

Dear Friends...



Are you thinking long term?

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, does not give many interviews and I was pleased to read a full interview that he gave to *The Times* in May. As always he speaks intelligently and, although I was interested in what he said about the sacrifices needed for church unity, it was what he had to say on spirituality that really caught my eye.

The Archbishop has a keen awareness of the pressures of modern society. He is concerned about people's personal lives. Dr Williams argued, rightly in my opinion, that spirituality was not a something that could just be "bolted on at the edges". He criticised Britain's "portfolio culture" in which personal integrity is being sacrificed to short term goals. Because of social trends people build up short term jobs and achievements; you don't look for the job for life any longer and most young people assume that's how life is likely to be.

Dr Williams said: "The short term job and the short term relationship go together. The short term job and the short span of attention go together". Just how difficult is it today to build (long term) a life that

includes the balance of personal development, family and work? Dr Williams urges us to make time for the spiritual dimension of our lives; "the need to take time for thought, for silence, for spirituality. We need time to be as well as to do."

Statistics tend to bear this out. A study published in March by the vocational awards body City & Guilds indicated that those starting work in 20 years time will have 19 different jobs throughout their working lives. At the same time, divorce rates are continuing to increase, up to 160,000 in 2002 from 157,000 in 2001.

The Archbishop added, "That's not saying we need to go back to going down the mines at 16 and staying there until 65. People were rightly glad to get away from the oppressiveness of all that. But I just think we need to recognise that that's a problem."

Fortunately for us Jesus addresses this in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters 5-7 and particularly in chapter 6 verses 19-34. We would do well to dwell on these words and allow God to speak into our lives through them and "seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness".

Colin Bones, minister

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Editorial



The summer can traditionally be a time when many things 'shut down'. Schools, clubs, decent television programming and much of the church's activities to a certain extent, including GoodNEWS!

Our worship never stops, of course, but those many groups, which have been running all term, take "five" while their leaders release the pressure for a while.

If you are fortunate enough to get a time of relaxation through the coming months, whoever you are, and you feel that you would like to sit down and write a little something for the magazine – please feel free.

Maybe you have read a great book, experienced God especially touching your life recently or have a good idea for a magazine feature. Whatever, I would love to hear from you.

We have a number of entries on that basis this month: Colin Bones writes about his holiday in France, Suzy Jacques finishes a Rick Warren book and shares what she learnt while Janet Drayton reflects on the brilliant 24/7 prayer initiative.

Wherever you are coming from and wherever you think you are going – we can all learn from a faith shared.

David Tingley, editor

Prayer Diary



SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray that we may encounter God through daily praise, prayer and bible reading. • Uphold all those involved in our Sunday worship – those 'up front' as well as others 'behind the scenes'.
MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Alive '05, the mission planned for Lindfield next year. • Remember the representatives from all three Churches on the steering committee. • Uphold Morelands College as they prepare for their part.
TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please pray earnestly about our youth/children's work – that God will guide and direct us and that new helpers will come forward. • Ask God to refresh the "Power Source" teachers during their break. • Pray for those who take their place during the summer.
WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex East District – Pray for our churches at Crowborough, Hassocks, Uckfield, Hastings Area Group, Lewes, Balcombe, St Luke's, Alfriston, Seaford & Upperton. • Thank God for all the children and young people and those who work with them.
THUR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember the Praise Evening planned for 26th August. • Our mission focus – Tearfund. • Using your 'Who's Who', pray for friends whose surnames begin with H, J & K.
FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uphold in prayer Jenni Addison (detached youth worker) employed in Haywards Heath. • Remember the 'Street Mate' and 'Saltworks' programmes, and the Bytes Café for young people. • Pray for Helen Hall and her work in the community.
SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the opportunity and joy of holidays. • Pray for safe travel and for refreshment. • Remember those who, for whatever reason, are unable to go away. • Pray for Mike & Jean Gardiner in their ministry in Wandsworth.

Where do you start?

As part of his work, church member Stuart Dew was asked to write a two-page handout about Christianity for someone who knew nothing of the faith. That's right, he had to summarise the whole thing on just one sheet of A4!

