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Outlook

## Cornerstone **Methodist** Church

LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM -PARTRIDGE GREEN-ST ANDREW'S, ROFFEY

*The monthly news for*

Cornerstone **Methodist** Church  
*Embracing the worshipping communities at  
London Road Horsham, Partridge Green  
and St Andrews Roffey*





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## *A Word from one of our Ministers*

Dear Friends,

It's Rev Tony here, and in these exciting times of change and renewal, of new ministry with the arrival of Deacon Stephen and myself, and of a new Circuit, the Gatwick and Mole Valley Circuit, Mandy and I are very much looking forward to coming to live, work and make friends among you.

Mandy is my wife, and she is a primary school teacher, which keeps her very busy. Though she also enjoys reading, crafting, baking, jigsaws and Lego. We have three boys. Our Eldest Tom who is living in Manchester and working with the City's homeless population. He is a keen artist and loves cooking. Our middle son Jacob, who has settled in Bournemouth and married to Leesa. He is an accountant with the insurance company Vitality, and Leesa is a Counsellor, and together they look after Marilyn who is Leesa's mum, and who has Dementia. Jacob loves football, and most things DIY! Leesa and Jacob are both very keen on all things Disney, and I mean very keen! And last, but not least, (and he would tell you that himself!) there is Josh and his partner Jack. They live in London. Josh works for the food company Gousto, where he has risen up the ranks a little, and Jack works in the Music Industry looking after current artists for the Sony record label. They live in London, are a very close couple, who both love their food, beer and travel! Their hope is to visit Japan soon. I like cooking, being by the sea, walking in the countryside and visiting National Trust properties. That is something of our story – we look forward to hearing yours.



We arrived at Ryecroft Drive on the 7th August, leaving Bournemouth after serving there for 13 years. That is the longest we have ever lived anywhere as a family. Whilst the work there has been varied, with many highs and lows along the way, and leaving was hard, we are excited to explore the future and journey with you in this next period of life and ministry together. Please do say hello when the opportunity arises, and always remember I am never far away, and always here for you, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Take care, and we look forward to meeting you and working with you all very soon.

Rev Tony Cavanagh


# South East District Welcome Service

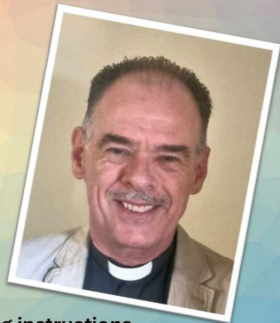


Join us as we welcome our new Chair of District, Rev Conrad Hicks

 **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
3pm, followed by refreshments

 **Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP**

 And streamed online  
visit [www.methodistsoutheast.org](http://www.methodistsoutheast.org) in early September for streaming instructions



The **Methodist Church**  
South East District 

**Inspire**

**Enable**

**Encourage**



**Seeking to follow Jesus in Community, Love and Service**

*We are a community of people seeking to follow Jesus, experiencing and sharing God's love and grace through worship, learning, caring and serving in our communities and beyond.*



Anita Burton, Sue Conroy, Ian Currington, Heather Derry,  
Mervyn Halliday, Jean Hayler, Pauline Homewood, Joy and Ron Johnson,  
Margaret and John Moon, Rita and Ian Murray, Garry Poole, Jim Sear,  
Wendy Smith, Mike Tunbridge, Con Wells and Pearl Willcox

Our thoughts are with Barbara and her family  
on the passing of Geoff Lunn  
and  
Maureen and her family  
on the passing of Paul Smith

## *Harvest Festival at London Road Chapel*

**Harvest Festival this year is on 28<sup>th</sup> September and will also be a church parade.**

This year, as well as collecting food and essentials for Horsham Food Bank we will also be supporting the charity Tools with a Mission (TWAM).

Tools with a Mission is a charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into specific trade tool kits and sends them to the developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.



So look out your old tools; maybe you don't need that 5<sup>th</sup> hammer, or possibly 3 socket sets are a set too many. There may be some tools you have that you don't need any more but feel they are too good to throw away. Bring them along to the service on the Sunday morning or drop them off in the preceding week. Please do read the list on notice boards to find out what tools 'TWAM' do and don't need. To find out about the good work this charity does go to their website – [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)



## 7th September

LR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	Worship Together <b>at STAR</b>
PG	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	09.30am	Breakfast Church
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	Worship Together <b>at STAR</b>

## 14th September

LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
PG	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	
StAR	Clive Falla	10.30am	

## 21st September

LR	Revd Hazel Forecast	10.30am	
PG	Revd Sue Conroy	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion

