

150 Years of Worship and Outreach

Central United Reformed Church Hove



June + July - 2017

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Youth Ministry

Mrs. A. Austen

Mrs C. Vaughan

Boys' Brigade
(Mondays)

Mr. C. Jukes

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

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MISSED CHURCH?

You can listen to the Sunday Morning Service by going to our website:
www.centralurchove.com and hearing the recording.

Dear Friends,

It was with great sadness I woke up to the news that a bomb had exploded at the Manchester Arena killing and injuring many young people and their families. The shock of this event has reverberated all around the world, with messages of support coming from world leaders and concerned members of a variety of communities across the UK. Interfaith vigils in many British cities have taken place to indicate the depth of feeling and solidarity shown to the people of Manchester. It is in these situations that the immensity of the human spirit comes to the fore. Many people opened their homes to strangers, taxi drivers turned off their meters and ferried traumatised people to the safety of their homes. The emergency services met and exceeded all expectations of speedy responses and generous care.

We have heard some accounts of help and support given, and the gratitude felt to the help given by strangers, giving support in a spirit of solidarity and generosity. Our hearts go out to the bereaved families and those injured in the attack and our prayers have been spontaneous and heartfelt, with tears of sadness and compassion; we are all human beings and when many people are hurting, we know that the people of Manchester are devastated by this occurrence, but we know that the human spirit is resilient and will not be defeated by this callous and calculated event. There is a spirit of defiance, that terrorists will not win!

We know that God is present with the people, in the care and concern of willing people, in the intuitive response to give love, care and concern. God is love, and is able to support all bereaved and injured people in the love and care given by friends and strangers alike. We should be proud of the resilience and dedication given in each personal encounter, each one a response from the heart. The media would have us believe that we are all individuals who have little connection to others in our communities. The personal responses of individuals to this tragic situation was immense. The determination not be driven away from the importance of shared community values and the responses of

human support for people who need help shows us how we can live together in hope, standing up with each other, side by side. . We should treasure our communities and remember that we are stronger together, and that all people need our love and support. May we continue to support the people in our community to share God's love with our neighbours.

Please pray for the City of Manchester, its varied communities that they will work together and continue to hold all the bereaved families and the injured in your heart. May God give us hope for a brighter future.

Sue X



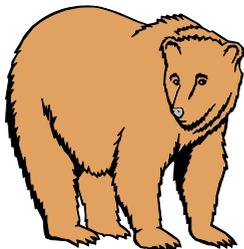
The Blessing of Animals

Sunday 25th June 2017

Our morning service on the above date promises to be something very different! Our good friend from Hove Methodist Church, Jonathan Gravestock will lead a 'Blessing of Animals' service. We hope members of all ages will support this service and bring their pets.

All creatures great and small welcome!

Further details will be announced nearer the time but put it in your diary now!



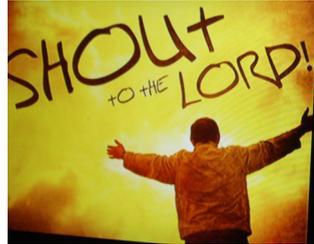


10TH BRIGHTON(HOVE) BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY



We are told that an army marches on its stomach and after watching the review of the Company's year's activities at the BB Display and Awards Evening on 8th May we can rest assured that the Tenth will not starve. Their cookery nights have taught the boys how to make pancakes, burgers and pizza. (And devour them!)

In the course of a very active evening parents and friends enjoyed relay Noughts & Crosses, marching and, a new item when the Juniors formed a choir to sing "Shout to the Lord!" This had been introduced after the Company's first joint Monday Parade Service, when the singing was so enthusiastic and good that the adults there were amazed. Something to build on.



Ian MacBain the Guest of Honour, recalled his time as an Officer with the Tenth, when Mark and John Brewster were a Junior and Anchor Boy and Carl Jukes was too young even to join! One thing all four have in common is the fact that they all sported a lot more hair then – Peter Gear is positively hirsute in comparison! Ian quizzed the boys on what they liked about BB and as usual there was the odd startling answer. He expressed his family's enjoyment of the Old Time Music Hall and said how much they were looking forward to next year's production.

During the second part of the evening the boys received the badges and awards they had worked for over the past year and welcomed their newest recruit – one week in!

