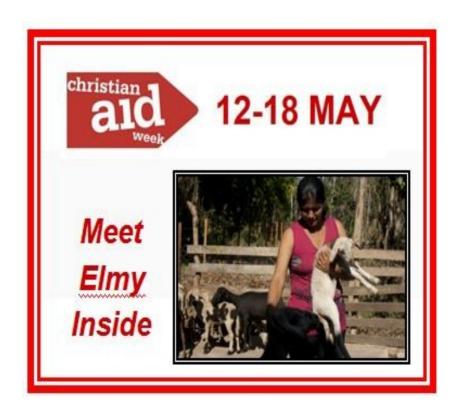


# Central United Reformed Church Hove



## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Sunday Youth Ministry Mrs. A. Austen

Mrs C. Vaughan

Boys' Brigade Mr. C. Jukes

(Mondays)

Girls'. Brigade Mrs. S. Hill (Tuesday)

Tuesday Fellowship Mrs Celia Baines – Holmes

(Alternate Tuesdays)

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

Welcome Break Mrs. P. Macaulay (Wednesdays)

Bluebird Parent & under 3s Group Mrs K. Hancox

Church Web Site Mr John Brewster

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## Dear Friends,

The month of May marks two of the most important events in the Church year - I am referring of course to Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost. Jesus had appeared to many people after his Resurrection to prove to them that he was truly alive. Paul, in his letter to the Christians at Corinth, recounts that as well as appearing to the disciples, "he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time", as well as to James, Jesus' brother. We're not told about this anywhere else in the New Testament, so the circumstances are intriguing.

It's in *Acts* that there are most details about the Ascension and Pentecost. On one occasion about 6 weeks after his Resurrection, Jesus was with his disciples on the Mount of Olives. He spoke to them briefly and then "he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight." His parting words were very significant because the disciples were told that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit, which happened about a week and a half later on the Day of Pentecost.

In a sense, these events had to happen because Jesus was confined to place and time in his life on Earth. When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, God's power was released through His Spirit to be active anywhere, everywhere, anytime! And that's how it is that we have God's power available to us today because Jesus left this world and, as a result and as he had promised, God's Spirit was activated in a new way. This is the final part in the jigsaw of the Gospel - the 'good news'.

Jesus' mission was not complete until this had been accomplished, thus equipping every believer for service. We don't have to try to do things in our own strength! If only we rested more in the power and strength that is freely available, we could achieve so much more for the Kingdom of God.

Let's remember this good news, be challenged by it, and act accordingly - and may the Lord bless us richly.

## Roger





#### JOY! JOY! JOY!

Do you remember any hymns and choruses from your Sunday School or Junior Church days?

If you do, please let Ann Austen know (Even if you don't recall all the words - someone else might!) Her telephone number is on the inside front cover or you can give the list to her on Sunday or leave it in an envelope addressed to Ann in the church office.

She would also be grateful for any Sunday School photographs.

BUILD ON THE ROCK

FISHERS OF MEN

JESUS LOVES ME

AMMAMMAMMAMMAMMAMMAM

You are warmly invited

to

The Tuesday Fellowship's

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th May at 10.00 a.m.

Ventnor Hall

#### FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

It was a real relief and delight to welcome our friend, **John Gilson**, back to worshipping with us at one of the morning services in April. John received a very warm welcome and it was good to know that he is making progress. John even managed to make it to Welcome Break one Wednesday, so let us pray that we will continue so see him more frequently as his health allows.

Another convalescent, who re-appeared – much to everyone's great pleasure – was **Jan Owen** who chose to visit the Tuesday Fellowship's St George's Day Afternoon Tea as her first venture out since her hospital stay. Since she was rewarded with a bunch of red roses, despite her Scottish connections, we trust that she will slowly and steadily improve in health so she may be with us regularly once more.

**Dick Dench** managed to give both his Family and the church a scare, when he had to spend some days in hospital, after having a heart attack. It was good to see both Dick and **Peter Gear**, who is also feeling unwell, back in situ at church and at the BB Awards Evening. We pray that both of them will be in better health.

Unfortunately, **Hugh Mcmillen's** health continues to cause concern and he is very frail. Please hold **Hugh and Peggy** in your prayers and hearts in the coming weeks.

We also miss seeing **Tebello Sibanda** in church and hope that she will feel well enough soon to worship with us once more.

