

Outlook

March 2025



Cornerstone
Methodist Church

seeking to follow Jesus in community, love and service

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

By the time you read this, we will be on the cusp of the month of March, daffodils might be blooming in the garden and I do hope that Spring might be in the air after what feels like a fairly long and cold Winter!

Our meeting in January provoked some challenging responses, and there was somewhat of a sense of doom and gloom in the air, rather than any hope of Spring. I want to remind you that we are a Resurrection people, that Jesus conquered death, and that we have much to celebrate in our lives of faith. When Jesus spoke, he never promised his followers that life would be easy as disciples, and in fact, he warned them that it would be tough – but he did say that the Spirit, the Counsellor and Comforter, would be with them – and with us. As a congregation, we have many within our number who have been through great trials in life: difficult diagnoses, tragedy, bereavement, broken relationships, hardships of various kinds over long lives. Many of us who have been through such things would testify that our faith has kept us going, that the comfort that we have gleaned through knowing God, through Jesus walking alongside us, has been what has made the difference. Let's never forget that – Jesus is alongside us in whatever we are facing, whether as individuals or as church, the body of Christ in this place.

Jesus often asks those who are helped in his miracles to step forward: the haemorrhaging woman is asked to identify herself, and the crippled man is invited to take up his mat and walk, for example. Even in a joke that I shared at a PG Songs of Praise, the man who prayed to win the lottery is, after many disappointing weeks, told that he must buy the ticket! Jesus invites us to own the work and not sit back and wait for things to happen, as if by magic. They don't. We are invited to step forward in

As I shared at the January Church Meeting, our combined commitment to church growth has to be fundamental to everything that we seek to do here in God's name. No fancy building project will get the go ahead without a sound growth plan, and a new building that stands empty after the work is done is no use to the Kingdom. Can we change our narrative? Can we look beyond ourselves? ***Can we commit to growing the Kingdom of God, using Cornerstone as the vehicle?*** Can we recognise that that is what God asks us to own – that perhaps we are thinking a little too small? Growing Cornerstone is good as an aim, but growing the KINGDOM might be more inspirational!

It starts here: come and take part in opportunities to grow our community and to grow in discipleship through Lent: Monday evenings (St A), Wednesday lunchtimes (St A), Friday mornings (LRd). Look for the notices, check your diaries, ask questions! Pray. Come to one of the Cafes and have a conversation over coffee with new friends. Watch out for the notices upcoming about Church Film Nights where we will watch a faith-based film together and discuss it over a meal. Consider joining the Mission and Service Forum. Talk with me about Circle Theory of growth – ask me to come to your house group to share about it further, perhaps.....

Finally, next year will be the 250th anniversary of the earliest Methodist meetings in Horsham – let's plan a celebratory year, where we can connect with each other, our heritage, our unique approach to a life of faith, and with the community around us so that all of Horsham and Partridge Green has heard of the people called Methodist by the end of 2026!

Deacon Sarah 17.2.25



***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.***



Clare & Chris Benton [*Sue Benton's family*], Anita Burton, Sue Conroy,
Helen and Ian Currington, Heather Derry, Sue and Brian Frogley,
Susan and Mervyn Halliday, Jean Hayler, Fiona and Chris Holmes, Pauline Homewood,
Joy and Ron Johnson, Barbara and Geoff Lunn, Margaret and John Moon,
Rita and Ian Murray, Garry Poole, Ray Reeves, 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
Christine and John Dale and the wider family
on the passing of Christine's mother Phyllis Male

on 6 February 2025.



CARE MISSION TEAM **Birthday Tea Party**

a Birthday Tea for
March birthdays
will be held on

Wednesday 5th March
3pm
at the Manse

Invitations will be sent out shortly.

