

The Link



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From our Minister

Rev Peter Cornick

The Gift Day, to raise money to refurbish the Dovetail Centre, has been successful. The day raised £18,000 (including Gift Aid and gifts given subsequently); your generosity has made the progress of this project possible and work will begin during August.

Many people and groups have been very generous in their gifts and I want to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of the Church, for your gift. I realise that in the challenging economic climate, people have had to think seriously about how much they can give. To those who were unable to give financially, but supported the Gift Day with prayer, your gift is a valuable one. I want to thank, too, the group who have been assessing the specifications for the refurbishment on our behalf and for their attention to the many and varied requests and opinions. I am also grateful to those who led and participated in the several prayer times leading up to the Gift Day.

The chance to meet for regular prayer was particularly valuable in a week dominated by the tragedy of the fire in London. Our thoughts and prayers always need to extend beyond our own immediate needs. On the Sunday after the fire, we listened in Church to a moving interview with the Methodist minister local to the area, the Rev Mike Long. He described the response by the community and the way in which the church provides a place for listening to people's feelings as well as naming injustices and inequalities which this tragedy has painfully uncovered. On the same Sunday, we focused on the epistle of James. James reminds us that our prayers need to be mixed with practical action; so, we have given from our benevolence fund to the London Methodist District appeal for the work with those suffering from the fire and the healing of that broken community in the future.

To return to the Gift Day, it was an opportunity to thank God for the blessings received over the years, not least through the Dovetail Centre. Perhaps you have worshipped in the Dovetail Centre and heard the story of Jesus; perhaps you have supported a charitable cause there, perhaps you have shared fellowship in a group or after the parting of a loved one;

perhaps you have felt someone has listened to your story over a cup of coffee. The situation and needs are very different from London, but the Dovetail Centre is a place where our community meets together. It is a place where the Holy Spirit dwells in a place we might see as a 'home from home'.

The Dovetail Centre refurbishment is necessary to make our wonderful resource fit for the future. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to find a resting place there and that the Dovetail Centre will continue to help us make more faithful followers of Jesus.



Dovetail Update

John Bronsdon

The general consensus during the Gift Day and the following Sunday was that the choice of furniture, carpets, coffee machine etc. was acceptable. Obviously not everyone agreed – which is inevitable given the size and mix of our membership and friends.

Quotations are being obtained with the intention to carry out the work in August.

From **30th July**, the Coffee Room will move into the “Purple” room for two weeks. Signs will indicate the way into it and into the church, office area and Ambrose Chalk Room. For considerable periods during these two weeks, the Linkway corridor will not be accessible. Please bear with us and look for signs indicating alternative ways into the building.

At the start, all of the existing carpet, furniture and fittings in the Dovetail Centre will be removed – as well as the Linkway corridor carpet. Redecoration will be carried out where necessary.

After all the carpet has been re-laid, the new furniture, blinds, lights etc. will be installed. The new coffee machine will be plumbed in – in the kitchen. The main entrance door to the Dovetail Centre will be fitted with an automatic opener – similar to those at either end of the Linkway. A

60 inch TV will be wall mounted in the Dovetail Centre to be used for presentations, worship, meetings etc.

The book exchange and card sales will be moved to the current information corner. The vacated corner will become a reflection area. The “library end” will be changed to a family area with easy seating, low tables and new storage for children’s toys and books.

Signage will be improved internally and externally. The bus stop, where quite a few people wait, is close to the steps to the Church. Some additional signage will be provided there. We anticipate erecting feather flags during the time that the Coffee Room/Café is open each day.

There will be an official opening in September to which the local MP and the Mayor of Eastleigh will be invited. This event will be widely publicised and the press invited in order to maximise the promotion of the new facilities and the refurbished room.

Current users of our rooms and young parents will be offered a voucher that will entitle the holder to a free drink – in order to promote the new facilities and, hopefully, bring new customers into our premises.

There are several items in the Dovetail Centre that will not be required in future: tables, chairs, book cases, planters etc. If anyone would like any of them or knows of a “good home” please let John Bronsdon know as soon as possible.

Now a big plea for help!

On **Saturday 29th July** starting at 2.30 pm, we will strip EVERYTHING out of the Dovetail Centre. Some tables and chairs will go, temporarily, into the “Purple” room or the hall; some items will go to “good homes” and some into a skip.

If about 8 – 10 people could assist, it will only take an hour or two. Please let John Bronsdon know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Getting to Know You

Workshops & Worship

Please join us for a Circuit ‘getting to know you’ event at our Church on **Saturday 15th July** from 2.30 pm to 7.00 pm. During the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to take part in two workshops – full details of which are available on a flyer available in the Church foyer.

There will be a ‘Bring & Share’ tea and a closing act of worship incorporating items prepared during the workshops. It would be helpful if you could let the Church Stewards know by Monday 10th July if you hope to attend – especially if you are bringing children or a musical instrument. However, you are more than welcome just to come on the afternoon.



