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**Cornerstone Methodist Church**

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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*



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## *A Word from one of our Ministers*

Dear Friends,

Happy First Birthday Cornerstone! Indeed, here we are one year into our journey together as Cornerstone Methodist Church. What a year it has been!

It began with the District Chair setting us on our way by asking us a question: So what is in a name? He reminded us, that as our name suggests, we have a solid foundation upon which to

build a new faith community, even Christ himself! Our risen Lord and Saviour.

In this affirmation we have set forth on our journey and, I believe, the work is well begun. Just a cursory glance at our Annual Report – which only actually covered six months of our journey – tells us so! We are seeking to embrace a greater narrative, a bigger story, than just one of our Chapels on their own.

In many ways we are shaping a new narrative.

- of engagement with the community through the Community Fridge at London Road and St Andrew's
- of offering friendship and fellowship through Tea & Chat, Friday & Wednesday Café, Movie Mondays and more
- of sharing resources and enabling new opportunities through technology
- of building new pastoral networks and sustaining that important aspect of our work in the wider church family
- of enabling engagement with families in Horsham and Partridge Green through Messy Church
- of an ecumenical endeavour on The Green in Partridge Green at Pentecost

To name but a few!

Of course, setting out on such an adventure is not without its own challenges. Challenges, however, are merely opportunities in a different disguise. As we consider some of the challenges, maybe we ought to ask ourselves what might be the opportunity hidden in this disguise? And we have been trying to do just that.

The Discerning Prayer Journey (DPJ) was just such an opportunity for us to decipher the opportunity hidden in two specific challenges.

Firstly, the realisation that if we are seeking to write the narrative I have listed above, we need companions to help us shape it because we are not enough on our own to do so. There is a vulnerability there that has the potential to hinder our progress.

Secondly, there is the conundrum of just what to do with buildings that need a significant investment of financial resources just to make them good never mind fit for purpose in our new narrative.

Now, I am not here going to attempt to unpack the conversation that has unfolded over the course of our three DPJ events. That will come because the conversation has been good and is rich with the seeds of opportunity to reshape our narrative. All I want to say at this point is simply this:

What is your, what is my picture of God?

- Is God the stingy miser who reluctantly parts with mere morsels at the end of our bitter pleading?
- Is God the efficient manager who doles out just enough for what we require?
- Or, is God the bountiful supplier, the reckless benefactor, the exuberant giver of more than we could ever imagine to meet even the smallest need?

Go to the Scriptures. No, go to these specific Scriptures – they’re not the only ones, but they’re a beginning. Matthew 13, The Parable of the Sower and John 6, the Feeding of the 5,000. Read them again and tell me if God is not the bountiful supplier, the reckless benefactor, the exuberant giver of more than we could ever imagine! Let that be the narrative that shapes our story afresh.

On the cover of this edition of Outlook you’ll find a photo of the cover of this year’s Connexional Prayer Handbook. It flows from Isaiah’s call through the ages to “learn to do right; seek justice and defend the oppressed” (Isaiah 1:17a, NIV). And Mary’s song of praise, the ‘Magnificat’ (Luke 1:46-55). “...announce God’s kingdom which “brings down the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly.”

It is a call to engage in God’s mission and be part of that transformation. To be a Church that is called to become an increasingly evangelistic, inclusive and justice-seeking Church. I grew up in just such a Church in South Africa. Indeed, Praise and Protest, although they weren’t the specific watchwords, were, nevertheless, fundamental to the vision that shaped a Church in its response to the need. The same need lies at the gate here, now and our President and Vice President have placed an amazing resource at our disposal. My prayer is that we use it accordingly.

