

Central United Reformed Church Hove

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June 2016

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday Youth Ministry Mrs. A. Austen

Mrs C. Vaughan

Boys' Brigade Mr. C. Jukes

(Mondays)

Girls' Club Mrs. S. Hill

(Tuesday)

Tuesday Fellowship Mrs H Brown

(Alternate Tuesdays)

Men's Fellowship Mr. P. Gear

(Third Wednesday)

Welcome Break Mrs. P. Macaulay

(Wednesdays)

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.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your response to my last letter. I am looking forward to meeting you around God's word and see where it leads us together. If we want to grow our church we have to be prepared to grow ourselves first and make preparations for growth. Contrary to most people's thinking growth has to be planned for, prayed for and we need to be in the peak of spiritual fitness. It doesn't just happen. My job is to help you to do just that. So we will begin our studies and find time to pray together to set us on our new journey. We are all in it together and we all can play our own unique part in this exciting process. What we have to try is to do the crucial or important things well. If we are able to do these, we will be successful; new disciples will be made; and God will be exalted through our commitment.

We need to get our foundations strong and firm and then build up accordingly. The foundations are prayer and the study of God's word, so that we can capture God's perspective for our church and the context it is placed in. But we need to do it in stages and we need to begin with ourselves and build up our "faith confidence". We need to do this in fellowship with each other; sharing our own perspectives of God together to encourage one another and learn from each other.

In this regard, I would encourage you to come to our first Pastorate Church family day on 18 June 2016, from 10 am - 3 pm at Goldstone Primary School (see advertisement elsewhere in the magazine). This is a good opportunity to enjoy fellowship; study God's word and look for God's direction for us. Please pray for its success and its significance in our faith story, as individual churches and as a pastorate of mutual support. I am hoping that the Church family days will be a vital part of our life together.

I look forward to all that we will build together. Please support all the new initiatives in the next few months as you are able.

On a different note, but all part of our strategy, if you know of anyone who has not been able to come to church for some time let me know and we can see if we can take the church to them. I look forward to your contact.

Yours in the work of Jesus,

Sue X

PASTORATE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN JUNE

11th June SUMMER FAIR at Central 10.00 am-1.00 pm

12th June Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Lunch

at Hounsom 1.00 pm

Tickets £5.00 adults £2.00 children Tickets MUST be booked by 5th June Contact Nigel Ireland 07943273069

18th June Joint Pastorate Churches Day Out

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Goldstone Primary School

21st June Pastorate Fellowships Outing to Arundel

Cost £20

Contact Angela Bacon 01273 551926

Bus leaves Central URC at 9.20 am

Hounsom URC at 9.30 am

Portslade URC at 9.40 am

FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

It is good to have **Helen Brown** back with us after her recent operation. She is looking remarkably healthy and as lively as ever. We pray that she continues to make good progress as she recuperates.

Jan Owen has moved to a different care home and has forsaken Hove for Southwick. Her new address is given on page 4 opposite. We send Jan our love and prayers that she is happy and comfortable in her new home.

Alan Ireland's concert in May was greatly appreciated by all who attended and it also raised £400 for the church. We thank **Alan** for an evening of wonderful music and also for all the service he has given so unstintingly to Central over the years.

Rev. Sue and **Keren Hancox** initiated a new venture to raise awareness of the church by taking up a pitch at the Hove Park Festival on Bank Holiday Monday. The weather may not have been kind but at least it did not rain. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this new venture and we pray that their efforts will bear fruit.

The Ventnor Hall was pleasingly full as parents and friends gathered for the BB Awards Evening and the atmosphere was a mixture of warmth, pride and laughter as the Boys received their awards and trophies. Congratulations to all of them and their leaders who give so freely of their time and energies and not just on Monday evenings. From now on, if any summer weather arrives the Company will also be enjoying time at St Andrew's Playing Fields. On **Friday 10th June** the **BB Battalion Sports** will be held at Withdean Stadium. We are hoping for a good turnout of Boys and your usual vociferous support will be welcome to spur them on. (Unless there is a sudden heat-wave, wrap up warmly!)

The **Jukes** sisters have been working very hard recently: **Megan** has passed her Grade 1 flute examination with merit and **Kayleigh** has completed her sponsored walk successfully. (Her thank you note for your support follows this article.)

