

Brighton *AND* Hove City Mission

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Serving the City, Church & Christ

YEARBOOK 2015



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HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE BRIGHTON AND HOVE CITY MISSION YEARBOOK 2015

The last year has been full of changes, challenges and encouragements. We hope the next 10 pages will give you a really good insight into the work of the City Mission, as well as showcasing our plans for the future.

Established in 1849, The Brighton and Hove City Mission seeks to serve the City, Church and Christ. The needs of Brighton and Hove have changed over the years, and in response, so have we. One of the greatest challenges of our work is staying true to our Christian roots, whilst remaining culturally relevant and able to identify and meet those needs in such a diverse and ever changing city.

We currently serve Brighton and Hove through teams of missionaries, both paid and voluntary, over four areas of work; Schools, Brighton Food Bank, Rest Homes and Life Stream.



Julian Haddow

NEW CHAPTER

My name is Julian Haddow and I started work as Mission Coordinator in August 2014, taking over the role from Tony Smith, who retired in September.

Existing supporters will already have noticed a new look and design to the City Mission publicity. On the front cover you'll find our new logo and values, that will underpin the next three years of our work.

I have always loved Brighton. The youngest of 7, I was born in Cuckfield, West Sussex. I lived in Henfield until the age of 7 when my parents moved to Austria to become missionaries. Coming back to the UK every year on holiday, and then moving back as a teenager, I have always loved and been drawn to Brighton, it's colour, character and creativity.

YOUR CITY, YOUR MISSION

Brighton is an incredibly unique and distinctive city, packed with energy and diversity. Whether you enjoy hanging out on the pier, sitting on the beach, or walking through the Laines, I think most people in the south have something they love about Brighton. This is our city and we love it.

Cities direct the heartbeat of where a nation heads. From them flows everything good, but equally everything bad, about our culture. Where large groups of humanity gather it becomes apparent where the cracks in society are. Crime is higher, poverty deeper and social issues are bigger; therefore the need for help is greater, the city needs a mission. Will you join us on our mission to reach this city?

The Bible says:

"Where sin abounds, grace abounds much more"

-Romans 5v20



SERVING THE CITY, CHURCH AND CHRIST SINCE 1849

Are you reading this as a member of a church? We are passionate about supporting, resourcing and building the church in our city. Each of our teams are focusing this year on serving the church. It's about building the Kingdom of God by linking arms, not building our own empires or islands.

What we are asking for 2015 is:

Will you make Brighton your city?

Will you make us your Mission?

**YOUR CITY
YOUR MISSION**



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WHO, WHAT AND WHY?

The Schools Team exists to serve local schools in their responsibility to engage with spiritual, moral, social and cultural values. We aim to educate in an entertaining way, bringing elements of the Christian faith to life with messages accessible to children of all faith groups and none, from a variety of backgrounds.

ASSEMBLIES

We have served in 21 different schools throughout the year, presenting assemblies to over 6,000 children. Our assemblies focus on seasonal themes. In April we taught the Easter story, and in the summer we portrayed the classic showdown of David and Goliath. The Harvest assembly encouraged children to be mindful of those going through tough times, and our Christmas assembly had angels flying off to deliver Christmas gifts, thanks to green screen technology.

PRAYER SPACES AND PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to our assemblies, we also delivered Prayer Spaces in 6 Primary schools, with over 1,000 children attending. The pupils explored the concept of prayer, and the big themes in life, through creative activities. We partnered with Off the Fence, a local charity, in delivering these Prayer Spaces, and presenting our event, Christians in Education. This event is for training and equipping those in education, and in churches, who are focused on delivering schools work.

NEW CREATIVE TEAM MEMBER

Lloyd joined the team this year, facilitating our clubs, assemblies, Prayer Spaces, and producing much of the media.

