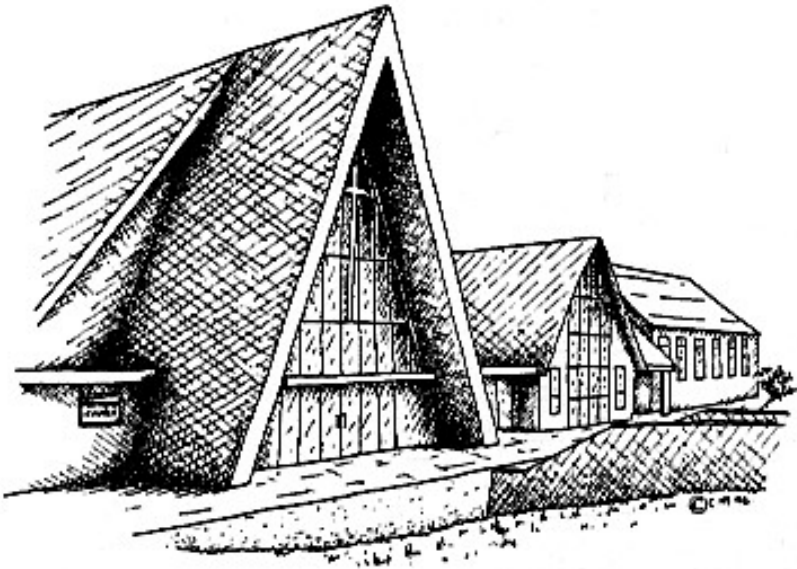


# *The Link*

## **Chandler's Ford Methodist Church**



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## From the Editor's keyboard

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Welcome to you if you are a visitor to our church and this is the very first issue of *The Link* you've seen. As regular readers will know, this magazine serves to bring our church together, advertising gatherings and celebrations, reunions and spiritual reflections.

This month you will read of many opportunities to take part in fund-raising for **Kenya Projects** (see *page 20*), an invitation to hear what is being proposed for Methodist Women in Britain (*page 25*), and reports from the Boys' Brigade International Team Games (*page 8*) and Bryan and Sandy Coates successful completion of the London Marathon (*page 6*).

The month of June is special for two more reasons, both of which are encouraging. On the last weekend we share in the graduation service for all those who have been accepted to be **Street Pastors** (see Minister's letter on *page 2* and note on *page 13*), and on the following afternoon welcome friends and guests from the Methodist Conference meeting at Portsmouth for an **Ordination Service** (Special Celebration, *page 5*). We know all those taking part in both services have received a great deal of prayer support in the weeks leading up to these services, and we wish them every blessing in their new ministries.

In preparation for the Ordination Service, *The Link* looks at the role of Methodist Conference, and explains how our local church, our circuit and our district fit into the Connexion (*pages 23-24*). The life of the local church moves on, and we hear from one of our new stewards on *page 4*, plus there is a report from the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our **Women's Fellowship**, together with an invitation to join a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on 6<sup>th</sup> July of our **Spectrum** group.

We have two or three important roles available for the right people, as explained by Senior Steward Tim Padley on *page 3*, and the monthly gatherings in housegroups (*page 17*), small groups (*page 18*) and fellowship groups (*pages 9-10*). Vic Gold tells us of the gift of friendship on *page 26*, and we end with some teasers to see how much you remembered.

***We hope The Link brings you a taste of this active and busy church in the heart of our community.***

**Dear friends,**

Street Pastors are coming soon in Chandler's Ford – a commissioning service for members of this church and other churches, training to be Street Pastors, will take place in this church on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.00 am. It is an exciting project because it links 'sharing the love of Jesus', with service in Christ's name to the vulnerable, and a sense of listening for the Spirit calling individuals by name. Those in training speak of being called to this sharing; hearing, through prayer or word, the prompting of the Spirit to be bold enough for the task; being assured that the Spirit will continue to sustain the work ahead.

Street Pastors care about the welfare of young people; they believe in community; they want to serve others in Jesus' name making God's love known. Street Pastors work in partnership with police, council, community groups and churches, on specific evenings identified by the police when young people are most vulnerable. Like the Trinity of God, Father, Son and Spirit, working as one yet in visibly different ways, Street Pastors is a partnership, the 'church in action on the streets'.

Where schemes operate, police note marked falls in crime and anti-social behaviour; good news for young people, the community and the church. Street Pastors listen, acting as role models to youngsters who may find it difficult to talk to parents; trouble can be avoided. Christians called by God to this service give up an evening, working in teams, to guide those who are struggling to get home after a night out. To the anxious, Street Pastors can advise on professionals who might help.

Without forcing the Bible on people, Street Pastors act out the stories of Jesus. They might become 'The Good Samaritan'. The woman who touched Jesus' cloak receiving healing might be a young woman who approaches a Street Pastor, because she has no-one else to turn to.

Please pray for God's blessing on those preparing the scheme's launch later this month, for those who will pray and support, and for each Street Pastor. **Yours in Christ,**



**Annual transformation:** a huge thank you is due to Richard, Hilary, Anita and Geoff for all their hard work and enthusiasm over the past three years, during which they have been involved in several projects and events. A rapturous welcome to **Sue Wakelin, Syd Francis** and **Heather Francis**. You will have seen them getting stuck in already. You will notice there is a vacancy in the team which we hope to fill shortly. If you would like to know more about the steward's role in this church, the team will be hosting an open evening in the autumn. Let me know if you feel called to fill the existing vacancy.

**Pastoral visitors:** much of the valuable work of caring for people is carried out by the team of pastoral visitors. On **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, there will be an act of rededication for our team, during which we recognise our church's support for this work. Talk to Sue Ross or our lay workers Susan Gulliver and Jane Padley if you would like to know more about what a pastoral visitor does.

**Churches Together:** Our church is a keen supporter of Churches Together in Chandler's Ford, which is behind the Street Pastors initiative. After several years of service, Richard Jones has retired as our representative and we thank him for the work he has put into CTCF. As yet, our church is not fully represented at CTCF; see Rev Peter Cornick if you would be able to fill this role.

**J-Team:** changes are taking place within our children's work, and your support in prayer and practical help is appreciated as *J-Team* works through these changes.

**Flower group co-ordinator:** the retirement of Marylyn and Derric Webster from this ministry will leave us with an important vacancy to fill. Please see me urgently if you can help in this way.

**And finally:** please ensure the building is left secure if you are the last person or group to leave the premises. Check external doors and windows as you leave.

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## Steward in profile – Sue Wakelin

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Born and raised in rural Worcestershire, I grew up in a small village Baptist church. I came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour at the age of 11, following a youth retreat and was later baptised when I was 18. At university I embarked on a spiritual adventure of truly trusting God with my life and future. In my second year, I was paired up to lead Bible studies with a stranger, Phil Wakelin. I had seen Phil once before, when he tried (successfully) to get himself and his bike into the very crowded lift I was in. Things happen and we married at the age of 23 and IBM pulled us southward to Chandler's Ford and Phil's first graduate job at Hursley.

We worshipped at Eastleigh Baptist Church and later had Katherine and Alistair. With our young family, we then made a major transatlantic move to San Jose in California (1999-2002). While enjoying the idyllic lifestyle of a "Stay-home Mom", we became members of a Vineyard church. My involvement included the children's work, leading a home group and also the prayer ministry team. We made some amazing friends and received significant spiritual blessings and teaching.

We returned to England after 9-11, and I went back to work for the NHS. We moved to our present location and, wanting to be a part of a "local" church, we joined CFMC in 2003.

In the past few years, I have lead the Z-group (the nurture group that followed on from two successful Y-courses), worked as a C-Kers leader in J-Team, served on Church Council and have overseen "Small Groups" for the church.

I look forward to what God has planned next as I take this step of faith and serve Him through stewarding.

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### Dates for your diary:

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June*

**Local Preachers and Worship Leaders**  
meeting at Colden Common at 7.45 pm

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June*

**Circuit Meeting** at Bishopstoke at 7.45 pm

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June*

**Church Council** in Dovetail Centre at 7.45 pm

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# Your chance to join a special celebration

**Rev Peter Cornick**

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During the period when the Methodist Conference is meeting in Portsmouth, Ordination Services will be held in several churches in the area on the afternoon of **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 4.30 pm. One of these will take place in our church. It is a great honour for us to have been asked to host such an event. Ordination is a deeply significant milestone for ministers as their vocation is confirmed by the Church and we want to play our part in ensuring that it is a truly wonderful and memorable occasion for the ordinands and their supporters.

We are expecting a congregation of 400 people, made up not only of the families and friends of the ordinands but also of Conference representatives. This means that we will need lots of help with such things as welcoming visitors, looking after the car parks here and at Merdon Junior School, providing and serving refreshments and providing crèche. If you would like to volunteer or find out more, please contact either Marilyn Pack ☎01794 512022, [mjpack@renpack.co.uk](mailto:mjpack@renpack.co.uk)) or Anne Heath ☎8026 1460 as soon as possible.

Because the service is part of the Conference proceedings, it will be a 'ticket only' event to ensure adequate accommodation not only for the families and friends of the ordinands but also for Conference representatives. However, we do have an allocation of tickets for local use and these will be offered in the first instance to our volunteer helpers. So if you would like to come to the service, you now know how to obtain a ticket! Any spare tickets will be put on general release during the week prior to the service.

During the coming weeks, we as a church will be supporting the eight ordinands with our prayers. They are already being remembered by the weekly Prayer Group that meets in church on Thursday mornings starting at 9.00 am. In addition, Anne Heath has arranged four short prayer times during the week preceding the Ordination Service and invites you to join her. These will take place in the church on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** from 8.00 to 8.30 pm.

Although many people have already caught up with our exploits, we wanted to write a note for *The Link* with a very sincere word of appreciation and gratitude. People from Chandler's Ford congregation have been incredibly generous with sponsorship.



As we write, some money has still to come in but we are already well over £6,000 and anticipate that, together with Gift Aid, our total will be moving towards £7,000 for Christian Aid. We have exceeded our original £5,000 target by a mile.

The 26.2 miles of the marathon itself were a fantastic experience. Even on the train en route to Greenwich there was a tangible excitement among those going both to take part and the many going for a day out to watch. It is estimated that more than a million people lined the streets to support the runners and they made all the difference with shouts of encouragement. At times, especially south of the river, only the ear splitting music from bands and loudspeakers drowned out their shouts.

