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*Front cover; The winning entry of the 115 celebration colouring competition.
By Becky Crowhurst*

Rev. Andrew Orton

Dear Friends,

As I write this article I am in the last few throws of packing up in Luton prior to joining you in a couple of week's time in Hove. By the time you read this article I will have arrived (God willing) and perhaps even met most of you at my welcome service on 31st August.

New beginnings can be both exciting and frightening both for minister and church but I hope we all soon get to know each other and I look forward to our 'partnership in the Gospel' together.

On Sunday I have my current Circuit farewell service and have been asked to share some thoughts on that occasion, and it occurred to me that what I will share on that farewell occasion is also appropriate for you as I say Hello.

In Genesis 26 we have a peculiar story about Isaac and the men of Gerar (although I'm sure that there were women there as well!). The Chapter begins by telling us that once more there was a famine in the land. Through these words, as Christian people, we are reminded of the immense famine of the things of God in our land today and of the great responsibility each one of us has in rectifying this situation as we make our God known through our living and our words.

As you might expect, people are reacting to the famine by trying to get out while they can as they've heard things are much better in Egypt. It's easy, of course to think about leaving a sinking ship, to think about our own spiritual welfare and wellbeing above everything else – but is that what God really wants?

In this crisis, as Isaac is preparing to pack up and to leave like the rest of them, God appears to him and says: "Don't go to Egypt, but live in the land where I tell you to live, and I will be with you and bless you....."

The truth is that our God never leaves us nor forsakes us and is always there to help us through, however difficult things may get – all he asks is that we continue to trust him.

In this particular account, Isaac does just that, listening and being obedient to his God he settles in the land of Gerar and we are told that God keeps his promise and blesses him as Isaac reaps a hundredfold of what he sowed.



Despite all of this, this passage reminds us of Isaac's human side, for despite the promise of blessing and success, Isaac gets himself into a bit of a pickle, as he lies about the relationship he has with his wife saying that she is really his sister. This reminds us of our own human frailty, that we do and will get things wrong as we are still tempted to look after ourselves rather than to fully trust our God. But despite all of this, our God still loves us and calls us into action, and continues to bless us.

So in that land of blessing and good fortune Isaac re-discovers something very important – precious wells dug by his forefathers, but which for some strange reason have been blocked up by the Philistines. How stupid is that – to block up sources of life giving water in a desert place? I guess the Philistines must have been pretty jealous of Isaac's father to have done that! I wonder if we are ever in danger of doing the same – blocking up important sources of potential blessing simply because we don't like those who have 'dug the well' or are envious of them?

What might some of those 'old wells' look like for us in Hove? Are there things that we need to 're-discover' about our faith?

But it doesn't end there for Isaac, for we are told in these verses that he was also called to be a pioneer – to explore and to seek out and to discover new wells also – new sources of blessing, even wells of living water, and to share his discovery and good fortune with those around (even the Philistines!). Likewise, we are called not to live in the past but to be a journeying people, ones who constantly are prepared to seek out new sources of blessing and to share them with those around.

My prayer is that together we will be able to do just that, so that the famine is quenched and many come into a living faith with our God.

May God continue to richly bless us and guide us in this!

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Heard at Hove

"You don't have to be dead to be a saint"

Alan Pratt (local preacher formerly of the Brighton & Hove Circuit) 05/06/2011

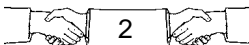
"Today we resist the concept of authority but we cannot ignore the authority of God".

Rev Keith Garder, superintendent minister of Wesley Mission, Sydney, Australia. 12/06/2011

"If they put you on trial for your faith would they find enough evidence?"

Rev Doug Hopwood, Quoted by Geoff Harrington (Local preacher from Brighton & Hove Circuit)

24/07/2011



Editor's Note



This quarter I have decided to use this area to make a direct appeal on behalf of the Christmas day lunch.

This year marks 40 years since the first Christmas day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own, hosted by Hove Methodist Church.

Unfortunately the folk who have co-ordinated the lunch so admirably in the past few years are unable to do it again this year.

We are making a direct appeal to you all, because without a small number of people doing the key jobs, the Christmas day lunch will not happen.

