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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,

November is upon us and with it Remembrance Sunday which often includes the following familiar words:

**'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'**

The Kohimah Epitaph. I did a little digging and found out some interesting facts about the epitaph. It derives from North East India where it is engraved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima. It is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958), and is thought to have been inspired by the epitaph written by Simonides of Ceos to honour the Greeks who fell at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480BC. It is a World War II War Cemetery.

Kohima is where the Japanese advance was halted and the cemetery is a memorial to the 1,420 soldiers, including 917 Sikh and Hindu combatants, who gave their all for our tomorrow.

This year as we approach this special day I find myself in desperate anguish over the senseless destruction of lives and livelihoods we witness on a daily basis in our lounges as fighting and conflict rages all over the globe. I don't know about you, but I can't bear to look anymore. I wonder what the fallen of World War II might have to say to us today?

Why are we so powerless at preventing this? Why are we so quick to strike or strike back? Why does fear – fear for our safety, fear of deprivation, fear of the other, fear of some ill defined loss – drive us so inexplicably into destructive behaviour that turns cities into rubble and indiscriminately maims and kills human life without a second glance never mind thought?

I wonder if it might just be that at the heart of our faith lies an event that we might have just maybe misread?

The Cross.

The accepted wisdom, for the most part, is that the Cross is God's way of dealing with our sin, our brokenness. God, who cannot bear to look upon sin, smites God's only Son in order to assuage God's wrath at our wilful disobedience. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who pays the price for our wrongdoing in his own blood and the deed is done. Even the sacrificial lambs slain in the Temple had a more dignified end than Jesus did.

If this is sanctioned violence in the full glare of the public eye then it is no wonder we have not found another way to deal with our disagreements and differences of opinion.

Here's the what if – the other way of looking at the cross.

What if the Cross is not God's idea but ours? What if Jesus' death is not demanded by God, but by us? After all, who was it that stood baying for that outcome before Pilate that fateful day? It wasn't God, it was us! We do that. Something beautiful, something different, someone who challenges our small thinking comes along and demonstrates, in all its beauty and glory what humanity is meant to be and we can't stand the contradiction so we do the only thing we know how – we obliterate it.

That, I put to you, is the reason Jesus died. We couldn't stand the contradiction. The challenge was just too great. It had to be done away with.

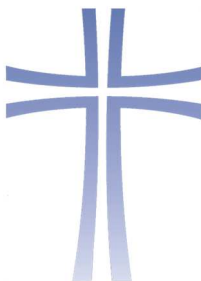
Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren and others have described Jesus death on the cross as the greatest act of non-violent love ever witnessed. The greatest act of non-violent love. Jesus does not lift a finger to defend himself even though he could have. Why?

Because the ultimate lesson of the Cross is simply this: Love NEVER dies!

So, what if that becomes the narrative rather than the previous one? Maybe, just maybe, I think, we'll find the answer we've been searching for.

Blessings,

Gavin



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.



In our prayers we remember



**Jean Atkinson, Anita Burton, Sue Conroy,
Helen and Ian Currington, Heather Derry, Judy and David Durrant, Pat Goadby,
Susan and Mervyn Halliday, 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,
Maureen and Paul Smith, Wendy Smith, Judy Stokes,
Brian Tjasink [*Angela Hancocks brother*], Elaine and Mike Tunbridge,
Con Wells, Pearl Willcox and Beryl Woodward**

We remember especially in our prayers

**The family and friends of Marjory Nash after her peaceful passing. Marjory died on
Saturday, 5th October, having recently made it to her 102nd birthday.**

The family and friends of Jill Moore, who died on 9th October

**May you know the comfort of God's abiding presence as you journey through the valley
and may Marjory and Jill rest in peace and rise in glory with us all on that last day.**



London Road friends
said farewell
to
Doreen Hadman
1933 - 2024
at a
celebration for her life
on
Tuesday 1st October

The service was led by Revd Dan Balsdon

Services in November

3 November

LR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30am	Communion
PG	Bob Boyce	10.30am	
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	

10 November

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

17 November

LR	Revd David Pitkeathly	10.30am	
PG	Ian George	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30am	Communion

24 November

LR	Ian George	10.30am	
PG	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Dan Balsdon	10.30am	

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 **Cornerstone Methodist Church** 
Seeking to follow Jesus in community, love and service