The end of April has seen the halls buzzing with activity. The Tuesday Fellowship's Afternoon Tea was very successful as was the BB Awards Evening, held in the church. Fuller reports on both these events appear elsewhere in the magazine but we should just like to thank the Fellowship Committee and the Boys' Brigade Staff for all their hard work, which made these two very different events so successful. We pray that both organisations will continue to thrive thanks to their enthusiastic leadership.

The excellence of the Spring Supper on the last Saturday of the month can sometimes be taken for granted but **Keren Hancox** would like to express her thanks to the efficiency and diligence of **Sheila Lyall, Sheila Rich, Ros Ayling,** who were of enormous help to her and to everyone who supported the event, which raised £462.00 for church funds.

If you thought we might have a quiet month in May to gird us for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in June, you are mistaken. In May we have **Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** so please respond generously by filling the envelopes which will be placed on the pew seats and by having some fun! Come to the Beetle Drive on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Make it a family night out across the generations from under 8 to over 80! There is also a quiz, which you can buy from Tony Clark or Sheena Ireland for a mere 50p, and you can tackle this at home instead of the crossword/sudoko! The proceeds of these ventures go to Christian Aid.

One final happy thought. **Zac Mabbs** will celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7<sup>th</sup> May. We congratulate him on reaching this milestone and, as he reaches a turning point in his life with exams and university ahead of him, we wish him every blessing and success in the years to come.

Fellowship of Prayer.

Clive & Shirley Hamblin, John & Elsie Flack, Tebello Sibanda

#### **WRAY HOUSE**

#### 30 Lyndhurst Road, Hove.

As advertised in the March magazine, a small one- bedroom flat is now available at the above address.

Single occupancy only.

Suitable to rent as a starter home with the idea of moving on after TWO years.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact:

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St Cuthbert's Housing Association,
Church Office
Central United Reformed Church
Ventnor Villas
HOVE
BN3 3YF

## 10<sup>TH</sup> BRIGHTON(HOVE) BOYS' BRIGADE REPORTS AND AWARDS

#### **Anchor Section**

The Anchor Section has had a very successful year. Our numbers have increased and we have had a lot of fun making all kinds of cards for every major celebration, decorating biscuits, making masks and enjoying games. It has been hard work because they are a lively bunch but we have enjoyed every minute. We should also like to thank the parents for their support and encouragement.

Best Boy Charlie Minshull

#### **Junior Section**

We have had an encouraging year at Juniors. With only three boys starting in September we have more than doubled our number. This was due to our Recruitment Day and also to word of mouth. We expect a large number to come up from Anchors in September so our future is bright.

This year we have been looking at the Miracles of Christ from feeding the 5000 to Jesus walking on water.

The boys have been working hard all year covering the five sections within the badge scheme. Three of them gained Gold and two their Bronze Target badges.

Best Boy Moses Touray

#### **Company Section**

We have had a very strong Company Section this year with 14 boys attending regularly most weeks.

Our programme has been varied including a wide range of devotions led by members of the church, circuit training, Bible Study, a DIY evening, lots of games and, of course Drill. We have also had a couple of interesting evenings where the boys and some of the Staff have cooked pancakes, burgers and Sam's famous Camp doughnuts and, yes, they were all very tasty.

We have entered a number of competitions this year, including badminton and swimming where we came second, missing first place by only 1 point. Three of our boys, Peter, Simon and Zac, entered the Scripture competition and won. We still have some competitions coming up,

including 5-a-side football and athletics.

Three of our boys have reached the age limit of being a Boy in the Boys' Brigade and are off to spread their wings at university and college. We shall be sad to see these young men leave the Company and, hopefully, we have had a small influence on their lives. I would like to officially discharge Corporal Nathan Clarkson, Corporal Zac Mabbs and Corporal Simon Reason and present them with a certificate.

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.

Promotions: Private Harry Varlow to Lance Corporal

Private Lance Foley to Lance Corporal

Private Peter Cook to Lance Corporal

Lance Corporal Hamish Sacree to Corporal

Best Boy Corporal Zac Mabbs

Best Squad Squad 1: Zac, Myles, Peter, Kai, Jorden, Josh &

Matthew

Centenary Cup Hamish Sacree

Winner



#### **CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

What emerged at the April meeting of the Book Club was that we like reading books but not writing about them! So I leave you with this thought from "Weird Things Customers say in Bookshops" by Jen Campbell, which has nothing whatsoever to do with "To Kill a Mocking Bird, April's book choice, but then....?

Customer: Do you have a copy of Jane Eyre? We are doing it in our Book Club.

Bookseller: Sure, I'll just get you a copy.

Customer: Thanks. You know I go to this book club thing but I really

hate reading.