SUNDAY SERVICES



2 March

LR	Revd Sue Conroy	10.30am	Communion
PG	Clive Falla	10.30am	
StAR	Ian George	10.30am	

9 March

LR	Christine Lawley	10.30am	
PG	St Michaels	11.00am	
StAR	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly	10.30am	

16 March

LR	Jay Dunning	10.30am	
PG	Rob Pitt	10.30am	
StAR	Revd Gavin Hancocks	10.30am	Communion

23 March

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

30 March

LR	Revd Gavin Hancocks		
PG	Deacon Sarah Pitkeathly		
StAR	Revd Chrissie Millwood		

Lent Around The Table

***Community Meal
for Lent - Conversations
and Food***

***Cornerstone Methodist
Church at St Andrews***

***Mondays 5.30-7pm
6 weeks starting on 3rd of
March***

***Booking required
Email deacon@dhcircuit.org***

£4 suggested donation

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My Testimony

Deacon Sarah

There has never been a “crash, bang, wallop” kind of moment in my life where God has revealed something awe-inspiring or amazing, but there has been a quiet and growing sense of God being alongside me in my life for many years now. I want to encourage you, if that is also your experience, that our stories are just as worth sharing as those who have more dramatic conversion or encounter stories.

I grew up in the Church of England, although my mother came from a Baptist background and my father’s family were Methodists for many generations. The local church in the village was where we worshipped, and I remember Sunday school there, as well as being asked to read the lesson and being an altar server eventually.

My real personal commitment to God through Jesus didn’t become real until I was in my middle teens, when going to church and the words we spoke really began to mean something. By the time I went to university, I was hungry to know more, to experience more and to be with people who knew Jesus more closely. Thank goodness for the little cell groups that met in my hall of residence, and for the Christian Union Friday nights, and for the new Christian friends that I met as I studied for a theology degree.

Unfortunately, by the time I finished that degree, in 1995, I had lost that sense of wonder and closeness with God, and I felt that I had spent so much time studying God and what people said, thought, understood etc about God, that I had lost sight of God. I spent a few years then away from the church, and probably away from God, until a good friend invited me to her church, and the whole family went along. It was a wonderful step back into my life of faith, and my relationship with God was rekindled. Of course, God had been there all along!

God surprises me often with what I call God-incidences and I am writing this today, having just this morning coming across the gratitude journal that I was keeping in 2010 when I cautiously sent an email to my Superintendent asking for a conversation about a Note to Preach. Instead of inviting me to chat, he sent the Note straight back by email and invited me to the next LP meeting! I only found out about my father’s Methodist roots when I told him what I had done. My route to ministry and ordination has been winding and somewhat slow, but I am content to say that God has been in every part of it, and that God has guided the path so that the experiences I have had along the way have been valuable teaching for me.

My “faith picture” is that of a rollercoaster, because whatever happens in this life, I am secure in the knowledge that I am strapped in safe and secure by Jesus, and that through all the twists and turns, the highs and the lows, God is there, and I am known and loved, just as you are.

DORKING AND HORSHAM CIRCUIT (36/10) PLAN :

	MARCH					APRIL					MAY				
	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		
Leatherhead StF	10:30 Early Bird	Wild S	Scrivens S	George	Forecast	Pitt	Frost	Hinchliffe S	Balsdon	Wild	D Pitkeathly	Balsdon S + GCM	Hancocks		
Cobham UC	09:00 Early Bird					Early Bird				Early Bird					
R&S StF MP Sof1&2	10:30 Thornion	Hancocks S	Gibb	Lawley	Gerhold	Crawford	Forecast S	George	Dunning	Sinclair	Balsdon S + AGM	Walls	Plumpton		
Effingham StF	10:00 Forecast S	Boyce		Wild	US @ Parish	George	D Pitkeathly S	Frost	US @ LMC	Balsdon S	George	US @ LMC	Bramhill		
H&P StF1&2	10:30 Conroy S	Lawley P	Dunning	S Pitkeathly	Hancocks	Hancocks S	S Pitkeathly	Boyce	Lawley CW	Hancocks S	US @ STAR	Falla	Conroy		
Connerstone London Road StF	18:30 H&P StF1&2														
Connerstone Partridge Green StF HP StF1&2	10:30 Falla	@ St Michael's 11:00	Pitt	Hancocks S	S Pitkeathly	Conroy	Hancocks S	S Pitkeathly	Millwood	George	Hancocks S	Frost	S Pitkeathly		
Connerstone St	10:30 George	S Pitkeathly	Hancocks S	Conroy	Millwood	S Pitkeathly	Falla	Hancocks S	Conroy	S Pitkeathly	Conroy US	Hancocks S	Lawley		
	15:00		Messy Church									Messy Church			