**"I LAUGHED SO HARD I NEARLY
FELL OFF MY CHAIR"
CHILD**



Linda and Tris



SERVING CHURCHES

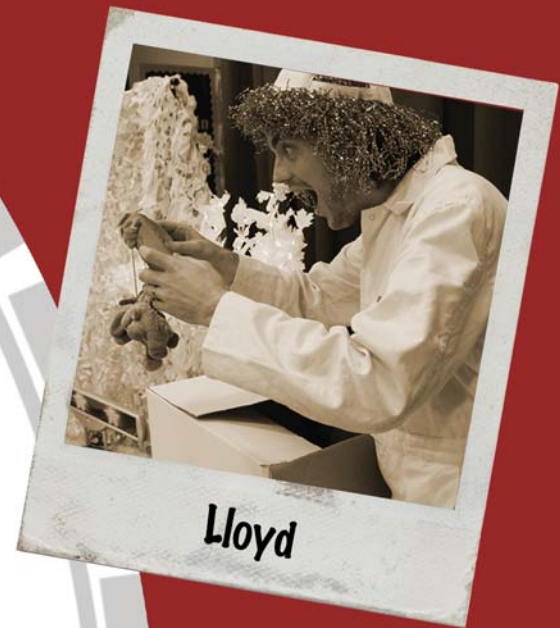
Looking forward to 2015 we are excited to be developing a dynamic training pack to help equip churches working with children. We are looking at the possibility of becoming a training centre for school's workers using a course which is nationally accredited and run in partnership with Enable, a course run by schoolwork.co.uk. We would like to stir up people passionate about working with children to volunteer on the team, who will gain practical experience and skills, and will enable us to help more schools.

EXPANDING AND REACHING THE CITY

We will continue to deliver high quality assemblies, and we are looking to expand the number of schools we assist. The delivery of Prayer Spaces and our Christians in Education events will remain high on our agenda.

NEW TEAM LEADER?

Linda, who has been the passionate leader of the Schools Team at the Mission, will be stepping down this year, however, she will remain part of the team. We are looking for a new Schools Team Leader who will continue to develop this outstanding work in our city.



Lloyd



Linda and teacher

"YOU ARE CONSTANTLY RAISING THE BAR"

DEPUTY HEAD





WHO, WHAT AND WHY?

The Brighton Food Bank exists to serve local people, both individuals and families, who are experiencing financial hardships. We work through a system of referrals for weekly food parcels from over 50 city wide agencies that we partner with to provide this service. Over 2400 parcels were handed out during 2014 and, due to the nature of our work being crisis relief, 90% of our clients used our service for 10 visits or less. In addition to this, approximately 90 home start up packs were provided for those moving into new accommodation. This is a unique benefit provided by the Food Bank which contains the essential homeware and utensils needed for people to set up home. We also offer help and support through our provision of Fuel Aid for families and individuals who have to choose between feeding themselves or heating their home.

NEW TEAM, NEW PARTNERSHIPS

This year we welcomed Tony into the Food Bank team. His role includes floor management and overseeing donations from the community, as well as maintaining the partnership we have formed with Waitrose Brighton, who collect food for us all year round. We also partner with many other organisations; including Asda in Hollingbury, who support us with their community chest scheme; Fareshare, who donate food; and the Cooperative, who supply us with carrier bags. Alongside business partnerships, we have also formed strong links with many churches in East and West Sussex. Around 40 of these churches provide us with regular food donations. These donations are boosted at Harvest time by local churches, and schools, collecting food specifically for the Food Bank.



**Lyn one of our
volunteers**

**"OUR LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH
HARDER WITHOUT YOU. I CAN'T TELL YOU
HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR KIND
SUPPORT"**

FOOD BANK CLIENT



15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This year we celebrate our 15th anniversary of the Food Bank. We are proud to be one of the first food banks in the country, existing before many of the nationwide services that came into being, and have had the privilege of offering advice to those who are setting up new food banks or existing food banks who are stream lining their referral system. Celebrations, on Saturday 20th June, will include the coming together of 4 generations of management, staff members and volunteers, and all those who support and have supported the Food Bank over the past 15 years.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2015
AT THE BRIGHTHELM CENTRE

SERVING THE CITY AND CHURCH

This year we are starting a forum that has been set up in order to promote networking and support amongst 4 local Christian food banks. We are passionate about equipping the church and we are doing our part to help. We will also be running training sessions to equip individuals who are interested in joining our Food Bank team. Another great opportunity we have this year is the chance to feed into social policy discussions at the city councils network of advice services. We have much expertise in the issues that will be discussed; these include food poverty and the current housing crisis.