With regards to funding, we are able to call on a number of charities to ensure that funds will not be an issue, but if we stop the lunch and the call on these funds for even just one year, it is unlikely that these funds will be available for the following year.

So if you or your house group think you can be part of a team, those who have done it in the past will be only too willing to help, advise and support you.

By working together as a team the lunch can happen - please do not leave it to someone else, because that someone else is you.

115 celebrations continued

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, to our anniversary celebrations on 12th June. The Sunday services, with their parties, were joyful times of reunion, thanksgiving and sharing. Together with numerous other responses by church groups to the church appeal to celebrate its birthday, these events provide a living example of the spirit that has kept this church alive for the past 115 years and, prayerfully, will do for many years to come. You are a great family.

Jonathan Gravestock

Continuing our celebration I have included some more letters of greetings. A few of these were included in our supplement but others have not been published before.

From Paul Harrington:

Greetings on this special birthday. I was a member at Hove church, or Portland Road as it then was called, in the 60s and early 70s. My most lasting memory of those days is of the youth club. It was one of the many clubs in Britain which was linked to the Methodist Association of Youth Clubs and for those lucky enough to have been a member at that time this was Methodism's contact with young people at its absolute finest.

On a Saturday night the New Hall at Portland Road and the downstairs old bit which then had a big stage were buzzing. There were games, records, a home grown beat group (I was in it) dancing and fun, fun, fun. Always around 9.00pm there would be an epilogue often taken by the members themselves, sometimes experiencing their first go at public speaking. Every year there would be a pantomime which also gave a chance to budding youthful talents to flourish. After the club closed for the night things would often continue at the club's favourite coffee bar The Gondola which was near Hove Town Hall.

There were also sports competitions, a much anticipated annual trip in May to MAYC London Weekend and a summertime social programme which kept everyone together until the nights drew in again. They were good days in which relationships were forged, lifelong friendships made and some came to a strong Christian faith.

As they say on the radio, could I just say hello to all those who know me. For those who like to know the personal stuff, I now have a bus pass, am still playing the guitar and have now worked for the Methodist Recorder in various roles for nearly 40 years.

From Doreen Cox

It gives me great pleasure to send warmest greetings to all who remember me, and my sister, Rosemary Buzzo, who was over here with her husband Nini and very disabled son John, a few years ago from Perth Western Australia.

On your 115th birthday - God bless you all and congratulations.

My grandparents on my mother's side were the Rev Dr Charles Inwood, a Methodist Minister, and his wife Emma Jane. They came to Portland Road Methodist Church, as it was called, there being two other Methodist Churches in Hove, before the first world war. They had four children. Two daughters, both married, Ethel, my mother, who married in 1925, the other a missionary in Egypt, and two sons, Norman, married, living away, and Charles whose name is on the Church war plaque having been killed 19th November 1917.

Mother was choir leader for some years before her marriage. After her marriage was Overseas Missions secretary for some considerable time. Rev Dr Inwood, latterly a world travelled missionary died in 1928.

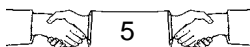
When my mother married in 1925, they moved away from Hove, but returned frequently to see grandma and their many friends. In 1940 we moved into grandma's house as she was riddled with arthritis and had to go into a nursing home. We were now fully involved in the life of the Church. Grandma died in 1941 and my father in 1942.

Life was difficult with the horrors of the second world war. Rosemary joined the Church choir, leaving home later to teach and then to travel.

Mother and I supported all we could at Portland Road Methodist Church. She died in 1963. I returned to teaching, was Church organist and choir leader 1970-1980, also served as a Steward and was Secretary of the Hove Methodist Guild, who at my time had a membership of? Wait for it one hundred and fifty!

Eventually thirteen years ago this month, I moved here to Wannock. Here at Greenfield Methodist church, I am one of two elected organists, and a Church Steward.

It has been a full life with many memories to cherish. I am sorry not to be able to join you, accept my apologies.



From Helen Lambrick

I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend either of the two thanksgiving services as I am just about to go on a family holiday to Italy. I am very sorry to be missing Alan Pratt's service and if you have an opportunity please can you give him my best wishes. He was so kind to me when James died and I have kept in touch via the Parkinson's Disease Society meetings.