It was a long plod – especially after the half way mark just beyond Tower Bridge between miles 13 and 17 when we were going away from the finish towards the Isle of Dogs while on the other side of the same road there were streams and streams of the faster runners going in the opposite direction and already passing mile 20! But eventually, travelling along the Embankment, through Parliament Square – where the family were – and up the Mall to the finish was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Yes, once, and only once in a lifetime, at least for us! We even managed it in a little under six hours (5.56.07) which was faster than we had anticipated. We were sore and tired the following day but by the day after that we were just floating on the euphoria and could hardly bear to take the finisher's medals off.

Very many thanks for all the encouragement, support, congratulations and generosity we have been given.

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## Worship Consultation

Anne Heath

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There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30 pm that is open to everyone who shares in worship, and not limited to those to lead. We will be looking in particular at Holy Communion, but any other aspects of worship can be raised. As we have not had a meeting for some time, it would be good to get a wide spread of views about worship.

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## Looking good!

The designers of the new Southampton District website are seeking a selection of photos to make the site look attractive and reflect the life and beauty of our district. If you have any pictures you would be willing to share more widely, please send them to Juli Wills, the Methodist Training Officer for the district for consideration. Juli particularly needs photos of people but she is aware that any individuals who can be identified will need to have given permission for the photo to be used.



Juli can be contacted at [juli-wills@ntlworld.com](mailto:juli-wills@ntlworld.com) or on ☎01962 621061.

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## BBC Songs of Praise

Rev John Archer

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The Sunday programme on **13<sup>th</sup> June** is from Winchester Cathedral and is full of superb hymns. It was recorded in April and a number of our own members were there. You may wish to try to spot them.

Towards the front (part of the 500-strong choir) you may see, on the right, **Jane Archer**; further back in the basses is **Reg Beacher** and, next to a column, **Peter Ford** from St Andrews. On the left you might see **John Archer** among the tenors. Towards the back in the congregation you may spot **Ruth Johnson, David and Anne-Marie Jenkins** and, on the left side, **Marilyn Pack and Eric Renouf**.

It was a fantastic occasion to be part of and the singing was tremendous. Do watch the programme: it is a great worship experience.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Chandlers Ford Boys' Brigade

Brian Burnage ☎8026 9733

Website: [1cbbb.com](http://1cbbb.com)

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Better weather and lighter evenings mean all sections are holding regular weekly meetings outdoors. Each section has its own programme that is planned around different venues in Chandler's Ford and surrounding area.

DofE Award activities are continuing with Bronze and Silver participants gearing up for their final expeditions in June and July. We wish them well. We congratulate **Sam Balcombe** and **Naomi Andrews** on completing the Bronze Award, and **Simon Cleary** the Silver Award.

The Band will be playing at Colden Common on **19<sup>th</sup> June** and, hopefully, on the Eastleigh bandstand on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. We will be making another visit to Chelsea Barracks to join with the London Steadfast Band.

The Anchor (Age 5½ to 8) and Junior Sections (9 to 11) urgently seek **NEW MEMBERS**. Both meet on Thursdays and would welcome new faces. There is also room in the other sections for more members. Leaflets giving full details of all BB meetings can be obtained from the BB Notice board in the Linkway corridor.

## **2010 BB International Team Games Competition** **Simon and Diane Farrenden**

The Junior Section entered the International Team Games competition for BB Boys in March where we had to perform six set challenges using items that could be used by all BB Boys around the world. This had to be independently adjudicated and was undertaken by the SW Hants Battalion President (it was convenient that Lawrence Tabenor was visiting that evening!). We were awarded 16<sup>th</sup> place from over 200 BB Companies.

Some of the tasks undertaken were timed, others were skills-based. There was an eight piece puzzle abstract, balancing old cans into a tower after moving them with a stick, football skittles, bouncing items and hitting a target, colour changes and team dribble! Companies came from Australia, Malaysia, Africa and the UK. We are proud of the boys' achievement.

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## Women's Fellowship

Rosemary Pontin ☎8026 9330

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Laughter was a theme that ran through the past few weeks. **John Pitman** revealed (almost) all as he took the part of a pantomime dame, ably supported by Barbara (Prince Charming) and Dora (Cinderella). John has been with the Otterbourne Amateur Dramatic Society for 50 years, and described the fabulous costumes and make-up, the slap-stick comedy and hours of rehearsals that go into each January panto. The cast even handed out sweets and chocolates (Ed - Oh no, they didn't!).

**John Andrews** gave us a history of Cliff College, where he is now studying for a degree. In his enthusiastic way, he explained how work with young people had changed, and how the church had benefited from his studies in Derbyshire. He thanked everyone for supporting him.

Our special 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary was also a time of fellowship and laughter as we welcomed many visitors. **Veronica Vincent** spoke about her grandmother, who was a founding member; **Helen Cornick** played the organ, and **Chris Warren** played and sang two delightful solos. **Rev Dr Andrew Wood** gave an inspiring address based on hospitality and laughter, referring to Abraham the patriarch, who welcomed strangers, and his wife Sarah laughing because she thought she was too old to have a child. We can learn much from this story: to be outward-looking, welcoming all and sharing laughter.

Earlier, **Tony Richmond** unpacked "What Muslims believe". While not promoting this way of faith, Tony gave an informed insight into the beliefs of 1.3 billion people from a Christian perspective. To round off the month, Barbara Hillier wielded a gavel at an auction of lots supplied by members in aid of our project "Wells for India". The auction raised £100.

