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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

Outlook



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A Word from one of our Ministers

Dear Friends,

As Easter moves into Ascension and Pentecost we find ourselves in that in-between stage of the narrative as Jesus is here but also not here.

Mary meets him in the garden but he resists her clinging on to him and disappears.

Jesus walks with Cleopas and his companion on the way to Emmaus but disappears in the moment of recognition. Mysteriously they discover after their hurried return to Jerusalem that Peter too has seen the risen Lord that same day.

Two weeks running Jesus appears behind locked doors, terrifying the wits out of the disciples before their confusion gives way to recognition but then he's just gone again.

Then there is the appearance at the Lake where Jesus has breakfast with the disciples on the lake shore.

Finally he commissions them before ascending into the heavens.

Paul records for us that he appeared to some 500 other believers as well as claiming himself to have seen the risen Lord in his epiphany on the road to Damascus.

We're in a liminal space, an in-between moment when things are not what they were but we're not yet certain as to what they ultimately will be.

It's a place not too dissimilar to where we are in our Cornerstone journey. Almost two years of planning gave way to the moment of inauguration last September and here we are some six and a half months into our journey. So, how are we doing?

Well, I guess that might be a somewhat subjective question, but, nevertheless, let me share my thoughts with you.

As I think back on these few months I am amazed at how much we have achieved together. We continue to sustain our Youth ministry through Messy Church in both St Andrew's and Partridge Green. The Café at St Andrew's is thriving again and we have initiated a Friday afternoon Café at London Road. We are exploring an

opportunity to provide a space for some form of Youth Ministry to the young people who congregate around the Market in the Carfax on a Saturday morning. We have been able to secure local funding to support some of these projects. We continue to sustain the ministries of our Community Resilience Lay Worker and Centre Missioner at St Andrew's – Dorota and Susan. To name but a few.

Behind the scenes Fred and David and their respective teams have been working hard to bring the financial structures and property management into the new reality that is Cornerstone MC. Martin Cummings and his team have been working hard as well to create a more uniform AV network across the three chapels, giving us the tools to make more of our Sunday worship experience than simply the time spent there on a Sunday morning.

I know that there is more so please don't chide me for perhaps not mentioning your bit – I'm a little short on space!

What I do want to draw your attention to is that we are coming up to our first General Church Meeting as Cornerstone MC in late April or early May of this year – date still to be decided! Here's my plea: Can this be our Pentecost moment? The moment we, like those first disciples move out of their tentative beginnings, still trying to cling to what was, into that powerful force for love and transformation into the world around them that they became? Luke puts it this way in Acts 17:6 "These are the people who have turned the world upside down and have now come here.."

My prayer for us is that, like them, we too might embrace the outpouring of God's love for the sake of the World and become the vital force for life we are called to be!

We go forward!

Gavin



Seeking to follow Jesus in Community, Love and Service
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.



In our prayers we remember



Ros Baker and family, Daphne Barraclough, Jackie Binder, Lucy Blandford, Mandy and Paul Bradley, Anita Burton, Sue Conroy, Helen and Ian Currington, Heather Derry, Judy and David Durrant, Pat Goadby, Jack Grimwood, Doreen Hadman, Jo Howard, Susan and Mervyn Halliday, Jean Hayler, Chris Holmes, Pauline Homewood, Joy and Ron Johnson, Barbara and Geoff Lunn, Lorna and Mike Manwaring, Jill Moore, Rita and Ian Murray, Dennis Pitkeathly, Richard Powell, Debs and Jim Richmond, Maureen and Paul Smith, Wendy Smith, Maggie Straughan, Anne Tomlinson, Con Wells, Ann and John Williams.

We remember especially in our prayers the family and friends of

Dulcie Lusher on her passing on 16 March

*May you each know the comfort of the One who transcends the grave
and gives us hope as he calls us on to a life
that transcends the limits of the one we now live*

CELEBRATION



Betty Venner

6th February 1923—14th February 2024

Ros Baker and Martin Venner along with the wider family would very much like to thank the Church family for the prayers, cards and good wishes following the passing of Betty. She will be sorely missed but we are so grateful to have had her in our lives for such a very long time. Thank you for helping to make her thanksgiving service such a wonderful tribute to her.