James and I were transferred to HMC from Truro Methodist Church in 2002 and our first Sunday was Rob Hufton's farewell service. During the last two years of James' life we had so much help and support from the Church, especially from Kathleen, and also from friends in the congregation who were always ready to assist us in many practical ways. This enabled James to come to church until the last week of his life and I can't tell you how much this meant to us both. I was particularly grateful to Michael Taylor who did so much to help us with the wheelchair and parking problems. During the next five years when I was making a new life for myself HMC played a very significant part and I really appreciated the depth of concern and kindness members showed towards each other. This made the decision to leave Hove and move with my family to a new home, which was just too far for it to be practical to continue my membership at Hove, very difficult indeed. However I felt it was the right long term decision and I have never regretted the move although I do miss many aspects of my life in Hove.

I hope you will have a very happy celebration of 115 years of worship, mission and outreach in Hove, and send my love and very best wishes for the work of HMC in the years to come.



From Sam Kilburn

FIFTY YEARS ON - WELL ALMOST !

It's almost fifty years - May 1962 - since our family first walked through the doors of Hove Methodist Church. When I left in August 2001 to move back to my native county of Yorkshire we had worshipped there for forty of them. We didn't think we would stay long given our experience at our first morning service. A lady already seated in the pew said "you must be new, I don't remember seeing you before". I said it was our first visit and we were looking forward to meeting many new friends, whereupon said lady remarked "well I've been here ten years and some people still aren't speaking to me !! Things didn't turn out quite as bad as that but, the climate was slightly more staid than we were used to in the North.

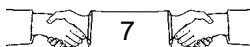
HMC is a busy church, always has been, and I hope always will be so. Change is always present in Methodism. Ministers come and Ministers go - that's the nature of the beast. Too many to mention in our time, if only because I will forget someone. Suffice it to say we started with Arthur Chambers and finished with Rob Hufton.

It was my privilege to be Senior Steward when Colin Smith arrived as a probationer minister. We want an experienced "man" was the comment from a few. How wrong they were. I learnt a lot from Colin and I like to hope he did from me. In any event we are still friends and I have had a little success in converting him into a cricket lover.

It's impossible to talk about HMC without talking about repairs and maintenance. Ask Ken Hopkins. Projects that come to mind are Rose Window repairs - a pity we didn't go for new stonework but money was tight in the 70's and 80's and so we opted for stopgap repairs with a 20 year shelf life. Releading the windows to keep out the draughts - remember them - kept us busy for a month or two. Replacement of central heating boilers - why do they always break down in winter - featured at least once in our time. The major project was the building scheme which opened up the front of the church and which for the first time gave us an entrance at street level. The architect reckoned we had eleven different floor levels in HMC and not one at street level.

From a family point of view the highlight of our time at Portland Road was the amazingly successful Youth Club, mainly in the 60's and 70's. Those were stirring times for young people in Methodism. MAYC weekends, public speaking competitions, the list is endless. Memorable days indeed.

Despite all the above activity, the event our family are most proud of arose out of a chance conversation between Ivy, my late wife and the Rev. Ian Lewis in 1971. "Do you think it would be a good idea to have a Church Christmas Day Lunch for people who will otherwise spend Christmas Day alone?" said Ivy. "Yes" said Ian, will you organise it". So started something in HMC's outreach work which helped



put the church on the map. We are delighted this event continues to this day. Long may it do so.

It was a delight to see the recent congregation photograph on the internet, and an even greater pleasure to see so many new faces I couldn't recognise. HMC looks to be in good heart and I hope, song. Thank you for 40 happy years - yes, there were one or two slightly difficult moments of disagreement , - but what the heck, that's what life is all about.

From Brenda Adams

Congratulations to Portland Road on your 115 th birthday!

I have many memories of Portland Road Church first coming to Youth Club in my teens in the late 1940s. Youth Club meant Youth Fellowship and then progress into the life of the Church and all the varying activities. This is when I made my committment to follow Jesus - my Lord and Saviour. I made many friends and met the young man who was to become my husband. We married and moved away in 1959, but always kept in touch. All the important things in my life began at Portland Road -I wonder what pathway life would have taken without that first step into Youth Club as a young fun loving teenager?