The Summer Fair will be taking place on 11th June and stallholders would welcome your contributions and support. Articles for sale may be left in the hall on Friday 10th June after 12 noon Make this a date for your diary and remember to recommend it to friends. It is a good day to enjoy Morning Coffee or a light lunch with friends or family.

Fellowship of Prayer:

Jan Owen, Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, John Gilson, Ros Ayling, Sally Marteau, Doug and Maureen Lawrence & Ivy Newell.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me to do my charity walk.

I walked from Hangelton to the Devil's Dyke in 1 hour 20 mins with Dad and Ollie, the dog.

I raised over £640 for the school swimming pool.

Thank you again.

Love

Kayleigh



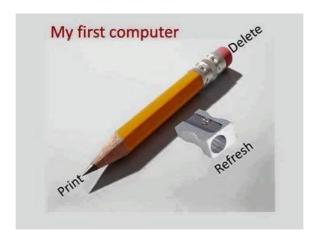
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Memories!

Our May meeting provided members to share reminiscences under the heading "I Remember When"! We were pleased to welcome Daniel, a new "member," who has recently returned to live in the area and had attended both services at Central for the first time on the previous Sunday. Opening Devotions were led by Jim Lyall and supper was ordered from the local fish & chip shop before the story telling got under way. Given the spread of ages within the group we had the scope for some to go back in time much further than others — memory cells permitting!

With total freedom of choice regarding subject matter – some serious, some humorous – a good balance was achieved with most anecdotes generating impromptu recollections from others - to such an extent that we ran out of time before everyone present had a chance to participate (they will be on first next time)! Who said men talk too much? Topics ranged from enlightening details of the toilet facilities in Treetops, Kenya to the story of how Ernie Doo's false teeth got flushed away in Central's toilets. Purely coincidence that the funnier stories leaned towards "toilet humour"! The evening concluded with the pre-arranged supper – which did not of course stop the conversation!

This month (June) we have one of our most popular events – Bar Skittles at The Royal Oak, Barcombe. This is not a "men only" affair and anyone wishing to attend should speak to Jim Lyall for more information and add their name to the 'sign-up' sheet in the New Hall.

Bill Maclean



CARNIVAL IN HOVE PARK

Well the sun did not exactly shine on us but it did not rain, hooray.! It was a fun day with lots of people coming to the stand. It was good to see so many friends and make new ones. Ann and I were very grateful to all, who helped us. Colin H., who fetched tables, lent his car and helped put up the gazebo. Jinny Smith, who came to give us a break. Elinor and Alec Vaughan, Josh Buck, Myles Foley and Mrs and Mrs. Varlow, who all went round giving out leaflets advertising Church groups and events.

Rev. Sue and Lesley Mason did sterling work painting faces. Butterflies and tigers abounded. The Honey Man on next pitch gave us good advice and lent tent pegs as it was so windy.

And Colin came back to clear away and return tables.

Thank you everyone who supported this new event for Central it was good to put the church on the 'map'.

Keren & Ann

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

6th June - A Tribute to the Bard of Avon!

A Midsummer Night's Dream

But not as you normally know it and definitely not the BBC version!

A Play Reading with "ears!"

The venue: 5 Fairlawns, 159 Kingsway. (Clare Popley's home).

The time: 8.00 pm.

We would be happy to see you, if you would like to join us.

27th June - A Trip to Corfu.

MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS

64 Channings, 215 Kingsway (Peter & Celia Elliott's home)

CENTRAL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HOVE

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 11 TH JUNE 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Morning Coffee Light lunches

Bric-a-brac Grocery Books

Cakes Cards

Toiletries Jewellery

& MORE

ALL WELCOME

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE		
SUN 5	Family Service Stella Goddard	10.30 am
	Evening Worship – The Junction Special Guests: Bob & Sheila Hinton	6.30 pm
Mon 6	Christian Book Club – Playreading "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Clare Popley)	8.00 pm
Fri 10	BB Battalion Sports Withdean Stadium	7.00 pm
Sat 11	SUMMER FAIR	10.00 am
SUN 12	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Peter Elliott	10.30 am
	Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebration Lunch At Hounsom URC	1.00 pm
	Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop	6.30 pm
Tue 14	Tuesday Fellowship – A.G.M. Keren Hancox	2.30 pm
Wed 15	Men's Fellowship – Skittles Night At Royal Oak, Barcombe	7.00 pm
Sat 18	Pastorate Family Day Goldstone Primary School	10.00 am
SUN 19	FATHERS' DAY Family Service S.Y.M.	10.30 am
	Evening Worship Rev. Sue Chapman	6.30 pm
Tue 21	Pastorate Fellowships' Outing to Arundel	2.22
	Bus leaves Central Joint Elders' Meeting at Portslade	9.20 am 7.30 pm
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SUN 26	Family Service Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am
	Church Meeting	12 noon
	Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev. Peter Elliott	6.30 pm
Mon 27	Christian Book Club My Family and Other Animals (Peter & Celia Elliott)	8.00 pm

