



Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

Homelessness Sunday

Sunday 29th January 2012

A warm welcome to all who worship with us today. If you are a visitor or new resident, please introduce yourself to one of our stewards. Information about our activities is on the Welcome Table in the church foyer. **Please join us for coffee and tea after the services.**

Weekly activities – including fellowship groups and youth activities – are listed on the back cover of our magazine, *The Link*.

Introit

**Glory to our bounteous
King!**

Glory let creation sing:

***Glory to the Father, Son,
And blest Spirit, Three in
One.***

[HP 359 v6]

Lectionary readings:

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Lesley Martin

Welcome Jillie and Roger Curtis
Coffee Rowntree housegroup
Crèche Christine Embleton,
Mo Martin, Doreen Lewry
Organist Helen Cornick

6.30 pm **Churches Together in
Chandler's Ford**
Rev Peter Cornick
and Tony Richmond

Organist Paul Isted

Prayer is available in the Prayer
Corner after both services.

Monday 30th January

8.00 pm **Bring a thought group**
9 Clevelands Close

Tuesday 31st January

2.30 pm **Women's Fellowship**
Dovetail Centre
Just Desserts

Thursday 2nd February

9.00 am **Prayer Time**
in the Church

Friday 3rd February

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Rev Lesley Martin

8.00 pm **Rowntree housegroup**
17 Beechwood Crescent

Saturday 4th February

8.30 am **Prayer Breakfast**
at our church
(see next column)

Sunday 5th February

Lectionary readings:

Isaiah 40: 21-31
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
Mark 1: 29-39

8.00 am **Holy Communion**
Rev Bob Kitching

10.30 am **All Age Worship**
Helen Cornick

Welcome Jenkins family
Coffee SNiF
Crèche Sylvia Jobson,
Mo Martin, Doreen Lewry
Organist Frank Allen

6.30 pm **Circuit Service**
St Andrew's, Eastleigh

The evening service on 5th February will be a very important one for **Simon Young** because it's at that Circuit Service that he will be formally recognised as a Local Preacher. Rev Peter Cornick is conducting the service and the formalities, but the sermon will be given by Dr Michael Langrish, Lord Bishop of Exeter, and Rev Liz Hunter a Methodist minister from Jersey will also be taking part. Please support Simon with your presence if you can, and with your prayers if you cannot be there.

Prayer Breakfast

On **Saturday 4th February** we are hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast. This time together includes prayer and reflection from 8.30 – 9.00 am followed by a simple breakfast until 9.30 am. If you would like to join us you would be most welcome. Speak to Anne Heath or Margaret Crossley if you wish to know more. We look forward to seeing you there.

Winchester Churches Nightshelter

Invites you to attend their annual Homelessness Week event on **Thursday 2nd February** from 7.00-8.30 pm in the Performance Hall of Winchester Discovery Centre – “Tackling the Problems of Homelessness”. R.S.V.P. to
✉ admin@wcns.org.uk or
☎ 01962 862050.

Homelessness Sunday

Today is Homelessness Sunday, which marks the start of Poverty and Homelessness Action Week www.actionweek.org.uk.

We are called as Christians to help break down the barriers of inequality, stigma, prejudice and injustice and help to build a fairer world. Last year our church giving supported the Society of St James, working in and around Southampton (www.ssj.org.uk), Alabare Christian Care and Support – which has a project supporting young people in Romsey (www.alabare.co.uk), and Eastleigh Churches Rent Guarantee Scheme ☎ 07914 209 028. As part of your personal response to Homelessness Sunday, you may want to find out more about challenging injustice and supporting vulnerable and homeless people, and perhaps support this through a donation.

Afternoon service and tea

On **Sunday 5th February** – a short service at 3.30 pm followed by tea at 4.15 pm. This gathering is for those of our church community who are more senior or who have difficulty getting about. Please let Janet Henderson know if you would like to come ☎ 8026 8739. Offers of help with transport would be appreciated too.

Lent Study Day

Rev Tom Stuckey will be leading a study day entitled ‘*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*’ on **Wednesday 28th March** from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at the Trinity Centre, Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 1DH. This will be an opportunity to stand back from daily life and prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

To reserve a place or for more information, contact Juli Wills ☎ 01962 621061 (Southampton District Training Officer) juli-wills@ntlworld.com. Those attending are asked to bring their own lunch (drinks will be provided) and a Bible. There is no charge for the day, but a donation towards the cost of refreshments would be appreciated.

More news ►

Saturday Church

Our next Saturday Church is on **11th February**. We need small cakes for the meal. If you can help please see Elizabeth Ruff ☎ 8026 7507. Thank you for all your help and junk collection for the last Saturday Church. Please note we do not need any more junk, jam jars etc. until further notice.

Going for Gold

Want to share the Good News of Jesus in fresh ways? Help others 'win a medal' and avoid falling at the first hurdle? Come to this day conference at our church on **Saturday 10th March** – 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. See the poster on the notice board and in *The Link* available next Sunday.

Father, we thank you that Jesus came to break down barriers.

He did not see the migrant or the settled, the housed or the homeless, the employed or the unemployed;

He saw and loved the person.

Forgive us when we put up barriers between ourselves and others; help us show love to all without constraint.

Help us, your church, to build communities without barriers, where all are valued because all are made in your image.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



The **Coffee Room** is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30 am until 12 noon. The **Church Office** is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 am until 11.30 am.

Weekly notices by noon on Wednesday in *Church Notices* pigeon-hole or to Richard Wright ☎ 8026 7099
or ✉ barnpiece@yahoo.co.uk (confirmation of email receipt will be sent).

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