QUIET DAY

Join us for a Quiet Day at
CMC Partridge Green on:
Saturday 9th November

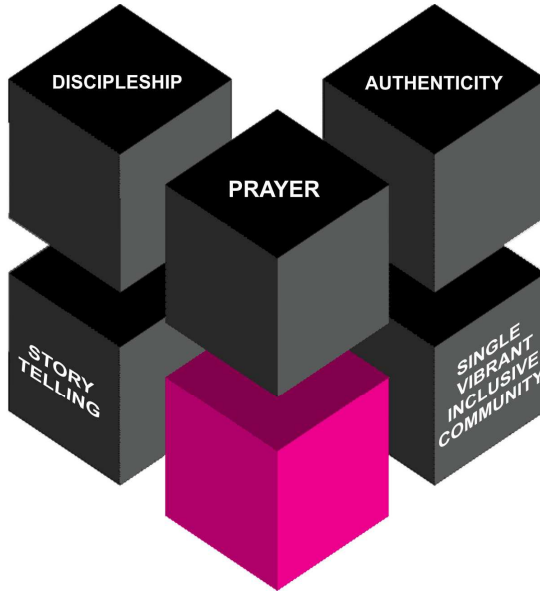
Time: 10am - 3pm

Theme: *Change My
Heart O God*

Lunch: *Bring Your Own*

*The Day will be led by Gavin. If you
have any transport needs, please call
him on 07880 528170*

YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE



Although Christ is our Cornerstone, those of you taking part agreed that the “**five stones**” around which our community is built are **prayer, storytelling, discipleship, authenticity and a single-vibrant-inclusive community.**

At your request to **continuing opportunities for open meetings** to share your thoughts about the future strategy of Cornerstone, a letter was sent out with the weekly mailing on 23rd September [*too late for inclusion in the September edition of Outlook*] for sessions in September, October and November, finishing on **Sunday 1st December**. You were very keen that **everyone has a chance to be heard**, so now **you** have been invited to a series of conversation opportunities to explore and refine these ideas further, and to work out prayerfully what these priorities mean for us.

We must all prayerfully consider **TWO BIG QUESTIONS** in the next few months:

What is ours to do ?

What must we lay aside in order to do that ?

See page 27 for the dates of the sessions



Audit of Property Keys at London Road and St Andrew's Chapels



Starting in October we will be conducting a thorough audit of all keys and keyholders for London Road and St Andrew's chapels. This is so we can ensure our records are updated as part of Cornerstone Methodist Church's ongoing security and safeguarding obligations. This will be for all members and users of the premises that have keys. If you have keys and you not longer have a role in the church that requires them then please pass them to David Casey at London Road and Vikki Mead at St Andrew's.

Thank you for your cooperation.

David Casey
Vikki Mead
David Gilbert

Do you have any unwanted board games sitting on a shelf upstairs?



Games and chat afternoon are looking for some more board games. Ideally these would be simplish games like rummikub, draughts or boggle, games that don't have too many rules!

We are also looking for games for 2 players, again, nothing too complicated.
We are only there for 2 hours!

If anyone from the Cornerstone congregations would like to come and help
[and play],
you would be welcome.

Please speak to Deacon Sarah or Valerie Cummings for games or help.



Worship In Song

At Cornerstone London Road

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

28th November

2.30-4pm

Cornerstone Methodist Church is a Registered Charity: 1134052

Christmas card exchange



- ★ The above will take place on
Sundays 8, 15 & 22
December 2024

Any donations received will go to support Karibuni Children

Dave & Judy Durrant

NOTE:

For those **not sending individual Christmas cards** but still wishing to send Christmas Greetings to friends at Cornerstone, a Christmas and New Year card will be available in **The Meeting Place** from late November for them to sign

Any donations received will go to support Karibuni Children

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Cornerstone London Road

Sunday 1st December 4pm Advent Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December 7pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle Service
Christmas Day 10am Christmas Morning Worship

Cornerstone St Andrews

Advent lunch and conversations from Wed 27th Nov 12 noon for 4 weeks
Thursday 19th December 7.30pm Blue Christmas (reflective service)
Sunday 22nd December 3pm Messy Nativity (Booking needed)
Christmas Eve 3pm Christmas Eve Family Fun
Christmas Day 10am Christmas Morning Worship

Cornerstone Partridge Green

Tuesday 3rd December 3pm Songs of Praise and Tea
Saturday 21st December 3pm Christmas Carols and Tea
Christmas Day 10am Christmas Morning Worship

Horsham Churches Together

Carols in the Carfax
with the Slinfold Concert Band

14th December
11.00am Festive Music
11.30am Carol Service
12.15pm Festive Music



WANTED!

