

The Link



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From our Minister

Rev Peter Cornick

Dear Friends,

What's in a name? We are currently **collecting signatures** of people in the Church and its community. Visitors to carol services, customers in the Dovetail Café and all the groups who use the premises, are being invited to sign in charcoal or chalk on special paper.

Then come along on the **morning of Saturday 20th January** to the Dovetail Centre, when these names are going to be turned into a work of art – a dove – by an artist, Rev David Hollingsworth, who is skilled at community works of art. **If you haven't done so already, add your name and you will have contributed to the 'dove'!** Paper and materials are available in the Dovetail Centre.

So, what's in a name? The angel who visited Mary announced: *'You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.'*

The name Jesus comes from the Hebrew name Joshua, or in Aramaic, Jeshua. It means: 'God is salvation'. So, the name of Jesus, the child of Mary, tells us we are in the presence of God, the one who hears the cries of the world and comes to save us.

Another name Jesus is given is 'Immanuel'; the prophet Isaiah writes: 'a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him Immanuel'. The name means 'God is with us'.

Christmas offers us a child, who is born to be 'God with us'; Jesus, the Saviour. Bob McGee's hymn proclaims: *God with us, revealed in us, we call your name, Immanuel.*

May God bless you this Christmas.

Peter

From the Circuit Leadership Team:

Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen came to visit the Circuit as part of the Stationing process.

The Circuit Invitation Committee agreed unanimously to invite her to become Superintendent Minister of the Winchester, Eastleigh & Romsey Circuit and the Minister of Chandler's Ford Methodist Church from September 2018. We are delighted to say that she has agreed.

Sue, who is Superintendent of the West London Mission and a minister at Hinde Street Methodist Church, is married to **Daniel**, a retired Swiss Minister.

The invitation is subject to confirmation by the Methodist Conference, which meets at the beginning of July next year, but we anticipate Sue and Daniel moving during August. Thank you for your support and prayers. Please continue to pray for them and the Circuit.

From Peter, Helen and Dan:

Peter has been invited to be the Superintendent of the West London Mission, and a Minister at Hinde Street Methodist Church from September 2018. We are very pleased and excited by the appointment which will be a different challenge. We are really grateful for the numerous messages of support and prayers over the last few months.



Stewards' Notes

Sara Goodhead

The Christmas season is a busy time for us all and also a great opportunity to welcome a wide range of people into our Church as they attend concerts and school events.

However, it does pose a challenge for the Stewards to ensure that there is someone here at all the events to offer that welcome and see that the Church is left ready for worship or other events. Many of the events are

during the daytime which means it is not possible for those Stewards who work to be present.

Could you help us in this way? We endeavour to have two teams – an “event team” and a “restoration team”. The “event team” is there for care and guidance and has no physical furniture moving input, and the “restoration team” helps put everything back in situ.

Please think very considerately about whether you could help. Please contact Brenda (8025 4574) or by email (mumster@btinternet.com) if you are interested.



Ecumenical Lent Groups

Churches Together in Chandler's Ford

How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of resurrection and be an Easter people? How can ‘there and then’ become ‘here and now’?

Taking part in a Lent group is an opportunity to share with Christians from other churches in Chandler's Ford, explore faith and make new friends.

Five sessions:

1. Have I got news for you!
2. So what? The implications of the Resurrection
3. ‘Let him Easter in us’
4. Celebrating and praying Easter
5. A risen Church

The course booklet includes a good selection of questions at the end of each of the five sessions, designed to stimulate wide-ranging discussion. Each group needs a copy of the course audio, and group members will benefit from having their own personal copy of the course booklet. In addition many groups find the transcript – which sets out the words as spoken on the audio material – invaluable.

Can you offer to host/lead a group? Please sign up by 19th December.
Would you like to attend a group? Watch out for the sign-up sheets on Sundays 21st & 28th January and 4th February.



