

NEWSLETTER

24th June 2018



Church family



**Saturday
14th July
From 4pm**

At South Lodge, 107
North Trade Road,
Battle Everyone
invited Adults £4
children £2
(soft drink included)
but you are welcome
to bring anything else.

Please book via
church office with
payment and any
dietary req. by
Sunday 8th July.

If wet weather we will be in
the Manna House!

COMING UP...

6th July
SOLID

8th July
6.30pm Transgender at
Beulah Baptist Church

17th July
7.30pm Church Meeting

15/16th September
BBC commissioning
weekend

THE TRANSM TRUST

Some of our Christmas offering, last year, went to the Transom Trust. Sue Worthing, Transom Trust, Trustee has written the following article giving more details about the work of the Trust.

Nationally, rough sleeping has doubled since 2010, with a shocking increase of 16% between 2015 and 2016, according to figures from the Department for Communities and Local Government, as reported by the BBC in January 2017.

The same report charted Hastings as the local authority with the 9th highest rate of rough sleeping per 1,000 households in the country (based on a 'snapshot' rough sleeper count on a single night).

There has been mounting frustration over recent years amongst Christians and others working with homeless people in Hastings, over the lack of both temporary and longer-term housing solutions, causing huge concern for those 'stuck' in their life on the streets.

In 2015-2016, a few Hope Kitchen trustees and volunteers heard about and communicated with various Christian supported accommodation projects that have been operating successfully for years in other parts of the country and, in most cases growing rapidly, with the financial and practical support of Christian social enterprise, Green Pastures.

Inspired by these tried and tested models, a number of Christians from a variety of local churches, including the Hope Kitchen members mentioned earlier, were envisioned to initiate something similar here: accommodation for homeless people in Hastings, St Leonards and Bexhill, supported practically and pastorally by local churches, combined with voluntary work opportunities – an essential element in the recovery process.

As a result, the Transom Trust, an inter-church project with a common vision to express faith in loving, practical action, was formed and registered with the Charity Commission in 2016. Mid-way through 2017 the Transom Trust were able to purchase their first property with the help of Green Pastures.

As well as purchasing property, Green Pastures also support the Transom Trust through the provision of a liaison partner offering expertise, paperwork and tried and tested practises. Currently they have 55 partner churches and charities and are housing 929 people who would otherwise be homeless. We work closely with Green Pastures in all areas of housing our residents.

After recommendations accepted from those who are working with the homeless in Hastings the Transom Trust were able to select two potential residents that we felt we could settle well into our new property. They moved in, in July 2017, following redecoration and making good of the property.

Since this time our Trustees and pastoral volunteers have been supporting the residents on a weekly basis to help them to re-integrate to everyday life, such as looking after themselves and their home, being wise with their money and volunteering their services to others in need.

The Transom Trust is now in a position to be looking for a second property so that we can help some more homeless people to come off the streets. To support this we need more volunteers to work with our residents in a pastoral capacity for a few hours a week. All volunteers will have an informal interview and receive appropriate training.

<http://transomtrust.org.uk>

PRAYER POINTERS

HOLY LAND TRIP

Pray for the group in the Holy Land. Pray for safety and that they would be an encouragement to the Kakish family.

412 FRIDAY

Praise God for the large numbers now attending. Pray that God would strengthen and equip the leaders over the summer

DEACONS

Pray for Paul & Shirley, Peter & Pennie, Colin, Jenny, Rita & Steve, Carol, Brenda, Rob and Emma & Chris.

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of 1066 Country, and beyond



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRAFT LEADER: needed at Friday After School Club (ASC). God has been so good in providing us with record numbers of children at ASC. The high quality craft slots are enjoyed by the children and offer an opportunity to build relationships with them. Please speak to Andy if you would like to join the team in any capacity or to come along and see what we do each week. Thank you.

FOLLOW-UP: If you are following anyone up from The Turning, please collect a free Bible from the office to give to the person you are meeting.

SOUL SURVIVOR: Final payments are now due.

PAT DEERING: passed away on Monday morning. Pat was a member here until 2016 when she moved to Sidley.

TRANSGENDER: On the 8th July there is no 5pm, instead from 6:30pm-8pm, Beulah Baptist Church in Bexhill will be hosting Dr John Greenall from CMF (Christian Medical Fellowship) to give a talk on Transgender and take questions from people afterwards.

MEMBERSHIP: applications have been received from Mark & Sam Birch and Trish Dickenson. If any member has any observations concerning these applications, please talk to one of the pastors.

SAVE THE DATES

BBC Teaching Weekend
with Ruth Rice 5-7th Oct
BBC Retreat Weekend
with Roy Searl 8-10th Mar

NEXT SUNDAY

Three gatherings at
8.45am (communion)
10.45am
5pm

CAKES!

Please get baking for SOLID children's camp. We need lots of homemade or shop bought cakes for hungry leaders and children. Deliver them to the office by 5th July

What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar pre-school (Monday– Thursday) and housegroups.

Sunday, June 24th.

- 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House.
- 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room.
- 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering** and communion.
- 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House.
- 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room.
- 10.45am: **ALL AGE Chapel Gathering** with creche.

Monday, June 25th.

- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent & toddler.**
- 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room.

Tuesday, June 26th.

- 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am

there will be prayer for all who come.

- 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship.**

Speaker: John Southam

Wednesday, June 27th.

- 10am: **Selfie Crafting** £1.

Thursday, June 28th.

- 9-11.30am: **Caterpillar parent and toddler.**
- 9.30-10am: **prayer for Sunday gatherings** in the prayer room.

Friday, June 29th.

- 7.30am: **Early morning Prayers** in the youth room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast.
- 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room.
- 12.30pm: **Friday Lunch Club** for retired people. (Advance booking essential on

772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.)

- 3.30-5pm: **After School Club.**

Sunday, July 1st.

- 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House.
- 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room.
- 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering** and communion.
- 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House.
- 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room.
- 10.45am: **Chapel Gathering** with creche, Sunday club and youth group.
- 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday club