difficulty doing so, may I present you with a selection of (albeit 'cheesy') religious signs on page 16! You should find everything else in place too!

*David Tingley*  
editor





**The following statement was presented to a Church Business Meeting on Thursday 28th July 2005.**

As stated we will be grateful for your prayerful support and understanding as we work together in the months to come.

Statement from the Minister and Elders of Lindfield United Reformed Church Thursday 28th July 2005

The Minister and Elders of Lindfield United Reformed Church have been in prayerful discussion for some time about the right way ahead for the Church. The Moderator, Nigel Uden, has been involved. We all recognise that we have not been able to move forward quite as we would have wished.

The outcome of the discussion is that Colin Bones, our Minister, has asked the Moderator to find him a new ministry in the coming months.

Although we are sad to arrive at this position, all parties agree that this is right for Colin, his family and the Church.

Whilst it is somewhat unusual to bring such a statement to a church meeting before a Minister has secured another post, we believe an announcement made at this stage is in the best interests of the membership and the congregation. Colin now needs the time and space to work this through – and so do the Elders.

During this period we would like to assure the fellowship that we will endeavour to lead our Church in the way that God wants, with a spirit of open-ness and mutual co-operation.

In due time, the Moderator will advise us on the way forward in calling another Minister.

As this is a joint pastorate, this news is also being shared with members at Balcombe this evening.

We will all be grateful for your continuing prayerful support and understanding in the months to come.

# Getting in the saddle around Sussex

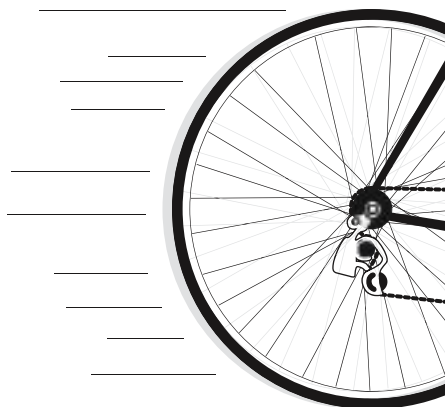
**Libby Purves, in this month's feature article, shares her passion for the Historic Churches Bike Ride in Suffolk. However, closer to home, the Sussex Historic Churches Trust is very much alive and well.**



The event encourages anyone to cycle or walk around participating churches in a set area. The individuals are sponsored to collect 'stars' per church, where they sign-in at each. The sponsorship money goes to a church or chapel of the participants choice, and to the Trust. The Historic Churches Trust (HCT) gives grants or interest-free loans to churches (of all Christian denominations) of historic interest for essential repairs and restoration. Nationally there are 31 county Trusts, raising £1.5m annually (Sussex HCT accounted for over £52,000 of that).

In Sussex this year there will be over 400 buildings open - some providing refreshments. Lindfield comes into 'Area 7', which includes the likes of St Margaret's, West Hoathly; Ote Hall Chapel, Wivelsfield and All Saints and URC within the village.

The event takes place on Saturday 10th September. For more information and details of our area organiser visit [www.sussexhistoricchurches.org.uk](http://www.sussexhistoricchurches.org.uk)



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# Rural Life

## in the country parish

**ANY DAY NOW, A GREAT number of bicycles will be hauled from sheds and taken on a kind of pilgrimage. The Suffolk Historic Churches bike ride - the first of its kind - was started in 1982 as a fundraiser, and the challenge is irresistible. Everyone designs their own itinerary, to get their sheet ticked off in as many church porches as possible; volunteers hand out cold drinks to sweaty pedallers. I believe that the record stands at 64 churches, but am open to correction. The only time I did it I managed eight, but this year I should beat that. A parish boundary runs through our kitchen sink, so I can sweep up St Peter's and St James's without too much effort.**

I am no expert on clerestories, pew-ends and piscinae, nor a very faithful churchgoer. But there is something special about

country churches, especially here in the east where they rear up from the flat landscape like young cathedrals. They are all different. Ancient St Peter's at Westleton, is a clear, pure, whitewashed space.