Women's Fellowship

Barbara Hillier (8026 6786)

31/10 **Chris Woodward** talked about the men who designed and built our canals. From the Duke of Bridgewater – who wanted to transport coal; engineers like James Brindley – who linked miles of tunnels and built aqueducts; to Josiah Wedgwood in Stoke-on-Trent – whose pottery business depended on the safe and smooth transport of goods, and who was a major backer of the Trent and Mersey Canal.

By 1840, there were nearly 4,500 miles of canals in Britain. Yet within a few years their great days were over as trains and, later, lorries took the trade. Many of the locks and bridges have now been restored, like the Victorian *Anderton Boat Lift* in Cheshire, and the *Falkirk Wheel* boatlift in Scotland – now a major tourist attraction. There are miles of navigable inland waterways in Britain with rural views, industrial-era heritage and thriving bird life. Life slows to a walking pace on canals that once thronged with cargo vessels.

7/11 **Sue Brakewell** told us stories of every aspect of her life. As a child, her father was in the RAF, and they lived in six homes in four countries over 8 years. As a teenager, Sue tried many courses, including motor mechanics and secretarial, but at 17 she became a police cadet and has many memories, including being the first female to drill, and a minder to Henry Cooper.

After leaving the police to have a baby, Sue became a qualified teacher, graduating at 40 and gaining a Masters degree. She taught first aid, child protection and health and safety. Sue also scouted with adults and worked as a School Governor. Working for *Christian Aid* in Peru with poor people in shanty-towns in 1997 affected her faith and was a changing point in her life. Sue entered the Ministry and became a preacher and now works at St Mary's church in Sholing, where she is involved with pioneering outreach providing free meals for vulnerable children.

14/11 **Dave and Luke**, two representatives from **Mission Aviation Fellowship**, talked about their Christian charity, operating more than 135 light aircraft in around 26 developing countries bringing hope, help and

healing to remote communities. When roads are impassable, terrain is treacherous and walking vast distances is the only option, a curable illness can be deadly as a simple journey to the doctor may take days. For over 70 years MAF have been performing medical evacuations, supplying doctors, missionaries, food, aid workers, teachers and school supplies and showing God's love through all that they do.

21/11 **Dr Patricia Brown**, the Education Officer for the Hampshire Ornithological Society, came to talk to us about some of the activities with which she is involved, including work to stop the decline of swifts across Hampshire. 'Bird Trail' is a fun day designed for youngsters to develop skills and techniques in identifying birds, pond dipping, bird ringing and observing various habitats.

The Society promotes the recording and study of bird life, encourages and supports the conservation of wild birds and habitats, and maintains links with other organisations including the BTO and the RSPB. With the President, Chris Packham, and enthusiastic volunteers, HOS helps to ensure that Hampshire's important birdlife gets the attention it deserves.

All are welcome to our meetings on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Dovetail Centre:

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| 5th December | Christmas party – Grove Place Pluckers and Strummers |
| 12th December | Carol Service (our members with the help of a few of the Ambassador Choir will tell the Christmas Story in carols, poems, solos and readings) |
| 9th January | Rev Peter Cornick |
| 16th January | The Boaz Project |
| 23rd January | Gill Robinson – District President, Methodist Women in Britain (Bring & Buy for Action for Children) |
| 30th January | Claire Woodward – A Day in the Life of an Air Hostess |



Men's Supper Club

John Archer

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd January** when our talk is on *The Minstead Trust* with Dawn Wood. Contact John Archer if you are interested in joining us.



Men's Fellowship

Don Turpitt (8026 7128)

Our speaker for November was **Susan Gulliver** who spoke about her last visit to Kenya involving *Kenya Projects UK*. The leader, Maz, wished to retire and it was decided to make this the last trip as a group. St. Stephen's Children's Home is now well established, but donations and sponsorship are still welcome through the charity.

