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Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love..*

*You spoke to us long, long ago
Gave us the written word,
We read it still, needing its truth,
Through it Gods voice is heard.*

*Without your help we fail our Lord
We cannot live his way,
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.*

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*Our mission statement:
We are called to be a
growing, inclusive,
evangelistic and
justice-seeking Church*

Update

This is our first newsletter without a Reflection from the minister, I'm sure all will be back to normal next month once we have had the chance to speak with our new minister, Reverend Karl Rutledge.

Reverend Karl's first service with us will be on Sunday 6th September at 10:30. Unfortunately I am on holiday in Suffolk but I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.



The following Sunday 13th September, there won't be a service in our church. There is a welcome service for the 2 new ministers to our circuit in Emmanuel church Eastbourne at 4pm. everyone is welcome to attend.

On Sunday 20th September Reverend Karl will be back with us for our 10:30 holy communion service

For those of you who missed Rev. Will's final service it all went very well. We presented him with his stole, and had enough money over to give Helen a £80 John Lewis voucher and little Isaac a £30 book token plus a wooden puzzle. Thank you for being so very generous. After the service we shared a cake which Lorna had decorated.



I hope you are still enjoying our newsletter. For over a year now I have been putting a prayer on the front. I thought for this new church year I would change it and put a hymn from Singing the Faith. Do let me know what you think.

By the time you read this we will have our new windows in the sanctuary. A big thank you to Chris for all the work he has put in to make this happen, and to dear Marjorie Trundle for her legacy.

Updates from Home

Our trip to Kew Gardens and Palace

Recently Caroline, Janet and Karen got the train to Kew Gardens, it was predicted to reach 30 degrees but there was a pleasant breeze, so it was fine. As expected, the grassy areas were very brown but the herbaceous borders that are positioned in front of the many conservatories were magnificent, the vivid colours and height of the blooms was unexpected, they are obviously beautifully cared for as you can see from the photos that Caroline took.



On the other side of the path from the borders was a huge lake filled with some very well-fed fish that jumped out of the water from time to time and came towards us in numbers that seemed very menacing bizarrely.



Although we had all been to Kew Gardens before none of us had visited Kew Palace which is situated within the grounds of Kew gardens on the banks of the River Thames, as you can see from the photo Caroline took it has a striking façade which reflects its origins as it was originally known as the Dutch House.

We all agreed to have a look around especially as it was lovely and cool inside, it was very well laid out, with boards written in large print in each room explaining what they had been used for and by whom, we all learnt a lot of interesting facts about King George



III who along with his wife Queen Charlotte used the palace as an informal summer retreat and family home for themselves and their fifteen children. They had nine boys and six girls, despite this there was a lack of legitimate grandchildren which left a massive royal succession panic that was only saved by the legitimate birth of their granddaughter the future Queen Victoria.

After a lovely walk in the patches of shade amongst the many trees we eventually found the larger lake, we sat on a bench to watch the many Canadian geese who showed a repeated interest in Janet, we thought we would sit for a while in silence and watch them and the moorhens and ducks doing what they do, it would have been very relaxing but as the gardens are on the flight path every minute the silence was broken as a plane went over our heads, it was still enjoyable watching the wildlife. We had a lovely day, the weather was kinder than we thought it might be, some nice food, good company, an enjoyable walk, an opportunity to watch nature going about their day and a history lesson, all in all a good day.

Our Summer Theatre Trip.

Caroline, Karen & I like to go to see something in a London theatre occasionally. We were looking around for something none of us had seen when we came upon *The Mouse Trap*. This play has been running in London for over 73 years starting in the Ambassador's Theatre then moving to its present location in St Martin's Theatre in March 1974 with only a 15-month gap for Covid. Caroline purchased the tickets for us for very good seats with a first-class view. It was a matinee performance, so we decided to get the train to London Bridge in the morning & as it was a sunny but not too hot day, we grabbed a coffee on our arrival just outside the station. We then started our walk along the South Bank stopping some way along for lunch at Wagamama's. Suitably refreshed we continued till we arrived at Trafalgar Square. It was here that we realised that we weren't quite sure how to get to the Theatre! Thank heavens for Google Maps which was able to guide us there. We arrived just as the doors were opening.

I can't tell you a lot about the play other than the fact it is a 'who done it' as we are asked at the end not to divulge the plot or who was the murderer. Sufficient to say I think we all enjoyed it & would recommend it if you haven't seen it.