Long live Portland Road and may many others learn as I did, the most important things in life through the Church and her members.

Brenda Adams (nee Beal).
Hope you have a great time at the anniversary weekends.
Jim's aunt, who will be 100 later this year, is very impressed to read in the Methodist Recorder that Rev. Keith Garner will be preaching. She thinks I really ought to be there just to hear him!
Greetings to you.



Who needs Delia Smith!

Who needs Delia Smith, Jamie Oliver or even Gordon Ramsay when we have Caroline Potter!

Over 5 weeks, Caroline has guided us in making:

Pea and mint soup, Minestrone soup, Vegetable curry, Lentil Dahl, Spanish Omelette, Bread rolls, Pizza, Hummous, Guacamole, German Apple cake, Fish soup, Mackerel fishcakes, Dried fruit salad, Exotic fruit and baked nectarines.

The lunch club, supported by Hove Methodist Church and funded by the Food Partnership is free and open to anyone over 60 who would like to learn how to cook, brush up on skills they already have, or perhaps those who find cooking a chore, or if you enjoy the company of others or maybe you would just like an opportunity to try new foods.

The wonderful and unique feature of this club is that everyone helps with the preparation of the food and when it's ready, sit down together and share in the lunch. The Club consisted of people from the church family and people from the local community. Through conversation with the group it became very clear how important events like this are to enable people who may otherwise be on their own for days on end, to get out of their homes and meet friends new and old. This is a wonderful new outreach opportunity for Hove Methodist church to work with and support some of the needs of our local community.

We asked the group what aspects of the club did they most enjoy?

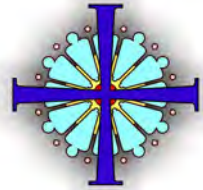
"Meeting up with people", "the friendly people and company as well as the variety of cooking", "Eating the meals we prepared and cooked", "the opportunity to try recipes new to me and to be reminded of cookery tips I had forgotten, also the opportunity to get together with other people". I went along as a helper and can say I had a fantastic time and a really enjoyable experience,

I learnt new tips, how to cook on a budget, tried food I would never have dreamt of trying and most importantly made new friends along the way, many of whom will be coming back in September.

We only have enough funding to run another **5** week course starting on the Monday 12th September, if you would be interested in coming along please do call me on 07813707929 as numbers are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. This really is an opportunity not to be missed!

Rachel Richards

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Since the last issue of Link we have the following to report.

Birth :

Congratulations to Abigail and Sam on the safe arrival of their daughter **Amaryllis Charlotte Quick**, who was born on 27th May. Another granddaughter, for Jonathan and Charlotte Gravestock.

Called to Glory :

It is with sadness that we report the death of the following family and friends of the Church, **Edna Goddings, Wally Pexton, Howard Thompson, Norman Wright and George Carpenter.**

We extend our love and sympathy to their family and friends

Thank you :

To all who have collection boxes for **Action for Children**, which this year raised £126.65

To all who supported **Christian Aid week**. Total banked this year was £445.30, of which £253.46 came from donations inside the Church, and £191.84 from house to house collectors - just two collectors now, Peter Bowles and Jonathan Gravestock.

To Rose Bateman and all who supported her table top sale raising £260 for **the Circuit Ghana project.**

To all who supported the collection for the **Japanese disaster appeal** raising £65.75

To Paul Richards who swam a mile, raising funds for **MENCAP.**

To all who supported the collection for the **Sub-Sahara African Drought Appeal** raising £365.30

Congratulations :

Vera and George Miles who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Jennifer Thomas (daughter of Joan Thomas), who is Professor of Particle Physics at University College London, on being awarded the CBE, in the Queen's birthday honours list, for services to science.