Our next meetings, at 2.30 pm in the Dovetail Centre, are on:

<i>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	Marlene brings songs and stories
<i>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Rev Peter Cornick
<i>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Lily Mitchell – friendship
<i>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	Susan Gulliver
<i>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</i>	Marian Rashleigh – latest from Brazil

Last month **Rev Tony Parkinson** told us about his sabbatical, especially the time he spent in the US visiting churches and ministers of other denominations to study different forms of worship, exploring how congregations can be engaged in their 'own' worship. He showed slides of his travels around North America, which looked really lovely, especially New England in the fall.

Our next meetings, at 7.30 pm in the Dovetail Centre, are:

<i>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</i>	Bishopstoke Methodists' New Horizons – Stan Roberts
<i>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</i>	50 Years Celebration

We invite past members to join us in our celebrations this evening. Contact Catherine by 25<sup>th</sup> June for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Our Staff Team**

<b>Rev Peter Cornick</b>	☎8026 8803	Superintendent Minister <i>(Day off – Thursday)</i>
<b>Rev Tony Parkinson</b>	☎8061 2871	Minister <i>(Day off – Friday)</i>
<b>Susan Gulliver</b>	☎8025 4916	Pastoral Assistant
<b>Jane Padley</b>	☎8026 6180	Pastoral Assistant
<b>Marilyn Pack</b>	☎8026 0128	Church Secretary <i>Home: ☎01794 512022</i>
<b>John Andrews</b>	☎8026 1253	Youth Worker <i>Mobile: ☎07809 616775</i>
<b>Helen Cornick</b>	☎8026 8803	Director of Music
<b>Bill Davidson</b>	☎07950 384 233	Building Services Manager
<b>John Gilbert</b>	☎8027 5449	Caretaker
<b>Vanessa Fingerle</b>	☎07704 604 549	Bookings/Special Events <a href="mailto:bookings@changersfordmethodistchurch.co.uk">bookings@changersfordmethodistchurch.co.uk</a>

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## Memoranda

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We thank **Simon and Helen Pilling** for the gift of vases for the Dovetail Centre in memory of their grandmother, **Win Minshull**.

**Sylvia Harris**, on behalf of the **Philippine Community Fund**, tells us a container will be going to the children on dump sites in that country during July. Please look on the list by the box in the Dovetail Centre to see what you might send.

The next order of **weekly offering envelopes** is to be made soon. If you no longer wish to use envelopes, or you would like to start using them, talk to Doreen Sansome ☎8026 8713.

**Juli Wills**, Southampton District Training Officer, will be looking for a web editor at a later date. This is expected to be a paid contract for a couple of hours each week. If you would like to help in this way, call ☎01962 621061 or email her on [juli-wills@ntlworld.com](mailto:juli-wills@ntlworld.com).

## Bereavement Support

Winchester Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation offering a service to bereaved individuals in Winchester and the surrounding areas. It is independent and has no ties with statutory bodies or the churches.

Support is normally given through home visits by “Bereavement Visitors” who are carefully selected and must successfully complete a comprehensive training programme. Referrals are made directly by the bereaved person, although this is often on the recommendation of their GP. The service is confidential, free and the Visitors are given full support from trained counsellors.

We are planning to run a new Training Course between October and December this year, and would be very glad to hear from anyone who might be interested in training for this very worthwhile service.

If you would like to be considered as a trainee, call ☎01962 877102 or 863626 or email [help@winchesterbereavementsupport.org.uk](mailto:help@winchesterbereavementsupport.org.uk).

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## Services

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<i>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June</i>	8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Rev Tony Parkinson
	10.30 am	<b>All Age Worship</b> Rev Peter Cornick
	6.30 pm	<b>Circuit Service</b> at Bishopstoke
<i>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</i>	10.30 am	<b>Shoppers' Service</b> Rev Peter Cornick
<i>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June</i> <b>MHA Sunday</b>	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Rev Peter Cornick
	6.30 pm	<b>United Service</b> Rev Peter Cornick
<i>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</i>	10.30 am	<b>Shoppers' Service</b> Rev John Archer
<i>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June</i>	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship with Holy Communion</b> Rev Bryan Coates
	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> Jonathan Hughes
	7.00 pm	<b>Sofa Service</b> Church Hall
<i>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</i>	10.30 am	<b>Shoppers' Service</b> Rev Tony Parkinson

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## Services (continued)

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<i>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June</i> <b>Conference Sunday</b>	10.30 am	<b>Family Worship</b> Margaret Smithson
	No evening service at our church	
<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</i>	10.30 am	<b>Shoppers' Service</b> Rev Peter Cornick
<i>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</i>	8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> Rev Peter Cornick
	10.30 am	<b>All Age Worship</b> <b>J Team Celebration</b> Rev Peter Cornick
	6.30 pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> <b>with Holy Communion</b> Rev Lesley Martin
<i>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</i>	10.30 am	<b>Shoppers' Service</b> Helen Cornick

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## Street Pastors service

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Men and women from our local churches have been training with volunteers from other parts of Eastleigh Borough since March to become Street Pastors.