Lastly, Angela and I would like to thank you all for your love and care. We are indeed glad to be able to tell you your prayers are being answered. Whereas when we arrived, Brian’s circumstances were dire, now they are filled with hope and healing. He suffered a significant brain infection that led to a stroke which was complicated by their inability to respond immediately owing to his circumstances. He’s come through that and is beginning a journey of recovery that will take some time. Just what the end of that road looks like we don’t yet know. However, we do know who to trust. Please do continue to keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,  
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*

Jean Atkinson, Paul Bradley, Anita Burton, Sue Conroy,  
Helen and Ian Currington, Heather Derry, Judy and David Durrant, Doreen Hadman,  
Susan and Mervyn Halliday, Gavin and Angela Hancocks, Jean Hayler,  
Fiona and Chris Holmes, Pauline Homewood, Joy and Ron Johnson,  
Barbara and Geoff Lunn, Lorna and Mike Manwaring, Margaret and John Moon,  
Rita and Ian Murray, Corrie Mould, Richard Powell, Maureen and Paul Smith,  
Wendy Smith, Judy Stokes, Brian Tjasink [*Angela Hancocks brother*],  
Elaine and Mike Tunbridge, Con Wells and Beryl Woodward



There will be a service at St Andrews on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm  
to celebrate Linda Henshaw's life amongst the St Andrews community.  
All who knew Linda are very welcome.



Jack Grimwood

**Audrey Fowler and family** would like to sincerely thank everyone for the many cards and messages of condolence following Dad's death. Thank you also to the ones who supported us at the Thanksgiving Service for Dad's long life. A great comfort and very much appreciated and uplifting as we shared memories of a much loved gentleman over his 107+ years.

**CARE MISSION TEAM**  
**Birthday Tea Party**  
for September Birthdays

The Birthday Tea  
will be at the Manse on  
**Wednesday 4th September**



## Services in July and August

### 1 September

LR	Revd Sue Conroy	10.30	Communion
PG	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30	
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30	

### 8 September

LR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30	
PG	St Michael's	11.00	
StAR	Revd Sam Funnell	10.30	

### 15 September

LR	Clive Falla	10.30	
PG	Peter Bramhill	10.30	
StAR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30	Communion

### 22 September

LR	Christine Lawley	10.30	Harvest Parade Service
PG	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30	
StAR	Jay Dunning	10.30	

### 29 September

LR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30	
PG	Revd Sue Conroy	10.30	
StAR	Clive Falla	10.30	

## Nativity Festival 14-15 December 2024

Following our extremely popular Christmas tree festival, the Community Connexion team are planning a Nativity Festival on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The festival will be open to the public and various activities will be taking place throughout the weekend, including afternoon tea.

We are inviting all our hirers to contribute to the festival, **but** we would also like individuals from the congregation to share their own nativity scenes, homemade or bought. The Nativity can be in whatever format you wish e.g. 3D model or artwork, large and small.

If you would be interested in contributing to our festival, could you please let us know by October 5th. We would love to see all aspects of our church community life represented.

Tickets for afternoon tea will be available nearer the time.

For further information please contact [cc@cornerstone-mc.org.uk](mailto:cc@cornerstone-mc.org.uk)





DORKING AND HORSHAM CIRCUIT (36/10) PLAN : SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024

	SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER			
	1st 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8th 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	15th 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	29th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6th 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13th 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time	27th 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	3rd 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10th 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17th 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1st Sunday before Advent (Dial the Day)				
Leatherhead StF	George	Frost	Balsdon S	LA Harvest	Bees	George	Wild	Balsdon S	Wild	Wild	Lawley	Balsdon S	Hancocks					
		New Fire					New Fire			New Fire								
Cobham UC R&S StF MP SoF1&2	Early Bird					Early Bird				Early Bird								
	Sinclair	Balsdon S	Hancocks	Gerhold	Gerhold	Crawford	Balsdon Harvest	Gibb S CFL	Wild	Gerhold	Balsdon S	Crawford	Dunning					
										Balsdon Service of Remembrance								
Effingham StF H&P SF1&2	Balsdon S	Dunning	US @ LMC	Millwood Harvest	US @ Parish	Pitt CA	Frost	US @ LMC	Conroy	Balsdon S	Dunning	US @ LMC	Wild					
						Ecumenical @catholic-church												
Cornerstone London Road StF H&P SF1&2	Conroy S	S Pitkeathly	Falla	Lawley Harvest P	Hancocks	Hancocks S	S Pitkeathly	Hancocks	Conroy	Hancocks S	Hancocks D Pitkeathly CW		George					
									Service of Remembrance									
Cornerstone Partridge Green StF HP SF1&2	Hancocks S	@ St Michaels 11:00	LA	S Pitkeathly	Conroy	Lawley	Hancocks S	Falla	S Pitkeathly	Boyce	Conroy	George	S Pitkeathly					
	S Pitkeathly	Funnell	Hancocks S	Dunning	Falla	S Pitkeathly	Boyce	Millwood S	Hancocks	S Pitkeathly	S Pitkeathly	Hancocks S	Balsdon					
Cornerstone St Andrew's StF SF1&2			Messy Church					Messy Church				Messy Church						