ANCHOR SECTION

Numbers are small but we have enjoyed joining with the Junior Section for games while still following our own programme of activities. If you know any boys about 5 years who would like to join us please encourage them to come along on a Monday evening: we would be so pleased to welcome them.

JUNIOR SECTION

This year we have had a strong core group of boys who have been a

pleasure all year. Fluctuating numbers have meant we have drifted between 8 – 5 boys throughout the year.

We have planned a wide array of evenings this year. A couple of key evenings involved the boys making and obviously eating pancakes and French bread pizzas.

We also had a fun evening about team work in which boys had to get from one end of the hall to the other by only using 5 chairs.

COMPANY SECTION

We have a great bunch of boys in the Company Section with 9 boys attending regularly most weeks.

Our programme has been varied, including Circuit Training, Team building, Christian Faith a variety of games and of course Drill. They have also tested their skills at cooking pancakes and they even did the washing up afterwards! It has been an interesting year with Drill and other activities due to the mixed abilities in the section, which is why we have made our Display item a little more fun.

During all the activities they have joined together and learned from each other and developed their skills, maintaining the key elements of the Object of the Boys' Brigade: obedience, reverence, discipline and self-respect. I feel very proud of what they have achieved this year.

One of their biggest achievements this year was winning the swimming spots. It was great to see the sportsmanship from all our boys, encouraging each other and supporting the less able. They all put in 100% and they were rewarded by winning the Senior Team Relay, the Medley Relay and the competition over all.

As many of you will already know, each year we have what we call BB Week where the Company Section boys collect donations from friends, family and members of the church. These funds go towards the costs of running our Company and ensure all sections receive a wide and varied programme. This year the total raised was just over £1000 with the boys collecting over £600 of this.

Special Awards

The boys are separated into two squads for the year and are marked on the smartness of their uniform, steadiness on parade and also on their Monday and Sunday attendance.

The individual boy who gained most marks this year is:

Best Boy Corporal Jamie Witham

Best Squad Squad 1: Jamie Witham, Matthew Blomfield, Callum Brewster and Keswick Cowe.

Promotions

Not only do we reward boys for their efforts with badges, we also like to promote boys up the ranks as they mature in the company. With this comes more responsibility and we expect them to set good examples for the younger boys and help out where needed' these boys are: Jamie Witham, Henry Touray, Josh Liddell, Matthew Blomfield and James Blomfield.

Corporals Jamie Witham, Henry Touray and Josh Liddell are promoted to the rank of Sergeant

Lance Corporals Matthew Blomfield and James Blomfield are promoted to the rank of Corporal.



FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

You never quite know where Central folk are going to “pop up”! One moment various members were relaxing watching “Flog It” on TV when who appears on their television screens but Central’s own **Mary Cochrane**!! My sources were so busy choking on their coffee and trying not to spill it or reaching for cameras that they totally forgot to notice what Mary was “flogging” or what the experts said about it, so there’s a conversation opener the next time you see our TV star.



Marriage/weddings has been in the News recently and once again Central’s members are being topical. Congratulations to **Suzanne and Chris Hill** who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd May. We pray they will continue to share many more years of happiness together.

You may remember that last November **Jim and Sheila Lyall** celebrated twice that number of years of marriage – 60, when they celebrated their Diamond Wedding. On that occasion we celebrated this by giving them a planter full of flowers. Jim has been moved to write the following.

“You may remember presenting us with a container of plants at the time of our 60th Wedding Anniversary last November. The photo below shows that they are still providing a colourful display, having bloomed all through Winter and Spring. They have given much pleasure and are greatly appreciated.

Jim & Sheila



On 24th June **Abigail Smith** and **Jon Pepler** will be the newest couple to commit themselves to each other when they marry in Highfield Church Southampton. We wish them every blessing as they begin their life together and pray that they will enjoy a long and happy marriage as the previous two couples.

Before she marries, Abigail will have completed her university studies. **Kandy Sisye** finishes her degree and graduates on 20th July but before that she will celebrate her 21st birthday on 29th June. Double congratulations and best wishes to her. However, Kandy will have little time to relax as she will begin her studies for her Masters Degree in Psychology in September.

Again, a mere youngster compared to **Kathy Dalley**, who is looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday on 4th July. Congratulations and our very best wishes for a Happy Birthday, a card from the Queen and fireworks in America – all without leaving Hove!

