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Lindfield URC's Village Magazine

November 2011



“Whom shall I send?”

- Mission can change your life!
- Youth pages





Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal 2011

This month the church will again be supporting Operation Christmas Child by asking members and friends to wrap and fill a shoebox with gifts for a child who would otherwise have very little at a time of year when our own children have so much.

In 2010 through the amazing support of thousands of children and adults in the UK and Ireland, over 1,120,000 boxes were sent to children living in parts of Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

Information packs explaining what to do and how to prepare a shoebox were distributed last month when the Operation Christmas Child video was also shown. If you missed out on this and would still like to send a shoebox, please see Serena Nathan or visit the Missions corner in the concourse where further packs are available.

All shoeboxes are given to children in need, regardless of their background or beliefs. Samaritan's Purse works with local partners on the ground to ensure that your gift-filled shoebox is delivered with integrity and with respect to the local culture. Where culturally appropriate, its overseas partners will make available a booklet of Bible stories, which gives a message of hope and an explanation of the true meaning of Christmas - God's gift of His Son, Jesus.

Remember, the return date for boxes will be Sunday, 13th November.

Thank you.



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Editorial

As I started to write this editorial I read this comment; 'We should be encouraged ... to expect God to be working in our lives steadily and continuously, making sense of our past history; but also to be on the lookout for God's surprises in our lives, ready to grasp them and follow through their implications when they come'. *

I mention this because Mike and Jean write exactly about 'God's surprise' in their lives and their willingness to follow through the implications when it came. However what Mike and Jean also say is that God's leading of their lives had an amazing impact on others as well.

We have some reflections from members of All Saints Church about their visit to Tanzania.

We also have reminders about the importance of remembering those who have given their lives for freedom, but also we are encouraged to keep praying for those who are prepared to give up their lives for the sake of Jesus.

So lots to read and ponder
Val

*(Michael Green – 'The Message of Matthew', Bible Speaks today Commentary Series)

Dear Friends,



“Remember, remember the fifth of November – gunpowder treason and plot!”

Should we go on remembering? The fireworks are OK, as long as they are discharged safely, but what’s the point in burning the effigy of a seventeenth century terrorist? I suppose it all adds to the fun, but there must be less lurid ways of enjoying yourself!

Of course, there are other things to remember. In contrast to the excitement of fireworks, we have the solemnity of Remembrance Sunday, which becomes more and more poignant each time a flag-draped coffin is repatriated from Afghanistan.

A few years ago, before so many of our service personnel had given their lives fighting in the struggle against hate-filled extremism, some voices were raised in favour of seeing the last of Remembrance Sunday. The world had moved on, we were told. We should be celebrating peace. Tell that to a mother whose nineteen year-old son has just been blown up by a road-side bomb, or a widow left with fatherless children, including one who hasn’t even had time to be born. No, it is not time to forget.

But how do we remember? What colours our remembrance? Triumph over a plot which was un-masked, to be repeated every year for centuries? Or cold, meaningless grief as one more young life is sacrificed to fanaticism? What does the Gospel say? It says two things -

Readiness to sacrifice yourself for others is never in vain; and Death is not the end.

The proof of those two statements is the cross of Jesus Christ. As He hung there, He was taking on the combined forces of wickedness. The sin of mankind through the centuries, past evil and evil to be, was heaped upon Him and because He was an innocent victim, He was able to break its power and give us the chance of freedom. Death did its worst, but even death couldn’t hold Him. On Easter morning His grave was empty and He was alive again!

As we stand in silence, the reality of what has been lost will come home to us this year, as it does every year, but also, I hope, will the reality of what has been gained. Fanatical hatred, along with every other kind of evil will **not** have the last word. That belongs to Jesus of Nazareth, the Saviour of the World and to those of us who seek to follow Him.

Your Pastor and friend,

Charles S. Martin

Prayer Focus

The pain of seemingly un-answered prayer can be very hard to bear. It

is very difficult to understand when silence is the only answer we receive. To live with the silence of God is perhaps the most difficult experience any Christian has to face.