Key Abbreviations:

CA - Church Anniversary CFL - Commitment for Life COV - Covenant Service CW - Creative Worship GS - Gift Service P - Parade Service S - Holy Communion US - United Service

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
26th	12th
Cornerstone - PG	Songs of Praise
Cornerstone - StAR	7pm
	Rooted

## Faith Pictures

### My Story, Your Story, His Story



### How can you explain your faith?

On the Away Day we explored how we can use images and pictures to help us talk about our faith story or part of our faith journey. Here are some examples.

#### Jane Casey



Image by freepik

"My faith is like a path leading up a mountain. However, the path is not often straight or direct, but can go sideways and dip along the way to the top".

#### Christine Lawley

"My faith sometimes looks like a game of crown green bowls. I try to follow Jesus but I don't always go in a direction that keeps me close to him or I sometimes get knocked off course. If I imagine a game of curling, there is a team (the church fellowship) to support me and help me stay on track."

#### Esther Coombes

"The picture I chose for my faith journey was one that has been with me for a long while. It is the picture of the narrow winding path leading towards a distant guiding light. The way ahead twists and turns among hills and valleys so that it is not visible in its entirety but the next step is there and to be chosen. It is based on an illustration I once saw in a copy of "A Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan."

#### Rob Pitt

"My faith is like sailing on a sunny day with banks of sea fog around; sometimes everything is clear and I am confident, but that can suddenly change so that it becomes difficult to perceive anything beyond my own boat."



Image by freepik





**Bev Little**

The Hand of God

Artist: Yongsung Kim

"My faith feels like something is sustaining me and keeping me going, even though sometimes I'm not so aware of it!

In the toughest times I have felt very alone and almost drowning under the weight of the challenges but then God ALWAYS reaches down to bring me back into the light again."

**Sarah Pitkeathly**

"My faith feels like riding a rollercoaster: whatever happens, in the ups and downs of life, I am secure with Jesus and able to go on the ride of life with him."



Image by brgfx on Freepik



Image by Freeimages.com

**Susan Halliday**

"My picture is an oak tree. The root system is God. The trunk and the branches are Jesus. The leaves - sometimes flourishing and sometimes fading- are me and the wind blowing the leaves is the Holy Spirit. The mycorrhizae are the community offering support and being supported."

If you would like to find out more about why these people chose the image they have described here, you are welcome to ask them.

**What does  
YOUR  
faith picture look like?**

Away Day



the photographer

## Storrington 20 July 2024

“a really thought provoking, challenging yet positive day that actually gave practical solutions and resulted in some great conversations”

“a very positive and successful Away Day “

“it was a very valuable event“

# Worship In Song

At Cornerstone London Road

An afternoon of hymns, prayers and reflections followed by fellowship and light refreshments

26th September  
24th October  
28th November

2.30-4pm

Cornerstone Methodist Church is a Registered Charity: 1134052

## Flower Ministry



One of the ways we can show the relative importance of particular occasions and signify the keeping of particular seasons is through the flower displays we have in our chapels. They help us to engage in the beauty and dignity of the celebration and are a symbol of joy, representing how God creates beauty in nature. In this way they can enrich the worship experience. It is also a very tangible way of expressing our love for our family and friends through times of joy, sadness and thanksgiving.