Hands up if you have a nativity set that you bring out each year!

**Would you be willing to get it out of the cupboard early
and display it in the London Road Chapel?**

London Road Chapel are hosting a **Nativity Festival on Dec 14 and 15** and would love to display your family nativity sets as well as those made specially for the weekend from the Cornerstone community groups.

(Please see page 14)

Please tell any member of the events team at London Road
*Valerie Cummings, Carolyn King, Pauline Henshall, Mandy Bradley, Helen Currington,
Janet Woodford*
or email

cc@cornerstone-mc.org.uk

Cornerstone London Road Nativity Festival takes place

On Saturday 14th December - Open for viewings 12.00pm—4.00pm
Sunday 15th December - Afternoon Teas (Booking essential £5 each)

Messiah from Scratch

Come and Sing

Join us in singing the 1st section of
Handel's *Messiah* (the Christmas bits
plus Hallelujah Chorus)

14th December

2 o'clock for rehearsals

Afternoon tea, with sandwiches & cake

6 o'clock for performance

Reigate Methodist Church
53 High Street, Reigate
RH2 9AE

Come and help us
celebrate the new organ
as we prepare for

Christmas

Organist : Paul Leddington Wright

Conductor : Vicci Davidson

Soloists from the Bach Choir

For further information or to register interest, either as
a choir or an individual, please email

rev.vicci@mail.com



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church: IDOP 2024



'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.'

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Every November, Christians around the world come together to pray for the persecuted Church for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). This year that time falls on Sunday 3 November. We believe in the power of prayer to bring about change, knowing that where two or three are gathered, our Lord is in the midst.

Religious buildings are being destroyed. Leaders are imprisoned and even tortured. For some, just attending a service can be a deadly risk. And yet, when we go to church, or gather with friends to pray, it can be hard to imagine the dangers others face in order to do the same things as us.

You can join us online for the annual IDOP virtual event. This year, we will be sharing about one of the most closed, isolated, and repressive states in the world: North Korea.

Almost a year ago, credible reports emerged that over 500 North Korean refugees had been forcibly repatriated to North Korea from China. Most were civilians and many held religious beliefs. Those returned to North Korea frequently face torture, imprisonment, and in some cases even public execution. Those found to have had contact with Christians are known to face particularly harsh punishment.

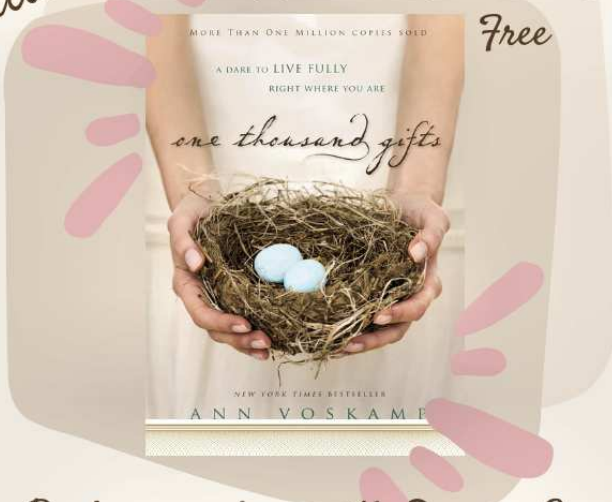
Praying for North Korea can sometimes feel impossible, given the gravity of the widespread human rights violations in the country. But we believe in a God who can move mountains, part oceans and — even more incredibly — move human hearts.

Find out more at csw.org.uk/NorthKorea

*Exploring
Gratitude*

*Monday evenings for 6 weeks from
4th November, 7.30-9pm, Cornerstone
Methodist Church at St Andrews,*

Free



*Book your place with Deacon Sarah
deacon@dhcircuit.org*

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Can you help us, please?

The events team, community connexion, are looking for some help for the Nativity Festival on the weekend of Dec 13, 14 and 15.