Medical supplies for the clinic and 40 wedding dresses for the new hire shop were brought, and help with repainting parts of the premises was given. During the visit, an outing to *Fun World* was enjoyed and the 92 children then came back to the group's hotel for refreshments, and were allowed use of the swimming pool. This was followed by the distribution of new shoes for all the children.

Education for children aged 5-11 years is financed by the Government, but once at senior level self-financing is required. At St. Stephen's there are two classrooms for nursery age children plus another for homework and home study. The other children go to local schools with seniors going to boarding school in term time with many later going on to university.

We learned that Kenya is becoming more prosperous with growing infrastructure, more cars and shops. Much land is now taken up with the growing of crops for export including coffee, bananas and vegetables.

The Men's Fellowship meet at 10 am in the J Ambrose Chalk Room on the second Wednesday of each month from October to April for Speakers' Meetings. On the remaining Monday and Wednesday mornings we meet for snooker, and pre-arranged bowls is also played at Fleming Park.

All men are cordially invited to join us, and our programme is as follows:

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| 13th December | Team quiz and mince pies – Barry Summerton |
| 10th January | Who do you think I am? – (members) |
| 14th February | History of Romsey Male Voice Choir – George Andreae |
| 14th March | Maritime and Coastguard Agency |



Circuit Prayer Fellowship

The Circuit Prayer Fellowship invite you to join them at 7.30 pm at Landford Methodist Church on **Thursday 14th December** and at Canada Common on **Thursday**

11th January.

Alternatively, Mike Hatch would be pleased to receive your prayer requests – 023 8081 3108 or m.hatch239@btinternet.com.

Request to Welcome

Brenda Syratt

This is the month when many of us talk of making a New Year's Resolution. I am making a plea to anyone who isn't on my list to distribute the notices and welcome people to our 10.30 am Sunday Services, to consider asking me to add them to the list as a part of their New Year Resolution.

The rota means that, at the very most, you would be requested to Welcome just twice a year. Each time you will be asked when is convenient to you and you would be asked to arrive at Church just before 10 am.

If you feel that you could do this, please contact me (8025 4574) or email mumster@btinternet.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Messy Church

Chris Slatcher

We meet on **Saturday 9th December** – Messy Christmas and **Saturday 13th January**. All welcome but children please bring an adult.

We start at 4 pm with a game, followed by the activities. There is a short all-age worship, and to finish, a lovely hot meal for everyone.



Boys' Brigade

Simon Farrenden, Captain – email: theeffes@live.co.uk
www.lcfbb.com

This has been another busy month for the members of the BB.

Thank you

We would like to thank you for the support and appreciation given in the events undertaken in November:

- ◆ The **Linkway Sale** was a successful morning. Thank you to those who donated items and also to those who purchased them!
- ◆ The **Rededication Service** – We trust this was informative and you were able to experience a flavour of our activities.
- ◆ To those who have donated compost for the eco-garden, thank you. We still have a large space to fill and if you can help us here, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Calendar Events

The Company will be holding its Christmas Concert on **Saturday 2nd December** at 6 pm. Please come and support us – it's a free event. A retiring collection will be taken for *Action for Children*.

The Band will be busy this month undertaking events in the community. The BB notice board will tell you where we are if you are able to join us.

Activities

- ◆ **Anchor Boys** – Our section has grown and we welcome three new members.
- ◆ **Juniors** – We were visited by the Dogs for the Blind Association this month and made friends with the dog and its owner, as they told us what it was like to be blind and the difficulties they overcome.
- ◆ **Seniors** – Our older members have been busy with a soldering iron, making pizzas, personalised t-shirts and having fun with fireworks (!)

We thank you for your continued support of the Company and its members, as well as the staff of the Company as they adjust to new roles and leadership. If you know of boys interested in joining us please pick up a leaflet from the BB notice board in the Linkway.

