

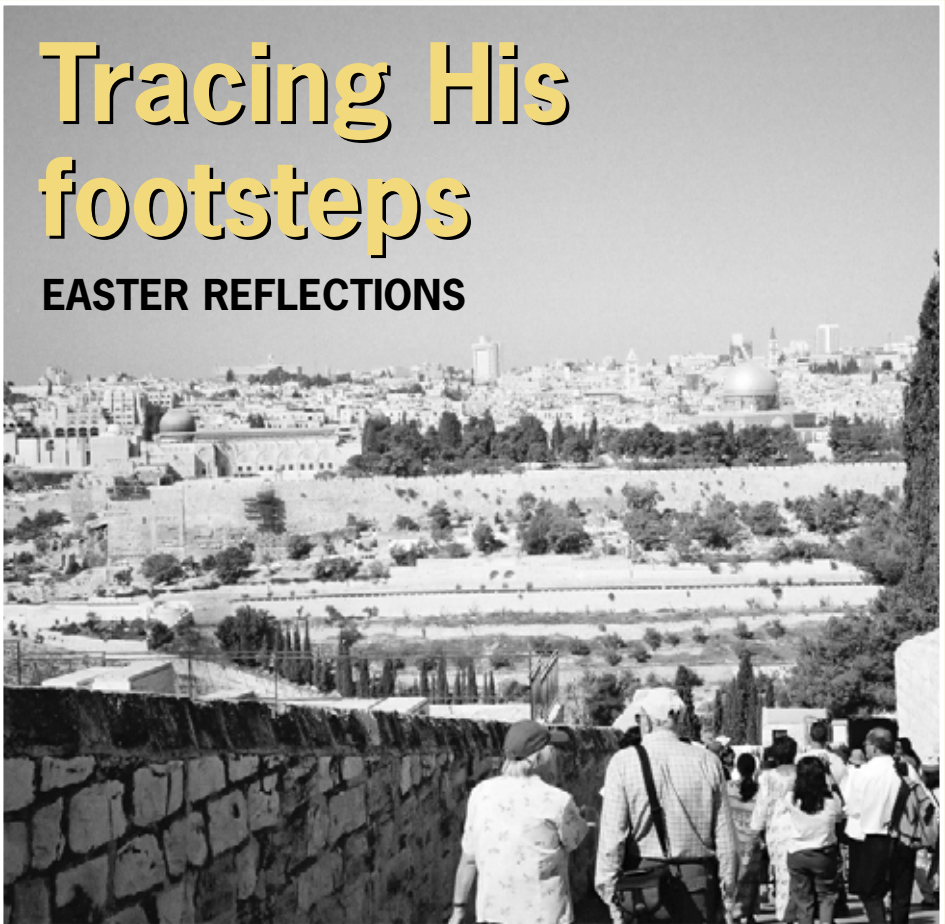
GoodNEWS

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Tracing His footsteps

EASTER REFLECTIONS



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- **Local butcher in the spotlight!**
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A February morning at Lindfield Pond

Dear Friends...



To say sorry ...?

Reading my newspaper and listening to the radio this week it's as if the nation has woken up to saying sorry.

On the front page of the Times this morning was, 'The most significant thing about Black Wednesday is that this long apology is now required'. So writes Anatole Kaletsky referring to the economic and political misjudgements behind Britain pulling out of the exchange rate mechanism in 1992.

Earlier this week Radio 5 Live ran a phone in on the need and values of public apologies. This was after a call from a pressure group that our government, on behalf, of the nation should apologise for slavery and the slave trade. Similar calls have been made regarding our colonial past. Do such things matter and do they do any good? To some it clearly does matter. It mattered to a former POW of the Japanese that the Emperor had not apologised over its actions in the Second World War but in a carefully worded statement had avoided an outright apology. On the other side someone rather facetiously phoned in to ask if Italy should apologise for the Roman invasion of Britain.

We can take things too far but

personal or public apology can lead to good. The Bible is clear on settling matters between parties and keeping short account. As Matthew 5:23-24 illustrates "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

This can be hard - the 'flesh', as Paul calls it, gets in the way; defensiveness, self justification, blame shifting or pride for example. Leaders may find it hard to apologise for fear of a backlash or to protect their position.

Yet an apology is important. An apology received allows an individual or people group to respond – to get rid of troublesome emotions. For the apologist there is the freedom of not carrying a burden e.g. guilt. Saying sorry, however hard, is a releasing thing for all concerned. Let's hope it works that way in the current climate of 'apology calling'.

Colin Bones, minister

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Editorial



For some of us, it seems Christmas has only just been celebrated and yet, now, we find ourselves staring into the thoughtful eyes of Easter already!