St James's at Dunwich is in fact an early Victorian brick construction with a domed tower, built to replace the last of the parish churches that fell into the sea. Later, the Victorians felt they ought to clad it in flint and give it a square tower, so it is in effect a fake. Down the road at Theberton there is one with a round flint tower. When I was a child, I was told it was the inside of an old well from before Noah's flood, until the land around it was washed away, leaving the stone lining standing.

These churches matter

**There is something special about country churches. When empty they offer a place of quiet contemplation, when full, a profound feeling of rightness.**

## Feature – On your bike!

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to unbelievers as well as Christians because they embody both history and community. Footpaths lead to and from them; they connect us to eternity but also to the wider world. I do not think there is any active church which does not, on a worn notice board in the porch between the bird-screen and the wooden doors, carry an appeal for the third world or for a poverty programme at home.

That feeling of rightness you get when a crowd fills and warms a church for Christmas, or a wedding or harvest festival, is a direct link to their function as a meeting place. In the Middle Ages it was understood that the sanctuary belonged to the clergy, the nave to the people. If there was an emergency or a raid or a flood or a fire, the people could flock in for safety, sometimes with their animals. If there had to be a meeting, it would be in the church.

Moreover, the church was where there was art; the only high art most people would ever see. In a grey winter world, as you stumped around in your homespun brown, it was the one place you would see bright colours: the expensive pigments and gilding in the sacred paintings (mainly stolen or wrecked by the Reformation) or the gleam of the stained glass.

Imagine what that must have meant, and how rich a place the church would be.

But, looking around the beautiful, spare, boat-like interior of white St Peter's this year, it occurred to me that this situation has been reversed. We are bombarded by colour and shine, from screens and hoardings and neon, clothes and ads and packaging. Even in the countryside we yearn for plainness, space, visual quietness, places where our thoughts can expand. So today, with most of the colourful paintings long gone, we have started to value our old churches for their serene greyness, their filtered light and silence. The churches that were hubs of old farming and fishing communities still play the same part for the office-bound, commuting, teleworking, labouring country people of today. They mark births, marriages, deaths, offer art and music and meeting places. In Southwold once there was a massive row about Waveney District Council's plans to build a development with a fake windmill on the marshes. The furious public meeting got too big for St Edmunds Hall and had to move into the church; it felt wholly appropriate.

The project in our church - Westleton - is a common enough



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one: to build 'facilities'. Purists sniff at this, as if those people who come to churches should leave their bodies at home, but to me it affirms their relevance. They call the appeal Key Change: I like that. The key changes, the notes change, the tempo gets faster or slower as the centuries pass, but the song is the same as it was in 1340 when St Peter's was built. It is a song about living life well and kindly, rejoicing in the land and the harvest, giving thanks for the beautiful objects and sounds that people make and the things they do for one another. If you are a

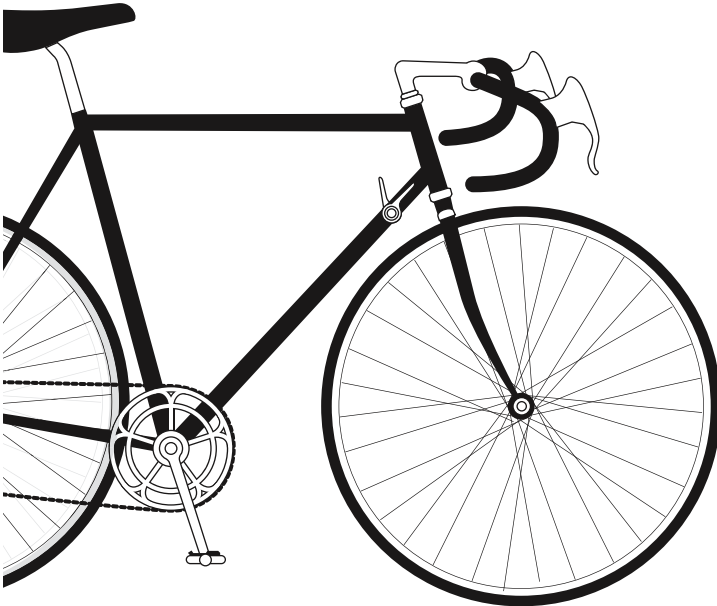
Christian, it is a hymn. If not, it is still a pretty good tune.

