

BRIGHTON *AND* HOVE CITY MISSION

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NEWSLETTER / SUMMER 2018

Dear Supporters,



Thank you so much for all you do to support the City Mission. It was good to see those who came to our *Showcase* evening, and equally, it

was very encouraging to have feedback from so many individuals and churches regarding our weekend of prayer in April; thank you especially to those who contacted us during the weekend itself to let us know that you were praying for us!

It is important that we continue to see breakthrough, so please continue to uphold us in your prayers, especially for the following:

- ⇒ Our team (for unity, strength, and continued growth)
- ⇒ Our financial stability (increased giving)
- ⇒ Our future (new building and ability to reach more with Jesus' love)

Our next event for you, our supporters, is the *Garden Party*. Please come along on Saturday 7th July; see flyer for more details. We really hope to see you there.



We are still in the process of appointing a new team leader to lead our food bank and, in addition to this, we are also advertising for a new fundraiser. Therefore, when praying for our team, please pray for wisdom for those making decisions about who to appoint in our Brighton Food Bank, and that the right person is stirred by God to enquire about our opportunity to join our Head Office team.

It was so good to meet our supporters at our *Showcase* event. Being able to pray together for the children and staff of our local schools was a real privilege. Thank you so much for praying with us during our assembly tour, which was a really positive experience for us as a team and the pupils and staff in the schools.



This Easter our team made a display with many of different Easter eggs. As the children came in to watch our assembly their eyes widened with excitement. We used six of the eggs to fix letters to that spelled the word Easter and helped the children learn how the Easter story can be remembered using the mnemonic

EASTER. Easter is about: Jesus' **E**arly years, He was **A**lways **S**urprising, He was **T**ried, He **E**ndured, and now, He is **R**isen!

For the Chichester Diocese Year of Prayer, St Martin's CE School have set up prayer stations in St Martin's, Lewes Road. We visited the church and were delighted to see children from the school actively engaged with the space. Alex Wingham, Head Teacher, said: *'These will remain here for the whole year of prayer, we hope many people are able to visit. It would make for a great addition to a church visit for a class or group.'*

As trainers for Open The Book, we are pleased to announce that the first team in Brighton and Hove has been set up! We have trained over 150 storytellers already and hope to double this by the end of 2018. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter for the dates of our next training days.

We would never have thought that in our Summer newsletter we would be writing to you without a food bank team leader in place. Sara left the team at the end of 2017, and Tony and Simone have been doing an amazing job at holding the fort in the absence of someone heading up the team. We advertised and appointed in March, however, they withdrew their acceptance of the role. Therefore we advertised the position again and are currently in the process of appointing someone as you read. Please pray that the best person for the job is appointed and that they settle into our staff team well.



We hope that you enjoy reading in our yearbook about the impact our Brighton Food Bank has across our city. The hundreds of individuals and families we are able to help throughout the year is astonishing, and it is that life changing moment for many individuals that we rejoice over the most. During April a client came to our food bank for their regular appointment. The client had been prayed for during their previous visits, and on this visit they decided give their life to the Lord. Tony and one of the volunteers were able to lead the client to Jesus, give the client a Bible and some literature, and link the client with a local church.

SUMMER 2018

We urgently need the following items -

Instant Coffee

Pasta Sauces

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Meat



Thank you for your fantastic support!

If you would like to support our team by giving financially, collecting food for us, or volunteering, please contact us: office@bhcm.org.uk.

Isn't it wonderful how God honours our efforts when we start out on a new venture in his name? A new initiative this year has been to offer befriending visits. The opportunity of these visits has been greeted with open arms by the homes to which it has been offered and the befriending service has transformed the relationship we have with these homes. We can now pop in when we are free and are welcomed by the staff, whereas before we felt that we needed to make an appointment to visit each home. In addition to this, there have been many other positive developments linked with our befriending service. A gentleman that had been visited on a one to one basis because he had become isolated, decided to join our team in the lounge for the service for the first time; and this month we started a lounge service in a new rest home as a result of a befriending referral from another organisation. It is encouraging to see how each part of our ministry is feeding into the other.



Bev writes: *'Personally, I have felt aware of God placing me in the right situation to support, encourage, and pray with people. Over two days I met with three people who, through different disabilities, felt their quality of life was so poor they wanted to go to the Lord. I was able to pray with them and encourage them. A fourth*

gentleman I met was dying of cancer, we talked of what Jesus did for us at Easter and of the certain hope in a new life with Him in Heaven. The gentleman died two days later and a member of staff emailed to say that he had appreciated the visit. It is a joy to see how things are developing and exciting to contemplate what else may be in store!'



Come and learn how to be a storyteller for Open the Book.

This training will be an opportunity to experience how to do an Open the Book assembly/act of collective worship. You'll also find out why head teachers and children value it, along with a chance to ask your questions.

Come and find out how you can bring the Bible to life in your primary school.



5th June and 3rd July
Church House, Hove, BN3 4ED

For information, please contact schools@bhcm.org.uk, or call 01273609484.



Bereavement Care Awareness

A training course to help churches support bereaved people



The Bereavement Care Awareness course has been produced as part of Care for the Family's bereavement training for churches. It is useful for clergy, church leaders, pastoral care leaders or any volunteer interested in supporting bereaved people – whether they are already engaged in bereavement support or are considering the possibility of developing it.



Would your church like to host this training in collaboration with the Brighton and Hove City Mission?

If so, please contact resthomes@bhcm.org.uk, or call 01273 609484.

CITY MISSION GARDEN PARTY

7TH JULY
2018

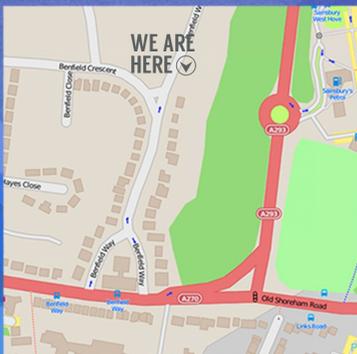
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FROM
1-4PM

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SWIM IN THE ONSITE POOL. JOIN IN WITH BIG GAMES, HAVE YOUR FACE PAINTED, AND ENJOY A TASTY CREAM TEA.

ALL OUR STAFF WILL BE FREE TO CHAT ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE DO IN OUR CITY.

DONATIONS WELCOME. SO PLEASE BRING YOUR LOOSE CHANGE.

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