

Lindfield United Reformed Church

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Frontline Sundays

This month we will begin a 5-series course called Frontline Sundays from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC).

Imagine what would happen if every Christian looked around at the people they spend their days with and asked God: how do you want me to be good news to the people here today?

Frontline Sundays will affirm, celebrate, and inspire us for everyday mission, wherever we are.

The five frontline services:

01 All the difference in the world

The church is a body of people gathering together and scattering out into the world. Despite being a minority, we can make all the difference in the world.

02 Wherever we are

We all have a frontline – a place where we do life or work, encountering people who don't know Jesus.

03 Whatever we do

The 'work of our hands' matters to God. It's part of our worship, how we serve others, and bear witness to God.

04 Whoever we are

We are first and foremost sons and daughters of God. Our life on the frontline flows from this identity. This is liberating.

05 Together we grow

When we gather together we build one another up, to have a continued impact on our frontlines.



Church News

Boys Brigade

The 1st Lindfield Boy's Brigade company are holding their 50th Anniversary Awards evening on Monday 23rd May at 7pm in the Church. In addition to the usual activities and the boys receiving their awards, we will be celebrating 50 years of the Boys Brigade in Lindfield. The Boys Brigade invite everyone to join in this celebration.

Thank you

We want to thank all those who donated their time, gifts and greenery to decorate the church for Easter day. The church looked beautiful, and the smell was amazing. (See photos of some of the displays on the previous page.)

Wednesday Worship

This month Wednesday worship is taking place on Wednesday 4th May lead by Reverend Simon Franklin. 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 6th May 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.



Chill and Chat

At Chill and Chat this month on Wednesday 18th May we hope to be going on a short walk. Details will be available closer to the time.

The Fellowship

The next Fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday 25th May at 2.30pm in the Church lounge. This month we will be welcoming Brian Turnwell to our meeting.

Home groups

Home groups will run on the first and third Thursdays in May with the option of groups meeting at various times of the day. If you would like to join a home group, please contact Simon Franklin on 01444 412315.

Church Meeting

Our next Church meeting takes place on Sunday 8th May. This will start at 11.30am after coffee following the morning service. If you are unable to attend, please send any apologies to Dan at dan@bionics.co.uk.

Church Services in May

Sunday 1st May 2022

'Catching on'

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from John 21:1-19

⁶Jesus said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. (NIV)

Wednesday 4th May 2022

'About turn'

Service taken by Reverend Simon Franklin at **11.30am**

The reading is taken from Acts 9:1-22

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here-has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

At church only

Sunday 8th May 2022

'Perseverance'

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from Revelation 7:9-17

¹⁶'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' (NIV)

Sunday 15th May 2022

'Spoiler Alert'

Service taken by Dan McQuillin at 10am

The reading is taken from Revelation 21:1-7

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (NIV)

Sunday 22nd May 2022



'All the difference in the world'

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

The reading is taken from 1 Peter 1:1-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)

This is the first in a series called 'Frontline Sundays' from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity.

Sunday 29th May 2022

'Coming soon.....'

Service taken by Reverend Keith Morrison at 10am

The reading is taken from Revelation 22:12-21

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done." (NIV)

Wednesday 1st June 2022

'A night on the tiles'

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

The reading is taken from Acts 16:16-34

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." (NIV)

Join us for coffee before the service from 11am

At church only

- 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.



Access to Services

Services will continue to be in a 'hybrid' format. You can attend the service in person, or you can continue to watch or listen online via the church website lindfielddurc.org Click the link 'Watch on Facebook' or 'Listen Live'. You do not need a Facebook account to do this. Or to listen on the phone dial **01444 711407**

May's Diary – 'more than just Sundays'

Sunday 1 st	10am		Sunday Service
Tuesday 3 rd	10 – 11.30am		Stepping Stones
Wednesday 4 th	11.30am		Wednesday Worship
Thursday 5 th	Various		Home groups
Friday 6 th	4pm 7pm		Messy Church Pulse for Year 6 and above
Saturday 7 th	10am – 1pm		Lindfield Repair Cafe
Sunday 8 th	10am 11.30am		Sunday Service Church meeting
Monday 9 th	10am – 12pm 6pm 7pm		Art Group Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors Boys Brigade – Company section
			
