

150 Years of Worship and Outreach

Central United Reformed Church Hove



June 2014

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 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,

The final piece of the jigsaw is now in place! Jesus had lived and taught and preached and healed – and then died a tragic death – but a tragedy that turned to victory when He rose again. He appeared many times to His disciples and other believers: He ascended, but not without making a very significant promise (which His disciples did not understand). And then it happened – the Day of Pentecost. The bursting on to the world stage of the Holy Spirit, closely followed by the world being turned upside down!

The resurrection of Jesus wasn't the whole story, which might sound surprising. When the disciples knew for a fact that Jesus was alive, surely they would be able to go out and change the world! The resurrection validated everything that Jesus ever said and did. If Jesus hadn't risen above death, literally, then His teaching and His message would have been just a nice philosophy. Even after the disciples, with the exception of Thomas, had witnessed Jesus alive and speaking to them after "The third day", the following week they were still in hiding behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews." They were scared, they were frightened, they were powerless.

Power and boldness was what they needed – and then came the day of Pentecost. The Church was born. Thousands believed and were baptised. And the world would never be the same again. God was now present in the world – not just in a special way in the person of one man – but present everywhere, in and through His Spirit. We can't imagine what it would be like to be without God's Spirit, because, when we became believers, it was through the action of the Spirit, and we then received the Holy Spirit.

Conversion is a one-off experience but being filled with the Spirit isn't. It is ongoing, but it is only when we ask God to empower us by His Spirit. If you are feeling spiritually weak, the solution is here. Paul, in his letter to the Church at Rome writes, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness."

We have this great power source available.

This is what Pentecost is all about!

Wishing you God's blessing,

Roger

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Leicester Mercury 2010



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FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

It is always difficult to have to record the death of a friend, especially one whom we have been holding in prayer many times over the past year. **Keith Austen**, the beloved husband of **Ann**, died on 11th May. Keith was a member of that unsung and perhaps unseen band of husbands who quietly support their wives in their church activities. Often one may be spotted following behind his wife laden with trays, boxes or bags. Such was Keith, especially when that activity had to do with the Boys' Brigade. Keith had been a member of the Tenth when he was young and always maintained a keen interest in its activities, so much so that for many years he acted as Treasurer to the Company. When he married Ann seventeen years ago he willingly took on the role of an amiable step-Dad to Lesley and Carl; however he had not reckoned on grandchildren eventually appearing! Two girls who adored him and whose adoration he returned many times over, despite his protestations to the contrary. Our love, sympathy and prayers surround Ann and all the family and we hope they will find comfort from the knowledge that they are in the thoughts of so many.

Dale Marland is now back home but is rather housebound, so any visitors would be welcome. He is still rather a long way from feeling "fantastic." Unfortunately, Sheila Rich's daughter, **Debbie**'s operation has not been a complete success and Debbie is still suffering pain. Not to be downhearted both Sheila and Debbie are planning to escape our "summer" weather with a brief week abroad. We hope it does both of them good.

Speaking of travellers, Mary Doo is in Canada and we pray she is having an enjoyable time and a loving reunion with her brother.

Jennie Flint is having a tough time undergoing her current course of chemotherapy. It was therefore doubly good to see her in church last Sunday. We applaud both her courage and her faith. **Sally Marteau** has had her second dose of chemotherapy and we await her results with hope. Please continue to hold both Jennie and Sally in your prayers.

We understand that **Peggy McMillen** has been in hospital recently and send her our love and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

Congratulations to the Tenth on a very happy, relaxed and rewarding Awards Evening. It was an event full of smiles, pride and achievement for Boys, Staff and parents. As a congregation, we owe an immense debt of

gratitude to the leaders of our Boys' Brigade Company for all their hard work and faithful effort throughout the year, the fruits of which were evident on 12th May.

The coming month is a busy one, starting with the Summer Fair on 7th June. Please come along and bring your family and friends or just come and be among friends. Please bring your gifts to various stalls on Friday when they are being set up but especially come along on the Saturday. It doesn't matter what the weather is like outside, inside it will be warm and dry.

Please do sign up for the other events mentioned elsewhere in the magazine.

The following would love to be well enough to attend both church and social events, so remember them in prayer, with love.

Tebello Sibanda, Clive & Shirley Hamblin, Doreen & Gerry Simmons, Barbara Woolvett, John Gilson, Paul & Janette King and family.