The readers would more than likely be from other faith groups and cultures; its purpose was not to evangelise, but to broadly explain Christianity as a whole, what it means and what traditions they might expect to see should they meet a follower of Christ.

Stuart rose to that challenge and most of the handout is published here. Read it for reference, because you are seeking or because you know someone who is.

FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY

Christianity was founded by the followers of Jesus Christ. Christians believe he was the Son of God, sent to earth from heaven, to save people from their sins or wrongdoings. By willingly accepting death by crucifixion (being nailed to a cross) he took the punishment for sin upon himself. His resurrection (returning to life) two days later and subsequent ascension to heaven, signalled that those who accepted Jesus Christ also had eternal life, not on earth but in heaven.

Christians believe in the Trinity: one God who has three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christianity's holy book is the Bible, a collection of writings which is split into "Old" and "New" testaments. The Old Testament was written before Christ's birth and is both historical, and prophesies his coming. The books of the New Testament record Christ's birth, life and ministry on earth, his crucifixion and resurrection, the activities of his early followers, and exposition of Christian belief.

CHRISTIAN HISTORY

Disagreements about belief and practice led to the growth of different traditions. The eastern church of the Byzantine Empire (now the Orthodox church) developed differently from that of the Roman Empire (now the Roman Catholic church). In 1534 Henry VIII made himself head of the church in England, which broke the ties with Rome and began a Protestant tradition that also produced non-conformist denominations such as Baptist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian (these two being united in 1972 to form the United Reformed Church) and Methodist.

Schism and renewal continues to generate new groupings. The modern ecumenical movement has sought to encourage Christians to work more closely together in local and national projects and celebrate that which they share in common.

Although Christians share a central belief in the Trinity, different traditions disagree about issues such as authority and leadership, the role of women, and the significance of the Eucharist.

MILESTONES

- Infants are baptised or dedicated (welcomed into the family of the church).
- Some traditions reserve baptism for a personal decision by adults.
- If people are baptised as babies, Confirmation gives an opportunity for the individual to confirm her/his Christian faith.
- The Eucharist (also known as the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion) remembers Jesus' last meal with his followers before he was crucified and, for some, signifies his abiding presence within the church.
- Marriage and death are also marked by religious services.

Feature – Beginner's guide

KEY ISSUES IN THE WORKPLACE

Practising Christians are unlikely to want time during work for daily prayer but may wish not to work on religious festivals, and possibly on Sundays. Most will find distasteful, that which is deliberately or unintentionally blasphemous. eg. the inappropriate use of expressions such as 'Oh God' or 'Jesus Christ'. Practising Christians would be reluctant to involve themselves in deceptions or so-called sharp practices which are accepted within some places of work. Pornographic pictures, lewd jokes and racist or sexist comments or remarks which denigrate others, or practices which contradict Christian morality would offend Christians.

Some Christians might see it as part of their calling to proselytise (seek converts) which could cause tension with colleagues. Others may use Christian terms of endearment such as 'God Bless' without realising that this could cause offence to those from other backgrounds. Such issues need to be handled sensitively, and as part of a wider process of awareness-raising.

NUMBERS

The 2001 Census reports that 42 million people (almost 72% of the UK population) identify themselves as Christian.

However, the churches have only six million 'active' members. The Office for National Statistics 2003 indicates approximately 29% of the population identify with Anglican churches, 10% with the Catholic Church, and 14% with other Christian churches.

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION

If in doubt about Christian practices, beliefs or use of language, ask – either a friend or colleague who is a Christian, or at a local church.

There are a number of useful websites:

- Rejesus at www.rejesus.org is editorially independent from any single denomination or organisation, but its management group represents the thoughts of all mainstream Christian denominations and organisations in the UK.
- Churches Together in Britain and Ireland at www.ctbi.org.uk has links to the websites of the various member churches.
- www.lindfieldurc.org.uk is our own church website, which has some faith Q&As on it.

Family News

Thanks

A big thank you to everyone for their best wishes and generous support for the 'Moonwalk' Marathon that I did on 15th May. It was a bit gruelling as it took place overnight, but the atmosphere was brilliant and hopefully lots of money will have been raised for breast cancer. Once all my sponsor money is in, I will have raised just over £700, so thanks again.