*Libby Purves*

Source: Country Living September 2004

[www.countryliving.co.uk](http://www.countryliving.co.uk)

The novelist and broadcaster moved to a small farm in coastal Suffolk with her husband Paul Heiney 14 years ago. For ten years it was run on organic principles and powered entirely by Suffolk Punch horses. They now live nearby, on a heath populated by red deer, muntjac, stone curlews and lost rambles.



## Family News

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### **Martin, Helen, Jonathan and Alex**

**Hall** would like to thank members of the church for their messages of sympathy and support on the death of Martin's father **Dennis**, a wonderful husband, Dad and Grandpa.

### **Thank you to all the dear folk at**

**LURC.** Your love, prayers, cards and messages of sympathy and support have helped me so much during the illness and death of my mother. She is now safely at Home with the Lord whom she loved and served so faithfully all of her 92 years of life.

*Jean Gardiner*

### **Thankyou**

#### **Harry and Rosemary McCleery**

would like to say a big '**Thank you**' to everyone who helped organise their **wedding** in July. We had a fantastic day we shall never forget. Thank you, also, to all those who prayed for us at that time. We would also like to express our appreciation to everyone who sent gifts to us or to 'Off the fence'. You have been extremely generous and we hope you will understand if we do not manage to send you an individual 'thank you' letter.

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### **The Fellowship**

We start our new session on

**Wednesday 28th September** at 2.45pm when our speaker will be John Transwell who will be talking about the work of 'Mission Aviation Fellowship'.

Tea and biscuits will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome

### **Congratulations!**

**Maggie Wainwright** completed the '**Run for Life**'. She walked 3.3 miles at Stanmer Park and raised £350 towards Cancer Relief U.K. She wanted to give something back for all the surgery and treatment she has received. Well done, Maggie!

**Emma Wren**, who graduated this summer and takes up a teaching post at Ardingly College Junior school, year 3.

Emma would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

**John Blake** was invited to a Garden Party for 8,000 people at Buckingham Palace for his role as chairman of the Hedgelaying Society for 8 years.

He met Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall. Prince Charles remarked, "I hope you are not hedgelaying in a suit like that".

**Dan McQuillin**, who also went to the Palace in July and was presented with a Queen's Award for Innovation.

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### **New Addresses**

**Fiona Flett** has moved to:-  
Badgers Rest, 17 Wellswood Park,  
Colwell Gardens, Haywards Heath,  
RH16 4HG

Telephone no. 01444 440730

**Annabel and James Goody** and family have moved to:-  
40, Finches Park Road, Lindfield.  
RH16 2DN

Telephone no. 01444 484116

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## Bereavements

A number of folk have journeyed on over the last two months and we offer our love and sympathy to the following families.

**Eileen, Roger and Suzy Jacques** on the death of Eileen's father.

**Jean and Mike Gardiner** on the death of Jean's mother.

**Carol, David, Dawn and Richard Walters** on the death of Carol's father.

**Margaret and Alan Gomme** on the death of Margarets ex-mother-in-law whom she was very close to.

**Martin, Helen, Jonathan, Alex Hall** on the death of Martin's father.

**Barry and Lesley Piper** on the sudden death of Barry's mother.

**Dennis and Sue Waller** and the family on the recent death of Dennis's father, Percy.

# Autumn Pilgrimage

## 22nd October 2005

The Autumn Pilgrimage is a four mile easy walk from Bramber, (only 5 stiles!) starting at 10:30am. We shall visit churches in Bramber, Beeding and Botolphs. We will let you have more details as soon as possible. Meanwhile, do book the date and if you have any queries please contact either Darryl (01273 564591) or Brenda (01273 594012)

We look forward to walking with you again.  
*Darryl and Brenda.*



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## Balcombe United Reformed Church

**Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR**  
**Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)**

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. Visitors are always welcome.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

**September 4th Stuart Dew**  
**September 18th Harvest' Colin Bones**



# Prayer Diary



**SUN**

Pray for Colin, Catherine and family as they seek God's guidance for the future.