As we entered out into the sunlight we all unanimously agreed on a cream tea before the trek back to London Bridge Station along the North Bank this time.

I was exhausted when I finally reached home!

From Janet



A Timely Scam Reminder from Wendy Hooper.

I recently found my e mail address had been hacked, and messages sent to all and sundry saying I was ill and needed supporting urgently. In this case if you had answered, the hackers were trying to get people to buy Amazon vouchers, which by some dubious methods would have meant purchasing vouchers, and communicating by email the voucher numbers to the scammers. Even if this was done the scammers would not have been satisfied, and urged you to buy even more.

This is only one of very many scams going around. Please please delete any e-mails, text messages, what's app messages, that are not familiar to you.

Maybe they are phrased strangely, or saying someone is in trouble for example. Please delete such messages. Likewise any odd telephone callers engaging with you and then mentioning money, please just hang up.

Genuine businesses, eg Banks, Utility companies and the like, will never ask for your details. Some scams look like they are from banks with telephone numbers and e mail addresses, but these can be direct lines to the scammers. If you have to communicate with a bank get the number or e mail address from elsewhere. Do not trust the telephone number or e mail address given in a suspect message.

People that have been scammed often feel really embarrassed about it and wonder how they could have been taken in, but it is very common, so please be on your guard and vigilant about these communications.



Quiz!

The Quiz for September 2026.

It has been so hot I thought you would all appreciate an easy one this month, I'll try and do a really hard one for October!

1. What is the Currency of Denmark?
2. Which tennis Grand Slam is played on clay?
3. What was the original name of a Snickers bar?
4. How many hearts does an octopus have?
5. Which artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
6. Who wrote the novels *Gone Girl* and *Sharp Objects*?
7. What is the collective noun for a group of Flamingos?
8. Which historical leader was once famously attacked by a horde of rabbits?
9. Which country has more ancient pyramids than Egypt?
10. Who was head of state of Japan during the 2nd. World War?



Girls Brigade



4th Burgess Hill Girls' Brigade

The last half-term leading up to the summer break was taken up with practising for our Awards Evening which was held on Wednesday 10 June. The girls received their **Attendance Award** and, if they attend a Church, their **Bible Badge**. Molly Slater received her Attendance Award for 16 years and Yaya Gushu received her 12 years Attendance Award and 12 years Bible Badge.

Attendance Trophies were given to Betsan Chu-Spear (Explorer), Gina Schofield (Junior), Emma Morgan (Senior) and Molly Slater (Brigader). We run a **Uniform Challenge** for each section. The girls can earn up to 5 points for full uniform each week with extra points for hair tied back and polished black shoes. Joint first Chloe Retamiro and Betsan Chu-Spear (Explorers), Gina Schofield (Junior), Emma Morgan (Senior) and Molly Slater (Brigader).

Other Wednesday evenings were taken up with playing **board games**, using the Wii (Wii is played looking at a large screen and using a hand-held remote control to score points in the chosen game. Ellie Scott took charge of this activity and the girls 'played' 10 Pin Bowling. We had an evening of **cooking** and then eating what we had prepared and our last session was a **Fancy Dress evening**. We also challenged the older girls to make an 'outfit' created out of newspapers.

We are now coming to the end of the summer break and looking forward to meeting up with the girls again. We will be starting back on **Wednesday 9 September**.

We will be changing the **timing** for the Juniors from September. The Explorers and Juniors will meet from 5.15 pm to 6.30 pm and the Seniors and Brigaders will meet from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm as usual. We have done this as we have several sisters in GB and this will help with bringing and collecting the girls if sisters are meeting at the same time.

Our badgework from September to half-term will cover **Our Community** for the Explorers and Juniors and **'Hope'** for the Seniors and Brigaders.

Margaret Taylor ~ Captain ~ 4th Burgess Hill Girls' Brigade
September 2026

Church News

Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who came to my garden party on the 19th August.
We raised a magnificent sum of £235. Which has been sent to Christian Aid.

Harvest Celebrations

We all get busy so here is the information for Harvest next month
Our Harvest Festival led by Rev Karl Rutledge will be on Sunday 11th October, 4:30 service
Followed by tea and cake. Donations of cake gratefully received on
the day. BB and GB have been invited.

If you are able to donate tinned food, or any un perishable food items
Karen and Caroline will be decorating the church on Friday 9 th October
between 10 - 11am. We would also be delighted to receive any fresh flowers.

