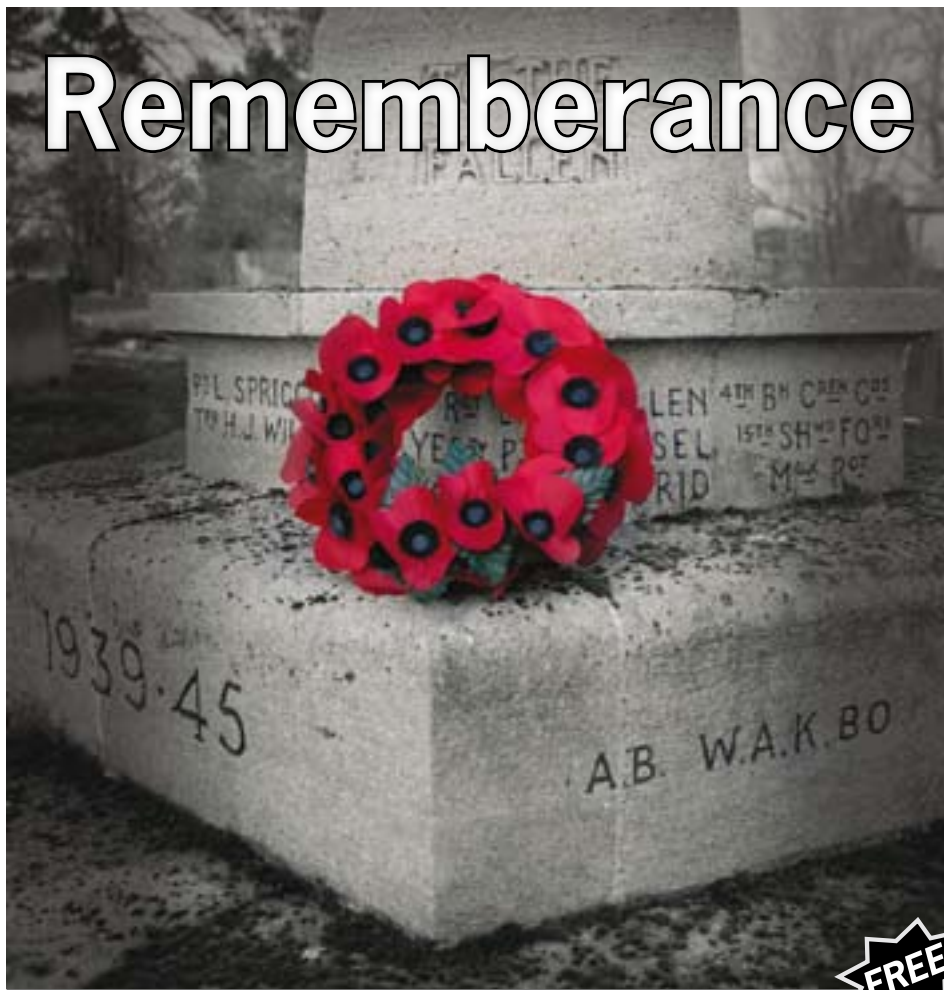


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LINDFIELD URC'S VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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PLUS...

- Wars – past and present
- Ron & Janet Goodenough share about their time in Uganda
- Jean Gardiner writes about a theatre visit



Family house in Uganda funded by Lindfield URC.



Inside temporary classrooms.

Dear Friends...



From time to time, living in Lindfield can be exciting. One of the causes of that excitement is fast approaching as I write – November 5th – Bonfire Night. As everyone knows, November 5th is taken very seriously in our village, in common with a number of the surrounding villages in this part of Sussex.

I have always looked forward to it. There is something magical about a fire at night, with the sky lit up by flashes of brilliance as the fireworks explode all around you. When I was a boy, the space-age had just begun with the launch of the “Sputnik” and Yuri Gagarin’s orbit around the earth. Not to be out-done, my school-friends and I began our own space programme. As soon as the fire-works appeared in the shops, we bought a rocket or two and fixing a toy soldier to the shaft, lit the blue touch paper and sent him hurtling into space. The only problem was that all our valiant space warriors seemed to return to earth in someone else’s garden, so we were never able to de-brief them !

I get excited about the Christian Faith. To me, Jesus has never been “meek and mild”. He has always been a challenge. Think of how He challenged the Rich Young Man in St. Mark chapter ten. He came to Jesus with a question and he wanted an answer. He was looking for the one spiritual reality he could not find, no matter how devoutly he kept the Law and tried to live close to God.

