World Wide Women's Day of Prayer will be on 2nd March at 11am at the Holy Cross Church. More details will follow. **Rose Bateman**

Church Re-ordering

6 potential contractors for the re-ordering of the church have been invited to submit tenders, and the date for formally opening them was Friday 20th January. The tenders are being carefully evaluated, with particular reference to the quality of tender and competence of the potential successful contractor, and also the cost and timescale on which they would plan to do the job.

It is to be expected that work will commence sometime in February, with completion targeted for the end of April. The key features of the work remain unchanged – replacement of pews by chairs, installation of under-floor heating, a larger kitchen with direct server into the church as well as the Narthex, an AV desk with more space for AV operators, retention of an accessible toilet in the Narthex (where the kitchen is now situated) and a folding screen between the sanctuary and Narthex.

Plans are also well advanced to develop and improve the AV system, and the re-ordering is designed to facilitate this (although it may follow a little later). **Roger Straker**

March for Justice

This year I am supporting the Christian Aid 'March for Justice'. Christian Aid are holding a number of sponsored walks across the country walking in solidarity with over 100,000 poor and marginalised people in India, who are marching and holding peaceful protests in 25 states across India over the coming year to claim land rights they have been promised by the Indian government. Money raised from these sponsored walks will go to the work of Christian Aid's partner Ekta Parishad, who are organising the marches in India, and to human rights projects in South Asia. Along with other Church leaders I walked 12 miles across London and I am now looking for sponsors from individuals and churches around the District. I would be grateful for your support. If your circuit or one of your churches is willing to sponsor me I would be grateful if you could send a cheque made payable to "The Methodist Church, South East District" to the District office by **29th February 2012.** **John Hellyer, District Chair**

(There is a poster in the Crush Hall showing John with his certificate as evidence of the walk being completed)

Please take these NEWSNOTES home with you, so that you have them for reference during the coming week.

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Sunday 29th January 2012

We warmly welcome all visitors to Hove Methodist Church. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please make yourself known to the Minister or a Church Steward and sign the Visitor's book in the Narthex. Coffee and soft drinks are served in the Crush Hall following the morning service. If you wish someone to be included in our morning prayers of intercession, please write their name in the Prayer Book on the Narthex table. These details could also be passed on to members of our Prayer Network who will pray regularly for them. Please contact the church office as above.

10.30am	**Wynn Funnell**
Readings:	**Mark 1: 21 – 28**
	1 Corinthians 8: 1 - 13
Read by:	**Pat & Michael Hill**

At Patcham
6.30pm **Rev Andrew Orton – Healing & Wholeness**

Music – Janet Bowles
Vestry Steward – Lucy Gillie
AV Operator – Stella Goddard
Flowers – have been provided by gifts to the flower fund

Prayer

I offer you my hands, O Lord, to do your work; my lips to sing your praise; my life to proclaim your glory and my heart to serve you in my neighbour; for Jesu's sake. Amen.

St Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

Taken from the Methodist Prayer Handbook

Hove Methodist Church Mission Statement:
'To share the love of God, as revealed by Christ, through the Holy Spirit'

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday 30th
2.30pm Monday Guild – John – Mission Aviation Fellowship
6.15-8.15pm Youth Club
Thursday 2nd February
10.00am Mid-week service of prayers with Jean Hunter followed by tea/coffee
Friday 3rd
2.00pm Polka Tots for children & parents-carers
Sunday 5th
10.30am Rev Andrew Orton – Holy Communion
6.30pm *at Patcham* Rev Andrew Orton – Holy Communion

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Traidcraft Stall

Look out for the new catalogues, available in February, in our church. You will be able to place an order with us, and make suggestions about products you would like to see on the stall. We will try to run a Traidcraft stall every month. Before Easter we hope to run a stall on 12th Feb and 18th March. **Alison Gregory**

Church Council Meeting

There is to be an extraordinary meeting of the Church Council after the service on Sunday 5th February. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting. If you are unable to come, please let me know as soon as possible. **John (Secretary)**

Giving – Envelopes v Standing Orders

We are due to order the annual supply of envelopes for regular giving. It prompts Treasury to ask if existing envelope users would change to making their gifts by bank Standing Order. Apart from the cost of envelopes the Standing Order process reduces the amount of time spent by Stewards each week opening envelopes, counting money and banking. We are aware that some folk still prefer to put something into the collection and we can provide you with a card which can be put in instead of an envelope. It would have appropriate wording e.g. Bless the offering that I have made by Standing Order today. If you are able to change your method of regular giving please have a word with Roger Straker (563160), Peter Bowles (737457) or Michael Hill (779432). We can provide you with a standard letter to give to your bank. If you prefer to remain on your existing method of giving we understand and respect your decision. Thank you. **Michael Hill**

'Link'

If you have an article for 'Link' please make sure you let me have it **TODAY** **Terry Pomfrey**

New Christian Secondary School for Hove

You may know that all the Hove secondary schools are over-subscribed every year. You may know that Cardinal Newman Catholic School are considering changing their policy to admit only children from Catholic primary schools. But did you know that a group of local parents are going to create a new Christian secondary school in Hove? In order to get the funding and approval for the scheme, they need to show support from the local community, including people who don't necessarily have school age children. If you would like to register your support for a new Christian secondary school please visit **http://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk.**

Mark Gregory

Great Days Out

A Mystery Tour has been arranged for the Brighton & Hove Circuit with Brighton & Hove Coaches on Wednesday 18th April. Tickets cost £20 per person and include coach tour and a two course lunch. A deposit of £5 is required and the balance due by Monday 19th March. For more information please see the poster in the Crush Hall and Ellington Room. If you would like to book tickets, please contact Alan Cutting on 01273 723349 or 605502. Cheques must be made payable to Dorset Gardens Methodist Church.

Is your Faith 'Greater than Gold'

Calling all budding actors, singers and musicians…Is your Faith **'Greater than Gold'** and something worth singing about? During the summer months, as part of our Circuit response to the Olympic games, the Brighton & Hove Methodist Circuit are looking to put on a number of performances of the Roger Jones musical **'Greater than Gold'** the hope is that we shall be able to take this around all five churches as an act of witness and an opportunity to reach out to the communities around our churches with the message that there is more to life that winning Olympic medals. Rehearsals will begin around May but in the meantime you can register your interest in taking part by contacting Rev. Andrew Orton 323090 or **andrew.orton@methodist.org.uk**

'80 not out'

Congratulations and best wishes to Joy Hole, Joan Newing and John Smith, who have celebrated their 80th birthday this month.