In this edition of GoodNEWS Philip Wren contemplates the sights and sounds of Easter when Jesus walked the streets (p.4); Geoffrey Cocksedge shares the latest news from 1st Lindfield Boys' Brigade (p.16) and Ray Smith gives a resumé of the talk given at the last Men's Breakfast, held at the church (p.17).

Should your pocket be a little heavy, rest assured there are at least two ways for you to lighten the load in March! BBC's Comic Relief has already been widely publicised on our television screens, and our own Colin Bones announces (on p.9) he will be running the London Marathon this year, and is appealing for sponsorship.

And so, I hope, as we all have a chance to reexamine the awesome events of Easter this year, that this issue is a helpful accompaniment. Don't forget the Sermon Notes on page 18 – helping you prepare/reflect on Easter worship.

Many thanks for all your contributions.

David Tingley, editor

Prayer Diary



SUN

Pray for children/staff in Power Source and NOS

MON

Uphold, from LURC, teachers & those working with children

TUE

Pray for the NHS – local hospitals, doctors, nurses, dentists, etc

WED

Pray for H. Heath & B. Hill U. R. Churches, both in Pastoral Vacancy, & David Walters, their Interim Moderator

THUR

Remember our Mission focus: New Steps – Mercy Ships

FRI

Remember issues that concern our environment, the way we treat our planet, global warming, etc.

SAT

Uphold Simon & Becky Lunt & their work amongst Muslims

Prayer FOCUS

In addition to the above daily prayer reminders, please would you uphold in your prayers this month two other special prayer requests:-

Firstly, **Alive '05**; the need for a Tent Manager and other administrative issues concerning the tent on the Common. We are still looking for a celebrity speaker, or someone with a powerful testimony. Pray about our own response and commitment to the Mission, for the remaining training sessions, for Moorlands Students and their preparation, for the Steering Committee and those involved in publicity. Remember, too, Viz-a-Viz and the activities planned for children and young people. Pray that the Holy Spirit may come in power and touch the lives of many who live in and around our village.

Secondly, an item from Care concerning **European Union pressures**. Give thanks for Christian MEPs, many from newly admitted countries, who boldly stand against the erosion of Christian values in our laws and policies. Ask God to help them support each other prayerfully. Remember the European Commission, praying that their decisions will be fair to everyone and will not restrict and harm church and family life in Europe. Pray for politicians and diplomats involved in European Institutions, who are kept away from their family; that God will help them in their loneliness and enable them to maintain strong relationships with their families and friends.



Jerusalem 2004

Philip Wren, an elder at Balcome United Reform Church, visited Israel last autumn. One of the most memorable occasions for him, was the walking of the Palm Sunday route down the Mount of Olives towards the Temple Mount. About halfway down, looking over the city, Philip had the opportunity to share some of the following, with the group he was with here, his reflections form our feature article for Easter.

The Lamb for the nation

In Israel at Passover every family had its own lamb. It would be sacrificed on the 14th Nisan and eaten at the Passover meal. Besides the lambs for each family, one lamb was chosen and set apart as the lamb for the nation. A one year old male lamb perfect in every respect. This lamb always came from the flocks at Bethlehem.

On the 10th day of Nisan, the first month of the religious year, the High Priest left the Temple and made the Sabbath day journey up the Mount of Olives to Bethany. It was a ceremonial day. The route would be crowded with pilgrims celebrating the beginning of Passover.

I have not been able to find out the composition of the procession that day. Therefore, I have had to imagine what it may have been like. We know that at Passover all 24 divisions

of Priest were on duty at the Temple. Therefore, it is probable that they were part of the procession. We would expect the temple guard, the temple musicians and choristers would also take part in this great public event. Standing on the Mount of Olives it was possible to imagine this great parade leaving the Temple winding its way down to the Kidron Valley and then up the path we were now following.

At Bethany the High Priest collected the Lamb then returned down the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. The Jewish historian Josephus concluded that between two and a half and three million people would come up to Jerusalem for Passover. The numbers were huge. Many would have turned out for this first great celebration of the feast. As the parade passed the crowds joined the priests in singing the Hallel Psalms 113 to 118.

Palm Sunday

On one 10th Nisan, another Lamb of God from Bethlehem came that way, not long after the first procession had passed, for the multitudes were still there. This lamb was riding on a donkey.

When Jerusalem came in sight, Luke records that Jesus wept. Jesus saw it all. The procession winding its way up the other side of the valley. The million people joining in the praise of God. Jesus knew that despite the outward display of emotion it was empty praise. He came as the Lamb of God not just for the Jews but for the whole world. In a few days' time he would be put to death. Rejected by those who now sung His praise.

Holy Week

For the next few days the lamb for the nation was displayed in

the Temple, so that the whole nation could inspect it to ensure that it was perfect without blemish. Each day Jesus went to the Temple. There the Scribes, Pharisees and Priests rigorously examined him. They could find no fault in Him.