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life ?”

It was a cry from the heart and Jesus immediately warmed to him. He looked at the young man with love in His eyes and told him

“One thing you lack, go sell everything you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”

What a challenge ! What an invitation ! Imagine if Jesus had said that to you, how would you have reacted ? Could you face the risk of living totally by faith, of not having a shred of material security ? That’s excitement for you.

But that is precisely what Jesus has said to each one of us. He may not have told you to give all your money away. That was His instruction to the Rich Young Man. In spite of his piety, his wealth stood in his way. If he could be persuaded to give it up, he would discover the answer to his question, but he wasn’t willing to take the risk. Sadly, so many are the same. They miss the best thing life could offer – the chance to follow Jesus Christ.

You may have been one of His followers for many years, but the challenge is renewed every day. Every day He asks us to take the risk of believing His promises and letting the Holy Spirit use us to draw other people into God’s Kingdom and for me, that’s even more exciting than Bonfire Night !

*Your Pastor and friend,
Charles S. Martin.*

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Editorial



As Remembrance Sunday approaches, Chris Comber shares some of his memories of living in this area during the Second World War. Martin Hall then helps us to go on thinking about the fact that there are still men and women who are away from home in different places in the world fighting other Wars.

Ron and Janet Goodenough gives us a taster of their visit to Uganda, we will be able to hear more about their trip at the Missions Evening held later this month.

Jean Gardiner shares with us some of her thoughts on a recent visit to the theatre she and Mike had, and how we can be inspired to worship God in so many different ways.

There is also a reminder about the Christmas Cracker greetings we could put in the magazine next month for you.

Val





Encouragement...

I recently had a letter from a friend including some prose about Prayer, and her 'Response', that I would like to share with you.

Disclosure

(Anne Lewin)

Prayer is like watching for the
Kingfisher. All you can do is
Be where he is likely to appear, and
Wait.

Often nothing happens;
There is a space, silence and
Expectancy.

No visible sign, only the
Knowledge that he's been there,
And may come again.
Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,
You have been prepared.

But sometimes, when you've almost
Stopped expecting it,
A flash of brightness
Gives encouragement.

My Response

And yet it's more than that. It is the safe haven where I can be myself and know that I am known; the place where life stands still and I can pour its riches and pain into the space that is my God, - and know that somehow they are held. And in this room, where memories are alive, I bring the little that I have of faith and trust and walk into the silence. (Anon)

I do hope this will encourage you as much as it has me -

- to wait on God

Joan Bailey

The Winter of 1940/41

By late September the tremendous spectacle of the Battle of Britain overhead gradually faded away and the Luftwaffe began to confine their air offensive to night bombing of our major cities. Much of the bomber stream for London would pass over us in Mid Sussex and the population settled down to what was to become a very grim period in our history.

The German bombers made a very distinctive pulsating sound, which we grew to recognise very quickly. The towns and villages were of course completely blacked out. The only cars in our village were used by the Doctor (Dr. Mather from Lindfield) & vehicles from the Canadian Army stationed at Wakehurst and Paxhill. However I remember the Southdown buses still provided a regular service, completely blacked out upstairs (double deckers) with dim pilot light downstairs. Good old 88 service never let us down, even when a bomb fell in the middle of the road at Den Cottages. The driver just got round the crater!! All headlights were cowled.

The situation was much eased in those days by the fact that only the

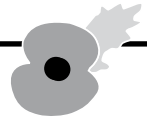
wealthy had cars, difficult for today's generation to understand!!

We had a searchlight in the field opposite our house in Ardingly, and on the night of the 3rd October 1940 a homeward bound bomber dropped a large bomb in a hopeful attempt to knock it out, overshot the mark and killed five old pensioners and a dog (Albert) in Street lane Ardingly.

Poor old Mr Stevens was 89!!

My mother and I slept in the coal hole under the stairs for the whole winter. It was lit by one candle and pretty claustrophobic. Our lighting in those days was partly provided by gas light fittings, but in the evening we lived in one room only, as this had a blackout cover fitted, by my father, made of a wooden frame and covered in linoleum. Water supply incidentally was one ancient cold water tap and the loo was outside!! We also had an ancient iron kitchen range, and no bathroom. We used a tin bath in front of the range!!

