

# Lindfield United Reformed Church

Newsletter July/August 2024

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# July and August's Church News & Updates

## Wednesday Worship in July and August

The Wednesday worship services will be taking place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August led by Reverend Keith Morrison. The church will be open from 11am for coffee before the service starts at 11.30am.

## Messy Church

Messy Church for families takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. Activities, crafts, and story following a theme, are followed by a tea for all. If you can help, please contact Jacquie Odell on 07895 772317. Messy Church will be taking a well-earned break in August.



## The Fellowship

On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, at 2.30pm, our speaker will be Barry Turnwell, who I know you will be delighted to meet again. As always the meeting will end with tea and cake and time for a chat. All who come will be made most welcome.

## Chill and Chat

Chill and chat will not be meeting for our usual Wednesday evening in July. Instead, 12 of us are going to see the musical "Kipps" at 7.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July in the theatre at Hurstpierpoint College. 'Kipps' is the updated version of 'Half a sixpence' and is a musical production by Burgess Hill Musical Theatre Society. If there is anyone else who would like to join us there may still be tickets available.

We also have 2 opportunities to go out for a coffee together.

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am – South Downs Garden Centre, Hassocks
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am – Haskins Garden Centre, Crawley Down

All ladies are welcome, and if you require transport, please speak to Betty (01444 484494) or Fo (01444 483419).

## Annual Afternoon Tea



You are welcome to afternoon tea in the church hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm. Please make it known to anyone in the Pastoral Team if you require a lift and we will arrange something for you. Look forward to seeing you.

Sue Gooch

# July and August's Church News & Updates cont'd

## Church Prayer meetings

The Church Prayer meetings in July and August will take place as follows:

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm on the phone (01444 711407)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm in the church lounge
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – 7.30pm on the phone (01444 711407)
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – 7.30pm in the church lounge

## Three churches Prayer meeting

All are invited to join us for a weekly Three churches Prayer meeting on Saturday mornings from 8.45 – 9.30am at the Lindfield Evangelical Free Church.

## Flower Distribution in July and August

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine Faro	4 <sup>th</sup> August	Fo Tingley
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Heather Swann	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Christine Faro
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Alison Ward	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Heather Swann
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Carol Marsh	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Alison Ward



# Cuckfield Garden Tea & Cake Saturday 6th July @ 3pm

At Simon & Jilly's  
Melbury, Ardingly Road  
Cuckfield RH17 5HD  
(Entry via Brainsmead)



# Church Services in July & August

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 11.30am

The reading is taken from Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43

***<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid, just believe." (NIV)***

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 'All coming together'

The people of Israel come to David and ask that he fulfil his God-given destiny. David is therefore anointed as king and makes a covenant with his people. Shortly after, he takes the city of Jerusalem and makes it his own. With God's help, David continues to grow in power and greatness.

In a world where leadership is often sadly lacking, how do we understand the qualities that make good leaders. How are good leaders shaped?

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

To include the Dedication of Wilf

The reading is taken from 2 Samuel 5:1-12

***<sup>12</sup> Then David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. (NIV)***

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 'Food for thought!'

One of the most well-known miracles of Jesus is the feeding of the five thousand. What food can that miracle give us to help us be nourished on our Christian journey?

Service taken by Graham Campling at 10am

The reading is taken from Mark 6:30-44

***<sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (NIV)***

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024



### **'It's not fair'**

David has gone from shepherd boy to king – he has arrived at the position to which God had called him. However, now he is king he has full freedom of action – and, in the same way that his heroism previously led to freedom for others, now his sin will result in the suffering of other people. Often, we focus on our own suffering, but God's justice insists we look also at those who hurt us and those impacted by our own choices.

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am to include Communion

The reading is taken from 2 Samuel 11:1-15, 26-27

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### **'The defining moment when God confronts who we are'**

None of us enjoys being told off or dressed down, but sometimes we know that it's deserved. David is often celebrated as a man 'after God's own heart' but, even the highest can fall and hurt both themselves and others. David is king, so who can tell him he has fallen short? Nathan the prophet finds a way to show David what he has done and to bring him back to God in repentance.

Service taken by Reverend Simon Franklin

The Old Testament reading is taken from 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:14

***David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord".  
Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin". (NIV)***

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### 'Hungry'

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 11.30am

The reading is taken from John 6:24-35

***27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. (NIV)***

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### 'Reaping the whirlwind'

Today's reading shows the playing out of a number of David's choices earlier in his reign. He is at war with his own son having lost first the respect and then control of his family and the kingdom. We will be exploring facing consequences of our previous actions and how we might move to bring God's grace to bear.

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from 2 Samuel 18:5-11, 14-15, 31-33

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### 'Receiving wisdom'

Solomon is following in the footsteps of a revered ruler, his father, David. How will he cope? What should he do? He begins in worship of the God who blessed his father and grew the nation of Israel. When asked by God what he wants, he chooses wisdom over long life and riches. Today we will explore how God offers us the gift of wisdom but waits for us to ask for it.

