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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP
with Youth and Children's Ministry

6.30 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP

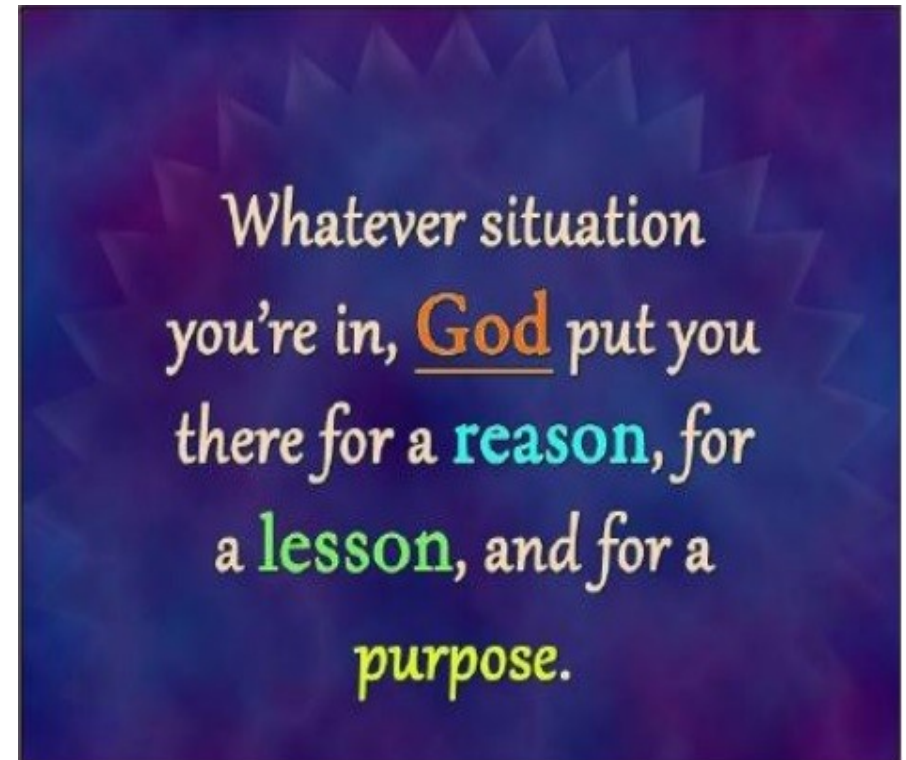
HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday of the month at 10.30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of the month at 6.30 p.m.



150 Years of Worship and Outreach

Central
United Reformed Church
Hove



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Youth Ministry Mrs. A. Austen

Boys' Brigade
(Mondays) Mr. C. Jukes

Tuesday Fellowship
(Alternate Tuesdays) Mrs H Brown

Men's Fellowship
(Third Wednesday) Mr. P. Gear

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.



**CENTRAL UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
10th MARCH 2019
12 NOON**

Your church

Your responsibility

Your actions

Your time

Your PRAYERS

Needed NOW.

Don't be a pew potato!

Dear Friends,

What do you consider to be the first signs of Spring? I looked out on my back garden and there are hundreds of blue crocuses showing through the grass. It is an amazing sight and according to the season, far too early! Each year the flowers behave differently depending on the heat contained in the ground. In the front garden the daffodil green shoots are 6 - 8 inches tall, preparing me for a wonderful display of yellow beauty. I am looking forward to the crown of daffodils around my tree. I am always surprised when the Spring begins to develop, bulbs growing in silence, stored up energy of the past creating the flowers of a new Spring. Wonderful!

I have been reflecting on this "growing in secret" idea in respect of our church life. We, like Spring bulbs, are not growing in faith all the time. There is a pattern to it: a time of growth, once flowered, dying back, storing energy for the next growing season. Last year we did a special event each month and it was a joy to be part of such a variety of occasions. This year we are taking it a little easier but God will accompany and give us the energy to grow and develop according to God's purposes. We think we know where we are going with God because the pattern for each year is very similar but, each year brings its surprises and joys. What brightens your day or week? A phone call from a friend; an invitation to a birthday party or anniversary, a surprise trip to somewhere you have wanted to go for ages, the smile of a stranger. God is in the small things, let us appreciate them. God surrounds us all the time but we are not always aware, or life can distract us from seeing God at work in us and others.

Maybe the message for the coming Spring, is be surprised at the small things that lift our spirits and bring us closer to our Creator and be encouraged. God loves you with an all-embracing love which has no end.