Bookseller: So why do you go?

Customer: I don't know really. (Pause) To make things easier I bought a

book called How To Talk about Books You haven't Read.

Bookseller: Yes?

Customer: Yes. I didn't read it.

Our next Book Club meeting will be held at 30 Albany Villas, Alan and Sheena Ireland's home, on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00 pm. When we *will* have read a selection of Psalms, which are member's favourites. (We have banned the 23<sup>rd</sup>!) Do feel free to join us.



#### **AFTERNOON TEA**



Priscilla the Pianist



A rogue Scotsman



The Powers that Be



The Celtic Fringe

Keep Smiling & Pouring! Celia & Doreen.



# "THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND" (ST GEORGE'S DAY – TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP STYLE.)

Although it was 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the "Celtic Fringe" of the church turned out in good number to support the efforts of their English neighbours in celebrating St. George's day.

The Ventnor Hall was bedecked in red and white with bunting draped around the walls, delightful floral arrangements of red roses and white gypsophile adorned the tables, which, befittingly, were laid with embroidered or lacy cloths and red and white napkins. How do the English celebrate? With reels and jigs? With whiskey or whisky? With haggis and neeps or Irish stew and soda bread? NO!

The English have afternoon tea. Dainty sandwiches and little cakes and, of course, lots and lots of tea.

To be fair. The Tuesday Fellowship Committee members had worked very hard in preparing everything and had even found time to dress themselves in red and white, as did some of the members. Peter Gear, English to the core, arrived with more red roses, including one in his buttonhole. One aberrant Scotsman was even seen wearing a bowler hat sporting the English flag. (Alec Salmond be warned!)

There was soft music flowing from the piano as Priscilla, from Welcome Break, played quietly in the background providing music, but never intrusive "musak", so that conversations could be heard, without straining.

After everyone's appetite had been well satisfied, Peter Elliott helped us exercise our brains by encouraging us to answer the questions in a brilliant quiz based on England and St George, as well as guessing from pictures which George was which. Easier said than done when you have only half a face in view. Difficult but really, really enjoyable.

A lovely afternoon, made lovelier by the sun shining when we came out. A real Spring day. Someone has influence with the Man upstairs! (Could it be true that .......God is an Englishman?)





## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>MAY</b>		
SUN 5	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Alex Mabbs	10.30 am
	Evening Worship with a difference – The Junction	6.30 pm
Tue 7	Tuesday Fellowship – Starting a Family Tree	2.30 pm
Sat 11	Coffee Morning – Tuesday Fellowship	10.00 am
	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> MAY	
SUN 12	Family Service Rev. Peter Elliott	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – Science and Religion An Accident in the Making Rev. Roger Wood	6.30 am
Wed 15	Men's Fellowship Minister's Evening with Alex Mabbs	7.45 pm
Sat 18	Beetle Drive in aid of Christian Aid	7.00 pm
SUN 19	Family Service	10.30 am
	Rev. Roger Wood Church Meeting	12 noon
	Evening Worship – Science and Religion	6.30 pm
	The Problem of Human Behaviour – Creation and Climate Cl Rev Roger Wood	nange
Mon 20	Christian Book Club – The Psalms (Members' favourites) (Alan & Sheena Ireland)	8.00 pm
Tue 21	Tuesday Fellowship – My Poetry John Harries-Rees	2.30 pm
SUN 26	Family Service – Parade Rev Alex Mabbs Evening Worship – Holy Communion	10.30 pm 6.30 pm
	Rev. Peter Elliott	



## THROUGH THE YEAR WITH THE TENTH



















#### **CHURCH CALENDAR (cont.)**

#### **JUNE**

SUN 2	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Roger Wood	10.30 am
	Evening Worship with a difference – The Junction	6.30 pm
Tue 4	Tuesday Fellowship – The Titanic Experience Rosemary Brice	2.30 pm
Sat 8	Summer Fair	10.00 am

- All contributions for the JUNE edition of the magazine must be handed in no later than SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY.
- 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 MAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Tony Clark in memory of his wife, Beryl
- 12<sup>th</sup> Reuben and Tebello Sibanda
- 19<sup>th</sup> Doreen Fookes in memory of her husband Doreen Page – in memory of Coreen
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rev John & Mrs Elsie Flack Wedding Anniversary



# 12-18 MAY

As you are probably aware, Christian Aid differs from many other relief organisations in that its aim is to provide permanent solutions to poverty rather than short term, emergency relief. In every case, Christian Aid works through, and in partnership with, local organisations to provide tailored solutions to meet the specific needs of the people being helped. The following is an example of how such help can be provided in a way that is a little different than usual.