Key Abbreviations:

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

	MARCH			APRIL			MAY		
	5th AW	20th	27th	17th MT	18th GF	19th	22nd		
Leatherhead					9am				
Cobham				12 Noon	5pm Walk				
Effingham					6pm Service				
Connerstone - LR	@ URC 7:30pm		Worship in song 2:30pm	Tenebrae with URC & B8B 7:30pm	10am		Worship in Song 2:30pm		
Connerstone - PG	@ St Michael's	Songs of Praise 3pm			Walk & Service 2pm				
Connerstone - STAR	@ URC 7:30pm			Tenebrae with URC & B8B 7:30pm at LR	3pm	Messy Church 3pm			

Cornerstone Methodist Church

Mondays 7.30-9pm
at Cornerstone St Andrews
Fridays 10.30-12 noon
at Cornerstone London Road



Sunshine
and
showers | **Prayer's
beautiful
messiness**

For 6 weeks starting 7/3/25
Arrive 15 minutes early for refreshments

Contact:
St Andrews: Deacon Sarah
deacon@dhcircuit.org
London Road: Revd Gavin
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WORLD MISSION

The Leprosy Mission

In 2024, the Leprosy Mission celebrated 150 years since Wellesley Bailey founded what became this global charity, serving millions of leprosy sufferers. Wellesley and his wife, Alice, were brought up during the years of potato famine in Ireland. Whilst on a journey to visit his brother in India, he attended a church service during which he heard God speak to him. Later he knew that God had called him for missionary service, and he joined a missionary who taught literacy in schools in North India. He was taken to a leprosy colony where he saw firsthand the devastating effects of the disease. He wrote, "If ever there was a Christ-like work in the world, it was to go amongst these poor sufferers and bring them the consolation of the gospel." There was no cure for this cruel illness which brought fever, horror and isolation as the disease progressed and caused disfigured faces, clawed hands, crippled feet and blindness. Methodist missionary Mary Reed from the USA lived with a colony of about 500 affected by leprosy in North India for 5 years before becoming a sufferer herself. She then devoted the rest of her life to caring for them.

During a return visit to Ireland, Wellesley talked about his deep concern for and the needs of these outcasts. As a result, he and Alice were assured of prayer and financial support and commissioned to continue and extend their efforts to restore dignity for these hopeless people. Within a few months, £600 was raised and TLM was founded. Thereafter, £900 was donated annually, which provided care for 100 sufferers each year.

Wellesley and Alice travelled widely to raise awareness of the work of TLM and in 1896, the first mission centre outside India was opened by them at Mandalay in Burma. When they retired in 1917, TLM was operating 87 programmes in 12 countries, describing the work as "a mission born and cradled in prayer." Supporters of TLM faithfully continue to pray. A prayer diary and "New Day" magazine are distributed 3 times a year.

In the 1950s Rev Eddie Askew and orthopaedic surgeon Dr Paul Brand worked together at Purulia Leprosy Hospital in West Bengal, India. Dr Brand's research work revealed that the basic cause of the disfigurements were loss of feeling in damaged tendons and loss of function in the surface nerve system. Knowing this, he was able to develop the tendon transfer technique, whereby one useful tendon in the arm is split into five and connected to each finger to restore full use of the hand. Dr Brand trained others to perform this delicate surgery, which is followed by several weeks with the hand in plaster as patients rest and allow sensation to return. Physiotherapy is needed to encourage the tendons to relearn movement.