**MON**

Uphold the church at Balcome, in particular Leonie Wren and the elders.

**TUE**

Ask God to unite us as a fellowship and grant us understanding as we come to terms with the changes that we face together.

**WED**

Do please pray for our church secretaries & elders here at Lindfield as they seek to lead the church in the coming months.

**THUR**

Continue to pray for the "Alive '05" follow-up, that we may welcome new folk into our church family.

**FRI**

Remember "Zest" in your prayers – urgent need for more members of staff to cope with the increased numbers.

**SAT**

Pray for your next door neighbours; try to support and encourage them as and when you have the opportunity.

## Prayer FOCUS

**In addition to the above daily prayer reminders, please would you uphold in your prayers this month two other special prayer requests:-**

Please pray for our local **schools** as they commence a new academic year. Pray for children starting school, for those going to new schools or colleges, for parents, for teachers and all school workers. Uphold lay people and church ministers who regularly visit schools to bring a Christian dimension to collective worship and assemblies, RE and other lessons. Ask God to give them creativity in their presentations and sensitivity to His Spirit as they speak to students. Ask God to be with young Christians facing peer pressure who are trying to be faithful witnesses to Jesus. Pray for **Christian Unions** and those who run them, that they may be a help and encouragement to Christian students, particularly any entering new situations.

Also, please **remember daily** our capital city; praying for peace and safety there and an end to the terrorism that threatens the lives of all those who live or work in **London** in particular.

## **Monthly Mission Support**

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**This month we are supporting the Bible Society and it is great to know that many people in church support the Society through the Bible a Month Club. When the monthly donation is sent off we sometimes wonder just who would be receiving a Bible. Well, here is the story of just one person.**

### **Alex from Russia says**

“I was a criminal and served 11 years in prison. I felt a dark emptiness inside but when someone gave me a Gospel of Luke it changed my life. I got in touch with other Christians, and listened about how Jesus loves us all.

That’s when I started to grasp that Jesus loves ME too, and only wants what’s good for me. I wanted to quit smoking but couldn’t. I prayed God would help me, and he did. To me this was a concrete miracle. God showed me the power he has over my life.

I am now studying law!! Can you imagine? Me, a former criminal, now a law student! God has called me to bring the good news to inmates in different prisons. We pray and share the Scripture. God is working in the prisons of Siberia, the Word of God is creating new life.”

Please visit the Mission Notice board and take away the literature to help you pray for the Bible Society during September. Envelopes are also available for your donations.

## September church diary

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### 3rd

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Sat a.m. Prayer Meeting at All Saints

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### 4th

Sunday 9.30am **Communion**  
David Goodchild & David Nibloe  
11.00am Healing  
Colin Bones  
6.30pm Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones

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### 7th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

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### 8th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting

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### 9th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch Fellowship

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### 10th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Sat a.m. Prayer Meeting at All Saints

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### 11th

Sunday 9.30am David Nibloe & Colin Bones  
11.00am Colin Bones  
6.30pm **Communion**  
David Goodchild & Colin Bones

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### 17th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Sat a.m. Prayer Meeting at All Saints

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### 18th

Sunday 9.30am David Nibloe & Visiting Speaker  
**Fair Trade Stall between services**  
11.00am Visiting Speaker  
6.30pm David Goodchild & Colin Bones

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### 24th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Sat a.m. Prayer Meeting at All Saints

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### 25th

Sunday 9.30am Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones  
11.00am **Communion**  
Colin Bones  
6.30pm David Goodchild & Visiting Speaker

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### 27th

Tuesday 7.45pm In Touch

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### 28th

Wednesday 7.45pm Elders Meeting

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### 29th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Payer Meeting

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**OTHER LOCAL EVENTS  
LISTED ON BACK COVER**

# How can all help?

**This is just a reminder to say that a number of people have offered the following help to those who attend our church.:-**

Ironing, Sewing, Preparing Meals, Shopping, Provide Lifts, Baby Sitting, Typing, Assistance with Pets, Gardening, Fellowship Support, Computer Assistance, Light Maintenance, Painting, Adjusting TV.