General Church News

115 Celebrations

As most of you are aware our Church is 115 years old this year. On Wednesday 3rd June 1896 the foundation stones of Hove Methodist Church were laid. Following the completion of the Church and lower hall, the dedication service was held on Thursday 17th December 1896. So we held a series of events to mark this anniversary, culminating with a celebration day on Sunday 12th June 2011. The weather was not kind to us, but that did not dampen our spirits. With the entertainment that included, a barbeque, bouncy castle and Hangleton Junior Band a great day was had by all who attended.

Ghana table top sale

One of the events to raise money for the circuit Ghana project was a table top sale. There were many stalls selling brick-a-brack cakes, cards, jewellery, photos and perfume .

Farewell to Rev Cynthia Park,

As we welcome our new minister Rev Andrew Orton and look forward to his time with us, it is only right to thank Cynthia. Cynthia has helped guide Hove Methodist Church with great skill, dedication and enthusiasm throughout this last year. We have been truly blessed by her ministry.

Lunch club

The lunch has been a brilliant and inclusive initiative, where the change to meet and talk to other people is just as important as the cooking and eating of food. Fantastic. A full report is on page 9.

Men's social Club

The autumn session of the Club started last Friday (2nd September). Please see the item on page 15.

General Church Meeting

On Sat 8th Oct from 10am to 12.30pm

This is everyone's chance to come and talk with our new minister and to help reach an understanding of our way forward together.

Refreshments will be available mid-morning.

Church Council Meeting

Please note that the next Church Council Meeting open to all who wish to attend, will be on Wednesday November 9th starting at 7.35pm

Good evening Glastonbury

Some of you will know I'm the bass player and manager of the punk band 'Heavy Load'. In the 15 years we've been going we've become well known for our anarchic, chaotic and joyful live shows and in 2008 we reached a whole new audience through having a feature documentary made about us which was on general release at cinemas and shown on the BBC (and US TV). Our story appealed to the film director Jerry Rothwell as three of the members of our band have learning disabilities.

Since the release of the movie we've made friends around the world and we've gone on to play in the US, Germany and last year embarked on a totally crazy (and thankfully successful) road trip to Copenhagen. In 2009 we were invited to play at Glastonbury – the dream gig for any musicians, so we couldn't believe it to be invited back this year where we played a couple of stages. Glastonbury Festival is a very hard place to describe. Everyone asks you what bands you saw but really it's the atmosphere that makes it so special and the music becomes secondary. Having said that there was some amazing music on offer with something to suit every taste. One of our gigs took place in an area which looks like a post-apocalyptic dystopian future – where everything has gone wrong, just the perfect place for us really. It was another success for us and also a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones and soak up the truly special atmosphere of Glastonbury. The mud was a major issue this year, mud everywhere, as far as the eye can see but with the help of a friendly JCB driver our van was kindly towed in to (and out of) the crew camping area. The only downside being the crew camping being right next to a stage which went on all night. But you don't go to Glastonbury expecting to sleep I suppose. It was another opportunity for us to get our off-the-wall approach to making music to a much wider audience.

Stay Up Late -

A lot of people with learning disabilities aren't as fortunate as the members of Heavy Load in being able to enjoy full and active social lives, due to their staff not being able to work flexible hours (meaning a lot of people with learning disabilities have to leave concerts and social events at 9pm). This is an issue we've been campaigning about for the last 5 years and have attracted support from across the UK, and beyond, our belief is that people with learning disabilities have a human right to enjoy a full and active social lives of their choosing (as do the government) but inflexible staff practices make going for a night out impossible for many people. Our campaign 'Stay Up Late' has since won awards for it's work and we've generated a lot of talk about this issue but feel that's not enough. There needs to be some action. So I'm currently in the process of applying for Stay Up Late to be registered as a charity which will be an important step in our attempts to significantly develop our work. There will be more news on this in the coming months.

In the meantime I've been invited to a conference in Prague in November to talk about the work of Stay Up Late, Heavy Load are off on a mini-tour of Scotland in October and playing at the Worthing Assembly Halls on 16th September. And we're just putting the finishing touches to our 3rd album – which we'll release in November.

We're also putting together another CD compilation of musicians from around the world with learning disabilities. There is a world of music out there being made by remarkably talented people, some of whom who approach making music from a totally different way than the accepted norms, and in the process creating some totally unique and exciting sounds.