So, flowers in the Chapels are important. However, as you are aware everything is costing more these days, including flowers! There are three main festivals where we like to make large arrangements of flowers: Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Our flower arrangers do an amazing job, and we need to be grateful to them, however, they need us to support them. They cannot continue to produce amazing displays without more financial support from the congregation. Please consider giving a donation for flowers on these occasions. At the London Road Chapel you can use the card reader. If you scroll down, you can now say that the donation is for flowers. Of course, you can still pay online through your bank account or give cash to Angela Hancocks, Liz Sear at London Rd, Senior Steward at Partridge Green or Christine Payne for Star. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to those who donated towards our Easter Displays this year, we received a total in excess of £100.00 which went a long way to offsetting the expense.

Donations for weekly flowers to remember a person or personal celebration are also very welcome and these can be acknowledged in the notices or the rolling slides before the service. If you would like to join our team of flower arrangers your help would also be greatly appreciated. By donating in this way, the treasurer can claim gift aid and so more funds would be available.

Blessings  
Sue Randell

# THE ROMERO PRAYER

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

*[Prayer used at the Discerning Prayer Journey, St Andrews 4<sup>th</sup> August. Called The Romero Prayer after long being misattributed to Oscar Romero, but actually written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw]*

<http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/romero-prayer>






Despite a few heavy rain showers, we had an amazing day at the Funday Sunday in Horsham Park, organised by the Horsham Rotary Club. At the Horsham Churches Together stall, we offered free children’s crafts, gave away Bible story booklets and talked with people in our community. We also had a prayer tree where people were invited to write a name on a ribbon before tying it to the tree.



## Pastoral Visitors – What’s it all about? Would you like to join us?



### What do Pastoral Visitors do?

### What is it like to be a Pastoral Visitor?

Perhaps you think they deliver the monthly *Outlook*. Well they do do that for those who need a paper copy but their main rôle is to offer pastoral care to those on their pastoral list. Everyone on Cornerstone’s roll is allocated a Pastoral Visitor. A number of them have put a few words together about what it means to them to be a Pastoral Visitor.

“For me, being a pastoral visitor is to be like a port of call, a path to the Church family. It is the Church being vigilant about the person’s welfare, whilst respecting their privacy. A pastoral visitor has the task of walking alongside the person in good and bad times. I am not a counsellor or a good friend but aim at being, for that person, a reminder of God’s loving care.”

“Over many years of being a Pastoral Visitor at London Road I have had the privilege of entering into many interesting conversations with the folk that I visited. Sadly some are no longer with us but the memories still linger. I hope that they were able to gain as much from me as I did from them. Just one small pleasure from being a P.V.”

“I feel it is very important to keep in contact with people especially ones who are unable to get to church and could easily feel forgotten.”

“I have spent some lovely mornings taking a lady out for coffee and learning about her family and her childhood. It can be very lonely when you don’t see many people. I think I get as much enjoyment from our outings as she does. I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to share with her.”

“It is a privilege to be a Pastoral Visitor and an important responsibility within the Church family.

It is a way I can share the love of God by listening to and building a relationship with different people. I love getting to know the people on my list and happy that I can be of help when they need a listening ear, prayer or more practical help. Whilst part of the role is to support others in their Faith journey, I do find that my own faith is strengthened by engaging with others and seeing their faith during difficult times.

As part of a team, I know that support and advice is always available.

I am not perfect as a Pastoral Visitor, and sometimes there is a lot going on but I have found the role to be very worthwhile.”

**We are looking for more Pastoral Visitors** so if you would like to participate in this important work then please talk with Gavin or Sarah. Sue Randell, our Pastoral Visitors’ Secretary, can tell you more.

Paul Bradley



## HORSHAM FRIDAY EVENING PRIDE EVENT

**CALENDAR**  
**Partridge Green**  
**September**

- 3** **Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 7** **Prayer Breakfast** 8.00am - 10.00am
- 12** **Village Café 2.00pm - 5.00pm**
- 17** **Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 26** **Songs of Praise** 3.00pm

**October**

- 1** **Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm 24th Birthday Party

**London Road**  
**September**

- 1** **Sunday Lunch** 12.30pm
- 3** **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 4** **Birthday Tea Party** 3.00pm
- 4** **Wednesday Club** Summer Outing
- 6** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 10** **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 10** **Crafternoon** 2.00pm
- 11** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 11** **Games and Chat** 2.00pm
- 13** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 14** **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 14** **Philippa Hanna** 7.30pm
- 17** **Tuesday Prayers** 09.30am
- 18** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 18** **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 20** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 21** **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 24** **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 24** **Crafternoon** 2.00pm
- 25** **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 25** **Tea and Chat** 2.30pm
- 26** **Worship in Song** 2.30pm
- 27** **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 28** **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am