Now for some expressions of thanks to a variety of people who have led and enhanced our worship. Last Sunday morning we beheld “the mountains of the Lord” in a service in which, thanks to Chris Hill, we viewed Mounts Everest, Sinai, Ararat, Kilimanjaro, Ben Nevis, Snowdon and the Matterhorn, to name but a few. The young people read appropriate Bible passages e.g., Psalm 46 so well, that Peter Gear was noting down names for future readers for his rota. Be warned! The singing of the hymns was ably led by Kayleigh on the drums and Carl Jukes and it was all organised by Ann Austen, including roping in Keren Hancox, Jill Humphrey and Bill Maclean. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to the Officers and Staff of our Boys’ Brigade Company for

their hard work and leadership over the past year and particularly in organising the Display at the beginning of May. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for the fun, the discipline and enriched lives they give to the boys.

We would like to thank **Pam Moody** and **Chip Dunn** for all their efforts on behalf of **Christian Aid Week**. The tea party and envelopes combined raised £647 and Gift Aid will add a further £80 making a total of £727. Thank you everyone who donated but specially Pam and Chip for raising our awareness of Christian Aid and providing the opportunities by which we might give.

The Spring Supper was its usual successful fun evening and we thank the Social Activities Committee for the pleasure it gave to its guests. (A fuller account is given elsewhere.)

Ann Beach is still having pain with her eyes and continues to find life difficult but her son, who is undergoing chemotherapy, is fighting his cancer very positively. Hilary and Adrian Ball's grandson, **Joe**, has not been so well and was back in hospital for more treatment.

Suzanne Hill has not been well but **Chris** is very fit and looking forward to participating in the London – Brighton Cycle Ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation on 18th June. If you would like to sponsor him, Chris will be glad to hear from you.

Celia and **Peter Elliott** are in France once more. We pray that they will have safe journeys and a happy time with **Sally**, **Sondrine** and **Pascal**. We are glad to learn that Sally's health has improved and pray that it continues to do so.

Please hold all these friends in your prayers and also the following who need our prayerful support:

Wendy Blackburn, John Gilson, Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, Barbara Wolvett, Dorothy Gale and Gift Mubanga.

N.B. The BB Battalion Sports will now be held on **Friday 22nd September** and not in June.

Put the date in your diary and come along and support our Company.

FLOWER ROTA FOR JUNE

- 11th Hilary Houston - in memory of her parents , Don & Joan Carr
18th Available
25th Reuben Sibanda - in memory of his parents



FLOWER ROTA FOR JULY

- 2nd Peter Gear - in memory of his mother
9th Joyce Magill - in memory of Joan Skittrall
16th Peter & Celia Elliott - in memory of Thierry and Kevin
23rd Ann Austen -in memory of Keith
30th Available.

HOUSEKEEPING

Dear Friends,

Note that the blue paper towel in the kitchen costs £5 a roll so please use sparingly.

Please tell Pam Macaulay or me if the tea/coffee/sugar or biscuits for Church use are running low.

Keren Hancox

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

SUN 4	Family Service Rev Paul Young	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – THE JUNCTION	6.30 pm
Mon 5	Christian Book Club – New Habits (Pam Moody)	8.00 pm
Tue 6	Joint Fellowship Outing From Central	depart 9.15 am
Wed 7	Tom Hackett, Youth & Development Officer St. Martins Saltdean	7.30 pm
SUN 11	Family Service – Holy Communion Dedication of Elders Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am
	Evening Worship Rev Lynda Hulcoop	6.30 pm
Tue 13	Soup Sandwiches and Prayer Devil’s Dyke – Speak to Rev. Sue for details	12 noon
SUN 18	FATHERS’ DAY Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am
	Evening Worship Rev Sue Chapman	6.30 pm
Wed 21	Men’s Fellowship – Skittles Royal Oak Barcombe (see notice)	7.30 pm
Sat 24	Church visit to Wintershall Depart Central	8.00 am
SUN 25	Family Service – Blessing of the Animals Jonathan Gravestock	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev. Peter Elliott	6.30 pm
Mon 26	Christian Book Club – Play Reading (Carol Tyler)	8.00 pm