When the blitz on London was at its height, we could see the great red glow in the sky as London burned, the searchlights and the anti aircraft fire exploding like fireflies in the background. It was a fearsome sight



and repeated night after night. What was strange was the absence of any sound. We were rather worried about my father who was with the army of workmen repairing bomb damage in South London.

The raiders frequently got rid of their bombs on the way home, and we had endless trips into the countryside to find the craters and hunt for fragments etc. for souvenirs. During this winter our night fighters were

pretty thin on the ground and largely ineffective. The new Beaufighters were not available in any numbers until late 1941.

History tells us that in May 1941 Hitler withdrew his main bomber force to concentrate on the invasion of the Soviet Union in July.

Things calmed down for a while in Mid Sussex. Mum and I emerged from the coal hole and never returned!!

Chris Comber

Will we ever learn?

“The most disadvantageous peace is better than the most just war” - Desiderius Erasmus

“There never was a good war, or a bad peace” - Benjamin Franklin

“I prefer the most unjust peace to the most righteous war” - Cicero

The quotes above seem to echo perfect sense. Why then do we never really seem to learn from our mistakes? I am not going to pretend I know the answer, but I just want to highlight the numerous and sometimes forgotten military conflicts that our country has been involved in since World War I. Help the Heroes supports the wounded from the more recent conflicts (<http://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/>).

WW I, the so called “War to End All Wars”, started in 1914 and rapidly spread to involve almost all the major nations of Europe and also the USA. Despite the name by which WW I was known, only 21 years later the world was engaged in an even greater conflict, World War II, 1939-1945.

Since that time at least 20 major conflicts have involved our soldiers (source: <http://www.britains-smallwars.com/>):

- India 1945-1948
- Palestine 1945-1948
- The Malayan Emergency 1948 - 1960
- Korea 1950-1953
- Canal Zone 1951-1954
- Kenya 1952-1960
- Cyprus 1955-1959
- Aden Emergency 1955-1967

Feature – Remembrance



- Radfan 1955-1967
- Suez 1956
- Borneo 1962-1966
- Northern Ireland 1969-1998
- Oman Dhofar 1969-1976
- Falklands 1982
- Gulf War 1991
- Bosnia 1992
- Kosovo 1999
- Sierra Leone 2000
- Afghanistan 2001-
- Iraq 2003-

The horrors and folly of war are summed up in a poem written by Isaac Rosenberg (1890-1918). He grew up in the East End of London and later attended the Slade School of Art. He published two volumes of verse before going off to the trenches as a foot-soldier. There he spent 18 months fighting and there he died, killed in action on 1st April 1918 at the age of just 27. His poem was written in a letter to Eddie Marsh in 1916, shortly after he had arrived at "The Front".

Break of Day in the Trenches
The darkness crumbles away
It is the same old druid Time as ever,
Only a live thing leaps my hand -
A queer sardonic rat -
As I pull the parapet's poppy
To stick behind my ear.
Droll rat, they would shoot you if they knew
Your cosmopolitan sympathies.
Now you have touched this English hand
You will do the same to a German -
Soon, no doubt, if it be your pleasure
To cross the sleeping green between.
It seems you inwardly grin as you pass
Strong eyes, fine limbs, haughty athletes
Less chanced than you for life,
Bonds to the whims of murder,
Sprawled in the bowels of the earth,

The torn fields of France.
What do you see in our eyes
At the shrieking iron and flame
Hurled through still heavens?
What quaver - what heart aghast?
Poppies whose roots are in man's veins
Drop, and are ever dropping;
But mine in my ear is safe,
Just a little white with the dust.

Will we ever learn? Can the leopard change its spots? (Jeremiah 13:23). Probably not, but wouldn't it be progress if our fighting was limited to that which Paul encouraged Timothy: "But you, man of God, flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:21). A final quote from John F. Kennedy: "Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind".

Martin Hall

H4H

No it is not a new chemical formula but text shorthand for Help for Heroes.

You may have seen the trailers for a programme on BBC1 called "Wounded"

If you saw the programme you would have seen how two young men were overcoming the loss of limbs sustained as a result of roadside bombs.

It not only highlighted their determination but the anguish of parents and the loving support of doctors, nurses and their comrades.

The State and the Royal British Legion and others provide resources to help care for the wounded but in the current climate there is never enough to pay for those extra facilities to help the wounded and their families.

