



*150 Years of Worship and Outreach*

# Central United Reformed Church Hove



April 2013

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### *Sunday Youth Ministry*

3 years - 7 years

Mrs. K. Hancox

7 years - 11 years

Mrs. A. Austen

TOGS

11 - 14 years

Mrs C. Vaughan

Mrs F. Beacham

*Boys' Brigade*  
(Mondays)

Mr. C. Jukes

*Girls' .Brigade*  
(Tuesday)

Mrs. S. Hill

*Tuesday Fellowship*  
(Alternate Tuesdays)

Mrs Celia Baines – Holmes

*Men's Fellowship*  
(Third Wednesday)

Mr. P. Gear

*Welcome Break*  
(Wednesdays)

Mrs. P. Macaulay

*Bluebird Parent & under 3s Group*

Mrs K. Hancox

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# Dear Friends,

“Jesus is coming – plant a tree!”

So says Bishop (and New Testament scholar) Tom Wright. He has written quite a lot about the resurrection, and he insists that the New Testament writers didn’t foresee some kind of ethereal, purely spiritual afterlife, but one modelled on the bodily resurrection of Jesus. I think he may be right. I have failed to find anything in the Bible about us floating around on clouds playing harps, or becoming another star in the sky, or an angel, or any of those other images of life after death that are around in our popular culture.

When Jesus rose from the dead, his tomb was empty. Although he could appear in a locked room, his disciples could touch his hands and his side and feel that he was flesh and blood and not a spirit. Jesus, raised and glorified, was still a man.

What we celebrate at Christmas of the Word of God becoming flesh in the coming of Jesus, is affirmed at Easter in his bodily resurrection. The earth is still important to God. Human beings are still important to God. His purpose for us, as seen in Jesus, is not to whisk us away from this wicked, damaged planet, but to heal it (and us) and make it (and us) new.

This is why we can be people of real, everyday hope – hope that is earthed in the risen Jesus. We express that hope when we treat the earth with respect, together with the plants and the animals. Looking after the creation that God is making new in Jesus is an expression of resurrection faith. So is caring for people, in whose likeness Jesus remains. He was born and raised a human being. Heaven comes to earth.

So let us plant our feet in the mud from which we came and plant our faith in Jesus, into whose likeness we are being transformed by the Holy Spirit. Let us be people of resurrection faith, hope and love, as we live, pray and work for the renewing of this planet and all its inhabitants. That renewal has already begun in Jesus. May it take root and bear fruit in us.

**Alex Mabbs.**

## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please make a note of **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013**. This is the date of the first ever Away Day shared between the three churches of our pastorate. The subject is 'Worship' and will be led by Alison Adam, a member of the Iona Community. Alison has a lot of insights into how we can enhance the worship in our churches. She also has a knack for getting people singing and enjoying it.

The day will be held at Hassocks URC, so it's not far, and the cost will be kept to a minimum. So – no excuses! Please make a note of the date and plan to be with your friends from Central, Hounsom and Portslade.

*Alex Mabbs and Roger Wood.*

*You are warmly invited*  
*to*

***The Craft Stall's***



***COFFEE MORNING***

**Saturday 20th April at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Ventnor Hall**

## FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

In March's magazine we were so pleased to report on our BB Company's success at swimming: this month we are delighted to learn of their success in the Battalion's Scripture Knowledge Competition, which they won and so have added to their collection of silverware. We extend our warmest congratulations to the winning team of **Peter Cook, Zac Mabbs** and **Simon Reason** on doing so well. It gave even more pleasure to **Ray Eaves**, once Captain of the 10<sup>th</sup> and now the Battalion Vice President, to present the cup to them, as he still maintains a keen interest in the Company. We understand this is the first time the Company has won this cup, although they have been runners-up. (Some of the questions they answered appear on Page 26 of this magazine. Why not see how well you would have done.)



**Simon Reason, Peter Cook, Zac Mabbs & Ray Eaves**

We would also like to congratulate **Abigail Sarjudeen** on obtaining her Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. It is so good to see another name added to the plaque and to know that other members of the Girls' Brigade are striving to achieve theirs.

