



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2010

New Year message from the Chairman.

At this time of the year, we all tend to be looking forward to the New Year. The Bible is full of things to look forward to, but, via an attack of family history and archiving my old 35mm colour slides to the computer, I've been doing quite a bit of looking back.

I found photos of me leading Crusader camps (aka Urban Saints now), I'm in the middle row at the front so I must have been 'Commy' as well as 'Docco' !! Such names ! Another was of a reunion of friends from the hospital Christian Union in 1977. We're still in touch with many of them as they walk on in The Way.

I dare say many of you have similar good memories of people who were important to you in your Way, however, long it has been so far. Great stuff behind us, but great stuff ahead too.

Timothy 4: 8-9

Now there is store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

That's something to look forward with a longer shelf life than turkey and presents !

John Lyttle, Chair of Church Together.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS. (CCJ) are still looking for a new Chairman to replace Chris Sears who is resigning. Also they need a new Secretary. This is getting a bit urgent now. Can you – or anyone – suggest suitable replacements? If you can, get in touch with Frank Miller 01 323 760777

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HASTINGS COMMUNITY NETWORK – NETWORKING EVENT 14 JANUARY 2010, This will take place at St. Mary –in-the-Castle from 9.30 – 2 p.m. Anyone who attended the HCN AGM will want to know that the heating has been repaired (it was freezing at the AGM). This is an event where voluntary organisations can 'show off' what they do. Many of the ministries that are part of Church Together can take part – **HAND-OUTS WOULD BE WELCOME**. We shall have a table spot with, hopefully, folk able to talk about what we do. We would welcome input from Healing Rooms, Street Pastors, Lunch time Alfa, Loaf, Emmaeus, 24/7 Prayer, Grapevine etc. Please advise John 715529 or Marian 719639 if you are able to come along. We do feel it is important that we take part in such events. As you know, Marian attends Network meetings, and also the Inter Faith Forum, the Health & Social Care Forum and a Mental Wellbeing Group so we are in touch with people in other voluntary organisation at that level.

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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2010. This will be held at St. Mary-in-the-Castle on 30 January starting at 11 a.m. The theme will be 'Legacy of Hope' and the organisers are again preparing a mix of new and traditional material. Students from Helenswood School will be presenting a programme of poems, dance and music, under the direction of teacher Niall Whitehead and Opera Southeast will also be performing at the service. **ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT TICKETS MUST BE OBTAINED IN ADVANCE FROM THE INFORMATION CENTRE IN PRIORY MEADOW. (FROM 16th JANUARY)**

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PRAYER BEFORE COUNCIL MEETINGS. Please consider prayerfully if you could join others in prayer before Council and Cabinet meetings. This takes place in the Council chamber at 5 p.m. and the meeting dates are as follows : Cabinet Meetings – 4th Jan, 18th Jan (Budget), 1 Feb, 1 Mar, 29 Mar.
Council Meetings – 17th Feb, 24 Feb (Budget), 14 Apr, 19th and 20 May. Recently the number of people attending has dropped off, and it is felt this is an important witness of our faith.

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EXALT 24-7. Hastings & St. Leonards 24/7 Prayer. This will begin at 12 noon on Thursday 31 December and end on Thursday 6 January at 12 noon. It will be held at Bethel, the Hastings & St. Leonards Prayer Centre. Additionally there is a Call to a Day of Prayer and fasting for Hastings on 7 January. During a prayer meeting on 21 December it was felt that God is wanting us within the week of 24-7 prayer at the beginning of January to hold a day of prayer and fasting for our town. The selected date is 7 January. Whether or not you can partake in the 24-7 prayer week, we would encourage you to have this as a day of personal prayer and fasting. This can be personal prayer or fasting from caffeine, food, tv or ? This would show God how seriously we want Him here and for Him to bring salvation to our town.

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EMMAEUS – This project is now up and running at 2 Whitworth Road, SLOS, TN37 7PZ.

The building so far is a second-hand furniture store and is open on Tues, Fri and Sat from 10 – 4 p.m.

They welcome furniture, bric-a-brac, clothing, records, DVDs, books of all types and of course donations.

Free collection service, phone 01 424 755111.

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- Jan 8 Reading of DANIEL in the Council Chamber. Arrive 1.00 – 1.15. Reading expected to end around 3.15 p.m. Further details 715327
- Jan 12 Church Together Executive Meeting. 7 for 7.30 Oak Room, St. Leonard's P/Church.
- Jan 14 Hastings Community Network 'market place' event at St. Mary in the Castle from 9.30 – 2 p.m. It is hoped that ministries taking place in the area will attend to let people know the extensive Christian work that is being undertaken.
- Jan 14 10.30 am at URC Robertson Street - Women's World Day of Prayer Open Meeting – if you are in a choir or just enjoy singing, please come along as we are arranging a choir for the 10.30am WWDP Service on March 5th at St Leonard's Baptist. *Further information from Brenda Flack (422975*
- Jan 16 Elim Church, Elphinstone Avenue, Training Day for Healing Rooms. Bring and Share Lunch. No charge but donations gratefully received. All welcome. Come and see how It is done. 9.30 – 6 p.m.
- Jan 17 UNITY SERVICE at St. Leonard's Baptist Church in Church Road, St. Leonards. Speaker Lucy Skelton, Christian Schools Worker, who will speak on "Joined up Youth Work". Please send someone from your church to be encouraged & envisioned.
- PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THIS SERVICE. THE TIME IS 4 P.M.**
- JAN 19 Hastings & District Interfaith Forum Meeting. WRVS Centre in St. Leonards. 6.30 My Faith. Sharing of key moments in your life of faith or your motivation in being involved in the Forum.
- Jan 20 Mid-Week Alpha Course begins. 1 – 2 p.m. Friends Meeting House, South Terrace (opposite the side of M & S.) No fee for course – organisers will provide sandwiches and hot or cold drinks. Contact Nick Warren 07799868539 or Rev. Annette Hawkins 01424 423859 or St. Helens Church Office 754290 for further information.
- JAN 22 – 24 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – HAND IN HAND CONFERENCE at Devonshire Park Complex in Eastbourne. Registration from 4 p.m on Friday evening. Ends 2.30 p.m. On Sunday. www.childrensministry.co.uk.
- Jan 29 SAY CHEESE Cheese tasting followed by ploughman's and funny food quiz. LOAF PROJECT. 7.30 P.M. The Civil Service Club, Harrow Lane, St. Leonards.