Help for Heroes started in 2007 in response to the desire of ordinary people to do something practical to help wounded servicemen and women.

The first project was to provide a swimming pool and gym complex at Hedley Court which is the tri service

rehabilitation centre. The objective was achieved in the first 8 months.

Current objectives are the provision of accommodation for relatives of those who are at Selly Oak Hospital and grants for organisations who aid the wounded.

The Perdidos have an annual event at this time of the year and we have joined with the Galleons Leap Folk band to have a barn dance and play some swing band music.

The King Edward Hall is the venue and the date is Saturday 7th November at 7-30.

Admission is free but bring your own food and drink(soft drinks will be provided) plus some money for the raffle and a collection at the end for Help for Heroes.

The bands are giving their services free of charge.

If you are interested in coming, want to book a table or want to make a donation then contact Peter Swann on 01444 450335 who will be delighted to hear from you.

YAP (Jesus Cares) Project Uganda

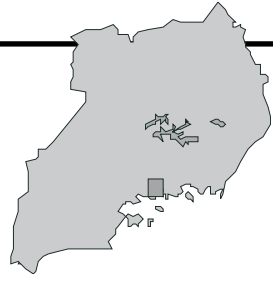
Almost everyone in the church will know that Janet & I took a trip to Uganda recently to visit Samuel Muhumuza and to see the work that he is doing. Lindfield URC has been supporting him now for five years and it was encouraging to see his church, the Spiritual Life Centre and the school that he established some seven or eight years ago.

We didn't pick the best day to arrive – major strike in Kampala, rioting on the streets, busses burnt out, six killed, army out in force. This spread to the town of Kyotera in the south near the Tanzanian border where we stayed for ten days. The journey there of about 120 miles was interesting to say the least. Although things calmed down the next day it did serve as a reminder of the fragile stability and insecurity that many in today's world live under.

Sanje Modern Primary School (modern in name only!), which started with just four pupils, now has over four hundred, sixty of whom board. There is now a team of sixteen teachers plus administration staff. Like most schools in the area, private and government run there is no running water or power, some of the buildings are either temporary or unfinished with mud floors, unplastered walls, no windows and a shortage of desks.

We were really impressed with the teaching staff, operating under difficult conditions – no computers or inter-active white boards for them - and the quality of work being produced by the pupils – plus very neat writing using proper ink!! It was also clear that the children regarded education as a privilege and really wanted to learn, no class discipline problems!!

It was also good to meet some of the older pupils who have gone on to secondary education and are now studying for 'A' Levels; very mature, articulate, excellent social skills and above all very keen Christians. This is even more remarkable when one visits the homes and families that the children generally come from. Many



do not have both parents alive, in some cases the father has either died or is a drunkard leaving the wife to bring up a large family. In some cases both parents have died, probably of AIDS, leaving a grandparent or another family member to cope.

The challenge for us as a church and individuals is how can we support and encourage Samuel's work. He needs to complete his buildings, construct new and larger pit latrines, purchase more desks, ideally have a power supply, and a borehole.

More information can be found at the display area. If you would like to give please use the special envelopes and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate

Hopefully this has wetted your appetite to come along to the Uganda Evening & Supper on Saturday 14th November when we will share in a bit more detail with photos. Anyone is welcome – see separate notice for more details

Ron & Janet Goodenough



Ugandan Evening & Supper



Saturday 14th November, 7.30pm

*Ron & Janet Goodenough will be sharing about their recent trip to
Uganda and the work of Samuel Muhumuza*

Free tickets are available from John Barling, Jean Gardiner,
Fiona Flett & Ron Goodenough

Please only take a ticket if you are definitely able to come.
For special dietary needs please contact Ron: 01444 417002

November church diary

1st

Sunday

- 9.30am the Pastor with Communion
11.00am Morning Worship
The Pastor
6.30pm Evening Service
– Geoffrey Knight
from the Gideons
-

5th

Thursday

- House Groups
Bonfire Night Church open
to serve Hot Chocolate
-

7th

Saturday

- 8.45am Prayer Meeting
– 9.30am at Evangelical Free
-

8th

Sunday

Remembrance

- 9.30am The Pastor
10.55am The Pastor
6.30am Communion
The Pastor
-

11th

Wednesday 12.30

Lunch Fellowship

12th

Thursday

- 8.00pm **Church Annual
General Meeting**
-

13th

Friday

12.30 Lunch Fellowship

14th

Saturday

- 8.45am Prayer Meeting
– 9.30am at Evangelical Free

Sussex ACT Day 'Working Together'

