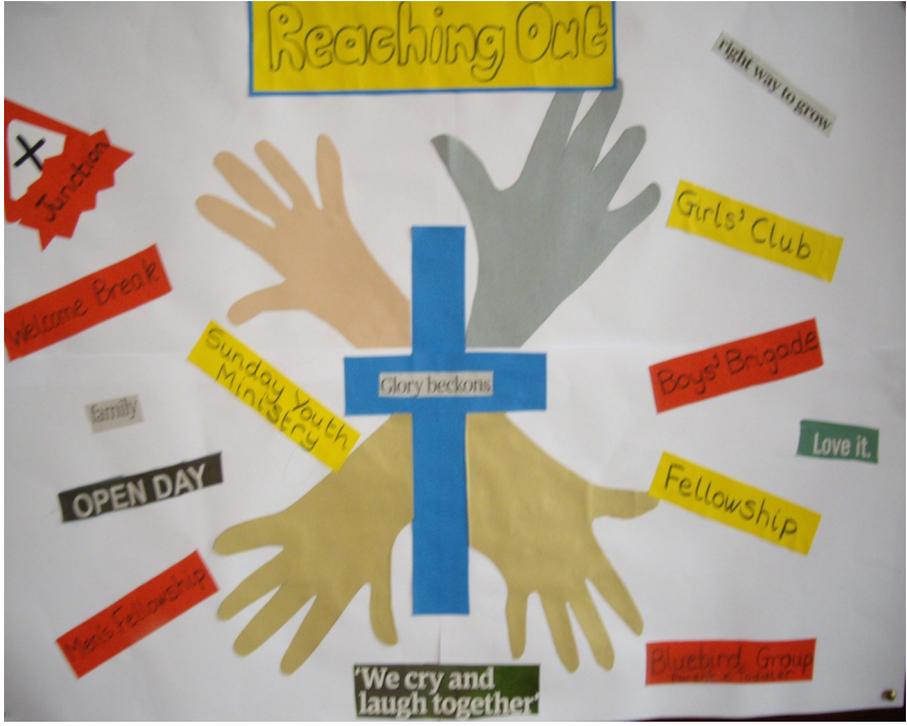


150 Years of Worship and Outreach

Central United Reformed Church Hove



July 2016

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

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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,



This week brings the summer solstice, the longest day and the EU referendum. At time of writing the rain is pouring down and summer seems so far away. The exam season is at an end for schools, Colleges and Universities and the Summer break is looming. The Festival season is also upon us and Wimbledon is only a week away. Anticipation is created that the future is full of hope for hot Summer, lazy days.

Will you take time to rest this Summer? What sort of “rest” will you participate in? Reading a novel? Afternoon tea with friends? A visit to the garden centre? Lunch with old friends? A walk on the beach? An exotic holiday? A holiday on windowsill bay (at home). There are so many options to choose or you may be lucky enough to be able to do all, or most of the above. Whatever you will be doing this Summer, enjoy it to the full! Remember the words from Ecclesiastes “about times to do things and the rhythm that each activity creates but that passage continues thus:

“ 9 What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the humanity to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into the human heart, yet so that they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to humankind” (Eccl 3 v 9 – 13.

We can take pleasure in our work and our rest and we shouldn't feel guilty when we take a rest because it helps us to appreciate times of busyness or work. We need a balance of both for our wellbeing. Even God rested on the seventh day!

Enjoy the summer, however it develops and try to get out into God's amazing creation and take the opportunities to rest when you can. It will be wholly beneficial.

May God bless you in all that you do and give you refreshment and

renewal.

Your co-worker with Jesus, who promises to take her own advice about taking rest and relaxation.

Sue X



KEREN & COLIN HANCOX

*Invite you to enjoy
AN AFTERNOON of*

TEA AND TRAINS

IN THE GARDEN

Of

145 NEVILL ROAD

SATURDAY 23RD JULY FROM 3.00 –5.00 PM

Donations in aid of church funds welcome.



FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

This seems to be the month for congratulations for past successes and also for almost reaching a century.

