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The monthly news for
Cornerstone **Methodist** Church



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

part of the **Gatwick and Mole Valley Circuit** of the **Methodist Church**



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A Word from one of our Ministers

Friends,

It is always slightly strange to be writing this so long before Christmas, but this is the system and so we do! But you will need to bear with me whilst I get to Christmas now...

I read somewhere recently that faith requires us to relinquish control. That concurs with the 12 step programme, which uses the word “surrender” in relation to a Higher Power. We are constantly battling the ways of the world, our own humanity and our desires – all against the call of God on our lives. We have fears and beliefs around what we think is possible and I see a national church with falling membership, a local church struggling with reducing numbers of volunteers and financial challenges. I suspect that some of us think that it is impossible for us to bring the church, local or national, back into growth, to turn around the trajectory; I think I would agree. It is indeed likely to be impossible FOR US. But not for our God.

Humanity tends to see the challenges, the negative, the hurdles. I don't *know* what God focuses on. I *suspect* that God is more interested in the man who slid into the back row on Sunday morning for only his second visit and saw how warmly he was welcomed. I *think* God is interested in the conversations I have been having with another man who is being increasingly drawn to church events and who wants to encounter God. I *hope* God is watching over the Monday night course and is encouraged by the depths of the conversations which are happening, where people are feeling a bit uncomfortable, but they keep coming. I *know* God is moving amongst the families at Messy Church and is inspiring our volunteers. God is drawing new people into conversations at the Friday Café, and the community that uses the Cafes that run alongside the Community Fridge on Tuesdays and Thursdays is growing stronger too. These are green shoots of promise.....

If faith does indeed require us to surrender to God's will, that sounds tricky. You might disagree – that's OK too. **For me, Christmas is an opportunity to reflect further on this: look at what God did through Elizabeth and Zechariah, through Mary and Joseph, and their lives.** Could we set aside our own agendas and desires, ambitions and ideas, and realise that WE cannot do the work for the growth of Cornerstone on our own, but that God indeed can do it, if it is God's will (and we might need to be open to the idea that it might not be: God might have a bigger plan). Then we would be able to join Mary in the soaring praise of the Magnificat in the words of that lovely hymn: "Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"

This Christmas, would you join me in seeking out the tiny, tender shoots of hope that spring up from the stumps of the past, and find joy and deep peace in doing God's will, for the sake of the Kingdom?

As we begin Advent together now, my prayer is that we are all able to take some time to pause in the hurly-burly of the Christmas madness and appreciate afresh all that God came to earth as Emmanuel to be for us. In time, I wish you and all your families the joy of the Christmas season, and the blessings of the Christ-child, fresh from heaven in the manger, vulnerable and precious, as every new baby is. May we know that deep peace that comes from knowing Jesus, now and evermore.

Blessings,

Sarah



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.*



PASTORAL



In our prayers

***we remember all our friends
who at this time are in need of
our support and prayers***



Christmas at Cornerstone

Christmas Songs of Praise

and Afternoon Tea



Tuesday 9th December at 3.00pm

Partridge Green Chapel Cornerstone Methodist Church

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CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