## St Andrews September

- 3 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 3 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 4 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 6 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 7 Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 7 Community Fridge and Refill Station 10.00am - 11.00am
- 9 Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 10 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 10 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 11 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 12 Bright Stars 9.30am
- 13 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 15 Messy Church 3.00pm
- 16 Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 17 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 17 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 18 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 19 Bright Stars 9.30am
- 20 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 22 Messy Church 3.00pm to 5.00pm
- 23 Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 24 Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 24 Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 25 The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 26 Bright Stars 9.30am
- 26 Quiet Book Group 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- 27 Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 30 Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm



## GAMBIA

**Methodist World Mission** has just celebrated 200 years of Missionary work and witness in one of the coastal countries of North West Africa. In 1818, the British Governor of The Gambia invited the Wesleyan Methodist Church Society (WMCS) to send British Missionaries to live among the many liberated slaves who had been deported from countries where they had been enslaved. Thousands of disorientated people were deposited in North West African countries.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church Society responded positively to this challenge which involved a comprehensive programme for rehabilitation to include education, practical training in survival skills like food production and medical care. Central to all this was Christian teaching and fellowship, and the need to train Leaders and Pastors as churches were built.

In 1821, their first ordained Ministers were sent from Britain to Gambia to start this challenging assignment. Sadly, some of these early pioneers died from malaria or other African diseases for which there was no medication. Others bravely took their places and two years later, in 1823, the place now known as Janjanbureh, in the central river region was identified as a suitable settlement for liberated slaves.

The first Wesleyan Methodist Church was established in 1824 by Rev. John Morgan who also opened a school and a training workshop teaching skills to enable communities to eventually become self-supporting.

Within 14 years of their arrival, the WMCS had overseen the building of several more churches and schools at other settlements around Gambia. Education remained central for many years along with the growth of vibrant churches. Medical missionary work was introduced in 1920 with emphasis in care for mothers and young children. In 1960, medical work was revitalised when a Research Centre was built which benefitted much greater areas of need with a



wide range of services and health care to thousands of people. Child vaccinations and maternal well-being contributed to greater stability in family life. All of this was underpinned by the solid foundation laid by the early missionaries who had demonstrated the sacrificial love and grace of Jesus in practical and compassionate ways.

Care for the environment began to take place when sustainable farming methods were taught and areas that had suffered from deforestation were replanted with trees and soil structures improved.

Membership of the Methodist Church in Gambia has increased through the pastoral care and evangelism of ordained and lay preachers and there is a commitment to persevere in spite of the growing influence of other faith groups.

In 2009, the Methodist Church in Gambia gained autonomy and the current Bishop Barrie Manga has vowed to continue the primary mission objectives of evangelism, education, healthcare, and sustainable agriculture. The bishop reports that the Methodist Church is recognised for their enormous contribution and many leading figures employed in politics, economics and civil service were educated in Methodist Schools and have remained members of the Churches.

The Longman Memorial school in Kombo West Circuit opened in 1999 with 5 Nursery class children, meeting in the Church building. Today, this school has 810 pupils with 32 staff. They have a link partnership with Methodist Churches in the U.K. who have funded most of the classroom building work in the Church compound. It is necessary to charge fees but that does not prevent parents from choosing this clear Christian education. The Head Teacher, Mrs Eglah Sharpe-Smith and her staff maintain an ecumenical and inter-faith approach demonstrating the love and acceptance of God for all people. They are now hoping and praying for funds to provide computers and include IT training in their curriculum., Sharron and John Harbottle are involved with the Churches medical and education ministry. On DAY 2 in the Prayer Handbook, John and Sharron have recently asked for us to join them in prayer that God will continue to give them health and strength as they support the Churches as they disciple young people and lead all members into deeper faith so that they may all have joy and hope in the Lord.

