

# WORDWISE NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2019

## Loddiswell All Stars



(Post) Christmas Concert  
Saturday 26th January 7.00pm  
Loddiswell Parish Church

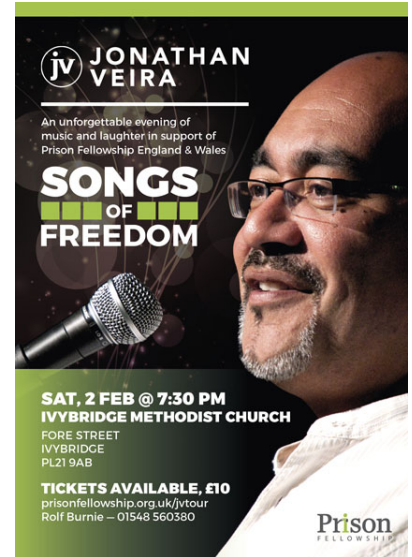
Anna Prowse: Soprano    Jack Highley: Violin  
Eliza Haskins: Recorders    Alex Highley: Piano

Modbury Gospel Chorus  
Carousel Ladies Quartet  
Raffle  
Grand Buffet  
All for £10

I hope you've already bought your tickets for the Loddiswell concert on January 26th. You won't want to miss out on this amazing evening. Get your tickets from WORDWISE or pay on the door. A truly professional evening awaits you.

You've probably also bought your tickets for the amazing Jonathan Veira concert coming to Ivybridge Methodist Church on February 2nd. You won't want to miss out on this wonderful evening either.

***Your church will already have posters for both concerts sent out from the WORDWISE database earlier***



If you don't know who Jonathan Veira is, then please watch this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1groaKUctQ&feature=youtu.be>

I guarantee you'll then want to rush to get tickets, either online or in WORDWISE.

## WORDWISE Book review by Sue Whiteway

THE EVIL THAT MEN DO – by Marcus K. Paul

Something new.....

This is a timely book, and well worth the effort to get to grips with, intelligently written and very readable. It has been thoroughly researched and is challenging in its effect.

It looks at the “wrongs” committed in the name of the Christian Church, but also at the “rights” which were numerous and that changed society. Marcus Paul shows the wars, punishments and torture inflicted, the greed and exploitation. But he also reveals the enormous good done through the whole sweep of history from the early Church to the present day.

He challenges our twenty-first century assumptions, so influenced by the secular media who portray many things as “given truth”, but which are often far removed from truth. This book will give the reader a more balanced view of movements and men who have been instrumental in creating and moulding the times we live in, as well as their own. It addresses intolerance, freedom of speech and the loss of Christian values affecting our society today.

A highly recommended book. (There is a copy available in the shop.)  
(Sacristy Press, softback £12.99 258 pages)

... and something a bit older....

LIGHT FORCE – by Brother Andrew and Al Janssen

A second-hand book came into Wordwise recently, the story of the things Brother Andrew [founder of Open Doors] saw, lived and experienced in Lebanon and Israel over more than twenty years.

If you want to have some understanding of, or get to grips with the problems in these lands, may I implore you to read this book. It's not a difficult read in terms of size and print – but it is a very powerful one. And if you read only one book this year, this should be the one.

I would be more than happy if it was read and returned so that as many people as possible get to grips with the experience of the sufferings and the overcoming by God's people in the Middle East.

### VOLUNTEERING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

*(From an article in New Scientist, though it inevitably lacks a grasp on our Christian motivation for serving in Wordwise!)*

The essence of life, wrote Aristotle, is to serve others and do good. Make this the basis of a New Year's resolution and you will be doing yourself a favour too.

It turns out that people who volunteer are happier and healthier on average than those who don't.....

It may seem counter-intuitive, but taking on extra responsibilities can reduce stress.... [Researchers in USA] took blood pressure measurements from around 6700 people aged over 50, then simply let them get on with their lives for four years before taking another measurement. [They found that] compared with non-volunteers or those who had done less than 200 hours of voluntary work in the preceding two years, more active volunteers were 40% less likely to have developed high blood pressure.....

“There is a lot of evidence that people who have lots of social interaction, or are more socially engaged, have better health outcomes,” [they reported.] “Also, when you are doing something productive, such as contributing to an organisation with volunteer work or helping to take care of your grandchildren, that can provide you with a sense of meaning or purpose, which is another thing that seems to really have positive outcomes for health.”



It's only 13 weeks  
until Easter!

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