21st December at 7.00pm

London Road Chapel Cornerstone Methodist Church

Blue
Christmas
a service of remembrance and hope

23rd December at 7.00pm

St Andrews Chapel Cornerstone Methodist Church

Christmas at Cornerstone



10.00am

at

ALL THREE CHAPELS of Cornerstone Methodist Church

also

please see the advert for 'Carols at Christmas' on page 9



	DECEMBER					JANUARY				
	Sun 7th Dec 1st of Advent	Sun 14th Dec 2nd of Advent	Sun 21st Dec 3rd of Advent	Wed 24th Dec Christmas Eve	Thu 25th Dec Christmas Day	Sun 28th Dec 1st of Christmas	Sun 4th Jan 2nd of Christmas	Sun 11th Jan 3rd of Christmas	Sun 18th Jan 4th of Christmas	Sun 25th Jan 5th of Christmas
Cobham UC 9:00 am	Early Bird			Baldson 4pm Cris Service			Early Bird			
Cobham UC 10:30 am	Crawford	Baldson S	Richardson	Baldson 9:30pm Midnight in Bathampton	Richardson 10am Christmas Day	Baldson / Richardson	Mark Dennis	Millwood	Richardson	Baldson S / Cov
Comerstone, Lan 10:30 am	WT@STAR	Cavanagh S / Gift	Lawley	Nativity @5pm	Cavanagh AA 10:00am	Cavanagh ScP	WT@STAR	S Eastol / Cavanagh Cov Open Table	Falla	S Eastol
Comerstone, Lan 4:30 pm		Open Table	Cavanagh Carols @ 7pm	Cavanagh HC @ 9pm						
Comerstone, Per 10:30 am	Cavanagh S	S Eastol Gift	Falla		Boyce 10:00am	LA	Cavanagh S	WT@LR	Frost	Basham
Comerstone, St 9:30 am	S Eastol BC						S Eastol BC			
Comerstone, St 10:30 am	S Eastol	McKie Gift	Cavanagh S		S Eastol AA / 10:00am	@CLR	S Eastol	WT@LR	Scrivens	McKie S
Comerstone, St 3:00 pm			S Eastol MC / Net						S Eastol MC	
Effingham 10:00 am	Baldson S	George Car	10:30am US @ LMC	Baldson 11am Christmas Day	US @ CUC 10:30am	Pender	US @ LMC 10:30am	Boyce	Hofmeyr	
Effingham 4:00 pm			Carols around the Tree @ Catholic Church					Scores of Praise @ Parish Church		
Horley 8:30 am	E Brooks S						E Brooks S			
Horley 10:00 am	E Brooks B	OA AA / P	E Brooks Car		Forecast	Oakley	George	E Brooks S / Cov	Lawley	E Brooks
Horley 5:00 pm	Carols 6pm			E Brooks Ctgl / 5:30pm						
Leatherhead 10:30 am	Wild	E Brooks AA	Baldson S / US with EMC	22nd 5pm: Blue Christmas	Baldson 10am Christmas Day	US @ CUC	Hofmeyr	Wild / Joyce Zent AA / US with EMC New Fire	Baldson S / Cov	J Brooks
Leatherhead 6:30 pm			Baldson 5pm Carols							
Redhill 10:30 am	Basham Gift Service AA / P Scrivens	Forecast S	Basham Car / US	Baldson Christingle LA 4pm Basham HC 11:30pm	Shaw LA	Newton Scrivens	Scrivens AA George	Scrivens 3Gen Frost	Basham S / Cov	Cavanagh Stuckey-Beer
Redhill 4:30 pm		Forecast S	Little						Basham S / OA	
Reigate 10:30 am	Stuckey-Beer	Scrivens Nativity	Shaw S	E Brooks Car / 5:30pm	E Brooks Ctgl / 4:00pm	E Brooks 10:00am	Greaves	E Brooks B	Oakley MC	E Brooks S / Cov
Reigate 6:00 pm			E Brooks Car / 5:30pm							Burridge
St Paul's 10:30 am	Starling	Basham Nat	J Brooks AA	Basham Car		Basham	Conroy S / AA	Newton AA	Basham S / Cov	Shaw
St Paul's 4:30 pm		Basham Car		Basham S / 6pm						Scrivens 3Gen
Trinity 9:00 am	Scrivens US / 10am	Shaw S	Oakley		Scrivens US / 10am	Scrivens US / 10am	Scrivens Cov / US / 10am	Greaves	Starling	George
Trinity 10:45 am		Shaw S	Scrivens					Boyce	Starling	George
Trinity 4:00 pm				Scrivens Ctgl						
Trinity 6:00 pm			Scrivens Car	Scrivens S / 11:30pm						