Please call any of the following numbers for help:- Bill Green 484117, Melanie Campling 484140 or Barbara Shepherd 483167

This SHARE OF SKILLS scheme does not replace the regular use of local Gardeners/Handymen or the Public Services.

## Sunday services explained...

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.

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

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.



# My Memoirs of SPREE!

Being affiliated with Crusaders, our new ZEST group was invited to join 1000 other Crusaders at their annual summer camp at Great Walstead, school known as SPREE. There was certainly no shortage of children from Zest wanting to attend, the Lindfield contingent comprising 24 children. Together with Clare, Sam, Rob, Ron and Alan we pitched camp with 6 tents from Friday to Sunday. Personally there was the extra excitement of my first experience under canvas. Fortunately, with some seriously seasoned campers on hand, tent construction, camp cooking and other essential activities were masterfully handled by maestros. My blissful ignorance soon turned into hardened experience! The weather was pretty hot, too.

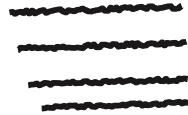
Crusaders' organisation is phenomenal, the sight of all those tents quite a spectacle. After showers at 5am, activities start at 6am and run until midnight giving all groups the opportunity to make use of the assault course, inflatables, dodgems and lots more including a myriad of craft activities. Some of the events are sporty, some are spiritual; some happen in a 'big top' where all the groups can come together. The idea is to create some inter-group competitions while also having space for each group to get to know each other. ZEST's weekend was marked by achieving second place in the

Indoor Hockey Championships. What a result! A sure sign of satisfaction is the children wanting to come again next year. On this basis everyone seems to have had a good time! For the adults it's hard work (and tiring!) but very rewarding. Most satisfying is seeing the children enjoy themselves and come closer to Jesus. Thanks to: the children without whom it wouldn't have been fun; the adults without whom it simply wouldn't have been; my camp tutors for new found skills I hope not to use again.

*Melanie Campling*



**Dear All,**



**When we last wrote to you earlier in the year to thank you for your very generous gift, we did say that we would be in contact again once a firm removal date to Pevensey Bay had been arranged. This will now take place next Wednesday 20th July, although we will probably have the builders around for another week or two!**

The main purpose of writing on this occasion is to say how much Lesley and I enjoyed the many years that we were part of Lindfield United Reformed Church. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in so many different aspects of church life and particularly to have established such wonderful friendships with so many of you over the years.

During the past few months we have taken the opportunity to worship at a number of different churches but, mainly because of the constant trips to and from Pevensey Bay and the need to attend to other time-critical matters, we have not yet found our new spiritual home. However, we were quite taken with St.Marys (in West Ham right next to Pevensey Castle) which is believed to be the oldest Norman church still in active use (it was built in 1083). We will let you know the outcome in due course!

In the meantime we will be delighted to see you at Cobald Cottage with your buckets and spades but if it's during the next few weeks, please bring a paint brush!

With all our love,  
*Barry and Lesley Piper.*

**Time out** \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be  
sitting in eternity?  
Smoking or non-smoking?

The Best Vitamin  
for a Christian  
is B1

You are not too bad to come in.  
You are not too good to stay out.

This is a ch \_ ch.  
What is missing?



Try Jesus.  
If you don't like Him,  
the devil will always  
take you back.

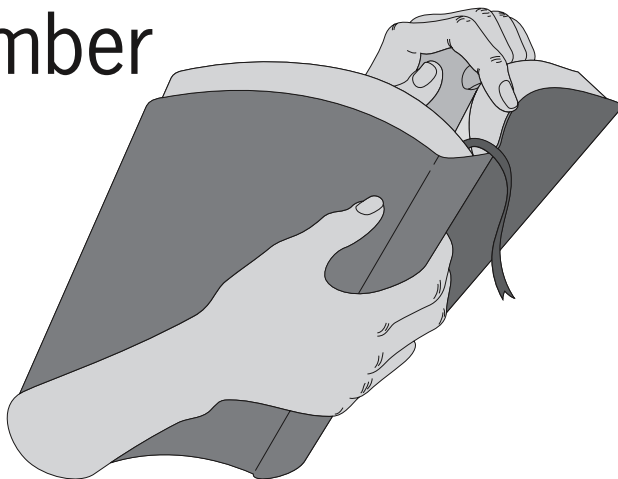


It wasn't raining when  
Noah built the ark.





