



*150 Years of Worship and Outreach*

# Central United Reformed Church Hove



**August-September 2016**

# **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

*Sunday Youth Ministry*

Mrs. A. Austen

Mrs C. Vaughan

*Boys' Brigade*  
(Mondays)

Mr. C. Jukes

*Girls' Club*  
(Tuesday)

Mrs. S. Hill

*Tuesday Fellowship*  
(Alternate Tuesdays)

Mrs H Brown

*Men's Fellowship*  
(Third Wednesday)

Mr. P. Gear

*Welcome Break*  
(Wednesdays)

Mrs. P. Macaulay

*Bluebird Parent & under 3s Group*

Mrs K. Hancox

Church Web Site

Mr John Brewster

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## **MISSED CHURCH?**

You can listen to the Sunday Morning Service by going to our website:  
[www.centralurchove.com](http://www.centralurchove.com) and hearing the recording.

## Dear Friends,

In one of my recent services I used the image of the whole armour of God. (*Galatians 6*) When it came to the shoes of peace, I encouraged you to think about where your feet are treading, as if your footprints lit up to show you where you had been, and then recall other details of what had happened during the day: who you met, where you walked, what you learned and how peaceful and loving you were. Where we go with God is very important and it enriches our memories and our relationships.



I came across this anonymous little verse, which I have had for a number of years. I invite you to look at these few lines to encourage each of us to look at who or what we touch: where we, and by implication, God, leave a trace of love on and in people's lives. Jesus was always touching people, to heal and restore them and to reassure them. We must do the same. Especially if we are serious about **reaching out** to others.

Whatever our hands touch- We leave fingerprints!  
On walls, on furniture, on doorknobs, dishes, books.  
There is no escape.  
As we touch we leave our identity.

O God, wherever I go today,  
Help me to leave heart prints.  
Heart prints of compassion,  
Of understanding and love.  
Heart prints of kindness and genuine concern.

May my heart touch a lonely neighbour  
Or a runaway daughter or son  
Or an anxious mother or father  
Or, perhaps, an ageing grandfather/ grandmother.

Lord, send me out today to leave heart prints.  
And if someone should say "I felt your touch,"  
May that one sense YOUR LOVE touching through me.

We think about the pastoral care we give to one another in the church, and, when we need it, we are grateful to receive it. We don't always see the significance of a touch or love shared as a sign of faith, but it is one of

the most tangible ways of sharing our faith and God's love with people. Touch is one of the major things that make us human. Why not make a point of seeing who and what you touch in the course of a day or a week; and give God thanks for the opportunities.

May God bless you as you walk in God's presence and love.

*Sue X*

## **FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL**

All ready for a holiday? Or at least a time of relaxation and renewal at Costa del Hove? (As our minister, Rev. Sue urged us during one of her recent services to make the time.) Actually, we have had some very inspiring and interesting ones at Central over the past few weeks. Roger Wood had the difficult task of leading our worship, after a horrific ten days of murder and mayhem – the Nice massacre, etc. Right from the Call to Worship, when he quoted Amos Ch.8 V. 3 and Psalm 52 , Roger managed to comfort, re-assure, and encourage us to trust and rely on God and His Son, Jesus. Colossians 1.vv 22 & 23.

If you attended the last Church Meeting, you will recall how the Men's Fellowship was "volunteered" to take the service on the fifth Sunday of July by a certain lady, who will remain anonymous. At such short notice the men rose to the occasion and led the service in a very interesting, at times challenging, way. They, too, echoed the assurance of 17<sup>th</sup> July's service by their choice of hymns, one of which was "Blessed Assurance". The nice thing about the members of the Men's Fellowship is their modesty and honesty. So, Bill Maclean, admitted that he didn't really "get" Ecclesiastes (He is not alone in that!) and they all admitted that they cannot multi-task, i.e., take a service AND serve coffee afterwards! Their wives ended up in the kitchen. (I will refrain from saying, "as usual.")

A really good service, with Book Club members feeling "smug" because they had read the books referred to! A good buzz at coffee afterwards.

So thank you to all our preachers, both clergy and laity, over the past months. We don't take you for granted and do appreciate your work in bringing us to a closer walk with God.