The Passover Lamb

Paul declares that Christ is our Passover Lamb. The events of that terrible day when Jesus died for our sins ran in parallel both in the Temple and on the cross.

On the day of preparation, the 14th Nisan, the lamb for the nation was bound at the third hour. The High Priest carried it up the steps and laid it on the altar as a sacrifice.

At the third hour Jesus was bound to the cross and lifted up.

At the ninth hour the High Priest ascended the altar again. He raised his knife and cut the



lamb's throat. As he slaughtered the Lamb he cried out, "It is finished".

At the ninth hour Jesus died with the words, "It is finished".

The Crown of Thorns

In his life and ministry, Jesus fulfilled both prophecy and, often, the traditions of the Jews. The crown of thorns is an instance of a tradition fulfilled in Christ as a sign to the Jews.

Genesis 22, the testing of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, is read every year at the Feast of Trumpets. This story is understood by the Jews to have Messianic significance. The two horns of the ram caught in the thicket represent the first and last trumpet. In scripture there are two times when it is said that God has sounded or will sound a trumpet blast. The first occasion was at Sinai when God made the covenant with Israel, Exodus 19:16,19 and Hebrews 12:9. The second time is when the Messiah comes to rescue Israel and gather them to Jerusalem, Isaiah 27:13 and Zechariah 9:14. It was also understood as

the day on which the dead will be raised. The first trumpet is remembered at Pentecost when the law was given to Moses. The last is to be blown at the Feast of Trumpets and is referred to by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:52.

The full meaning of this story, in which Abraham is brought close to the heart of God by being willing to sacrifice his only son and in which it is God who provides a substitute, was not appreciated. The Jews rejoiced in the covenant and looked forward to the kingdom. They did not understand that for either to take lasting effect there must be a greater sacrifice than bulls or rams.

On the cross Jesus was forced to wear a crown of thorns. The roman soldiers who fashioned that cruel crown of thorns did it as an act of contempt and mockery. The Father permitted this act, which increased the agony of His son, out of love for the Jews. As Jesus hung on the cross, His head caught in the thorns, God gave a final sign. Here is the lamb caught in the thicket, who is taking your place.

Philip Wren.



All Age Service

Sunday 20th March is Palm Sunday and at the 9.30am service we are having a special time when EVERYONE will remain in the church for a time ofwell come along and see!

Old and young, parents and children are all very welcome to join us, but particularly if you are in the Boys' Brigade, Junior Church (Powersource) or attend Zest we would love to see you.

Clare Nibloe

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year is on **Friday 4th March at All Saints Church, Lindfield at 1.45pm.** It has been prepared by the women of Poland.

The Speaker is **Mrs Anne Twisleton.**

A crèche will be available and after the service there will be refreshments in The Tiger.

All are most welcome.



Accommodation

A very sincere '**Thank you**' to all of you who have kindly offered your homes to the students from Moorlands College in May. Before long I hope to be in touch again, giving you information about the person(s) who has been allocated to you, and any further details that are available as hosts.

Thanks again!

Fiona Tingley (01444 483419)

The Fellowship

We meet on **Wednesday 23rd March at 2.45pm** when our speaker will be the Rev. Colin Bones. Tea and biscuits will be served at the close of the meeting. *All are welcome to attend.*

Minister in training

Our very own Rev Colin Bones is set to run the Flora London Marathon again this year. The marathon, which takes place on 17th April, has adopted "Help the Hospices" as their official charity: an announcement that thrilled Colin: "It is not often that different strands of our lives come together in a single project. My faith, interest in the hospice movement and sport have all come together," he said.

Colin is one of seven running for the local St Peter and St James Hospice, and have a target of £10,000 between them! Details and sponsorship forms are available via the church notice board or at various points around the village.

New Address

Fiona Flett has moved to :-
82 Franklynn Road, Haywards
Heath Telephone no. 01444
440730 (no change)

Bereavement

We offer our love and sympathy to **Rosemary Underhill** and the family on the recent death of her father on 12th February.

This is a belated thank you to all my friends at the Church for your prayers and support during my bad patch over the past few months. I can never thank you enough.

Evelyn Lea

Paddy and Ann Lay's new phone no. is 02840660348

Balcombe United Reformed Church

Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR
Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)

Our main services are held at 11am on the first and third Sunday of each month and the children usually go out to Sunday School during the second part of the service. Visitors are always welcome.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

March	6th	Philip Wren
March	20th	Colin Bones



Visitors are most welcome to join us at any time.

Fairtrade highlighted

This year Fairtrade Fortnight (1-13 March) is taking place alongside several high profile events and campaigns. Few will have missed the efforts of Gordon Brown to push the reduction of poverty in Africa to the top of the political agenda. In 2005 the UK has presidency of both the G8 and the European Union and it is also the 20th anniversary of Live Aid. Throughout the year a huge campaign called "Make Poverty History" will be calling for trade justice, more and better aid, and for rich governments to drop the debt that keeps the poorest countries poor.