## 28th September

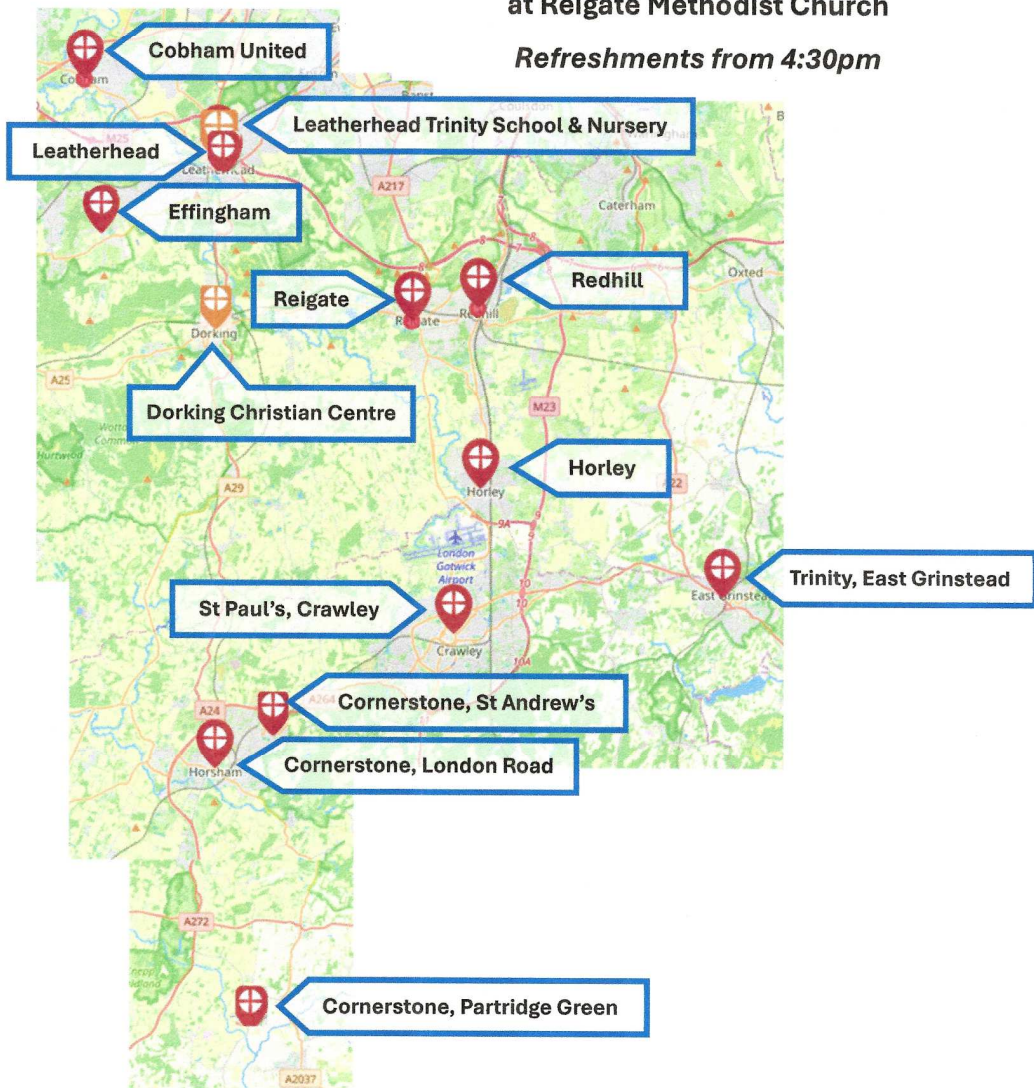
LR	Christine Lawley	10.30am	Harvest Festival and ParadeService
PG	Bob Boyce	10.30am	Harvest Festival
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	Harvest Festival

## Service for the inauguration of Gatwick and Mole Valley Circuit

With welcome of new ministers  
and commissioning of circuit stewards  
and ministers

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm**  
**at Reigate Methodist Church**