If we react negatively, it can weaken our resolve to pray and eat away at our confidence in God Himself and that is why I want to share something from Amy Carmichael. Speaking about how as a child, she kept a note book of her prayers and God's answers, she says

"My first prayer and answer note-book turned up among some old papers lately. To read the notes was like finding sprays of Verbena between the leaves of a book. They are astonishingly fragrant. This one little sentence belonged to a rainy day when I was, I suppose, about ten, so that leaf was about sixty years old, but it might have only just been picked, for as I read the words, I remembered every detail of that prayer and that answer.

If you keep such a book, do not forget that the answer to so many prayers is "Wait" or sometimes "No, not that, but something else which, when you see Me, you will know was a far better thing!"

Amy Carmichael had to endure years of pain because of an injury which was never properly healed and which stopped her doing the work amongst vulnerable children which she so much longed to do. She knew the pain of seemingly un-answered prayer, but she knew this too: real love sometimes says "no" because it has the best interests of the loved one at heart. Sometimes love's answer has to be *"No, not that, but something else which, when you see Me, you will know was a far better thing!"*

Charles Martin

Who will go?

This month we have asked a number of people who have participated in either short or long mission to tell us their experiences. We have asked them to reflect not so much on what they actually did but rather the impact going on Mission had on themselves and indeed on others.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this article.

REFLECTIONS ON TANZANIA TRIP TO IRINGA, SUMMER 2011 – FROM TEAM MEMBERS



This summer a group of 21 young people from All Saints, and under the very experienced leadership of Derek and Ruth Osborn, went to Iringa Tanzania. They were there to teach and work in a school for deaf children. They also spent time playing and working with street kids as well as doing all kinds of DIY jobs.

At the end of the month they all did a reflective exercise and here are some of the comments that they made.

What have you learnt? What will you take away from the trip?

- How amazing deaf and disabled people are and how able they actually are!
- Life with a disability can still be a happy and positive life
- We have many brothers and sisters in Tanzania
- Appreciate and be thankful for what I have and the blessing God has given me
- I will take away more friendships
- Learnt what can be achieved with faith and perseverance
- That there is tangible and practical unity when we are in Christ, regardless of culture
- That with not much time and money it is possible to make a real difference in people's lives
- That giving to those poorer than ourselves should never stop at money, but time and love are just as important and a joy to give
- All the Churches were very welcoming
- I've learnt what it means to people to have a solid faith unshaken by whatever else is going on around them.
- Their faith in God cannot be taken from them even though things such as food and family have been
- FISCH is amazing and I've learnt how important the ministry there is in terms

of fulfilling every need for the neglected kids

- We have so much back home and don't fully appreciate it
- How much easier life is when you have more
- People with very little were much happier and give a lot more
- African people are incredibly friendly and kind
- The passion that people have for less fortunate people
- Fresh appreciation of our relative riches and comforts
- Importance of prayer
- Children are the present, not just the future
- The key thing I've seen is real joy in people who have suffered – so much more than in the UK. They are genuinely grateful for a day's food – I know I don't even think about my food at home. The poorest could understand Jesus' message in a very real way and I will always remember that.

How have you changed? How will you be different when you're back?

- Seeing how thankful and happy people are even though they are living in poverty has made me realise how fortunate we are in England and that has changed my frame of mind on how I live
- I will definitely respect deaf and disabled people more
- Being in the centre of God's will is the best place to be
- More appreciative of what I have
- Deeper understanding of African life/culture
- I will try to show love through action more
- I will be more relaxed and willing to help those worse off than myself and I see that it is a privilege to do so.
- I've changed by the way that I know more of God's character
- I've been truly humbled and blessed by the love, hospitality and friendship shown to me
- I appreciate what I have a lot more
- Won't complain about little insignificant things
- Different way of looking at life after the big culture change
- I have also seen how we are all the same, brothers and sisters in Christ – something I had never truly felt before – Big Changes
- I will take home real thankfulness for the little things we have

What will you do as a result of this trip?