Bishop Manga leads us in a prayer of thanks including

“We thank God for the many people who feel the love of God through the varied ministries of the Church, and we pray for strength to carry on the Master’s work and renewed zeal to speak the truth to the nation of Gambia “

# Sue Randell's Holiday Jottings

Sue and David's recent visit to Canada



Mount Rundle, Banff, Canada



Memorial stone to Rev Robert Rundle who was a Methodist Minister. It was erected in 1941 by the United Church of Canada. He was the first missionary in Alberta, 1840. He visited the First Nation People at **Banff** in 1841. A mountain was named after him! (*see above*)

In **Ketchikan** life for preachers was more difficult. Creek Street was described as 'The worst pest hole in America'. One preacher who lived there and also failed to reform the Creek choose to re number his house to escape the stigma of living in a notorious area. It is now a boutique and gift store.



# The annual Action for Children tea party



The Action for  
Children tea party  
once again proved a  
great social success  
and raised  
**£1023.80**  
for the charity

We are so grateful  
for your support

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*A message from Stuart Moon*

**John Moon** [ a previous member of the London Road community ed.] was taken to the Queen Alexandra hospital in Portsmouth on Saturday 10 August . The staff at Wellesley Court ( where John and Margaret live )called the Ambulance to attend at 6:00 am on Saturday 10 August.

A week ago his podiatrist gave him a gold star for the healing of his right foot which had developed an open wound and healed up. It seems that the healing had 'shut in' a deeper infection that has now become a problem.

As with all infections what appears minor and unimportant to those considerable younger can become critical if left untreated in the very elderly. I have laboured this fact to both parents to the receipt of shrugs from both. I imagine there will be at least a week in the acute wards whilst the infection is attended to and stabilised. Then a move to a general ward.

In the back of my mind I can see plans for a further amputation being considered. I hope it does not come to that but given father's track record I could see it giving the better medium term improvement to a 'normal' quality of life.



## Disability Awareness Day

Fred and I had a novel experience on a very crowded Tube train last month; two young men got up and offered us their seats! I was very grateful as I had been struggling not to

bash into people, clutching the strap hangers as the train hurtled around the bends.

I assume it was our evidently visible advanced years that prompted this kind gesture, rather than any perception of disability. But it is true that we rely on our eyes when we consider if someone is disabled. The visual accompaniments of wheelchairs, guide dog, sticks, walkers etc can point to this. However as the signs on the back of some seats in railway carriages remind us, not all disabilities are visible.

Jesus did not need visual symbols to tell him if a person needed healing, whether their disability was physical or mental. His compassion and healing were available to all.

For us Disability Awareness Day should perhaps be a reminder that we can't go wrong if we do as Jesus did and treat everyone we meet with consideration and kindness.

Carolyn King

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### Harvest supper Saturday 21st September St Andrew's starting at 6pm



*Come and share Fish and Chips and Fellowship.*

We will have **Line Dancing** (as much fun to watch) and **quizzes**.  
It is important that people indicate they are coming by emailing **suerandell57@gmail.com** or speaking to **Sue Randell** or **Deacon Sarah**  
**by 14th September** at the latest.

Tickets vary depending on what you want to eat.

***Payment in advance please***

Cod & chips - £11.50

(Gluten free and vegetarian/vegan options available please indicate if you need this)

Sausage & chips - £6.50

Other options may be available, just ask !



# WANTED!

In the last few months, a small group of people have been developing a new website for Cornerstone. If you haven't already looked at it, please do!

You can find it at [www.cornerstone-mc.org.uk](http://www.cornerstone-mc.org.uk).

The bare bones of the site are now complete, but it needs more content, which is where **you** come in. Do you have a story of your journey to faith or something to share about an activity you are involved in at church, for instance?

Although we might not all go to the web to search out information, we know that websites have an important part to play. Research suggests that a person new to the area will look at a church's website several times before making contact. So it is important that our website is engaging, up-to-date and most importantly, showcases Jesus, by demonstrating the difference faith can bring to life. If that sounds tricky, then that is our challenge!

One approach might be to revisit our Mission Statement ('seeking to follow Jesus in Community, Love and Service') and write about how the work we are engaged in, reflects those aims. Or perhaps we might feel called to share an insight from the recent 'Faith Pictures' awayday at Storrington or from an act of worship.

