

150 Years of Worship and Outreach

Central United Reformed Church Hove



October 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

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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 and hearing the recording.

AN ELDER SPEAKS.

Dear Friends,

TIME

The dictionary definition is – duration, continued existence.

Time is measured in seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years etc..

We cannot add to Time: we cannot subtract from Time.

Do we have enough Time or too little Time? Time goes fast when you are young and busy: it slows down when we are older and less mobile.

Can we make Time?

What do we do with our Time?

We have just celebrated Harvest – time when we thank God for His plentiful gifts to us.

Jesus had time for all – His disciples and the many people he met in towns and villages or out in the countryside.

Jesus always had Time for everyone but he also had Time to go away on His own and pray.

Do we follow His example and take Time to pray?

We change the clocks at the end of this month and we gain one hour.



What will you do with that hour – those 60 minutes?

What will you do with your Time today?

I pray you will use it wisely for the advancement of God's Kingdom here in Hove.

Clare Popley.

The Tuesday Fellowship
&
Book Stall
Invite you
To
**A COFFEE
MORNING**
**SATURDAY 17th
OCTOBER**
10.30 a.m.



FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

Ecclesiastes Ch 3 V 1&2

Rarely have the words of these well-known verses seemed more pertinent than they did In September when we learned with shock and sorrow of the death, in a motorbike accident, of **William Stanton** (Wills). The son of **Tracey** and **Marcus** and grandson of **Jill Humphrey**, Wills was born into, baptised and grew up in Central, a member of Sunday Schools and Boys' Brigade in which he participated in camps and the Old Tyme Music Hall, ultimately becoming an N.C.O. Although only twenty when he died, Wills had packed a lot into his all too short life, enjoying many sports, especially football, and was a participant rather than a "couch potato!" He was a well-loved and loving young man, highly regarded at work, and with a multitude of really good friends. Our love prayers and sympathy surround Tracey, Marcus, Jill, his beloved sister, **Milly**, and all his family circle.



In September, we happily learned of the birth of a son, **Jack Colin**, to **Sam Clarkson** and his wife, **Kim** – future recruit for the Boys' Brigade! This news was then followed by the good news that **Julie Gale** had become a grandmother with the arrival of **Jessica**, the daughter of **Sarah**, who many will remember from Girls' Brigade. We give thanks for the safe arrival of these two babies and pray that they will continue to flourish, nurtured and loved by their families. May God richly bless Jack and Jessica and their respective parents throughout their lives.

And speaking of ex-GB members, we would like to congratulate **Emma Newman**, on graduating today, 2nd October, from the photography course she has been studying. Emma was the last of our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award winners through the Girls' Brigade Company and continues to help with the Girls' Club every Tuesday evening.

Congratulations also to Gift Mubanga's son, **Harvey**, who graduated this summer from Leeds Beckett University with a First Class Honours degree in Event and Business Management. Harvey is now working in London.



Gift, Harvey and Kandi

Our best wishes go now to **Kirsty Carnell**, Doreen Page's granddaughter, who is to marry **Andrew Leeks** on 10th October. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

Over the summer we have missed the cheerful presence of two of our older friends, **Molly Fraser** and **Violet Foard**. Molly is recovering from a mild stroke and has been told to rest and Violet had a nasty fall with a badly broken wrist. She is now out of plaster but her wrist is still weak and she finds the stairs daunting. We hope and pray that they will soon be able to worship with us once more.

Tebello Sibanda and **Shirley Hamblin** have spent most of the summer in hospital – and are still there! Please hold both of them and their respective husbands, Reuben and Clive, in your prayers. Please pray that proper and full care packages for Tebello may be arranged and that a good nursing home may be found for Shirley.

To end on some positive notes: the new toilets have been completed and everyone is delighted with their brightness and cleanliness. Much pleasure has been given by the builders' thoughtfulness in high-lighting the panel in the waiting area. It all looks good!

