

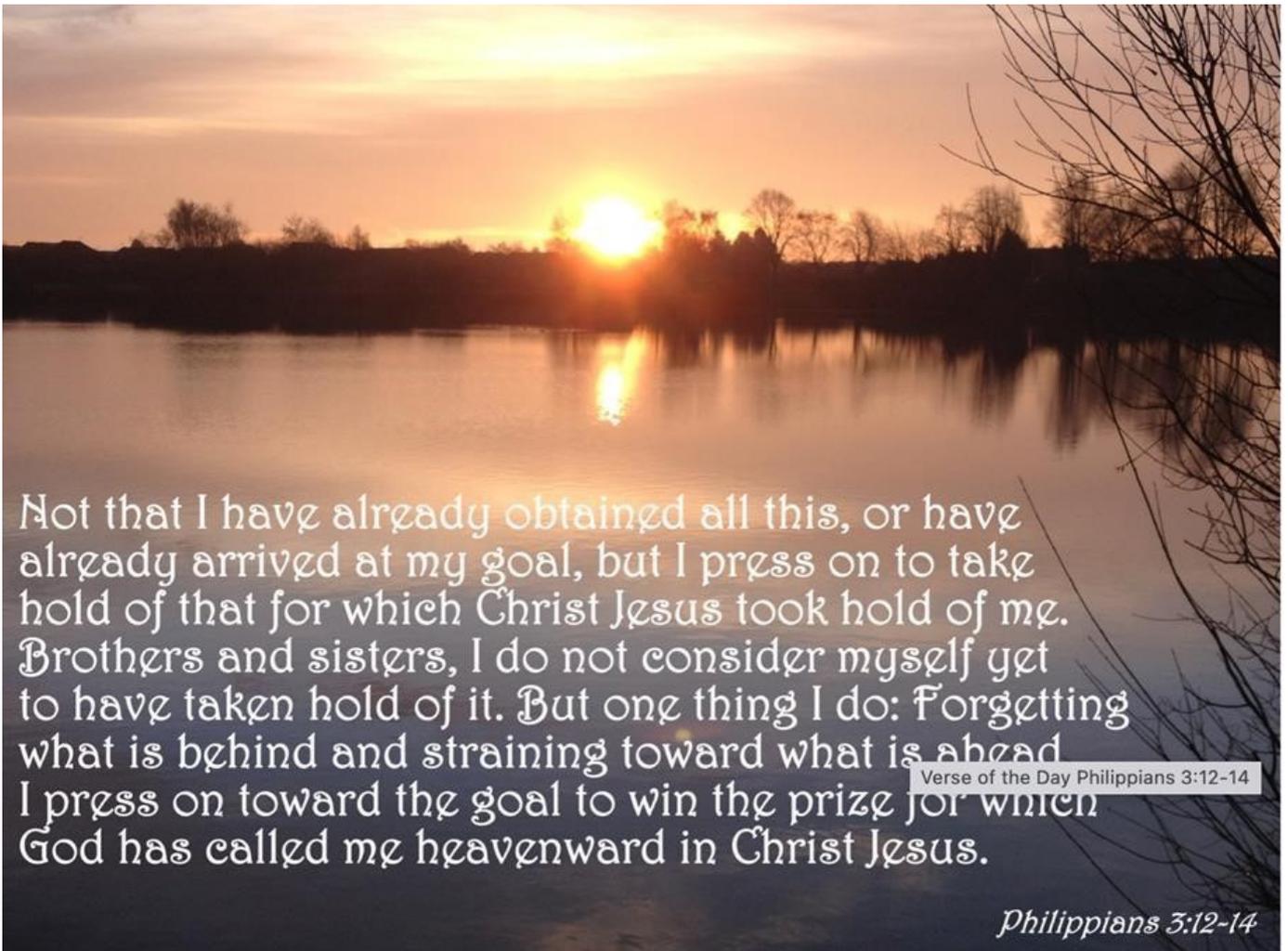
# Central United Reformed Church Hove



## Good Newsletter

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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day Philippians 3:12-14

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June + July 2021



## Dear Friends,

In our recent devotions of Ephesians, Graeme Allen used this poem which I have known for many years, when I was a playgroup leader and Educational Home Visitor in London in the 1980's. You may remember it on the wall outside the kitchen. It has been there for a long time.