# A guide to Sunday services in September



**On the first Sunday we are still in 'holiday mode' with an all-age approach for the 9.30 am service. Both morning services look at the interesting theme of the beginnings of the nation of God's people.**

The other Sunday mornings encompass a short preaching series on the Lord's Prayer. Throughout autumn our housegroups are going to focus on material based on the Lord's Prayer – "Entering the Prayer of Jesus." This short series gives a lead into the studies. The words of Jesus in this prayer, so seemingly simple, encompass every conceivable element in prayer and reduce it to a clearly understood pattern. The more we understand this model, and the more we pray in line with it, the more powerful and productive our prayer life will become.

Sunday evenings start with a Praise and Prayer. We then start a series looking at prophecy and the letters to the Churches from the book of Revelation.

**4TH SEPTEMBER – ALL-AGE  
SERVICE & HEALING SERVICE**

**9.30 am** – All-age service led by David  
Goodchild & David Nibloe

**11.00am** – **Healing service**

**Exodus 2: 1-15,  
Hebrews 11: 23-24**

– Birth of a Nation – Rescue & Run  
Preacher – Colin Bones

**6.30 pm** – **Prayer & Praise**

**18TH SEPTEMBER  
– “THE KINGDOM”**

**9.30 am** – Morning Worship

**11.00 am** – Morning Worship

**Isaiah 55: 1-11,  
Luke 12: 22-34**

– Your Kingdom come, Your will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven, give  
us this day our daily bread.

Preacher – t.b.c

**6.30 pm** – Evening worship

**Revelation 1: 9-20**

– The call of John to prophecy  
Preacher – Colin Bones

**11TH SEPTEMBER  
– LORD’S PRAYER SERIES BEGINS**

**9.30 am** – Jigsaw for children &  
Morning Worship

**11.00 am** – Morning Worship

**Deuteronomy 10: 12-22,  
Romans 8: 12-17**

– Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
your name

Preacher – Colin Bones

**6.30 pm** – **Holy Communion**

– Revelation series begins

**Revelation 1: 1-8**

– The revelation of Jesus Christ

Preacher – Colin Bones

**25TH SEPTEMBER  
– HOLY COMMUNION**

**9.30 am** – Morning Worship

**11.00 am** – Holy Communion

**Psalms 32: 1-11,  
Matthew 18: 21-35**

– Forgive us our debts as we forgive  
our debtors.

Preacher – Colin Bones

**6.30 pm** – Evening Worship

**Revelation 2: 1-7**

– The letter to the Church in Ephesus

– Do not forsake you first love.

Preacher – t.b.c



On Saturday 1st October, we invite you to come for a fun event in the late afternoon, to include a light Ploughman's meal (menu for the children) and some light entertainment. Proceedings will commence at about 5pm and we aim to finish about 8pm-ish.

We would like anyone who can come up with a sketch, musical piece, game or whatever takes your fancy (as long as it will generate laughs!), to volunteer to take part during the evening's festivities. Please let Dan McQuillin (451829) or Dave Tingley(451024) know asap, so they can get an order list together.

For catering purposes, if you would like to come whether you are taking part or not, please sign up on the posters in the concourse so that we will have enough food for everybody. Please indicate whether any of your party will require a child's meal. Donations will be taken on the evening to cover the cost of food.

If you are feeling like some 'comfort' food at the moment then come and fill the 'craving' with Harvest Fruit and Nut!!

