

**The steadfast love of the Lord  
never ceases; his mercies never  
come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
Great is your faithfulness.**

*Lamentations 3:22-23*



# Lindfield United Reformed Church

January Newsletter 2022



As 2022 starts, one of my overwhelming memories of 2021 is the friendship I have felt from my church family. I found these 4 'R's' recently and they challenged me to reflect and look forward to what I could do in the future.

**R**eplay – Where have I seen God at work in, through and around me?

**R**ejoice – What am I grateful for?

**R**epent – What would I have done differently today? Where do I need to say sorry?

**R**eboot – As I look to tomorrow, where can I say yes to God?

# Church Life – more than just Sundays

## Thank you's!!

**Church decorating team** - Many thanks to all the flower decorating team for the lovely Christmas decorations in the church. It made the building look very festive for our Christmas services. A special “thank you” to Gladys Porter for the Advent Candle wreath, which she has been making for the church for over 30 years.

**Peter Swann and team** – Huge thanks to Peter and his team of musicians and singers for a fantastic Christmas concert just before Christmas. The collection has allowed them to make a £75 donation to St Peters & St James Hospice, and £25 to the church.

**For Food bank donations** – The Foodbank have been delighted with the amount of donations they have received throughout the Christmas period. The week before Christmas, they were having to collect the donations on almost a daily basis as they were overwhelming the foyer. The first few months of the year are particularly hard for many people, so I would encourage you to keep up with the donations as you are able.

## Wednesday Worship

Wednesday worship is taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. The church will be open from 11am for coffee, before the service starts at 11.30am.

## The Fellowship

The next Fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2:30pm. Our Minister Rev Keith Morrison will be coming along to speak to us.

## Chill and Chat

We are going out for a New Year's meal on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the Fox and Hounds. The menu is up next to the sign-up sheet in the concourse. Please can you complete your menu choices by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January. All ladies are welcome.

## Collecting Stamps for Leprosy Mission

As you clear away after Christmas, can I encourage you to cut out any stamps as close to the serrated edge of the stamp as possible and collect them together. Janet Wade is collecting them for the Leprosy Mission, so either leave them for her at the Church or give her a ring on 01444 452270 and she will arrange to come and collect them. For more information on the Leprosy Mission check out their website:

<https://www.leprosymission.org.uk/>

## Church Services in January

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

### **'No going back'**

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from Matthew 2:1-12

***<sup>'11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.'** (NIV)*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **'Your light has come'**

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at **11.30am**

**and will include the act of Communion**

The reading is taken from Isaiah 60:1-6

***<sup>'1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."** (NIV)*

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

At church only

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **'Re-sourced'**

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from Luke 3:15-22

***<sup>'21</sup> When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>'22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."** (NIV)*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **'In God's time'**

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from John 2:1-11

***<sup>'9</sup> ....Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>'10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."** (NIV)*

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

### **'Free to serve'**

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am  
**and will include the act of Communion**

The reading is taken from Luke 4:14-21

*<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."* (NIV)

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **'The wisdom of crowds'**

Service taken by Dan McQuillin at 10am

The reading is taken from Luke 4:21-30

*<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.'* (NIV)

## Sunday Services

- Our Sunday morning service will include 'United' for children and young people
- Coffee will be served after each Sunday service
- All Sunday Services take place in the church and are also available online and by phone 01444 711407

## January Church Prayer meetings

Prayer meetings will take place in the Church lounge on the following dates:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January - 10am and 7.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 10am and 7.30pm

If you are unable to join us in the building you can continue to participate by calling the phone line 01444 711407.

# January's Diary – 'more than just Sundays'

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	Sunday Service
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	11.30am	Wednesday Worship
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	4pm 7pm	Messy Church Pulse for Year 6 and above
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	10am-1pm	Lindfield Repair Cafe
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	10am – 12pm 6pm 7pm	Art Group Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors Boys Brigade – Company section
		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	10 – 11.30am	<b>STEPPING STONES</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	10am 7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting Church Prayer meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	7pm	Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	10am – 12pm 6pm 7pm	Art Group Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors Boys Brigade – Company section
		
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	10 – 11.30am	<b>STEPPING STONES</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January		Chill and Chat (Meal at Fox & Hounds)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	7pm	Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10am	Sunday Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	10am – 12pm 6pm 7pm	Art Group Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors Boys Brigade – Company section
		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	10 – 11.30am	<b>STEPPING STONES</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	2:30pm	The Fellowship
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10am 7.30pm	Church Prayer meeting Church Prayer meeting
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	7pm	Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	10am	Sunday Service



The next church meeting will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am after the Church service.

## A Poem of Hope

Dear Lord, this year is passing by, a moment set in time

We celebrate our Saviour's birth, a miracle sublime.

Yet round us now are trials and fears, like things that have not been

The world is changing very fast, like nothing we have seen

We try to listen carefully, obeying all the rules

But changes come so very fast, we somehow get confused

The world is sorely troubled, much faith seems lost and gone

We carry on as best we may and help out where we can

We think of dear ones lost to us, now in your closer care,

We miss them, but we know and trust they've found their haven there.

We have so much compared to some, we never should complain

Just raise our eyes and hope to glimpse the rainbow through the rain



*Dorothy Brown, December 2021*

# A Season of Preparation

Rev Dr Rachel Mann introduces our teaching theme for the start of the new year,

After the highs of Christmas, the arrival of the new year can dampen even the hardest spirits. However, the Epiphany 'season' is an opportunity not only to breathe and ponder (before we get to Lent), but also to get excited. The events and stories we encounter give us pages from what filmmakers might call Jesus' 'origin story'. We meet him in a series of crucial moments that frame his ministry and set out his priorities: to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free; to proclaim God's blessing; and, most of all, to direct us towards God's saving and reconciling work. We also encounter God's goodness in new wine, we are taken to the mountaintop, and we join Jesus as he begins the walk towards Jerusalem. In short, we are prepared for the mission of Jesus Christ.

Rachel Mann

Roots

## LICC Learning Hub

Lindfield URC is participating along with other URC churches across the Southern Synod in a learning hub organised by the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity. The hubs are designed to help equip and encourage God's people to live confident and fruitful lives for Jesus out in the world.

Each learning hub provides a fantastic opportunity to explore our faith and be encouraged with practical and biblical insights, help to discover new resources, and discover opportunities to reflect and implement change in our lives, our churches and our communities.

All are invited to join us to learn more together. The first session is on Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's URC, South Croydon from 10.30 – 12.30.

If you would like to attend just let Dan or Keith know and we will help arrange transport and provide further details.



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