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight one of the aims is to encourage people to "check out" fair trade by buying more Fairtrade products from supermarkets (and other shops) as increased demand can increase the variety of products a supermarket will stock.

As much as I continue to encourage you to buy goods with the Fairtrade mark (guaranteeing a better deal for Third World Producers) from local supermarkets, I also want to thank you for your support of our Fairtrade stall, which runs on the third Sunday of the month, between the morning services. In 2004 you bought products totalling £1,750.

Thank you. Suzy Jacques.



Comic Relief is coming!

The countdown has started, big hair and beyond is on its way! Red Nose Day. Friday March 11 is set to be the biggest re-style in history with belting barnets, funky face paints and crazy costumes.

In the UK

Every week in the UK, two women die as a result of domestic violence. £10 will pay for a woman fleeing domestic violence to spend a night in a refuge.

www.rednoseday.com

08457 910 910

(local rate call charges apply)

In Africa

Over 1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day with nearly half the world's population living on less than \$2 a day.

£100 will pay a secondary school teachers' salary in a rural school in Sudan – giving the local community the vital chance of an education.



Out of date sins!

The Seven Deadly Sins are out of date and should be replaced with new vices, a survey has found.

Anger, gluttony, sloth, envy, pride and lust are no longer the worst things we can do, most people believe.

Cruelty, adultery, bigotry, dishonesty and hypocrisy are far worse.

Only one of the ancient list – greed – is still regarded as a serious sin.

The Deadly Sins were originally devised by 6th Century Pope Gregory the Great. The church refined the list over the years to the present seven.

Only nine per cent of people say they have never committed any of the original sins. Anger is committed most, while lust is the sin most people – 41 per cent of men and 26 per cent of women – would enjoy indulging in.

Rossy Kelly, of BBC's Heaven & Earth Show, which commissioned the poll, said: "We're more concerned about the actions which hurt others."

Source: London Metro 07.02.05

Fairtrade town bid

A public meeting has been held to form a steering group in support of Burgess Hill's bid to become a Fairtrade Foundation 'Fairtrade Town'.

The meeting, which took place in the council chambers on 1st February, was "a success" according to Donna Conway of Burgess Hill Town Council. The Steering Group, consisting of local residents

and councillors, is to take the application on further.

The council says that the purpose of becoming a Fairtrade Town is to contribute to the Fairtrade Foundation's aim of tackling poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal, through encouraging support for the Fairtrade Mark.

Cash for a Month

On 28th February family charity 'Care for the Family' will launch a new campaign: "Cash for a month – Give debt the elbow!"

Aimed at publicising a recently published self-help book – The Money Secret by Rob Parsons – the event hopes to highlight the ease of running up debt on 'plastic'.

The challenge is simple: during March only use cash – not credit or debit cards – for all your everyday shopping. Could you do it? Go on!



Respond or more info:
www.themoneysecret.info/cfam

March church diary

3rd

Thursday 8.00 –
9.30pm Mission Training
(Church)

5th

Saturday 8.45 –
9.30am Sat. Morning
Prayer Meeting
(E F C)

6th

Sunday 9.30am **Communion**
David Nibloe
& Barry Piper
11.00am Barry Piper
6.30pm David Goodchild
& Suzy Jacques

8th

Tuesday 8.00pm Church Meeting
(note change of
day to Tuesday)

9th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

10th

Thursday 8.00pm Mission Training
(Church)

11th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

12th

Saturday 8.45 –
9.30am Saturday
Morning Prayer
Meeting (Tiger)

13th

Sunday 9.30am **Healing**
Adrian Cookney
& Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm **Communion**
David Goodchild
& Suzy Jacques

17th

8.00pm Mission Training
(Church)

19th

Saturday 8.45 –
9.30am Saturday
Prayer Meeting
(Lounge)

20th

Sunday **Palm Sunday**
9.30am David Nibloe
All Age Worship
Fairtrade Stall between services
11.00am Graham
Campling
6.30pm Adrian Cookney
& Colin Bones

**OTHER LOCAL EVENTS
LISTED ON BACK COVER**

22nd

Tuesday 7.45pm In Touch (Lounge)

23rd

Wednesday 2.45pm The Fellowship
7.45pm Elders

24th Maundy Thursday

Thursday 7.45pm **Joint
Communion
Service**

25th Good Friday

Friday 10.30am Colin Bones

26th

Saturday Saturday Morning
Prayer Meeting
(EFC)

27th

Sunday

Easter Sunday

9.30am David Nibloe
& Colin Bones

11.00am **Communion**
Colin Bones

6.30pm David Goodchild
& Colin Bones

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.