So if you'd like to find out more about our world, and find out how you can see our movie please have a look at www.heavylload.org

Paul Richards

Student Liason

As I write this we are beginning to plan for the arrival of some 1,000 new international students at Sussex University and for the week-long Freshers' Fairs at both Sussex and Brighton Universities. This all happens at the end of September, so lots to do. It may seem a long way off but preparation and planning are so important.

We have continued to offer the monthly Students' subsidised Sunday Lunch throughout the summer as there are quite a few international students who stay on here and who appreciate the friendly opportunity.

We are endeavouring to further our links with both universities through contacts in the Christian Unions and other groups. Please pray for the students as they take up their places, either continuing their studies or as new arrivals. That they will have a wonderful time in Brighton & Hove on their individual journeys of discovery and that part of those discoveries will be that of the amazing love of God in their lives.

If you know of anyone who falls into the category of student - that's anyone at university or on an apprenticeship, whether they are a student locally or just home for a while – do invite them to come and join us, online or in person, it's very informal and they'd be very welcome. Just give them my contact details or (if they prefer and are happy about it) give me their details and I'll contact them.

I can be found on/at any of the following:

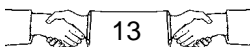
mob: 07943 401608

e-mail: StudentCircuit @dgmc.org.uk

Facebook group: Student Circuit (or individual account: Stu Dent-Circuit)

Twitter: @StudentCircuit

Sue Harrington



Edna Goddings

It is with sadness Edna aged 84 years passed away at Kingsland House, Shoreham during the morning of Sunday 3rd July.

Edna has been a faithful and active member of the church and was a most regular attender, up to her recent illness; a kindly, friendly lady and a loving wife to John for nearly 60 years.

We remember Edna as a kind and caring person whose sense of duty to friends and families was paramount.

Howard Thompson

Sadly Howard died on Monday 25th July after a long illness. Howard was a member of the church and a local preacher since 1955. He was received into Church Membership in 1953 and was encouraged to think about preaching by the Rev Fred Pratt Green.

He completed his training and his time as a local preacher "On Trial" in 1955 and was formally recognised as a preacher "On Full Plan" at a Service in the Dome led by the Rev Dr Leslie A Newman. He will be greatly missed by Valerie and family and everyone who knew him.

Norman Wright

Norman was for some years on the rota for playing the organ. He also ran The Inglenook Restaurant on Portland Road where many members of our congregation used to have their Sunday Lunch.

Men's Social Club

The new session starts on Friday 2nd September at 7.30am in the lower hall of the church.

We meet weekly on Friday evenings from 7.30pm – 10.00pm for conversation, snooker, billiards, darts, table tennis and new for this year bar billiards. Do not worry if you have never played before because we can help you to learn and can also supply the required equipment.

Refreshments (tea and cake) are available.

We also hold a social evening in May where wives/partners are invited for a fish and chip supper and award of prizes won during the session.

Hopefully you would like to come along and see what happens and be assured of a warm welcome.

Richard Williams

The Methodist Church responds to the riots across England

Methodist churches in their local communities have been working and praying hard in the aftermath of the riots across England. There have been prayer vigils in Tottenham, Wolverhampton, Central London, Manchester and Birmingham, and many other locations.

Street pastors, town centre and retail chaplains have been out on the streets; Methodist ministers have been interviewed on local radio stations; Wolverhampton churches are helping small businesses which have lost all their stock; The Nexus Fresh Expression in Central Buildings, Manchester has been offering free coffee to people helping with the clean-up.

Commenting on the events, the chair of the London District, the Revd Jenny Impey said, "A number of our people live close to the hot spots and have spoken of their shock at what they have witnessed, but are responding in positive ways by helping with clean-up operations, calling together people for prayer and positive action and contacting church members to ensure that they are OK".

There is also a prayer on the Methodist website written in response to the riots. If you would like to make a donation to the Mission in Britain Fund which makes grants to local churches and circuits, you can give online through ***JustGiving***. Or, if you would prefer to send a cheque, please make it payable to Mission in Britain Fund and send it to The Mission in Britain Fund, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR.