Enjoy the development of the Spring flowers and may their beautiful bright heads, lifted up to the sunshine, bring us great joy in being alive.

May God bless you, and those you love.

Sue X

OUTREACH

Dear Friends,

Since Alastair has been incapacitated I have taken on the task of collecting the contents of the Outreach Fund Jars. Unfortunately we are unable to ascertain the names of the holders of the numbered jars which have been emptied and are in the vestry. *So*, If you have held a jar in the past would you be kind enough to come and see me and I will find you a jar and then I can compile a new list of holders. The contents of the jars go towards the purchase of posters which are changed regularly outside our church.

We get many comments from the public about these and it certainly seems worthwhile continuing to display them.

Most of the posters cost about £25 each and I try to use them a number of times to make their cost justifiable. It's good to be able to add a few new ones every now and again.

Another project our Church has made a commitment to is to provide "Off The Fence" with men's "spray on" underarm deodorant for those they care for who are on the streets of our city. Next time you go to a supermarket for your shopping It would be greatly appreciated If you could regularly add a can or two and put them In the basket at the top of the church stairs.

Many thanks to those of you who have been supporting this project In the past; It Is much appreciated.

Looking back to Christmas, or Gifts around the Christmas Tree were distributed via "Fresh Start" who do a lot of research deciding the most needy. Again these brought a tremendous amount of pleasure to those less fortunate than ourselves and we have received a letter of appreciation from Fresh Start.

Adrian Ball

Vision Day 3 – 10 February 2019

We will be holding our next Vision Day during the Sunday Morning Service. This should result in a larger number of people to work on our Church Vision for 2019 and beyond. More details will be confirmed nearer the time. Please pray for God's Spirit of collaboration and inspiration.

Looking forward to working with you all as we move into the New Year with God.

Sue X

LENT GROUPS with Hove Methodist Church will use the film, "Chocolat", starring Hulia Binoche, Judi Dench, Alfred Molina and Johnny Depp, and the course. "Christ and the Chocolaterie" by Hilary Brand.

WEEK 1 Giving Up – the prelude to change

WEEK 2 Giving Out – the power of a gift

WEEK 3 Getting Wise – the possibilities of change

WEEK 4 Getting Real – the power of acceptance

WEEK 5 Growing Up – the process of change

The start dates are not yet confirmed but there will a daytime session and an evening one.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Mum and all our family, I would like to thank you all for the love, care and support you have so kindly given to us, since my dear brother's death on 15th December.

We are also so grateful for all your prayers, which meant so much to Steven during his tragically short and persistent illness. His unwavering faith throughout everything he faced was truly the greatest witness I have ever had the privilege to experience.

We have been so comforted by everyone and remain comforted in the knowledge that he is no longer suffering but is now, where he was happy to be, with his Lord in heaven.

With love and thanks,

Suzanne Hill

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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your cards, flowers, phone calls and e-mails before and since my operation. I am slowly but surely getting "there", doing the exercises and walking. I have even got down to the sea! And, yes, it is still there!

I really appreciate all your support and prayers and feel overwhelmingly blessed.

With love,

Rosemary Brice.

FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

Over the Christmas period, Central seemed bathed in the kind of glow which is enjoyed by families throughout the land. Warm, friendly, the reunion of old friends and some new ones, generous giving, old loved traditions mingled with new ideas and this was personified best by the atmosphere in the church during our beloved Carols by Candlelight service

We had had a very successful Christmas Fair, which succeeded our expectations, had enjoyed the pleasure of introducing one of our local nursery schools to Christingle – over 80 children and parents, and we found time to gather in a sanctuary dimmed but for the light of candles, a beautiful Christmas tree, flowers and swathes of evergreen to listen and rejoice in the telling of the ageless story of the Birth of Christ and the singing of carols praising God's love.

Unfortunately, as so often happens at Christmas, there are tears and loss for the passing of loved ones. Our hearts and prayers went out to Doreen Foulkes, Suzanne and Mandy and all the families of Doreen's son, Steven. It was a time of heartache and blessing. We continue to surround everyone with our love and prayers hoping they will comfort and strengthen every one.

The New Year saw some friends going into hospital for operations of varying complexity and from which all seem to be thankfully recuperating, although some have still to return to church.

However, it was such a delight to see a newly coiffured and smiling Molly Fraser, looking so much better and full of her old joie de vivre. We can only hope it is catching!

The various organisations have restarted their programmes and each would welcome anyone who might like to join.