On the Friday, we would like help to move tables into the church and a few chairs out.

On the Sunday, we are hoping some people can stay after the morning service and help arrange the tables and chairs needed for afternoon tea.

We are also looking for volunteers to make scones and cakes for the tea. We are hosting for 40 people. Then we shall clear up on Monday. If you can help, please contact the team at cc@cornerstone-mc.org.uk or talk to Sarah.

Please watch out for the postcards coming soon and give them out to your friends and family. This is an event aimed at our local community.

Thank you

Toddler Group

London Road on Wednesdays

from 10.00am to 11.30am

St Andrews on Thursdays

from 9.30am to 11.30am



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.

London Road Toddler Group

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THANK YOU CORNERSTONE!

Our storage shed was reaching a ripe old age and we are pleased that we have been able to replace it this summer.

Thank you to Cornerstone for the financial contribution towards it!
Now our toys and equipment will be safe and dry.



The London Road Toddlers Group remain very busy on Wednesday mornings with attendances of 30 + children and their carers....

And a fun time is had by all. Extra pairs of hands would always be welcome

.... Speak to Jacki Reeves or Jane Casey to find out more!

CALENDAR
Partridge Green
November

- 1** Prayer Breakfast 8.00am *in Methodist Hall*
- 9** Quiet Day 10.00am - 3.00pm
- 12** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 14** Village Café 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 16** Christmas Shopping Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon
- 26** Open Door Club 2.30pm - 4.00pm

London Road

November

- 1** Friday Café 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 3** Sunday Lunch 12.30pm
- 5** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 6** Birthday Tea Party 3.00pm
- 6** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 8** Friday Café 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 8** Wednesday Club Anniversary meal
- 9** Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 12** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 12** Crafternoon 2.00pm
- 13** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 13** Games and Chat 2.00pm
- 15** Friday Café 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 16** Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 19** Tuesday Prayers 09.30am
- 20** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 20** Your Place at the Table 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 20** Wednesday Club 7.30pm
- 22** Friday Café 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 23** Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 26** Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
- 26** Crafternoon 2.00pm
- 27** Toddler Group 10.00am
- 27** Tea and Chat 2.30pm
- 28** Worship In Song 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 29** Friday Café 2.30pm - 5.30pm
- 30** Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am

St Andrews November

- 2 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 2 **Community Fridge and Refill Station** 10.00am - 11.00am
- 3 **Your Place at the Table** Sunday Breakfast at St Andrews 09.30am
- 4 **Movie Monday** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 5 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 5 **Horsham Matters Connecting Café** 11.30am—1.30pm
- 6 **The Café at St Andrews** 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 7 **Bright Stars** 9.30am
- 8 **Easy Movers** coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 11 **Movie Monday** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
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- 12 **Horsham Matters Connecting Café** 11.30am—1.30pm
- 13 **The Café at St Andrews** 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 14 **Bright Stars** 9.30am
- 15 **Easy Movers** coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 17 **Messy Church** 3.00pm to 5.00pm
- 18 **Movie Monday** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 19 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 19 **Horsham Matters Connecting Café** 11.30am—1.30pm
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- 27 **The Café at St Andrews** 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 28 **Bright Stars** 9.30am
- 28 **Quiet Book Group** 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- 29 **Easy Movers** coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon



Tanzania

In September 'Outlook' we were reminded of Disability Awareness Day and the compassion of Jesus who never turned away from anyone who came to Him in their desperate situations. In some countries, people with disabilities are given generous support which enables them to live a full life and even take part in challenging events like Marathons or Paralympics.

Sadly, disabled people in other countries have no recognition, but they are known by God who has inspired "ordinary" people to raise awareness of specific disabilities and work to develop a cure or treatment and make them available where there is no doctor. Suffering is made more acute by the effects of climate change or conflict plus the belief that disabilities are the result of a curse and people are either hidden away or abandoned by their families.