Congratulations, first of all, to the members of the Sunday Youth Ministry for the way in which they led our morning worship on Fathers' Day, 19th June. Each and every one of them played his/her part with confidence and spoke with great clarity. The special date lent itself to the theme of the service – Fathers and especially God, the Father. The young people had made bookmarks to be distributed to the men of the congregation as their gift to them. One of the wall presentations on what the word “father” suggested to the children caused some hilarity, particularly when the description of “embarrassing” was accompanied by a picture of Carl Jukes in a bunny (?) hat! Let's just say, ears were involved in its appearance. And if Carl embarrassed his daughters, they got their revenge. The forgiving love of God for mankind and that of fathers was illustrated by the parable of The Prodigal Son being told and acted by the children. Our thanks and appreciation to them and their leaders for a loving and thought-provoking service – somehow I can't quite get my head round the idea of Jesus addressing God as "Daddy" (Abba). But it did make me pause and think.

Congratulations also to the Boys' Brigade's Company Section on their winning the Battalion Athletics Competition on 10th June. A great effort by everyone against increasingly formidable competition. The Boys won the “Junior” Relay (ages 12 -15), the 100 metres sprint, the Staff relay and the Battalion Shield. Everyone who competed in whatever section - track or field - contributed to the Company's success.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy birthday on 4th July to **Kathy Dalley**, when she will be 99. The oldest member of the congregation! We pray that she will enjoy good health and contentment throughout her 100th year and receive that special card from the Queen at the end of it.

Congratulations to **Sarah Gale** on her engagement to **Matt Gray**. We wish them many years of happiness.

Like all life amidst this good news there are moments of concern too. We were so sorry to learn that **Jan Owen** suffered a stroke about a week ago and is now in Worthing Hospital. We send her our love and prayers for a speedy recovery. At the same time we think of **Sheila Friend**, her daughter, and extend our prayers and love to her too during this worrying

time.

Carol Tyler is recovering from some surgery and will not be with us for a few weeks as she recuperates. Our love, prayers and good wishes go out to her and **Ray** and we look forward to the time she can be with us once more.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Summer Fair which raised £1350 for church funds.

There is a report on our first Pastorate Family/Fun Day elsewhere in the magazine and plans for the next one are already afoot. So book the date in your diaries – 8th October in Goldstone School. The picture on the cover is of the poster designed to represent Central. Other activities included making rhythm: apparently Central's rhythm is epitomised by "Haggis, neeps and tatties; Hounsom's by "Strawberries and cream" and Portslade's by "Fish n chips and mushy peas!" Make of that what you will!

The church's presence at the Martlets Bank Holiday Carnival was a hit! We have been invited to participate next year – and accepted. The face painting was very popular and had a long queue of clients – bigger than two people could cope with. Rev. Sue is happy to arrange a face painting class for anyone interested in learning how to face paint so that the load may be shared next May. Speak to Sue or Keren, if you are willing to give it a go.

Everything winds down a little during the coming months as we begin our summer holidays but there are one or two different events happening, so keep an eye on the church calendars and do give them your support both prayerfully and by your presence.

Fellowship of Prayer:

Jan Owen, Tebello Sibanda, Peggy McMillen, John Gilson, Ros Ayling, Sally Marteau, Dorothy Gale & Ivy Newell.

SUMMER FAIR



The Force is with us!



Lunch is ready.

THE 10TH BRIGHTON (HOVE)
BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY
BATTALION SPORTS



We ran



We jumped

We threw



We won!



We took part in as many events as we could and everyone did his best, so the points mounted up. We even won the Staff Relay and John Brewster's Mum remembered his youth!

Thank you to all our supporters, especially the Dads, for their support and encouragement and for keeping the noise level low until we won. Much appreciated.

CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY

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| SUN 3 | Family Service Rev Sue Chapman Evening Worship – The Junction Special Guests: Charlotte Gravestock Theme: Exploring the Value of Tranquillity | 10.30 am 6.30 pm |
| Wed 6 | Elders Joint Meeting with Methodists At Hove Methodist Church | 8.00 pm |
| Sat 9 | Coffee Morning & Crafty Kids At Housom | 10.00 am |
| SUN 10 | Family Service – Holy Communion Rev. Peter Elliott Evening Worship Rev. Lynda Hulcoop | 10.30 am 6.30 pm |
| Wed 13 | Elders’ Meeting | 7.30 pm |
| SUN 17 | Family Service Rev Roger Wood Inter-faith Community Concert At Hove Methodist Church No Evening Service at Central | 10.30 am 6.00 pm* |
| Mon 18 | BB - Last meeting before summer break Christian Book Club “You Before Me” (Keren Hancox) | 8.00 pm |
| Tue 19 | Bluebird Parents & Toddlers & Girls’ Club - Last meetings before Summer break | |
| Wed 20 | Men’s Fellowship | 7.45 pm |
| Sat 23 | Tea & Trains In the garden 145 Nevill Road | 3.00 pm |
| SUN 24 | Family Service Rev Sue Chapman Evening Worship – Holy Communion Rev. Peter Elliott | 10.30 am 6.30 pm |

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| SUN 31 | Family Service T.B.A. Evening Worship Rev Andrew Edwards (Oasis Fellowship) | 10.30 am 6.30 pm |
| * | Please note early start time – 6.00 pm | |

AUGUST

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| SUN 7 | Family Service TBA Evening Worship JOINT TBD at Hove Methodist Theme: A Space for Guided Prayer Rev. Andy Lowe | 10.30 am 6.30 pm |
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All contributions for the **AUGUST** edition of the magazine should be handed in no later than **SUNDAY 24th JULY**

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 JULY

3rd Peter Gear – in memory of his mother
 10th Mrs J. Gurden – I memory of her mother, Mrs York
 Joyce Magill – in memory of Joan Skittral
 17th Rev. Peter & Mrs Celia Elliott – in memory of Thierry & Kevin
 24th Ann Austen – in memory of Keith
 31st Available.



SOUNDS OF SUMMER

A COMMUNITY CONCERT

At

HOVE METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY 17TH JULY 6.00 p.m.

Featuring Brighton & Hove Interfaith Choir,

Harmony from Portslade URC,

African Music and local solo artists

In support of Integration International Foundation
(Ghana)



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP –THE WINNERS.

(Alasdair Macaulay is hiding)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It was a sunny evening during June and the village of Barcombe had an air of peace and tranquillity about it – and then – the men's fellowship arrived for their annual skittles match at the Royal Oak.

On entering the establishment we were greeted by the new licensee and staff before making our way to the skittle alley, very soon the gathered members which included the men and their ladies plus invited guests were sorted into teams – Hearts, Clubs, Diamonds, Spades and the bowling began. Not all used the same method, some gently rolled their ball whilst others delivered much faster and a couple lobbed theirs like cannon balls at the battle of Trafalgar!!!! Pins fell in all directions and the scores mounted up.

Now it was time for a break, as the food had arrived. This consisted of several choices: sausage and mash, beef casserole, Thai green curry plus vegetables. Everyone ate a hearty portion and very little was left in the serving trays. Then came the desserts – chocolate brownies and cheesecake. All in all a very satisfying meal and up to the standard we had come to expect at the Royal Oak.

Now came the final session of bowling and the scribe (Chris Hill) consulted his laptop. The result was as follows:

Two teams, Aces and Spades, tied for top place with a score of 163, so the captains of the respective teams, Bill Maclean and Keren Hancox, bowled once more. Keren scored 7 making her team total 170 and Bill rolled a crafty 9, giving the Aces a winning total of 172. Clubs were 3rd with 156 and Diamonds' total was 141.

The cup was presented to the Aces – Bill Maclean, Alasdair Macaulay, Ann Austen, Denzil Brice and Ken Guest (A friend of Jim & Sheila Lyall).

The individual highest score was also tied at 31 between Ann Austen and Graham Smith. Someone has to be at the bottom to qualify for the booby prize and that individual was the captain of the Diamonds who scored 19. (I'm too ashamed to mention ME by name!!!)