	FEBRUARY			
	Sun 1st Feb 1st of February	Sun 8th Feb 2nd of February	Sun 15th Feb 3rd of February	Sun 22nd Feb 4th of February
Cobham UC 9:00 am	Early Bird			
Cobham UC 10:30 am	Gerhold	Richardson / Manners S	Thornton	Richardson
Comerstone, Lan 10:30 am	WT@STAR	Cavanagh S	Greaves	S Eastol
Comerstone, Lan 4:30 pm		Open Table		
Comerstone, Per 10:30 am	Cavanagh S	S Eastol	Falla	Conroy
Comerstone, St 9:30 am	S Eastol BC			
Comerstone, St 10:30 am	S Eastol	Wild	Cavanagh S	Pender
Comerstone, St 3:00 pm			S Eastol MC	
Effingham 10:00 am	Baldson S / Cov	McKie	US @ LMC 10:30am	Hofmeyr
Effingham 4:00 pm				
Horley 8:30 am	E Brooks S			
Horley 10:00 am	Scrivens 3Gen	E Brooks	Shaw S	Woods Zone
Horley 5:00 pm				
Leatherhead 10:30 am	George	Frost	Baldson S / US with EMC	Basham
Leatherhead 6:30 pm		New Fire		
Redhill 10:30 am	Oakley AA	Basham S / HS	Frost	Shaw
Redhill 4:30 pm	Newton	Basham S	George	Greaves
Reigate 10:30 am	E Brooks	OA Zone	Forecast S	E Brooks MC
Reigate 6:00 pm				
St Paul's 10:30 am	Basham	Baldson	Basham S	Lawley
St Paul's 4:30 pm				
Trinity 9:00 am	Scrivens US / 10am	Scrivens S	Newton	Scrivens
Trinity 10:45 am		Scrivens S	Woods	J Brooks
Trinity 4:00 pm				
Trinity 6:00 pm				

Code	Title
S	Holy Communion
3Gen	3Generate Feedback
AA	All Age Worship
B	Baptism
BC	Blue Christmas
BC	Breakfast Church
Car	Carol Service
Ctgl	Christingle
Cov	Covenant
Gift	Gift Service
HS	Healing
MC	Messy Church
Nat	Nativity
OA	Own Arrangement
P	Parade
SoP	Songs of Praise
T	Taize
US	United Service
US with EMC	US with EMC
Zone	Zone service

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 17th December, 2pm

Cornerstone London Road

Enjoy singing Christmas Carols and listening to Bible readings of the Christmas Story in an event for all, including those with dementia and their carers

Stay afterwards for tea and cake!



Cornerstone Methodist Church is a Registered Charity: 1134052

Blue Christmas

A time of prayerful contemplation for those who find Christmas difficult, perhaps because of a bereavement or loss, or just because someone is not there.

Cornerstone St Andrews, Roffey

Tuesday December 23rd 7pm

For everyone who finds Christmas tricky

DECEMBER SERVICES



7th December

LR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	Worship Together at StAR
PG	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	09.30am	Breakfast Church
StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	Worship Together at StAR

14th December

LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
LR	Open Table	4.30pm	
PG	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Clive McKie	10.30am	

20th December

PG	Carol Service	3.00pm	
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21st December

LR	Christine Lawley	10.30am	
LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
PG	Clive Falla	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	3.00pm	Messy Nativity

23rd December

StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	7.00pm	Blue Christmas
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24th December

LR		3.00pm	Nativity Service
LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	9.00pm	Christmas Eve Communion

25th December

LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.00am	
PG	Bob Boyce	10.00am	
StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.00am	

28th December

LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Songs of Praise at LR
PG	<i>Local Appointment</i>	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Songs of Praise at LR

JANUARY SERVICES

4th January

LR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	Worship Together at StAR
PG	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Communion
	Deacon Sarah Eastol	9.30am	Breakfast Church
StAR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	Worship Together at StAR

11th January

LR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Covenant Service
PG	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Worship Together at LR
StAR	Revd Tony Cavanagh	10.30am	Worship Together at LR

18th January

LR	Clive Falla	10.30am
PG	Rhys Frost	10.30am
StAR	Revd Ben Scrivens	10.30am

25th January

LR	Deacon Sarah Eastol	10.30am	
PG	Revd Gillian Baalham	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Clive McKie	10.30am	Communion

Flower Group - London Road



A big thank you to all those who have donated flowers each Sunday during 2025 at London Road.

