

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to this new and exciting chapter in the life of the Brighton and Hove City Mission.

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## PRAYER DIARY

**INVITATION TO A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR 15 YEARS OF BRIGHTON FOOD BANK ON SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**INVITATION TO FAMILY FUN DAY ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

You will notice a new logo and image overhaul for all four City Mission teams. Hopefully all this new publicity gives you a clear overview of what we do in the City Mission. We would love you to join us on this journey as we take a fresh look at staying committed to serving. Our Mission is to serve the City, Church and Christ.

Thank you so much for all your support.



We have once again been busy delivering our Easter themed assemblies in schools. This year we focused on the different symbols we see around us and what we associate them with, for example the golden 'M', which is associated with McDonalds. The assembly led to the symbolism of the cross and how it helps Christians focus on Jesus.

We have also had the privilege of running three Prayer Spaces since Christmas, in Patcham Junior School, Mile Oak Primary School, and Cardinal Newman Catholic School, all in conjunction with another local charity 'Off The Fence'.

The plan for the Schools team was that Tris would take over the leadership from Linda this year, however plans have changed. Tris has had to prioritise family commitments as well as re-evaluate living costs in Brighton, and has felt it right to leave Brighton and move back to Eastbourne. He begins his exciting new job as Children's and Family's Minister at St. John's, Meads after Easter. We are so sorry to see him leave, but fully understand he is doing the right thing. We therefore have a new job opening within the City Mission.

Please pray we would find the right person to lead and grow this wonderful team.



Our Brighton Food Bank celebrates it's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday this summer; please find enclosed a flyer as an invitation to this celebration. The event will be at the Brighthelm Centre in central Brighton, which is just down the road from the station and accessible from many bus routes (we do not advise driving, although there is a NCP car park next door). Celebrations will include four generations of staff from the Food Bank, work presentations, and a history of the changes the Food Bank has been through in the last fifteen years, followed by a cream tea. All are very welcome.

We have always underlined that we are more than a food bank, we hand out home start up packs and fuel aid to those in need, but equally share our faith where appropriate. This quarter we rejoice in seeing two people making a commitment to Jesus through the ministry of the Food Bank, thank God for His saving power!

If your church would like to collect food for all year round, please contact us. We would love to provide you with publicity, and even a collection bin if needed.



We had the privilege, at Head Office, of shadowing the Rest Homes team on visits to a couple of rest homes over the last few months. We were making a short film documentary of the work. What struck me was the welcome we get in the rest homes; so many of the residents underlined the fact that they can no longer get out to church and appreciate us coming in and doing a service, they love the talks and the singing.

We have now been piloting our new ministry of pastoral visitations to the homes for three months and it is working well. We have picked up on the Age UK theme that 'no one should have no one'. Many of the residents in the homes don't make it into the communal lounges, and even if they do they feel alone and miss having someone to talk to. We want to offer this one to one friendship and pastoral care.

Would you like to join our team of volunteers? As we expand this ministry, we want to offer it to rest homes across Brighton and Hove.



All the ladies from Life Stream have just returned from a wonderful retreat. We take up to twelve ladies and their children away three times a year where they can have an opportunity for relaxation and fun, whilst focussing on Jesus.

We stayed at Micklepage Farm, in Nuthurst, a superb country farm building with beautiful extensive gardens and pond, just perfect to get away from all of life's struggles. It also comes with its very own chapel.

Please pray for the various women we seek to help and support in numerous different ways. Pray for good times around the Bible studies, and also good connections with local churches. We want the women that Luana comes into contact with to find churches they can call home, where they will be cared for and loved.

We have two new **job** vacancies, if you are, or know of anyone who may be, interested please contact [office@bhcm.org.uk](mailto:office@bhcm.org.uk).

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Please also consider **supporting us financially**. We are a charity that relies on your donations.

We have just held our Taste and See event. Here's a great comment made by an attendee:

**"LOVE ALL THE NEW PUBLICITY. IT'S NOT JUST A RELAUNCH. IT'S SO FRESH IT'S LIKE A WHOLE NEW CHARITY FOR BRIGHTON"**

Well it might be a fresh new chapter, but I can assure you we are still the same City Mission committed to serving the City, Church and Christ.

Hopefully see you at the **Thanksgiving Service for the Food Bank** or at the **Family Fun Day** !

Thank you. once again. for all your prayer and support.

Julian Haddow



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