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from 1 Kings 3:1-15

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024



## ‘Are we wearing the armour of God?’

In our reading Paul explains the equipment we have to enable us to carry out our work for God. Paul says “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God”. Are we wearing that armour?

Service taken by Graham Campling at 10am to include Communion

The reading is taken from Ephesians 6:10-20

***13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.***  
***(NIV)***

- Following every service there is always an opportunity for personal prayer. Please speak with either the person leading that service, one of the elders or one of the pastoral team at the end of the service.
- All our Sunday morning services will include ‘United’ for children and young people who go out to their own group during the service.
- Coffee will be served after each Sunday service in the Church Hall. We welcome everyone to join us.

## Future Dates for your diary

**Next Church Meeting** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Harvest Prayer Weekend

A weekend of events themed around the celebration and thanksgiving for Harvest, but also focussing on prayer for the future of our environment and community. More details in later editions of this newsletter.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Harvest Service followed by a ‘Bring & Share’ lunch.

# July & August's Diary – *more than just Sundays!*

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	10am–12pm	Art Group	
	6pm	Boys' Brigade – Anchors & Juniors	
	7pm	Boys' Brigade – Company section	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10 – 11.30am	Stepping Stones	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	11.30am	Wednesday Worship	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Various	Home Groups	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Pulse for Year 6 and above	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC	
	10am – 1pm	Lindfield Repair cafe	
	3pm	Tea & Cake @ Simon & Jilly's	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	Sunday service	
	11.30am	Church meeting	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10am–12pm	Art Group	
	6pm	Boys' Brigade – Anchors & Juniors	
	7pm	Boys' Brigade – Company section	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 – 11.30am	Stepping Stones	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am	Chill & Chat coffee	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting on the phone	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	4-6pm	Messy Church	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	Sunday service	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	10am–12pm	Art Group	
	6pm	Boys' Brigade – Anchors & Juniors	
	7pm	Boys' Brigade – Company section	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Various	Home Groups	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	10am	Sunday Service	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10am–12pm	Art Group	



# July & August's Diary – *more than just Sundays!*

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Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Fellowship
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting in the Lounge
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	10am–12pm	Art Group
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	10am–12pm	Art Group
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	11.30am	Wednesday Worship
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting on the phone
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Sunday service
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	10am–12pm	Art Group
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Chill & Chat coffee
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Sunday service
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10am–12pm	Art Group
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting in the lounge
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Sunday service
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	3pm	Afternoon Tea
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	8.45am	Three churches prayer meeting @ LEFC
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	10am	Sunday service

# LINDFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## PRAYER WEEKEND FOR OUR WORLD



**FRIDAY 27TH – SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

We are holding a weekend of prayer for our world, praying for solutions to climate change, water pollution, habitat destruction and waste management. We will consider ways we can all play our part in helping our world, praying for the ways we shop, eat, travel and use the materials around us.

We will have a variety of prayer stations including areas of quiet, prayer using art and crafts and Eco prayer activities. We hope to have an Eco garden trail, weather permitting.

The prayer weekend will start on Friday 27th September at 5pm with a short, child-friendly service on an Eco theme, followed by a meal, and will close on Sunday 29th following a Harvest service and shared meal.

We are excited to welcome Fairer World Lindfield to give a talk entitled 'Inviting small wildlife into your garden' and we are hoping the Repair Café will give a talk about the work they do to encourage repair, reuse and recycle.

Full details in the September magazine.

The Prayer Weekend Team (Helen, Jilly, Bettina and Jacquie)

# The gospel according to Pixar

*Inside Out 2 reveals a tension within us all: we want to believe we're good people, but our lives suggest a messier reality.*



In 2015, Pixar told us a story about 11-year-old Riley Anderson and the personified emotions that lived inside her mind: Joy, Sadness, Disgust, Fear, and Anger. Inside Out was Pixar at its most playful and most profound.

In 2024, Inside Out 2 follows 13-year-old Riley's tumultuous transition into puberty. Riley's 'Sense of Self' – a symbolic manifestation of her deepest beliefs – is under threat from a whole new set of

emotional characters: Embarrassment, Envy, Ennui, and Anxiety.

Once again, the disruption in Riley's outer life is mirrored in her inner life. Joy (the main character in Riley's mind) insists that Riley's Sense of Self must be based on her belief that 'I'm a good person'. Over the course of the story, though, that belief will be challenged. It's a harrowing experience for Joy and Riley alike.

Indeed, it's a harrowing experience to question the belief that 'I am a good person'. Psychological research describes humans' amazing ability to cling to this belief, even when we're presented with contrary evidence.

Like, for example, the times when anxiety overpowers our perspective. Or when envy colours our view of a colleague. Or when we react to a loved one with disproportionate anger. These actions and emotions equally reveal something of our true nature.

The core tension in Inside Out 2 reveals a tension within us all: we want to believe we're good people, but our lives evidence a messier underlying reality. Will Joy allow Riley to see this and somehow integrate it into Riley's Sense of Self? Will we?