- Admission £10.
- Jan 31 St. Luke's, Silverhill. Leprosy Mission Sunday Worship 10.30 Retiring collection for Mission.
- Feb 5 Street Pastors launch on the streets. Need for more prayer cover and more prayer Pastors. Pastors on the streets from 10 p.m to 4 a.m. Prayer cover welcome for all or part of this time.
- Feb 16 Hastings & District Interfaith Forum Meeting WRVS Centre, St. Leonards. 6.30
A Week in the Life of – SunDial Community, Soka Gakkai, Unificationist, Bahai –
Short talks on aspects of daily life for a believer, followed by questions & answers.
- Feb 19 7.30. Hastings Sierra Leone Friendship Link Quiz Night. Phone to book tables of 6.
Civil Service Club in Harrow Lane. 751295.
- Feb 25 Leaders Together Meeting 12 – 1.45 Venue to be notified.
- Feb 27 Inter Faith Relations Study Day from 10 – 4 p.m. at Bishop Otter Campus, College Lane, Chichester PO19 6PE Room H 144. In the morning speakers from various faith communities. In the afternoon small group work. Cost £5 to include tea/coffee. Please bring your own lunch. John Lyttle hopes to attend, so could give a lift to one or two people.
- Mar 5 Women's World Day of Prayer Services: 10.30am St Leonard's Baptist, speaker: Rachel Browning; 2.30 pm URC, Robertson Street, speaker: Rev Eileen Wheeler; 7.00pm All Saints C of E, speaker Hilary Malpas.
- Mar 12 Reading of HEBREWS in the Council Chamber. Please arrive 1.00 – 1.15 p.m. Expected Finishing time around 3.15 p.m. Further details 715327 or email keith@spi1066.fsnet.co.uk.
- Mar 14 St. Luke's Silverhill. Mothering Sunday Parade Service 10.30 a.m. Uniformed orgs.
- Mar 16 Hastings & District Interfaith Forum Meeting WRVS Centre, St. Leonards. 6.30
A Youth Interfaith Forum. Youth representatives of different faiths explore the impact of faith on their lives OR Dialogue – turning the words we use into action. This would be a half day workshop with Barry Winbolt, lecturer Birkbeck College, London and might be on a Saturday 4.30 – 9.00 This has yet to be decided and agreed.
- Mar 26 7.45 a.m. Faith in Politics Prayer Breakfast at Ashburnham. £10 each. Phone to book – Ashburnham Place – 01424 892244.
- Apr 15 Church Together AGM at the Magnet Centre. 7.00 start. Coffee and biscuits. All welcome.
- Apr 23 Leaders Together Meeting 12 - 1.45 Wellington Square Baptist Church. George Miller of Restoration Ministries will be with us and this will be part of the Kingdom Come prayer and evangelism event in the town centre on 23 and 24th April. Soup and drinks provided by Wellington Square Church.
- May 3 ANNUAL LOAF WALK Walks of 9,14 and 18 miles starting at 9 a.m. and of 4 and 9 miles starting at 1.30 p.m. All Walks starting and finishing at Westfield Church with a picnic for all between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. See Grapevine for details and booking forms. Raising funds for projects in the Developing World.
- May 6 Local Council elections.

May 19 White Rock Theatre – Annual Council Meeting. Prayer in the Campbell Room from 10 a.m. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. At this meeting a new mayor and leader of the Council will be elected by our 32 Borough Councillors, 16 of whom will have just been elected – one from each ward at the local elections on 6 May.

May 23 GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER. Holy Redeemer Church, Sedlescombe Road. 4 p.m.

For our Global Day of Prayer we shall focus on the Land that is of such importance to the three great Abrahamic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The land of Canaan/ Palestine/ Israel is still at the centre of world challenging events and conflicts. Tony Higton, recently retired Anglican minister and sometime head of the Church Mission to the Jews, will be sharing his passion for the land and its peoples, both Jewish and Palestinian Israelis and the many Christians who “pray for the peace of Jerusalem”. To see something of Tony's vision log onto <http://www.prayerforpeace.org.uk>. Join us to hear and pray.

ALSO IN THE PIPELINE –

Meet the Candidates in the Election.

Ministries Fair possibly at the Magnet Centre in the Autumn

PLEASE PRAY FOR BEACHY HEAD CHAPLANCY – More Volunteers needed. www.bhct.org.uk

ONGOING EVENTS

ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH. Pop Inn for a coffee and chat between 9.30 - 12.30 first Saturday in the month, other Saturdays 10-12 noon or every Monday during term time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m

PARK ROAD METHODIST CHURCH invite you to visit on a Tuesday for coffee and a chat with some prayer time between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

ST.PETER and ST. PAUL CHURCH, Parkstone Road, open for Library and Coffee every Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. Everyone most welcome.

CHRISTCHURCH, BLACKLANDS - coffee mornings each Tuesday from 10 a.m. and also coffee after the 9.30 Communion Service on Wednesdays.

ST. LUKES, Silverhill. Open 10 - 11.30 a.m. every Thursday for Coffee and a Chat.

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