Both Brigades are working hard and making real achievements, so please come along and show your support by attending the **Boys' Brigade Awards Evening on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm** in the church. The different sections of the Company have been preparing for it and it is our opportunity to applaud their efforts as well as thank the Staff for their

time and hard work, given so willingly, over the past year.

After the Church's Annual General Meeting, we now have only FIVE serving Elders, all of who undertake several tasks in the church. We urgently ask you to hold all of them in your prayers and to give them your support and help throughout the coming year.

Palm Sunday evening's production of "Dangerous Journey" by the Lantern Theatre Company lived up to the high and novel standards we had come to expect of this company. It was good to have so many people from neighbouring churches join us and to raise £220 by their donations.

**Hugh McMillen's** failing health has caused him to move into Barford Court, Room 9, where he is beginning to be quite settled. It has been a worrying month of upheaval for Hugh and Peggy, as he had to go into another nursing home for two weeks until his room was ready for him in Barford Court. **Peggy** is remaining at their flat in Harewood Court. Please hold Hugh and Peggy in your prayers.

**Jan Owen** is back home, *at last*, after her prolonged stay in hospital and then nursing home. She is looking forward to visitors but please telephone first so she can expect you and not rush to the door too hastily. **Peter Gear** has not been too good over the past few weeks and is waiting to see a consultant at the end of April. **Ann Austen's husband, Keith**, is now just waiting for an admission date. To know that they are remembered in our prayers will be a source of comfort and strength to these friends as well as those whose names appear regularly at the foot of this page.

**Kim Wood** has been away in Korea for some weeks now and, unfortunately, her mother died whilst she was there. We look forward to welcoming her back home to Hove and offer her our sincere sympathy, surround her with our love and pray that God's loving arms will uphold and comfort her in the coming months.

We learned with regret of the death of **Rev. Dr. Robert Crawford** at the beginning of March. He was a regular on our pulpit supply list for many years and over at least two interregnums. He took a keen interest in Central and its activities. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

As you can see from the front cover, Easter Sunday was bright cold and crisp when some brave folk gathered on the seafront for the early morning service, which was made even earlier by the clocks changing forward. However, the three musketeers rewarded them and others to a

warming Easter Breakfast in the church hall. Judging by the grins the chefs had a good time too.

Although it may not feel like it, we are now in Spring when the running season comes into its own. Please remember that the Brighton Marathon is taking place on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April and some roads, including New Church Road, Church Road and the Front will be closed, so make your plans to attend church accordingly. It should be easy to approach the church from the North side – just allow for a slight variation of your route and allow a little extra time. **Louise** and **Matthew King** will be participating in the run. Louise is running to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Matthew, whose fourth marathon, this will be, is running to keep Louise company. They will be joined by another member of the family, Janette's cousin, **Alison**, who is flying down from Scotland to take part. We send them our good wishes and pray that the weather is kind.

Fellowship of Prayer.

*Clive & Shirley Hamblin*

*John Gilson*

*John & Elsie Flack*

*Jane Ramirez and*

*Tebello Sibanda*



*Too many cooks didn't!*

The Officers, Staff & Boys  
of  
10th Brighton (Hove) Boys' Brigade Company  
Invite you to join them for their

## AWARDS EVENING

Monday 28th April

At

7.00 p.m.



Upstairs  
In  
The Church



### TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There is a change of Speaker at our meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Ian Gledhill has cancelled his talk for that day but Tony Clark has kindly agreed to speak to us about his holiday in Venice.

We hope you will all accept our invitation to afternoon tea to celebrate St George's Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and look forward to seeing you then.

*Celia Baines- Holmes*

## **1ST HOVE GIRLS' BRIGADE COMPANY**

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their amazing support for our recent events. The pantomime raised over £2000 for Whizz Kidz, the current charity for which we are fundraising. DVD's of Dick Whittington are now on sale for £5 so please help us to increase the total by ordering your copy!

Some of the songs from the panto fitted well into the Paralympic theme of our February Anniversary Parade. Girls from all sections took part and thanks to the audiovisual technical support from Chris and John, an interactive service for all ages was enjoyed by both participants and spectators alike!