Both Joy and Riley follow a character arc that Christians will recognise intuitively. To truly understand ourselves, we must choose to see what we've chosen not to see. Joy must mature in this way, in turn enabling Riley to ask for – and receive – forgiveness. As with Riley, so with us.

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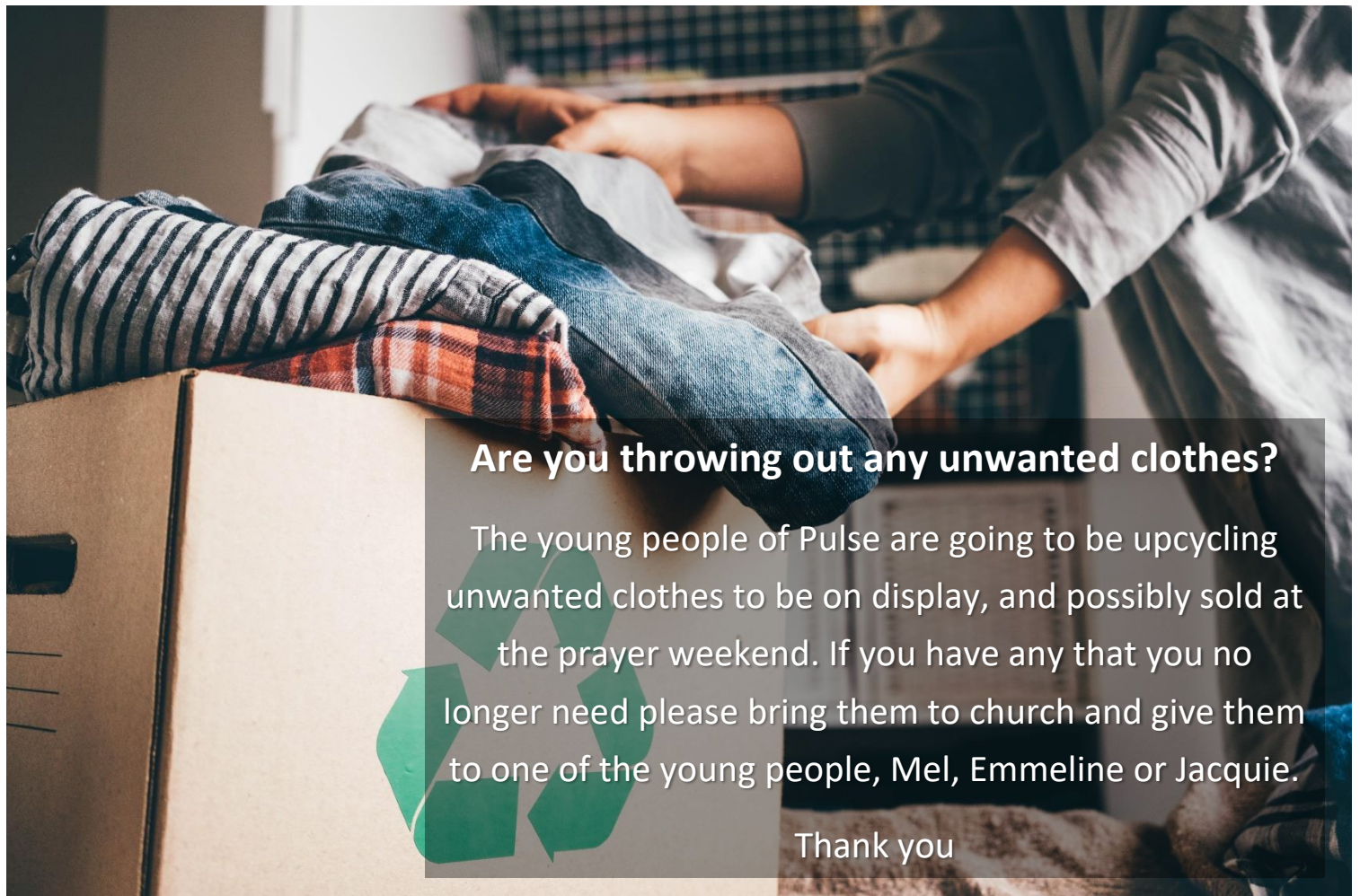
*'The Gospel according to Pixar' continued from overleaf.*

Pixar's been telling us this story since they first introduced us to Buzz and Woody in the 1990s. Their stories have the same power as many psalmists' confessions, because they invite us to take the same arc their characters take.

In so doing, we must see in ourselves what we might not want to see. Only then do we understand what it is to repent, only then can we ask for forgiveness, and only then can we form a truer sense of self: flawed but forgiven indeed.

As Christians, we can agree that Pixar's stories are stories worth telling.

*Tim Yearsley is Head of Innovation at LICC.*



**Are you throwing out any unwanted clothes?**

The young people of Pulse are going to be upcycling unwanted clothes to be on display, and possibly sold at the prayer weekend. If you have any that you no longer need please bring them to church and give them to one of the young people, Mel, Emmeline or Jacquie.

Thank you



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