*Refreshments from 4:30pm*



# GATWICK & MOLE VALLEY CIRCUIT (36/10) PLAN

		SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER			
		7th Sep 23rd in Ordinary Time	14th Sep 24th in Ordinary Time	21st Sep 25th in Ordinary Time	28th Sep 26th in Ordinary Time	5th Oct 27th in Ordinary Time	12th Oct 28th in Ordinary Time	19th Oct 29th in Ordinary Time	26th Oct 30th in Ordinary Time
Cobham UC	09:00	Early Bird				Early Bird			
	10:30	Gibb	Balsdon / Richardson S	Crawford	George	Richardson HF	Balsdon CFL / CM	Thornton S	Lawley
Cornerstone London Road Horsham	10:30	WT at StAR	Cavanagh S	Forecast	Lawley HF / P	WT at StAR	Cavanagh S	Scrivens	S Pitkeathly
Cornerstone Partridge Green	10:30	Cavanagh S	S Pitkeathly	Conroy	Boyce HF	Conroy S	S Pitkeathly	Falla	George
Cornerstone St Andrew's Horsham	09:30	S Pitkeathly BC				S Pitkeathly BC			
	10:30	S Pitkeathly WT with LR	Falla	Cavanagh S	S Pitkeathly HF	S Pitkeathly WT with LR	Lawley	Millwood S	Baalham
	15:00			MESSY CHURCH				MESSY CHURCH	Service of Remembrance
Effingham	10:00	Balsdon S	OA	US @ LMC	Baalham	Hofmeyr	Glass S / CA	US @ LMC	J Brooks
Horley	08:30	E Brooks S				E Brooks S			
	10:00	E Brooks	McKie S	E Brooks NCr	J Brooks NCr	E Brooks NCr / S	Greaves NCr	E Brooks HF / P	Wild
Leatherhead	10:30	George	Frost	Balsdon HF / US with EMC	Cavanagh S	Wild	Dunning	Balsdon US with EMC	Hofmeyr S
	18:30		New Fire				New Fire		
Redhill	10:30	Stuckey- Beer AA	Newton	Baalham S	Oakley HF / AA / P	Cavanagh	Forecast S	Baalham	McKie
	16:30	Scrivens	Newton	Baalham S	George	Cavanagh	Forecast S	Baalham	Scrivens
Reigate	10:30	Oakley MC	E Brooks HF	Scrivens S	E Brooks NCr	J Brooks NCr	E Brooks NCr / S	Greaves NCr	Dunning
	16:00								
St Paul's Crawley	10:30	Conroy	Baalham S / Short service & CC	Shaw	Wild HF / P	Little	Baalham S	Starling	Newton
Trinity East Grinstead	09:00		Starling	McKie	Scrivens Creationtide HF		Scrivens S	Cavanagh	Scrivens
	10:45	Scrivens Creationtide S / 10:00 am	BurrIDGE	McKie	Scrivens Creationtide HF / P	Woods US / 10:00 am	Scrivens S	Cavanagh	Scrivens



NOVEMBER				
2nd Nov 31st in Ordinary Time	9th Nov 32nd in Ordinary Time	16th Nov 33rd in Ordinary Time	23rd Nov Sunday before Advent	30th Nov Advent Sunday
Early Bird				
Gerhold	Richardson RS	Hofmeyr S	Richardson	Boyce
WT at StAR	Cavanagh RS / S	Dunning	S Pitkeathly	Lawley CW / WT with StAR
Cavanagh S	S Pitkeathly RS	Baalham	Dunning	Conroy
S Pitkeathly BC				
S Pitkeathly WT with LR	George RS	Cavanagh S	Conroy	WT @ LR
		MESSY CHURCH		Advent Carols 4pm
Balsdon S	Frost	US @ LMC	Cavanagh	Balsdon US PC 10:30
E Brooks S				
Little	E Brooks S / RS	E Brooks MWOL / OA	Shaw	Cavanagh
George	Balsdon RS / S	Balsdon S / US with EMC	E Brooks	OA
	New Fire			
Scrivens AA	Baalham S / RS	Pender	Little	Baalham Advent 1
OA	Baalham S / RS	Burridge	E Brooks	Baalham Advent 1
E Brooks MC	Shaw S / RS	E Brooks MWOL / OA	Scrivens	E Brooks
E Brooks Service to Remember				
OA	Conroy S / RS	Stuckey- Beer	Baalham Short service & CC	Burridge
	Scrivens RS	Shaw S	George	
Greaves 10:00 am	Remembrance in town centre	Shaw S	Wild	NMYBB Scrivens US / 10:00 am

### MESSY CHURCH

#### **REDHILL**

Third Saturday in the month: 4pm - 6pm

#### **TRINITY**

First Saturday in the month: 4pm - 6pm (Not January or August)

#### **PARTRIDGE GREEN**

The Thursday of Half Term Week 10:30am - 1pm

### WORSHIP IN SONG

This service takes place at 2:30pm at CMC- London Rd on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

### ABBREVIATIONS

**AA** - All Age  
**BC** - Breakfast Church  
**CA** - Church Anniversary  
**CC** - Church Council  
**CFL** - Commitment for Life  
**CM** - Congregational Meeting  
**CW** - Creative Worship  
**HF** - Harvest Festival  
**OA** - Own Arrangement  
**P** - Parade Service  
**PC** - Parish Church  
**S** - Holy Communion  
**US** - United Service  
**MC** - Messy Church  
**NMYBB** - National Methodist Youth Brass Band  
**NCr** - Nicean Creed  
**RS** - Remembrance Sunday  
**WT** - Worship Together



**Cornerstone Away Day**  
**SOLIDARITY in DIVERSITY**  
 on  
**Saturday 14th June 2025**  
 held at  
 Trinity Methodist Church  
 Storrington



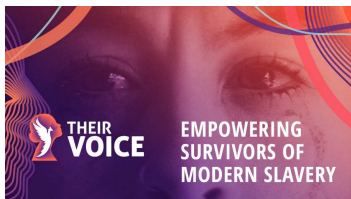
Worship in Song will now be on the  
third Wednesday of the month

Please come and join us on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2.30pm-4pm**

## Report on spring Sustaining Hope gathering 17.5.25



Twelve of us met at Redhill Methodist Church. After introducing ourselves and the ways in which we are involved in supporting refugees and other vulnerable migrants, we opened with worship. We were very conscious of images in the media of devastated children in conflict zones and the intolerable decisions their parents have to make. We reflected together on the relevance of Exodus 1.8-2.10 in today's world and we prayed through *Singing the Faith* 700, 'God weeps'.