- COME AGAIN!!
- Appreciate what I have a lot more
- Support FISCH in any way I can!
- Reflect on the Bible much more frequently
- Not worry as much, we have enough
- Be more open about being a Christian
- Be more willing to meet new people
- Put my life/worries into perspective
- I will pray for my brothers and sisters out here. I will pray for the children we worked with and hope that they were impacted by our service to them
- Take time in my day to read the bible/pray – there is no need to always rush
- Come back to Iringa
- Pray about other people and make sure I don't turn away from people who need my help
- Come back?
- I will be supporting (prayerfully and financially) FISCH and Neema, but also similar organisations at home

THE ACTS 13 EXPERIENCE

In Acts 13 verses 1-3, we read how one of the earliest Christian churches was led by God to commission two of its number to serve overseas. I wonder when was the last time this happened in Lindfield URC? Some years back, we were “set apart” and sent out by the church in Surrey where we had been members for some 16 years. How did it happen? No audible voice from above was heard in the church meeting, but rather a coming together of events over several years.

First, a growing conviction on our part that there was a huge need for Christian workers overseas, resulting in Mike leaving his job in insurance and going to Bible College. The church was fully supportive in this, and we experienced the love of fellow-Christians in our three years of unnatural Monday-to-Friday separation. We and they sought God's guidance as to where we should serve, and the answer seemed to be coming clearer and clearer: “Brazil.” So a church meeting voted 100% to support us in our call to serve in Brazil, and that was backed up by a positive vote in the local Association. More interviews and selection conferences

saw Mike approved as a probationary minister, and the two of us as BMS missionaries (also probationary!).

Leaving Britain was a painful experience, and we would never have survived had we not known that so many people in UK had been convinced before God that Brazil was where we were meant to be. Parting from family and friends was almost unbearable and it was humiliating suddenly to be reduced to the conversation level of a two-year-old. And there was the heat ... and the insects ... and the noise! But we survived those early days, thanks to the loving support – both prayer and practical – of folk back home (an example: our daughters arrived at Christmas with a suitcase full of presents from our church!) and we eventually – to our amazement – found ourselves enjoying preaching and teaching in Portuguese. And we discovered wonderful fellowship with our Brazilian colleagues, who taught us so much about love and encouragement.

But what surprised us was, after 3 or 4 weeks in Brazil, to receive a letter (no emails in those days) from our daughter saying “Mum and Dad, even if you never do anything in Brazil, your going has done wonders for this church!!” Well! We hadn’t realised until then that our call was a “whole-church” thing. The entire fellowship had become enthused with a global vision, and this lasted not only during the ten years they supported us in Brazil, but continues to this day. The church, which had not previously been very missionary-minded, has since sent out members to France, Siberia, and Brazil, and has been closely involved in the support of workers in Nepal, Slovenia and Lebanon, as well as hosting Brazilian missionaries working in UK and Italy and supporting a student pastor from the former East Germany. Our former “link-person” writes to us: “I believe we are a church that lives and breathes mission. At every level from the youngest in junior church, through our vibrant young people, and 'cell' groups we are directed towards mission in our community and worldwide, through prayer and financial support and serving where we can.”

So the Acts 13 Experience not only resulted in two British Christians being tipped out of their comfort zone and serving overseas – it also proved a deep and lasting blessing for the sending church.

We in Lindfield are also a mission-minded church. Our financial support for various causes is impressive and we have, in recent years, seen members engaging in short-term service overseas. But perhaps we should be thinking of that Acts 13 model and asking God to guide us to those of our number whom we should be encouraging and supporting in fulfilling God’s calling to serve in a long-term capacity overseas. There is more need, spiritual and material, in our world than ever before, and God is still wanting to send out workers into his harvest-field.

Jean and Mike Gardiner



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In the News

There is always so much going on in the country and the world , we have just mentioned a couple of news items to draw to your attention.

Faith and Morality

Recently David Cameron, writing in the latest "Keep the Faith" magazine, said that faith had a role to play in mending the "breakdown of responsibility" in Britain. He also said that "For too long in our society we have been unwilling to talk about behaviour and morality. I believe faith leaders have a role to play in instilling the greater sense of right and wrong - and it is up to us to help in this mission to build a fairer, stronger and more responsible society".

"Keep the Faith" magazine is for Britain's black Christian community, and in their October issue they were focusing on the riots that swept through English cities this summer. Also in this issue the Revd Rose Hudson Wilkins said that liberal society left a void which churches will have to address.

Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani

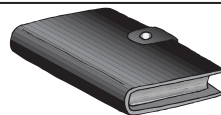
Iranian pastor Yousef Nadarkhani was sentenced to death in 2009 for refusing to recant his Christian faith. He became a Christian in his teens and has refused three times to reconvert to Islam and now the case of the father of two and member of the Protestant Evangelical Church of Iran has been taken up by governments in both the UK and USA.

