

*150 Years of Worship and Outreach*

# Central United Reformed Church Hove



June 2015

# **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.

## AN ELDER SPEAKS.

*Dear Friends,*

Now that Roger has retired, the “Minister’s Letter” will be written by an Elder each month and this month I have drawn the short straw.

We now find ourselves in a situation we have experienced before – no Minister to lead and guide us through our Christian journey. We must ensure we all pull together in maintaining the sense of purpose at Central.

We are all disciples who seek to learn and then share more and more about Jesus. The more we learn about Him, the more we gain confidence in Him and, as we gain confidence in Him, we find it easier to tell others about our faith.

I believe we can look forward with a fresh sense of expectancy, to positive change and development both in natural and the spiritual. I am sensing God at work - there is a shift in the atmosphere and an anticipation of good things to come.

In making plans and catering for the future at Central we must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. He will constantly be crossing our paths and cancelling OUR plans by sending HIS plans for the future, so we will continue, God willing, to be interrupted by God for his purpose.

God is at work.

*Peter Gear*

**MENS' FELLOWSHIP SKITTLES NIGHT**

At

***THE ROYAL OAK, BARCOMBE***

***7.00 p.m.***

***Wednesday, 17th June***

***Interested:***

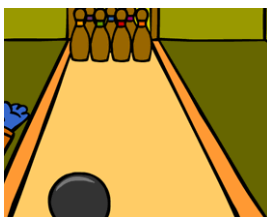
***Please sign the form on the red sign-up notice board in  
the New Hall***

***OR***

***Speak to Jim Lyall***

**By SUNDAY 14TH JUNE**

**AT THE LATEST!**



## **FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL**

It would seem that the church had almost exhausted itself after all of April's activities, so that May has been a much quieter month – almost as though the congregation had decided to hibernate until the long promised summer finally arrived. Writing this, the sun – remember that round yellow warm thing in the sky – is actually shining, so we can hope that its promise of better weather is fulfilled and some friends will be tempted out of doors once more.

Especially, we hope to church and this weekends Summer Fair.

Nothing seems to daunt our **BB Company**, to whom the weather was not exactly kind when they went camping, nor during the BB Athletics Meeting last Monday evening. As you will see later in this magazine the boys just got-on-with-it and had a great time. A great time was also had by all who attended the Company's Award Evening when we enjoyed games, marching and a round-up presentation of the year's activities. Roger and Kim Wood came out of retirement to present the badges and awards – we don't let our ministers go easily! The Brigade once more managed to come home with trophies from the Athletics Meeting so congratulations to everyone involved. Our special thanks to the Officers and Staff for all their dedication, planning and hard work every Monday evening devoted to the boys and their development. We do appreciate them.

**Jill Humphrey** has successfully come through her eye operation and is back on form. She even managed to come along and support the BB at their Awards evening! **Kate Maclean** has also had her hip operation and is making progress. She is keeping Bill busy with the housework but he is managing to come to church. We look forward to seeing Kate back with him.

**Sally Marteau** is feeling slightly better and is re-starting her chemotherapy programme, so we wait and hope and continue to pray for progress and recovery.

**Tebello Sibanda** is also very much in need of our prayers as her condition continues to deteriorate. It is difficult to get the right balance of drugs to help her. So, we ask you to remember her and **Reuben** before God in prayer.

Two other friends who are feeling “below par” are **Mary Cochrane** and **Ruth Shepherd**. Please surround them with your prayerful love and the

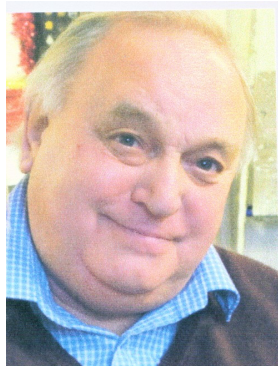
hope that they will soon be back worshipping with us once more. We wish Ruth a very happy birthday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

One of our Evening Service faithfuls, Bill Bruce, has left the area and moved to Kent. We hope he will be very happy in his new home. He will be missed by his friends here.

To be more cheerful, Welcome Break celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a birthday cake, which was enjoyed by all.

But Clive Hamblin starts July by celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Congratulations and best wishes to him.

Happy Big 0 Birthday,  
Clive Hamblin!



*Fellowship of Prayer:*

*Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, Clive and Shirley Hamblin, John Gilson, Ros Ayling., Jan Owen, Muriel Lewis.*

# WELCOME BREAK CELEBRATES

## 20 YEARS



Pam & Charlie founder workers



Of course there was a cake!



The two oldest members,  
Ruth & Vi, cut the cake

Food, friendship and caring.