The BB, as usual, got off to a flying start by creating a new record. At The Stedfast Association meeting on 20th January the Tenth had the youngest member, Jamie Witham, and the oldest member, Peter Gear. It has never happened before. The Staff were beside with pride and glee!

And the BB's varied programme continues with cooking sessions and then on 16th February a 24 hour Marathon to work off those extra pounds/kilos. We hope you will come along in the afternoon to the Coffee/Tea Afternoon session to support the company in its endeavours and also help

them raise money for Off the Fence. What better way to spend a winter afternoon than watch others run, row, exercise whilst you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee/tea and good fellowship.

The World Day of Prayer* (Better known as Women's World Day of Prayer) is on FRIDAY 1ST MARCH at 10.30 am in Hove Methodist Church. This year it is written by the women of Slovenia, a small country but a fascinating one. This is such a wonderful service, do come. The Theme is COME! Everything is ready. And it will be on the day. Behind the theme is a message for every church everywhere.

And you might find out the importance of 20th May!!!

Please pray mightily for the success of the AGM on 10th March and that people will be moved to accept or undertake responsibility for the running of the church.

Fellowship of Prayer:

Wendy Blackburn, Celia Elliott, John Gilson, Betty Briggs., Mary Cochrane, Gift Mubanga, Alasdair Macaulay, Reuben and Tebello Sibanda, , Ros Ayling, Willi Ghoshal & husband.

* the name was changed in the hope that men might be less intimidated by the new name and thus be encouraged to come to the service!!!

Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up!

DATES FOR 2019

Sunday	5 th May	Spring Lunch
Sunday	22 nd September	Harvest Lunch
Both after Morning Service		
Saturday	8 th June	Summer Fair
Saturday	30 th November	Christmas Fair.

VERY ADVANCED NOTICE

The Rock Choir will be giving two concerts in the church on Friday 13th December and Saturday 14th December. Mark the dates in your diary. Full details later in the year.

MENS' FELLOWSHIP

2019 started in the usual way with our Party which included the members and ladies plus invited guests.

The food was contributed by those attending and what a selection of savoury and desserts! The tables looked as if we had enough for a Harvest Supper but, surprisingly, at the end of the evening there was very little left.

The entertainment was provided by Peter Elliott (sorry that Celia was not able to attend) This consisted of quiz papers on various subjects – name the celebrity pictures and various other party games. Great fun was had by all with lots of laughter and the scratching of heads with some of the questions. It was also a delight to welcome Stephen Bates and Tony Clark as new members joining the Fellowship.

Peter Gear

A CHALLENGE & AN APPEAL

This year between the 1st January and 31st December I am challenging myself to Run 1000 miles before I am 40. I will be doing weekly runs by myself and also taking part in Local Park Runs on Saturdays. On top of this I will be doing a competitive 10km Run every month.

I have chosen to support Young Epilepsy because I am aware of the daily struggles my niece Tayah, as well as her Mum, Stepdad and Little Brother go through. After years of seizures and more hospital visits than we could count, Tayah is now on a waiting list to have brain surgery. The part of the brain where her epilepsy is, means she will never grow out of it, so surgery for her is the only option, which we are hoping will be within the next 3 months. Tayah like most people with Epilepsy go through so much, things that we can't even imagine. Hospitals to her and her Mum virtually are a second home, most recently Tayah had a 6 hour operation to put 16 probes in to her head, 2 of which she decided to pull out a day later. This is a tiny part of what Tayah and our family go through, all with the help of the outstanding and dedicated work of:- The Amazing Doctors and Nurses at Great Ormond Street Hospital; The Teachers at Heathfield Special School Fareham; Young Epilepsy; and especially for her Mum, Cafe Nero (other coffee shops are available). I could go on and on but I hope you will take a moment to consider Tayah and anyone you might know with Epilepsy and give as much as you can to a fantastic charity.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Donations can be made in person or via the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-brewster-1000miles>

John Brewster



COFFEE AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

2PM - 4PM

FREE REFRESHMENTS

(DONATIONS INVITED)

Raising money for



24HR SPONSORED



RUN/RIDE/ROW

Let's see how far we can go!!!

16TH/17TH FEBRUARY 2019

Event starts at Hove Park 9am with the 5k Park Run

10TH BRIGHTON (HOVE) COMPANY

Central United Reformed Church, Ventnor Villas, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3YF

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This is a closed event where only members of the 10th Brighton (Hove) Boys' Brigade Company will be taking part.



From both ends of the BB spectrum:

Junior & Anchor Master Chefs & their cheese straws.