Ros

Services in April

7 April

LR	Clive Falla	10.30
PG	Beth Little	10.30
StAR	Bob Boyce	10.30

14 April

LR	Ian George	10.30	
PG	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30	Communion
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30	

21 April

LR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30	
PG	James Wild	10.30	
StAR	Revd Chrissie Millwood	10.30	Communion

28 April

LR	Clive Falla	10.30
PG	Jay Dunning	10.30
StAR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30

CARE MISSION TEAM
Birthday Tea Party
for April Birthdays

The April Birthday Tea
will be at the Manse on
10th April 3pm to 5pm



CELEBRATION

Daphne Beatrice Giacomelli **28 March 1936 - 13 January 2024**



Alison and Andrew thanked everyone for being there to remember and celebrate the life of their Mum, Mother in Law, Sister in Law, Grandma and Great grandma, **Daphne Beatrice Giacomelli**.

Born Daphne Beatrice Street on 28th March 1936, Mum was raised in a close loving family with her Mum Beatrice, Dad Alfred and Brother Ken whom she adored. Her Dad survived two world wars, even being held as a prisoner of war in the second world war for three long years.

Mum's life in the church at St Andrews, began when she was about 6 years old. She was brought here by, I believe, a family friend from just down the road where she lived in Millthorpe Road, and there started her long and devoted life within the church and her spiritual journey with God.

Even her relationship with our Dad Michael, started here as he cycled every Sunday from Broadridge Heath to sit behind her in church when they were 14 years old!

After leaving school, Mum spent time working in the offices at Horsham Brickyard alongside her cousin Pam. In her last few years as Mum was more housebound, Alison would take Cousin Pam round to Mum's and they would reminisce for hours about the various characters in the office, having a giggle and a joke. Pam also lived over the road from Mum growing up and spent some time living together too, so this really was a lifelong friendship, important to our Mum.

On midsummers day in 1958 Mum and Dad got married, and in 1963 they moved to Percy Road, from the Gilbert Rice flats. A few years later Mum stopped working to stay at home and raise a family, here there were many children for us to play with growing up, The Leadbetters, The Paveys, and our cousins, Nick and Tim her brother Kens' children 'fond memories'.

Mum's life within the church continued. She ran the Primary Sunday School, and Mother and Toddler group, on a Wednesday afternoon, for I believe around 40 years.

During this time, Dad ran the Senior Sunday School and the Youth Club, too.

Dad was a Church Steward and Mum played the organ on a regular basis, and, later on, the piano in the church band which she thoroughly enjoyed.

It really was a busy time.

Our Mum was the most unassuming, kind, patient, accepting person, and will be sadly missed but remembered by us as a family and all who knew her with fondness, happiness and a smile.

After our Dad passed 28 years ago, Mum spent many years running a shop for the elderly at Challen Court for the warden assisted homes. She was also the driver for the Day centre, making sure the older folk could get there, although most were younger than her! She filled her time without her dearly loved and missed Michael, always thinking of others.

Mum and Dad were very proud Grandparents to our children Joseph and Dominic and they loved to babysit them together when the boys were very young. Enjoying trips to the coast and the Bluebell Railway amongst other trips out.

When our Dad Michael sadly passed away in 1995, Mum remained strong, always immersing herself in the needs of others.

Sadly, Dad was not here to meet Alison and Kevin's three children Amelie, Eddie and Lilas (no S ;)), however, Mum was very much involved in their lives and spent many happy times with them, joining in birthday parties, school plays, trips to the park and at the allotment.

Our Mum was a quiet, kind and thoughtful lady, with a very dry and witty sense of humour, who was throughout her life, at her most comfortable when she could help the more vulnerable.