The Flower Rota for 2026 will be available in the next few weeks.

However, there are two dates still free if you would like to donate. They are Sunday, 13th February and Sunday, 25th August. If you would like to fill these dates, please let Marjorie Hayman know or one of the Flower Group.

We are beginning to think of decorating the Chapels for Christmas. Any donations towards this can be given to Sue Randell at StAR or Marjorie Hayman at London Road.

Thank you



In December 1990 the General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution for the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

Currently migration is a subject on many people's minds and causes some to have concerns about how migration is managed, both legal and often illegal migration.

The resolution gives opportunity to highlight the contribution of migrants around the world and also highlights why migration occurs – conflict, war, climate related disasters and economic pressures. People are in search of safety or opportunity.

Migration, when safe and well managed has many advantages in filling skills gaps [*e.g. where would the NHS and our transport systems be without migrants*]. Migrants boost economic growth and provide a lifeline for their families in their native country. When managed safely migration can be a force for good.

Unfortunately, migration can be a controversial subject highlighted very often in the news and in political discussions and is seen as a problem for politicians to discuss and come up with answers. Very often both legal and illegal migration is seen as one problem. But, one step at a time we can build a world where migration is safe and beneficial to all and the resolution passed by the UN is one of those steps.

article submitted by Janet Woodford

Christmas Songs of Praise

and Afternoon Tea



Tuesday 9th December

Cornerstone Methodist Church,
Partridge Green, RH13 8HP

Join us at 3pm for some well-
loved hymns and stories

ALL WELCOME

For further details please contact
Margaret on 01403 541736

Come along and bring a friend!

CALENDAR
Partridge Green
December

- 9** **Songs of Praise** 3.00pm
- 11** **Village Café** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 20** **Carol Service** followed by Tea and mince pies 3.00pm

January

- 6** **Open Door** 2.30pm
- 8** **Village Café** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 20** **Open Door** 2.30pm

London Road

December

- 3** **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 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
- 12** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 16** **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 17** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 17** **Carols at Christmas** 2.00pm
- 17** **Tea and Chat** 2.30pm
- 17** **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 19** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 23** **Tuesday Prayers** 09.30am

January

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- 21** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 21** **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 23** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 27** **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 28** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 30** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm

St Andrews

December

- 1 **Movie Mondays** 1.30pm
- 1 **Mosaic Monday** 10.30am - 1.00pm
- 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
- 3 **Week 2 of Advent Conversation**
- 5 **Easy Movers** coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 8 **Movie Mondays** 1.30pm
- 9 **Horsham Matters Connecting Café** 11.30am—1.30pm
- 10 **The Café at St Andrews** 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 10 **Week 3 of Advent Conversation**
- 12 **Easy Movers** coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 15 **Movie Mondays** 1.30pm
- 16 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 16 **Horsham Matters Connecting Café** 11.30am—1.30pm
- 17 **The Café at St Andrews** 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 17 **Week 4 of Advent Conversation**
- 21 **Messy Church** 3.00pm
- 23 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 23 **Blue Christmas Service** 7.00pm

January

- 5 **Movie Mondays** 1.30pm
- 6 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
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BOTSWANA

The Methodist Church



**WORLD
MISSION**

Bookworms who enjoy reading the Nol Ladies Detective Agency series (by Alexander McCall Smith) set in Botswana, may, like me, feel an empathy with the main characters who combine lovingkindness with justice and forgiveness. Respectful reference is made to their former King Seretse Khama. His grandfather Khama III converted to Christianity in the late 19th century. King Seretse was exiled to Britain and whilst here met and married his English wife Ruth.

