

February 2025

# Outlook

**Cornerstone Methodist Church**  
LONDON ROAD, HORSHAM -PARTRIDGE GREEN-ST ANDREW'S, ROFFEY

The monthly news for   
Cornerstone **Methodist Church**

*Embracing the worshipping communities at  
London Road Horsham, Partridge Green  
and St Andrew's Roffey*



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## *A Word from one of our Ministers*

Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this column we are a couple of days away from a very significant General Church Meeting. I am not here going to guess the outcome of that meeting or even suggest what I believe it should be. What I do wish to do, though, is share some thoughts that have come to me in the build up to our meeting.

Saturday past, 18<sup>th</sup> January, the reflection we used for Prayer Partners focused on the wedding in Cana, of Galilee, in John Chapter 2. In John's list of 'signs', as he calls them, this is the first 'act of power' Jesus performed. You will remember he turned the water into wine! Not just any wine, mind you. No, according to the Steward of the festivities, it was the best he'd ever tasted!

A rather odd way to demonstrate your power, don't you think? It's a bit excessive, isn't it, turning around 180 gallons of water into wine! And, that's after who knows how much everyone already has had to drink!

Think about that for a minute.

Here's a celebration of life and love and everything good and filled with hope about to run aground because someone got the calculation wrong regarding the provision of the wine. In a culture driven by hospitality an acute embarrassment was being stared in the face. This is going to be the wedding remembered, not for the beauty of the bride or the handsomeness of the groom. Nor the joy ceremony and the celebration of life it was. No, it was going to be remembered as the one where the wine ran out before the party had even really got started!

Well, Jesus had something to say about that – or at least his Mother did! Jesus, in deference to her, simply made it all happen!

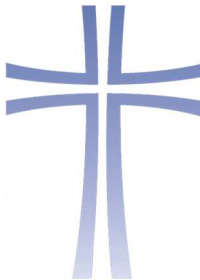
My question simply is what's the water in your life and mine, in our life together, we need Jesus to turn into the wine of celebration and new life?

Notice, though, that the answer to that question involves us in doing something. Something quite ridiculous, in fact. The servant was instructed to simply draw some water out of the jar and take it to the Steward. Really? Go give him some water to drink! Think I'll take a helmet with me because I know what's going to happen next! Oh! Hey, what now?!

Yes, imagine the surprise, the astonishment! Imagine the servant running back to the jar to go and see what has happened. Imagine the joy, and relief. Imagine the party that followed!

Imagine!

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.*



**Anita Burton, Sue Conroy, Helen and Ian Currington, Heather Derry,  
Susan and Mervyn Halliday, Jean Hayler, Fiona and Chris Holmes, Pauline Homewood,  
Joy and Ron Johnson, Barbara and Geoff Lunn, Phyllis Male (*Christine Dale's mum*),  
Margaret and John Moon, Rita and Ian Murray, Corrie Mould, Garry Poole,  
Liz and Jim Sear, Maureen and Paul Smith, Wendy Smith, Judy Stokes,  
Brian Tjasink [*Angela Hancocks brother*], Elaine and Mike Tunbridge, Con Wells,  
Pearl Willcox, Dave Wrighton and Tanya**



**Our thoughts are with  
Doug's wife Joan, Trefor, Bev and  
family  
on the passing of Trefor's father  
on 10 January 2025.**



**Our thoughts are with  
Mike's wife Lorna, Adrian, Iain and  
their families  
on the passing of  
Mike Manwaring  
on 11 January 2025.**

Mike and his wife Lorna  
celebrating  
their  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
last year at Tea and Chat







# SUNDAY SERVICES



## 2 February

LR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30am	Communion
PG	Clive Falla	10.30am	
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	

## 9 February

LR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	
PG	Revd Gavin Hancocks	11.00am	Communion
StAR	Jay Dunning	10.30am	

## 16 February

LR	Revd David Pitkeathly	10.30am	
PG	Bob Boyce	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Sue Conroy	10.30am	Communion