Education for staff and patients played a key role at Purulia. Protective shoes are designed to prevent ulcers and handling devices to prevent burns are provided to enable normal activities to continue without further injury.

Research continued to try to find a cure, and in 1981, the World Health Organisation approved the use of a multi-drug therapy [MDT] combining three drugs, giving the benefits of no side effects or possible drug resistance. This treatment was expensive, but TLM supporters agreed to increase donations so that MDT could be prescribed in the 12 countries for which it is responsible. Another 20 countries where leprosy is endemic are cared for by other missions.

MDT is provided by Novartis, which had one of its research bases in Horsham on the site of the former CIBA laboratories. Since 2000, Novartis has supplied MDT free of charge.

Trained medical teams now concentrate on finding new cases before leprosy becomes obvious and causes disability. After care and rehabilitation continue for those who have long term needs.

Well-equipped mobile teams travel to places where leprosy is known to flourish. For example, the tea plantations of Bangladesh where hundreds of women are employed: overcrowded homes, poor diet, bad sanitation and a humid climate all weaken the immune system and allow infection to spread. Teams include a doctor who can prescribe MDT and treat ulcers and arrange for serious cases to be admitted to hospital for surgery, or amputation followed by the fitting of a prosthetic limb, and aftercare. Health workers educate local trainees to recognise the onset of leprosy and prevent further development. Teams include mental health care professionals who also carry out training.

Bangladesh, Nigeria, Myanmar, Mozambique and other countries where teams work are on the watchlist of the most dangerous countries in which to be Christian. Conflict and local unrest add to the suffering. TLM set up “hubs of hope” and focus on education and training. This can include the use of modern technology which allows contact with doctors when teams have moved on to other areas. The only leprosy hospital in Sudan closed when conflict escalated, and Dr Seela left with her family to go to Ethiopia. TLM teams work in overcrowded slum areas near Addis Ababa where they also try to provide clean water, better diets and improved sanitation.

TLM supporters funded the building of the first school for nurses in India which opened in September 2024 with an intake of 60 students, due to graduate as leprosy nurses in 4 years: by then 240 students will be in training.

Local supporters, Pauline and Ian, joined a sponsored “Trek for treatment” in Nepal, starting from Anandaban hospital and Research Centre. They raised £4000 towards the group total of £42000 on the 9-day Himalayan trek.

International Zero Waste Day



This day (sponsored by the United Nations) is observed annually to: raise awareness of zero-waste initiatives at all levels and their crucial role in achieving sustainable development.

enhance waste management practices worldwide and promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Background:

- Humanity's unsustainable production and consumption practices are driving the planet towards destruction, while global waste management services remain ill-equipped to handle this crisis.
- Waste pollution significantly threatens well-being and economic prosperity, accelerating the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution.
- Every year, humanity generates between 2.1 billion and 2.3 billion tonnes of municipal solid waste – from packaging and electronics to plastics and food – of which only 55% is managed in controlled facilities. By 2050, municipal solid waste generation is projected to balloon to 3.8 billion tonnes per year.
- Approximately 2.7 billion people lack access to waste collection, with 2 billion of them living in rural areas.
- To solve the waste crisis, humanity must treat waste as a resource, which entails reducing waste generation and following the lifecycle approach.
- Resources should be reused or recovered as much as possible, and products should be designed to be durable and require fewer, low-impact materials. Upstream solutions like these can minimize pollution of air, land, and water, and decrease the extraction of precious and limited natural resources.
- Achieving zero-waste societies requires action at all levels from all stakeholders. Consumers can change consumption habits and reuse and repair products as much as possible before properly disposing of them. Governments, communities, industries and other stakeholders must improve financing and policymaking, especially as the waste crisis disproportionately impacts the marginalized, urban poor, women and youth.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/zero-waste-day>

Ecochurch at Cornerstone



Cornerstone is proud to announce that all three chapels have now achieved a Bronze award.