- Brighthelm URC 10am – 4.00pm
7.30pm Mission Supper in
Church
-

15th

Sunday

- 9.30am Ron Goodenough
FAIR TRADE STALLS
11.00am Morning Worship
– Ron Goodenough
6.30pm Healing Service
– Church
The Pastor
-

19th

Thursday

House Groups

21st

Saturday

- 8.45am Prayer Meeting
– 9.30am at Evangelical Free
-

22nd

Sunday

- 9.30am The Pastor
11.00am Morning Worship
with Communion
The Pastor
6.30pm Evening Service –
David Walters
-

24th

Tuesday

- 7.45pm In Touch "Relaxing
before Christmas "
-

25th

Wednesday 2.45pm

Afternoon Fellowship
Elders Meeting

26th

Thursday

Church Prayer
Meeting in the
Lounge

28th

Saturday

- 8.45am Prayer Meeting
– 9.30am at Evangelical Free
-

29th

Sunday

9.30am Mike Gardiner
11.00am Morning Service
Mike Gardiner
6.30pm The Pastor

**Balcombe United
Reformed
Church**



Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR.

Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)

Our services are held weekly at 10.30am.

Visitors are welcome to join us.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

- 1st Jenny Martin
- 8th 10.50am Service of Remembrance at
St. Mary's (No Service at Balcombe URC)
- 15th Charles Martin
- 22nd Philip Wren
- 29th Stephen Haggar

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November

- 1st Audrey Saunders Sue Tester
- 8th Betty Bill Jacqueline Wood
- 15th Sue Waller Barbara Shepherd
- 22nd Winifrid Scopes Kay Phillpot
- 29th Heather Swann Jo Bloxham

December

- 6th Janet Wade Iris Bingham
- 15th Carol Walters Heather Swann
- 20th Christmas decorations No Distribution
- 27th Christmas decorations No Distribution

**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.

'YIIMIMANGALISO'

Recently Mike and I went to see this incredibly moving production of 'The Mysteries' at the Garrick Theatre in London. It was performed in Mediaeval English, Xhosa, Tswana, Afrikaans and Zulu! What language YIIMIMANGALISO is in I do not know! However, I did understand the linguistic clicks, the shouts of joy and all the swing and rhythm of a living African Christian faith. And I entered into the heart-wrenching joy and sadness of the God who delighted in His creation of man and woman and then mourned as He watched them go their own way.

The Mysteries (the word comes from the French word 'mystere', meaning craft) tells the story of the world from Creation to the Resurrection. The plays originated in the town of Chester about seven hundred years ago. However, forget Chester. Forget Mediaeval Europe. Think Africa. The stories are the same but the actors are now all young blacks drawn from a notorious township in Cape Town.

We were refreshed in spirit as we lived the love of God shown

in action to His people. We laughed as Mrs. Noah refused to obey her husband and enter the Ark; her sons eventually carried her on! We flinched as Abraham raised his knife to kill the terror-struck Isaac and then we relaxed as God lovingly intervened. We rejoiced with the exuberant angels as they exulted over the birth of baby Jesus. And we were moved to tears at the terrible injustice of the trial of Jesus and His subsequent cruel death.

I felt that the portrayal of the resurrection lacked the 'wow' ingredient but the 'wow' was certainly there on the Day of Pentecost! The rushing wind, the flames of fire, the outpouring of the most incredible and uncontainable joy left me breathless and laughing.

So many memories, but the one that will always stay with me is the most moving way in which God, realising that His wayward people needed a Saviour, sends His Son Jesus to this earth. Jesus humbly and reverently removes His majestic clothes, folds them carefully and hands them to an angel. Jesus stands there in a simple brown attire ready to tell a fallen world of His Father's love for

them. The words of the following song are now engraved upon my heart; they encapsulate the message of 'The Mysteries'.

'You laid aside your majesty, gave up everything for me. Suffered at the hands of those You had created. You took all my sin and shame, when You died and rose again. Now today You reign, in heaven and earth exalted.'



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Hallelujah – the universal language for 'praise be to God!'