Sandra Gedrych

Moving House

The following folk have recently moved house so would you please update your Who's Who

Ron and Janet Goodenough

have moved to :- Bramble Lodge, Lyoth Lane, Lindfield. RH16 2QA Tel: 01444 417002

Harold Mighall is now living at:-

Arthur Bliss House, Finches Gardens, Lindfield. Room 11
RH16 2PD Tel: 01444 483202

Mary Burgoyne has moved to Compton House.

New Baby

Congratulations to **Simon and Becky Lunt** on the birth of a daughter, Carys on 8th June.

Bereavement

It is with sadness that we record the death of **Elsie Campling** on 7th June.

Elsie was such a gracious lady, thinking of others first and always so thankful for any small service. She will be greatly missed but we rejoice that she has journeyed on to be with her Lord whom she served so faithfully.

We extend our love to Graham, Noel, Jeremy and Mel and all the family.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported The Common & Garden refreshment tent on Village Day, whether you baked a cake, provided plants, helped on the day or simply came and enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of cake. We had a busy afternoon and as a result I've been able to donate £300 to Tearfund.

Suzy Jacques

Brian and Sue Tester are most grateful to the church family for the love and support given to them on the death of Brian's father, Mervin, aged 92. Your words of encouragement and support have sustained us during this sad time. The cards, flowers and acts of kindness have been much appreciated.

Sharing our gifts to help each other

1 Corinthians 12 reminds us of the need to share our spiritual gifts and (v.27) that each one of us is a different part of the body of Christ. It is important to acknowledge that we are all blessed with gifts but everyone's gifts are different. By sharing our gifts we can operate together as the limbs of a body.

All those at a recent Bring & Share lunch at LURC were invited to complete a "gift share" certificate indicating any particular gifts which they felt able to share. The idea was that anyone needing help in a particular situation could be put in touch with someone who had volunteered the use of a relevant gift. The pastoral committee retains a register of all those offers and is able to identify an appropriate person to assist should anyone be seeking help. In order to make sure that this is as effective as possible we will be keeping the register regularly updated.

Therefore:

- 1) Within the next few weeks we will be writing to all those that have previously volunteered to share their gifts with a reminder of what you volunteered for. Please indicate any new areas where you feel able to offer assistance to others and similarly any areas where you no longer feel able to help others.
- 2) If you've not previously filled in a form then please contact Bill Green, Barbara Shepherd or Melanie Campling. They will be happy to supply you with one!
- 3) If ever you do need help then call Bill (484117), Barbara (483167) or Melanie (484140)

BABY SITTING CO-OPERATIVE

We are aware that so many parents are restricted because of the constant need to find baby sitters. This can be both difficult and expensive. I am planning to put together a baby sitting circle. It is hoped that the circle will enable people to call freely for baby sitters whenever needed without needing to feel guilty that they are imposing on others. Please let me know if you would be willing to join (to baby sit, in need of a baby sitter, or both) and I will endeavour to co-ordinate!

Melanie Campling

Open doors down your street?

For over two years I have been holding an "OPEN DOOR" in my home. We meet from 10.30am –12 noon on the first, third and fifth Fridays of the month.

It is on a "come and go as you please" basis and we have coffee and biscuits or cake. It is for anyone who likes company but mainly retired people come. Some people are "regulars" and others turn up just occasionally. It is very "free and easy" and one doesn't need to feel committed to it in any way. Numbers vary from about four to ten.

If you would like to come along then please just turn up or I am very happy to visit anyone in their home who is thinking about coming. I can arrange for you to be collected and taken home if necessary.

I long to see this "grow". Would you be interested in holding an "OPEN DOOR" in your road? It could be just once a month if you prefer, and any day or time that suits you. Please contact me if you are interested.

Angela Watson
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Tel: 01444 440268

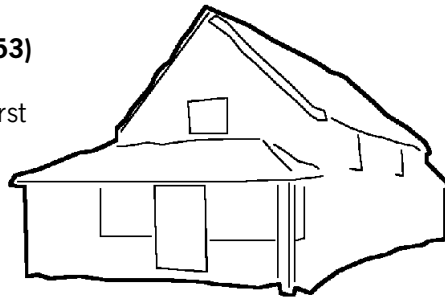
The Fellowship

We shall be holding our Annual Garden Tea at 3pm on Wednesday 28th July, at the home of Mrs Jessie Green; 15 Blackthorns. Should you need transport please meet outside the church at 2.45pm.