## 23 February

LR	Christine Lawley	10.30am	
PG	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30am	



**Worship In Song**

At Cornerstone London Road  
RH12 1AN

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

**27th February**  
**2.30-4pm**

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Horsham Churches Together - Carol service in the Carfax



## Valentine's Day Meal

Wesley Hall at Cornerstone London Road  
Saturday 15th February  
Three Course Meal, £20pp

Book your table to arrive between 6.30 and  
7.30pm

Tickets available from Jay or Deacon Sarah  
([deacon@dhcircuit.org](mailto:deacon@dhcircuit.org))

Fundraising for Cornerstone Community  
Mission Fund

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**the valentine's day meal is for everyone.**

**People can book a table for any size group - it is not just for couples!**



## Stationing Announcement

The Dorking & Horsham Circuit are pleased to announce that the Reverend Tony Cavanagh and his wife Mandy have accepted the invitation extended to them by the Dorking & Horsham Circuit Invitation Committee to become Superintendent Minister with Pastoral Charge of the Cornerstone Methodist Church in our Circuit. Tony will commence his appointment on the 1st September 2025.

This appointment includes the possibility of being appointed the Superintendent of the New Circuit that we are hoping will emerge from the conversations currently under way between the two Circuits [*Dorking and Horsham Circuit and Redhill and East Grinstead Circuit*]. Should that outcome be a positive one, Tony is prepared to become the Superintendent for the New Circuit and both Circuit Invitation Committees support that outcome.



Reverend Tony Cavanagh will be joining us from Poole Bay Methodist Circuit Bournemouth where he is Superintendent Minister.

He joined Poole Bay Methodist Circuit in September 2012 having previously been Superintendent of the former Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Circuit.

Originally from Newcastle Upon Tyne, he moved down South in 1986.

He is married to Mandy, who is a Primary School Teacher. They have three children – Tom, Jacob and Josh.

*NOTE: The above photograph was taken from the world wide web and it is not recent.*

## A testimony from Jenny Jackson

My early memories of church recall me to a dark, dismal place for solemn people called Christians. I was taught that Jesus only loved children, and I remember trying so hard because I wanted Him to love me. When I was 6 years old, my father joined the RAF and the following year, my mother took my brother and I to live in S E Devon, in railway carriages which had previously been holiday accommodation for all our relatives. The freedom of this simple life and the friendship of country folk (who never went to church, because there was not one) released me from the fear of not being good enough for God.

The unfolding beauty of His creation all around me drew out such a strong response of thankfulness that it seemed as if I was talking to Him – a natural way to pray. I began to trust Him as I learnt more about His love for me, even when I was not always good. I accepted Jesus as my Saviour, but I did not want to be identified as a Christian.

However, we could not remain in Devon forever and just as I reached my teens, we moved to Horsham. That meant Sundays in church again, but it was not so bad after all. It became routine and by the time we and our friends had our own families, life seemed to revolve around Church activities.

I was middle-aged when I was challenged by the question, “*You believe you are a Christian, but are you a disciple?*” Well! I knew Jesus had disciples who followed Him around and sat on hillsides while He taught them how to obey God’s laws and live in the way that pleased Him. I had thought I knew it all.

As I pondered the question and read the Bible for answers, I realised that disciples are students learning from their master. Jesus was training them to continue His work on earth after His death and resurrection. My childhood faith was just the beginning and needed to be built on.

So, this past 40 years of learning have revealed God’s inclusive love for all people who dwell on this wonderful earth He created. He trusts His disciples to be good stewards.

I enjoy the fellowship (i.e. friendship) of others at church on Sunday mornings and usually learn fresh truths about God as we listen and pray together.

December 2024



**WORLD**  
**MISSION**

## UGANDA

In a recent newsletter from Daniel, our mission partner in Uganda, he was reflecting on how complicated it has become for the majority of Ugandan Church Leaders to access any Theological education in languages they can understand. Daniel had been reading about John Wesley's men described as ....