This Sunday morning, 7<sup>th</sup> August, when we are joined with our friends from Hove Methodist Church, is the inspiration of Carl Jukes. In the evening we return the visit by joining with the Methodists at their church in Portland Road for JOINT (the summer version of THE JUNCTION).

In September, we can look forward to a Harvest Thanksgiving led by Suzanne and Chris Hill. All good and all different and ALL inspired by faith, courage and the reaching out of God to us through His Son, the Holy Spirit and his servants.

Now, more good news and reasons for congratulations.

Congratulations to **Rebekah Smith** on graduating with a First Class B.

Mus. Degree. We are delighted to hear of her success and also that she has been accepted for further study by the Royal Academy of Music.

Congratulations also to her parents, **Jinny and Graham Smith** who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 31<sup>st</sup> August. We wish them many more years of happiness. Still keeping it in the family, may we offer **Naomi** our belated good wishes and congratulations on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. A busy and happy time for the Smith family and an equally busy and happy one next year. May God continue to bless you all.

Congratulations and good wishes continue into September, when **Keren and Colin Hancox** will celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 25<sup>th</sup> September. 40 years AND Keren still insists on organising the Harvest Supper on 24<sup>th</sup> and Colin lets her!

A very Happy Birthday on 30<sup>th</sup> September to **Jan Owen**, who will be 90 on that day. As we know Jan has just returned to her care home, after her stroke. We pray that she will be restored to better health and be able to enjoy this milestone in her life.

It is always good to hear of the happiness of others and we would like to wish **Abigail and Luke Cornelius** every happiness as they embark on married life, after their wedding on 1<sup>st</sup> August. You may remember her as Abigail Sarjudeen, a member of our Girls' Brigade for many years. May the Lord bless them as they start together on this new phase of their life.



Welcome Break is hitting the airwaves! There is to be a broadcast about it – the workers, the “regulars” etc on a programme called “ At Home This Morning” on Radio Reverb 97.2fm. This is a radio programme for Older Listeners in Brighton and Hove by Grey Matter Productions. The

interviews have already taken place but **Pam Macaulay** is not certain when it will be “On Air”. (See Page 15)

Speaking of Pam, she is due to go into hospital to have an operation on her knee on 19<sup>th</sup> September, so will be off our radar for a few weeks while she recuperates. Please pray for her and for Alasdair during this time: that the operation and her convalescence may go smoothly.

Please also hold in prayer **Mary Cochrane**, who is unwell, **Willi Ghoshal and her husband**, who is in hospital after suffering from peritonitis and **Molly Fraser** who is still having problems with her chest.

Fellowship of Prayer:

*Jan Owen, Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, John Gilson, Ros Ayling, Sally Marteau, Dorothy Gale & Ivy Newell.*



Rev. Sue is planning to hold a series of Prayer /Bible Study Groups beginning in September. The idea is that a topic/theme should last for 4 weeks, so it is not necessarily a long-term commitment.

The list is on the SIGN UP notice board - you can't miss it as it is bright emerald green !

Please put your name and the day(s) and times you are available and Sue will contact you.



**DUPONT ART  
CLUB**

**EXHIBITION**

18th-20th August 2016  
VENTNOR HALL  
Blatchington Road  
HOVE BN3 3YE

Thursday & Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-4pm

**Free Admission**

CARDS AND ARTWORK FOR SALE

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## AUGUST

SUN 7	United Family Service with Methodists At Central Hymns by Daylight Evening Worship – The JOINT At Hove Methodist	10.30 am   6.30 pm
SUN 14	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Sue Chapman Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Wed 17	Men's Fellowship – Outing to Shoreham Fort	7.00 pm
Thur 18	Dupont Art Exhibition	10.00 am- 5.00 pm
Fri 19	Dupont Art Exhibition	10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Sat 20	Dupont Art Exhibition	10.00 am – 4.00 pm
SUN 21	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott Evening Worship Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am  6.30 pm
SUN 28	Family Service Neil Watts (Telscombe Cliffs) Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 pm  6.30 pm