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 the summer months are as follows:-

4th July	HYMN CHOICE – Donald Nisbet
18th July	Colin Bones – COMMUNION SERVICE
1st August	Philip Wren
15th August	Colin Bones

Mission thanks...



Thank you for sending the generous gift of £1200.00 in response to the earthquake in Iran last year. The earthquake, which struck the ancient city of Bam in southern Iran in the early hours of December 26, 2003 killed more than 40,000 people and made an estimated 80,000 people homeless. Most of the city's buildings were flattened, including hospitals and schools.

Tearfund has provided the money to build water tanks, shower blocks and toilet facilities to two of the eighteen camps around the city in an effort to prevent disease spreading as the summer approaches.

Please pray for the people of Bam; for all who have been bereaved, injured or lost their homes and livelihoods. Pray also for all agencies as they bring aid to the survivors and help to rebuild lives. Thank you for your prayers, concern and generous support.



Thank you for your gift of £750. We also give thanks to God for the opportunities that the Sycamore Tree programme gives offenders. Please pray that many more lives will be transformed through the love and power of Jesus Christ.
PRISON FELLOWSHIP.



We acknowledge receipt of your donation of £750.00 and ask you to accept the Trust's thanks. It is particularly welcome at this time when we are raising funds for the second stage of the new school building. We look forward to meeting some of you at our re-union on July 17th.
PROJECT RUTH , Romania.



We are very grateful for your very kind gift of £1200.00 towards Feba's broadcasting. Thank you for your partnership as we seek to reach by radio the hard to reach in Africa, Asia and the Middle East with the Good News of Jesus.

It was good to share at the church in March – just about a month after the latest supporter's trip to South India, about which there is an article in the current magazine.

With many thanks for your prayerful support and partnership.
FEBA – Radio broadcasting.

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Where is God in all this?

Leaders of the Christian Peoples Alliance are to meet on Saturday to discuss the party's future after CPA won just 2.8% of the vote in the London elections – a smaller share than in the last poll four years ago.

Party leader Ram Gidoomal is also considering his future in politics after the election slump.

Source: The Christian Herald

Live from... Jersusalem

The Cross Rhythms satellite radio station, broadcasting on Sky Digital Channel 876, is now uplinked to the Sky platform via GOD TV's broadcast transmission centre just outside Jerusalem. It can now be heard via a separate satellite system covering Israel and parts of the Middle East.

Source: The Christian Herald

Put aside gun ethics

Paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland are destroying the communities they had purportedly been founded to protect as they turn to crime. The warning came from Anglican Church of Ireland Bishop Alan Harper. The Bishop's Connor diocese includes some of the worst affected former conflict areas of north Belfast.

Source: The Christian Herald

Trusting?

The Evangelical Alliance launched its TRUST campaign in June, as part of its on-going focus looking at values in society. Over the next 12 months it will turn the spotlight on three key areas where trust is important – in the Church, in public life and in business.

On 10 June millions of Britons turned out to vote in elections. Can we trust the politicians we vote for or do we feel there is no point in voting because it makes little difference to society?

In business the concept of trust, or the lack of it, is a talking point where scandals such as Enron rocked the financial world.

In the Church people have been let down by clergy who fail to practise what they preach, causing hurt and mistrust.

Over the coming months the Evangelical Alliance will take opportunities in the media to raise the profile of trust. This will include sermon notes, studies and a book by Rev Joel Edwards.