Advent Meditations

Anne Heath

From Silence to The Word – Wednesday evenings at 8 pm on **6th, 13th and 20th December** in the Church Prayer Corner. A time for quiet reflection as we share readings, prayers, music, meditations and silence. All are welcome, and each one stands alone.

Church Music

Helen Cornick

Our **Carol Service** is at 6.30 pm on **Sunday 17th December**. Rehearsals for singers will be on **Fridays 1st, 8th & 15th December** 7.30 – 9 pm. It is always good to have a larger group singing for the Carol Service. Please come and join us if you enjoy singing – even if you can't commit to all the rehearsals. There will be two orchestra rehearsals for the Carol Service on **Sunday 10th December** and **Saturday 16th December** from 4 – 5.30 pm.

There will be rehearsals for singers for our Sunday morning Services at 10 am on **Sundays 10th December, 28th January** and **25th February** in the J Ambrose Chalk room.

I am sorry not to have any definite Carol Singing opportunities for you yet, so please keep an eye out on the Music Notice Board in the Linkway corridor, or in the notice sheet. Unfortunately Churches Together in Chandler's Ford are not singing at Asda this year.

Our **Community Carol Service** is on **Wednesday 6th December** at 2 pm. This is a Carol Service for everyone.

Angels Aware

A Christian puppet show for the whole family

On **Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd December** at 5.30 pm
in the Church Hall

Tickets £1.50 (adults) and £1 (children)
available from the Dovetail Café or on the door

Church Services

Sunday 3rd December

10.30 am **Church with Choices
Toy Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Nick Langham

Wednesday 6th December

2 pm **Community Carol
Service** in the Church
Rev Peter Cornick

Friday 8th December

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Rev John Archer

Saturday 9th December

4 pm **Messy Church**
Dovetail Centre
Messy Christmas

Sunday 10th December

9 am **Holy Communion**
Rev Peter Cornick

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
St. Andrew's Eastleigh
One Achord Concert

Friday 15th December

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

Sunday 17th December

10.30 am **Morning Worship with
Holy Communion**
Rev Philip Seaton

6.30 pm **Carol Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

Friday 22nd December

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Barbara Hillier

Sunday 24th December

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Dr Howard Mellor

4 pm **Crib Service**
for all ages
Deacon Rona Eastman

11.30 pm **Midnight Communion**
Rev Peter Cornick

Monday 25th December

10.30 am **Christmas Morning
Worship**
Rev Peter Cornick

Friday 29th December

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Sandra Hayward

Sunday 31st December

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Tony Parkinson

(No Evening Service)

There are **Advent Meditations**
on 6th, 13th & 20th December
at 8 pm in the Prayer Corner

Friday 5th January

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Brian Merriman

Sunday 7th January

10.30 am **Covenant Service with
Holy Communion**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Vickieye
Parkinson-MacLachlan

Friday 12th January

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Deacon Rona Eastman

Saturday 13th January

4 pm **Messy Church**
Dovetail Centre

Sunday 14th January

9 am **Holy Communion**
Rev Andrew Bird

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Peter Castle

6.30 pm **United Service**
at Kings Road U.R.C.
Rev Peter Cornick

Friday 19th January

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

Sunday 21st January

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Tim Searle

4 pm **Churches Together
in Chandler's Ford**
St. Edward's RC

6.30 pm **Evening Worship with
Holy Communion**
St. Andrew's Eastleigh
Rev Tony Parkinson

7 pm **Connect Service**
Dovetail Centre
Rev Kate Cambridge

Friday 26th January

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Delcie Dalby

Sunday 28th January

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Rev Bob Kitching

Friday 2nd February

10.30 am **Shoppers' Service**
Helen Cornick

Sunday 4th February

10.30 am **Church with Choices**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Circuit Service**
Rev Peter Cornick
and Rev Gareth Hill