The first presentation was given by Carolyn Thom, founder of *Their Voice*, which supports people, mainly women and children, rescued from modern slavery (<https://theirvoicemodernslavery.org.uk>). Begun 10 years ago, in a bedroom in Caterham, last year the charity supported 1,825 people, of whom 43% were women, 43% children and 14% men. They gifted 675 toiletry packs to counter hygiene poverty and 1,091 customised clothing packs of new or preloved items. Survivors are free to choose clothing that reflects their personal style. After being forced to wear certain clothes by their captors, this helps to rebuild self-esteem and confidence, emphasizing that they are deserving of respect and dignity. In addition, last year *Their Voice* held three 10-week empowerment workshops to boost participants' confidence, help them gain essential skills and build lasting support networks. All this helps survivors thrive beyond the safe house, engage with the community and pursue opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Carolyn's commitment was palpable and her enthusiasm infectious. She will be glad to talk about the charity to any groups in the District. She reminded us that modern slavery is 'hidden in plain sight' in towns, cities and the countryside across the UK. It takes many

forms and forces thousands of men, women and children into crime, sex, labour, marriage and drug trafficking. The effects of the exploitation and abuse are devastating and recovery takes a lifetime. As *Their Voice* expands, there is great need for more volunteers to sort items; hold fundraising events and publicize its work both in the community and on social media. The group can be contacted at [info@theirvoice.org.uk](mailto:info@theirvoice.org.uk).



The second, equally inspirational presentation was from Andrea Campion-Smith and Rosemary Lee, who have been involved from the start in *ChitChat*, at Guildford St. Mary's Anglican/ Methodist LEP. Andrea explained how, ten years ago, members of Guildford Methodist Church made a bold, mission-led move from their fine premises on the fringe of the city to join with an elderly dwindling congregation just off the High Street. Re-furbishing the medieval parish church and revitalising the congregation, they prayerfully sought what their contribution to the community could now be - and settled on drop-in activities, providing a warm welcome, and an opportunity to chat: an oasis of calm on a busy High Street. They focused particularly on the city's many international residents, including au pairs and people associated with the university. At *ChitChat* they could practise English informally and meet and make friends.

After 12 months of praying, planning and viewing groups working with international residents in different ways, they had recruited volunteers not only from their own congregation but ecumenically. They asked themselves, "'How do we know that *ChitChat* is what God wants us to do?' We thought the answer was probably that we would not find enough volunteers if it wasn't God's will. Within six months of us opening, we had 32 volunteers representing most of the town centre churches, some coming weekly, some fortnightly, some monthly. *ChitChat* has now been running for 10 years and we asked the same question, 'How do we know that this is still what God wants us to do?' We checked our list of volunteers. The number is still 32, although obviously not the same 32 people." Training and planning sessions are still run twice a year, one on listening skills, aimed at allowing guests time to think and formulate their responses; the other on cultural differences and awareness

Rosemary described the content of a morning: they take a different subject each week, with questions and visual aids as a prompt - though conversation can go in all sorts of different directions! But *ChitChat* also means that guests can ask questions, make friends and find out about life in Guildford and how to register with doctors, dentists etc and access emergency services.

Sessions finish with a fun practical activity. We share in a 'taster' Lucky Dip bag with simple questions to answer about our interests or skills.



Rosemary considered how *ChitChat* has evolved over the last 10 years, as political circumstances have changed:

- Initially they were hosting mainly au pairs, and helping address their working conditions (unfair treatment; inadequate pay). Since Brexit there have been far fewer European guests
- Subsequent waves of refugees, from Syria, Hong Kong, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq etc. have often had more basic needs
- Individual advocacy supports guests in their dealings with: schools (and appeals); housing (landlords refusing to address building, electrical and plumbing issues etc.), legal problems; family matters etc.
- Form-filling is always a challenge for guests, regardless of the culture they are from.
- Racism is experienced by many, eg, GP's or dentist's staff ignoring or dismissing someone with little English who seeks to register - but readily responding when they realize the guest is accompanied by an English person.