Jean Gardiner

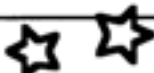
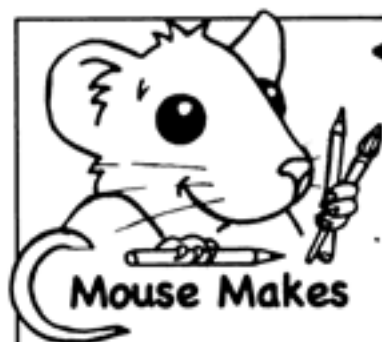
(Don't miss seeing it next time it comes to London!)

Cracking messages with GoodNEWS!

In the December issue, GoodNEWS will be leaving some of its pages for sending your Christmas messages to each and every GoodNEWS reader!

All you have to do is write, doodle or draw your greeting using the cracker template provided below, then place into the GoodNEWS pigeon hole by Thursday 12th November. We will scan and print your exact message in GoodNEWS. Please don't forget to write your name! The next issue will be on shelves from Sunday 29th November.





SHINE LIKE STARS

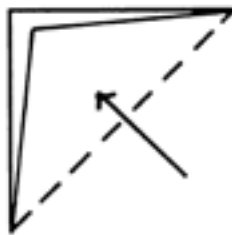
Just like the stars that shine in the dark and light the way for us to see, so God sent Jesus 'the light of God' to light the way and show us the path to God.

The Bible tells us to 'shine like stars' too so we can show our friends the way to Jesus and the path to God.

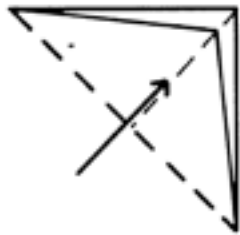
See: *Matthew 5:16 and Phillipians 2:14-15*



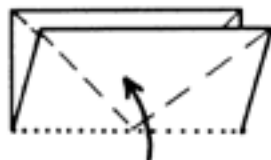
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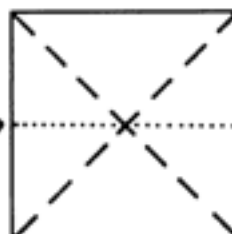
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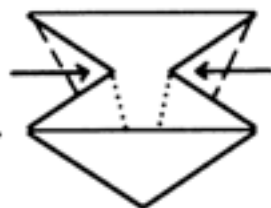
3. Open out then fold in half diagonally the other way



4. TURN OVER then fold in half



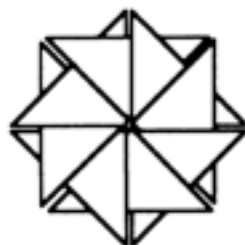
5. Open out then push the sides together....



-to form a triangle.
6. Go back to step 2 and make all 8 triangles



7. Slot and glue each triangle in turn to make a star.



Make lots of stars to hang up for Christmas

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

On a clear night look up at the stars. The red stars are the coolest then orange, yellow, yellow-white and the hottest stars shine blue-white.

A response to Occult

It was encouraging to read in last month's Good News an interesting article relating to the occult. It prompted me to respond because too often it is a subject that is seen as either irrelevant to the human condition or is over emphasised to a point of absurd religious distortion. Either approach needs to carry a health warning!

The article defined some of the practices and ways by which we are robbed of wholeness and well being. There are many such occult influences and we need to be wise as to what harms spiritual, physical, emotional or community life and what does not.

Occult involvement is a block to wholeness because it is 'hidden'. Many of its disabling influences go unchecked or unrecognised. We can be subject to its infection through ignorance. Unknowing involvement can rob us, our families, our church or our communities of peace and well being without us recognising the root cause of such disease. Occult involvement is a form of spiritual adultery. It is

being unfaithful to God. Rather than trusting Him alone we go elsewhere. We put our trust in other things like lucky charms, lucky numbers, lucky this or unlucky that. Rather than seeking His guidance alone we can seek guidance from the stars, mediums or clairvoyants, even sticks or stones. Rather than seeking to be governed by Him alone we can subject ourselves to superstitions such as touching wood, crossing fingers, even giving the number 13 a credence or power over us!

Rather than being rooted in Him alone we often indulge in seemingly harmless alternative health therapies or belong to groups which actually have their roots and histories embedded in religious beliefs which are contrary to a belief in Him.

Ignorance again wins the day and allows us to be robbed of wholeness because we open doors to that which is not of God. Often our excuse for engaging in occult practices is we were only doing it for a 'bit of fun'.