What does that mean?

Ecochurch is a scheme run by **A Rocha UK** - a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

A Rocha have created a survey which provides a framework to support our church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. The survey will help us 'go green' in all areas of our church life.

There are five sections to the survey

Worship and teaching
Buildings and Energy
Land and nature
Community and Global engagement - Lifestyle

In order to continue our **Ecochurch** journey each chapel will need to work on the Buildings and Energy and Land and Nature surveys. It will be possible for the three chapels to work on the other three sections together.

There is a wealth of helpful resources available on A Rocha's website. Anyone can join the team and access these resources.

The scheme offers an important way to celebrate achievements and, most importantly, to give ideas and advice on how to respond faithfully to the climate and nature crises.

More volunteers are needed to join the team. What can you do?

CALENDAR
March
Partridge Green

- 1 Prayer Breakfast** 8.00am
- 4 Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 6 Lent Lunch** 12.30pm
- 13 Lent Lunch** 12.30pm
- 13 Village Café** 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 18 Open Door Club** 2.30pm - 4.00pm
- 20 Lent Lunch** 12.30pm
- 20 Songs of Praise** 3.00pm
- 27 Lent Lunch** 12.30pm
- 29 Quiet Day** 10.00am - 4.00pm

London Road

- 2 Sunday Lunch** 12.30pm
- 4 Tuesday Prayers** 9.30am
- 4 Pancakes** 10.00am - 11.00am
- 5 Toddler Group** 10.00am
- 5 Birthday Tea Party** 3.00pm
- 5 Wednesday Club** 7.30pm
- 7 Sunshine & Showers** 10.15am -12noon
- 7 Lent Lunch *Meeting Place*** 12.00pm - 1.00pm *Christian Aid*
- 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 Sunshine & Showers** 10.15am -12noon
- 14 Lent Lunch *Meeting Place*** 12.00pm - 1.00pm *Christian Aid*
- 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 Sunshine & Showers** 10.15am -12noon
- 21 Lent Lunch *Meeting Place*** 12.00pm - 1.00pm *Christian Aid*
- 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 **Sunshine & Showers** 10.15am -12noon
- 28 **Lent Lunch *Meeting Place*** 12.00pm - 1.00pm *Christian Aid*
- 28 **Friday Café** 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- 29 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am

St Andrews

- 1 **Saturday Prayer Partners** 9.30am
- 3 **Movie Monday** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 3 **Lent around the table** 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- 3 **Sunshine & Showers** 7.15pm - 9.00pm
- 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
- 10 **Movie Monday** 2.00pm - 4.00pm
- 10 **Lent around the table** 5.30pm - 7.00pm
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- 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
- 17 **Lent around the table** 5.30pm - 7.00pm
- 17 **Sunshine & Showers** 7.15pm - 9.00pm
- 18 **Prayers at Church** 9.00am *staff prayers—all are welcome*
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Holy Week

Reflections in Holy Week
An opportunity to pause and reflect
through song, prayers, readings and
silence

Monday 14th April
London Road – 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th April
St Andrews - 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th April
Partridge Green – 10.30am

Further details will be in the Weekly Notices

WEDNESDAY CLUB

We meet in the lounge at London Road every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7-30pm

Everyone welcome

5th March - Chanctonbury Ring - Janet Pennington

19 th March - A Musical Evening with Lynda Lyne

SUSTAINING HOPE SPRING 2025



Are you involved in responding to the needs of
Refugees, Migrants & Displaced Persons
- or interested in becoming involved?

The Methodist South-East District 'Sustaining Hope' spring gathering for 2025

will include

- Prayer and time to network
- Keynote presentations on:

- * *Their Voice* - supporting women rescued from slavery & their babies
- * *Chit Chat* at St Mary's Guildford - the story so far & into the future

Date: Saturday, 17th May, 10.00am - 1.30pm
(Refreshments available from 9.45am)

Venue: Redhill Methodist Church, RH1 1BP
Redhill Station is 5 minutes' walk away
NCP car park on Gloucester Road opposite the church

To register, or for more information, email
Rev Hazel Forecast at
hazel.forecast@methodist.org.uk

Something else...