*If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.*

*If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.*

*If children live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.*

*If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.*

*If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.*

*If children live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.*

*If children live with praise, they learn to appreciate.*

*If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.*

*If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.*

*If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.*

*If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and others.*

*If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.*

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It got me thinking about how we can create an environment where everything living can thrive and be encouraged. If we changed the word children to people, this might help us to find a new way of supporting one another and creating wellness and healing. We need that very much, at present. How we treat people matters. It matters to each of us and in God we have the best environment in order to develop ourselves in love for humanity. We belong in the heart of God. A place of safety and nurture. I think of myself as a young child, sitting on my Dad's lap. Nothing was said between us, but there was peace and agreement in each other's presence, just being together, sharing a time of quiet. When I come to God, I get that same feeling of safety and security. Each of us can do what we can to make the world a kinder, gentler place to inhabit. We have the choice as to how people will fair in the world we create; for ourselves and for family, friends, neighbours and community.

As we emerge from isolation, we have valued many things, and we can take all that we have learned and appreciated which has given us life and energy, into this new phase of life. If we treat people well, we will be treated well in return. We all want to live confident, tolerant, patient, appreciative, accepting, honest, truthful, faithful and friendly lives, which help people to do the same. May God bless you and give you the courage to love. It has the most dramatic and life changing results. I would like to live in a world that values every person for who they are and everyone lives to their full potential. This approach to people could change us, and the world, for all for ever. It starts with me and you.

Words of encouragement for you. *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

Show love to everyone you meet and the world will be a peaceful and accepting world for all.

## Sue X



### A LITTLE SOMETHING

You never know when someone  
May catch a dream from you.  
You never know when a little word  
Or something you may do  
May open up the windows  
Of a mind that seeks the light.....  
The way you live may not matter at all,  
But you never know, it might.

*Helen Marshall*

## GIFT DAY – 27 JUNE 2021

In thankfulness to God for provision and safety we will have our Gift day, this year. We postponed our Gift Day last year, due to lock-down restrictions.

Gift Day is not a tax on worshippers but an opportunity to respond in thankfulness to God for all we receive in God's name; gifts, grace, peace, justice, love and hope, to share with the community where we minister.

Please give, freely and what you can, in thanksgiving, to support the church in this way. Please pray that this will be a successful event, for the church and that our generosity will mirror all God provides for us.

Rev Sue X

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### **JUNE**

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	THE JUNCTION - Zoom meeting Family Service Rev Sue Chapman	6.30 pm 10.30 am
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service – Holy Communion Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am

#### **JULY**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	10.30 am
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	THE JUNCTION - Zoom meeting Family Service Rev Peter Elliott	6.30 pm 10.30 am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service Rev Simon Franklin	10.30 am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service - Holy Communion Rev Sue Chapman	10.30 am

#### **AUGUST**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Family Service Geoff Harrington	10.30am
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## FAMILY NEWS FROM CENTRAL

### ***WE'RE BACK!***

Well, for the time being. Depending on the Covid demographics, the Government and scientists' logic/planning, etc., etc., etc., we are open for worship on Sunday mornings at 10.30. No singing, no after church coffee/tea; but we can sit socially distanced from each other, sporting face masks; and we can enjoy seeing smiling eyes above the masks and the pleasure of being together in that special atmosphere of a church sanctuary, which sitting in front of a computer screen can never quite evoke.

If you feel uneasy about joining us just yet, the morning services can still be seen via Zoom and Rev Sue will continue to send out copies of the services to those who have not got computers.

So, we go forward in faith, looking forward to the day when we can meet "normally" once more.

Proof of that faith in the future can be found in the fact that **Bluebird Parents and Toddlers** is planning to open on two consecutive weeks in July. There will be sessions on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 9.15 – 11.30 am. For further details, please contact Keren Hancox , Tel: 01273 881348.

May God bless and cherish everyone participating in this venture of faith and commitment.

Having commenced on a positive note, it is with love and sympathy that we surround and uphold **Pam Macaulay** in prayer after the death of her daughter Kirsty. We remember Kirsty with great affection from her younger years in Central, when she was involved in so many activities, including Girls' Brigade. To Pam, Fiona, Bruce, her husband and children we offer our prayerful support and God's comforting embrace.

Pam has also suffered a nasty fall and had to go into hospital, where she has had a partial hip replacement. We are glad to hear that she came through the operation successfully. We hope she has a swift and sure recovery and keeps doing the exercises.

We have all missed meeting with family and friends during the lockdowns and no one is more frustrated with isolating from her family than Hilary Ball, who has only had 14 hours of cuddle time with her first great-granddaughter, born in September 2019. Hilary has yet to hold her second and most recent great-granddaughter, **Eleanor Laura Miles** (Ellie) who was born in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 20<sup>th</sup> April. The most important thing, for which we all give thanks is that all the family is doing well and we pray that they will continue to do so.