We did it when we were young but not seriously. Sadly such reasoning is folly. If a

child ingests a pill from its parent's medicine cupboard, something that is poisonous to its underdeveloped metabolism thinking it to be a sweet, the result is still disastrous. Ignorance is no defence.

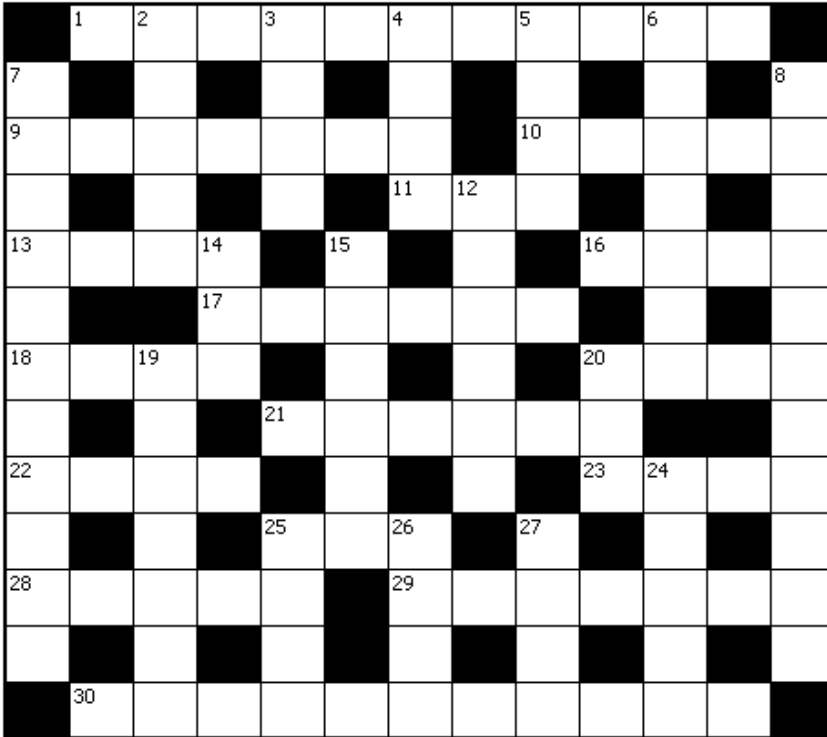
So how can lives damaged or infected by the occult be restored? We need to be far more aware of what is occult and less subject to ignorance or distortion. Recognising and acknowledging the root causes of the damage can be a first step. (Father forgive me, I did not know what I was doing)! Abandoning harmful practices no matter how high their 'feel good' factor will require a mature reappraisal of habits, routines and practices which we have unthinkingly taken for granted for a long time.

At a deeper level there may be a need for specialised 'deliverance' ministry. This is not something to be undertaken lightly or by enthusiastic religious amateurs. You wouldn't ask for brain surgery from someone just because they were keen on it or had only read a book! Also it may not be 'deliverance' we need but rather proper medical treatment.

In every aspect of Christ's healing ministry, including release from the occult, it is wisdom,

understanding and humility which are essential. We are often dealing with mystery, let alone God's outpouring love which can never fully be known. There is a reason that Jesus encourage us to pray 'deliver us from evil' every time we prayed. He longs to set us free.

Revd. Peter McIntosh
(Former Senior Chaplain of
Crowhurst Christian Healing
Centre)



Across

- 1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)
- 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)
- 11 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)
- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25 Tree (3)
- 28 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)

- 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

- 2 'O Jerusalem how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23)(4)

Answers on page 20

Belated **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Janet and Tim Sanderson**, and **Rosemary and Ray Tijou**. Both couples have celebrated their Silver Wedding quite recently.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Church for their thoughts and prayers following my accident, compound fracture of my left arm.

These accidents happen so easily and quickly. The surgeons are pleased with the recovery and have taken off my plaster cast.

A bonus is, that at least the titanium plate will not trigger air-port security alarms.

The beautiful bunch of flowers you sent were most unexpected. Thank you.