“normal. people, some unable to read or write but all were given the chance when filled with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the Good News and build up the Kingdom of God “

Two thousand years ago this could have described those men who spent 3 years with Jesus as He prepared them to become Apostles to continue His ministry after His Ascension to Glory. As promised, they received the gift of the Holy Spirit and followed His command to take the Gospel message all over the world. Like Wesley's men , they could not keep the Good News to themselves.

After Saul's (Paul's) dramatic conversion, he spent 3 years with the Believers and Leaders in Damascus, learning the truth about the life , death and resurrection of Jesus, before being sent on Missionary journeys, in the company of another Leader and a younger trainee who could be left in ministry with new churches and continue a correspondence course with Paul. We have his letters to Timothy and others in our New Testaments.

In many nations , even now, Pastors lead similar lives to Wesley's men e.g. An ordained Minister in Zambia serves a circuit area with a radius of 80kms, where he walks between his 50 congregations (approx. 15 thousand members) on a regular basis. The training and teaching for those he appoints to lead churches for most of the year, will only be from his own understanding and hopefully he can supply them with a Bible in their language.

The Centre for the Study of Global Christianity estimates that 85% of Evangelical Church Leaders in Africa alone, have little or no understanding of the Bible. This has not hindered the rapid growth of the Church among nations in the Southern hemisphere. Linguists and Translators have painstakingly made God's word available in the world's major languages. MWM and other denominations opened

Theological Colleges and these have produced dedicated Leaders. There are now Methodist Bishops all over the world. Former student and Theologian, Bishop Philip , in Tanzania has said “Rooted in Christ I have gone about my life and ministry, whether that has been discipling my family, training students at college or with the 110 Churches in my diocese.”

Theological Education by Extension TEE has been developed as an alternative resource for Pastors without complete education to be included. Atypical Bible College syllabus is adapted for a Lecturer to teach these isolated Leaders in their home district. TEE reduces feelings of loneliness as there are opportunities for group discussion and prayer in addition to Bible study. After a week or two, students understand how to study the Bible for themselves and explain the message with greater assurance in their churches. This ‘small group’ training continues for about 3 years, without Pastors having to leave their families and with minimal expense.

The rapid advance of modern technology during recent years has impacted the Global Church in the 65% of the world where internet is available. Last year the ALL AFRICA TEE conference was held at the college in Kigali , Rwanda, where our MWM partner, Wendy, has lectured. It was agreed to adopt the on-line TEE model developed by the United Church of Zambia which addresses issues such as HIV/AIDS, gender based violence and climate change. TEE expands the Pastor’s knowledge of all the Bible teaches about God’s heart of love for mission in the world. The task of Bible translation has gathered speed and the Bible Society reports there are now printed Bibles in 700 languages. Christian radio broadcasts now have the capacity to reach most places where solar powered radios are available.

Worldwide there are many schools and colleges without the funds to buy computers or any IT items. Internet Cafes are well used in urban locations. A Methodist Church in a small town in the vast desert area of western South Africa has equipped an unused building into an IT Café. Students receive training and can then improve their education, learn skills to start a small business and teach others, and Church Leaders can gather for TEE on-line sessions. Rachel, our MWM member who teaches Theology at a Bible College in Sierra Leone, has arranged a partnership between this less well equipped College in Freetown and Cliff College near Derby. This is known as Theology X and encourages a cross-culture experience.



Visit [mwm.org.uk](http://mwm.org.uk)

Jenny Jackson

**Bronze Eco Church  
Award Certificate**

This is to certify that

**Partridge Green Methodist Church**

has won a Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas (as applicable):

Worship and Teaching  
Management of Buildings and Land  
Community and Global Engagement  
Lifestyle

Signed Andy Atkins Date 1 November 2024  
CEO, A Rocha UK



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Signed Andy Atkins Date 8 November 2024  
CEO, A Rocha UK



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## CALENDAR

### Partridge Green

#### February

- 1 **Prayer Breakfast** 8.00am at St Michael's
- 4 **Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 7 **The Bereavement Journey** 10.15am
- 13 **Village Café** 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 18 **Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 20 **Messy Church** 10.30am - 1.00pm
- 21 **The Bereavement Journey** 10.15am
- 28 **The Bereavement Journey** 10.15am