All the organisations have re-started and are going well. The Harvest Supper was a great success, enjoyed by all and raising £400.

So, please keep praying for Central: its organisations and outreach; all who use its halls and sanctuary; and all who work and worship within its walls.

Fellowship of Prayer:

Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, Clive and Shirley Hamblin, John Gilson, Ros Ayling, Jan Owen, Muriel Lewis & Ivy Newell

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

The new session has made a very positive start with most Boys returning after the summer break and we are already in rehearsal for some of the items for our 2016 Old Time Music Hall.

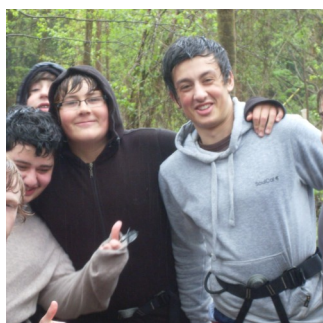


We were very saddened to learn of the death of William Stanton, who was a member of our Company for over ten years, starting as an Anchor Boy and going on through to being an NCO in the Company Section. He and his grandmother Jill, were regular attendees on Monday nights.

Our sincere sympathy to Tracy, Marcus, Milly and Jill and all his family.

Congratulations to Kim and Sam Clarkson on the birth of Jack Colin.

New members always welcome from 5 years. Why not come along one Monday evening?



“Wills” in The Tenth



CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

SUN 4	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Nicola Furley-Smith, Synod Moderator Evening Worship – The Junction (See separate notice Page 4)	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 6	Tuesday Fellowship.- Off the Fence Wendy Young	2.30 pm
SUN 11	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop	10.30 am 6.30 pm
Tue 13	Pastorate Joint Elders' Meeting At Portslade U.R.C.	7.30 pm
Sat 17	Coffee Morning Tuesday Fellowship & Book Stall	10.00 am
SUN 18	Family Service Visiting Preacher No Evening Service at Central	10.30 am
Tue 20	Tuesday Fellowship – Journeys with a Camera	2.30 pm
Wed 21	Men's Fellowship – Quiz Night	7.45 pm
SUN 25	Family Service Led by the Men's Fellowship Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev Peter Elliott	10.00 am 6.30 pm
Mon 26	Christian Book Club "Elizabeth is Missing" Emma Healey (Keren Hancox)	8.00 pm

NOVEMBER

SUN 1	Family Service – Holy Communion	10.30 am
	Rev Stuart Dew	
	Evening Worship – The Junction	6.30 pm

N.B. A BB Company from Eastbourne will be camping in our halls Friday 23rd—Sunday 25th October. Please do not enter the halls unless your visit is strictly necessary. Please let the BB Staff know you are on the premises.

All contributions for the NOVEMBER edition of the magazine must be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 18th October.**

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 October

4 th	Ruth Shepherd
11 th	Pam Stringer - in memory of Andy
18 th	Available
25 th	Boys' Brigade

FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends,

Well, church life is back to its wide variety of activities after the summer holidays. There is a full programme of Sunday services and many weekday activities where we grow in faith together, and continue the healing and caring ministry of Jesus. It is like the start of a new year, and indeed for many people, for staff members and students at school and college, and those who have started vocational training, it is the beginning of the academic year. Exciting times indeed!

But in church life now is a time when the year is also drawing to a close. We have just two months, October and November, until the end of the church year, which culminates on 22 November, often called 'Christ the King Sunday'. It is the climax of the church year, with a new church year starting on Advent Sunday, 29 November. Since Pentecost we have been celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables, encourages and guides us. If we have been following the lectionary we will have noticed that the call of Jesus to his disciples becomes progressively more imperative week by week. The 12 have responded to Jesus' call to follow him. They have heard his teaching and his wonderful stories. They have watched as he has healed and restored people to their place in society. And the 12 have even done some healing themselves. But in these final few weeks of lectionary readings we become aware of the choices that face the disciples, even if they do not yet understand what Jesus is telling them.