"I AM MOVED EVERY TIME I COME HERE"

AGENCY

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Brighton



*Julian receiving a cheque from
Waitrose for the Food Bank*



Sara
Food Bank Team Leader



OUR AGEING POPULATION

The UK has an ageing population. Age UK predicts that 1 in 5 of us could reach the grand age of 100. Brighton and Hove claims that 16% of its population are over the age of 65, with a third of those over the age of 80.

WHO, WHAT AND WHY?

The majority of people over 65 are able to live in their own accommodation and continue day to day life with little or no outside help. However, the Rest Homes team exists to befriend, help, and support the elderly in Brighton and Hove that are in nursing, residential, and care homes, broadly referred to as Rest Homes. We are constantly encouraged by the warm welcome and positive feedback from the residents and staff in the 18 homes that we visit. We are very grateful for every opportunity we have to spend time with residents of rest homes across Brighton and Hove.

CHRISTIAN PRESENTATIONS

Since 2006, it has been the passion of the Rest Homes team to provide an interactive Christian presentation to any residents wishing to attend. Every month we visit the homes and spend time with each resident and staff member present. This is followed by a short faith based service with age appropriate music and singing, a brief message of spiritual encouragement, and prayer. Every resident is given the option of attending the services.

**"PLEASE COME AGAIN, WE LOVE YOUR VISITS.
I CAN'T GET TO CHURCH ANYMORE, AND YOU
MAKE ME FEEL HAPPY WITH YOUR SMILES
AND LOVELY MUSIC"**

RESIDENT OF A REST HOME



Rest Homes Team



SHEER LONELINESS

The Rest Homes team, and the managers of the rest homes across Brighton and Hove, have become increasingly aware of the countless elderly people suffering from depression because of sheer loneliness. We are responding to this need by proposing a new service to our clients. We now offer one to one pastoral visits to residents who just simply need someone to talk to. We will be readily available when staff at the rest homes call us and request a pastoral visit on behalf of a resident. This new aspect to our ministry is being piloted in 3 of the 18 rest homes that we visit, and our hope is that all the rest homes across Brighton and Hove can take advantage of this amazing service.

OPEN DOORS

In the last year Springfield Nursing Home closed, however, new opportunities arose for our team to start visiting Vallance Residential Home in Hove and Cavell Care Home in Shoreham. There is also an additional rest home that require our services which we will begin to visit in the near future.

THE FUTURE

We are looking forward to responding in a greater way to the needs of the elderly in Brighton and Hove. We are looking to increase our volunteer team, and towards the end of the year, take on another member of staff.

“THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE RESIDENTS

REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR VISITS.

THEY ALSO LOVE THE MUSIC AND SING ALONG.”

STAFF MEMBER OF A REST HOME



**Colleen
Rest Homes Team Leader**



**Colleen interviewing a
rest home manager**



BUSTLING BRIGHTON

When we look around our beautiful city we see so much creativity and diversity. However, both the practical and spiritual needs of the people of our city are so apparent. People seek to fill the void in their lives in many ways, and all around us on the streets and in the homes of Brighton it is easy to see a 'famine of hope'.

WHO, WHAT AND WHY?

Life Stream exists to befriend and support women with both practical and spiritual needs in Brighton and Hove, existing as a friendship support group. Life Stream delivers this by offering friendship, a listening ear, practical help, and community events. It is a joy to see so many women and children grow in confidence and happiness, often with their personal relationship with Jesus being the strongest testimony of lasting change.

RESTING RETREATS

We organise retreats throughout the year that give women and children the chance to get out of the city and into the countryside. They have the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, as well as just gaining the chance to 'get away from it all'. Every female of any age is welcome.