With the presentations over, our thanks were expressed to Jim Lyall for arranging what was a terrific evening of fun and fellowship. Everyone then departed in their cars and once again – peace descended upon Barcombe.

Peter Gear.

THE PASTORATE FAMILY DAY

The first 'Pastorate Day', arranged and led by our Minister, Rev Sue Chapman, was held at Goldstone Primary School last Saturday (18 June).

It was a great opportunity to meet, worship, share experiences and learn with our friends from Hounsom and Portslade. Using the scripture passage from 1 Corinthians 12 v 12-27, we explored and celebrated our gifts and differences which are so important and necessary, enabling us to form the various parts united together as the Body of Christ.

Through various activities we looked at things which make each church unique, yet also confirmed the far greater spiritual bonds which unite us all.

I think we all must have thought we were feeding the 5,000 because there was food spare at the bring and share lunch ! So come and share with us at our next Pastorate Day because **YOU** too are part of the 'Body' and together we can achieve so much more !

Suzanne Hill

THE JUNCTION

July's **Junction** will be a different service from the usual Junction format.

This month we are delighted to welcome Charlotte Gravestock from Hove Methodist Church to lead us through the evening as we Explore the value of Stillness.

We are certain this will be a very interesting, fulfilling and restorative service, which you really shouldn't miss.

On the first Sunday evenings of August and September **Junction** will be on holiday from Central but our friends in Hove Methodist will be hosting an Evening Worship – but not as you know it – event in their church to which everyone is warmly invited. This will be called Joint TBD and Andy Lowe will be in charge!!! August's theme will be “ A Space for Guided Prayer”

“Normal” service will be resumed in October.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

*“Ill met by moonlight, proud Titania”
“Me thought I was enamoured of an ass!”*

Shakespeare lends himself to quotation and most of you will remember some from your schooldays. The above are from the well-known play, “A Midsummer’s Night Dream”, which the Book Club chose to play read, albeit a very abridged version, at the beginning of June. Forget reading around the class! Forget about time lines! Forget about the improbability of the whole thing and suspend your disbelief! Not just about Shakespeare’s original play but also about the way the Book Club read it.

Imagine, instead, a church secretary, sitting very erectly and with dignity befitting the office, not on “a bank where the wild thyme grows,” but on a high stool, crowned with a pair of ass’s ears which blended in perfectly with the wearer’s own hair. Harken to cries of, “ You are supposed to be seducing him! Put more effort into it!” Just the sound of what you would expect from nice well-behaved Christians!

Then there was the usual task of keeping up with who was in love with whom and we had just about got that, when it was all change once more – thanks to the efforts of the mischievous Puck.

As you may have gathered it was an evening of great hilarity, with antipodean fairies and doubling up of parts. However it gave some a new insight into Shakespeare with their learning that the best way to enjoy his comedy is to suspend logic, go with the flow and enjoy it.

June was the month when we had two meetings. For the second one we had read Gerald Durrell’s book, “My Family and Other Animals.” The story of his family’s sojourn in Corfu during the 1930s. Be warned, if you have been watching the recent TV series, do not expect this book to be like it. It isn’t.

We loved his mother and were intrigued by how she coped with her totally dysfunctional brood. Basically, she didn’t: she cooked. It was her way of remaining sane amongst a melee of animals, miscellaneous guests, socially unacceptable friends in an alien environment. In his dedication to her, Gerald Durrell says,

“Like a gentle enthusiastic and understanding Noah, she has steered her vessel full of strange progeny through the stormy seas of life with great skill, always faced with the possibility of mutiny, always surrounded by

the dangerous shoals of overdraft and extravagance, never being sure that her navigation would be approved by the crew, but certain she would be blamed for anything that went wrong.”