The last two months of the church year give us space to ask ourselves about the choices that face us each day, as committed followers of Jesus. And for the churches of this pastorate there will continue to be significant choices and decisions to make. Let us give thanks to God for times of reflection and re-assessment, so that we can be prepared to respond to God's generous surprises in the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Jenny

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

After the long summer break, September's Book Club gathering was especially welcome – and very rich in wide-ranging, lively discussion, general chat, humour and friendliness. Those present included several founder members through to Lesa West on her second meeting. All of us appreciated the opportunity to talk in a happy, open, non-judgemental atmosphere in a welcoming home environment.

Thank you all our hosts and hostesses over the years.

Everyone had enjoyed reading “The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk-Kidd. The story is set in the summer of 1964 in the American South and at its centre is the development of motherless fourteen-years-old, Lily, from a troubled naïve child into a thoughtful, more self-assured teenager.

It addresses numerous issues – most obviously racism – but unusually seen in a setting of a lone rejected white girl, Lily, in an extended, spiritually aware, black family. Despite a complex mix of damaged and extraordinary people, this community is anything but dysfunctional, being melded together by the wise Madonna figure, August. Just as the Queen Bee is “the unifying force of the community” (Man and Insects) the analogy between human relationships and the life of a hive is a continuous thread through the book.

Other themes featured include Civil Rights, abuse, killing, suicide, mental illness, inequality, religion, power and empowerment and love. All these emerge from a gripping, thought-provoking story in which the characters come alive and their fates really matter to the reader.

The book portrays the on-going unfairness of life and the lack of social justice for many – even hard-won legal changes are ineffective if society, or rather individual members of society, do not change. Tolerance and respect emerge as vital. Forgiveness of others, or, in Lily's case, of her mother and herself, as essential for a fulfilled life.

The spiritual message of the book is, “.... the only purpose grand enough for a human life (is) not just to love – but to *persist* in love.”

Try reading the book yourself. There is a copy on the shelves at the back of the church. (If it isn't there, speak to Chip Dunn, the Book Club's librarian!)

Next month's book is “Elizabeth is Missing” by Emma Healey.

We will meet at, (Keren's home) at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 26th October.

Please feel free to join us: you will be very welcome.

Thank You

Everyone who helped in any way to make our Harvest Thanksgiving special:

To

Keren & the Social Activities Committee for cooking and serving the Harvest Supper.

All the performers who gave of their talents

Everyone who supported them and helped raise £400 for church funds

All of you who gave gifts of vegetables, flowers fruit and foliage to decorate the church or donations in lieu.

The team who came and spent Saturday decorating the church.

All who supplied non-perishable food stuffs and those who transported them to Brighton & Hove City Mission.

OFF THE FENCE

Paul Young who led our worship at the Morning Service on August 23rd disclosed that OFF THE FENCE now finds it easier to collect and sort if one church collects one item the charity needs. He suggested that we at central should concentrate on collecting men's deoderants - the spray kind.

So, if you would like to add one occasionally to your shopping list or get one in a "bogof" offer, please bring them along to church and place them in the terracotta collection bin in the Upper Vestibule.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OUTING

CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE

I wonder, if like me you have driven along the A27 en route for Drusilla's or Alfriston or even further on to Eastbourne and passed the sign advertising Charleston Farmhouse and thought, "must go there sometime," or even "Why would anyone want to visit a farmhouse!"

Well now we know why. And also we know that it is well worth a visit. Different. Quirky. Fascinating. All adjectives easily applicable to this visit. Some of us had watched the television drama trilogy set in the farmhouse and based on the lives and relationships of those who lived there, generally known as the Bloomsbury Set.

I think it is fair to say that the lives and relationships of the artists and intellectuals who lived in the farmhouse were way outside anything to which we could relate and were far too complicated to follow. Instead we concentrated on their artistic side and the way in which almost every surface, piece of furniture or door panel was covered by their work. It was totally fascinating to see that "wall paper" was in fact entirely painted by hand. It brought back memories of art lessons and sponging or patterning columns.