Foreign Secretary, William Hague has called on the regime to overturn the "deplorable" sentence and The Archbishop of Canterbury has also expressed "deep concern" . The most recent call for clemency came from the former Bishop of Rochester, Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali, who wrote to President Ahmadinejad. He argued that the death sentence went beyond the Iranian constitution, as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

At the time of writing there is no further news of the decision by the Iranian court, but we pray both for Pastor Nadarkhani and his family that the right decision may be reached.

Carol Marsh

November Church Diary



3rd Daytime House Groups
Thursday 7.45pm Coffee
8.00pm Autumn at
Lindfield - A growing Church
James Clarke

5th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at Evangelical Free

Bonfire Night - Church open
to serve Hot Chocolate.

6th 9.30am Ron Goodenough
Sunday and Missions Group The
Persecuted Church -
Communion
11.15am Ron Goodenough

3.00pm Compton House
Anniversary Service- The
Pastor (at LURC).
6.30pm The Pastor

9th 12.30pm Lunch
Wednesday Fellowship

10th 8.00pm Church AGM.
Thursday

11th 12.30pm Lunch
Friday Fellowship

12th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at Evangelical Free

10.00am Autumn Fair

7.30pm- Mission Supper
with Geoff and Irene Green -
Open Doors.

13th 9.30am The Pastor
Sunday 10.55am Two minutes
silence -
Remembrance

11.15am The Pastor

6.30pm The Pastor -
Communion/
Healing

17th Daytime House Groups
Thursday 7.45pm Coffee
8.00pm Autumn at
Lindfield - A growing Church
John Hobbs

19th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at Evangelical Free

20th 9.30am Dan McQuillin
Sunday 11.15am Dan McQuillin
6.30pm The Pastor

22nd 7.45pm In Touch
Tuesday

23rd 2.30pm The Fellowship
Wednesday 7.30pm Elders Meeting

24th 8.00pm Church Prayer
Thursday Meeting

26th 8.45 — Prayer Meeting
Saturday 9.30am at Evangelical Free

27th *Advent Sunday*
Sunday 9.30am The Pastor

11.15am The Pastor -
Communion

6.30pm Youth Pastor

*Please note these dates are correct at
time of printing, but watch the weekly
notices in case of change.*

Balcombe United Reformed Church

Bramble Hill, Balcombe RH17 6HR



Our services are held weekly at 10.30am.
Visitors are welcome to join us.

Speakers for November are as follows:

November 6th Donald Nisbet

November 9th Philip Wren

November 16th Charles Martin - Communion

November 23rd Philip Wren

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 served between the morning services.

The **11:15am service** is a traditional service.

(Exceptions to these times are shown in the Diary).

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 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.

Recordings of services can be borrowed free from the church.

FLOWER ROTA



Arranging

Distributing

November

6th Carol Marsh

Jo Bloxham

13th Betty Billins

Iris Bingham

20th Sue Waller

Heather Swann

27th Zoe McQuillin

Janet Sanderson

December

4th Heather Swann

Sue Tester

11th Audrey McKee

Barbara
Shepherd

18th Christmas Decorations

No Distribution

25th Christmas Decorations

No Distribution

Distribution Rota

If anyone is able to offer help with distributing on Monday mornings please contact Heather Swann.

November Mission Focus – Open Doors

The ministry of Open Doors began in 1955 when God called a young Dutchman to act on the basis of Revelation 3:2: "Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die." He went to Poland and discovered a church under threat behind the Iron Curtain, and desperately longing for the Word of God.

So Brother Andrew became *God's Smuggler*, taking suitcase after suitcase of Bibles to the persecuted church, facing great danger, but determined to bring encouragement and hope. He has never forgotten the words of one believer: "Your presence here with us is worth more than your ten best sermons."

Right now millions of Christians are at risk of persecution around the world. Open Doors is active in over 50 countries:

- Providing Bibles and Christian literature
- Training for leadership and discipleship
- Sustaining lives, supporting livelihoods
- Speaking out in advocacy
- Raising awareness and encouraging prayer
- Engaging and mobilising the church
- Preparing the next generation of supporters

Open Doors wants to continue to encourage the church here to play its part: that means not only responding to the needs of the persecuted church, but also learning from their experience of what it means to follow Jesus.