Christian missions, churches and charities are now working together to find these hidden treasures. Some hospitals train clinicians, preparing them to set up basic health centres in isolated places. Their training prepares them to diagnose and treat common illnesses and arrange for those with complicated conditions to see doctors. Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) was founded in the late 1940s (about the same time as the Flying Doctor Service in East Africa) and pilots fly their small planes in countries where roads are either impassable, dangerous, or non-existent. They can take a team of Eye Doctors to a clinic where many people have sight loss with equipment for a "pop-up" theatre. Within a few days, hundreds of patients have surgery for cataracts and other infections and causes of sight loss, providing glasses when needed. Other doctors were able to treat fistulas and conditions that rob women of their dignity. Planes can carry crutches, splints and even wheelchairs, designed for use on the rough tracks and footpaths around people's homes. Local people have the responsibility of preparing and maintaining the runway. All teams include an evangelist, who assists pastors who faithfully preach to the patients and their families during the time they are waiting for or recovering from treatment. Flights are arranged for patients who need urgent hospital treatment. In many ways God's inclusive love is shown to people who may feel forgotten.

In last winter's issue of Connection, Rev. Andrew Ashdown reported on his visit to the Methodist Churches in North West Tanzania. He accompanied Rev. Peter Kasulu on visits to some of the 50 churches in his widespread circuit (not all have buildings!). Rev. Ashdown met several disabled people who have received a "seed grant" donated by the British Methodist Mission Fund. This fund helps Rev. Kasulu to

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MISSION**

follow in the footsteps of Jesus. LUKE 4 v18-19; MATTHEW 25 v37-40. He and members of the churches welcome all people, and healing can begin as soon as people with disabilities find they are accepted and valued just as they are. The grant enables training in simple skills and tools appropriate for each individual. Attitudes towards them from their families and community have transformed their prospects and given them self-worth.

By providing Pascal with a “seed grant” and crutches he now supports his family by rearing chickens. Antonia has a daughter who is deaf and mentally disturbed, and she invested her grant into buying and then selling maize – the staple diet for most people. Hopefully this income will allow her daughter to see a doctor. Mayako sells sugar cane and with the profit he brought 7 chickens. He says, “people now treat me with respect now that I can feed and support myself”. With the added support of her church friends Laurencia has a micro-business producing and selling charcoal. Mariam, who walks 10km to church and back for Sunday services, also has a more hopeful future with her growing charcoal producing project. Victor is able to attend the local primary school now that he has a wheelchair, and his parents are using their seed grant to grow enough funds for Victor to progress to secondary school in a few years. Esther has 5 children and 4 of them are disabled by an inherited condition. Her husband abandoned them, believing them to be cursed. Without the church’s help they would have become homeless. Her “seed grant” has enabled her to set up a market stall selling maize, charcoal and bananas. Daniel suffered with TB when he was 12 years old leaving him disabled but he learnt how to repair things. His seed grant allowed him to purchase tools and set up a repair stall at the market and also construct his own small home to live in independently. Jennifer spent many weeks in hospital after a riot erupted near her market stall and she was injured by a stray bullet. Support from her church and a “seed grant” has enabled her to recover and care for her children again.

These, and many others, convey their gratitude to U.K. Methodists, and the Rev. Ashdown reports that there is a widespread need to expand this ministry. We can remember Rev. Peter Kasulu when we pray for the people of Tanzania on DAY 8 in our Prayer Handbook.

www.mwm.org.uk

Jenny Jackson for the Mission and Service Forum

“Think before you throw” or Tips from the Tip



“You’re taking Mum out for a trip to the tip and Ford prison? My word, you do live life...” remarked my daughter on hearing that the Traveller’s house group were to visit the Ford Materials Recycling Centre (MRF) near Arundel, followed by lunch at HM Prison (their café is called “Serving Thyme”).

There are about 400,000 households in West Sussex and the county council operating through Biffa, the waste management company, collects around 370,000 tonnes of material from us each year. Some 84,000 comes from the local recycling centres like Hop Oast in Horsham, the rest is kerb-side collections from our blue bins. West Sussex recycles 53.7% of all waste, which is higher than many local authorities (we are 37th in the rankings) but we can’t be complacent.

Dressed in yellow flak-jackets and red hard-hats, our group enjoyed a fact-crammed presentation in the MRF’s education unit, followed by a visit to the facility itself. Surprisingly noisy, fairly dusty but with little odour, this is a fascinating piece of engineering. You are amazed by the size and ingenuity of the multiple devices (mechanical, electrical, magnetic, air-blown) all connected by conveyor belts that sort the waste, going into a funnel at one end, into neatly packaged bundles at the other end – all ready for despatch to other plants for re-processing, re-manufacturing or export. Laid out on one level, the machinery would be as long as a football pitch but the engineers have folded it so it all fits into a relatively small warehouse building.