When they returned, Seretse became Botswana's popular president until his death. His son Ian Khama followed as President until last year, when he was crowned, thus restoring the royal families' status.

The town of Serowe is the administrative capitol of the Kingdom. From there, the Royal burial ground is a protected site in the nearby hills where the town of Shoshong had previously been an important base for explorers and early missionaries, including David Livingstone. Their graves are also at this historical site. Shoshong is now situated in the valley, where water is more accessible. The first Methodist church met here under trees but they now have about 70 members and a useful building led by a faithful Lay Preacher. The ordained ministers for Methodists in both these towns live 115 kms away so the churches depend on untrained leadership.

In the 1960's South African workers were posted to work in the settlements and towns along the route of the railway lines they were laying, to link South Africa with Zimbabwe. The Methodist Church members among them gathered for worship and prayer which laid the foundation for growth and now there are Methodist churches scattered across most of this vast and wild country. There are an increasing number of indigenous members but the majority continue to be foreign workers and their families. There are still only 8 ordained Methodist Ministers and they are all S.African responsible for 5 large circuits.

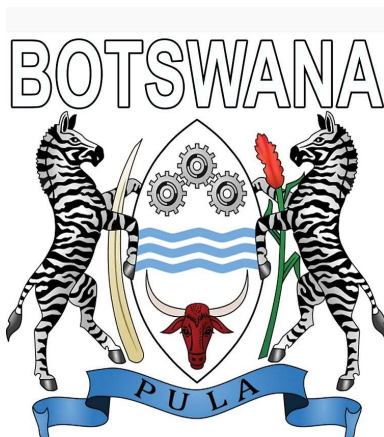
The Bishop lives in the nation's capital Gaborone which forms one of the circuits and has 3 of the Ministers. The circuit in the N.west of Botswana has no minister and the Bishop travels 850 kms to hold Holy Communion services for widely scattered

congregations in isolated places without road access. There is a substantial church building and a manse at Maun and a Bible Woman' has been appointed to lead their ministry. It is the Bishop's prayer to have indigenous leaders trained and ordained but the nearest bible schools and teachers are all in S.Africa. The cost and distance from home are enormous obstacles for all lay leaders. He is praying for a Missionspartner to come and set up a Bible school and training centre in his country. Most members and leaders have not fully understood the basic teaching of 'The Methodist way of life' or the deeper truths of the Bible.

However, there are many faithful leaders like Rev. Machola who is the only ordained minister for the Lobatse circuit. He travels for many days to visit 500 members in 40 isolated locations. In some of them the church owns land for development. At Pitsane there is a thriving school with 700 students. Rev Machola and the Principle, with 60 teaching staff, provide more than education. Many children are neglected and malnourished. Food is provided daily and orphans are cared for but lack of facilities hamper their efforts. There is land around the school but the church does not have resources to develop the site. A partially built hostel has remained incomplete for 40 years. Land was used to grow crops and rear livestock but the lengthy and widespread drought during 2024 destroyed this project. Just one of the many problems which affect these most vulnerable children Day 6 prayers in our handbook encourages the regular opportunity to pray with our Methodist family in this relatively peaceful country.

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Jenny Jackson



Should we still be taking the offertory plate up during a service?



This was the question posed to the Learning and Worship Forum, raised from a concern about how this related to people who are experiencing poverty.

We commented that this is a question we should have considered a long time ago when we were passing a collection plate round. Did it occur to us that some people would be anxious about needing to be seen putting something in, perhaps worried about being judged by how much they were seen contributing?

We now have a plate by the door, a practice that developed out of the pandemic, which, combined with online giving, may have reduced that pressure and anxiety.

Being sensitive to those who are experiencing poverty is still important and something we shouldn't lose sight of, but the purpose of having the offertory is not just about giving money – it has a much greater spiritual significance that we have perhaps forgotten or overlook in our established routines.