She loved to spend time with little children and she was blessed more recently to have become a Great Grandmother to Ezra, our son Joseph and his wife Claire's first child, and he brought so much joy to her in the last 2 and a half years. In December we welcomed Rosa Ava, a baby sister to Ezra, whom Mum had the knowledge of in her final weeks but was sadly unable to see or hold her due to her declining health.

Alison and Andrew thanked 'Caring hands' for the care and compassion they showed their mother in her final years, one of Daphne's wishes was that she pass away peacefully in the home she had lived in for so many years. With their help we were able to give mum her final wish.

Quiz on 24 February

On the Saturday evening of 24 February, Wesley Hall was full of people enjoying a fun quiz. Our quizmaster was Craig, ably assisted by his family, Tara, Holly and Jo. Although the event was free, people attending were able to support the charity very close to Craig's family – the Evelina children's hospital and a good sum was raised. It was also very good to see members of our congregation bringing their friends and family. This is what these events are all about. Next event is an afternoon up at **Nowhurst campsite** on **23 June**. Do come and join us.



The participants



The prizes



The winning team



World Malaria Day

World Malaria Day has been marked every year since 2007, on 25th April. The purpose of the day is to spread awareness of this deadly disease and also to encourage fundraising for donations to treat the disease and for research and development to eradicate it.

I daresay some people reading this will have travelled to tropical and subtropical regions of the world where malaria is prevalent and will have taken steps to protect themselves with anti-malarial drugs, mosquito nets and insect repellents. However for those living in poverty, in conditions where healthcare is scarce and where malnutrition may also be a factor, such resources are out of reach. This particularly impacts children, and three quarters of deaths from malaria are in children under five. In fact, UNICEF estimates that nearly every minute, a child under five dies of malaria.

This need not be the case, because in the last few decades, huge strides in the treatment and prevention of malaria have been made. This is substantially due to the efforts of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has made the eradication of malaria one of its stated aims. There are now two vaccines which are effective against the deadliest malaria parasite globally and the one which is most prevalent in Africa.

Malaria however has been around a long time and is constantly evolving, which means that climate change and insecticide resistance are amongst the problems encountered in dealing with it. However we can all do our bit by learning about the disease and supporting organisations such as UNICEF to buy more vaccines and thus protect more children and their families.

Carolyn King



WANTED!

The **Events Team** – or correctly, Community Connexion – would like a few more team members. We are a friendly team of 6 and meet 4 times a year, sometimes by zoom, plus many emails when an event is near. At present, we are all members of Cornerstone LR but would benefit from members from the other chapels to help us know what would be best for their local environment.



What is our rôle?

It is, at present three-fold.

Firstly, we organise events at each of the chapels which will engage members from our community outside the church congregation. We have been organising about 4 or 5 events over each year. They include quiz nights, afternoon tea amongst the Christmas trees, outdoors at the campsite and a concert.

Secondly, we write a monthly article for Outlook which focusses on a public issue e.g. Fairtrade, Justice Sunday, International Migrant Day, in order to highlight some important issues for our world. Thirdly, we are, at present, co-ordinating the charitable giving at Cornerstone London Road.

It is mainly great fun but we would like a few more people to help us achieve more!

If interested, please email - cc@cornerstone-mc.org.uk -or chat to a member of the team.



Carolyn King, Janet Woodford, Pauline Henshall,
Mandy Bradley, Helen Currington and Valerie Cummings
with Deacon Sarah .



LONDON ROAD

NOT FAKE NEWS!



With so much misinformation about and sad situations in the news we thought we would share some positive news about Cornerstone community and how it has expanded.

At London Road we opened the Community Fridge in October 2022 on Tuesday mornings. It became such a success that Thursday was also offered. Some folk have been coming for 18 months now and a really supportive community has formed.



Those of us who volunteer see acts of kindness happen every week.

Around 60 to 70 people attend on any given morning. The photos are of a typical Tuesday when we open at 10.00am although people start to queue around 8.30am.