The MRF is a commercial operation. The products are segregated into different streams for selling on to more specialist recycling operators. Speed is of the essence. Cross-contamination of streams (e.g. mixing metal with cardboard or putting old VHS tapes in with other plastics) can cause machinery to stop and require cleaning or repair – leading to higher costs.

It's very important that we pre-sort and prepare our own waste properly. It's better if we squeeze empty plastic bottles and put the lid back on. The semi-flattened bottles are easier to detect at the MRF as a result. Make sure we don't dispose of lithium batteries carelessly (even discarded single-use vapes have them) and it's a fire hazard. Make sure cardboard is dry when you bin it as wet cardboard can foul up the machinery. Roll up scraps of silver foil into balls and put as much aluminium into waste as possible – it's very valuable as is the copper, silver, gold and other metals which can be recovered from small electrical appliances.

West Sussex CC are running an awareness campaign "Think before you throw" in schools and for the general public and we all need reminders of where we can safely dispose of items. Did you know that any shop selling batteries is legally required to collect old ones?

Our thanks to Gill Scott for organising the trip, which we all enjoyed and the café is to be recommended too – good food, reasonably priced.





VOLUNTEER FORUM

AN INVITATION TO SHARE WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH: FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, WISDOM AND EXPERIENCES, AS WELL AS TO GAIN VALUABLE INPUT FROM JON WHITE, LEARNING NETWORK ADVISER

IF YOU GIVE YOUR TIME TO THE CHURCH IN ANY WAY THIS IS FOR YOU

PLEASE RSVP TO DEACON SARAH BY THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE EACH ONE

**DEACON@DHCIRCUIT.ORG
07869802024**

SAT 19TH OCTOBER

SAT 18TH JANUARY

SAT 17TH MAY

EACH WILL BE FROM 10.30-2.30PM, LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

INFO ABOUT THE VENUES TBA

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LONDON ROAD

The Sunday Lunch at London Road 3 November 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).



WEDNESDAY CLUB

8th November

Anniversary Meal at the Roffey Institute

20th November

Film night

7.30pm in London Road Chapel lounge

Tea and Chat

Wednesday 27 November at 2.30 pm
Wednesday 18 December at 2.30pm

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

Sue Checkland and Liz Sear





CARE MISSION TEAM **Birthday Tea Party**

a combined Birthday Tea for
September, October and November
birthdays
will be held on

Wednesday 6th November
3pm

at Cornerstone London Road.

Invitations will be sent out shortly.



PARTRIDGE GREEN CHAPEL **Christmas Shopping Coffee** **Morning**

SATURDAY
16th November
10am to 12 noon





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 Alison James on 01403 711048.

Tuesday 12th November

Christmas Craft Afternoon with Angela Birch

Tuesday 26th November

German Holiday Highlights with Judy Smith

PARTRIDGE GREEN

VILLAGE CAFÉ

2.00pm - 5.00pm

14th November



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

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.

St ANDREWS

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



Your Place at the Table

Your opportunity to share your thoughts
about the future strategy of Cornerstone

Sunday 3rd November

Sunday Breakfast at St Andrews 09.30am

Wednesday 20th November

London Road 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 27th November

Evening ZOOM 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Sunday 1st December

Sunday Breakfast at St Andrews 09.30am



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

WHAT'S ON



Messy Church at Partridge Green

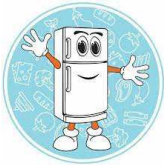
Thursday 31 October 10.30am-1.00pm.

Theme—'What is God Like?'



Messy Church at St Andrews

Sunday 17 November 3.00-5.00pm.



HORSHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE



**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 !

Thank you for your continuing support for the Foodbank. The tea have already started planning for Christmas and believe they will need to prepare at least 350 Christmas parcels for Horsham

District this year, so any seasonal contributions for these will be greatly appreciated.



Fund Raising: So far this year we have raised **£2191.10** from the Garden Party, the Rock Choir Concert and the Annual Tea Party. Many thanks who contributed to this great sum.