The offertory as part of our worship is one of the ways we can express our thanks for God's rich generosity to us. The act of bringing the offertory plate up within the context of worship (even if it is empty because all the gifts have been given online) is a symbolic offering of ourselves, our values, priorities and resources, both individually and communally, to God.

For this reason, the Learning and Worship Forum have decided that we actually need to make this a more significant moment in our worship.

So from the first Sunday in December, those leading worship will be asked to always include a time in their order of service when the offertory plate can be brought to the front with a prayer expressing thanks for all the gifts given, however this has been done, as well as acknowledging that we are offering ourselves to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.

To make this a more symbolic and significant corporate act we are also going reintroduce, for those who are able, an invitation to the congregation to stand when the offertory plate is brought forward.

250 years of Methodism in Horsham

250

As you may be aware that during 2026 Cornerstone will be celebrating 250 years of Methodism within the Horsham District.

Hospitality has long been at the heart of our mission and we would like to bring together a collection of tried and tested recipes to create a booklet.

We need your help

if you have favourite recipes we would like to see them. We are looking for favourites, maybe passed down from previous generations or ones you may have created yourself.



We have to be careful of the use of copyright material so please do not lift the recipes directly from a published cookbook





**We meet on the second Sunday every month
in the London Road Chapel
at 4.30pm**

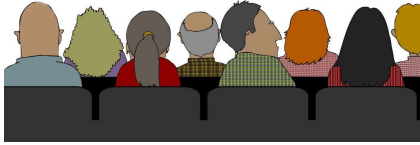
Open Table is run by and for LGBTQIA+ people, their friends and families
and we welcome people of every background, faith, gender, identity
and sexual orientation

We find God and each other in our gatherings and that gives us time
and peace to grow together.

Our name 'Open Table' is **YOUR** open invitation to come in, just as you are
and be with us, in a safe, inclusive and affirming community.



WEDNESDAY CLUB



We meet in the Lounge at London Road on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7.30pm. We are a friendly group of ladies & gentlemen, & are always pleased to welcome visitors. So do come & join us.

3rd December

Christmas Decorations

Marjorie Hayman

17th December

Christmas Party

7th January

Sundowners Ukulele Band

21st January

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Sarah Nathaniel

CHURCH HOLIDAY

The Church Council has agreed to a
CHURCH HOLIDAY

to

Sizewell Christian Conference Centre in Suffolk
from **1-5 June 2026** and is now booked!
It will be a time of fellowship, activities, worship
and relaxation.

A leaflet on the holiday is available now

Venue: <https://sizewellhall.org.uk/>



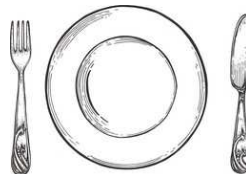
The Sunday Lunch at London Road

14th December at 12.30pm

There will NOT be a Sunday Lunch in January

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 Audrey Fowler (261442).



Please note

Because of a clash of events, we have changed our Sunday Lunches to the **SECOND Sunday** of each month

Toddler Group

London Road on Wednesdays
from 10.00am to 11.30am

**Toddler Group will be holding their
Christmas Party on
Wednesday 17th December**



**Tickets will need to be obtained during our sessions before then
as numbers will be limited**

The party will be our last meeting this year and we will be back on
Wednesday 7th January 2026

Tea and Chat

Wednesday 17th December and 21st January 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



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 6th January
Tea, Cake and Catch-up

Tuesday 20th January
Adventures of a Diplomat
Peter Johnstone

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.

VILLAGE CAFÉ

2.00pm - 4.00pm
11th December and 8th January



The Village Café meets takes place on the 2nd Thursday afternoon each month
from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

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



Methodist Church Christmas campaign 2025.

You are a gift. Made with love.

Together, all districts, circuits, local churches and fellowships of the Methodist Church are invited to remind people of their inherent worth and beauty – not because of what they've done, or what they can give – but because of who they are.

