



"It seems to me that there is no point reinventing the wheel, especially when someone already has one ready, for free. TRINITY has a thriving Youth and Children's ministry with two full-time leaders, yet, harnessing BHCM's skill set in a partnership, whose agenda is to advance the Kingdom of God has proved to be a winning combination.

We have been able to observe BHCM's Prayer Space in one school and then invite them to work with us to successfully set up two spaces in our schools. If you can see the potential for a partnership with an organisation whose core mission can be used to support yours – why wouldn't you?"

Rev. Steve Daughtery  
TRINITY Church, Lewes



Dear Supporter,

Happy New Year! By now, everyone on our mailing lists should have received a letter from us, requesting them to fill out a contact card to help us keep our database up to date. Please take the time to complete and return the card to us. We appreciate that this can be time consuming, however, we have a very old database with many errors that we are trying to fix. We love your support, both prayerfully and financially, however, if we do not hear from you we will have to assume that you no longer wish to stay on our database. We trust that this exercise will ensure that everyone on our mailing lists genuinely wishes to receive publicity, so we hope that you can play a part in making this exercise a success.

On the left are some encouraging words from Steve Daughtery, Rector at Trinity Church, Lewes, a vibrant, outward-looking Anglican church, meeting across 3 sites with 6 congregations throughout Lewes. It has been so encouraging to start seeing our new aim and drive working out in practice, as we seek to train, equip, and support the church more and more.

Over the last few weeks, the **SCHOOLS** team have been delivering their brand new RE Day. After a number of schools requested that the team present an overview of the Bible, Kerry, Emma, and Lloyd created and delivered the newly named 'Bible in a Flash'. It is a fun and interactive look at the characters in the Bible, that traces the family line of Jesus, allowing children to hear about a God who loves His people and wants them to listen to Him. It has been hugely popular with the children and teachers alike.



"The children remembered lots of the stories and gave lots of positive feedback about their experience. They loved the use of the cloths! The staff and children thought it was great and it has definitely kicked off our 'Year of the Bible' with an impact. The children in my class have all sorts of ideas about doing their own Bible stories, acting them out, using puppets, art and music. It was a great stimulus for the Diocese art competition which we are planning to enter."

School Head Teacher





**REST HOMES:** One of the joys of visiting rest homes is the opportunity to meet with mature Christians who have loved God all of their lives. One resident recently told us that she was a Methodist and her husband was a Baptist. Bev was re-telling the story of Jesus healing the paralytic and this same resident was listening intently and when she got to the end of the story Bev said: "And Jesus said...", and the resident called out "Take up thy bed and walk". How wonderful to see the Bible so ingrained in someone's heart, someone who Bev didn't mind stealing her punchline! Later we sang, 'How Great Thou Art', the resident couldn't remember the words to the verse, or read them off the song sheet, but she sang the chorus with gusto.

It was a joy to see her praising the Lord with eyes closed and hands raised. Even when minds are frail, and short term memory is failing, the love for God remains and He touches hearts and is present in our worship.

**BRIGHTON FOOD BANK** has been looking back at last year's facts and figures. The mind blowing fact is that we handed out 22.7 tonnes of food, that's the approximate equivalent of £45,000 worth of donations! With this mountain of food we were able to help 682 people through times of crisis; a shocking total of 108 families with children, are also included in these figures. We have also had the privilege of giving a warm welcome to 17 Syrian refugee families, who have settled in Brighton, with food and Start Up Home Packs. All this food has been collected and donated by amazing people right across Brighton and Hove, some of whom might have even been you, so thank you very much.

## VOLUNTEER?

Once a year, we like to plug the opportunity for you to join our amazing team of 45 volunteers. We have enclosed a leaflet for you to read, there are so many opportunities for you to consider, both large and small, where you could help us make a massive difference in the city. Please prayerfully consider coming on board with us.

Finally, our main event of the year is just round the corner.

*Taste and See* is on Saturday 25th March 2017 at 7pm at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church. You are invited to a showcase of the work of BHCM. There will be interviews and entertainment, accompanied by light refreshments in the interval.

Please make time to come along, we would love to see you, maybe you could also bring a friend? We have enclosed 2 flyers for the event, one for you and one for you to pass on to someone. It will be a great opportunity for our supporters, old and new, to find out about how our missionaries are reaching our city.

Thank you as always for all your prayer and support, hopefully see you next month.

**Julian Haddow**  
Mission Director