In the process of such challenges however, many valuable friendships have been formed between guests and volunteers

Andrea and Rosemary closed the presentation with a short video (consents had gladly been given) of a session where guests had been invited to bring something to represent a skill they had. Contributions of crafts, clothing, food, practical gifts, music and dance were all enthusiastically celebrated.

After sharing what we would be taking home from this Gathering, we closed with song and prayers.

Hazel Forecast  
June 2025

The autumn's Sustaining Hope gathering will be at Redhill Methodist Church, 10.00 to 13.30 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. One of the presentations will be from Paul Richards, the south of England representative for *All We Can*. Paul will focus on ways in which climate change is increasing the pressure to migrate. A second presentation will be confirmed shortly.



## CALENDAR

### Partridge Green

#### September

- 2** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 6** Prayer Breakfast *in the Hall* 8.00am
- 11** Village Café 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 16** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 30** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm

#### October

- 2** Songs of Praise 3.00pm

#### Partridge Green Songs of Praise.

We apologise that the last Songs of Praise had to be cancelled. Our next Songs of Praise is Thursday 2nd October at 3pm and the Theme is Harvest. Tea and cake will follow. For information please contact Margaret Daniell.

## London Road

### September

- 5** Friday Café 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 7** Sunday Lunch 12.30pm
- 9** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 9** Crafternoon 2.00pm
- 10** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 10** Wednesday Club 7.30pm
- 12** Friday Café 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 16** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 17** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 19** Friday Café 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 23** Tuesday Prayers 09.30am
- 23** Crafternoon 2.00pm
- 24** Tea and Chat 2.30pm
- 24** Wednesday Club 7.30pm
- 26** Friday Café 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 30** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am

## St Andrews September

- 2 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 2 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 3 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 5 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 8 Mosaic Mondays 10.30am - 1.00pm
- 8 Movie Mondays 1.30pm
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### TURNING TIDES

is holding a harvest food appeal to support people experiencing homelessness.

Donations can be dropped off at their Roffey Place address  
Roffey Place, Old Crawley Road, Faygate RH12 4RU

Their wish list of urgent stock contains

Drinks—coffee, squash, bottled water, small/large cartons of juice, carton milk

Tinned sandwich fillers such as ham, corned beef, tuna etc

Sweet and Savoury items such as snack bars, biscuits, crisps, rice pudding etc

And of course Basics including microwavable rice, cereals, porridge pots etc

Thank you for your support

*My Testimony***Carol Steel**

I was born Carolyn Anne Ogilvy Gordon on March 5<sup>th</sup> during the Clydebanks blitz...in the cellar and that's all I can remember.

*The rest of this article was written with the help of my daughter.*

When you think of Carol Steel (my mother) it's hard not to think of her compassion or her quick wit but did you know she is Scottish?. Of course you do because she is a very proud Scot. She was born around the Clyde bank blitz and her family had to take shelter in the cellar to escape. 100s died, many more were injured and over 8000 homes were destroyed.

She grew up surrounded by faith. (She was able to quote the Bible backwards). Her father the Rev Walter Gordon was a Scottish Presbyterian minister while her Mother played the organ and wrote the children's sermons. She also wrote a column for the People's Friend called "A view from the Manse window".

When Carol was a child she would travel with her dad to see his parishioners but was always told to sit quietly.

When she was four years old she ran away from home crossing a busy road and went to school only to be brought back home by one of the teachers. (She can tell you of quite a few more misdemeanors).

Carol attended university in Edinburgh on the path to becoming a teacher. She loved to dance and taught Scottish country dancing. In fact she met her beloved husband Bill at a dance. Since Bill was older and headed to a party and Carol didn't wish to be home by her curfew she decided to go with him. And so began a wonderful romance. They got married and had 2 children, move to England and created a home full of much love and laughter. But in the middle of all this was Carol's faith. Not long after moving to England Bill got ill. This was a shock to Carol as at that time she was caring for her sister who had aggressive breast cancer and a mother with dementia. Every day she asked God for strength, guidance and the ability to keep moving forward. Sadly after 29 years of marriage Bill passed away age 59. Her sister and mother followed soon after. Bill's death impacted Carol's life in a massive way. She still talks about his laugh and those of you who knew Bill would know this huge man with a booming laugh.



Carol had completed a second degree in education and went on to teach at St Catherine's in Crawley and Queen Elizabeth II ( QE 2) in Horsham. With her gift of kindness and ability to help others she excelled in the field for children with exceptional needs and different learning disabilities. She went on to become the deputy head, then head forging friendships that are still strong today.

Carol plays Bridge, scrabble, love a good crossword and is excellent at most game shows on television until it comes to sports and current events.

Never wavering in her faith despite so many sad events and very knowledgeable about it Carol was always ready to defend it. She seldom missed a service often searching for churches to visit as she travelled the world. Carol gave in all aspects.