Among Open Door's current campaigns is one that highlights the needs of the many Christian children who experience persecution because they or their parents follow Jesus. They are referred to as **The Secret Children**. Who knows how many there are? It is estimated 30 million, maybe more and they come from all over the world: North Korea, Algeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Egypt, Colombia, etc.

Their parents face terrible choices: between staying faithful to Jesus or protecting their children; between raising their children as Christians or keeping them physically safe.



They are; disadvantaged, vulnerable, displaced, deprived, isolated and rejected.

These children always lose out. Some lose their parents, their relatives and friends and the security of a family home, some lose the opportunity of a good education, some lose their lives, *all of them lose their childhood.*

By giving to support this campaign you can help a child through school, or help them learn a trade, support them while their parents are in prison, or pay towards their medical care. You could be housing them in a safe house to protect them from harm. You could be providing trauma counselling for children living with 'horror movies' inside their heads.

We are also asked to pray for these children once a day, seven days a week and for seven weeks from November 6th (which is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church) to Christmas Eve, the eve of the birth of the child who changed the world.

If you would like to give, please use the special envelopes and place your donation in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.

More Open Doors information is on the mission display area.

Thank you

Youth pages

Hi all, in this month's magazine we hear all about our youth summer camp from September and we have Johanna Harfield's testimony for those of you who missed it.

A lot is happening with the youth work in the coming weeks and months and it would be great if you could remember in your prayers our young people as they start a new cell group after half term. This will be lead by them and will be a really good opportunity to spend time together discussing all the issues surrounding young Christians today and seeing what the Bible teaches us about these things. Also although it is a way off, we are looking for people to help us run a holiday club in February half term (13th-17th February.) If you think you might like to help please let me know! Finally during the week of the 18th – 24th December we are very excited to be launching The Gift FM which will be a radio station run by some of our young people and others from some of the other local churches; we will be unwrapping the true meaning of Christmas as well as playing all your favourite Christmas music and it should all be a lot of fun! Look out for publicity for this to find out when and how you can listen to this and again if anyone is interested in getting involved, please talk to me!

Josh

Johanna's Testimony

In Mid September we welcomed Johanna into membership of the Church, she was able to share her testimony with us and this is what she had to say.

"I have been going to this Church since I was a baby. I have been brought up in a Christian family but never really understood Christianity until I was 10. The first time I started to understand Christianity was at Spring Harvest. Every year until last time I would go to Spring Harvest and take it all in; connecting with God. But a few days after we returned I would feel like I had lost the connection.

Last year Josh set up Youth Alpha, which started in February. I would go to the sessions and I would take most of it in. I loved going along and learning more about the Christian Faith, it opened up so many doors to things that I hadn't really understood. During Youth Alpha, Spring Harvest

started. I was my normal self for the first few sessions but we had a session about healing. You see I had a bad foot during the beginning of Spring Harvest and I went over and was prayed for by Jenny Lee (from Bernard) and I could feel the pain in my foot because my trainers were really tight. After Jenny had prayed for me the pain stopped! I went over to my brother Kieron and to make sure it was fine he stamped on it really hard and I felt nothing! That was the night that I really started to believe more than ever. We also had a session where we had to read out our favourite verses from the Bible. I chose 1 Timothy 4:12 ‘Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young but set an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith and your purity.’ Its been a while since we left Spring Harvest and even though the amazing Youth Alpha course has finished, I still haven’t lost the connection I felt to God then, if anything it has grown stronger.

My Mum is one of the people who has brought me to God, I remember earlier this year she read out her testimony at an evening service. Hearing what she had been through in more detail made me realise how much she relied on God and God had never let her down. I like to think that I’d be able to set an example to other young Christians like Charles, Josh and my Mum.”

Summer Camp 2011

Back in September we ran our first joint Zest and Boys’ Brigade camp, our first “youth camp” Johanna tells us more...

“It all seems a long time ago now, but on the 3rd and 4th September Zest and Boys’ Brigade went camping together. Now when you go camping you want it to be warm but the temperature as we were putting up the tents was crazy it was so hot!