Hot drinks, snacks and soup are served for an hour in the lounge by which time the enormous amount of food collected from local supermarkets has been reduced to a couple of loaves! Food is free and it has all been saved from going to landfill.

The fridge café makes sure it caters for gluten free and everyone is made to feel welcome. Numbered tickets are issued on arrival which means people can come into the lounge at any point for refreshments. The volunteers in the lounge chat to the guests and offer a supportive listening ear which often results in a prayer being written and hung on the prayer tree with the assurance that we will continue to pray for their concerns throughout the week. Occasionally people have joined the



prayer time which precedes the fridge at 9.30am. We've been pleased that a few of the folk who come to the fridge have joined us at the Quiz and the Games evening.



Dorota who is employed at Cornerstone as Community Resilience Layworker, is there each week chatting to guests and she has also arranged visits from Community Support Workers and local firefighters. They chat to people and offer assistance and advice where needed.

We've recently been joined by a group of young people who attend a local day centre. Mostly they live at home or in supported living and attend The Oaktree Farm Trust at Copsale for activities Monday to Saturday. We love having all our guests and there is lots of laughter and sometimes a tear.

Who would have thought that God would enrich our church community in this way? Something that started out as a 'maybe we could offer our premises' has turned into a richness of community where all are blessed.

What might God do next?

CALENDAR
Partridge Green
April

- 2** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 11** Village Café 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 12** Messy Church
- 16** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 21** Songs of Praise
- 30** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm

CALENDAR
London Road
April

- 2** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 3** Wednesday Club 7.30pm
- 7** Sunday Lunch 12.30pm
- 9** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 10** Birthday Tea Party 3.00pm
- 11** The Meeting Place 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- 16** Tuesday Prayers 09.30am
- 16** Crafternoon 2.00pm
- 17** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 17** Wednesday Club 7.30pm
- 23** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 24** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 24** Tea and Chat 2.30pm
- 25** The Meeting Place 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 30** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 30** Crafternoon 2.00pm

CALENDAR
St Andrews
April

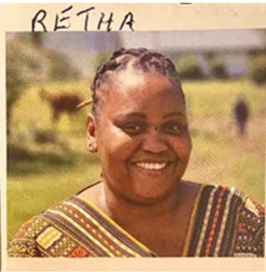
- 2 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 2 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 2 Tuesday Evening Prayers 21.00 (by ZOOM)
- 3 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am—12.00pm
- 5 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 6 Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 8 Movie Mondays 2.00pm - 4.00pm
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LESOTHO

You may have read in the winter edition of Connexion about Rev. Andrew Ashdown's visits to our Mission partners in Lesotho, a landlocked country in South Africa.



He spent some time in a Children's Care Centre located in a mountain village called Semonkong in the premises of a former Mission hospital complex. The manager, a lovely Christian lady called Retha and her staff care for and educate 60 children up to 18 years of age. Retha has already devoted 16 years to this caring work for the Methodist Church.



Also, about 16 years ago, Africa Inland Mission (AIM) sent John and Shan to continue work at a Literacy school in another mountainous region near Mokhotlang where the men and boys spend their lives as shepherds caring for sheep, cattle and goats. Living conditions are harsh and simple and they are separated from their homes and families most of their lives.

John realised that teaching literacy was not a practical way for them but their tradition of repeating stories from their memories was their way of learning. John held 2 years of consultation with Bible Translation and "story crafting" teams. The shepherds were then able to listen to Bible stories in their mother tongue and repeat them to each other. In this way they learnt and began to understand about God who loves them and can be trusted. Even then, battery operated recorders were rare and the few Pastors and Evangelists were unable to survive long visits to the mountains.