#### "WE WORK TOGETHER, WE SHARE THE LAND"

This Christian Aid Week, we're standing with poor communities to help them bite back at hunger. If a community has land to live on and farm, it can provide enough food for its people. In the Beni region of Bolivia, one community faces a much more secure future, thanks to a Christian Aid partner organisation helping them acquire land rights, previously under dispute for decades.

When Elmy Ymarnarlico lists the things that she is most proud of, her woolless sheep and chickens come in close to the top. But it is the sense of ownership of her homeland that has really changed Elmy's life.

Elmy lives in the community of Alta Gracia, deep in the Bolivian rainforest. But despite making up the majority of the population, indigenous communities like Elmy's have struggled for years to have reliable access to their own land.

Threats and intimidation from prospective landlords were common, and many fathers and young people left to search for work elsewhere because they couldn't make a living from their land. This left families to struggle with the other perils of drought, floods, forest fires and hunger.

Christian Aid partner Centre for Research and Training of Peasants (CIPCA) has since helped to secure land for more than 1,000 families.

CIPCA has also given the community training in crop diversification and how to improve their harvests. It has provided woolless sheep to breed from, sell on and eat, and chickens to produce eggs to eat and sell. Now the men can stay and farm their own land without the threat of cattle ranchers and big businesses taking it, and people like Elmy can provide more nutritious diets for their families.

There is now a future for young people, too. "We are now the owners of our land... we work the land together, we share the land," Elmy explains.

The community of Alta Gracia has also discovered the value of the wild cocoa trees around them, thanks to CIPCA. Owned by the whole community, the trees are now lovingly looked after. Locals work in protective clothing provided by CIPCA, and CIPCA buys the cocoa from them for a fair price.

"CIPCA helped so much," Elmy says. "It has got people inspired to look after, protect and get the best from the cocoa trees."



Elmy with her woolless sheep, above, and pruning a cocoa tree, below.



# FABULOUS HOUNSOM MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP OUTING TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013 TO WEY & ARUN CANAL, LOXWOOD.

Hounsom Fellowship invite our friends in Central to join them on their outing on 25<sup>th</sup> June which includes a trip along the Wey & Arun Canal.

#### Travel Details

The coach will pick up first from Central at 9.30 am, it will then go to Hounsom and depart from there at 9.45 am and then go to Portslade where the coach will leave at 10.00 am.

#### *Itinerary*

We will travel through some beautiful countryside to a garden nursery in Pulborough where you can browse for plants and gifts or buy a coffee if you wish.

We continue our journey to the Wey & Arun Canal for a two and a half hour canal boat ride. During this time you will have an opportunity to eat your own packed lunch. (No food available to buy on the boat) Tea and coffee will be provided. The boat has wheelchair access, if needed.

We will return by a different route to Hounsom Memorial Church, arriving at 4.30 p.m., where a fish and chip or chicken and chip supper will be provided.

Transport will be provided to return you to your departure point.

Cost including supper .....£18

Please give your names and money to ANGELA

Telephone: **Btn. 551926** 



## 10<sup>TH</sup> BRIGHTON (HOVE) BOYS' BRIGADE <u>COMPANY</u>

#### **AWARDS EVENING**

There was a palpable buzz about the church even before the programme for the Awards Evening started and as soon as the audience of parents, friends and church supporters began to sing lustily with the Company the BB hymn, "Will your anchor hold" everyone there was aware that this would be a night to remember.

The 10<sup>th</sup> has a proud past but it is also a Company which embraces the present and looks forward to the future, so it made the most of the new audio-visual system installed recently in the church. The system was used to present pictures of the Tenth at work throughout the year and also to introduce each section of the Company, both Staff and Boys. One thing we learned from this was that the Tenth could add to its collection of trophies by entering a Gurning Competition – they would win easily!

Pam Stringer, the leader of the Anchor Section presented her report LIVE from UTAH! Please don't ask how but put it down to the wonders of modern technology and immaculate timing by those who know what they are doing and the new church audio-visual system. We are in 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Well, after that nothing should have surprised anyone. We had an ark full of animals running races; two miracles – feeding the 5,000 and Jesus turning water into wine and it did change colour and the boys of the Junior section did drink it! This was followed by an amazing fast moving drill display by the Company Section, which almost had the audience on its feet asking for more.

The guests of honour were Chris and Suzanne Hill who also presented the Boys with their individual badges and awards. Chris Hill addressed the assembled Company and audience in a fine speech, parts of which are printed elsewhere in the magazine.