## **10<sup>th</sup> BRIGHTON (HOVE) BOYS'** **BRIGADE COMPANY.** **BATTALION SPORTS**

The 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Sports Competition of Brighton–Hove & District Battalion last Monday looked as if it might be a bit of a washout at the beginning. Cold, grey, damp weather, a dearth of supporters, particularly from our Company's usual noisy lot, although those there did their best, did not bode well.

We forgot about the enthusiasm of the Boys, from every company represented. That shone through brightly as well as the encouragement they gave to each other.

Unfortunately, the 10<sup>th</sup> did not retain the trophy we were so proud to win last year BUT we did not fail ignominiously. We came Second over all. We won the Senior Relay and Matthew Blomfield won a medal for gaining the most points in his age group.

Well done to everyone who took part, including those spectators who endured to the end!





Central United Reform Church, Hove  
Presents

# Around the World in Song

A Concert

By

The U3 A Choir

Saturday 27th June

7.30 pm.

Central United  
Reformed Church



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE

SUN 7	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Jenny Morgan Evening Worship – The Junction	10.30 am  6.30 pm.
Tue 9	Tuesday Fellowship – AGM Joint Elders’ Meeting at Hounsom URC	2.30 pm 7.30 pm
SUN 14	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Wed 17	Men’s Fellowship – Skittles at Barcombe (see notice on Page 4)	7.00 pm
SUN 21	<b>Father’s Day</b> Family Service Bob Jackson Evening Worship Andrew Edwards	10.30 am  6.30 pm
Sat 27	“Around the World in Song” with U3A Choir	
SUN 28	Family Service – Junior Church Festival Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Mon 29	Christian Book Club – Daniel (Carol Tyler)	8.00 pm

## JULY

SUN 5	Family Service – Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Rev Darryl Sinclair	
	Evening Worship - Junction	6.30 pm

All contributions for the JULY edition of the magazine must be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### *Flower Rota for June*

14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mary Cochrane – in memory of her husband
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilary Houston – in memory of her parents, Don & Joan Carr

## **CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

### **“Time and the Conways” Part 2.**

As we explained in May’s magazine, we had enjoyed reading the first Act so much that we decided to complete the reading of the play at our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

We started where we left off in the Second Act and continued reading. As happened the previous month, the miscasting increased the hilarity. Peter Elliott read the part of a 42 years old ne’er do well, Robin, who had left his wife and children because he did not want to accept the responsibility and who was dependent on his mother’s largesse until there was no money left. Frances Beacham read the role of the monstrous egotistical mother, Mrs Conway, who really had no time for her children, apart from Robin, because they did not live up to her expectations of them. Her scathing denunciation of her children’s characters was just horrific. Unfortunately, Frances was weeping with laughter as she read it!!! Keren read the part of a sixteen year old bouncy girl.

Well, you get the idea.

Actually, the play is not meant to be a comedy: it is, if anything a tragedy of a family which starts out in 1919, full of hope, after the horrors of World War 1, with visions of a kind of Utopian England, after the horrors and losses of the “War to end all Wars.” In Act 2 we meet the family again, this time in the year 1937, when Britain is on the cusp of another World War, having just got through the Depression. What a change! How dysfunctional the family has become! Act 3 takes us back to 1919 in an attempt to show us how these depressing changes have occurred.

The nub of the disaster would appear to be Mrs Conway and the events of that one evening in 1919. Madge who had perhaps the most utopian vision of what England might be blames her mother – not without some justification.

“ One evening- just one evening- ruined it all. ....It was deliberate on your part. Just to keep a useful young man unattached or jealousy of a girl’s possible happiness, or just out of sheer nasty female mischief.... and something went forever...”

There is a dreadful irony in Act 3 as we listen to what might have been, having seen the reality of Act 2. Hazel is not married to a tall rich handsome man but to Ernest Beevers, short abusive and menacing. Robin does not dash about making lots of money but is a wastrel and spendthrift

of other people's money. Madge is not the headmistress of a big school but is a frustrated, spinster schoolteacher due, in part to her mother and Robin. And Carol, the youngest and best of them, whose main ambition was to *live* is dead.

So, the audience and some of the characters are left to draw what consolation they can from a poem by William Blake

*Joy and woe are woven fine,  
A clothing for the soul divine;  
Under every grief and pine  
Runs a joy with silken twine.  
It is right it should be so;  
Man was made for joy and woe;  
And when this we rightly know,  
Safely through the world we go.*

And now a warning to ministers: be careful on what and how you preach. Peter Elliott gave a series of talks on Daniel at some of the evening services, which were so interesting that we have decided to read the Book of Daniel from the Old Testament for our next meeting and Peter will, DV, be there to keep us straight.

We will be meeting at Carol Tyler's home, on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm. If you would like to join us for this or any other evening, you will be most welcome.