"WOW. WHAT AN AMAZING WEEKEND AWAY! I FEEL SO REFRESHED, HAPPY AND OPTIMISTIC WHICH IS SUCH A CONTRAST TO HOW I WAS A LITTLE WHILE AGO. MY DEPRESSION HAS LEFT ME AND I FEEL INSPIRED TO GET MOTIVATED"

LIFE STREAM CLIENT

2015 AND BEYOND

The vision for 2015 is to help and support women both practically and spiritually from all walks of life across Brighton and Hove. We hope to support and nurture each woman in her relationship with Jesus. We believe that healing is primarily spiritual; when a person feels whole, this then spills over into lifestyle choices and relationships. A personal and real relationship with Jesus is a beautiful thing to witness.

PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

Our aim for 2015 and beyond is to partner with local churches where the women that we work with can be introduced to a place where their spiritual needs are met; a community of people who will love them and enable them to progress in their walk with Jesus.



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BUILDING THE DREAM

In 2013 we launched the concept of a new building for the City Mission.

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW BUILDING?

Throughout this yearbook we have detailed all the changes and ways we wish to expand our City Mission. Our Schools team are planning to start a schools training and resource centre, and relocating from Portslade to join the rest of the teams at head office. Our Food Bank is the busiest in Brighton; however, our office is located at the top of two flights of stairs, which makes access for everyone difficult and moving of heavy tinned food, at times, impossible; we don't have enough room for all the food and are lacking in one to one rooms to give our clients the privacy that they require. An easily accessible ground floor space, dedicated to the work of the Food Bank, will solve our current issues. The expansion of our Rest Homes team requires additional desk and storage space, and there is currently no office space for our Life Steam team. In addition to accommodating the growth of our current departments we would like to have a community space in our new building where people can enjoy a coffee, attend a class, participate in a training day, or access the arts. Our office facilities are vastly inadequate for our current needs, and a larger, easily accessible building would fulfil not only our needs, but also our plans for future growth at our City Mission.

IS THERE A SOLUTION?

We already have £100,000 set aside for the new building and our target is £500,000. Our aim is to have a building in the pipeline by the end of 2015, with hopes of moving into our new premises by the end of 2016.

Can you be part of building the dream?

Could you organise a fundraising event?

Would your church run a mission fundraising Sunday?

A LEAP OF FAITH

Expanding the teams at our City Mission required a leap of faith in the finance department. This year we have increased the hours of several of our staff members and increased the salaries of our staff across the board. This growth required an additional £30,000 to our annual turnover; a shortfall that can be met with your help.

Have you signed up to Stewardship to manage your regular giving to the Brighton and Hove City Mission? Stewardship, a great Christian charity, are now managing the money that we receive through giving, claiming the gift aid on our behalf, and freeing up our time at the City Mission by doing what they do best. Please sign up at www.give.net/20022562 or contact us at comms@bhcm.org.uk for a support form.

Are you joining us at our Family Fun Day on Saturday 18th July? Come along with your family and friends and enjoy a day of fun for all the family, whilst getting to know a bit more about your City Mission. There will be a burger van, a bouncy castle and an outdoor swimming pool!

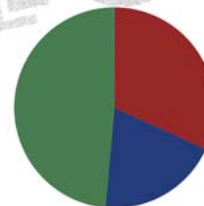
SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2015

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support, whether it be financial, prayerful or practical.

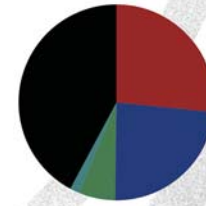
Here is an overview of the finances for the financial year of 2014:

INCOME



■ Donations - Personal	£ 59,370
■ Donations - Churches	£ 36,575
■ Donations - Trusts	£ 90,341
■ Legacies	£ 344
■ Other	£ 20

EXPENDITURE



■ Schools	£ 40,479
■ Food Bank	£ 36,012
■ Rest Homes	£ 9,197
■ Life Steam	£ 2,393
■ Head Office	£ 64,217

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