There will be a Graduation Service on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** for all those who have been accepted for this work. The service is at 11.00 am at our church. Come and support your local volunteers with your presence and your prayers.

If you would like to know more about the aims and objectives of Street Pastors contact Nigel Fenwick ☎8027 1754.

## Calendar

<p><b>Sunday 6 June</b> Services (12) Kingsway koffee (19)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 13 June</b> Services (12) Songs of Praise (7)</p>	<p><b>Sunday 20 June</b> Services (12)</p>
<p><b>Monday 7 June</b> Monday h/g (17) Book Group (18)</p>	<p><b>Monday 14 June</b> Occasional Music Grp Bring a Thought (18) Circuit Meeting (4)</p>	<p><b>Monday 21 June</b> Ordination prayer (5)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 8 June</b> Women's Fellow (9)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 15 June</b> Women's Fellow (9) Oakmount h/g (17) Z Group (17) Church Council (4)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22 June</b> Women's Fellow (9)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 9 June</b> Park Road h/g (17) Computer Basics (18) Network Sharing (25) LP and Worship (4)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 16 June</b> Winchester Rd h/g (17)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 23 June</b> Ordination prayer (5) Park Road h/g (17)</p> <p><b><i>The Link deadline</i></b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 10 June</b> Prayer Time Bloomer h/g (17) Mums and Minis (18)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 17 June</b> Prayer Time Summer Ramble (21)</p>	<p><b>Thursday 24 June</b> Prayer Time Ordination prayer (5) Mums and Minis (18)</p>
<p><b>Friday 11 June</b> Shoppers' Service (12)</p>	<p><b>Friday 18 June</b> Shoppers' Service (12)</p>	<p><b>Friday 25 June</b> Shoppers' Service (12)</p>
<p><b>Saturday 12 June</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 19 June</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday 26 June</b> Ordination prayer (5) Street Pastors (13) Tools Open Day (22) Let Justice Roll (25)</p>

*See page (in brackets)*

<b>Sunday 27 June</b> Services (13) Ordination Service (5)	<b>Sunday 4 July</b> Services (13) Bring Share lunch (19)	<b>Sunday 11 July</b> Services
<b>Monday 28 June</b> Bring a Thought (18)	<b>Monday 5 July</b>	<b>Monday 12 July</b>
<b>Tuesday 29 June</b> Women's Fellow (9) Worship Consult (7) Z Group (17)	<b>Tuesday 6 July</b> Women's Fellowship Spectrum 50 <sup>th</sup> (10)	<b>Tuesday 13 July</b> Women's Fellowship
<b>Wednesday 30 June</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 July</b>	<b>Wednesday 14 July</b> Computer Basics
<b>Thursday 1 July</b> Prayer Time Tea at Langenfeld (19)	<b>Thursday 8 July</b> Prayer Time	<b>Thursday 15 July</b> Prayer Time
<b>Friday 2 July</b> Shoppers' Service (13) Flower Festival (21)	<b>Friday 9 July</b> Shoppers' Service (13) Hiltingbury h/g (17)	<b>Friday 16 July</b> Shoppers' Service
<b>Saturday 3 July</b> Flower Festival (21)	<b>Saturday 10 July</b>	<b>Saturday 17 July</b> Coffee croissants (20)

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## Welcomers

Mike Slatcher 📞8057 0306

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June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Gordon and Ruth Ridge
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Beryl Riches and Valerie Thomas
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lillian Jermeay and Ruben Muruganandan
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy and Derek Searle
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Brookes and Margaret Mair (Spectrum's 50 <sup>th</sup> )
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Goodeve and Mavis Hutchinson
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Hiscocks and Pauline Waterman
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lesley Cunningham and Olive Langdown
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ivy Corbett and Barbara Hillier

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## Sunday Morning Coffee

Chris Embleton 📞8026 5885

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June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Bring a thought group
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Fellowship
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Drama Group
July	27 <sup>th</sup>	Rowntree housegroup
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Winchester Road housegroup
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Hiltingbury housegroup
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Oakmount housegroup
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	SNiF
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bring a thought group

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## Crèche Rota

Mo Martin

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Each week Mo Martin and Doreen Lewry will staff the crèche, plus:

June	6 <sup>th</sup>	Melva Hayes
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Jobson
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Ruff
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Searle
July	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Singer and Carolyn Hawthorne
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Celia Child
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Jobson
August	25 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Ruff
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wendy Searle

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## Housegroups

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### **Gordon Bloomer**

☎ 8076 8581

*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

2 Meadow Grove

Barbara Hillier

### **Hiltingbury**

☎ 8026 1454

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 pm (not meeting in June)*

### **Monday**

☎ 8026 6786

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

12 Tuscan Walk

Rev Peter Cornick – House Communion

### **Oakmount**

☎ 8025 2405

13 Merdon Avenue

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 8.00 pm*

Bible study – Psalms

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm*

Sharing evening

### **Pam Rowntree**

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 pm*

36 Westwood Gardens

48 hours with Josephine – Cameron Smith

### **Park Road**

☎ 8025 1528

*Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

115 Park Road

### **Winchester Road**

☎ 8026 1146

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

9 Clevelands Close

David Wrigton

### **Z Group**

☎ 8025 1481

1A Kingsway Gardens

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

God's timeless values in today's world

– Discuss J John "Just 10" talk

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 pm*

"Priscilla" – Acts 18

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## Book Group

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Daphne Waite ☎8025 3611

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### *My Sister's Keeper*, by Jodi Picoult

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** at 8.00 pm at 86 Brownhill Road

13-year-old Anna Fitzgerald enlists the help of an attorney, Campbell Alexander, to sue her parents for the rights to her body. Kate, Anna's older sister, suffers from leukaemia. Anna was conceived through in vitro fertilisation to be a donor who could save Kate's life.