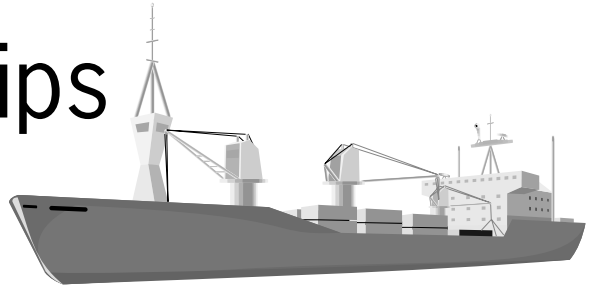
At **6.30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

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.

Mercy Ships



Since 1978, Mercy Ships has:

- **Performed 8,000 operations onboard such as cleft lip and palate, cataract, crossed-eyes, orthopaedic and facial reconstruction.**
- **Treated more than 200,000 people in village medical clinics.**
- **Performed 100,000 dental treatments.**
- **Taught local health care workers, who have in turn trained thousands in primary health care.**
- **Provided tens of millions of pounds of medical equipment, hospital supplies, and medicines.**
- **Completed more than 350 construction and agriculture projects.**

People from over 50 nations join together to serve the poor and needy. Imagine a fleet of ships crewed by doctors, water engineers, teachers and agriculturists able to visit some of the world's poorest cities. Right now the Mercy Ships fleet is bringing hope to tens of thousands of people who could never have believed it possible. Mercy Ships is responding to a world that has lost hope. They are making a lasting difference with limited resources. Around the world today 35,000 children will die from diseases linked to poverty and malnutrition. Two out of every five people on the earth are malnourished and over one billion people live in a

state of absolute poverty. Too many people live in fear and desperation, with impure water, little food and no hope. But a little can go a long way. Behind every statistic is a person and that person can receive help and new hope

Bringing Hope and Healing...

Into this world of need, dedicated volunteers bring their wide-ranging skills to make a difference. The Mercy Ships fleet which began as a dream in 1978, has completed projects in more than 70 port areas around the world. The ships provide medical and dental assistance, agricultural skills, and relief and development services. Mercy

Ships brings food, life-changing operations, and long-term sustainable change.

Life-Changing Operations

Mercy Ships operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world - the Anastasis. Their surgeons have performed thousands of operations to correct cleft palates and crossed eyes, to remove tumors and cataracts. In the countries Mercy Ships visits, these surgeries are unavailable for most of the population.

Field Clinics, Local Health Care

Soon after arrival in port, medical and dental teams visit prearranged sites and establish field clinics. These may be temporary, or in some cases lead to the establishment of long-term medical care. Teams carry out vaccination programmes, dental care, minor operations, and medical screening.

Clean Water and Sanitation

Clean water and safe disposal of human waste are among the most urgent problems facing the developing world today. Mercy Ships teams carry out tests on local water sources and supplies. Wells are drilled to provide safe irrigation and drinking water. They help provide water

purification equipment, simple water pumps, and train local people in hygiene and sanitation, assisting with individual and community latrine construction.

Construction Projects

As part of a long-term commitment to community development, Mercy Ships teams build schools, hospitals and clinics, as well as training facilities and basic housing. The ships carry construction equipment, tools, and supplies, together with skilled volunteers.

Bringing training and practical advice, Mercy Ships partners with local people and empowers communities to help themselves.

Agriculture and Farming Projects

Helping communities become self-sufficient in food production is one of the goals of Mercy Ships. Tools and seed go a long way to help, but they also carry out soil-testing and irrigation projects before establishing community farms.

These farms help local people provide for themselves and their families and serve to break the dependency on crisis food aid.

For more information see the missions board in the concourse or log on to www.mercyships.org.uk



Good company

We extend an invitation to all members of the Church's congregation to attend our Display on 22nd April, during which we want to specially thank Joe Lunt for his service to the Company.

A team of Company Section Boys (Ben Horton, Kyle Ellis, Alex Batchelor and Alex Hill) practised hard for the Battalion Badminton Competition last autumn, and – helped by some coaching by Richard Walters – gained the trophy against quite strong opposition. The same lads have been playing in the Football League in a team combined with our friends in the 3rd Burgess Hill, but against fairly strong teams from Brighton success has eluded them at the time of writing. All-night activity seems to appeal to contemporary youngsters, and a group of them had a “sleepover” at the Church in January: great fun, but David Walters and myself did not recover for days! In the meantime our normal Monday evening activities: drum instruction, parades, devotions, drill, club and team sports – football, volleyball, chairball, and unihoc – continue in a lively way. Currently we are preparing for the local drill competition, and the national Top Teams

Competition. Our two NCOs, Cameron and Edward, are now working for the Queen's Badge, and we have enrolled others in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, and started expedition training. Nobody can say we are not an active Company! It all works well with reasonably well-motivated youngsters; it is such a pity that so many others have no motivation, or just come to disrupt.