JULY

SUN 3	Family Service	10.30 am
	Rev Sue Chapman	
	Evening Worship – The Junction	6.30 pm

All contributions for the **JULY** edition of the magazine should be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 19th 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

- 5th Mary Cochrane in memory of her husband
- 12th Hilary Houston} in memory of their parents & Andrea Irvine}
- 19th Doreen Fookes in memory of her husband, Peter Doreen page in memory of Coreen
- 26th Reuben Sibanda in memory of his parents

YOU Are invited to **Our First Pastorate Church Family Day** Saturday 18th June 10.00 a.m.—3.00 p.m. WORSHIP SHARING THE BIBLE FUN MUSIC GAMES Bring & Share Lunch Goldstone Primary School Laburnham Avenue, HOVE BN3 7JW Please sign up. Look forward to seeing you!



10th BRIGHTON (HOVE) BOYS BRIGADE COMPANY AWARDS EVENING

Thank you to all the parents, friends and family who came along to our Awards Evening in May. Thank you also for your support during the year. Thank you to Rev. Peter Elliott for his support as our Company Chaplain and for presenting the awards.

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 have joined with the Junior section on a Monday as there have only been two boys. However over the last few weeks we have seen the very welcome arrival of some new recruits. This last year saw our 8th Old Time Music Hall. What a wonderful time that was – the Anchor Boys joined with the Juniors and made very scary Pirates and who can forget Ollie's clog dancing as a mouse living in a windmill!! The boys have still been able to fit in making Christmas Cards, Mothers Day Cards, Easter cards and various other crafts. We have learnt about St George, St Patrick and St Valentine.

Dilys Croucher Memorial Cup.

For this we take into account attendance on Monday nights, attitude, behaviour, enthusiasm and many other things as well.

This year, we are presenting it to Ollie Franklin-Johnson.



The Franklin -Johnson Family

Junior Section

Sam Clarkson introduced himself to the parents and audience, explaining how Carl Jukes, due to the demands of his new job, felt he had to take a "back seat" in running the section and that he, Sam, was now the "regular" Monday evening member of Staff for this section. He gave a short summary of his BB history and how he became a member of the Tenth and now wished to give back to the Company.

The Juniors like the two other Sections had worked hard and enjoyed participating in the Old Time Music Hall and in sharing time with the Anchors. However they had also made time to follow the BB programme for their section and the following badges had been gained:

Target & Bronze Louise Walker-Wilkes, Roman Wolffe.

Silver Keswic Cowe, Uys Alonge, Air Russell,

Tom Franklin-Johnson

Gold Callum Brewster, Charlie Minshull, Joe Conway

Best Boy: Joe Conway



The Golden Boys

Company Section

We have had a very strong Company Section this year with a regular 11 boys attending most weeks. (Unfortunately we are missing one tonight due to exam revision)

Our program has been varied including: Circuit Training; lots of fun and

games; and of course Drill. They have also tested their skills 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 for all those who came along and watched the performance, I'm sure you will agree they did a brilliant job. I am sure I speak for all the staff when I say that we are extremely proud of their efforts and hard work.

We have the athletics competition coming up on the 10^{th} June so, hopefully, we shall have some great results there.

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 the total raised was just shy of £1000 with the boys' collecting over £500 of this, and I would just like to mention that 2 boys collected over £100 each, Jamie Witham and Amen Zerabruk.

Not only have all our evenings taught the boys some important life skills, but they have led to them gaining certain badges.

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 Amen Zerabruk

And the best overall squad is:

Squad 2, Harry Varlow, Jamie Witham, Josh Liddell, Henry Touray, Matthew Blomfield and Josh Buck

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.