Christmas Coffee Morning: This will be on the **7th December** in Wesley Hall from 10 am – 12 noon. We so look forward to welcoming you again after last year's successful event. We shall be serving the usual delicious seasonal fare and come prepared to spend on a few stalls – books, craft and quality gifts. ***Donations by cash only please.***

2025: We have some events planned for next year the first will be a Rock Choir Concert in March.

And some National News

Right now, 4.3 million children live in poverty in the UK. Poverty can have numerous effects on children's physical and mental health. From affecting a family's ability to access essentials like food and heating, to making it harder to take part in activities like sports clubs or school trips. These factors can all influence a child's mental wellbeing and self-esteem. For children growing up in poverty, going without the things that others take for granted can contribute to increased anxiety or low mood.

Being part of a family in poverty can also have a negative effect on parents' mental health. It may make it harder for parents to control their mood or emotions, causing children to worry or feel sad seeing them upset. We understand the importance of good mental health. That's why we have thousands of frontline workers supporting children and their families every day. But we can only do this because of the generous support from people like you.



Horsham Churches Together

Friday 22nd November 2024

Carol singing at the switching on of Horsham town Christmas lights

As part of the switching on of the Christmas lights in Horsham town Centre, St Mary's Church Choir and St Mary's School Choir will be leading a carol singing walk from 5pm to 5:45pm, singing carols in the Causeway, Forum, West Street and Market Square. Everyone will have carol sheets to join in the singing. Afterwards, the lights on the Christmas tree in the Market Square will be switched on, and the Capitol's panto cast will perform festive songs. There will also be street food and late-night shopping. Then, at 7:30pm, the Trinity Church Players will be carol singing around the Christmas tree in Piries Place. Everyone is invited to take part, as we declare through song the good news of Jesus' birth.

Saturday 30th November 2024

Horsham Matters MERRY MELODIES

Music to get you in the Christmas spirit

30th November 2024

St Mary's Church, Causeway

Horsham 6.30pm

Tickets £12



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Bright Stars Toddler Group

£2 per
family

Thursdays
9.30 - 11.30am



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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

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

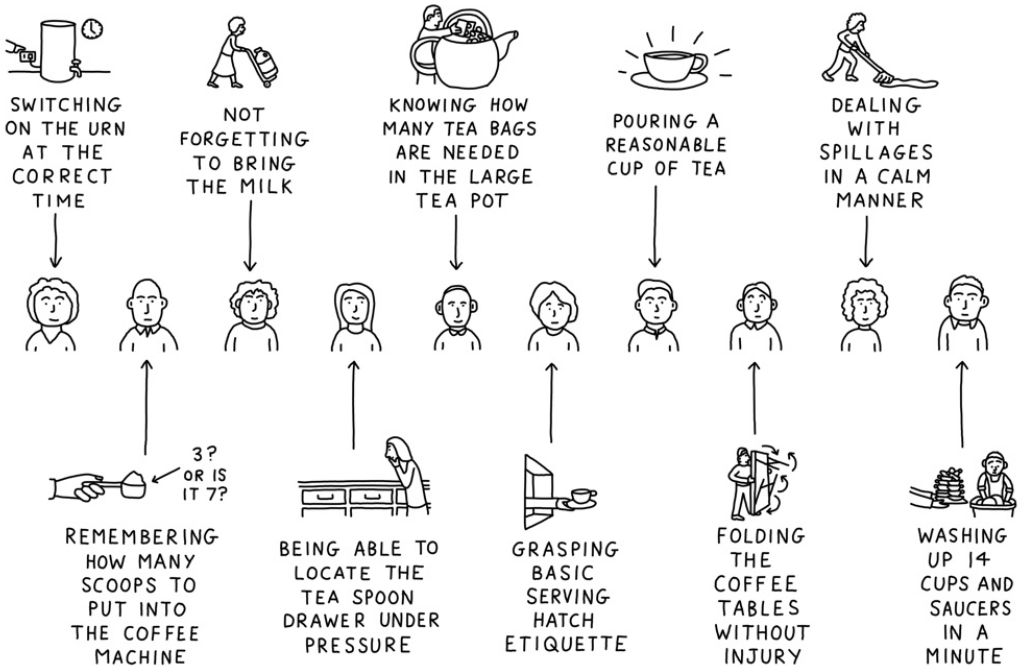
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SKILLS

GAINED OVER A LIFETIME OF CHURCHGOING



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DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY EDITION

November 17th

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