Ellie Miles and her parents

We have often published pictures of the Boys' Brigade enjoying cooking but **Carl Jukes** has gone several steps further and entered a Baking Competition. Carl was Runner-up (or Second) in the leaders' section of the Battalion Show Stopper Cake Contest.

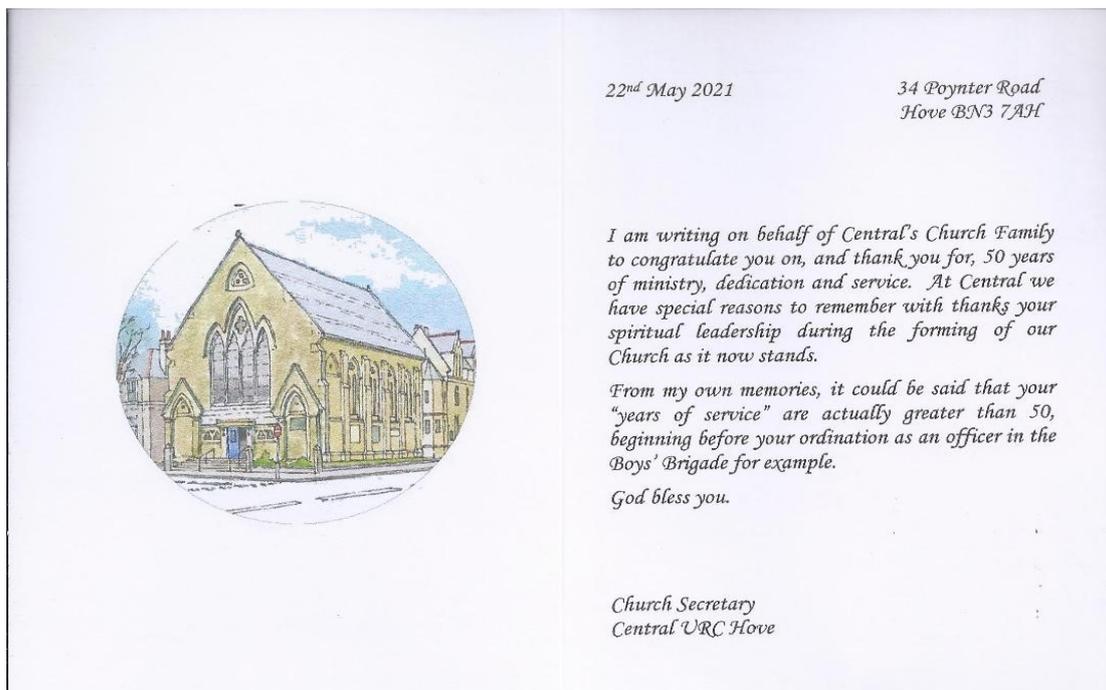


### Spot the difference!

Carl is still convinced that his should have been the winning cake. Well done for trying, Carl!