After the tents were up and our parents had left, we all put our luggage, sleeping bags and pillows into our assigned tents and got ready to go abseiling. When we got there, we were allowed to have three goes, I had one! That was enough for me! (Mum got scared and came back down the stairs.)

After abseiling we returned to camp for a BBQ, which was lovely followed by our Bible talk, which Charles came and did for us. We then had some time to chill out before we went into the woods to play a game called Man Hunt. I stuck with three boys on my team, as I was a little scared. It was an amazingly fun game, but it was getting cold and dark and so we had hot chocolate around the camp fire followed by games and roasted marshmallows. We then went to bed.

When we woke up in the morning and had got ready we had a breakfast of cereal, sausages, bacon and scrambled egg, which was yummy. After the washing up had been done we played a game of rounders and I was the first one out on my team but we still won. Finally we went kayaking and I fell in but, at the end, everyone had to get in to the water. We were soaking wet walking back from the reservoir and it was absolutely tipping it down to make things worse! It finally stopped raining in time for us to have lunch and pack up.



On behalf of all the young people who went I'd like to say a big thank you to Josh, Hannah, Geoffrey, Alex, David, Harry, Terry and my Mum, Jane."

In Touch,

In September we had a very interesting talk about the work of the Leprosy Mission in India. The Mission is an international Christian organisation which helps to transform the lives of people affected by leprosy. They work in about 28 countries providing treatment and health care, but they also train staff to rehabilitate and educate those affected by the disease. Community projects and small business loans are also available for helping people to gain independence and escape poverty.

One way to help the Mission raise money is to collect stamps, and if you would like to save your used stamps at least until after Christmas please give them to Janet Wade, who will pass them on to the mission in the New Year.

Our next meeting will be on the 22nd November, please see the notice board for details nearer the time. Everyone is very welcome.

Remembrance Sunday

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011, the nation will pause to remember those who have given their lives in fighting for this country.

This year is The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary.

The following poem - 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death' is by Irish poet William Butler Yeats, written in 1918 and first published in the Macmillan edition of *The Wild Swans at Coole* in 1919. The poem is a soliloquy given by an aviator in the First World War in which the poet describes the circumstances surrounding his imminent death.

An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;
My country is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.

William Butler Yeats

The Fellowship

Charles Eamer Kempe of Old Place, Lindfield

The Master of Stained Glass and Church Decorator

An Illustrated talk by Brian Tester of the Kempe Society

on

Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at 2.30pm

at

Lindfield United Reformed Church

The talk is about the life and legacy of a distinguished former resident of Lindfield whose work can be seen in many churches and cathedrals. It will include; his discovery of famous wall paintings in a Sussex church, and a right royal 'Ding Dong' with his parish church, the memorial window once in Buckingham Palace, the discovery of a lost Kempe window in Edinburgh Castle, his contribution to Wren's dome in St. Paul's Cathedral.

You are most welcome to join with our Fellowship for this talk about a man who overcame a disability and left a legacy for all to see, to enhance the worship of the Lord.

Brian Tester

Compton House

Two events are happening in November.

The first is the Anniversary Service to be held at Lindfield URC on Sunday 6 November at 3.00pm, and will be followed by refreshments in the hall. This is for everyone to show the three-churches' continued support for this non-profit making nursing and residential home.

The Second is the Autumn Fair on Saturday 12 November, also at LURC. There will be the usual Stalls - we are particularly keen to raise money by the sale of cakes. If you are able to help in any way, please sign up on the notice board.

Most importantly, please tell your friends about the Fair, and display a poster.

Thank you, Stuart Marsh.

Book Review

Whilst on our latest trip to the States during the summer, I discovered a book called “Mommy’s Prayers”. I found them highly amusing, so I have adapted some for the UK reader. They are a hilarious look at the exasperations and exultations of motherhood. I hope you enjoy!.