The website www.valuingtrust.org will be regularly updated with the latest news, events and resources on trust.

www.eauk.org

July / August church diary

July

1st
Thursday House Groups

3rd
Saturday 7.0pm Tearfund
Barbecue

4th
Sunday 9.30am Communion
– Colin Bones
11.0am Colin Bones
6.30pm Colin Bones

11th
Sunday 9.30am Colin Bones
11.0am Colin Bones
6.30am Communion
– Colin Bones

14th
Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

15th
Thursday House Groups

16th
Friday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

18th
Sunday 9.30am Missions Group
11.0am Missions Group
6.30pm Healing
– Colin Bones

22nd
Thursday 8.0pm Monthly Prayer
Meeting

25th
Sunday 9.30am Colin Bones
11.0am Communion
– Colin Bones
3.0pm Concert for
Brena Johnson
6.30pm Colin Bones

27th
Tuesday 7.45pm Ladies
'In Touch'

28th
Wednesday tbc? The Fellowship
7.45pm Elders' Meeting

August

1st
Sunday 9.30am Communion
– Colin Bones
11.0am Healing
– Colin Bones
6.30pm Colin Bones

8th
Sunday 9.30am Peter & Kay
McIntosh
11.0am Peter & Kay
McIntosh
6.30am Communion
– David Jones

12th
Thursday 5.0pm Copy Date for
September
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15th Sunday

9.30am	David & Clare Nibloe
11.0am	Michael Davies
6.30pm	Colin Bones

22nd Sunday

9.30am	Ron Goodenough
11.0am	Communion – Ron Goodenough
6.30pm	T B A

24th

Tuesday	tbc?	Ladies 'In Touch'
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26th

Thursday	8.0pm	Monthly Prayer Meeting
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29th Sunday

9.30am	Colin Bones
11.0am	Colin Bones
6.30pm	Colin Bones

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.

What on earth am I here for?

I don't think there is a person alive who hasn't asked themselves that question at some point in their life. When you creep towards a milestone birthday, you begin to wonder where the past X decades of your life have got you. What have you achieved and where is your life heading?

Wouldn't it be good if there was a book you could read that answered that question – “What on earth am I here for?”

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren appears at first sight to be another typical American self-help book. I only bought it because my sister had heard it was good – and any Christian book that can make it to The #1 New York Times Bestseller, couldn't be that bad...could it?

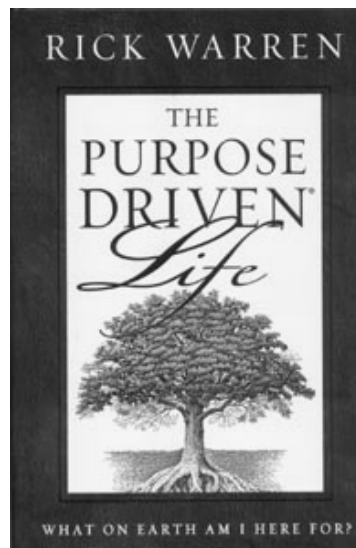
I opened the book, began reading and was immediately put off by the “covenant” page, where you sign up to commit to spend the next 40 days discovering God's purpose for your life. All a little too “10 ways to inner happiness” for me...

Perseverance past this, however, quickly changed my opinion of this book. As I read, one chapter a day, on the train to work, I found myself thinking “Yes! Of course! This is what it's all about!”

And I found many times that the chapter that day seemed to apply to a current situation or to my Bible reading for the day, which just made the book come alive even more.

By only studying a chapter a day, it allows you time to think on what you have read, before moving on to the next life lesson. This gives you more chance to apply what you've learnt, so you're more likely to remember it later.

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Pray-ers

Drawing on nearly one thousand quotations from the Bible, Rick brings our purpose on earth down to five things. To bring God glory by worshipping Him, loving other believers, becoming like Christ, serving others with our gifts and telling others about Him.

So if you want to know more about how these things equate to God's purpose for your life, I whole-heartedly suggest you buy a copy yourself. As Rick says, don't you think it would be wise to set aside 40 days out of an average life span of 25,550, to figure out what God wants you to do with the rest of them?

Suzy Jacques

“When you pray say ‘Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name...’”

Churches Together in Haywards Heath undertook to maintain prayer continuously throughout a week back in mid-May. Seven churches shared the responsibility between them, which meant that Lindfield URC was allocated one 24 hour slot. 31 worshippers volunteered to maintain the prayer vigil from our fellowship and the steering committee thank them for their diligence.