Gifted is the Methodist Church's open invitation, speaking the good news to people that they matter. That they are Beloved. Created with infinite care. A gift to the world, just as they are.

During Advent and Christmas, this is a theme which will be reflected in the words and symbols used as we light our Advent Candles.



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

FUTURE EVENTS



Cornerstone Methodist Church is a registered charity: 1134052

Craft Fair

at Cornerstone Methodist Church
London Road, Horsham

Saturday 14 March 2026 – 10am to 3pm

**Showcase and sell your
handmade crafts!**

To book your space for £10 or for more information,
email: events@cornerstone-mc.org.uk





ACTION FOR CHILDREN NEWS

I'm sure you remember the really lovely Christmas Coffee Morning that we held last year.

In fact, it went so well we have decided to repeat the formula on

6th December from 10 am to 12 noon



On Monday 10th November, seven members of the Share The Story team (and two potential new members) led our first assembly at **Arunside Primary School**.

We had been asked by the school to use an appropriate theme from the Christian year and so we presented the story of Jesus and the Taxman to 240 Key Stage 2 children. We chose the story of Zachaeus as it allowed us to reflect on how Jesus was a gift from God for everyone and not just those who go to church every week. The children were attentive and very much taken by our tree that Zachaeus climbed to see Jesus (thank you Paul and Mandy).

The photo shows the team (and the tree) and we are already looking forward to next term when we will be back at Arunside leading an assembly for the younger children in addition to our established assemblies at All Saints School.





Messy Church at St Andrews

Sunday 21st December 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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NO EASYMOVERS on 19th and 26th December

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

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closed on 26th December and 2nd January



MOSAIC MONDAYS

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

1st DECEMBER 10.30am - 1.00pm

£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



**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



The Café is closed on 24th and 31st December

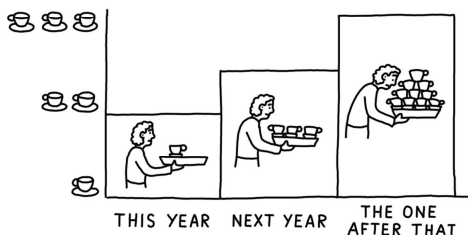


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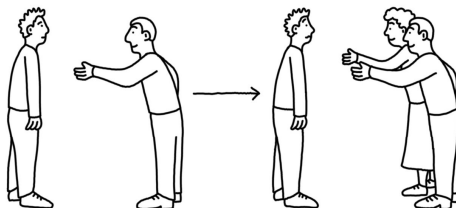
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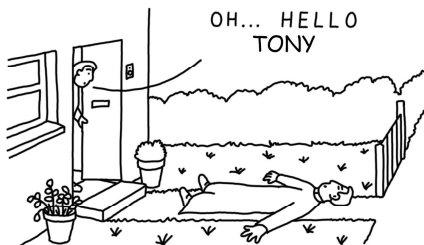
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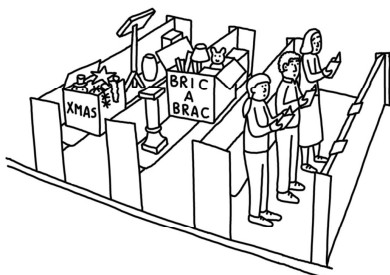
ANNUAL CUPS OF TEA SERVED TO REACH 10000 WITHIN THREE YEARS



100% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WELCOMERS

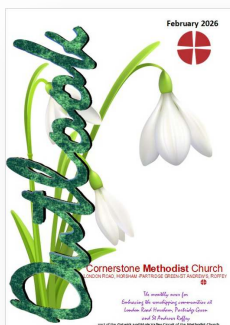


A MONTHLY CLERGY VISIT FOR ALL HOUSES IN THE CIRCUIT



TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF PEWS USED

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EDITION



January 18th

Please do not leave your submission until the deadline date if possible
Outlook has limited space and you may be disappointed