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HOVE CORPS NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

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The Saviour in Gethsemane
consumed our sins on bended knee,
took every sorrow, every loss
and broke them on the rough-hewn cross.

Christ sealed His gift in grief and pain,
renewed each heart in sacred rain
of Living Water, lifeblood spilled.
The ransom, paid. The law, fulfilled.

His temples pierced by thorny crown,
he laid His tortured body down.
The sacred flesh, abused and torn,
roused heaven and earth to weep, to mourn.

The tomb received Him as her own;
disciples wavered, left alone,
forgetting promises profound:
The ties of death would be unbound.

For Christ the Lord atoned for all;
no grave could hold Him, nor forestall
the blessings of eternity.
He lived! He lives! to set men free.

A Brother gave Himself in love.
The risen Lord now waits above.
What will we give? May our lives be
reflections of His charity.

APRIL 2026 CALENDAR

FRIDAY 3rd Good Friday Service
10.30am led by Major
Mandy

SUNDAY 5th Easter Sunday Service
10.30am followed by
Easter Celebration
lunch - please book

Sunday 12th All-Age Service
10.30am led by Major
Mandy

Sunday 19th Farewell Service for
Major Mandy at 10.30am
followed by Picnic and
Treasure Hunt at
Southwater Country
Park

Sunday 26th Morning Meeting at
10.30am led by Majors
Stephen and Margaret Huyton



FAREWELL MESSAGE to MAJOR MANDY AND MAJOR CHRIS SANDS

After 4 years of ministry, we are saying goodbye to our officer and spiritual leader, Major Mandy Sands and her husband Major Chris Sands. In some ways it feels like yesterday when Major Mandy took over the leadership of Hove Corps but, in other ways it feels like they have been part of our church family for years.

Whilst here, in addition to supporting and developing our existing activities, new initiatives have been started and developed.

One example is Open House when our doors have been opened to everyone and anyone to come in, find a warm space, experience warm company and be able to join in with a range of activities on Tuesday and Friday each week.

Mandy's links into our community have resulted in new people, new members joining our church family on a Sunday and during the week.

Major Mandy's open study sessions have made the Bible relevant and easy to understand regardless of age and Christian knowledge - and who can forget her weekly jokes at the start of her bible message each Sunday!

Major Mandy has also developed many things you won't necessarily be aware of, the more mundane but essential stuff like training of volunteers, writing policies and overseeing procedures to name but a few.

When speaking to the young members of my family they suggested two appropriate words to describe Mandy would be - kind and respectful. I think everyone involved in Hove Salvation Army would agree that Mandy's kindness and respect for everyone is evident in everything she does.

Major Chris, as well as playing in the band, and with the music group has also shared his talent on the concertina. Who can forget him playing his concertina and singing old choruses in the meeting from time to time! Major Chris was usually helping out practically wherever and whenever round the hall. He loved chatting and creating relationships with everyone, from the youngest to the oldest in the Corps to our neighbours, friends and practically everyone he saw. He was also consistently sharing the message of Christ and promoting all events and activities within our building.

Finally, the work Major Mandy has done in Hove, and the impact she's created, has been incredible. God has touched so many lives through both her and Chris.

Thank you for your ministry. Our prayers will be with you both as you move to Hastings. May God be with you both and in your future ministry.

CSM Karen Tinsley



Go in the strength of the Lord, in paths He has marked for your feet.

FAREWELL PICNIC FOR MANDY AND CHRIS

At Southwater Country Park in Southwater.

Bring your picnic and meet by the café straight after the morning meeting on Sunday 19th April 2026.

Walking in the park is easy and mostly flat.

Teams of between 2 - 6 and make sure one of you has a camera phone and a pen.

Just come and have fun!!