Many people said how helpful the room was, laid out with paints and drawing materials, candles, post-it notes for personal prayers, pebbles, clay and modelling materials. There was much information about local faith-based initiatives and having the walls lined with paper meant that prayers could write or paint directly.

Some of the comments afterwards were: the night time hours just flew by; I felt at home there; it was restful; it was peaceful without any pressures; it felt good to be there; the quiet music was a calming influence on me.

GOD is surely challenging us to hold our own prayer vigil. Should we start in a small way with 24/1? Please let us know your considered thoughts in response.

Janet Drayton

Monthly mission support _____

Tearfund

WE ARE FAMILY – COME TO THE BBQ – SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY AROUND THE WORLD

We are supporting Tearfund during July and August starting with a BBQ on the 3rd July from 7pm. Come and join your Church Family for an evening with good food, short video and a fun sketch entitled “Quick – find me a builder”. Why not bring your family and friends?

There will also be a fairtrade and crafts stall for you to do some early Christmas shopping. Tickets are available from Ron, Trudy, John Barling, Fiona Flett or Iris and Bill. See the Missions Notice board for further information as to how you can support Tearfund in both Prayer and in Giving throughout July and August. Please use the special envelopes and complete a Gift Aid form, if appropriate. The **WE ARE FAMILY** campaign is about looking beyond our own lives and communities to help people we will probably never meet.

Letter to all at Lindfield United Reformed Church from Tearfund:–

“ Thank you for getting involved with – WE ARE FAMILY

Where do you turn for practical support if your family and friends are unable to help? That’s when you need God’s people – the church – to be an extended family, providing compassionate care and support in times of need.

In Cambodia, communities and families have been torn apart – by genocidal war in the 1970s, and now again by HIV/AIDS. In the video you’ll meet Sophul, a mother who is dying of an AIDS-related illness. She worries for her children; most of her extended family died in the war; her grandmother is old. But she is grateful for the comfort and practical support she receives from Tearfund’s Christian

partner, SERVANTS.

“If it wasn’t for Servants, I would have died a long time ago,” she says.

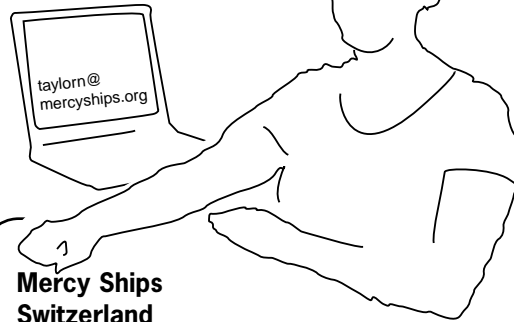
We may not have to face HIV/AIDS, but hopefully many people in your church will know what it is to receive compassion and help in times of need. Whatever your own experience of family, bad or good, God’s family should be a place of acceptance, safety and love.

And that’s what **WE ARE FAMILY** is all about. Thank you for your support over many years. ”

TEARFUND

My world

Missionary tales by Nikki Taylor



Mercy Ships Switzerland

The countdown has started in earnest! In August I will be indeed Nicola Bigler and no longer a separate and single person. July is my last month of work with Mercy Ships as a missionary. After this I am going to be looking for a job in Switzerland.

I don't quite know what yet... I also don't think that I am finished with missions. I think it is a life-long calling that God makes on each one of us in whichever capacity he has given to us. Realising how hard it is to get support as an independent missionary working for an organisation such as Mercy Ships I am hoping I can become a supporter for a while. My thanks to Lindfield for all the support they have given to me over the last 5 years from my first speaking at a missions breakfast to being adopted as part of your family and sponsored as a missionary.

Nicolas, my husband to be, and I are both looking forward to going and being among other peoples and following God's will for our lives wherever that will be. Our hearts are drawn to Africa, the land of his childhood and where we first met. So I look forward to his revealing his plans for us.

Holiday season _____

Children under your feet? Not sure what to do?



Ages from 9 to 13 catered for
Sunday July 25th to Friday 31st July

Fully equipped and safe site in the sussex countryside, just south of Uckfield closely supervised by experienced personnel.
It is a Christian camp with an emphasis on leading and helping young people to accept Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour.