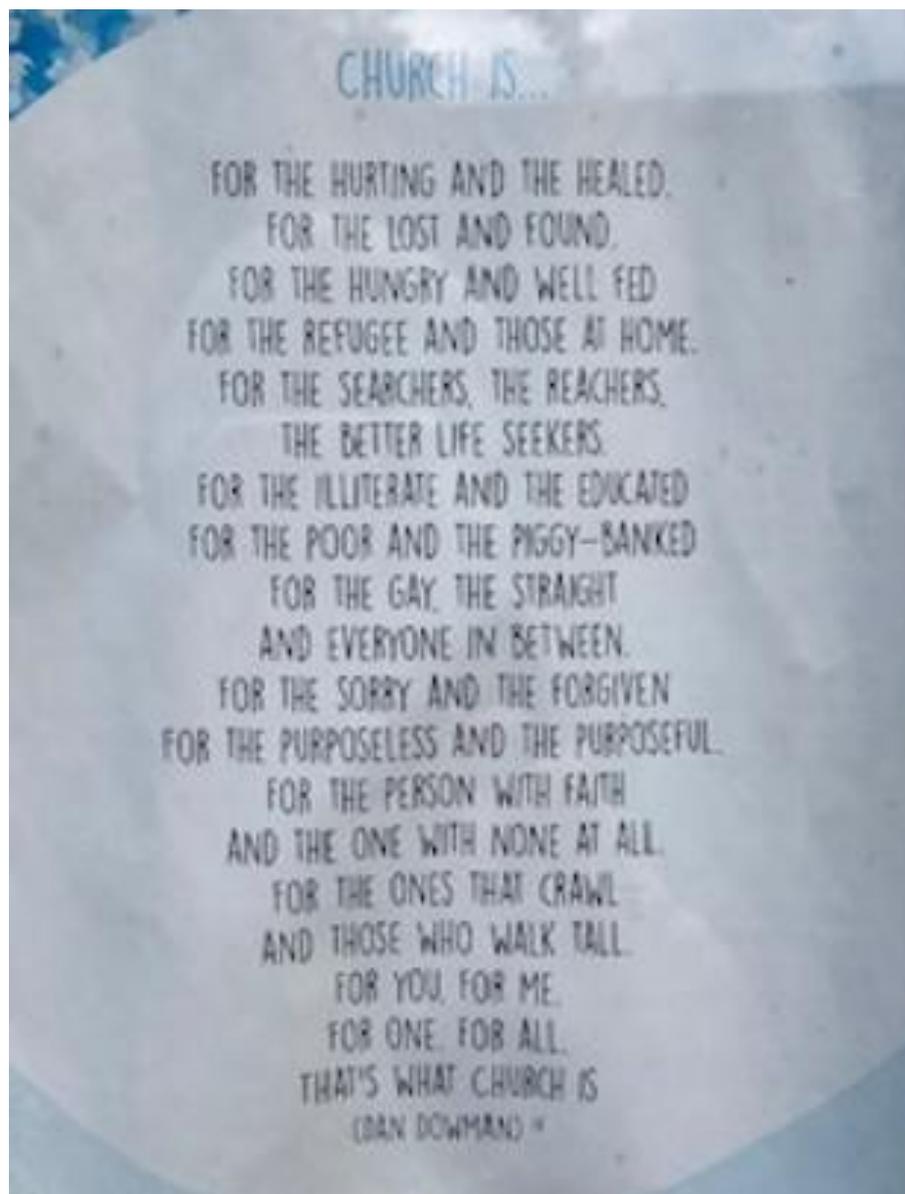
We have had news of birth and death so there has to be a marriage and there is. We would like to wish much joy and every blessing to **Rev Darryl Sinclair** (nee Stone) on her marriage to **Peter Root** on 31<sup>st</sup> July. May they find much happiness, contentment and fulfilment as they begin their new life together.

Speaking of the name Stone, Darryl's father, **Rev Brian Stone**, celebrated 50 years of service in the ministry at a special service held in Portslade URC, his old home church. We are delighted to offer him our congratulations on achieving this ministerial milestone and our thanks for the years of service he gave to us at Central. Below is a copy of the card Tony Clark sent on behalf of Central.



**Fellowship of Prayer:**

*Stephen Bates and his mother, Wendy Blackburn. Betty Briggs, Mary Cochrane, Peter Elliott, Molly Fraser, Peter Gear, Stephen Gledhill, Pam Macaulay, Gift Mubanga, Willi and Agit Ghoshal, Dorothy Welsh.*

**POINTS TO PONDER**

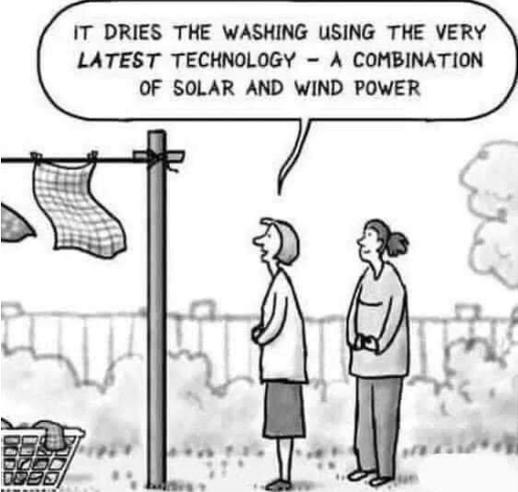
Chip Dunn sent this photo of a poster which is outside an Anglican church in Wighton, Norfolk.

Any errors or omissions in this newsletter are regretted but did you send me a notice in writing? All articles for the August - September magazine should be with the editor by 22nd July, especially if you plan to start again in September.

**I FINALLY DID IT.**  
 Bought a new pair of shoes with  
 Memory Foam insoles.  
 No more forgetting why I walked  
 into the kitchen.



IT DRIES THE WASHING USING THE VERY  
**LATEST TECHNOLOGY - A COMBINATION  
 OF SOLAR AND WIND POWER.**



SOBEWARE!

When you leave the Colin Caterpillar  
 cake in the cupboard too long.



Wakehurst Place



Stay well.  
 Stay safe.  
 Stay healthy.  
 Stay with God.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face to shine upon  
 you  
 And be gracious unto you  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon  
 you  
 and give you peace*