Accommodation

Foodbanks

Place of Sanctuary

English practice

Form-filling

Clothing Banks

Mother-tongue worship

Advocacy

Interpreting

Drop-In Centres

Befriending

Cafes

Resettlement
Schemes

Liaising with other Agencies

SONGS OF PRAISE AND AFTERNOON TEA



Thursday 20th March 2025

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!



Worship In Song

At Cornerstone London Road
RH12 1AN

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



27th March
2.30-4pm

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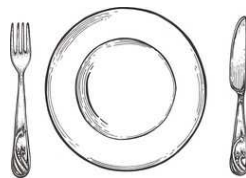
The Sunday Lunch at London Road

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).



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.

Tea and Chat

Wednesday 26th March 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.





The Methodist Church



OneBody
OneFaith

OneBodyOneFaith is a grass-roots membership organisation for LGBT+ Christians and our allies. We work across and beyond different denominations and are actively building partnerships and relationships all around the world.

We have two main focal themes for our work: safety and joy. Safety, because LGBT+ rights can never be taken for granted and there is plenty of work still to be done. Progress is not inevitable and the current climate in Britain and around the world shows that there are plenty of people wanting to roll back our rights: the hostile approach our current government is taking to trans people at the moment is a critical example. Joy, because our work is not just about the negative but about the flourishing of LGBT+ people. As St Irenaeus put it, ‘the glory of God is a human being fully alive’. It is not enough just to survive, we want to thrive: to live into the fullness of the potential that God created us with.

As I look back on my own journey, I realise what a distance it’s been. From the silence of my youth and the fear of even naming my sexuality to myself to living proudly and openly and the public charity work I’ve been engaged in now for several years. Somewhere along the way I heard the challenge to be the person you needed when you were younger. That has stayed with me and is the best way I can describe what motivates me to do what I do. In my ministry, in the theology I do, in the activism I participate in, I want everyone to know – young and old – that we can break the silence and live as fulfilled LGBT+ people in safety and in joy.

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The Methodist Church

*The Revd Dr Mark Rowland shares this blog on his journey to become Co-Chair of **OneBodyOneFaith**, a charity that challenges homophobia and transphobia within the Church and faith-based organisations.*



I was brought up in the Methodist Church from the earliest days of my life: baptised at a few months old and have been here ever since. I owe much of my formation to the Sunday School, Shell Group, Youth Club as well as the many sermons I heard as a young pianist for a small chapel with a faithful elderly congregation.

Church was a place of belonging and even flourishing for me: a contrast to school and other situations where I felt I never quite fitted in. Looking back now as an openly gay Methodist minister, what strikes me as I reflect for LGBT+ History Month was the silence about anything to do with LGBT+ identities. I didn't hear affirmation; nor did I hear condemnation. But the effect of this silence was that I absorbed a conservative theology on this without even thinking about it – and quite possibly without anyone intending that. There was one notable exception which stays in my memory still: when the preacher at that small chapel declared the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement (LGCM) 'a contradiction in terms'.

At the time the Conference passed the 1993 resolutions, which would govern our position on human sexuality for a generation, I was nearly 12. But it wasn't until a little over 10 years later that I discovered they existed. That I discovered that Methodists had a range of perspectives. That at least some Methodists wanted to 'recognise, affirm and celebrate' the participation and ministry of LGBT+ people in the life of the church. I sometimes wonder what impact it would have had on my journey if I'd known that growing up through my teens. These were the days of section 28 and so the only mention of LGBT+ identities in school was in the insults of the playground.