Small Groups

- Book group** Monday 4th December at 8 pm – 86 Brownhill Road
Diana Masters reading *Silas Marner* by George Eliot
- Bring a Thought** (See notice sheet for dates)
Derek Lowe 9 Clevelands Close at 8 pm
- Clanfield group** (See notice sheet for details)
1 Clanfield Close
- Dovetail group** Friday 15th December – *Advent reflections*
at 1.30 pm in the Dovetail Centre
- Monday group** Monday 4th December 2 pm – 15 Saxon Walk
(8026 6786) *A Christmassy afternoon*
Monday 15th January – New Year lunch
- Mums and Minis** Thursday 14th December – J Ambrose Chalk Room
at 10 am
- Oakmount group** Thursday 7th December – 8 pm Book/article review
13 Merdon Avenue Thursday 21st December – 8 pm Christmas party
- Rowntree group** Friday 5th January – 1 Harvest Road
at 7.30 pm *Understanding the Words of Jesus*
Friday 2nd February – 30 Meadowcroft Close
Journeying On – Rev Peter Cornick
- Park Road** (See notice sheet for details)
- Winchester Road** Thursday 18th January 2.30 pm – 9 Clevelands Close
(8026 1146) *Psalms* – Pam Madders
- Winsor Court** Monday 11th December at 10.30 am – *Video & social*
1 Winsor Court Mondays 8th & 22nd January, 5th & 19th February
– *Studying Isaiah*

Sunday Morning Rotas

Welcome — Brenda Syratt (8025 4574)

December

- 3rd** Rachael Hunt &
Nira Muruganandan
- 10th** Ali Baseley & Mike Phillips
- 17th** June & Barry Summerton
- 24th** Joan Moth & Mary Ilett
- 25th** The Slatcher family
- 31st** Jill Goodeve
& Mavis Hutchinson

January

- 7th** Jean Bentley &
Caroline Husain
- 14th** Denise Gordon & Ruth Ridge
- 21st** Pauline Blair
& David/Mo Martin
- 28th** Pat & Brian Chambers
- February 4th** Heather & Syd
Francis

Coffee — Christine Embleton (01962 469 293)

December

- 3rd** Bring a Thought group
- 10th** Oakmount group
- 17th** Chambers group
- 24th** Waite group
- 31st** Bronsdon group

January

- 7th** Winchester Road group
- 14th** Slatcher group
- 21st** Waite group
- 28th** Bring a Thought group
- February 4th** Oakmount group

Crèche — Mo Martin (Mo Martin & Doreen Lewry plus:)

December

- 3rd** Wendy Searle
- 10th** June Mutch
- 17th** Celia Child
- 24th** (no crèche)
- 31st** (no crèche)

January

- 7th** Margaret Launchbury
- 14th** Christine Embleton
- 21st** Catherine Gordon
- 28th** Mavis Hutchinson
- February 4th** June Mutch

Message Board

The next edition of *The Link* will be for **February**. Send items by **Wednesday 24th January**.

Christmas Tree Festival – Come and see Christmas trees decorated by local groups and charities with the theme of “Christmas Carols” at Romsey Methodist Church (free entry) on Friday 8th December (10 am – 12 noon & 2 pm – 8 pm) with a real donkey and performance by Achoiring Voices in the evening. Also Saturday 9th December (10 am – 5 pm) and Sunday 10th December (12 noon – 4 pm) with an Advent Celebration Service from 4 – 5 pm.

Christmas Lunch at **Minstead Lodge** – Christmas Lunch at Minstead (SO43 7FT) on weekdays until 14th December – £22.50 per person (two courses including a glass of wine). Minstead Lodge is a social enterprise which provides training and employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities. See the poster on the Linkway notice board.

If you would like to order **Bible Notes** for 2018, contact Denise Gordon.

Church Family Party

Church Family Party – Saturday 6th January from 6.30 – 9 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to our New Year party when we will enjoy a meal followed by games for all ages. The menu will be:

Normandy Pork or
Mushroom, Walnut and Roquefort Pie (V)

Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

Choice of Desserts

Please sign the sheet in the Linkway if you plan to attend.