From the methodist e-news

In our area, Street Pastors

Street pastors have been on the streets of Brighton and Hove to help drunken revellers since March 2010.

The volunteers are out in force every Friday between 10pm and 4am helping people who are too vulnerable to get home safely and could become a victim of crime.

The church-run initiative has been set up with the support of **Sussex Police** and **Brighton and Hove City Council**.

Around 50 people were trained and patrols began in March.

Street Pastors are on the streets to be a prayerful presence, and to offer pastoral care and practical help. It is not about preaching, but about sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways, not least by being a listening ear. Street Pastors works collaboratively with the Police and the Local Authority to be a calming influence on the streets. It's not about enforcement, but about engagement with people's needs right where they are - on the street.

Street Pastors is not limited to any one denomination of Christian Church. Volunteers can come from any Christian Church and teams are usually of mixed Church background.

The volunteers will hand out suitable footwear, help people keep warm and offer support to anyone who is distressed. They will also find taxis for people and dispose of bottles and glass safely.

Brighton and Hove commander, chief superintendent Graham Bartlett said: "The street pastors will work alongside my teams policing the night time economy in the city and will supplement the already successful Safe Space in West Street which is available at weekends for those who need a place of safety and taxi marshals who can assist you with getting a cab."

George Herbert

Born 3 April 1593 Montgomery, Wales

Died 1 March 1633 (aged 39) Bemerton, Wiltshire, England

A Welsh born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, known as the lyrical author of “King of Glory, King Of Peace.”

George Herbert was born into an artistic and wealthy family, he received a good education that led to his holding prominent positions at Cambridge University and Parliament.

As a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, Herbert excelled in languages and music. He went to college with the intention of becoming a priest, but his scholarship attracted the attention of King James I/VI. Herbert served in parliament for two years. After the death of King James and at the urging of a friend, Herbert's interest in ordained ministry was renewed.

In 1630, in his late thirties he gave up his secular ambitions and took holy orders in the Church of England. He took up his duties in Bemerton, a rural parish in Wiltshire. Here he preached and wrote poetry; also helping to rebuild the church out of his own funds. He was noted for unflinching care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill, and providing food and clothing for those in need.

Throughout his life, Herbert wrote religious poems characterized by a precision of language, a metrical versatility, and an ingenious use of imagery or conceits that was favoured by the metaphysical school of poets.

In 1633 Herbert finished a collection of poems entitled *The Temple*, which imitates the architectural style of churches through both the meaning of the words and their visual layout. The themes of God and love are treated by Herbert as much as psychological forces as metaphysical phenomena.

Suffering from poor health, Herbert died of tuberculosis only three years after taking holy orders.

King of Glory, King of Peace

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried,
Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven,
I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort
To enroll Thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.



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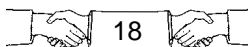
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Joseph David Jones wrote the musical portions of "King of Glory, King of Peace." This is the first tune, Gwalchmai, in Hymns and Psalms (Hymn no 499).

Heard at Hove

"Worship is the most important thing we can do. Listening to God. The spirit is flowing through us to unite us. To challenge and guide us...Worship is where beautiful things happen".

Rev Cynthia Park at worship consultation on 26/09/2010.



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the regular activities occurring at Hove Methodist Church:

Monday:

- 2.30pm Monday Guild
Fellowship and friendship. Contact Kathlyn Taylor through the Church Office for details.
- 6.15pm Junior Youth Club (ages 5-11)
- 7.15pm Older Youth Club (ages 11-14)
Children's activities. Contact Terry Pomfrey or Maggie Symes through the Church Office for details.

Tuesday:

- 8.00pm Wives Club fortnightly speakers and demonstrations, chat and friendship

Thursday:

- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Coffee and Chat at the Church

Friday:

- 2.00pm Polka Tots (ages 0-5)
Parent and Toddlers' Group
- 7.30-10.30pm Mens' Social Club.

Saturday:

08:30-11.00 am Community breakfast is normally on the last Saturday of every month. Full English Breakfast/newspapers/free refills.