**1st October is coming...**

*Thank God for that!*



# Giving you power behind the wheel!

**Recently I have taken out a couple of the Sunday service tapes, to listen to in my car. I have been really encouraged and inspired as I have listened to the worship and teaching on the tapes. I thought I would mention this, as recently I have been reminded how important it is for me to remain 'teachable'; allow me to explain.**

I think sometimes it is easy for us to think "ah, I've heard this parable before" or "I've read this piece of the bible many times" and then sigh and sort of mentally tune out a bit – I guess most of us, if honest, would admit this. But it struck me recently how important it is for me to realise that there is always something new to learn. It is actually really important that I stay 'tuned in' – to be able to make the most of the teaching that is available – whether it be from the church family or teaching tapes from Spring Harvest, New Wine or Joyce Meyer etc.

I mention this because something quite astonishing happened to me this week, which doesn't happen to me frequently. I had been really struggling with God on the issue of why He allows suffering. Frankly I had been

raging – torn between anger, tears and resentment. Well, God decided apparently to call my bluff! Whilst I was reading a book written by Fiona Castle, a couple of verses popped into my head. I wrote them down. The next morning I was driving to work listening to one of the tapes of the services from our church. Well, there was the excellent worship, and then a couple of passages read from the Bible – yep, you guessed it! The exact same two passages that God highlighted to me the night before! Wow!

It appears that not only does God hear what we have to say (even when angry apparently!) but also He has something rather amazing to say in return! It was one of those moments when you think, "Crikey – God can hear me, and knows exactly what's going on!"

So, back to the original thought; I encourage you to invest in some of this 'audio dynamite'! It's free and available from the back of the church! Amazing Bible teaching – there for the taking. Let's keep on staying tuned in – lest we accidentally miss something really special – encouragement from God!

*Jacqui Adams*



# Back to the new term

**As we start back after the school holidays, our top priority is to build up the Anchor Boy Section, and we will welcome applications from boys aged 5 to 7 for this group, meeting on Fridays, 5.30 – 6.45 p.m. Please speak to Peter Snashall (454712) or myself (474007) for more information. This section has been provided with an exciting new programme of activities, so there will be plenty for boys to enjoy. We would appreciate friends making this opportunity known as widely as possible.**

Are folk also aware that we have staffing needs? If anybody feels they can help, would they please speak to the minister or myself. In case anyone has reservations about uniform, let me make it clear that BB helpers do not have to wear a uniform.

We have been on no less than three holidays of one kind or another during the summer, but a report is best left to another issue. The only recent event to be mentioned at this stage is the Junior Sports at Hangleton in June, where our team did well, coming second overall to the 9th Brighton Juniors, and winning the relay. 10 year old Charlie Horton won the 100 metres championships: well done Charlie!

*Geoffrey Cocksedge*

## 1st LINDFIELD BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

### **Anchor Section**

5-7 years meets Friday evenings at 5.30pm

### **Junior Section**

8-11 years meets Monday evenings at 6.30pm

### **Company Section**

11+ years meets Monday evenings at 7.45pm

Lindfield URC



# Lindfield Football Club

**Lindfield Football Club was formed over one hundred years ago and has seen many changes over the years of its existence.**

Playing in the beautiful surroundings of Lindfield Common in the early days, changing facilities consisted of a corrugated green hut situated at the bottom of the Common. Cramped conditions prevailed with 22 grown men squeezing into a very small area. No such thing as showers - tin baths of cold water were the order of the day!

Records of the early days are very sketchy, but Lindfield played in both the Mid' Sussex League and Crawley League up until the early 70's, with some successes.

The Club has grown in stature since those times and for the last ten years has run four teams in the Mid-Sussex League. Indeed, for the season 2005/6, a fifth team is to be introduced, encouraging youngsters from the youth teams to play at a higher level.

Past successes have included:-

- In 1983, the 3rd XI won Division 5.
- In 1991, the Is' XI won Division 1, and were promoted to the Premier Division in 1992. Unfortunately, they were relegated back into Division 1 in 1993 but regained Premier status when they were runners up to Uckfield Town.
- In 1995, the 1st XI won the Sussex Junior Cup, beating Maple Leaf FC (Worthing League) 3 - 1.