The book is beautifully written, with anecdote following anecdote but interspersed with the most beautiful descriptions of the island and the surrounding sea; its flora, fauna and light. Sometimes writers’ descriptions of the scenery can be burdensome and slow down the story, so that the reader is inclined to “skip over” such bits, but not so here. The anecdotes are like those recounted by any family around a table or at Christmas, “Do you remember when X did...” The account of their arrival in Corfu, Margot’s unsuitable date with a Turk, Leslie’s love of guns and the consequences, the moving from one villa to another to accommodate more guests/fewer guests plus Gerald’s increasing menagerie of the most unlikely animals – the Magenpies, Widdle and Puke, Ulysses the owl, Achilles, scorpions .. the list goes on, creates a whirl of laughter, warmth and love.

We all loved the book. We laughed. We smiled and we shared our pleasure with the Durells and with each other. We thoroughly recommend it.

In July we are meeting a week earlier than usual to allow for holidays. We meet on **Monday 18th July** at 8.00 pm at **Keren’s**. The book we are discussing is” You before Me” and, yes, it is the book on which a chick-flick was made and which premiered last month. But do not dismiss it as chick lit. There is much more to it than that. Tissues at the ready!

OUR THANKS

Celia says thank you for the beautiful church flowers delivered to her by Pam Moody.

Carol Tyler would like to express her appreciation of flowers, phone calls and cards sent to her as she recuperates.

PRAYER PAGE

“Let all people know that God is ruler, even unto the ends of the Earth.”

Based on Psalm 59:13

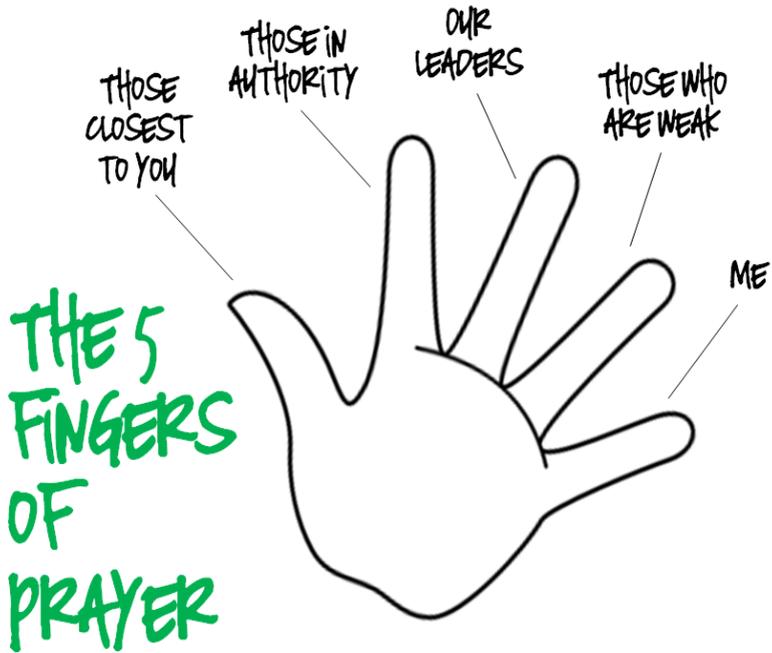
Eternal God, Fount of Wisdom;
We ask You to bless the national leaders we have elected;
Grant that through their discussions and decisions
We may solve our problems effectively,
Enhance the well-being of our nation
And achieve together a fairer and more united society.

Lord God, all wise, all merciful,
Hear us as we pray for those who bear the responsibility of leadership
among the nations of the world.
Give them in their deliberations wisdom to know your will,
Regard for your laws, and respect for human rights;
That they may seek to lead all people in the paths of truth, freedom and
peace,
For the glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Guide us that we may be more sensitive to our neighbour’s needs.
We pray for awareness of those needs:
The need of the old to know they are wanted,
The need of the young to know they are listened to,
The need of all people to know they are of value.

*“Love one another with mutual affection. Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.!”*

Romans 12 10, 15.



GOD DOES ANSWER PRAYER

(even in Football)

Before the recent Euro Football match between N. Ireland V. Wales

The Welsh prayed, "Please God let us win."

N. Ireland prayed, " Please, God, let us score a goal."

And lo and behold both prayers were answered.

Final result: Wales 1. N. Ireland 0!



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Chariots of Fire—John Brewster style

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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.

Fourth Sunday of the month at 6.30 p.m.