There is also a youth camp for 14 to 19+ year olds from
Sunday 1st August to Friday 6th August.

Both weeks offer an exciting and varied program.

WE ALSO NEED LOTS OF HELP!!!!

- setting up camp on Friday/Saturday 23rd & 24th July
- prayer for children, helpers & leaders
- making cakes and goodies (these are most appreciated)
- dismantling camp afterwards on Saturday 7th August

There are opportunities for older teenagers to be tent leaders for the junior camp week. If you can only join us for a day there is always the washing up (rather a large pile after feeding the 5,000!!)

It's not too late – for a fun-filled week or two ring today and book your place

More information, application forms and costs from: Peter Trump: 01444 451572



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Spring Harvest – Le Pas Opton



Several people have asked us about our recent Spring Harvest holiday in France. Well, we had a great time and the weather was great!

Spring Harvest has bought a 4 star riverside Campsite with tents and mobile homes in the Vendee near the town of St Gilles Croix de Vie which has beautiful beaches and plenty of nearby attractions. The site has an excellent swimming pool complex and children's play area.

The week was a holiday and a time to chill out a bit and this is essentially Spring Harvest's aim – re-creation through having a good holiday physically and spiritually to recharge the batteries.

A teaching and worship programme is laid on together with a children's and young people's programme. Breakfast with God 9–9.20am; Bible Focus 10.30–11.15am and Evening Time Out 6.30–7.15pm. Children's programme 10.30am–12.30pm.

This is complemented by afternoon activities e.g. sports/excursions and evenings in the bar with Karaoke, pub quizzes and wine and cheese evenings with a local wine dealer – the latter highly recommended.

Clearly Spring Harvest at Minehead this is not. The teaching programme is much lighter – though still very good. The emphasis is on the provision of a very good site in an excellent location to be able to enjoy a holiday in a Christian atmosphere. We virtually 'did our own thing' for the week and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you like your God input with bagettes, croissants, paté, cheese and wine then this could be for you.

As ever with Spring Harvest you need to be quick off the mark and yes, we have already booked for next year.

Colin Bones

Booking Lines
Open 9am-5pm, Mon-Fri
0870 060 3320

www.springharvestholidays.com

Game, set and match on the common

As Wimbledon draws to a close, you might be forgiven for wanting to dust off that old racquet yourself this summer. What better place to do that than, than at Lindfield's own tennis club. Tina Iggulden writes...

The Club enjoys a lovely location on Lindfield Common and an active membership that keeps all the courts busy.

There is a particularly strong Junior Section and the arrival of a new Club Coach, Gareth Hixson of 'Matchpoint' (Serviceline) this year has brought in both new members and those young and old looking for help to improve their game. Gareth runs junior sessions for all ages and standards during the weekend and is keen to work with local schools to bring in

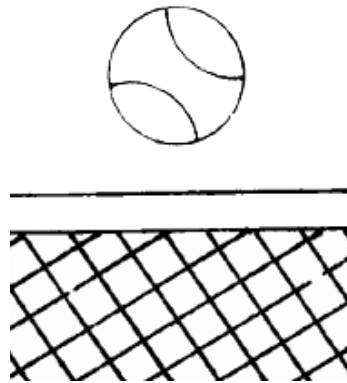
new youngsters. Chairman Frank Nickson says 'We are delighted to have Gareth with us this year and I would encourage both adults and juniors to visit us and

try their hand on court.