Adults £6, children free – payable on the night.

Coming events

Space in the City – Three *New Year Reflections*. The talks will be held on **Wednesdays 17th, 24th & 31st January**, at the United Church in Jewry Street, Winchester, from 12.30 until 1 pm, and will be given by the Dean of Winchester Cathedral, the Very Revd. Catherine Ogle.

Bible Workshop – How to get the most out of reading your Bible. On **Saturday 27th January** from 10.30 am to 12 noon at Romsey Methodist Church. (Bring your smartphone or tablet if you have one.)



Thank you

A big thank you to the **Co-op** for a donation which has paid for two of our new tub chairs.

Bill & Vera Mercer thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during Vera's recent illness. Thank you – may God bless you all.

The Link donations for the quarter ending in November totalled £209.83 made up as follows: September – £65.78, October – £75.25, November – £68.80. Thank you to all who contributed to paying for the production costs of our excellent magazine – Caroline Husain.

Dovetail Cushions – A big thank you to **Brian Hopgood** for constructing the storage for the cushions. It is easy to use (the cushions just slide in and out) and it sits very neatly on the wall. For those who haven't seen it, it is on the right as you enter the Dovetail Centre – in between the PA controls and the book case. If you do take a cushion, please return it when you leave. Also a big thank you to **Hilary Beed** for removing the backing which left marks on the chairs, and for sticking on new backing.



Games Afternoons

Christine and Colin Davies

Do come along on **Monday afternoons** between 2 pm and 4 pm to enjoy the board games sessions. No previous knowledge of the games is necessary. Everyone is always made welcome.

Boxing Day

Christine and Colin Davies

Come and share a few hours of fun and fellowship! We will meet in the Dovetail Centre from 12 noon. There will be a buffet lunch at 12.30 pm.

Followed by a few hours of board games. Or maybe you would just like to come along and listen to seasonal music and enjoy the company of others?

Perhaps you would like to bring a neighbour or friend.

Saturday Afternoon Café

Nigel Fenwick

NEW: Saturday Late Afternoon Café – from 4 pm to 6.30 pm

If you feel the need to review the afternoon's rugby, catch up on the football results, talk through your build up for Strictly or discuss the weekend's more serious news then please join us in the Dovetail for the new Saturday Late Afternoon Café.

We'll have coffee and tea brewing and will be serving crumpets as well as most of the usual Dovetail Centre Café fare.

We'll also have Final Score on the TV from 4.30 pm!

If it's not for you but you know someone who might be interested, then please let them know about us. Opening dates for the rest of 2017:

Saturday 2nd December 5 – 6 pm

Saturday 9th December Not open

Saturdays 16th, 23rd & 30th December 4 – 6.30 pm

Syrian Refugees Coffee Morning

Denise Whittington

For some months now our Circuit, led by Rev Kate Cambridge, has been supporting a Syrian refugee family. As part of our commitment to the ongoing refugee crisis, we have been holding fundraisers in aid of various charities which befriend and enhance the well-being of such families.

Coffee Mornings have already been held within the Circuit, and the next one will be hosted by our Church on **Saturday 3rd February** in our newly refurbished Dovetail Café.

The Dovetail Café will be open to all as usual, but there will be the addition of a cake sale and representatives from the charity CLEAR Southampton (City Life Education and Action for Refugees) will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about their work. Please support this event by joining us for coffee and/or donating a cake.

60 year Celebration

Anna Ruff

Chandler's Ford Methodist Youth Club **60 Year Celebration** **5th – 6th May**

Youth Club has been part of the Church's ministry in Chandler's Ford for 60 years, and we would like to invite everyone involved over the years to join us for a reunion weekend. Come along to catch up with friends, reminisce and re-live some memorable moments!