Carol came to London Road in the late eighties. In her time she was a church Steward for over six years (fondly called Hinge to Denise Sillett's Bracket), served as a communion Steward, was part of the Church Council and a welcoming steward. She also helped clean the church and collected and drove the elderly to lunch club and other church activities until she realized she was older than many of them.

Carol is a fantastic mother to me and my brother Michael. She ensured that we were raised in a safe home surrounded by love and laughter while teaching us the difference between right and wrong. We both attended church with her and went to "Bible school "in the summer holidays. Michael is happily married with two fantastic sons and lives close by, keeping a good eye on her and pop in for daily visits. I moved to the USA after getting married to my husband James. I've got two lovely daughters and four amazing grandchildren which makes Carol a grandmother of four and great grandmother of four. We visit often and I try to get over four or five times a year. Carolyn Anne Ogilvy Steel is one much loved lady!

A note from Michael and myself... a huge thank you to Jay Dunning who has continued to enable mum to be part of her beloved church community and to all those who keep in touch and continue to bring joy to her life it is very much appreciated. . A church family is invaluable especially to people like our mum who lives on her own.



## **Worship on board a cruise ship**

On holidays it is often difficult to attend Sunday worship, but on most Cruise Ships a Sunday service is arranged. The Borealis did so. And although there were only about 20 people (none sat on the front row) I could feel the presence of God. A simple service but moving.

### **Here is the Seafarer's Version of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm:**

The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.  
He lighteth me across dark waters.  
He steereth me in deep channels. He keepeth my log.  
He guideth me by the star of holiness for His name's sake.  
Yea, even midst the thunders and tempests of life,  
I dread no danger; for Thou art with me,  
Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me.  
Thou preparest a harbour before me in the homeland of Eternity.  
Thou annointest the waves with oil – my ship rides calmly.  
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,  
And I will rest in the port of my God forever. Amen.

Having grown up near a Merchant Seamen's training school and having ancestors linked to the sea, this was very moving, as were the prayers for the ship and all travellers. (My Uncle was a shipwright for submarines for example). The sea can be unpredictable and many seamen have a strong faith.

One of the talks on the ship highlighted how the Norwegian Navy and merchant ships came to the UK to support the war effort, bringing the Norwegian King and Government. The 'Shetland Bus' was made up of Norwegian fishing vessels which went back and forth to Norway supporting the resistance movement and bringing some refugees back to the UK. Our country has strong links to Norway and now I understand why. After the second world war with NATO in place it was felt there would be no more wars in Europe. As we go forward in 2025 I pray that this belief will be realised and that diplomacy will win through.

Sue Randell

# Horsham PRIDE Event

25th July 2025



Cornerstone was well represented again this year with a stall in the Carfax Horsham.

Our immediate neighbours were Horsham Wellbeing, The Samaritans, the NHS and the PRIDE stall.

It was a pleasant sunny warm evening event from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Our volunteers were on hand from 4.00pm to set up the stall.



## The Leprosy Mission Update



“Unclean, Unclean, Unclean” was the cry in biblical times and the response was often “Go away, Go away, Go away” to sufferers of Leprosy. Still in the twenty first century it still is the response in many countries of the world. Back in February Jenny Jackson introduced us to the work of The Leprosy Mission who in 2024 celebrated their 150 anniversary. She reminded us that the mission was founded by Wellesley Bailey and his wife following a visit to India to his brother who was working there.

They were taken to a Leprosy Colony and were appalled at the conditions and treatment the sufferers were experiencing. He wrote afterwards “If ever there was a Christ-like work in the world, it was to go amongst these poor sufferers and bring them the consolation of the gospel”. In those days there was no cure. Methodist missionary Mary Reed from the USA lived with a colony of about 500 affected by leprosy in North India for 5 years before becoming a sufferer herself. She devoted the rest of her life to caring for them.

Today there is a multi-drug therapy that it was approved by the World Health Organisation in 1981. She also told us the Horsham played a part in that story. As well as hospitals they have well-equipped mobile teams travelling to more remote areas of the countries they operate in. We can so easily complain about our wonderful health service but for many in the world their nearest hospital can be 200 miles away or more and the poor have no resources to travel. Today supporters of the Mission faithfully continue to pray and receive a prayer diary and magazine three times a year.

To help you understand some of the issues that the mission faces every day I quote from a recent month’s prayer topics.

“Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world. On the frontline of the climate crisis, droughts and hunger are sadly all too common. A coup in 2023 plunged the country further into crisis. It’s a tough place to be affected by leprosy. Healthcare is hard to find, and the stigma and poverty continue to devastate lives. But thanks to you, people in Niger don’t have to face this disease alone. Temperatures can reach



40 degrees C at this time of year, threatening health, and crops. Pray that the Lord will shield people who rely on begging from the heat and protect precious crops. Please pray too that God" will send rain at the right time so that people can grow enough food.