#### March

- 1 **Prayer Breakfast** 8.00am in the Hall

### London Road

#### February

- 2 **Sunday Lunch** 12.30pm
- 4 **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 5 **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 5 **Birthday Tea Party** 3.00pm
- 5 **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 7 **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 8 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 11 **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 11 **Crafternoon** 2.00pm
- 12 **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 12 **Games and Chat** 2.00pm
- 14 **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 15 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 18 **Tuesday Prayers** 09.30am
- 19 **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 19 **Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 21 **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 22 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 25 **Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 25 **Crafternoon** 2.00pm
- 26 **Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 26 **Tea and Chat** 2.30pm
- 27 **Worship in Song** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 28 **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm

## St Andrews February

- 1** Saturday Prayer Partners 9.30am
- 3** Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 4** Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 4** Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 5** The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 7** Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 8** Afternoon of Games with Pizza 4.00pm - 6.00m
- 10** Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 11** Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 11** Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 12** The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 14** Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 16** Messy Church 3.00pm to 5.00pm
- 17** Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 18** Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
- 18** Horsham Matters Connecting Café 11.30am—1.30pm
- 19** The Café at St Andrews 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 20** Friends Together Day 10.30am - 3.00pm *[BOOKING NECESSARY]*
- 21** Easy Movers coffee/chat exercise 10.30am to 12.00 noon
- 24** Movie Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 25** Prayers at Church 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
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## Put your cards on the table

...and come to the **Conversation Club** at St Andrews.

We've built up a core group of regulars from the Wednesday morning community cafe who are keen for deeper discussions about Life, the Universe and Everything.




New members are very welcome to join us - we start each session with a light lunch and catch-up chat where we get to know one another better, then we break out the church's "Conversations Against Mundanity" card packs as the launch point of our debates. As we share our individual interests and points of view, we often discover new and unusual outlooks on social issues. We gently come to a better understanding of ourselves and others as we explore memorable experiences from our own lives, applying different perspectives to them in a supportive and non-judgmental space.

Over the course of our first two terms we've learnt about one person's near-death experience and another's encounter with an angel. We've contemplated what role some of our earliest memories have played in shaping our personalities. We've considered whether time travel might ever be possible. We've put the world to rights in a dozen different ways when asked what one change we'd make to society, if that change could be guaranteed to succeed. Off the back of that we've shared recipes and book recommendations, and delved into the wisdom of great thinkers - from Douglas Adams to Mother Teresa. On the flip-side of the cards, we've also debated whether ham and pineapple on pizza should be declared a crime against humanity!

If you'd like to join in, please watch the weekly notices for dates in 2025 or contact Susan Halliday for more details.

Karen Broadribb.



December, January and  
February  
Birthday Teas

The next Birthday Tea event will be  
for the above 3 months  
and will be held on

**Wednesday 5th February**  
in the lounge at  
London Road.

Invitations will be sent out during  
January - please let us know  
if we don't have your date of birth  
on the database,  
but you would like to attend!

Apologies for any confusion!

# Sunshine and Showers

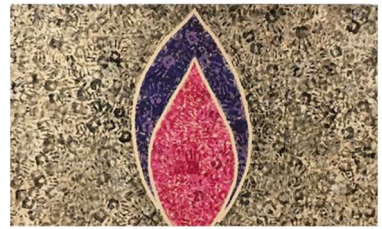
Two six-week courses exploring the paradoxes of prayer and the Bible



**Mondays from 3rd March with Sarah**  
**7.15pm for 7.30pm**  
**St Andrews [ Garden Room ]**

**Fridays from 7th March with Gavin**  
**10.15am for 10.30am**  
**London Road [ Lounge ]**

# Holocaust Memorial Day held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025



The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust encourages remembrance in a world scarred by prejudice and systematic, targeted persecution. We promoted and supported Holocaust Memorial Day – the international day on 27 January. The Holocaust is central to Holocaust Memorial Day and we remember the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust. We also commemorated the millions more people murdered through the Nazi persecution of other groups and in the more recent genocides recognised by the UK government, and the genocide in Darfur.