Tue 27	Soup, Sandwiches & Prayer Venue: TBA	12 noon
	Joint Pastorate Elders' Meeting At Portslade URC	7.30 pm
Wed 28	Christian Meditation Hove Methodist	7.00 pm

JULY

SUN 2	Family Service Neil Watts	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – THE JUNCTION	6.30 pm
SUN 9	Family Service Rev Roger Wood	10.30 am
	Evening Worship Rev Lynda Hulcoop	6.30 pm
Tue 11	Soup, Sandwiches & Prayer	12 noon
Wed 12	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm
SUN 16	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am
	Evening Worship Rev Sue Chapman	6.30 pm
Tue 18	Brighton Leaders' Lunch At Brighthelm	12.30 pm
Wed 19	Men's Fellowship – Croquet In Hove	TBA
SUN 23	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am
	Church Meeting	12 noon
	Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev Peter Elliott	6.30 pm
Tue 25	Soup, Sandwiches & Prayer	12 noon

Wed 26	Christian Meditation Hove Methodist	7.00 pm
SUN 30	Family Service Rev Nicola Furley-Smith Evening Worship Rev. Peter Elliott	10.30 am 6.30 pm

AUGUST

SUN 6	Family Service Bob Hinton	10.30 am
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No Evening Services during August

All contributions for the **AUGUST + SEPTEMBER** edition of the magazine should be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 23rd JULY**

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SKITTLES NIGHT

A "Not to be missed" evening

WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 7.30 pm

ROYAL OAK BARCOMBE

Buffet Supper and lots of laughs!

£15.00 per person

Please sign up on the list on the notice board before **SUNDAY 18TH JUNE** so that exact numbers can be confirmed or contact Jim Lyall.

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON!

We will probably do that, but will it be enough?

All members should have received Rev Sue's letter regarding the Eldership crisis we face and those who attended the May Church Meeting, which was largely devoted to this situation, will be aware that little progress was made towards resolving it. With just three Elders, two of which already carry out the bulk of the administrative work of our Church, we are in a situation akin to the recent British Airways fiasco, i.e. it would take only a series of minor problems for our Church to be dysfunctional.

Do we want that?

Of course we don't and non-serving Elders who have recently taken a step back from active involvement will not allow it to happen, but what we have agreed are just contingency plans and do not address the long term issue.

We have to show a duty of care for our serving elders.

Spending all our time fire-fighting, which is what we are currently doing, leaves no time to focus on the spiritual growth of our Church and the role it might play in the local community. If we are not doing that what on earth is our real purpose?

Examination of our list of members may well reveal that there are few who can help spread the load but this exercise needs to be undertaken as a matter of urgency. Only by detailed examination will we gain a clear understanding of our capabilities and start to look ahead.

As the theme of our recent Sunday Youth Ministry led service told us "We have a mountain to climb" – and with God's help we will do it. Please don't leave it to the already overloaded few.

SPRING SUPPER



Men's Fellowship Misfits



Still—— Dancing!!!!

SPRING SUPPER

I am not sure how many Spring Suppers we have shared together (although Keren would certainly be able to answer that one) but yet another has come and gone! The numbers attending fluctuate over the years but the quality of the food and fellowship continues to maintain the same high standard. The variety of food offered something for everyone, including the ‘must haves’ – Coronation Chicken and Pavlova (preferably not on the same plate). The opportunity to go back for second helpings happily accepted by the young and not so young.

When appetites were fully satisfied the entertainment commenced under the direction of our regular Master of Ceremonies, Peter Gear. It was assumed that his walking stick was for support and not for the removal from the stage of any ‘act’ he considered sub-standard! Abie Hancox started things off, demonstrating again his developing musical talent. He was followed by our Men’s Fellowship (described by our MC as the rough lot)! Dressed for the occasion with Graham and Chris as Mods & Rockers and Peter Gear squeezing into Carl’s football shirt may not have been enough to divert attention from the musical quality as they performed an adapted version of ‘She’ll be coming round the mountain’!

Order and refinement were temporarily restored with a monologue/recital from Keren only to be brought down again by a ‘song and dance’ routine from Peter Gear and Doreen Fookes – and before you ask the obvious question, the dance part was performed (in almost perfect harmony) while sitting down! Proceedings continued with a duet from Stephen and Emma followed by humour from our regular ‘stand-up’ comedian, Pastor Pete, some poetry from Jill, some anecdotes originating from deepest Bedfordshire via Rev Sue, before closing with what our MC described as a bit of classical class from Ginny and Graham.