Saturday 5th May

3-5 pm

Afternoon tea in the Dovetail Café

7-10 pm

BBQ and club night

Sunday 6th May

10.30am

Morning worship celebrating 60 years of fellowship through Youth Club

All welcome – please do pass on this invitation to anyone you know who might be interested. If you plan to attend, or have any questions, please contact John Andrews (07809 616775 or cfmc_john@hotmail.com).

If you would like to be involved in supporting the weekend, for instance serving refreshments on Saturday, then please let us know – John Andrews, Chris Goodhead, Chris Hayes, Ken Hedley, Barbara Hillier, Anna Ruff.

Springboard – Church funding

David Wrighton

Last month we published the details of the money we gave away last connexional year to good causes, and included a note from Elderfield on how they had used it. We also gave to Springboard, which works from our Church premises and provides support for the unemployed or those who are looking to better their job situation.

We gave a lesser amount this year than in previous years – Springboard has enough funds until the end of March, but we wanted to be seen to support them in what they do. As I am chair of Springboard, I did not contribute to that part of the discussion.

Springboard has developed a reputation for dealing with more difficult people, those with confidence problems, lack of self-esteem, even mild mental health problems taking referrals from organisations like iTalk and Solent Mind. It is at the moment in touch with Elderfield, who are very interested in what it has to offer as a potential service for their residents.

Our clients are normally seen free of charge as we have funding to do this, but we need to measure the effectiveness of what we do and so it is very careful to elicit feedback from its clients. Almost all of that feedback is enormously positive, praising how good the service has been for them, how much it has helped change lives, given them the confidence to do something, helped them deal with their anxiety or anger, or similar comments (see example below) – all of which emphasises that we are dealing with people who really need help and are helping them realise their potential.

So Springboard continues to be very grateful for the support it receives from the Church and feels it is doing something of which the Church in turn can feel proud.

We can currently offer three free hours of career guidance / job help to anyone in Hampshire.

“I’d like to thank you sincerely for everything you did for me in those sessions. They were extremely valuable in helping me change my mindset and in restoring my belief in myself. Your input and support will remain beyond measure.”

December

Monday 4th	Eastleigh Area Schools Orchestra Concert
Tuesday 5th	Royal Opera Live – The Nutcracker
Thursday 7th	Community Choir Christmas Concert
Friday 8th	Hampshire County Youth Choirs Concert
Saturday 9th	Test Valley School of Dance – Festive Fair
Sunday 10th	Royal Opera Live (encore) – The Nutcracker
Monday 11th	National Theatre Live (encore) – Young Marx
Tuesday 12th	Wyvern Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th	Thornden School Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th	Barton Peveril Christmas Concert
Friday 15th	Thornden Community Wind Band Winter Concert
Saturday 16th	Compton & Shawford Festival Choir
Sunday 17th	West End Singers Christmas Concert
Monday 18th	Movies @ The Hall – Dunkirk

January

Saturday 6th	POPS incorporated UK – Concert
Saturday 13th	LIVE Wrestling Event
Sunday 14th	U Support Charity Concert – The Voice Kids
Tuesday 16th	Royal Opera Live – Rigoletto
Sunday 21st	Southampton Youth Wind Band Pyramid Concert
Friday 26th	Movies @ The Hall – Hampstead
Saturday 27th	Winchester City Festival Choir Concert
Sunday 28th	Metropolitan Opera Live (encore) – Tosca

*Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.
He who follows Me shall not walk in
darkness, but have the light of life".*

John 8: 12

Events list

Women's Fellowship – Tuesdays [6] Games Afternoons – Mondays [17]