This Holocaust Memorial Day marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

The Holocaust threatened the fabric of civilisation, and discrimination and persecution must still be resisted every day. Our world often feels fragile and vulnerable and we cannot be complacent. Wherever it takes place, including in the UK, prejudice and the language of hatred must be challenged by us all.

Together we bear witness for communities who suffered attempted annihilation, and honour the survivors and all those whose lives were changed beyond recognition.

## What can we do?

Today, the language of division, fear and prejudice is all too common – both online and in person around the UK. Police figures from England and Wales show hate crimes have risen year on year, and organisations such as the Community Security Trust and Tell MAMA continue to document rising antisemitism (anti-Jewish hatred) and anti-Muslim hatred.

Anti-Gypsy, Roma and Traveller attitudes are prevalent, and members of the LGBTQI+ community continue to face hostile environments. Sexism, ageism, racism and disability discrimination are all forms of identity-based prejudice which need to be challenged.

We all have the power to make changes and take action to support those who face discrimination. From educating ourselves to better understand those who we perceive as different, to reporting hate crime if we see it, there are actions we can and must take to make our communities safer.

For more information, visit - <https://hmd.org.uk/>



## WEDNESDAY CLUB

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

**5th February**

**Quiz Night**

*please note the change of the published programme*

**19 February**

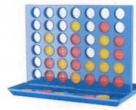


**“Life in Hong Kong”**

Wendy & Ivan Luk share their first hand experiences

For more information please contact Liz Sear, Ann Williams or Angela Bramhill

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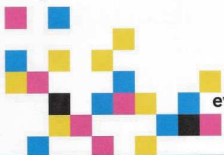
**JOIN US FOR AN**

**AFTERNOON OF  
GAMES WITH PIZZA**

**4-6 PM**

**SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Cornerstone St Andrews  
Crawley Road, Horsham**



To book:  
QR code or email:  
[events@cornerstone-  
mc.org.uk](mailto:events@cornerstone-mc.org.uk)

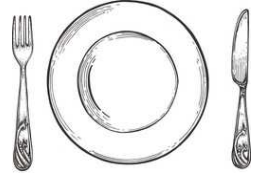
# The Sunday Lunch at London Road

## 2nd February and 2nd March

### at 12.30pm

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

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



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## Toddler Group

London Road on Wednesdays  
from 10.00am to 11.30am



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

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## Tea and Chat

### Wednesday 26th February at 2.30pm

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

Sue Checkland and Liz Sear

## All welcome.



## PARTRIDGE GREEN

### OPEN DOOR

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

For further information  
contact Alison James on 01403 711048.

**Tuesday 4th February**

**Tuesday 18th February**



This is a club where people can meet and make friends while enjoying a cup of tea and cake. Some Optional activities/table games will be available. There will be the occasional speaker or entertainment. We meet alternate Tuesday's and there is a £2 charge. For more information contact Margaret 01403 541736

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## VILLAGE CAFÉ

**2.00pm - 5.00pm**  
**13th February**



The Village Café meets takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday after-  
noon 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

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**Partridge Green**

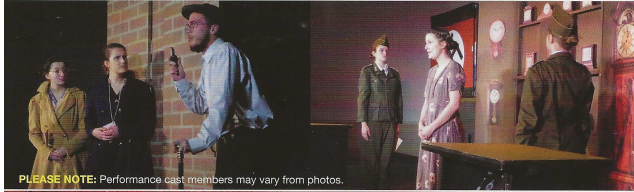
**Songs of Praise Thursday 20th March at 3.00pm**

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# THE HIDING PLACE

THE CORRIE TEN BOOM STORY



PLEASE NOTE: Performance cast members may vary from photos.