We were very proud and delighted to announce Abigail Sarjudeen's gaining of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the parade service. She is now waiting to receive her invitation to St James's Palace for the presentation. Congratulations Abby on such a tremendous achievement!

On the first Tuesday after half-term, we had a great evening at our company party night. Lots of games were played and plenty of food was consumed by everyone attending. A very big thank you to the caterers especially Sam Gale (Julie's son), who cooked a magnificent 'spag bol' for the older girls and staff. As you can imagine, this was not a quiet evening, we must remember to warn the neighbours next time!

Please pray for Emma Newman and Hazel Childs as they undertake their Gold D of E practice expeditions this Easter holiday. We hope the weather becomes warmer for them and the snow does keep away.

This year we will be holding our Awards Evening on Tuesday 16th July, so please put that date in your diary.

We hope you all have a lovely break during Easter.

*Suzanne Hill*  
1st Hove G.B Company Captain.



## **CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

“How to be a bad Christian ... And a better human being”

was the title of our Christian Book Club’s book for March, by far, I think, the longest title of any chosen book. I first heard about it when it was mentioned by Janey Lee Grace when she appeared at Central last autumn. It was written by Dave Tomlinson, the vicar of her Church. (*He doesn’t tend to use his title, “Rev”, so I won’t.*)

So what’s it about? The flyleaf includes the questions “Would you describe yourself as spiritual but not religious?” and “Do you want to think with your soul rather than trying to follow rules”. Although I found the book very easy to read, I also found it made me think, as it raised some very interesting questions. For example about my relationship with my God; was this as personal as it should be or was it too bound by ritual, dogma and self-searching? And about my service to God; as an Elder, was I too bogged down with building projects, the ritual of our Church Services, etc to pay proper consideration to the spiritual side of my responsibilities?

Having recommended the book to the Book Club I was concerned as to their reaction to it. Would they find it on one hand too bland or, on the other hand, perhaps, offensive? I’m pleased to say I needn’t have worried. Without exception they all enjoyed it and, like me, found in it things to think about and question. Although not everyone attached the same importance or interest in all the questions it raised, I think it is fair to claim that all of us found it helped us to take a fresh look at aspects of our personal relationship with and understanding of God and the way in which we should approach and serve Him.

As an aside, some of us were surprised that such a book should be written by a C of E vicar. Perhaps a reminder that the C of E is a very broad Church, something we may forget when so many of its churches in our area would be classified as “High Churches”.

I won’t say any more about this book as I think anyone who reads it would find their own personal message and questions and that these will vary from person to person. I strongly recommend it to you all.

The next meeting of the Christian Book Club is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April when we meet at Carol Tyler’s to discuss “To Kill a Mockingbird”. (*An earlier Monday than normal as the B.B. awards evening is on the 29<sup>th</sup>.*) Our May meeting is back to the normal last Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will be looking at Psalms selected by the members.

# Southwick Candles

Southwick Candles is run by Mark Brewster and offers a wide range of personalised candles, for all occasions including Birthdays, Christmas, Valentines Day, Mothers Day and much more. To celebrate our church's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday he would like to offer these special candles at just £3 each. They are 60 mm in diameter x 80 mm high and have a burn time of approximately 15 hrs.



Mark will be showing these candles along with others at the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration exhibition. If you would like to order one of these candles please contact Mark on 01273 591575 or email at [southwickcandles@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:southwickcandles@hotmail.co.uk) He can also be found on Facebook where he has many other example candles on show.

## THE ECO HYMN

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
It seems with warming global,  
We're going to lose them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
Because of climate changes,  
Will be endangered things.

*All things bright .....*

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The first will soon be snow-capped,  
The second boiled quite dry.

*All things bright .....*

A bitter wind in winter,  
A burning summer sun,  
Mean no fruits in the garden,  
And nature all undone.

*All things bright .....*

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
Will wither and will die,  
The rushes by the water,  
Won't grow if it's too dry

*All things bright .....*

He gave us eyes to see this,  
And lips that we might shout,  
The rich Earth that God gave us  
Man's greed is wearing out.

*All things bright .....*

*Insomniacs anonymous*

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Does science threaten God's existence?