I felt a call to ordained ministry while I was a university student and having followed through the various processes was ordained in 2011. I came out after meeting my now husband, Sam, who is also a Methodist minister. Together we were active in campaigning for the greater participation of LGBT+ people in the life of the Methodist Church and especially for changes in our discipline on marriage. I started getting to know others active in this area across different traditions of Christianity and in 2019 became a trustee of OneBodyOneFaith (the successor body to LGCM, which that preacher had condemned all those years before). The board appointed me co-chair in 2023.

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JOIN US

for

Pancakes

in Wesley Hall,

Cornerstone London Road

£1 per pancake

10 - 11AM ON MARCH 4

A photograph of a white bowl filled with lentil soup, garnished with fresh herbs and a slice of red pepper. In the background, there are several small white bowls containing various condiments like ketchup, mustard, and herbs. A green and white striped napkin is tucked under the bowl.

**Join us
for a Lent
Lunch**

Fridays in Lent
starting March 7 and
ending April 11
Serving 12 to 1pm

THE MEETING PLACE

CORNERSTONE LONDON ROAD

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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 March
Folk Music and Singing with Cotillion

Tuesday 18th March
'Travel in India'
a talk by Thea Taylor



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

PARTRIDGE GREEN

VILLAGE CAFÉ

2.00pm - 5.00pm
13th March



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

Lent Lunch

Thursdays

6th, 13th , 20th and 27th of March

12.30pm

*A donation of £4 is recommended at each lunch which
Is going to Chestnut Tree House*



**Chestnut
Tree House**



We are looking forward to our next event

The ROCK CHOIR COFFEE CONCERT

Saturday 22 March

coffee in Wesley Hall from 10.30

followed by the concert at 11.15 in the Church.

No charge - but donations most welcome (and there will be a raffle).



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 March 3.00-5.00pm.



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

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

The Community Fridge at London Road

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

and

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

The Community Fridge at St Andrews

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

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

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

Thank you!

Please bring a bag !

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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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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



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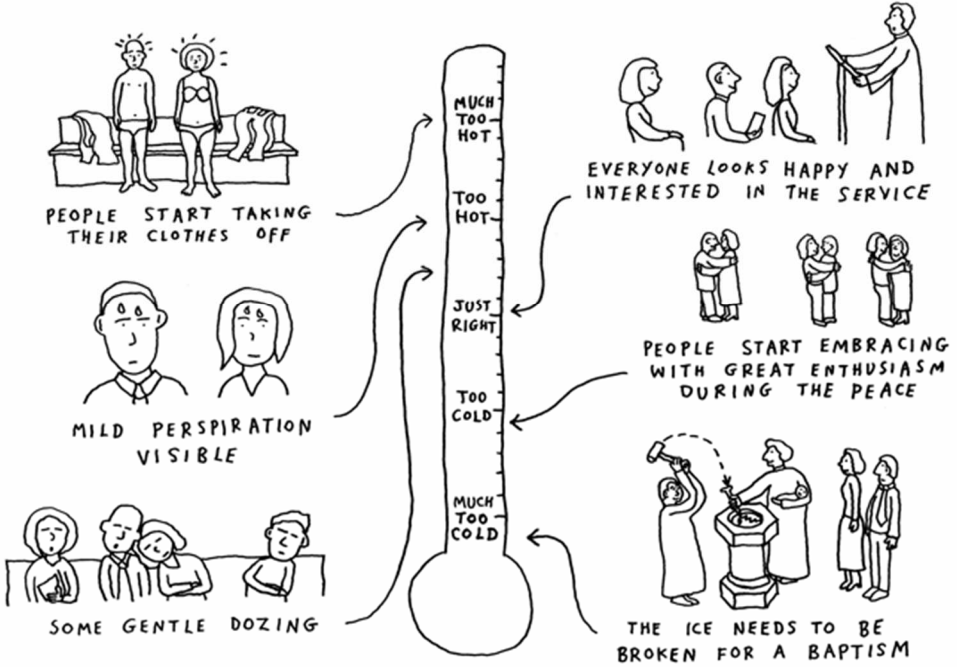
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March 16th

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