



Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

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Thursday 18th April

10:30 am Midweek Service – Sandra Timms

2:30 pm Good News Group in Meeting Room 1 – Rev Ruth Fry

Communion and Bible study: The human search for peace

Friday 19th April

1:30 pm Dovetail Group in Meeting Room 1

6:30 pm Flower Arranging Demo at Landford (*see The Link page 6*)

Saturday 20th April

2 pm Andrew's Farewell Service at St James Road, Southampton

(*see next page*)

Sunday 21st April

10:30 am Good News Group serve coffee (also after the Service)

11:00 am All Age Worship – Rev Ruth Fry and Ellie Purkiss

6:30 pm Easter Offering Circuit Service at Romsey (*see next page*)

Tuesday 23rd April

2:30 pm Women's Fellowship in the Dovetail Centre

– Heather Dibb: The Leprosy Mission

7:00 pm Men's Supper Club in the Dovetail Centre – Open Evening

Backpacking across the Brenta Dolomites – John Archer

Wednesday 24th April

12:30 pm Space in the City (*see The Link page 8*)

Deadline for items for the May edition of *The Link*

Thursday 25th April

9:30 am – 12 noon Cake Day

10:30 am Midweek Service – Dr Mike Wood

See the weekly email for **Midweek** and **Sunday** Service *Zoom* details.

Dovetail Café Monday to Friday 9:30 am (Saturday 10 am) – 12 noon

The funeral for **Keith Gulliver**, who died on 1st April, will be on **Friday 19th April** at 12 noon at Wessex Vale. Webcast details: <https://watch.obitus.com/> Username: daca9687 Password: 832924. Please remember the family in your prayers.

To mark the end of **Andrew de Ville's** time as Chair of the Southampton District, there is a Farewell Service at 2 pm on **Saturday 20th April** at St James Road Church in Southampton, If you are coming to the Service and cream tea, it would be **very helpful** if you can email Sandy Coates (sandysynodsecretary@gmail.com) to let her know for catering purposes (along with any special dietary needs).

Easter Offering Circuit Dedication Service on **Sunday 21st April** at 6.30 pm at Romsey Methodist Church. "Let Justice Roll" – Everyone is welcome at the special Service. A good number of Chandler's Ford people are taking part and the church has made a very generous donation to the Methodist World Mission Fund. Come and find out about some of the ways the money is used in this country and across the world. If you would like a lift speak to Joyce Powell or Barbara Hillier.

"One Act after Another" is the entertainment being staged to support **Naomi House and Jack's Place**. This is being prepared by the Circuit Methodist Women in Britain as part of their current project. It is on **Saturday 4th May** at 6 pm at Romsey Methodist Church. Some of our folk are involved in entertaining us. The evening will include supper so if you intend to be there please sign the list by the poster in the Linkway. This is to give some idea of numbers for catering. Also, there are columns for you to indicate whether you can offer lifts or would like one. Speak to Barbara Hillier or Joyce Powell if you'd like more details. Romsey Methodist Church is in The Hundred. It is best to park in the Car Park next to Waitrose off Alma Road. A short walk through Linden Road brings you onto The Hundred and the church is just across the road.

Rev Ruth Fry will be on leave from 22nd – 28th April. The Minister to contact in the unlikely case of an emergency in the Circuit is **Rev Tim Searle** (minister@ucw.org.uk).

Fryern Funtasia 6th May – Churches Together Family Activities. Many church members will be busy as usual with the refreshments and plant stall. However, if anyone is not involved with these and can spare an hour to help with the **Churches Together** tent where there will be some crafts for families, contact Sara Goodhead who will pass details to the coordinator (Jackie Richardson from St. Boniface).

Saturday 11th May – Christian Aid Week ‘Big-ish Brekkie’. There will be special extra hot options and home-made cakes on offer in the Dovetail Café on this morning, please come and bring your friends. All the morning’s takings will go to support the work of Christian Aid for the start of this year’s Christian Aid Week.

30 Years On

From the Treasurer – Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way so far. The Lloyds Bank account details for *30 Years On* are:

Name – Chandlers Ford Methodist Church

Number – **55866960**

Sort code – **30 92 94**

Chris Goodhead – chrisgoodhead@btinternet.com (023 8025 2405)

The next **Cake Day** is on **Thursday 25th April** in the Linkway. If you have any donations of biscuits or cakes, please could you bring them along on the day. Remember to price them up beforehand. Speak to Caroline Husain or Anne Heath if you have any queries. Money raised will go towards the fund raising for *30 Years On*.

Saturday 4th May – There will be a **Floral Workshop** in Meeting Room 1 from 10:00 am to 12 noon. All materials, hot drinks and cake provided. Please see Jenny Heal for tickets £15.

There is still time to contribute towards a **'Gift for Keith'** until 28th April. Please see Katrina, Anne Heath or make a direct transfer to the Church. Many thanks.

John and Elizabeth Britton invite you to Dewpond Cottage, Barnfield Farm, Colemore GU34 3PX (for directions phone Elizabeth on 07759 223 447) on **Saturday 27th April** between 10 and 12 noon for a **Lambs & Bluebells Coffee Morning** for Maggie's, Southampton. An annual event serving coffee and home-made biscuits with an opportunity for folk to see young lambs and bluebells near Petersfield.

Request for items for refugee families: a family need 1 double bed and mattress (they have bedding thanks to previous donations). They are moving into accommodation on Friday 19th April. If you can help, contact Sarah Brown sbgreendale@googlemail.com The coordinator will collect (preferably mornings). Additionally, there is a gentleman in need of some clothes – top size XL (he is tall), trousers 40-42”, shoes 45 eur (10 or 11 UK size), any shirts, jumpers, cardigans etc. Any clothes in good condition. Thank you very much for your help.

Fledge are looking to recruit a **Support Worker** to provide support to men and women (aged 17-35) in their supported houses (salary: £23,118 – £24,408). See: <https://www.fledge.org.uk/get-involved/job-opportunities/> for more details. Closing date 30th April.

On **Saturday 27th April** at 7:30 pm in the Church: 80th Anniversary Concert by **Southampton Choral Society**. Stabat Mater by Josef Rheinberger, Freedom by Ian Schofield, Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen. Tickets £18/£5 for under 18s from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southamptonchoralsociety/t-rpgvkxo>

On **Friday 3rd May** at 7:30 pm in the Church: **Royal Marines Band Soloists Competition**. Tickets £15 from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-royal-marines-band-service-soloist-competition-tickets-852927086877>.