The highest point in the Club's history must be during the 2000/1 Season, when we won the

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**Tell  
everyone  
about it.**

If you run a club or group in the local community that you would like to talk more about, submit an article/information to the editor – it would be great to see more of what is going on in/around the village.

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Premier Division and the Montgomery Cup, a prestigious league double. During the last six years, the 2nd XI have climbed from Division 5 through to Division 2.

The Junior Division of the Club has now successfully been running for several years and is thriving with teams for the Under 9s and the Under 16s.

Nowadays, the Club still plays in the excellent surroundings of the Common and leases the Cricket Club Pavilion during the Season. We have superb changing facilities and a bar for a drink and post match analysis. We also hold several social events for members.

Anyone interested in joining the Club can contact Graham Jauns on 01444 413135 for details.

**A** new priest was visiting the homes of his parishioners, but at one house, though it was obvious someone was home, there was no answer. So he took out a card, wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and put it through the letterbox.

The next Sunday, he found that his card had been returned, with the added cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10".

Checking his Bible, he broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins: "Behold I stand at the door and knock"

Genesis 3:10 reads: "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."



### Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
September		
4	No	Fiona Tingley
10	flowers	Heather Swann
18	during	Sue Tester
24	September	Dorothy Forster
October		
2	Harvest Festival	Betty Peter
9	Jean Baxter	Jacqueline Wood
16	Jessie Green	Iris Bingham
23	Carol Walters	Fiona Tingley
30	Wedding Flowers	Heather Swann

Please see church notices for Harvest on October 2nd. If anybody can help or has ideas please get in contact with me.

Betty Billins.

## Church activities

### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Junior Church  
(Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)  
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- 11.0am Morning Worship  
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)
- 6.30pm Evening Service  
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

*Healing services as announced*

### PRAYER MEETINGS:

- Mon 9.30am 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)
- 7.45pm Boys' Brigade – Company  
Section (11+ years)
- Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones  
(Parents and toddlers)
- 7.45pm In Touch (4th Tuesday)
- Wed 2.45pm The Fellowship (4th Wed.)
- 5.30pm Zest 1:2, 3:4
- 6.45pm Zest 5:6, 7:8
- 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)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

**The church is open Monday to Saturday  
from 10.00am to 12.30pm**

## Phonebook



### Church (payphone):

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### Minister's office number:

01444 487607

### Boys' Brigade:

Geoffrey Cocksedge  
01444 474007

### Cradle Roll:

Sue Tester 01444 482810

### Flowers:

Betty Billins 01444 484494

### Hall Booking Secretary:

Audrey McKee 01444 415031

### In Touch:

Sue Waller 01444 455047

### Lunch Fellowship:

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Janet Drayton 01444 456161

### Friday:

Gwen Hillman 01444 456963  
Anne Parker 01444 473519

### Magazine: Editor:

David Tingley 01444 451024

### The Fellowship:

Jessie Green 01444 452708  
Roy Billins 01444 484494

### Stepping Stones:

Janet Goodenough  
01444 417002

### Transport:

Tina Elphick 01444 484440

### Youth and Children's Work

#### Co-ordinator:

Iris Green 01444 484117

### Junior Church

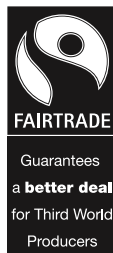
#### & Zest Co-ordinator:

Clare Nibloe 01444 484683

## Local events

### FAIRTRADE

The next Fairtrade stall will be on **18th September** between morning services in the URC



### MUSIC FOR PLEASURE

King Edward Hall

A lunch-time concert

**September 22nd 2005**

1pm to 1.50pm

**John Baker** – Tenor  
**Dick Passmore**  
– Baritone

Admission free.  
Tea/coffee available.  
Donations for St Peter and St James Hospice.  
Tel: 452697

**The Preservation Society** has a talk on **Harvey's Brewery, A Traditional Brewery**

by **Miles Jenner**  
Joint Managing Director & Brewer

**Wednesday 21st September**

8pm, at the King Edward Hall. Admission £1.  
All welcome.

## FILM

The next film show will be held on

**Thursday 29th September**

7.45pm, at the King Edward Hall; see posters in local shops for details.