*Anyone welcome, whether you have read the book, or would like to find out what the book is about.*

### *Mutant message down under*, by Marlo Morgan

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at 26 Scantabout Avenue

This is the story of a courageous woman who walked with Aboriginals and learned the secrets and wisdom of an old tribe. It is described as a "unique, timely and powerful message for all humankind: that it is not too late to save our world from destruction, if we learn to respect all living beings and to live in harmony with the earth."

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## Bring a Thought

Derek Lowe ☎8026 9423

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**Mondays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June** at 8.00 pm at 9 Clevelands Close.



### Mums & Minis

Elizabeth Ruff ☎8026 7507

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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00 am in the Church and **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00 am at 16 Oakmount Road.

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## Computer Basics Tutorials

The next free tutorial is on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** in the Dovetail Coffee Room from 12.15-12.45 pm. It will cover **Online banking, shopping, news and TV.**



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## Coming up

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### ***Tea in the garden***

Would you like to have a tea and chat at home or in the garden with friends from the church? It could be a morning coffee or an afternoon cup of tea, and raise some money for church funds and the Kenya Project. For more information please contact Hilary Beed ☎8076 6089

### ***Kingsway for koffee***

Phil, Sue, Katherine and Alistair Wakelin invite you to an open garden on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June** at 2.30-5.30 pm at “Bottreaux”, 93 Kingsway, Chandler’s Ford SO53 1FD. Please bring a garden chair.

### ***Tea at Langenfeld***

Mike and Hilary Beed are hosting afternoon tea on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July** at 3.00-4.30 pm, at Langenfeld, Hadrian Way, Chilworth, SO16 7HZ. All proceeds to church funds. £5.00 per person. Raffle.

### ***Bring and share lunch***

There will a Bring and Share Lunch in the Dovetail Centre following after-service coffee on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, and we hope as many of the church family as possible will be able to attend. Look out soon for sign-up sheets in the Linkway corridor.

### ***Coffee and croissants***

Christine and Mike Slatcher welcome you to their home in Westwood Gardens on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 9.30-12.00 noon for tea, coffee, croissants and muffins. Why not go for breakfast?

### ***Food Hygiene Course***

Eleven members of the congregation attended a one-day Food Hygiene Level Two Course at the church. We are very pleased to say that ten passed the exam (one was unable to stay until the end and will be taking the exam very soon). Thank you to all who managed to come. Please talk to Bill Davidson if you would like to do the course at another time.

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# Kenya Projects UK

Chris Slatcher and Susan Gulliver

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Fund-raising for our work with children in Kenya is moving ahead encouragingly. All the money raised this year will enable corrective surgery to be performed on disabled children in the Jomo Kenyatta Home. Representatives from CURE International, which has a clinic outside Nairobi, have agreed to visit the home to assess the children and will perform the operations in Embu hospital on as many children as we can pay for.

To find out more about this organisation and our charity go to our new website <http://kenyaprojectsuk.webs.com>.

Thank you to **MDG Players** for a donation of £250, and to several people who made personal donations. Among these was **Pauline Marchmont**, who raised £105 by donating a 'Colour Workshop'. Pauline used her skills to give six ladies personal advice on colours that suit them in a fun and informative evening. Meanwhile, the **Romsey Male Voice Choir** concert raised more than £800 and the Covert sale over £500. Thank you to everyone who supported these events too.

We would love to hear from you if you have skills you could offer to raise money for Kenya Projects. Perhaps you could do some gardening, sewing or teach basic computer skills. Maybe in the autumn you could make some Christmas puddings to sell.

Talk to Hilary Beed ☎8076 6089 if you could hold a coffee morning or tea afternoon in aid of both church funds and Kenya. Let us know if we can bring our cards to sell at your event.

Christine and Mike Slatcher are holding a '**Coffee and Croissant**' morning (in aid of church and Kenya Projects) on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 9.30 am to 12.00 noon. Only £3.00 for coffee/tea (with free refills) and a croissant/muffin. There will also be a cake and card sale for Kenya Projects and information about the Kenya Projects on display. Come for breakfast! Contact Christine ☎8057 0306 if you can bake a cake for the stall.

We are still making cards to order and for sale at any event we are invited to. Please ask. We can re-use any greetings cards so please give them to us rather than putting them in your re-cycling bin.

**Trips to Wisley** have taken off this year and we have already been twice with more trips booked. We can still take more bookings – £15.00 per person, including travel and entrance. This garden is beautiful all year round and all who have been with us have enjoyed their day out.

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## Cameroon Project

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Bishop's Waltham United Free Church invites everyone to a **Festival of Flowers** on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Free admission, light lunches and refreshments available. Proceeds to their Cameroon Project and church funds.



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## Summer Rambles

**Daphne Waite ☎8025 3611**

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The next ramble will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. Meet in the church car park at 6.30 pm. Lifts are available; all welcome.