Food donations will go to Burgess Hill Pantry,
All money donated on the day will go to All We Can.

Sunday 18th October

Re dedication of pastoral visitors plus Holy Communion 10:30 service
Taken by Rev Karl Rutledge.
FOLLOWED BY HARVEST LUNCH
This will be a buffet meal and a sign up sheet will be available from mid September.
A voluntary donation of £5 per head for 2 courses will be greatfully received to cover the cost of
food. Once costs have been covered any outstanding amount will go to All We Can.

PLEASE BOOK THE DATE.

Fun Day

SATURDAY 5th December we are once again holding a fun day. More information next month.

Milk bottle tops

I have found another charity which recycles milk bottle tops so am able to collect them as
before. Thank you for your support. Mary Grover

2027 Calendars

Back by popular demand! Lorna will be creating a calendar for 2027, entitled 'All things Bright and Beautiful'. The cost will be £10. All proceeds will go to Church funds. The photos have been chosen by Lorna / Caroline / Alan and Marion, here they are, we hope you like them.

To give us some idea of how many to print if you would like more than one copy please tell Lorna or email the newsletter:
bhmcnewsletter@gmail.com



This is a famous viaduct in Scotland, called Glenfinnan viaduct, where they filmed part of the Harry Potter films. I took this photo leaning out of the train window!

Dahlias are my absolute favourite flower! I love the repeating patterns on the 'pom pom' varieties, I took this one at Borde Hill gardens.



This photo is of an Avocet and I took it at a nature reserve in Norfolk called Pensthorpe, which has a lot of different bird species there. The Avocets are lovely to see now they are becoming more established in the UK – we've even started to see them in Sussex.

I actually can't take the credit for taking this photo! This was taken by my Dad, but I know he wouldn't mind me using it. It was taken at the Worms Head Peninsula in Wales.





I took these lovely tulips at Arundel castle during their tulip festival, the number of varieties on display was incredible.

This one is on the Isles of Scilly, there are lots of beautiful sandy beaches, and it is certainly like no where else I've ever been! A bit of paradise in the UK



Lots of you will be aware that the New Forest is somewhere Mum and I love to visit, I couldn't resist photographing these two ponies who appear to be very good friends in the autumnal surroundings.

I love the Japanese gardens in Madeira, I took this one at the Monte Palace Gardens, they are certainly beautiful. The fish in the foreground really stand out in the water.



This is a picture of the view from the battlements of Stirling Castle, with the mountains in the background and the cannons in the foreground it's quite a view!

Back to the New forest for this one!
We have been a few times in the autumn to see the pigs out for pannage. I took this one on a particularly long walk which I'm not sure Mum has forgiven me for!



Back to the Isle of Scilly! This is a view in Tresco Abbey Gardens, another idyll of a place with lots of different plants you certainly wouldn't get on the mainland due to the frosts.

As soon as I spotted this stained glass window I had to photograph it! I took this in Winchester Cathedral, and out of all the stained glass windows I have seen (which most of you will know is many!) I think it's my favourite...



I hope you like them all, we tried to include something for everyone. If you would like to know more about the photos please just ask me.

Quiz ANSWERS

1. Danish Kronor
2. French Open
3. Marathon
4. 3
5. Salvador Dali
6. Gillian Flynn
7. A Flamboyance
8. Napoleon Bonapart
9. Sudan
- 10 Emperor Hirohito

September 2026 Diary Service Dates

Sunday Morning Worship we welcome you to join us on

Sunday 6th September – Sunday Worship from 10.30am led by Rev Karl Rutledge

Sunday 13th September – Area Welcome Service for Rev Karl at Emmanuel church, Eastbourne from 4pm

Sunday 20th September – Holy Communion from 10.30am led by Rev Karl Rutledge

Sunday 27th September – Sunday Worship from 10.30am led by Rev Stuart Dyer

Sunday Evening Worship on Zoom

Every Sunday evening, we join our friends from CSUA for an evening time of Worship held online from 6pm, unless otherwise stated.

Sunday 6th September - led by Rev Barbara Evans-Routley

Sunday 13th September – Area Service from 4pm

Sunday 20th September – led by Rev Barbara Evans-Routley

Sunday 27th September - led by Rev Karl Rutledge

We love to have your input items for the newsletter. Please send your items for inclusion in the Newsletter to bhmcnewsletter@gmail.com by Friday 25th September.