Please pass any contributions to Deacon Sarah, or to Christine Dale or Ali Nickells at St Andrew's or to Carolyn King or Valerie Cummings at London Road. We will be very grateful.

Carolyn King, on behalf of the website team.





## LONDON ROAD

### The Sunday Lunch at London Road 1 September 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  
from 10.00am to 11.30am  
*We return on 11 September*



St Andrews on Thursdays  
from 9.30am to 11.30am  
*We return on 12 September*

A wide variety of toys, books, activities, refreshments and listening ears - parenting can be tricky! No need to book - we look forward to meeting you.

### Tea and Chat

Wednesday 25 September 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.**





## 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 3rd September

Running Fawltly Towers / Cooking for the rich and famous  
Susan Howe

#### Tuesday 17th September

Kharkiv, yet again  
Irina Potanina

#### Tuesday 1st October

24th Birthday Party

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## PARTRIDGE GREEN

### VILLAGE CAFÉ

**2.00pm - 5.00pm**

**12th 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.

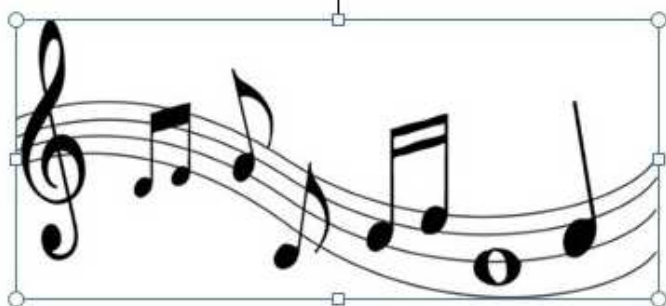
Refreshments are free, but donations are appreciated, which are used to support  
village organisations.

For further information please contact Margaret Daniell phone 01403 541736





# SONGS OF PRAISE AND AFTERNOON TEA



Thursday 26th Sept 2024

Cornerstone Methodist Church,  
Partridge Green, RH13 8HP

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

ALL WELCOME

For further details please contact  
Margaret on 01403 541736

Come along and bring a friend!



## GAMES & CHAT

AT CORNERSTONE LONDON ROAD, IN WESLEY HALL  
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH:  
11TH SEPTEMBER  
9TH OCTOBER  
13TH NOVEMBER  
11TH DECEMBER  
2-4PM

ENJOY SCRABBLE, DOMINOES, RUMMIKUB ETC  
AND SOME TEA AND CAKE TOGETHER  
DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS WELCOMED

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Two new regular events for you to enjoy:

The **Games and Chat afternoon** is an opportunity to spend time with friends, new and existing, playing some games and enjoying fellowship.

## Quiet Book Group @ Cornerstone St Andrews

4th Thursday of the month:  
26th September 7.30-9pm  
24th October  
28th November

Enjoy a cuppa and chat for a short while before settling down into companionable silence for an hour to enjoy your own book. The chat can continue afterwards or you can leave as you wish

Donations appreciated for refreshments

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### The Book Group

is a space to unwind - to put aside all the to-do lists and to enjoy a scheduled break to just read!

Do bring your current read and join us - no pressure to do anything at all.

### All welcome

come and bring friends.

Any questions, contact Sarah 07869 802024.



# Easy Movers

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

£2 per  
family

Thursdays  
9.30 - 11.30am



St Andrews Church, Crawley Road,  
Roffey, RH12 4DX

Call or text Sarah  
07869802024 for info

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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



# Friday Cafe

Cornerstone Methodist Church  
at London Road



Your space for a Friday treat

Fridays 2.30-5.30pm

# PHILIPPA HANNA

## STAINED GLASS STORIES TOUR

CORNERSTONE  
METHODIST CHURCH  
AT LONDON ROAD

SATURDAY 14TH  
SEPTEMBER  
7.30PM

"BEAUTIFUL VOICE"  
LEONA LEWIS

"AMAZING" LIONEL  
RICHE

£18 ADULTS

£12 UNDER 12

TEXT SARAH FOR TICKETS

07869802024

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Thank you for your support for Horsham Matters Foodbank over the last year. I hope to let you know the extent of your support next month.