Lance Corporals Jamie Witham, Henry Touray and Josh Liddell to the rank of Corporal

And Privates Matthew Blomfield and James Blomfield to the rank of Lance Corporal

LEAVING BOYS

We unfortunately have to say goodbye to 3 of our boys as they have reached the maximum age of 18. All of them started as cute little Anchor boys around the age of five and have come through the sections to become the mature young men you see before you. It has been fantastic to watch them grow and develop during their time in the Boys Brigade and I wish them well in the future.

They are Sergeants Harry Varlow, Myles Foley and Peter Cook.

OLD TIME MUSIC HALL

Now, going back to the Old Time Music Hall..... a few years ago we introduced an award, in memory of the late, great Andy Stringer, who was the creator of this show. And his idea was purely to show off the talents of all the boys in the Company.

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

The winner has given so much time and effort to the show and each year we are astounded by this person's talents, he has brought fun and laughter to each of the performances. So it is with great pleasure and delight that I award this trophy to **Miles Foley**.





ORGAN RECITAL

By ALAN IRELAND

Over the past twenty-five years with Alan Ireland as our organist we have been treated to organ music of the highest standard and Alan's farewell concert was no exception to this rule. With his choice of music he managed to educate, entertain,

charm and uplift the audience in one short hour and a half.

Explaining his choice of music for the evening, Alan told us that we, in the reformed churches of the United Kingdom tended to follow a "Hymn Sandwich" for our services, i.e., a hymn, a prayer, a hymn, a reading, a hymn, a sermon – you get the idea! in addition the organist introduces a hymn by playing the music of the first two lines or even the first verse. However, in the Reformed churches on the continent, the organist will play a chorale by way of introducing hymns. Bits of the hymn will be interspersed in the musical variations and improvisations so that the congregation can pick up and recognise what the next hymn will be.

It was on the continental versions of the hymns that Alan based his programme. And what an eye-opener this proved to be!

The first section was based on Christmas hymns: Wachet auf ruit uns die Stimme (Sleepers Awake) by Bach and Flor Peeters, two men, two nationalities, with two variations of the same hymn. This was followed by "In Dulce Jubilo" – much more familiar ground, we thought, with three arrangements by Buxtehude and Bach. One of which included what seemed like a carillon of bells with gyres of music ascending to heaven.

From the joy of Christmas the second layer of the concert turned to the solemnity of Easter with works by Bach, Buxtenhude, Brahms and Parry. "Sacred Head Sore Wounded was the inspiration behind those of Buxtenhude and Brahms, whilst CHH Parry's took "When I survey the Wondrous Cross." As you will appreciate, these are two very well known frequently sung Easter hymns but the music we heard based around them was so heartfelt and thought

provoking! The depth and darkness of Buxtenhude's music culminating in a single long note vibrating throughout the sanctuary was extraordinary.

Alan's third selection was once again based on hymns we all know and sing with fervour but how differently they sounded with all the variations introduced. "Ein Feste Burg" (A Safe Stronghold) and "Now Thank we all our God" have always seemed strong, almost ponderous hymns, which can be sung with confidence, strength in affirmation of our faith but with the creativity of Pachelbel and S. Karg-Elert and the talent of Alan Ireland they became glorious. How Alan managed to keep hands, feet, sight and mind coordinating with the pace set in "A Safe Stronghold" is almost incomprehensible. (It is one of the perks of being an elder on Communion Sunday that we sometimes catch a glimpse of Alan's dexterity and are always awed by it.)

Shakespeare and Alan Ireland are aware that it can be a mistake to have too much drama and Alan concluded this part of the programme with a touch of whimsy, which made everyone smile, as he played "Lumetto" by Kenneth Leighton and we recalled our younger Sunday School selves to the dancing flute like sounds interwoven with the music of "Jesus bids us shine."

The concluding four pieces were Suite Gothique by L. Boellmann something which allowed Alan to show his sense of humour as he introduced them. The "Menuet Gothique" he described as being something which would be danced by the Addams Family, whilst "Priere a Notre-Dame" would be romantic, slightly slushy and French. However he did not prepare us in any way for the final triumphant glory and golden light of the Toccata, with which he closed the evening. As a musical layman, I have not got the right words to describe its beauty.

An evening of awe inspiring, glorious music which filled the sanctuary and touched the soul.

A very heartfelt thank you, Alan.

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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.