The evening ended with thanks to Keren and her team for yet another excellent evening and a ‘warning’ to other participants that Harvest is not too far away!



As the school Summer holidays approach please would you do all you can to support any organisation who is providing food for families. Children under seven have free school meals in term time but in school holidays there is no extra money to provide that essential hot meal. You can support B&H Mission, any Foodbank or put donations into the baskets in most supermarkets. This can be a stressful time for parents. Please do what you can.

Sue X



SkillShare



We launched our **Skillshare** on 30th April using the parable of the talents to try to live closer to the gospel. The application forms are available, now, from Chris Hill. Please use this opportunity to get together in groups and see what you can do. You may surprise yourselves at the level of your skills when you share them. Please pray for this venture. Thank you. *The Finance Committee.*

TEATIME TREATS AND TALK

In aid of CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The sun actually shown on the afternoon of 13th May when Pam Moody and Chip Dunn hosted a tea party to raise funds for Christian Aid.

There was something for all ages and the younger ones enjoyed a trampoline, table tennis and other games in the garden, whilst the more mature friends relaxed with tea, cakes and chat.

It was a busy afternoon for Chip and Pam, so much so, that Chip was actually seen working in her own kitchen! Not her favourite occupation.

By their efforts both that afternoon and in church over £700 was raised for Christian Aid. Thank you both very much for your hospitality and hard work.



The Talkers

The workers—Chip & Pam



HOVE AT WAR

For someone who was brought in at the last minute, to fill a gap in the Men's Fellowship's programme, Brian Moody was very relaxed and at ease with his subject and his audience. Perhaps it was because there were so many familiar faces among the men and friends gathered there but also, undoubtedly because Brian is so full of enthusiasm and knowledge about the history of Brighton and Hove – not just the current city but the two separate entities they once were.

Taking us back quickly to early times, we learned that this area was in fact surrounded by hill forts; that we did not enjoy an entente with our continental neighbours, the French, who would persist in invading and burning our settlements over the centuries and particularly in the Napoleonic period.

The war period, which Brian chose to concentrate on was World War 1 and the effect it had on the people and buildings of our town. Did you know for example that Hove Museum was used as a prisoner of war camp? The prisoners were marched out every day to work in Portslade gas works. Did you know that the original part of what is now BHAVIC was a hospital? In fact there were a large number of hospitals in the town as the casualties of the huge battles we have all heard of were evacuated through Newhaven.

We also learned something about the propaganda, which encouraged the good and the great to urge the populace to support the war effort: A picture of a zeppelin hovering over Brighton pier and stories about helping poor little Belgium and the refugees from there. When Hove responded the poor little Belgians were from Russia!

Hove is hardly an industrial town but during the First World War factories making ammunition and supplies for the war effort abounded. The war effort also relied on women taking up men's jobs, e.g. working on the buses. Brian showed us a picture of a young woman bus conductor who was reprimanded for shortening her skirts by an inch so she could climb up and down stairs more easily thus exposing her ankles!

Altogether it was a fascinating and amusing evening, which evoked gaps of horror along with burst of laughter. Dare I say w look forward to hearing about World War II?

HOVE CARNIVAL

Many thanks to those who came and supported Central's stand. We were the only Church there! The weather was not kind at all but it meant we gave shelter to lots of people and they thanked the Church. Gazebo is drying in the lounge!! We gave out leaflets and gave children cheap entertainment for which the parents were very grateful.

Special thanks to Ann for being there all day with me and Colin for transporting all the things and rebuilding the "Splat the Rat"

Keren.





For the Spirit of Peace
That calms our mind
And stills our life,
We give You thanks.

For the Spirit of Love
That touches our hearts
And reaches out,
We give You thanks

For the Spirit of Joy
That lifts our souls
And gives us faith,
We give you thanks.

For the spirit of power
That gift of Grace
For this your church
We give you thanks.

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PEACE OF MIND

Mental Health Training Course

How to support people who care for those living with mental concerns

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 10.00—15.00

Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

Subsidised cost : £10.00

Speaker Ruth Bradley.

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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.