Although it will no longer be one of Cornerstone's chosen charities for 2024/25 I am happy to continue taking our donations to the warehouse so the boxes will remain in place.

I also hope that we will continue to support it through donations at our special services such as Harvest Festival and Christmas and will endeavour to publicise their urgent requirements at these times.

If you would be interested in their particular needs at other times you can find an up to date list on Facebook or their website - [horsham-matters.org.uk](http://horsham-matters.org.uk) or by downloading an app on your phone called '**Bank the Food**' (which can also be set to remind you to buy something when you go into certain supermarkets!)

Thank you again  
Jacki Reeves



*We resume on 9th September*

**Messy Church at St Andrews**  
**15 September at 3.00pm**



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>



**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***

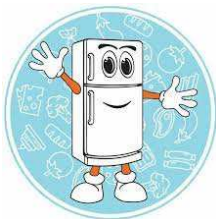
### ***The Community Fridge at St Andrews***

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

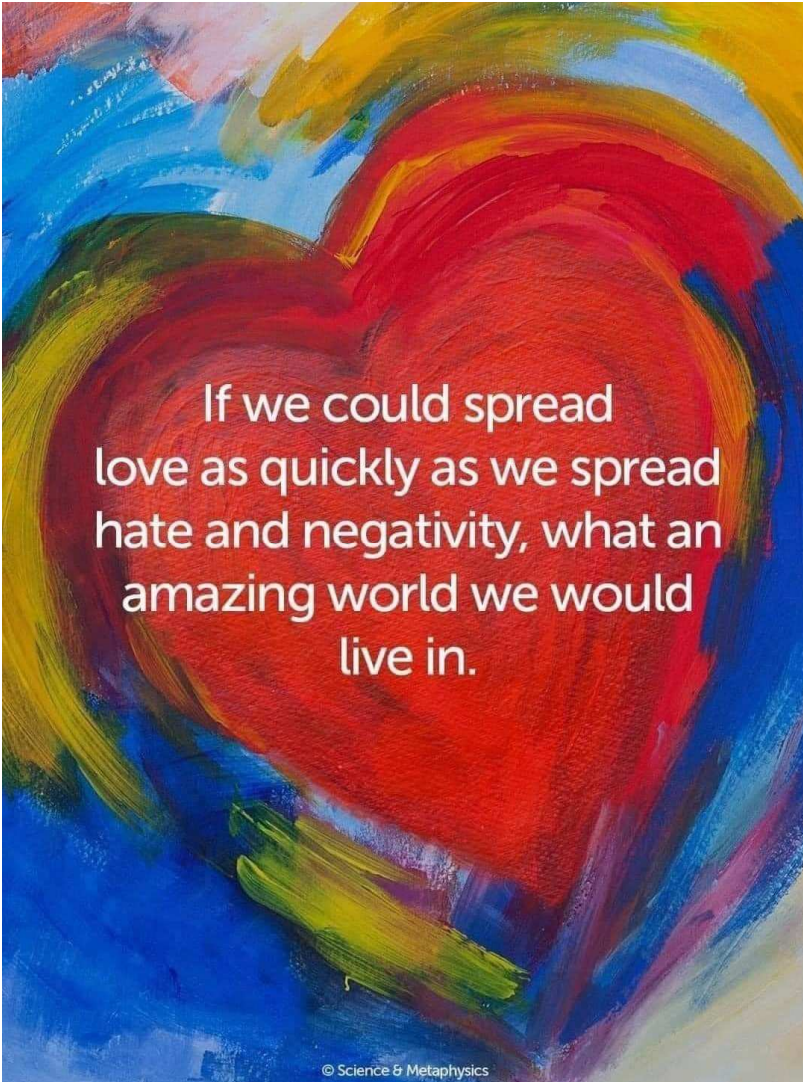
***As well as the Community Fridge at St Andrews,  
at the same time, there is also a REFILL STATION***

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!







If we could spread  
love as quickly as we spread  
hate and negativity, what an  
amazing world we would  
live in.

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**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER EDITION**

**September 15th**

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