One of AIM's courses is Training in Ministry Outreach [TIMO] when teams of 6-12 volunteers with various skills and experience accept the invitation of a Church Community to live with them for 2 years and learn their language and culture whilst sharing their own lives and Christian faith in appropriate ways, in order to prepare for future full time work in overseas mission. A "job description" was sent out to form a Shepherd's team and eventually 6 strong, intrepid men were prepared and trekked up the mountain with only a small backpack and the clothes they were wearing. Their routine was to remain with the shepherds for 3 weeks and then return to base where they were de-briefed by Leaders of Lesotho Evangelical Church of South Africa [LECSA] and enjoyed better food, baths and change of clothes. After these 2 years with TIMO, Caleb and Tobias believed that

God needed them to remain with the shepherds so after further training became full-time members of AIM and returned for a 4 year assignment. By this time , solar powered battery recording of Bible Stories and simple studies were available and also, one of the original “story crafting” team had trained to be an Evangelist to work with Caleb and Tobias. Recent news from him (Khothalo) reads “Eleven Shepherds got baptised last week and more are willing to, as a sign that they are truly believing what they have heard as they listen to the audio Bibles.” He continued to thank God for these shepherds who are meeting at cattle posts to sing traditional gospel songs and pray with others. ISAIAH 57v2

Many families in Lesotho are subsistence farmers who face the constant struggle to provide their families with food in this changing climate. About 12 years ago AIM sent Heather and Barry to Maphutseng where LECSA already had a training centre called Growing Nations . Residential courses are available for 8-10 young adults to learn methods of farming God’s way [FGW]. Sustainable farming methods demonstrated by Growing Nations start with soil improvement by adding natural nutrients and less mechanical disturbance. There are full-time employees to manage the work at the training centre. Each day of the 10-11 month course begins with Bible teaching about God’s purpose for our world and our stewardship responsibilities.

During the day there are lectures, discussions and field work where they grow experimental alternative crops as well as food supplies for everyone else at the Centre. Barry keeps a comprehensive photographic record of the training and results and the joyous graduation ceremony before trainees return to their homes.

The Centre is not left vacant because groups of Missionaries from other countries in Africa attend 3-4 week sessions to learn the basics of FGW methods to introduce to communities where they live. In the past Heather and Barry used to visit other places in Lesotho including the Children’s Home at Senaonkong where one of their staff members had been a former Growing Nations student. Barry now has additional responsibilities with AIM but Heather continues to be responsible for fund raising and accounting and they regularly return to the Growing Nations home and colleagues.

Last year Growing Nations held an Open Day for hundreds of visitors including an MP and Agricultural Ministers from all 10 provinces of Lesotho. The event was featured on TV news and Joshua, the Manager of the Student Courses was invited to speak about FGW on National Radio .

Lesotho is one of the countries we remember on Day 7 in our Prayer Handbook. Let us include Retha and the children in her care, and the Methodist and Evangelical Churches.

Visit mwm.org.uk and eu.aimint.org



**AFRICA
INLAND MISSION**



**Methodists for
World Mission**

Jenny Jackson, on behalf of the Mission and Service Forum

After our very successful **Rock Choir concert** we have more lovely things planned.

On **Friday 10th May** there will be a coffee morning and plant sale in the Itchingfield garden of Pat Enticott – more details later.

Then on the 14th July you will not want to miss our Annual Tea Party in Sue & Mike Checkland's garden in Maplehurst.

And if you can bear to think that far ahead, we have a Coffee Morning & Table top Sale arranged on the 7th December.

For every £1 spent 85p helps children, young people and families 4p on fundraising, and 11p on administration.



Audrey Coventry



The Wednesday Club

All are very welcome to come to our meetings which are held in the London Road lounge on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and begin at 7.30 pm.

3rd April Besom

Besom

TO BE CONFIRMED

Anne Emmins will talk about 'Besom' - a national Christian Ministry passionate about enabling followers of Jesus put God's love into action.

17th April The story behind the English Dictionary

Susan Purcell

A light-hearted, entertaining talk revealing the story behind the English dictionary, the great compilers of the past and how it continues to update and evolve.

Messy Church at Partridge Green

Friday 12 April 10.30am-1.00pm.

Messy Church at St Andrews

Sunday 21 April 3.00-5.00pm.