## **SEPTEMBER**

SUN 4	Family Service Mrs Stella Goddard Evening Worship – THE JOINT At Hove Methodist	10.30 pm  6.30 pm
SUN 11	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Sue Chapman Evening Worship Rev. Sue Chapman	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Mon 12	Bluebird re-starts Boys' Brigade re-starts	9.15 am 6.15 pm
Tue 13	Bluebird re-starts Tuesday Fellowship – Opening Meeting Rev Sue Chapman Girls' Club re-starts	9.15 am 2.30 pm  6.00 pm
Wed 14	Pastorate Joint Elders' Meeting At Central	7.30 pm
SUN 18	Family Service Graham Campling Church Meeting Evening Worship Rev Lynda Hulcoop	10.30 pm  12 noon 6.30 pm
Tue 20	Elders' Meeting with Methodist Stewards At Central	7.30 pm
Wed 21	Men's Fellowship - Rehearsal	7.45 pm
Sat 24	<b>HARVEST SUPPER</b>	6.30 pm
SUN 25	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>  Family Service – Parade The Hills Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev Peter Elliott	  10.30 am  6.30 pm

Mon 26	Christian Book Club – The Rosie Project (Chip Dunn)	8.00 pm
Tue 27	Tuesday Fellowship Geoffrey James Entertains	2.30 pm

## **OCTOBER**

SUN 2	Family Service Paul Young – Off the Fence Evening Worship – The JUNCTION	10.30 am  6.30 pm
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All contributions for the **OCTOBER** edition of the magazine should be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER**

Please inform **Mr. Bill Maclean** by Wednesday of the preceding week of any calendar changes so that the calendar on the Order of Service may be altered.

### *Flower Rota for August*

7th	Mrs G. Moore & Mr C. Steel
14th	Available
21st	Mrs A. Beach - in memory of her husband
28th	Available



### *Flower Rota for September*

4th	Mr & Mrs C. Jukes - Wedding Anniversary
11th	Mrs S. Friend - in memory of her father
18th	Mrs J. Humphrey - in memory of John & her parents
25th	HARVEST

CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



# HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 24th September

6.30 p.m.

Ventnor Hall

Tickets £8.00 (£4.00 under 12s)

Available from 4th September



# TEA AND TRAINS In THE GARDEN



Saturday 23rd July Colin & Keren Hancox opened their house and garden to friends from Central to enjoy not only a lavish afternoon tea but also Colin's miniature steam train travelling round the garden. The sun shone and £180 was raised for church funds and the pictures below say it all.



## CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

### September

13 Sept      Opening Meeting - Rev Sue Chapman  
27 Sept      Geoffrey James Entertains

### October

11 Oct      Ron Graves  
25 Oct      June Smith - The Land Army

### November

8 Nov      Rev Peter Elliott  
22 Nov      Accordion Duo

### December

6 Dec      Rev Andy Lowe  
20 Dec      Christmas Party



The Tuesday Fellowship meets alternative Tuesdays at 2.30pm.  
Please join us - you will be very welcome!

## THE JUNCTION

In The News for the October JUNCTION, we will be showing pictures from everyone's summer holidays/days out.

If you would like to send a few pictures to [centralurchove@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:centralurchove@hotmail.co.uk) or hand them to one of the J-team, we would love to see them.

Thank you.



## WELCOME BREAK

About three weeks ago, a lady, called Joan, Fraser, who sings with the U3A Choir when they meet in the Ventnor Hall on Wednesday mornings, came into the kitchen to chat to me while I was making sandwiches.

She was fascinated by what we do every Wednesday and asked if we would be willing to be on a broadcast by “At Home This Morning”, a weekly magazine programme, featuring people from the city of Brighton & Hove on matters of concern and interest to older people. It is broadcast on RadioReverb on 97.2 fm. Everyone who works on the station is a volunteer.

Yesterday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Joan came with a sound recordist, Richard Davies, and they spent time with us recording the origins of Welcome Break and interviewing our customers. It was most enjoyable.

They will let us know when the item will be broadcast.

*Pam Macaulay*

- “At Home This Morning” is broadcast three times a week for two weeks on Brighton’s Community Radio Station, RadioReverb. The programmes can be heard 8.00 am on Sunday, 11.00 am on Tuesday and 9.00 am on Thursday. Over the summer RadioReverb is moving to new premises at the Open Market but will continue broadcasting throughout the move. Its first broadcast from its new premises will be on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

*For further information on the station’s programmes and activities and to find out how YOU can become part of the Grey Matters Production team please visit their website [www.greymattersproductions.org.uk](http://www.greymattersproductions.org.uk)*

## **TIDY UP CENTRAL**

There are plans afoot for an Autumn clean-up/clear-out of some of the darker recesses of the church’s premises.