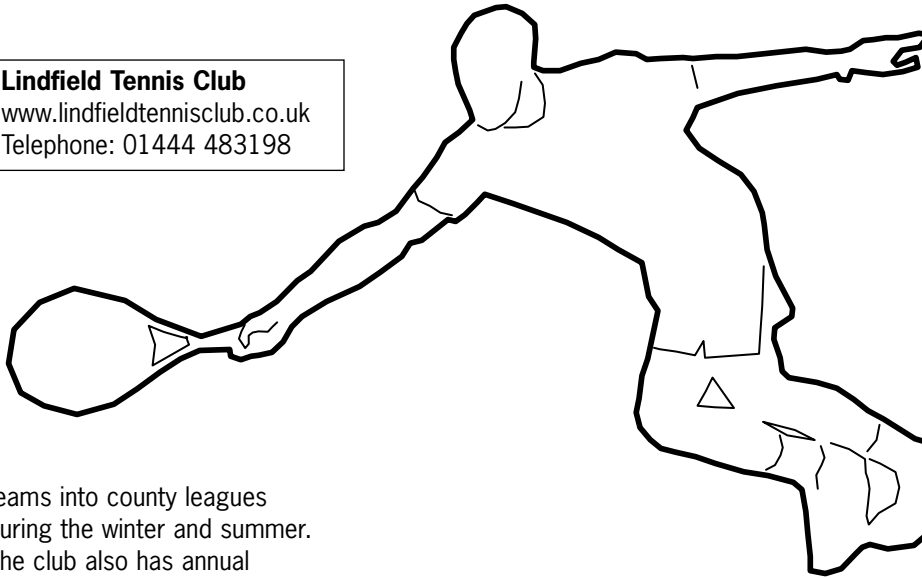
Saturday afternoon is reserved for senior social play and all will be made to feel very welcome. This is the start of the year for us and the perfect time to join. There

is a special low rate for the first year of junior membership'.

For those players looking for competitive tennis the club enters men's, ladies and junior



Lindfield Tennis Club
www.lindfieldtennisclub.co.uk
Telephone: 01444 483198



teams into county leagues during the winter and summer. The club also has annual championships and participates with other local clubs in a league organised by ourselves.

Membership includes an MSDC ticket to play free at any MSDC Courts locally and being part of the club allows entry to the Wimbledon ticket draw.

There is also a very active social aspect to the club with numerous and varied tournaments throughout the year. The club website is www.lindfieldtennisclub.co.uk or telephone 01444 483198 for more details.

Tina Iggulden

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 editor – it would be great to see more of what is going on in/around the village.

Contact details on page 2.

Arranging your mind

A devotional (from Daily Bread) which inspired Marion Tingley

Read: Philippians 4:4-9

Several years ago I read a story about a 92-year-old Christian woman who was legally blind. In spite of her limitation, she was always neatly dressed, with her hair carefully brushed and her makeup tastefully applied. Each morning she would meet the new day with eagerness.

After her husband of 70 years died, it became necessary for her to go to a nursing home where she could receive proper care. On the day of the move, a helpful neighbour drove her there and guided her into the lobby. Her room wasn't ready, so she waited patiently in the lobby for several hours.

When an attendant finally came for her, she smiled sweetly as she manoeuvred her walker to the elevator. The staff member described her room to her, including the new curtains that had been hung on the windows. "I love it," she declared. "But Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen your room yet," the attendant replied. "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she said.

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Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I will say it
again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4: v4

"Happiness is something you choose. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how it's arranged. It's how I arrange my mind."

The Bible says, "Rejoice in the Lord" (Philippians 4:4). Remind yourself often of all that Jesus has given to you and be thankful. That's how to arrange your mind.

David Roper

The back pages

FAMILY NEWS ADDITIONAL ITEM:

Elsie Campling's family have greatly appreciated the many expressions of love, sympathy and practical help from so many friends during her recent illness and passing. She would have been particularly pleased that so many were able to be present at her Thanksgiving Service. Many people have asked how to make donations in her memory – these may be forwarded to Masters and Son and will be divided between Lindfield Christian Care Home and the Child Link Adoption Society.

*Graham, Lyn and Alan, Noel,
Jeremy and Melanie and Laura*



Flower Rota

		Arranging	Distributing
July	4	Carol Walters	Betty Peter
	11	Gladys Porter	Jacqueline Wood
	18	Dorothy Forster	Iris Bingham
	25	Fiona Tingley	Fiona Tingley
Aug	1	Iris Green	Heather Swann
	8	Anne Parker	Sue Tester
	15	Audrey McKee	Dorothy Forster
	22	Zoe McQuillin	Betty Peter
	29	Angela Newnham	Jacqueline Wood
Sept	5	Joan Durrant	–
	12	Barbara Shepherd	–
	19	Audrey Saunders	–
	26	Winifred Scopes	–

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)
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)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

**The church is open Monday to Saturday
from 10.00am to 1.00pm**

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