Book your place on Eventbrite Messy Church St Andrews Roffey or by using the QR code on the flyers <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/466565709597>





PARTRIDGE GREEN

OPEN DOOR



Our meetings start at 2.30pm and are held in the Church Hall.
(Cost £2.00/session) and are followed by refreshments.
All friends from Cornerstone Methodist Church are very
welcome.

For further information
contact Judy Stokes on 01903 816976.

Tuesday 2nd April

Talk on behalf of 'Medical Detection Dogs'

Esther Clarke

Tuesday 16th April

An Indian Odyssey

Philip and Kath Duffin

Tuesday 30th April

TBA

PARTRIDGE GREEN

VILLAGE CAFÉ

11th April 2.00pm - 5.00pm



The Village Café meets takes place on the 2nd 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

LONDON ROAD

The Sunday Lunch at London Road 7th April at 12.30pm

We welcome those of our Cornerstone church family who live alone to join us for lunch on the above dates in the Wesley Hall at London Road at 12-30pm. The cost is £6. To book please contact Liz Sear (268075).



Toddler Group

London Road on Wednesdays

no meetings on April 3rd or April 10th - back on April 17th

from 10.00am to 11.30am

St Andrews on Thursdays

no meetings on April 4th or April 11th - back on April 18th

from 9.30am to 11.30am



Tea and Chat

Wednesday 24th April at 2.30 pm

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.



CRAFTERNOON

We meet at 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



LONDON ROAD



Recently Amalia Lovett, Network and Campaigns Lead for Horsham Matters came and spoke at London Road.

Thank you to those who came and supported us. We collected 2 supermarket trolleys of food for donation to the foodbank.

She gave a lot of information about the rôle of Horsham Matters around Horsham District.

Some facts and statistics (based on 2023)

- 10,220 individual food parcels given out in 2023,
- over 4000 of these for children
- January 2024 -1600 parcels (over double January 2023)
- 17 weekly foodbank sessions are available across the district - using Mobile Hub
- great increase in numbers of first time users who are in full time work but still need support
- provide gas and electricity vouchers for heating
- household budget support given to 178 residents to maximise their income
- assisted 65 households with essential items
- provide counselling

started a befriending program

Horsham Matters Foodbank provision is 10 years old this year - watch out for their '**£10 for 10 years**' campaign - more details another month.

A **Mobile Advice Hub** will soon be seen out and about - more info next month.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Jacki Reeves



April Shopping List

- Easter eggs
- Custard
- Long-life fruit juice and milk
- Cooking sauce
- Deodorant



I'm pleased to report that I sent

71 hats

to a local collector for **Care4Calais**. They were received the day after I posted them, which was a result, and the organiser, Angela, asked me to reassure the knitters that they would be appreciated. Some will get sent to Calais, and others will be given to refugees here in hotels.

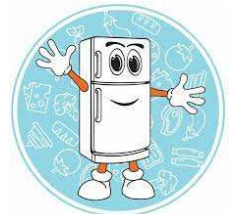
She admired the amount of work that had gone into the hats, and said that they were wonderful. THANK YOU very much to all who have knitted so far - you are very welcome to continue to knit - or to start if you haven't yet! I will continue to collect hats and send them off for as long as you feel like knitting them!!

Thank you,
Deacon Sarah"

St ANDREWS

The **COMMUNITY FRIDGE**

is an **ENVIRONMENTAL** issue and **not** one of poverty. The food is there for **EVERYONE** to use, so that it is not wasted.



The **St Andrews Community Fridge** on the **first Saturday** of the month now includes a **REFILL STATION**. Please come along and see what we have – 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 that people can take home their purchases in 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!

**The Fridge is open on the first Saturday of the month
from 10.00am - 11.00am.**



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not one of poverty**

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***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***



Faith Pictures

My Story, Your Story, His Story



Reflect together on where God has been present in our lives, and how we can share our stories with others

Saturday 20th July 2024
10.00am – 3pm
Storrington



Come and join us for:
Worship and Fellowship,
Discussion
and other activities

Transport will be provided

More details next month
but please put the date in your diaries now.