Can God survive in an age of science?

Hasn't the 'Big Bang' done away with the need for a creator?

What was there before the 'Big Bang'?

Why is there something rather than nothing?

How did life begin?

Are we here by accident?

How do we know that something is true?

All these questions will be answered (or perhaps we should say explored) in a new series of evening services beginning on 14<sup>th</sup> April. We will be using an excellent DVD resource produced by the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge, featuring distinguished scientists who are also Christians.

14<sup>th</sup> April - Science and Religion  
'Beyond Reason - Faith in an age of Science'

21<sup>st</sup> April - Science and Religion  
'God of the Gaps - The limits of Faith and Science'

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## APRIL

SUN 7	Family Service – Holy Communion The Gideons The Junction	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Tue 9	Tuesday Fellowship – Venice Tony Clark	2.30 pm
SUN14	<b>Brighton Marathon - Please allow extra time for your journey</b> Family Service Rev Peter Elliott Evening Worship Science & Religion – Beyond Reason Faith in an Age of Science Rev Roger Wood	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Wed 17	Men’s Fellowship – Quiz Night	7.30 pm
Thu 18	Elders’ Meeting	7.30 pm
Sat 20	Craft Stall Coffee Morning	10.00 am
SUN21	Family Service Rev Roger Wood Evening Worship Science & Religion – God of the Gaps The Limits of Faith and Science Rev Roger Wood	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Mon 22	Christian Book Club “To Kill a Mocking Bird” (Carol Tyler)	8.00 pm
Sat 27	Spring Supper	6.30 pm
SUN 28	Family Service – Parade Rev. Alex Mabbs Evening Service – Holy Communion Rev. Alex Mabbs	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Mon 29	BB Awards Evening In church- All welcome	7.00 pm

## MAY

Sun 5	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Alex Mabbs	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – The Junction	6.30 pm

- All contributions for the **MAY** edition of the magazine must be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL**.
- Please inform Mrs Sheena Ireland by Wednesday of the preceding week of any calendar changes so that the calendar on the Order of Service may be altered.



## FLOWERS FOR APRIL

- 7<sup>th</sup> Dick Dench – in memory of Jeanne
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sheila Rich – in memory of her husband, Norman, and her parents
- 21<sup>st</sup> Adrian & Hilary Ball – in memory of their parents
- 28<sup>th</sup> Denzil & Rosemary Brice – Wedding Anniversary



# SPRING SUPPER

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

6.30 p.m.

Ventnor Hall

Enjoy good food, good company  
and great entertainment.

Tickets: £8 - [under 12s £4]

Available from 14th April from members of  
the Social Activities Committee

## **DANGEROUS JOURNEY**

John Bunyan's 17<sup>th</sup> century story, "Pilgrim's Progress", our Book Club's choice of reading for February, featured again in church life, when The Lantern Company returned for a third visit to Central on Palm Sunday evening, performing "Dangerous Journey". Their version stuck very closely to the original text but with a sporting theme linked to the 2012 London Olympics.

The energetic production involved just four actors who played a host of characters, using basic changes of costume and props to support their varying roles. Their innovative use of minimal staging – a small set of steps, four road barriers, a camouflage net and a blue silk parachute – portrayed tracks, mountains, valleys, prisons, bogs and rivers and brought the story to life.

During the visit to the brash, bawdy Vanity Fair, it seemed impossible that there were only four people, wearing clown masks and wielding jesting sticks, moving on the dais and through the aisles. Another memorable, but chilling, moment was the transformation of three of the actors into the monster, Apollyon. The Welsh rugby duo trying, mistakenly, to earn their way to the Celestial City through good deeds, added both humour and clarity.

The audience enjoyed the entertainment and, although the words were sometimes lost in the loudness of the background music and the speed of delivery, its members also absorbed the message of the drama. Deciding to follow Christ's way is a personal decision: you may be mocked for setting out on your pilgrimage; there will be people and events to lead you off course; there will be others that will encourage you and share part of your journey; the burden of sin can be laid at the foot of the cross and entry into God's Kingdom is only possible through His love and grace.