To -

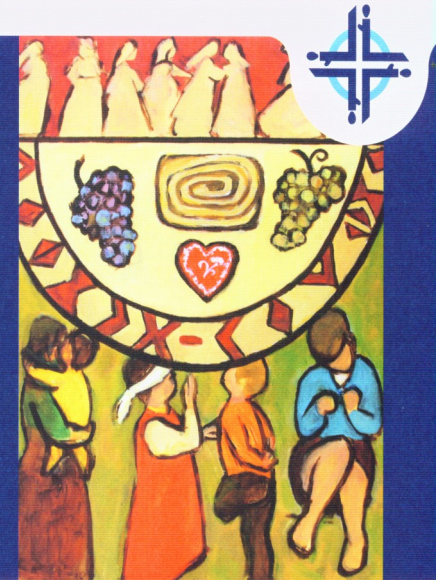
The Youngest and Oldest Stedfast Association Members: Both from The Tenth.: Jamie Witham, Peter Ford & Peter Gear



World Day of Prayer

**Come -
Everything
is Ready!**

PRAYING FOR SLOVENIA
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



Friday 1st March 2019

HOVE METHODIST CHURCH

**PORTLAND ROAD
HOVE**

10.30 a.m.

www.wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

All dates and times given here are correct at the time of going to print. Any changes or additional meetings will be given in Orders of Service in the preceding week.

All contributions for the **APRIL-MAY** edition of the magazine should be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SUN 3	Family Service Rev Ken Lynch Evening Worship THE JUNCTION	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 5	Tuesday Fellowship – Music Ken Smith	2.30 pm
SUN 10	VISION DAY 3 Rev Sue Chapman Evening Worship Rev Roger Wood	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 12	Soup Sandwiches & Prayer The Manse	12 noon
Sat 16	BB 24 Hour Marathon BB Coffee/Tea Afternoon See special notice for details	
SUN 17	Family Service Rev. Alex Mabbs Evening Worship Rev. Peter Elliott	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 19	Tuesday Fellowship Win Funnell	2.30 pm
Wed 20	Men’s Fellowship – Alan Saunders	7.45 pm

FLOWER ROTA for FEBRUARY

17th Vanda Ford & Christopher Gadd – in memory of their parents

All other dates available.

FLOWER ROTA for MARCH

10th Denzil & Rosemary Brice

31st Ann Austen & Pam Stringer – in memory of their parents

All other dates available.

SUN 24 Family Service – Holy Communion 10.30 am
 Rev Sue Chapman
 Evening Worship – Holy Communion 6.30 pm
 Rev. Sue Chapman

Mon 25 BB Company Service 7.00 pm
 Christian Book Club 8.00 pm
 “The Light between Oceans”
 (Peter Elliott)

Tue 26 Soup Sandwiches & Prayer 12 noon
 The Manse
 Elders’ Meeting 7.30 pm

SUN 17 Family Service 10.30 am
 Rev Peter Elliott
 Evening Worship 6.30 pm
 Rev Peter Elliott

Tue 19 Tuesday Fellowship 2.30 pm
 Willow Harmony

Wed 20 Men’s Fellowship – Film Night 7.45 pm

SUN 24 Family Service 10.30 am
 Rev Roger Wood
 Evening Worship 6.30 pm
 Rev Sue Chapman

Mon 25 BB Company Service 7.00 pm
 All Welcome
 Christian Book Club 8.00 pm

Tue 26 Soup, Sandwiches & Prayer 12 noon
 The Manse

MARCH

Fri 1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 Service at Hove Methodist Church 10.30 am
 Portland Road

SUN 3 Family Service 10.30 am
 Rev Roger French
 Evening Worship – THE JUNCTION 6.30 pm

Tue 5 Tuesday Fellowship 2.30 pm
 Alan Saunders

SUN 10 Family Service 10.30 am
 Rev Sue Chapman
 Annual General Meeting 12 noon
 Evening Worship 6.30 pm
 Rev Lynda Hulcoop

Tue 12 Soup Sandwiches & Prayer 12 noon
 The Manse

SUN 31 Family Service – Holy Communion 10.30 am
 Neil Watson
 Evening Worship – Holy Communion 6.30 pm
 Rev Lynda Hulcoop

APRIL

Tue 2 Tuesday Fellowship – Pet Rescue 2.30 pm

SUN 7 Family Service 10.30 am
 Bob Jackson
 Evening Worship – THE JUNCTION 6.30 pm