Two days are being suggested 3rd **OR** 10th September.

Please listen to notices or look on the website for further details and PLEASE come and help.

## **CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

After the frivolity and fun of our two June meetings you might think that the Book Club was continuing to indulge in another light hearted read, with our choice of book for July – “me Before You” by Jojo Moyes. Even Chip Dunn had been hesitant about suggesting it lest we should think it was mere chick lit. or relished the fact that there was more than one copy available.

To dismiss this book as “ chicklit” is so unfair as to be almost libellous. It has depth and warmth and poignancy and plunges the reader from laughter to sobriety then tears. The full gamut of emotions is played upon as you read. Once you start it is hard to put down.

Think Jane Eyre and Mr Rochester, without the mad wife; think West Side Story, without the violence. Here we have two people from very different sides of the track – well, castle, actually – who meet because of a desperate need on each side. Lou Clark, the heroine, needs a job: Will Traynor needs to keep a promise.

Lou loses her job in “The Buttered Bun” tea shop: Will loses his job, high-flying lifestyle when he is knocked down in an accident and left a quadriplegic with only a little movement in one arm.

Lou is employed by Will’s mother to be a companion to Will for six months. However she is not told the hidden agenda behind this period of time. Only gradually is it revealed to both Lou and the reader. And it is then that the shock hits both of you.

Will, a rising star in business, great career, great prospects; an athlete who loves high risk sports; beautiful girlfriend: however it is not merely the loss these material things which plunges him into despair but his loss of dignity and independence and the knowledge that there is no possibility of physical betterment, just a long slide into further deterioration and pain. So, Will has decided to end his life in a Dignitas clinic in Switzerland.

Obviously, he is incapable of getting there himself and he needs his family’s agreement and help. His parents are horrified – Will, in whatever condition, is their son and daughter’s brother. But a bargain has been struck: six months to change his mind or not. Lou’s job, though she is initially unaware of it, is to persuade Will that life is worth living or not).

The book is sensitively written and handles to whole question of euthanasia in a very balanced way. No condemnation or taking of sides.



We understood Will's point of view and we equally appreciated the decision of Ritchie, an online friend of Lou who helps her understand the life and choices of those who are inhibited by their bodies. It is all best stated by Ritchie in an email

*"It is not my choice. It's not the choice of most of us. I love my life, even if I wish it was different. But I understand why your friend might have had enough. It's tiring, leading this life, tiring in a way the AB can never truly understand. If he is determined, if he really can't see a way of things being better for him, then I guess the best thing you can do is just be there. You don't have to think he's right. But you do have to be there."*

One of the things we learned from this book was that we should not jump to conclusions about people's characters and certainly not to fall into the pit of judging by stereotypes. Will's mother, for example, appears to be horrendous at first – stiff, snobbish, cold. Until we walk in her shoes and gradually realise that if she doesn't hold herself tight, control her emotions, she will break down completely and her whole façade will crumble.

As we travel through the book and more of each character is revealed we found ourselves laying aside our preconceptions and asking ourselves what we would have done in their place. It is a true adage, "Walk a mile in someone's shoes....."

There is fun, there is laughter, there are tears, there are flawed and vulnerable human beings and above all there is compassion and courage and love.

We really hope the film lives up to the book – watch this space.

No Book Club in August but at the end of September we will be discussing "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. We know this book caused some controversy in another book club, so it will be interesting to discover our reactions to it.

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 8.00 pm

Venue: (Chip Dunn's home)

All very welcome.

## THE KNOTS PRAYER



Dear God

Please untie the knots  
That are in my mind,  
My heart and my life.  
Remove the have nots,  
The cannots and the do nots  
That I have in my mind

Erase the will nots,  
May nots,  
Might nots that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots  
Would nots and  
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,  
Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
My heart and my life all the “am nots”  
That I have allowed to hold me back  
Especially the thought  
That I am not good enough. Amen

*Author known to God*

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## *SUNDAY SERVICES*

10.30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

with Youth and Children's Ministry

6.30 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP

HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday of the month at 10.30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6.30 p.m.