Prayer in the Family Restaurant

Dear God,

How far the mighty have fallen? My dearest partner and I are a long way from our foodie days, when Friday nights meant a corner table in a bistro, waiting for our plates of roast duck breast and grilled sea bass. Now we’re crammed around a small square table, smack in the middle of a packed Chain restaurant (no booths for babies in their carriers, sorry), looking down a decidedly un-gourmet choice of menu items. I’ll just have what my toddler’s having – the ubiquitous chicken nuggets (what did children eat before the 1980’s?), backed up by the omnipresent French fries and the enveloping lake of ketchup, with a few baby carrots tossed in there to appease the health-conscious mothers. Lord, I trust that fancy dinners shall return to our lives at some point (well, maybe not until after university has been paid for). In the meantime, let me be content to be here with my beloved and our children. Let me be thankful that they’re not (yet) spilling their fruit shoots or throwing their food across the table, as some of their peers at other tables are. Thank you that we have the money to indulge, even this little bit, Lord. And thank you for French fries, which taste great wherever you eat them.

Zoe McQuillin

Christmas Crackers

Once again, Christmas will be upon us in the next month, so we have printed a Christmas cracker, inside the front cover, for you to use if you wish to send Greetings to your friends in Lindfield URC.

Please return to the **GoodNEWS** pigeon hole, by 11:00 am on Sunday 4th December 2011.

Thank you, The **GoodNEWS** team.

FAMILY NEWS

BEREAVEMENTS

We send our love and sympathy to two families who have lost a loved one in recent weeks. A time of sadness for them, and yet a time to be glad when the Lord has called home elderly folk who have been suffering for a long time. In the beginning of October thanksgiving services were held for **Walter Plimmer** and **Kathleen Smith**; two dear folk who it has been a joy to have amongst us. Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

NEW ADDRESS

Congratulations to **Doreen and Alan Fowler** who have moved to 6, Finches Park Road, Lindfield. RH16 2DN. We wish them God's blessing in their new home.

Global Supper

Saturday 12th November

7.15 for 7.30pm

Speakers: Geoff & Irene Green

from

OPEN DOORS

Geoff & Irene are the local representatives for Open Doors and will share with up-to-date news of the Persecuted Church and the latest initiative to support the millions of children, known as 'The Secret Children', caught up in persecution.

Free tickets can be obtained from the Missions Group:
Ron & Janet Goodenough, John Barling, Val Cookney or
Jean Gardiner

If you have special dietary needs please speak to Ron or Janet.

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)
- 11.15am Traditional 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 8.45am Three Churches Prayer Meeting.
– 9.30am Venue rotates between the three churches.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Mon 10.00am Art Group
- 5.45pm Boys' Brigade - Anchor Boys (5–7 years)
- 6.15pm Boys' Brigade - Junior Section (8–11 years)
- 7.15pm Boys' Brigade – Company Section (11+ years)
- Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones (Parents and toddlers - term time)
- 7.45pm In Touch (4th Tues) for women of all ages
- Wed 2.30pm The Fellowship (4th Wed) for mature ladies and gentlemen
- Thur 10.00am Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
- 8.00pm Church Meeting (2nd Thur)
- Fri 7.15pm Zest (Years 6–9) games, craft, tuck and a bible message (term time)
- Sun 8.00pm Youth Fellowship

During the Autumn, House Groups will not meet - see the 'Autumn at Lindfield - A growing Church' Programme (Pages 10 - 11).

The church is open most mornings from 10.00am to 12.30pm

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What else is happening in the village?

Sat 5 Nov: Bonfire Night

Hot Chocolate available FREE from United Reformed Church

Sun 6 Nov: 3pm Compton House Anniversary Service at United Reformed Church followed by refreshments in the hall.

Wed 9 Nov: 12.15-2pm Tiger Arts Light Lunch and Concert in the Tiger and then in church.

This month : Musical Quartet.

Wed 9 Nov: 7.30 pm Lindfield Horticultural Society at King Edward Hall. AGM followed by talk : "Plant Design".

Sat 12 Nov 10-12 Autumn Fair at URC to support Compton House

Tue 15 Nov: 2.30pm Lindfield Preservation Society at King Edward Hall:

Subject: "Sussex Orchids".

HAYWARDS HEATH MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday 12 November

Cara Berridge (cello) and Elizabeth Burgess (piano)

7.45 pm at St Wilfrid's Church.

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT - DOLPHIN CENTRE

Sunday 14th November 7.30pm.

Mid Sussex Sinfonia, with Children's Choir.

Tickets £12.00 from Mrs Shirley Ventham, 01273 831264 or at Door Concessions. £10.00; Children Free.

In aid of the Royal British Legion.