### **Thank you.**

*Dear Friends*

*Thank you so much for the visits, cards emails and phone calls I have received following my recent hip operation. I am delighted to report that the operation went well and hope to be back at church soon when I can thank you personally.*

*With best wishes.*

*Kate Maclean*

# **10th BRIGHTON (HOVE) BOYS' BRIGADE** **COMPANY.**



## **AWARDS EVENING**



The badges and awards were presented by Kim and Roger Wood. During the evening the following reports were given.

### **ANCHOR SECTION**

Another busy year for the Anchors!

The Anchors follow a badge syllabus which covers 5 areas. Body, Mind, Spirit, Community and Creativity. We join with the Junior section for part of the evening on a Monday which makes games more fun, especially as we are very small in numbers at the moment. The boys have been busy, as usual, making Christmas Cards, Mothers Day Cards, Easter Cards and various other crafts. They have learnt about St George, St Patrick and St Valentine.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Mums and Dads for their continued support. It is very much appreciated. I would also like to say that if anyone knows of any 5-8 year olds that would love to come along on a Monday for a bumper packed evening please let me know!

### **JUNIOR SECTION**

We have had a good year at Juniors with 11 enthusiastic boys.

This year, we spent time covering the five senses. We asked the boys to do a variety of tasks using individual senses, including a blindfolded trip around the hall with various obstacles in the way: a listening challenge and had a very interesting evening, with the boys testing 25 different flavours/textures/smells whilst being blindfolded.

They have also spent some time making and creating – peppermint creams, Easter cakes, Chinese lanterns and Mothers Day cards.

In February and March we had a couple of great evenings. First we took the boys to Laser Zone in Brighton and then on another night they made model aeroplanes out of polystyrene. They actually flew too!

Before Christmas during Devotions we looked into The Creation, Joseph

and Moses. Since then, Devotions have become a bit more interactive. We had the boys make photo stories. The boys act out stories from the Bible and then take pictures depicting the scenes. We have also used Lego to illustrate the Bible stories.

Awards:

Gold Badge – Orlando Waghorn, Joshua Buck

Silver Badge – Callum Brewster, Joe Conway, Charlie Minshull, Amen Zerabruk

Target Bronze – Uyi Alonge, Tom Franklin- Johnson, Keswick Cowe, Alister Russell-le Gallez, Roman Mc Gregor- Woolf.

Best Boy : Callum Brewster

### **COMPANY SECTION**

We have had a very strong Company Section this year with 10 boys attending regularly most weeks.

Our programme has been varied including: Circuit Training; Bible Study; and lots of fun and games; and of course a little Drill. They have also tested their washing up skills at our weekend away to Blacklands Farm. All the boys and staff enjoyed themselves and they took part in many challenging activities, such as Kayaking, climbing, a team work crate challenge, archery and a four hour plus... game of monopoly.

We have taken part in a number of competitions this year:

At the end of last session the boys won the **Athletics** trophy., which we hope to retain.

We entered two teams into the **Scripture** Competition - they came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> .

We took part in the **Badminton** Competition, the Senior team came 5<sup>th</sup> and the Junior Team won the trophy!

The boys also took part in the **Squad Medal Drill** competition. They came a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> . There was only 1 point between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and only a further 2 points between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

program. This year some of the money has been spent on taking the Anchor and Junior Section to Laser Quest, and it also helped pay towards the recent Company Section weekend away. This year the total raised was over £1000 with the boys' collecting over half of this, and I would just like to mention 2 boys, Jamie Witham and Josh Liddell, who collected over £100 each. We would like to thank everyone who contributed for their generous financial support.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

The boys are separated into 2 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 has gained the most marks this year is:

Best Boy – Private Matthew Blomfield

And the best overall squad is:

Best Squad – Squad 2:

Myles Foley, Jamie Witham, Henry Tourey, Matthew Blomfield and Josh Liddell

## **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. The boys we are promoting this year are Harry Varlow, Myles Foley and Peter Cook, Jamie Witham

Corporals: Harry Varlow, Myles Foley and Peter Cook all to the rank of Sergeant

Privates: Jamie Witham, Jorden Harding, Henry Tourey and Josh Liddell to the rank of Lance Corporal.





## COMPANY CAMP AT BLACKLANDS



Saturday 13th June at

5.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Southwick Christian Community Church

invites you to

*“If Music be the Food of Love  
Play On...”*

With

*“The Patcham Silver Band”*

and

*“Rock Solid Community Gospel Choir”*

Cream Tea and BBQ 5.30 to 7.00

Concert 7.00 to 9.00

Cream Tea (£1.00) and BBQ items (£1.00)

Drinks (50p)

Free entry but A retiring offering will be taken. Proceeds will  
go to the Mission Fund.

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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.