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## Southampton Passion 2011

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Auditions for singing/acting roles (male and female – age 16+) for Southampton Passion will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at Riverside Family Church in Northam from 8.00 to 10.00 pm.

Contact Neil Maddock to register your interest and book a time to come along – [neil@southamptonpassion.org.uk](mailto:neil@southamptonpassion.org.uk) or ☎0845 519 4026.

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## Tools for Self Reliance Open Day

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Members of Tools for Self Reliance are holding their annual Open Day on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** at their Workshops in Netley Marsh. The entertainment starts at 11.00 am. This will include craft stalls, wood carving, stick making, a forge, a hurdle maker and live jazz music. Also various competitions and activities for all the family including nail painting and workshop tours.

Netley Marsh Workshops are three miles west of Totton on the A336 Totton – Cadnam road. Entry and car park is free.

Tools for Self Reliance is a British charity that aims to empower artisans working in developing countries such as Uganda, Ghana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe by providing them with the tools, sewing machines and materials required to increase their businesses and teaching them the skills to use and repair the tools.

Come and enjoy the day and with a tour of the workshops you will have an insight to the valuable work that is being done. Tools for Self Reliance are always looking for volunteers not only in their tool refurbishment department but many aspects of the charity.

For more information contact Jo on 📞8086 9697 or Jo@tfsr.org

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## Back to Church Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010

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In 2009, **Back to Church Sunday** mobilised 4,650 churches in the U.K. to invite their friends to church. As a result, more than 80,000 extra people attended church on that Sunday, with a long-term result of around 10,000 people added to the church in one day.

**There were 262 Methodist churches registered, and from the 27 that submitted feedback the average attendance of 70 increased to 84.**

Rev Dr Martyn Atkins, Secretary of the Methodist Conference, endorses Back to Church Sunday and says: ***“The feedback we have received from participating churches is very positive”***.

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## Conference and Connexion

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Under John Wesley's leadership, the Methodist societies grew at a fast rate. Some way of keeping in touch and organising them was needed.

Wesley had held what became an annual conference of Methodist preachers. In 1784 he made provision for the continuance as a corporate body after his death of the "Yearly Conference of the People called Methodists". He nominated 100 people and declared them to be its members and laid down the method by which their successors were to be appointed.



After his death the leadership passed to the Methodist Conference, and instead of one person exercising leadership for a length of time, the president of the Conference was appointed for one year only. This is a tradition that continues.

Today the Methodist Church has a **connexional structure** rather than a congregational one. This is where the whole church acts and decides together. It is where the local church is never independent of the rest of the Connexion. Everyone who becomes a member through confirmation is a member of the Methodist Church as a whole, not just their local church.

Methodists belong to local churches or ecumenical partnerships, but also feel part of a larger connected community, the Connexion. This sense of being connected makes a difference to how the Methodist Church as a whole is structured. At its heart is an understanding of the Christian community as the 'body of Christ'. Just as a human body contains different limbs and organs that depend on each other, so we should be close and caring enough to feel each other's pain and delight.

We should put the good of the whole body before our own individual needs. When ministers or deacons are ordained in the Methodist Church, they are also "received into full Connexion".

The promise of mutual support is a strength of Methodism. If you become a member of the Methodist Church, a pastoral visitor is responsible for visiting you and offering spiritual support, encouragement and challenge.

Although the Methodist Church is still organised in a methodical way using many of the structures introduced by Wesley himself, the Church is pragmatic and is willing to make changes where they seem desirable.



Structures are there to enable decision making that takes account of all concerns and views within the Church. No one is given supreme authority – consultation is vital. At the same time, churches cannot simply arrange their own affairs, but have some shared disciplines and ways of working.

This is why our local church is part of Eastleigh Circuit, Southampton District and the Connexion. The supreme decision making body remains the Methodist Conference, which meets this year in Portsmouth.

***“Do not allow yourself one thought of separating from your brothers and sisters, whether their opinions agree with yours or not.”*** John Wesley

**The 2010 Conference will be held at The Guildhall in Portsmouth from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July.**

- For a discussion of the latest thinking about Circuits, see **Methodism in the Round**, *The Link* March 2010, pages 26-29.
- For an update on the role of Methodist districts, see **Taking the District line**, *The Link* April 2010, pages 19-21.
- If you'd like to help with the **Ordination Service** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, see page 5 of this issue.

**Next year's Methodist Conference will take place at Southport on Merseyside 30<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

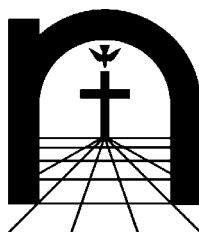
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## Women's Network District Sharing Day

Helen Cornick ☎8026 8803

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Women from around the Southampton District will be coming to Chandler's Ford for a day of sharing on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. The morning will include a Bible Study with a difference led by Deacon Glenda Sidding, and a short service of Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Andrew Wood.



During the afternoon we will find out more about **Methodist Women in Britain**, the new movement that will be formed out of Women's Network and the British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, as well as seeing what events will take place in our Southampton District.

You will need to bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. Contact Helen if you can help to prepare and serve drinks during the day.

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## Let Justice Roll: Women and Fairtrade

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**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.00 to 9.15 pm at The Wesley Centre, 128 Fratton Road, Fratton, Portsmouth.