With love to all.
Pamela Boyling

Rosemary & Michael Davies would like to **thank all their friends at Lindfield URC** for the flowers, cards and good wishes they received in connection with the recent celebration of their Golden Wedding and the jubilee of Michael's ministry. Your kind thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated

In Touch Group

Last month we had a speaker from Off the Fence to speak to us about the Women in Brighton and Hove with difficulties of all kinds. It was a most informative evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Just a thank you to those who gave a donation to the cause on the night, a total of £77.50 was given to Tina to pass on.

As a group we are always pleased to welcome new ladies and it has been a pleasure to meet those who are new to the fellowship.

The meeting on the **24th November** will have a Christmas flavour and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Fellowship

The meeting is on Wednesday 25th November at 2.45pm. We welcome Alan Fowler who will present a programme of 'Hymns You have Loved.' We hope you will all come along, bring your friends and together we can sing some of our favourite ones.

We are always pleased to welcome new members. There will be our usual Bring and Buy Stall



Dinner For Six

We are planning to organise another round of Dinner for Six meals. For those who may yet be unfamiliar with 'Dinner for Six', the basic premise is that we get together in groups of six and enjoy a meal! It runs approximately on a quarterly basis, so each time participants are allocated into a different group of six in order that we can get to know a range of people in the church better. To make it a truly shared experience, the host provides the main course and coffee and guest s provides the starter, desserts and drinks.

One of the great things about 'Dinner for Six' is its flexibility, and therefore its ability to offer something for everyone. For some a lunchtime meal has worked well, for those with young children hosting can be a good option. Those on their own don't feel excluded and no transport and special diets need be a barrier to enjoying a good evening out.

We'd love more people to join, so if you have not already given us your name and would like to participate please do contact either Heather Barling (482415) or Val Cookney (440029).

An extra note from the Pastor

Recently, several people have asked me about the significance of Church Membership. If any of the newer members of the congregation would like to discuss the matter further with me, I would be more than happy to explain what is involved. Remember I am available every Monday evening at Ryecroft after 7.30pm and most Thursday mornings at "Pop-in" in the church.

Charles Martin

“You’d never believe it” Tales from a minister’s murky past (part six)

People say all kinds of things to ministers and sometimes you have literally to bite your tongue to avoid unseemly mirth. This happened to me when I was quite young in the ministry, serving my first stint as an Interim Moderator; that is holding the fort in a neighbouring church, before a new minister arrives.

A lady of mature years, who was clearly one of the pillars of the church and I were having a somewhat animated discussion. I was endeavouring to explain why I felt it un-wise to allow one of the local gangs to invade the church Youth Group, but she would have none of it. Adamantly she insisted that there should be no restrictions on any one – even if they arrived en mass “tooled-up” with knuckle dusters and bicycle chains.

My gentle pleading availed nothing and finally she threw down her trump card. “Don’t you understand?” she asked. “I know what I’m talking about. Why, I ran the first Youth Club in this town and in twenty years I never had a fight and I never had an illegitimate baby!”

I devoutly hope she didn’t understand what she had just said. All I could do was murmur (in between tongue bites) “Then you are greatly to be congratulated!”

CSM

Answers to crossword on page 17.

ACROSS:
1, Hopfulness.
9, Hitting.
10, du Pre.
11, Ere.
13, Ozni.
16, Wait.
17, Climbs.
18, Obey.
20, Joni.
21, Cuckoo.
22, In it.
23, Yaws.
25, Elm.
28, Alarm.
29, Episte.
30, Whitsundde.
DOWN:
2, Often.
3, Exit.
4, Urge.
5, Node.
6, Soprano.
7, Theological.
8, Westminster.
12, Reduke.
14, icy.
15, Ritual.
19, Eptaph.
20, Joy.
24, Acted.
25, Emit.
26, Menu.
27, Gift.

Church activities

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Lighthouse (Junior church). (Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- 11.00am 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
(As announced)
- Sat 8.45 Three Churches Prayer Meeting.
– 9.30am Venue rotates between the three churches.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Mon 10.00am Art Group
- 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
- 6:45pm Zest 4:5:6
- 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)
- 7:30pm Zest Plus (Years 7–10)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

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

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Local events



Tiger Cubs Pre-School presents

A Potpourri of Stalls 5

Saturday 7th November, 10.00am – 1.30pm
Lindfield United Reformed Church Hall

Browse a variety of stalls for Christmas gifts and enjoy a spot of lunch.

To publicise your community event here see contact details on page 2.
Diary entries included at the editor's discretion.
For more information on activities going on in Lindfield,
ww is also available from around the village.