ELDERS' & STEWARDS' DUTIES

Rotas for duties covering the period until the end of June have already been circulated.

Please note that from July onwards the rotas will be prepared and distributed by Jim Lyall.

If you are going to be away on holiday, it would be helpful if you would please let Jim know in advance so that he can allow for your absence while drawing up the rotas.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SKITTLES EVENING

The Men's Fellowship extends a warm invitation to all who wish to join in this event, which, over the past few years, has become an evening of great fun and fellowship.

The date is Wednesday, 18th June at 7.00 pm.

The location is The Royal Oak, Barcombe, where the skittle alley is booked for our exclusive use and a delicious and satisfying supper is provided at a cost of £10 per person.

Numbers attending MUST be known in advance, so, please look out for and sign the list, which will be on the Sign-Up notice-board in the New Hall.



CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

So many members were away that May's gathering did not really happen. However, we hope to resume our normal meeting on Monday 30th June at 8.00 pm. (Keren Hancox)

The book of choice is "Testament of Mary." this should prove interesting as it tries to portray Jesus' life through the eyes of His mother.

My Dear,

As you got up this morning, I watched you and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday—but I noticed you were too busy trying to find the right outfit to put on and wear to work.

I waited again. When you ran round the house getting ready I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello but you were too busy. At one point you had nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched you as you went to work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's OK. There is still more time left and I hope you will talk to me and yet you went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do.

After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes there and you spend a lot of time in front of it, not thinking about anything.

I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal but again you didn't talk to me. Bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family, you flopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's OK because you may not realise that I am always there for you. I've got patience - more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well. I love you so much that I will wait for you every day for a nod, prayer or thought or a thankful part of your heart.

It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well, you are getting up again and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you, hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a good day!

Your friend,

God

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from Heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them, all were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Acts 2: 1-4

Your Spirit
Present from the beginning
Of beginnings.
Present in the message
Of the prophets.
Present in provision
For Your people.
Present in the life
And words of Jesus.
Present in the Cross
And crucifixion.
Present in the lives
Of the apostles.
Present in the Church
That You empower.
Your Spirit
The presence of God
In hearts and lives



CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

SUN 1	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. John Du Bois Evening Worship - The Junction	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 3	Tuesday Fellowship – Christ’s Hospital Bill Avenell	2.30 pm
Fri 6	Preparations for Summer Fair	
Sat 7	SUMMER FAIR	10.00 am
SUN 8	PENTECOST Family Service Rev. Peter Elliott Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 10	Pastorate Joint Elders’ Meeting With Interim Moderator Rev. Jenny Morgan At Hounsom URC	7.30 pm
SUN 15	Family Service Rev. Peter Elliott Evening Worship T.B.A.	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 17	Tuesday Fellowship – A.G.M.	2.30 pm
Wed 18	Men’s Fellowship - Skittles At Barcombe (see separate notice)	7.00 pm
SUN 22	Family Service – S.Y.M Rev Roger Wood Evening Worship Rev. Peter Elliott	10.30 am 6.30 pm

Sat 28	Kingfisher Chorale Concert (Tickets available NOW from Keren)	7.30 pm
SUN 29	Family Service Rev Jenny Morgan – Interim Moderator Evening Worship Rev. Roger Wood	10.30 am 6.30 pm

JULY

Sat 5	Church Garden Party at Ditchling (see separate notice)	3.00 pm
SUN 6	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Roger Wood Evening Worship – The Junction	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Wed 9	Elders' Meeting	7.30 pm

- All contributions for the **JULY** edition of the magazine must be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 22nd JUNE**
- 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.

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

1 st	Chip Dunn
8 th	Mary Cochrane
15 th	Hilary Houston – in memory of her parents
22 nd	Available
29 th	Reuben & Tebello Sibanda





The Spirit came
And Your Church was born
In wind and fire
And words of power.

The Spirit came
Blowing fear aside
And in its place
Weak hearts were stronger.

The Spirit came
As Your words foretold
And dreams and signs,
Visions and wonders.

The Spirit came
And is here today
To feed the hearts
Of a world that hungers.

CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
HOVE

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Morning Coffee

Light lunches

Bric-a-brac

Grocery

Books

Cakes

Candles

Cards

Toiletries

Jewellery

& MORE

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

AT

CLAYCROFT FARMHOUSE
BEACON ROAD, DITCHLING.