As we travel our own "dangerous journey," the Lantern Theatre Company challenged us, like Christian, to decide clearly on the direction our life should take and then, confronting our personal demons, to pursue our beliefs steadfastly to the end.

Come and join  
*Ladies that Breakfast*

**On Saturday 27th April**

**When our speaker will be**

**Jennifer Rees Larcombe**

Jennifer is a counsellor and runs a counselling centre in Kent. From her own experience of grief, loss and rejection she has discovered that you do not always know that God is there at the time but afterwards you can see that He was!

**“FOOTSTEPS”**

**Is God *really* there when life hurts?**

**Breakfast begins at 9.00 a.m.**

**At Southwick Methodist Church, Manor Hall Road,  
Souhwick, BN42 4NA**

We welcome donations towards our costs

Please book a place if possible

Tel: Wendy on Btn 596927 or Janet Btn 595699

[ladiesthatbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesthatbreakfast@gmail.com)

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

We had a very successful service at St. Peter's, W. Blatchington, with an almost full church. Sixteen churches were represented and the collection raised £320 (after expenses) to be sent to WWDP Headquarters for distribution.

If you have attended any of the services you will know that at the back of the Order of Service is a page devoted to detailing the charities and organisations which benefit from the money raised on this one day. I thought you might be interested in learning in greater detail about some of them.

In 2008 WWDP gave a one-off grant to the **Evangelical Church of Guinea Bissau's Bible Institute**. The Institute leaders wrote to thank WWDP for their encouragement. "Despite challenges and difficulties the school is flourishing with the addition of 30 new students and the work of the clinic has grown enormously, reaching 36 villages within a 30km radius. The majority of patients walk 10-20 km to get to the clinic and arrive exhausted. The staff give at least 500 consultations a month and desperately need a doctor and another nurse. Through the playing of Bible tapes in the Fula language and the dedicated and loving work, the message of salvation is being heard for the first time."

**Wycliffe** has allocated their money to two language projects: the Rapa Nui translation on Easter Island and work in Chilean Signed Language for the deaf.

**Lifeworlds'** grant went towards their pavement project, which works with children-at-risk, in Latin America

**The Leprosy Mission** intend to use their grant for work in the Perulia Community Hospital in W. Bengal.

**Mothers Union** grant went to relief work in the Sudan.

**Ecumenical Accompaniers** received a one-off grant for their work in Palestine and Israel.

Our financial support to **Samaritan's Purse** will enable them to take the Gospel into Swaziland, Liberia and Mozambique.

**The Medaille Trust and TRAC** provide safe houses in the South of England for women and, more recently, men who have been trafficked for sexual or labour exploitation. (Scotland Yard has reported that traffickers had targeted every town, village and city in the UK.)

## FAIR TRADE MATTERS

**Thank you** very much to everyone who ordered Easter Eggs & bought chocolate and other products recently, every purchase makes a big difference to the producers

**New Spring Catalogues** have been around for a few weeks but if you haven't had one, please ask - there's lots of lovely new products, with a very different feel from the Christmas products. Why not take a catalogue to show your friends? Please return them when you don't need them any more as the Traidcraft ones cost me 10p each so they need to work hard!

**New items** – we have a wider range of the new **More Than Chocolate** range

- **Grapefruit snack pots** join the pineapple ones.
- Traidcraft have introduced a new own label **decaffeinated coffee**.
- Hand embroidered **cards** for spring or 'Mum' & 'Dad' – it's never too late to thank your Mum and **Father's Day is 16<sup>th</sup> June**. Also new card packs from the Spring catalogue
- **Cous cous** & 3 types of **quinoa** – very healthy carbohydrates

**New stock** – of all the fruits, nuts, chocolate bars, wine gums, yoghurt raisins, coffee & more

**Back in Stock** – Fair Break bars (a bit like Taxi's), Guatemalan squeezey bottle honey.



### **HOLD THAT THOUGHT!**

(Of course God has a sense of humour.)

**Today's short reading from the Bible....  
From *Genesis***

***"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the Earth."***

Then He made the Earth round.....

And He laughed and He laughed and He laughed!