It was rather comforting too to learn that these ethereal beings felt the cold too and to see their desperate attempts to spread the heat from the rather inadequate fires.

Outside the farmhouse the garden is lush and varied with little corners of peace. Even here the story of the gardener's life is fascinating.

We were blessed by its being a beautiful late summer's day but could not linger long in the garden as we were booked into The Cricketers Inn at Berwick for lunch, which was delicious and more than ample.

After lunch, we drove carefully up the lane to Berwick Church, which is well worth visiting for itself. The farmhouse inhabitants had offered to paint the murals for the church and, after some initial opposition from the parishioners, were permitted to do so on condition that they used local people as models. Surprisingly, a lot of the "locals" turn out to be family members! To be fair, some members of the Australian forces, who were stationed nearby do appear in the murals. In contrast to the richness of these murals, the windows on one side of the church are just plain glass. The picture is the outside countryside. (Shades of The Vicar of Dibley!)

A wonderful day. Beautiful weather, beautiful scenery, good food, good friends, and a steep learning curve – what more could anyone ask for.

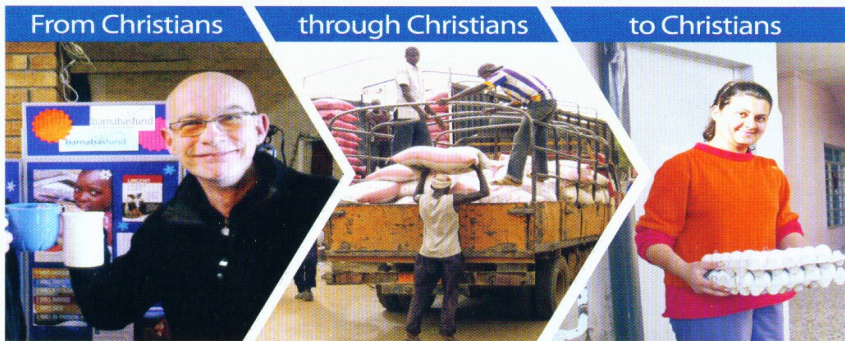
Thank you, Peter and Celia for making all the arrangements and forming the scouting party.



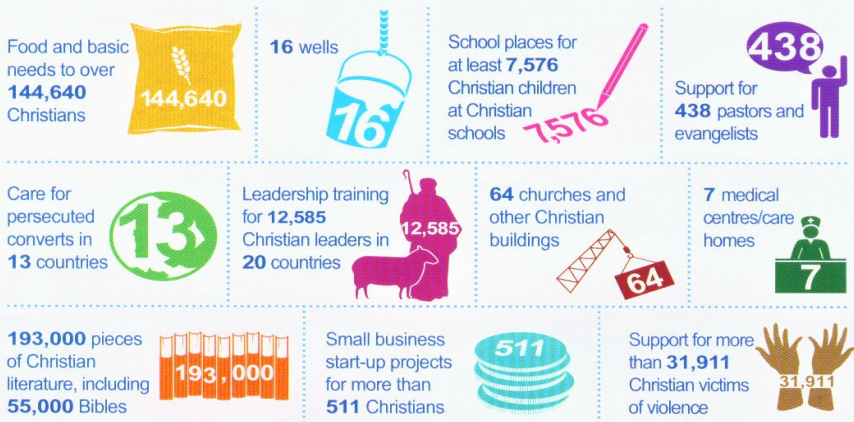


Are collecting old coins (pre-decimal coinage) loose change from your holidays—any foreign currency acceptable. Please speak to Adrian Ball, Lynda Hulcoop or June Whittle.

Barnabas Fund channels aid:



During the past year*, Barnabas Fund provided:



*Figures correct October 2012 – October 2013

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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.