SATURDAY, 5TH JULY, FROM 3.00
p.m.

Food drink cake

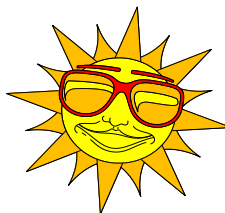
Fun & fellowship

All welcome

Sign up on the list on the 'sign-Up' notice
board



In the New Hall
By Sunday 29th June.





10TH BRIGHTON (HOVE) **BOYS' BRIGADE** **COMPANY** **AWARDS EVENING**



There was a warm friendly atmosphere in the Ventnor Hall on Monday 12th May, the BB Awards Evening as Boys, Staff, parents, family and supporters gathered to learn of and celebrate the achievements of the members of the company throughout the year.

Any evening with the Boys' Brigade is lively and this was no exception, with the hymns "Will your anchor hold," and "Underneath the banner" being sung loudly and with gusto. A short video of "A Year at the Tenth" was very well received and appreciated.

The following short reports were given for each section and each boy received the badges and certificates they had gained.

ANCHOR SECTION

Another busy year for the Anchors! The Anchors follow a badge syllabus, which covers five areas: Body, Mind, Spirit, Community and Creativity.

This year of our Old Time Music Hall the Anchors made quite an impression, with their ears hanging low and their bookshop spooks! The boys have still been able to fit in making Christmas cards, Mother's day cards, Easter cards and various other crafts. We have learned about St George, St Patrick and St Valentine.

Every year we normally like to present the Dilys Croucher Memorial Cup to the Anchor Boy who, in our opinion has put in the most effort in all activities and has developed well over the year.

This year we are presenting it to Alister Russell.

Pam Stringer

JUNIORS

All the boys have done well this year and worked hard for their badges. They all took part in the Old time Music Hall, performing a poem about not doing homework and singing "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

They have also studied the Bible stories of Joseph, Noah and Moses, the last of which has led to them making models of the parting of the Red Sea.

Best Boy: Amen Zerabruk

Carl Jukes

COMPANY SECTION

We have had a very strong Company Section this year with a regular number of 13 boys attending most weeks.

Our programme has been varied, including: circuit training, Bible study, water conservation, lots of fun and games and, of course, drill. The boys have also tested their skill at cooking pancakes and even doing the washing up afterwards.

A large part of the session was set aside for rehearsals for the Old Time Music Hall and the boys did a brilliant job. I speak for all the Staff when I say we are extremely proud of their efforts and hard work.

We took part in the Badminton Competition this session and came a very respectable 2nd and 4th in different age categories. We had also entered a 5-a-side football competition but as we were the only company to enter our age group, it has been cancelled. We are still looking forward to taking part in swimming and athletics competition and, hopefully will have some great results in those.

As many of you will already know, each year we have BB Week when the Company Section Boys collect donations from friends, family and members of the church. These funds go towards the cost of running the company and ensure all sections receive a wide and varied programme. This year the total raised was well over £1000 with the boys collecting over £500 of this. Two boys, Jamie Witham and Josh Liddell collected over £100 each.

Not only have all our evenings taught the boys some important life skills but they have gained certain badges too.

Best Boy Private Jamie Witham

Best Squad Squad 1 (Hamish Sacree, Peter Cook, Henry Tourey, Jamie Witham, Josh Liddell, James Blomfield & Felix Archery.

Promotions: Lance Corporals Harry Varlow, Myles Foley and Peter Cook - each to the rank of Corporal.

A NEW AWARD!

We decided this year to present an award in memory of the late, great Andy Stringer, who was the creator of our Old Time Music Hall and whose idea it was to show off the talents of all the boys in the company.

It can be won by any Company Section boy or any member of Staff. It is for someone who has not only given a great performance in the show but who has given over and above what is expected throughout the show and rehearsals. All Company Section boys and Staff vote for the person they feel is worthy of this accolade.

Now I am a bit upset and disappointed because, since I am presenting the award, I am obviously *NOT* the winner. (Thanks, boys!) However the winner gives so much time and effort to the show and, each year, we are astounded by his talents. Without them bringing fun and laughter the show would just not be the same.

So, it is with great pleasure, delight and slight bitterness I award this trophy to my brother, John Brewster.

Mark Brewster

Best Boys





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THE JUNIORS

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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.