Women's Network and the British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women are having a Fairtrade event at the Methodist Conference to include worship, presentations, conversation, resources, refreshments (tea/coffee and Fairtrade snacks) and fun.

Tickets (limited number, so booking is necessary) cost £3.00. See Helen Cornick if you would like to come.

There will probably be a Fairtrade fashion show – talk to Helen if you would you be willing to model some clothes.

Friendship is a gift of life for each one of us to give.  
It helps dull eyes to sparkle, showing us the way to live.  
And in the warmth of light that glows and shines within  
We are at the centre where the smile from the heart begins.  
And to those whose hand we shake to welcome them anew,  
There's another opportunity to show that our friendship is true.

But how do we express this gift of warmth and light  
To a friend whose sorrow has become their daily plight?  
How do we ease the heartache, grief and emptiness inside,  
To lighten their sorrow, as if it were a changing tide?

It is then we have to turn to a special friend indeed.  
For in prayer and understanding He knows our every need.  
We know His love can heal us, although it takes a little time.  
So let us be more patient, faithful, a little less sublime.  
His smile is always generous, full of warmth and abundant light  
Ready to lift sorrow and ease the heart in plight.

*Caring is a heartfelt act of kindness  
That begins with God's love*



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## The Link

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### Contributions to *The Link*

Thank you to everyone who contributes to *The Link* each month, reflecting the life and work of this church and community. Please respect the deadline or, if that's not possible, let the editor know when to expect copy.

Deadline for the July/August issue is

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

*Send to both:*

Richard Clayton at **link.editor@hotmail.co.uk**  
and Richard Wright at **barnpiece@yahoo.co.uk**

Handwritten contributions should be left in *The Link* pigeon-hole at church. You can also post contributions to: The Link Editor, Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2GJ.

**Please remember your contribution to the production of *The Link*.**

**We suggest 40p to cover costs.**

If you know of anyone who can't get to church regularly but would like to receive a copy, contact Brian Marchmont ☎01962 712121.

Thank you to all those who contribute towards the costs of producing *The Link*. The monies collected over the last three months amount to £226.69, made up as follows: March £51.71, April £101.35, May £73.63.

***We apologise for any errors or omissions – Ed.***

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## Have you seen this?

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*Each month The Link is packed with news and comment on the life and work of our church. Did you spot any of these?*

Where will the 2011 Methodist Conference be held?

Caring is a heartfelt act of kindness that begins with what?

When will the stewards be holding their next open evening?

Who has retired as our rep at Churches Together in Chandler's Ford?

What time did Bryan and Sandy Coates take to complete the London Marathon?

What do the designers of the Southampton District website need?

How well did our BB Junior Section do in the International Team Games?

In which city did our Steward in Profile become a Vineyard member?

Who is now an expert on all things Cliff College?

Why did only ten of the eleven pass the food hygiene exam?

Where can you get free tuition in online shopping?

Which group will be discussing Priscilla in Acts 18?

When do the Otterbourne players put on their pantomime?

**Answers to last month's questions:** nearest to Independence Day; supper-time; Pam Rowntree's housegroup; Heather and Syd Francis, Sue Wakelin, Martin Napier; Ordination Service; 26 hours; no one is too old; to sue her parents for the rights to her body; God came to earth; Women's Network and the British Unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women; Kenya Project; Tony Richmond; Sustainability Centre at East Meon.

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## SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion (first Sunday of each month)  
10.30 am **Family Worship**  
J Team (for children school age to early teens)  
(There is a crèche for those pre-school age)  
6.30 pm **Evening Worship**  
7.45 pm Young People's Fellowship  
8.00 pm SNIFF (Sunday Night Fellowship)

## MONDAY

7.00 pm Boys' Brigade  
7.00 – 8.30 pm Other Hand Puppets (Age 7+)  
7.30 pm Occasional Music Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)

## TUESDAY

2.30 pm Women's Fellowship  
5.45 – 7.15 pm Brownies  
7.00 – 8.00 pm Youth Choir  
7.15 pm Men's Supper Club (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)  
7.30 pm Badminton Club  
7.30 – 9.00 pm Guides  
7.30 pm Spectrum Group for Women (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

## WEDNESDAY

10.00 am Men's Fellowship  
1.45 – 3.15 pm Doves Parents and Toddlers (Term time)  
6.30 – 7.30 pm Junior Choir  
7.30 – 9.00 pm Folk Dancing (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)  
7.30 pm Drama Group

## THURSDAY

9.00 am Prayer Time in the Prayer Corner  
2.00 – 4.00 pm Ladies' Badminton  
4.45 – 7.45 pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys/Juniors)  
8.00 – 10.00 pm Youth Club

## FRIDAY

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**  
5.00 – 6.00 pm Rainbow Guides  
6.00 – 7.30 pm Brownies  
6.00 – 9.00 pm Boys' Brigade Band Practice

## SATURDAY

6.30 – 8.00 pm Junior Youth Club

**COFFEE ROOM** is open in the Dovetail Centre every Monday to Saturday  
(except Bank Holidays) from 9.30 am – 12 noon  
**PRESCHOOL** – Every weekday from 9.05 am – 12.05 pm (2.9 – 5 years)  
**TRAIDCRAFT** – In the Linkway each Friday from 10 am – 12 noon