Tuesday 10 th	10 – 11.30am		Stepping Stones
Friday 13 th	7pm		Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 15 th	10am		Sunday Service
Monday 16 th	10am – 12pm 6pm 7pm		Art Group Boys Brigade – Anchors & Juniors Boys Brigade – Company section
			
Tuesday 17 th	10 – 11.30am		Stepping Stones
Wednesday 18 th	7.30pm		Chill and Chat – arrangements tbc
Thursday 19 th	Various		Home groups
Friday 20 th	7pm		Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 22 nd	10am		Sunday Service
Monday 23 rd	10am – 12pm 7pm		Art Group Boys Brigade 50 th Anniversary Awards Evening – all welcome
			
Tuesday 24 th	10 – 11.30am		Stepping Stones
Wednesday 25 th	2.30pm		The Fellowship
Thursday 26 th	10am and 7.30pm		Church prayer meetings on the phone
Friday 27 th	7pm		Pulse for Year 6 and above
Sunday 29 th	10am		Sunday Service
Monday 30 th	10am – 12pm		Art Group



Flower Distribution in May

The following ladies will be distributing the Church flowers in May.

1 st May	Alison Ward
8 th May	Carol Marsh
15 th May	Heather Swann
22 nd May	Fiona Tingley
29 th May	Heather Swann



We are looking for more volunteers who would be willing to join the distribution rota. You would need to be able to deliver the church flowers either Sunday after the service or on Monday. Heather Swann would love to hear from you and would be able to give you further information. You can contact her on 01444 450335.

New Church Hall chairs

The new replacement chairs for the hall will be arriving soon. If you would like to donate the value of one or more chairs, the price per chair is £45 each. You may put your donation in an envelope clearly labelled 'new chairs' into the collection box in the concourse. If you are registered for Gift Aid we will be able to claim that if you include your name.

The old chairs

If you wish to have some of the old chairs, for a small donation, then this would be possible. Please contact David Walters on 01444 457938

May Church Prayer meetings

Prayer meetings will take place on the following date by phone only. Call 01444 711407 to participate.

Thursday 26th May – 10am and 7.30pm

'Frontline Ministry' in War-Torn Ukraine

The horrific events of recent weeks have caused Christians in Ukraine to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus in a time of war. For my Ukrainian friends, words such as 'discipleship' and 'mission' have taken on new meanings. They are no longer academic concepts, but have literally become matters of life and death.

The war, for all its suffering and hardship, has given Christians in Ukraine unprecedented opportunities to engage with their local communities. Our charity, Dnipro Hope Mission, is privileged to equip not only 'professional missionaries', but also 'missional professionals' in Ukraine.

One of our partners, Alexander, who before the war was working as a vet, is now engaged full time in delivering life-saving medicines to care homes and orphanages on the frontline in Eastern Ukraine. He often has to literally dodge bullets on his way to deliver essential supplies. In this context, 'discipleship' involves real courage as well as compassion.

Another friend of ours, Roman, worked as a lecturer. He now uses his skills as a communicator and linguist to write very powerful reflections (in English) about the cultural and spiritual changes that he is observing in Ukraine as a result of the war. He thereby helps people throughout the world to grasp the deeper issues at stake in this war.

One of my own relatives, who was working as an opera singer before the war, now finds himself on the streets of Dnipro filling sandbags and digging trenches. He puts his professional operatic voice to good use by singing Ukrainian folk songs and Christian hymns while out on duty. By his 'singing ministry' he helps to lift the spirits of people caught up in this new frightening and surreal situation.

In the village where my wife grew up, elderly women have discovered a new vocation: to bake pies for a local Ukrainian garrison defending the region from the Russian invaders. The pies are sent to a local church, where they are given to Ukrainian soldiers returning from the frontline.

These testimonies of ordinary people doing extraordinary things challenge us to think about what we can do on our own 'frontlines'. Although we might not find ourselves literally on the frontline in Ukraine, all of us are still called to join in God's mission to transform the world into the image of his Kingdom.

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