Sunday:

- 10.30am Morning service
For details of special and evening services see the weekly newsnotes

*Up-to-date information about other activities is detailed in the Sunday **NEWSNOTES** and the names and telephone numbers of people to contact can be found in the "Guide to Church Activities" leaflet available at church*

Final thought...

CAN I SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER?

I cannot say...

Our - if I live in a water-tight spiritual compartment. If I think a special place in Heaven is reserved for my denomination.

Father - if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life.

Which art in Heaven - if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

Hallowed be Thy Name - if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

Thy Kingdom come - if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

Thy will be done - if I am questioning, resentful of, or disobedient to His will for me.

On earth as it is in Heaven - if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.

Give us this day our daily bread - if I in living on past experiences.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us - if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

Lead us not into temptation - if I deliberately place myself, or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

Deliver us from evil - if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

Thine is the Kingdom - if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

Thine is the power - if I fear what men may do; or what my neighbour may think.

Thine is the glory - if I am seeking glory for myself.

Forever and forever - if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

Amen - if I do not also add Cost wham it may!

For to say this prayer Will cost EVERYTHING.

Author unknown From Holland Road Baptist Church magazine.

COMING UP *Some key events in the next three months*

September

		Preachers
Sunday	4th 10.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Covenant Service
Sunday	11th 8.00am	Rev Andrew Orton - Holy Communion
	10.30am	Frances Timpson
Sunday	18th 10.30am	David Bircham
24th and 25th	Harvest weekend	
Sunday	25th 10.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Worship together
	6.30pm	Rev Andrew Orton - Healing Service

October

Sunday	2nd 10.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Holy Communion
Sunday	9th 8.00am	Rev Andrew Orton - Holy Communion
	10.30am	Stella Goddard
Sunday	16th 10.30am	Bulah Fletcher
Sunday	23rd 10.30am	Rev Heather Leake Date - Worship together
25th	10.30am	Rev Alex Mabbs
	6.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Healing Service

November

Sunday	4th 10.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Holy Communion
Sunday	13th 8.00am	Rev Andrew Orton - Holy Communion
	10.30am	Alan Saunders
Sunday	20th 10.30am	Rev Lin Francis
Sunday	27th 10.30am	Rev Andrew Orton - Worship together
	6.30am	Rev Lin Francis - Healing Service

Other meetings:

General Church Meeting; open to all who wish to attend, on Saturday October 8th 10am to 12.30pm

Church Council Meeting; Church Council Meeting open to all who wish to attend, will be on Wednesday November 9th starting at 7.35pm

Community breakfasts Last Saturday of each month 8.30-11.00am

Film Nights 2nd Friday of the month at 8.00pm see News Notes for details

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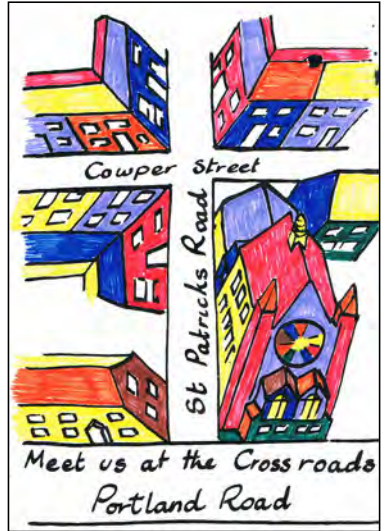
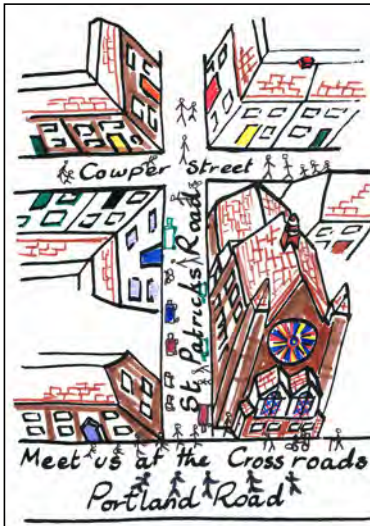
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Please refer to the weekly NEWSNOTES for up-to-date information.



Here are the three colouring competition runners up created by Mavis Pam and Clare



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