**CENTRAL'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

**Warmly invite you to celebrate**

**ST GEORGE'S DAY**

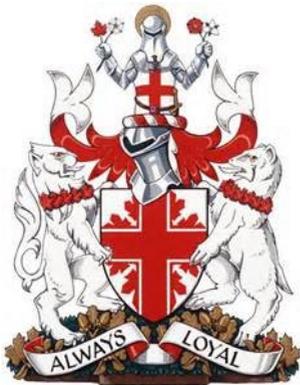
**Tuesday 23rd April**

**2.30 pm**

**With**

**Afternoon Tea, Soft Music, a Quiz.**

**£3.00 (Payable at the door)**



***You have had tea at the Grand; now try tea at  
Central URC***

## **A BELATED AND BIG THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY FIFTIES THEMED 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY**

I started thinking about a 50's theme party about 3 years ago & then panicked about getting to 50 in December when I was tired of Christmas preparations & was feeling rather depressed at having no paid art work, but decided I'd regret it if I didn't celebrate properly. So I did lots of research & spent hours looking for authentic outfits for the family and fabrics to decorate with. To begin with it seemed like hardly anyone could come (especially important friends from my past) and then on the day 100 people came! I looked out on everyone as all the seats got filled and we had to add more and felt truly loved and appreciated - so thank you everyone for coming. We had a fantastic time - the tea party buzzed while my family served the cups of tea and each table did the 50's history quiz & Alex's musical rounds. Suzanne & Chris from Central ran the Beetle Drive while we washed up the tea things and about half the guests stopped for the hotdog supper and Jive with local band Anna Sin & the Juke Box Bandits. Though there was no time in between to do the quiz about my own history & cultural influences, but it was a helpful preparation for this years major project of putting together a book I'm planning on the development of my artwork - working title '50 at 50' - a selection of major pieces/ideas I've worked on & the influences behind them. (I'll bring the questions along to some of the services later on if anyone is interested in seeing them with the answers).

Anna & the band really enjoyed playing for us & we all loved their energy. They're more used to playing pubs for inebriated customers there for the social life rather than the music, so it was good for them to have a fun and enthusiastic audience who wanted to dance. We're considering getting them back to do a fundraising event, possibly for Joshua's Tanzanian trip (voluntary building & environmental projects with safari & scuba diving course run by Camps International & Hove Park School for which he needs to fundraise almost £4,000)

I was very relieved that Alex & I remembered enough from our jive classes of the previous ten weeks to dance the whole way through and to teach the basic Stroll line dance like sequence. I realised I was dancing away with a huge grin on my face all night!

Lots of people made a big effort to come in 50's style outfits all of which were amazing & really added to the atmosphere. My Mum, brother & sister in law had helped me set up the English style tea tables & drape all my 50's floral fabrics in the worship area, with the patriotic flags and

some black and white quilt tops I'd started making in the hall for the American Diner theme. Watch out for finished quilts with 50's appliqué images added in an exhibition sometime! So a big thank you if you lent china, 50's fabric, memorabilia or tiered cake stands too.

You may recall I'd asked "*no presents please - I have everything I need already, but a few coppers towards my Guatemalan textile tour/volunteer teaching trip, probably in 2014, would be appreciated*" , so I was very blessed to have been able to bank £710 towards my trip which should cover some of the airfare. I hope to get my Thank You's out soon, but had to catch up with work and then had our Venice birthday trip (lovely thank you) so haven't had opportunity to thank everyone properly yet!

Try [http://lynda.smugmug.com/Other/Louise-50th/28241327\\_Q8JmXS](http://lynda.smugmug.com/Other/Louise-50th/28241327_Q8JmXS) or send me an email [louise.mabbs.textiles@btinternet.com](mailto:louise.mabbs.textiles@btinternet.com) to see photos taken by my art photographer Lynda Kelley, or Chris took a load which will be shown in the next Junction service's Monthly News round up first Sunday evening in April at Central, 6.30 pm.