The Juniors had an enjoyable evening, in place of the usual New Years Party, at CJs Playland, Burgess Hill, which included a game of laser wars. Their weekly programme, too, continues successfully, but after a very good session last year, we have not been as well supported this year. Our Anchors had a delightful Christmas party during which the boys entertained some of the parents.

As well as a reporting function, I have an educative function when writing these articles, and I would like to deal with the question of uniform.

Some folk feel that uniformed organisations have had their day. I want to point out that the BB is not so much a uniformed, as a disciplined, organisation. Discipline is essential for the wholesome growth of young people, and the tools we use to build it – drill and parades – are rounded off by the wearing of uniform. We wear uniform because we parade, and do drill,

and if we ever discarded these methods I would not see much use for uniform. As to whether disciplined organisation and uniform attract young people today, that is another question, which I will deal with another time, space and the editorial team permitting.

Geoffrey Cocksedge

Men's Breakfast

More than "bangers"

With 51 men indicating attendance and, therefore, 45 expected, 56 men sat down to a thoroughly enjoyable cooked breakfast prepared by Tina Elphick and her lady helpers, before listening to a talk from Fred Preston, former chaplain to SAS & Paras, entitled 'Resistance to interrogation and stress'.

Fred talked of many men's most important values being wife, family, income, home, health/recreation and self-respect.

He then went on to outline if these are taken away, particularly in wartime by brain-washing, the only thing left had to be something that couldn't be manipulated, and that was God.

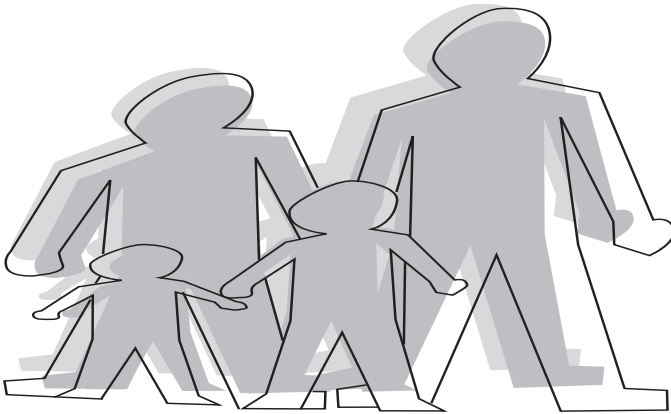
Fred went on to touch upon the Fruits of the Spirit of Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Self-control; then spoke for a while longer regarding Self-control, giving examples of it, but warned of its dangers where there was self-control without spirituality or morality.

Fred told of his time in solitary confinement, where without God who 'has promised never to leave nor forsake me', his ordeal would have been so much more unbearable.

Lastly, Fred encouraged us to draw upon the strength, motivation and self-discipline we can only get through a relationship with the Living God.

Ray Smith.

Ephesians concludes.....



This month we are privileged to have some particularly interesting and varied services.

In our morning services we complete our series on Ephesians. In the last few verses of the book we are bid to 'Pray in the Spirit' – a challenging concept to grasp and put into practice. Let us trust the Lord guides us into new understanding. The other Sundays of the month are special Sundays. Barry Piper will come to lead us in Mothering Sunday Services (6th March). Palm Sunday (20th March) at 9.30 sees the development of an All-age service for all our young people (Junior Church, Boys' Brigade & Zest) and their families. Easter Day is 27th March and we focus on the Resurrection.

The Easter programme is completed by a three churches Holy Communion in the evening of Maundy Thursday – the culmination of the More to Life training sessions. David Edwins from Moorlands College and Simon Parish from Viz-A-Viz will join us as speakers. Our Good Friday morning service will be led by Peter Swann with the Sunday Morning Singers. The service will be based on meditations on the wonderful Easter hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross'.

The evening services are equally interesting. The first Sunday Praise & Prayer will be led by the Missions Group. Suzy Jacques is putting together a service to mark Fairtrade Sunday on 13th March. Palm Sunday and Easter day services complete the programme.

**6TH MARCH – HOLY COMMUNION
& MOTHERING SUNDAY**

9.30 am – Holy Communion

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Barry Piper leads services for
Mothering Sunday

6.30 pm – Praise & Prayer led by
Missions Group

20TH MARCH – PALM SUNDAY

9.30 am – All age worship service

Leader – David Nibloe

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Preacher – Graham Campling

6.30 pm – Evening Worship

Jesus – The hour has come

John 12: 20-36

Preacher – Colin Bones

**24TH MARCH – MAUNDY
THURSDAY COMMUNION**

7.45 pm – Three Churches Alive 05
Service

Speakers - David Edwins (Moorlands
College) and Simon Parish (Viz-A-Viz)

**25TH MARCH
– GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

10.30 am – Led by Peter Swann
and Sunday Morning
Singers

Meditations on 'When I survey
the wondrous cross'

**13TH MARCH
– JIGSAW SUNDAY & HEALING**

9.30 am – Jigsaw for children &
Healing Service

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Ephesians 6: 18-24

– Pray in the Spirit

Spiritual understanding of the gospel
combined with an alert prayerfulness
is the combination Paul seeks. Such
prayer will be guided by the Spirit
who gives access to God. We pray
not merely for ourselves, but for the
saints and for the bold progress of
the gospel.

Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Service for Fairtrade
Sunday

Leader – Suzy Jacques

27TH MARCH – EASTER SUNDAY

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Holy Communion

Exodus 14: 21-31,

Matthew 28: 1-10

We celebrate the Resurrection and
the great hope and freedom that this
brings to us.

Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Evening worship
Jesus declares eternity

John 11: 17-44

Preacher – Colin Bones

Unlocking and presenting Lindfield Parish

The Lindfield, Scaynes Hill and Walstead area has a long and rich history stretching back well over a thousand years. A number of books and papers have been written on various aspects of our local history. However, there is still much to be discovered and recorded, particularly as the approach to local history has changed considerably in the last couple of decades.

The Lindfield History Project Group was established to take forward this challenging task and to make its findings publicly available.

The inaugural meeting in Autumn 2003 agreed that our first study would focus on the period 1912-1952, but as work progressed it became evident that there was scope to concentrate solely on World War II. Members reviewed copies of local newspapers from that time, material held in the Libraries and Record Offices of both East and West Sussex County Councils, plus many other sources. A major feature of this study was to capture the memories of people who lived in Lindfield during the war years. It was especially rewarding to collect

memories from those who as children were evacuated to this area.

The information collected formed the basis for our first exhibition entitled "Memories of Wartime: Lindfield and Beyond", held at the King Edward Hall in November 2004. The exhibition was well received with approaching 500 visitors over the weekend.

We hope to complete our study of this period shortly. However if you were resident in the Lindfield area or away on active service and have memories, photographs or other items that you would like to share, we would very much like to hear from you. Each additional piece of information helps to complete the picture.

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You will no doubt be aware of Helena Hall through her book "Lindfield Past and Present", but did you know she also kept a war diary. This has proved a very rich source of information. It gives a fascinating insight into her life and the events in Lindfield at that time. Helena Hall comments on diverse topics from making marmalade to military activity; ARP duties to fundraising; village entertainment to sightseeing trips in London, plus commentary on the war from newspaper reports. We are currently looking into the possibility of bringing extracts from her diary, which extends to over 4000 pages, to a wider audience, perhaps to mark the 60th Anniversary of the end of hostilities.

The Group will shortly be embarking on a new study into another aspect of our local history. A decision on the topic will be made at our next meeting, which is also our AGM, to be held in the Library, King Edward Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday

2nd March 2005. If you are interested in local history and would like to be actively involved please do come along. We are a small friendly group that meets regularly and welcome new members at any time.

Please contact Richard Bryant, tel. 01444 482136, E-mail: Rjbryant06@aol.com if you have any memories of Lindfield that you would like to share or are interested in becoming involved in the Group.

**Tell
everyone
about it.**

If you run a club or group in the local community that you would like to talk more about, submit an article/information to the editor – it would be great to see more of what is going on in/around the village.

Contact details on page 2.

One of those days....

A Church member reflects

Do you ever have those days where a whale may as well have swallowed you?

Let me explain.....Lucy Maud Montgomery who wrote the Anne of Green Gable series, used to call those days “Jonah Days”. It is, in short, the sort of day that begins bad and just gets worse. A day that could only be greatly improved by finding yourself swallowed by a whale – so at least you could stop for a moment and things couldn’t possibly get any worse!

Sound familiar? I guess we all get them from time to time. The other day I found that I had accidentally dropped a sock down my toilet – imagine my joy at having to lift it out again! To leave it dripping softly squashed ruefully over the bath tap! Lovely!

I guess my point here is what we do whilst this sort of day is occurring. My temptation is to sit down, put my head in my hands and wail (no pun intended!) Recently I was encouraged to consider a different route. What’s that verse about “giving thanks in all circumstances”? Well to be perfectly honest my reaction has usually been “Huh!?!” I should explain that I am far from getting this licked, but the thought came to me, so I thought I would share!

Am I really so shallow that I can only be thankful to God when all is ok?

Wouldn’t the true depth of a relationship be revealed if it could stand the bad times as well as the good?

And so as I looked back on the New Year fireworks, I thought wouldn’t it be great if I could send up some fireworks of praise and thanks to a loving heavenly Father, no matter what was occurring in my life?

To thank Him not only for what He does for me, but more importantly, his character? To show my appreciation for Him and how much I value Him, even if I am personally feeling like a soggy sock over a bath tap? I think so!



And so I offer up to you P.A.W. M.A.T.! Eh? I hear you cry?