"Danja is the only Christian hospital in Niger, this sanctuary is a beacon of hope for people affected by the disease. Praise God for the dedicated staff as they shine out the love of Jesus, welcoming every patient with open arms. May He give the team skills to heal physical wounds, and words of love to reassure broken hearts. At Danja Hospital people affected by leprosy receive the vital care they need free of charge. From the cure to surgery to wheelchairs, the team works to restore dignity and independence. Give thanks for the recent opened eye clinic, which is helping to prevent blindness caused by leprosy. Pray that patients will find new hope for the future and feel the love of Jesus through the care they receive".

"The old leprosy wards and toilets at Danja Hospital urgently need renovation so the team can continue giving leprosy patients the best possible care. Ask that the Lord will provide the funds and the skills needed to complete this work, so patients have the comfort and dignity they deserve".

If you would like to know more and share with them in this work go to the Leprosy Mission website and spend time learning more and seeing how you help.

**[www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)**

Tony Daniell



## SHARE THE STORY (or Tea-towels on our heads)

We have just received an email from one of the parents of a child at All Saints saying “how much we love you all coming in and how it's a great opportunity to learn Bible stories.” So that's encouraging!

July 2025 marks the end of our first year as “Share the Story” an ecumenical group taking Bible stories to All Saints Church of England primary school. We moved away from “Open the Book” (the programme produced and supported by the Bible Society that we have used for many years). This was done to give us more flexibility with the stories that we use, allowing us to fit in better with the themes being used by the school.



We still (where possible) use the Lion Children's Bible for our dramatised stories but write our own reflections and prayers for the school's assemblies. Our group of 9 travelling actors come from 3 different churches across Horsham and we usually have 6 or 7 members available for any given assembly.

Over the school year we have shared the stories of the Feeding of the 5,000 (God provides for us), the Washing of the Disciples' Feet (God loves us), the Wise

and Foolish Bridesmaids (Wisdom) and the Prodigal Son (Forgiveness). We dress in character (see photograph) and use appropriate props, we also (where possible) provide some children's parts for the pupils. It is so rewarding to see the children listening to and engaging with God's story and we are pleased to receive positive feedback from the school (see the quote above).

We aim to provide 2 assemblies a term to All Saints, but excitingly we have been given the opportunity to lead one assembly a term at Arunside Primary School. Unlike All Saints this is not a church school so we look forward to sharing God's story (perhaps for the first time) to a whole new group of children.

Outside of our school work we were also pleased to share the nativity story with our Toddler group children at their Christmas party.

If there is anyone in the Cornerstone congregation who would be interested in joining our little band, then please have a word with either Beverley or Trefor Little. We usually meet for a Thursday morning rehearsal lasting about an hour in preparation for each assembly which will take place a week or so later (on Thursday for All Saints and Monday for Arunside). You get to dress up but there are no words to learn and you'll experience the excitement of children sharing in the Good News of what God does for his people and his creation.

**Trefor & Beverley Little**

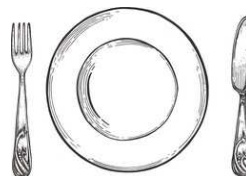
# The Sunday Lunch at London Road

**14th September**

**at 12.30pm**

We welcome those of our Cornerstone family who live alone to join us for lunch on the above dates in the Wesley Hall at 12-30 pm. The cost is £6.

To book your place please contact Liz Sear (268075) or Audrey Fowler ( 261442).



## Please note

Because of a clash of events, we are changing our Sunday Lunches to the **SECOND Sunday** of each month , starting this month.

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## Toddler Group

**London Road on Wednesdays**  
from 10.00am to 11.30am



A wide variety of toys, books, activities, refreshments and listening ears -

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## Tea and Chat

**Wednesday 24th September at 2.30pm**

Tea & Chat meets in Wesley Hall. After a warm welcome it provides the opportunity to meet in a friendly relaxed atmosphere and to chat and enjoy tea, scones and cakes. All are welcome.

Sue Checkland and Liz Sear

**All welcome.**



# PARTRIDGE GREEN

## OPEN DOOR

Our meetings start at 2.30pm and are held in the Church Hall.  
All friends from Cornerstone Methodist Church  
are very welcome.

For further information  
contact Margaret Daniell on 01403 541736

**Tuesday 2nd September**  
**Birthday Party and Entertainment**  
Sing Out Sisters

**Tuesday 16th September**  
**Petworth House** - Trish Parkin

**Tuesday 30th September**  
**Bohemian Café**  
**Musical Entertainment** - Sylvia Akagi and Peter Golden

This is a club where people can meet and make friends while enjoying a cup of tea and cake. Some Optional activities/table games will be available. There will be the occasional speaker or entertainment. We meet alternate Tuesday's and there is a £2 charge.