December

Saturday 2nd Saturday Afternoon Café [18] BB Concert [10]
Sunday 3rd Toy Service [12] Souper Sunday [16]
Monday 4th Book group [14] Monday group [14]
Tuesday 5th 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting at Wesley, Weeke
Wednesday 6th Advent Meditations [11] Community Carol Service [11]
Thursday 7th Oakmount group [14] Friday 8th Singers rehearsal [11]
Saturday 9th Messy Church [9]
Sunday 10th Singers' rehearsal [11] Orchestra rehearsal [11]
Monday 11th Winsor Court group [14] 7.30 pm OMG rehearsal
Wednesday 13th Advent Meditations [11] Men's Fellowship [8]
Thursday 14th Circuit Prayer Fellowship [9] Mums and Minis [14]
Friday 15th Singers rehearsal [11] Dovetail group [14]
Saturday 16th Saturday Afternoon Café [18] Orchestra rehearsal [11]
Sunday 17th Carol Service [11]
Wednesday 20th Advent Meditations [11]
Thursday 21st Oakmount group [14]
22nd-23rd Angels Aware puppet show [11]
Saturdays 23rd/30th Saturday Afternoon Café [18]
Sunday 24th Crib Service [12] Midnight Communion [12]
Tuesday 26th Boxing day fun [18]

January

Friday 5th Rowntree group [14]
Saturday 6th Church Family Party [16]
Monday 8th Winsor Court group [14]
Wednesday 10th Men's Fellowship [8]
Thursday 11th Circuit Prayer Fellowship [9]
Saturday 13th Messy Church [9] Monday 15th Monday group [14]
Thursday 18th Winchester Road group [14]
Saturday 20th 10 am Dovetail Art Project in the Dovetail Centre [3]
Saturday 21st Connect Service [12]
Monday 22nd Winsor Court group [14]
Tuesday 23rd Men's Supper Club [7]
Saturday 27th Bible Workshop [16]
Sunday 28th Singers' rehearsal [11]

February

Friday 2nd Rowntree group [14]
Saturday 3rd Syrian Refugees Coffee Morning [18]

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SUNDAY	9 am	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday of each month)
	10.30 am	Morning Worship (crèche for pre-school age) J Team (for children school age to early teens) Young People's Fellowship (2nd Sunday)
	6 pm	Evening Worship
	6.30 pm	Connect Service (3rd Sunday)
	7 pm	Ten at Ten in the Prayer Corner
MONDAY	10 am	Boys' Brigade
	7 pm	Other Hand Puppets (Age 7+)
	7-8.30 pm	Occasional Music Group (2nd Monday)
	7.30 pm	Ten at Ten in the Prayer Corner
TUESDAY	10 am	Women's Fellowship
	2.30 pm	Brownies then 7.30-9 pm Guides
	5.45-7.15 pm	Men's Supper Club (4th Tuesday)
	7.15 pm	Badminton Club
	7.30 pm	Men's Fellowship
WEDNESDAY	10 am	Ten at Ten in the Prayer Corner
	10 am	Dovetots Parents and Toddlers (Term time)
	1.45-3.15 pm	Folk Dancing (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays)
	7.30-9 pm	Drama Group
	7.30 pm	Prayer Time in the Ambrose Chalk room
THURSDAY	9 am	Ladies' Badminton
	1.45-3.30 pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys then Juniors)
	4.45-7.45 pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers/Juniors then Seniors)
	6-8 pm	Youth Club
	8-10 pm	Ten at Ten in the Prayer Corner
FRIDAY	10 am	Shoppers Service
	10.30 am	Rainbow Guides then 6-7.30 pm Brownies
	5-6 pm	Boys' Brigade Band Practice
	6-9 pm	Ten at Ten in the Prayer Corner
SATURDAY	10 am	Who let the Dads out? (4th Saturday)
	10 am	Messy Church (2nd Saturday)
	4-6 pm	Junior Youth Club (not 2nd)
	6-7.30 pm	

DOVETAIL CENTRE CAFÉ – Weekdays 9 am – 12 noon

(except Bank Holidays) Saturdays 10 am – 12 noon

PRE-SCHOOL – Every weekday from 9.05 am-12.05 pm (2.9-5 years)

TRAIDCRAFT – In the Linkway each Friday from 10 am-12 noon