P = Praise – Praise for who He is as well as what He does

A = Appreciation

W = Worship

M = Magnify (a reminder that He is a very powerful God!)

A = Adoration

T = Thanksgiving

So next time the cat, dog, children or spouse accidentally leave muddy paw marks on that carpet that you've just vacuumed (for the 8000th time!) remember PAW MAT!!

**STEP FORWARD –
WHAT ME?? –
YES YOU –
WHO ELSE IS THERE? –
WHAT ABOUT JOE BLOGGS, HE NEVER STEPS FORWARD??**

Join us on a journey to Uhambingeto, a rural village in Tanzania, East Africa and discover why Joyce Mbwilo had to walk more than 5,000 miles each year. Joyce walked around the world three times. It wasn't a contest, it was survival. The Haywards Heath and Lindfield TEARFUND group invites you to the Tiger, All Saints for a visit to Uhambingeto on Wednesday the 9th March – 7.30 for 8pm.

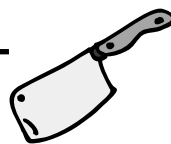
LISTEN to Rev. Ian Roberts talk about “Step Forward” – part of Tearfund's contribution to the MAKE – POVERTY – HISTORY international campaign.

FIND out how Tearfund and its local partners in Asia have been working to help the victims of the Tsunami.

LEARN about the effects of poverty, hear inspirational stories and discover how you can force poverty to take a step backwards.

MEET other people interested in the work of Tearfund. See you there.

Bill Green.



Meat Ian Thomas!

For the last eight years the Butcher's shop on Lindfield High Street, Glyn Thomas and Sons, has been run by Ian Thomas. Here, in a new regular feature to our magazine which digs deeper into the life of our local shops, Ian answers our questions:

- 1: For how long have you run the shop? *8 years*
- 2: What do you know of the history of the building you are in? *Very little*
- 3: What has been your favourite customer experience?
Customer satisfaction
- 4: What is your best-selling line? *Seasonal.*
Winter: Game, roasts, stews – Summer: BBQ sausages, burgers etc
- 5: Why have a shop in Lindfield? *Thriving High Street, good selection shops. Pleasant location*
- 6: What percentage of your stock is produced locally?
40%
- 7: Total number of staff? *3*
- 8: What time do you have to get up for work? *5.30 am*
- 9: What is your busiest day/ week of the year?
Friday/Saturday/Christmas week
- 10: Opening times?
7 am – 5.30 pm



Flower Rota

Arranging

Distributing

Mar 6	Betty Billins	Sue Tester
13	Audrey McKee	Dorothy Forster
20	Zoe McQuillan	Betty Peter
27	EASTER SUNDAY	Jacqueline Wood
April 3	Angela Newnham	Iris Bingham
10	Serena Nathan	Fiona Tingley
17	Anne Parker	Heather Swann
24	Barbara Shepherd	Sue Tester

I wonder if anybody would like to be responsible for making an Easter garden as part of our arrangements for Easter?

Small donations towards flowers would be most acceptable.

Please see Betty Billins.

Church activities

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Junior Church
(Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- 11.0am 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
(4th Thursday)
- Fri 7.30am Prayer Meeting in the Lounge

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Sun 6.30pm Sunday Evening Youth Group
- Mon 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, 3:4
- 6.45pm Zest 5:6, 7:8
- 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)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

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

Phonebook

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Geoffrey Cocksedge
01444 474007

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Sue Tester 01444 482810

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Betty Billins 01444 484494

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Audrey McKee 01444 415031

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Youth and Children's Work

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Rob Biersteker 01444 440835

Junior Church

& Zest Co-ordinator:

Clare Nibloe 01444 484683

Local events

MID-SUSSEX CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

MOZART REQUIEM &

HAYDN LITTLE ORGAN MASS

Saturday March 12th, 7.30pm

at **St. Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath**

Tickets available from Carousel Music 417654

Or from church in the folk choir: Elise Burden,
Sue Dunford, Doreen Fowler, Carol Merrett,
Fiona Tingley, Lyn Tucker, Pat Waller, Graham Wood.

**Lindfield Royal British
Legion Women's
Section** is holding a

Coffee morning

Saturday 12th March

from 10am to 12pm,
in **The Jubilee Room,
King Edward Hall.**

Entrance 50p to include
coffee or tea.

THE CRUCIFIXION

by John Stainer
will be sung by

The Ashdown Singers

Wednesday 23rd March
at 7.30pm

St. Philip's RC Church
Uckfield (300 yards south
of station).

Jayne Hughes
(Soprano)

will be singing with piano
accompaniment on

Thursday 17th March

1pm to 1.50pm

The King Edward Hall

Admission Free but
donations welcome.

Tea, coffee and biscuits
available. Please feel free
to bring your lunch.

Contact Liz Hinze on
01444 452697.

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March 11th