It really was a very happy and successful evening which finished on a high flourish with everyone singing "I'll go in the strength of the Lord" as the Company marched out.

Congratulations to all: the Boys on their achievements, the Staff and Officers for the incredible amount of work and preparation they put into the evening – it was worth it.



# Beetle Drive

18th May at 7.00 pm

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

Supporting



### CHRIS HILL'S ADDRESS TO BOY'S BRIGADE AT AWARDS EVENING

It has been great to hear about the activities and hard work that you have been doing in the past year and to see that hard work recognised with your Awards and special trophies. It also has been great to see you put some of that into practice with your Display tonight in the church – really great fun and great teamwork. It is very clear to me that you enjoy being part of the Company.

Although I was never in the BB as a boy, I helped in the BB for about 5 years, until last year, so I know a little about the Officers and helpers. I know that, first and foremost, the care and development of the Boys comes first: their learning, their fun, their friendships through our the ranks. I know about the commitment, the passion that the Officers and helpers have and their desire to do the best for the Tenth. These are the qualities that bring them here each Monday night, as volunteers, to work with the Boys and see them grow and improve and develop through the ranks. The fruits of that work we have seen here tonight.

Of course the leaders don't just turn up here on a Monday night - no way. There is much planning and preparation and meetings to be done. Tonight, for example, will have taken lots of practice, planning, encouragement and motivation, but it always turns out all right on the night. They are a bunch of perfectionists and it shows.

During my relatively short time helping with the Tenth, I realised that there is something very special about being in the BB. I think it is something about "BELONGING". There is no doubt it will have a very positive impact on your lives, and it is the friendships you make here which will last you a lifetime. These are not the sort of friends like you might have on Facebook. You can't possibly have 600 friends! They are not real friends, you know, they are virtual friends. The friends you make now in BB are living, breathing, lifelong friends.

It is also the positive and long-lasting effect that "BELONGING" to BB has on the lives of boys and young men which also drives them to come back and give back by becoming Officers and helpers. Take a look at your leaders tonight: they have all been through the BB. It has made a difference in their lived and they want you to experience that too. If you are unsure this is the case, there are much, much, older men sitting here tonight who will confirm what I have said – Mr Dench and Mr Gear.

Of course, the unique thing about BB is that it is a Christian organisation whose underlying purpose is the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys, so, there can be no better demonstration of that than having your Awards and Display in this fantastic space – in your church tonight. It is not just your own families that are proud of you. The Tenth BB is a very important part of your Church Family and there are many of your friends from church here tonight, who are equally proud of what you have achieved and who want to support you in everything you do.

So, all of you, enjoy your time in the BB, take every opportunity it presents you in learning new skills, learning about teamwork, learning about leadership because these things will bring out the best in you as men. They will differentiate you from others and will stand you in very good stead, as you go out into the world to work.

I pray God's blessing on all that you have achieved and will go on to achieve.

#### **YOUR LETTERS**

Dear Friends,

Roger and I would like to thank you for your support with your prayers, cards, flowers, calls and warm welcoming me home.

It is really nice to be home and I missed my English home a lot!

My mother's funeral did go so well. About 600 people came to show their respect and three ministers were involved in the service.

Your kindness and caring helped me overcome my sorrow.

With our sincere thanks to you all,

Kim.

# DESTINATION - TANZANIA ODD JOBS WANTED

Hello.

In the summer of 2014 I am going on an expedition to Tanzania, which is being run by Camps International in conjunction with Hove Park, my school. The expedition is for a month, during which I will do a number of activities including:

Reforestation projects

Helping to protect the wilderness

Supporting rural communities

Helping to build and improve local schools

Doing some marine protection and taking part in cleaningup some of the beaches.

Scuba diving

Climbing a mountain.

To get to Tanzania I have to raise £3840, which is a lot. I already have a paper round, which gives small weekly contributions, but if there are any odd jobs you might have (Babysitting, Mowing the lawn, cleaning your car etc.) I would be happy to do them for you, for a small fee. Also I am going to do a number of fundraising activities, such as sponsored cycle rides, but I will give out more information on these nearer the time.

Thanks,

Joshua Mabbs

#### CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HOVE

# SUMMER FAIR

# SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

**Morning Coffee** Light lunches

Bric-a-brac Grocery Books

Cakes Candles Cards

**Toiletries** Jewellery

& MORE

ALL WELCOME

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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.

Third Sunday of the month at 6.30 p.m.