Abdu'l Baha

served as head of the Bahá'í Faith from 1892 until 1921



Cornerstone will be doing
Bible month
during July
this year

Sometimes I want to ask God why He allows poverty, famine, and injustice when He could do something about it, but I'm afraid he might just ask me the same question.

Abdu'l-Baha

The Meeting Place
at Cornerstone
Methodist Church
London Road

Every Tuesday
from 14th May -
25th June 2024

6-8.45pm

£5 for the whole
course

The Bereavement
Journey®
a place to talk

Contact Susan to book, ccm@cornerstone-mc.org.uk
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The Bereavement Journey

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the next course of 'The Bereavement Journey' [TBJ] which will run at the London Road chapel for 7 weeks in May and June (*see advert above*). Following the successful run of meetings which we have just finished at St Andrews, **the participants would recommend the course to you.** They spoke of the course **being "very helpful" and "a safe space to share how you really feel"** in particular.

I led the St Andrews course with the help of Susan Halliday, Sue Randell, and Stephanie Kirkcaldy. The team will be similar for the next round, with Bev Little coming on board instead of Steph this time. Whilst the leaders are all women, and the first course was indeed also made up of women, I would encourage men to also take part!

The course is based around videos from bereavement experts, which we watch together, and then some guided group discussions. That part of the course takes 7 weeks, and then we will offer a further three sessions which will be spread out over the following 6 weeks or so, which are less structured and give time for reflection.

Whether you have been bereaved in the last year, or it has been ten or even twenty years since your loved one died, there is something in this course which will benefit you.

Please contact Susan Halliday or me to ask questions or to book your place.

Deacon Sarah

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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Bright Stars Toddler Group

no meetings on April 4th or April 11th
back on April 18th

£2 per
family

Thursdays
9.30 - 11.30am



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Roffey, RH12 4DX

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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



**Cornerstone Methodist
Church at London Road**

**Never on a Sunday? Try
midweek at**

The Meeting Place

Refreshments, a space to chat and think –
or are you searching for something?
Also including short informal worship

Thursday afternoon 25 April
Thursday afternoon 23 May
Thursday afternoon 27 June

YOU WILL BE WELCOME

2.30 pm in The Meeting Place

For more information, email Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly:
deacon@dhcircuit.org

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Statement on Antisemitism and Islamophobia

A statement from the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Gill Newton and Deacon Kerry Scarlett

We are deeply saddened and concerned about the increase in antisemitism and Islamophobia in the United Kingdom. Such incidents, attacks and attitudes are fundamentally opposed to Jesus' command to love our neighbour. The tangible fear and tension for British Jewish and Muslim communities as a result of these incidents have no place in our society and are a real threat to community cohesion.

The 2023 Methodist Conference reiterated our commitment to oppose antisemitism and to stand by all who are discriminated against or persecuted on the grounds of their religion or ethnicity. We recognise that as a Church we need to be vigilant about our own language, voice and actions, and continue to repent and learn from past wrongs. We are committed to being an inclusive Church that challenges antisemitism, Islamophobia and all forms of discrimination.

We call on our elected leaders to lead by example and not only call out any discrimination on ethnic or religious grounds but to ensure that in their language they do not incite antisemitism and Islamophobia .

We also believe that we are called as Christians to challenge all policies and practices which perpetuate injustice, oppression, violence and suffering. This includes instances where states, political parties, politicians or groups try to silence legitimate criticism of policies and actions by claiming they are antisemitic or Islamophobic .

As a justice-seeking Church we believe in building communities of inclusion and challenging discriminatory speech and behaviour, recognising that we are all created in God's image and have value and worth. We continue this work of seeking justice, peace and flourishing through our interfaith relationships and with all who share a vision of a society where no-one is discriminated against and all are free to fulfil their God-given potential.

FUTURE EVENTS



PHILIPPA HANNA

LONDON ROAD CHAPEL

Saturday 14th September

DEADLINE FOR MAY EDITION

April 21st

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