Thank you again for everything & making it such a fantastic day

*Louise*

1. God would call them His children
2. Not to do away with them but to make them come true.
3. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
4. Go into a room, close the door so that you pray in private.
5. Do for others what you would want them to do for you
6. Capernaum.
7. Cure his servant who was sick at home.
8. To Peter's home.
9. His daughter had died and he wanted Jesus to lay His hands on her and revive her.
10. A woman who was unwell touched Jesus' cloak because she thought that would make her well.
11. "Courage, daughter! Your faith has made you well."
12. To drive out evil spirits and heal every disease and sickness.
13. He would reject them before His Father in Heaven.
14. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the One who sent me."

## **YOUR LETTERS**

*Dear Friends,*

*Heartfelt thanks for all your cards, telephone calls, visits and offers of help during my incapacity and mostly for your prayers.*

*I am being well cared for and supported at home by the cardiac nurses. Progress is slow and it may be sometime before I am "fantastic" again but I am working on it!*

*Yours in His service,*

*Dale Marland.*

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*Dear Church friends,*

*Nick and I wanted to thank you very much indeed for all your support, friendship and love you gave the family since we first became associated with URC when Katie started Girls Brigade.*

*Although at that time we were members of a different church, when we worshipped at URC, we were always given a great welcome. At Girls Brigade Katie developed in so many ways not least in her spiritual life so we were not surprised when she wanted to become a full member of the URC.*

*My parents also received a great welcome and friendship when they started worshipping at URC. Dad enjoyed the Men's Fellowship and of course the Investment Club. Mum valued all her friends at URC.*

*We will be moving to Shoreham soon but will let you know our new address once we have actually completed our purchase and moved there. We anticipate this being end of April - after which there will always be a welcome for any of our friends at our new home.*

*Jane has particularly valued the fellowship given by the women in the church and enjoyed being part of the different groups (Book Club and Ladies Prayer Group). Similarly Nick has enjoyed having the privilege to serve as an elder and taking part in the various committees.*

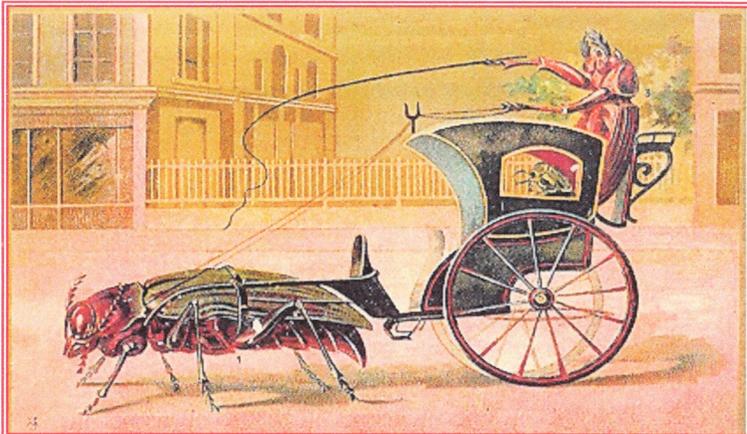
*We will give prayerful thought once we have moved home as to where*

*God wishes us to worship and serve him.*

*Once again very many thanks for everything and God Bless you all.*

*We wish all our friends at Central every best wish for the future and your walk with God.*

*Nick and Jane*



# Beetle Drive

18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm

Tickets £3 (includes refreshments)  
from Tony Clark or Sheena Ireland

Supporting



## **BB BATTALION SCRIPTURE QUIZ**

1. What did Jesus say those who work for peace would be called?
2. What did Jesus say he had come to do with the Law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets?
3. Jesus said, “ You have heard it said that you should love your friends and hate your enemies.” What did He say that you should do?
4. How did Jesus say that we should pray?
5. What did Jesus say that you should do for others?
6. What town was Jesus entering when He met a Roman officer?
7. What did the Roman officer ask him to do/
8. After Jesus did this, where did He go?
9. A Jewish official came to Jesus. What did he ask Jesus to do?
10. What happened when Jesus was on His way to the Jewish official’s home?
11. What did Jesus say to her?
12. Jesus called His disciples together, what authority did he give them?
13. What did Jesus say would happen to anyone who rejected Him?
14. What did Jesus say about people who welcome His disciples?

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