Horsham United Reformed Church, Springfield Road

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 7.30 performance

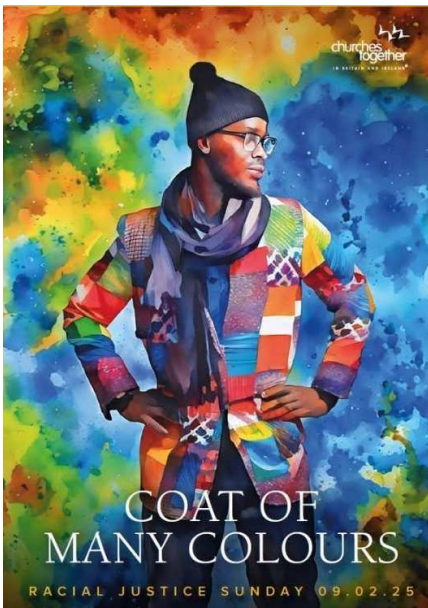
Tickets are £13.50 per person, three ways to purchase a ticket:-

card online <https://oddmments-theatre.co.uk/book-your-tickets-here/>  
cheque or cash – email [secretary@horshamurc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@horshamurc.org.uk) for details

Tickets available at [www.oddmments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddmments-theatre.co.uk)

'The Hiding Place', a riveting Second World War true story of a Christian woman, in Holland, called Corrie ten Boom. Corrie felt she couldn't just watch the devastating circumstances that the Jewish people were in, so she acted and set out on an incredible rescue mission.

SHOW NOW ENTERING IT'S THIRD YEAR OF TOURING



## Racial Justice Sunday

### 9th February

**The new Morrison shop** at the corner of Springfield Road and London Road has made me recall memories of my youth.  
*(No comments please).*

In the late 1950's whilst still at school, I used to try and find a job during the holidays to pass the time and earn a little pocket money. One year a neighbour of my parents suggested I could help out at a grocers in Bradford where their son had helped. I went for an interview at the Bradford shop and was taken on. I initially worked in that shop, a business owner by Hilda, the wife of William who had recently passed away; she was a bit of a dragon, and managed the market stall in nearby Rawson Market. Because I was young I was sent down the road with the extra goods she was running short of. Although she swore like a trooper to the other older staff, I was not sworn at and she was very nice to me. Hilda left the running of the business in the hands of her son Ken.

The company had been founded in 1899 initially as an egg and butter merchant in Bradford. When Ken took over in 1952, he was soon joined by brothers-in-law Ken Blundell and Keith Naylor . *(It was Ken Blundell that interviewed me).*

I moved from the shop to a wooden warehouse in Thornton Road, Bradford, where we took in all the commercial deliveries and from where we delivered to the shops in Bradford and Leeds.

It was a back breaking task stacking all the boxes manually. Sometimes deliveries to the warehouse were late arriving and we had to work until the task had been completed. On a few occasions Ken called in and helped us unload and stack the large boxes of tins, bottles etc. enthusiastically climbing up the stacks of boxes with sleeves rolled up .

It was on one of these occasions that Ken offered to give me a lift home and, as we left the warehouse, he pointed to the old Victoria cinema just a short distance away and said that he had bought it and was going to turn it into a supermarket. I remember very clearly asking him " what is a supermarket ? " . There weren't any supermarkets, as such, in those days. So, in 1956 Morrisons opened their first supermarket "Victoria" in Thornton Road, Bradford.



Ken, a modest man, always refused to take credit for the company's success over the years and, in 1967, changed its name to -  
Wm Morrison Supermarkets Ltd.



# The Methodist Church

## The Lent Campaign



In the wilderness, Jesus reminded us that people  
don't live by bread alone.

Our Lent 2025 campaign is called *Soul Food*.

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A prayer found in St Mary's Church newsletter and submitted by Sandra Artes

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules **THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS**  
To welcome the refugee,  
To heal a broken planet,  
To feed the hungry,  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear  
To share our gifts,  
To seek justice and peace for all people  
To bring Christ's light to the world

Michael Dougherty

# Wesley Toddler Group

says

## THANK YOU!

to all their friends from Cornerstone's 'Share the Story'  
team

and, of course,  
to **Santa!**



for making their Christmas party

(38 children with their carers!) quite special!