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## VILLAGE CAFÉ

**2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**11th September**



The Village Café meets takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon each month  
from 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

**This is an ecumenical project, working with St Michael's Church**  
*( here in Partridge Green )*

All friends from Cornerstone Methodist Church are very welcome.

Refreshments are free, but donations are appreciated, which are used to support  
village organisations.

For further information please contact Margaret Daniell phone 01403 541736





After our extremely successful Tea Party we're gearing up for our next fundraising event. This, as you know, is the **QUIZ** at St Andrews on the **20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm**. The Quiz Master will be the very experienced John Dale so it's time to start brushing up your knowledge.

Teams will be made up of 6 persons (make up a team or I'm sure you can be fitted in) and as numbers are strictly limited, please get your tickets soon. Tickets, £7.50 each are available from Angela Bramhill, Lynda Mitchell or Ann Williams.

Refreshments of cake, biscuits and tea or coffee will be available during an interval but do bring your own soft drinks and nibbles. And there will be a raffle.

Do join us if you can

You may like to know how your donations help.

*"Dexter is a 7-year-old with autistic spectrum disorder. His parents were struggling and then they received practical and emotional help from AFC, including uniform and travel costs."*

Thank you all for your continued support.

Audrey Coventry

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

After considerable trauma, Margaret and John Moon have moved from  
Wellesley Court, Waterlooville, Portsmouth  
to

**Normanton Lodge, 14 Normanton Avenue, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2TX**

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London Road on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
*Please bring your own craft or learn a new one*

Messy Church at St Andrews

Sunday 21st September 3.00pm-5.00pm.



**This is an environmental issue !  
not one of poverty**

***The food is there for EVERYONE to use  
so that it is not wasted***

***The Community Fridge at London Road***

***opens every Tuesday Morning from 10.00am to 11.00am***

***during which time refreshments are served***

***and***

***every Thursday Afternoon from 1.00pm to 2.00pm***

***where refreshments are served from 12.15pm***

***The Community Fridge at St Andrews***

***opens on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00am - 11.00am***

***As well as the Community Fridge at St Andrews,***

***at the same time, there is also a REFILL STATION***

Please come along and see what we have at the REFILL STATION — laundry liquid, washing up liquid, etc as well as loofahs, soap, Ecoballs for the washing machine....BUT we would also appreciate donations of **CLEAN** bottles in which people to take home their purchases ( if they forget to bring their own bottles! ). They need to be bottles which will stand on a scale to be filled, and the lids come off easily. Please wash them out thoroughly and give them to Sarah when you see her...

Thank you!

***Please bring a bag !***

# Easy Movers

Fridays 10.30-12 noon Posture, mobility,  
Refreshments and flexibility and  
chat 10.30 balance

Exercises 11.15-12  
£4 per person  
With qualified  
instructor



Chair based or standing  
St Andrews Church, Crawley Road,  
Roffey, RH12 4DX

For information call  
or text Sarah on  
07869802024

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Church is a Registered  
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## Friday Cafe

at Cornerstone London Road



Your space for a Friday treat  
Hot drinks £1, weekly menu of  
cakes and snacks

Fridays 2.30-4.30pm

## All Welcome

Cornerstone Methodist Church is a Registered Charity: 1134052



Join us at The Café at St Andrew's  
Every Wednesday 10am to 12pm

Spoil yourself with homemade cakes and  
freshly made tea and coffee

All are welcome

Come and be part of the community

We are members of the Chatty Café scheme



Charity No: 1134052



## MOSAIC MONDAYS

CRAFT, PUZZLES, CONVERSATIONS AND  
COMMUNITY, WITH REFRESHMENTS  
AND A SOUP LUNCH!  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF  
OUR MOSAIC MONDAYS.

8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER | 10:30AM-1PM

£5 SUGGESTED DONATION  
INCLUDES CRAFT AND LUNCH

CORNERSTONE ST ANDREWS  
CRAWLEY ROAD, RH12 4DX

Please talk to Susan Halliday  
to express interest.

01403 275456 | ccm@cornersone-mc.org.uk



## MOVIE MONDAYS

AT ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH

MONDAYS	FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS BY DONATION	1.30PM
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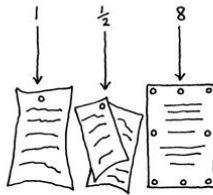
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## CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS



WRATH (DIRECTED AT  
INVALID ADDITIONS)



GREED (USING TOO  
MANY PINS)



SLOTH (NOT REMOVING  
OLD NOTICES)



PRIDE (COVERING  
UP OTHERS' WORK)



LUST (COVETING THY  
NEIGHBOUR'S FONT, LAYOUT, ETC)



ENVY (RIVAL CHURCHES  
POACHING OUR CONGREGATION)



GLUTTONY  
(OVERINDULGENCE, ETC)

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## DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER EDITION



## September 14th

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*Outlook* has limited space and you may be disappointed