Action for  
Children

Firstly our thanks to those who coped with the "Winnie the Pooh Day" to come to our Christmas Coffee Morning in December. We were delighted with the result for the funds - **£510.75** - (without Gift Aid this would have been £458, quite a difference). I have been in touch with Action for Children to ask if the Gift Aid envelope can be less complicated to fill in, and they have promised to look into this.

The total, with your help, that we have raised during 2024, was £29927.08 - quite an achievement. Thank you.

Our first event for 2025 will be a Rock Choir Coffee Concert on the 22 March. Full details to come soon.

Audrey Coventry



## CRAFTERNOON

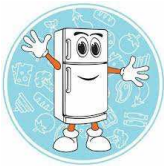
We meet at London Road  
on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month  
from 2.00pm- 4.00pm

*Please bring your own craft or learn a new one*

Messy Church at St Andrews  
Sunday 16th February 3.00pm-5.00pm.



Messy Church at Partridge Green  
Thursday 20th February 10.30am-1.00pm.  
Theme—'What is God Like?'



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

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

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

***opens every Tuesday Morning from 10.00am to 11.00am  
during which time refreshments are served  
and***

***every Thursday Afternoon from 1.00pm to 2.00pm  
where refreshments are served from 12.15pm***

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

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

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

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

Thank you!

***Please bring a bag !***

# Easy Movers

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

Exercises 11.15-12

£4 per person

With qualified  
instructor



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

For information call  
or text Sarah on  
07869802024

Cornerstone Methodist  
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## Friday Cafe

at Cornerstone London Road



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

Fridays 2.30-4.30pm

## All Welcome

Cornerstone Methodist Church is a Registered Charity: 1134052



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

Spoil yourself with homemade cakes and  
freshly made tea and coffee

All are welcome

Come and be part of the community

We are members of the Chatty Café scheme



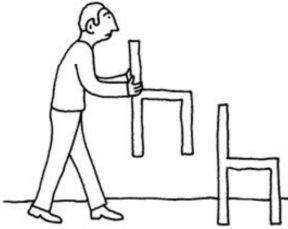
**MOVIE MONDAYS**  
AT ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH

MONDAYS	FREE ENTRY, REFRESHMENTS BY DONATION	2-4PM
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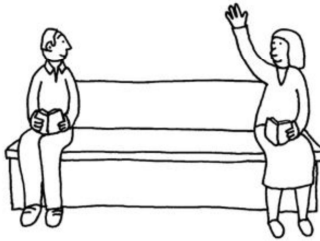
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## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

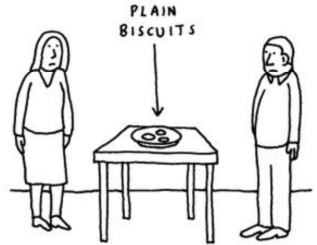
HOW THE CHURCH CAN HELP



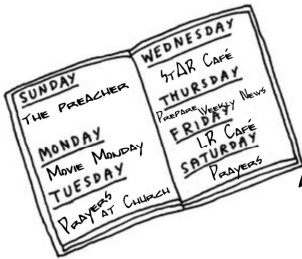
EXERCISE



MEETING NEW PEOPLE



HEALTHY EATING



GETTING ORGANISED

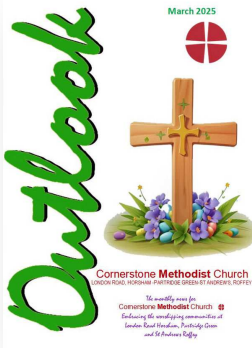
AT THE CC WE'LL DISCUSS LR, STAR AND PG AS WELL AS DHC WITH R&EGC AND THERE ARE LETTERS FROM THE LDC, MC, CIC, CLT AND HCT



LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES

## DEADLINE FOR MARCH EDITION



### February 16th

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