Notes from the Stewards

Sara Goodhead

Since the last edition of *The Link* was published we have been pleased to welcome Irene Mamba onto the Stewards’ Team. We can also report that there has been a good response to Peter’s appeal for occasional worship stewards to help with the Sunday Morning Services. We are very grateful to those volunteers and hope they will be helping out from time to time from the Autumn.

In May we carried out our annual fire drill. Rather than following the usual pattern of rehearsing an evacuation from the Church during a Service, we felt it was important to test the procedure when the congregation were dispersed into the Dovetail Centre and corridors. This has allowed us to learn from the experience and we would ask you to note the following points should an evacuation ever be necessary:

1. Unless there is a clear need to do otherwise, please leave the building by the nearest exit. There are assembly points at front and back of the building in such a situation.
2. Do use all the doors and routes. We noticed people were queuing to exit via the Linkway door when there was an alternative route

of exit via the foyer and front door of the Church that was not being used until Stewards directed people that way.

3. Once out of the building please do not try to drive cars away whilst there are a lot of people assembling. This is a risk to pedestrians and could also hinder access by emergency vehicles.
4. Please be conscious of wheelchair users and others who may need assistance. Help them to leave if it does not endanger your own safety.

Thank you for your cooperation with this practice and apologies to anyone whose coffee was cold by the time they got back to it!



Boys' Brigade

www.1cfbb.com

Active Kids Vouchers – Thank you for collecting the vouchers. We received over 2,000 and we have ordered some new games equipment and cooking equipment. These will be used by the Company and the Girls' Brigade and should be with us in September.

Recycling – We shall continue with the collection of recyclables – **stamps, ink cartridges and mobile phones** are donated to **Naomi House**. Please note that we have been informed that only the **small drinks cans ring pulls** are now required – not the food can ring pulls. These are sent to the **Ladies' Co-operative in the Philippines** to be used to decorate bags etc. These can be brought to the Church at any time and left in the box in the Church Linkway.

Retirement – At the end of this session **Doreen Sansome** and **Pat Burnage** are retiring from the Anchor Section after many years of devoted service. We thank them both for all that they have done in the Company.

Come September the Company will be under new management with several leaders taking on new roles. We look forward to this new era in the Company's history.



Women's Fellowship

Barbara Hillier (8026 6786)

30/5 **John Andrews** told us that next year is the 60th Anniversary of the Youth Club at the Methodist Church. John has invested 15 years in helping young people, and during this time there have been highs and lows, tough times as well as times of great joy.

John quoted Deuteronomy 6: 5–9 about committing our lives to God and His Word, and talked about communicating these truths to children.

The stories he told of some of the events in the Youth Club demonstrated how young people from very different backgrounds can be helped and given confidence through the Club's many activities, including trips to St. Catherine's Hill, Fairthorne Manor and the cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End.

John has done inspirational youth work that has not only affected children's lives, but also his own. This was a talk about ordinary young people becoming extraordinary adults.

6/6 Barbara auctioned a variety of things in aid of our project this year, which is a Circuit Project – **Local Dementia Care**. The amount raised was £120. Thank you as always to our members for their generosity in supplying the goods and buying them back.

13/6 **Lilian Brimelow** demonstrated Armchair Exercises and reminded us how important it is to keep as mobile as we can in later life. We joined in with the head-to-toe, gentle, easy-to-follow exercises, which improve circulation, strengthen our muscles and joints and helps maintain mobility.

20/6 The talk from the **RNLI** highlighted how easy it is to find ourselves in difficulty at sea. The RNLI is ready to respond whenever people get into trouble on the water. Lifeboat crews, lifeguards on the beach and flood rescue teams have responded to countless incidents and saved thousands of lives. They are on call and ready for action 24 hours a day all year round. The 35,000 volunteers are at the heart of the RNLI and essential to its

lifesaving service, looking after lifeboat stations, beaches, community safety, fundraising and much more. They have many varieties of lifeboats for different situations including jet skis and hovercraft.

One of the important educational commitments of the RNLI is teaching children water safety in schools. The target is to halve the number of people drowning with the 'Respect the Water Campaign'. Running the charity costs 150 million pounds a year, but it has an essential mission to save lives at sea.

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

4th July	Some of our Favourite Hymns
11th July	Garden Party at 24 Nichol Road
5th September	Rev Peter Cornick

M.E.T. Conference

Peter Castle

Rev Paul Smith will be giving four talks exploring the theme "The Lamb of God" at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay, Devon over the weekend of 26–28th January 2018.

The sessions are:

- (1) Where is the Lamb
- (2) Behold the Lamb
- (3) Like a Lamb
- (4) Worthy is the Lamb

Paul is a very well-known teacher and preacher of God's Word so booking early is essential.

Contact Peter Castle (8026 6735) for further information including hotel rates, amenities and booking forms.

Further details about M.E.T. can be found at methodistevangelicals.org.uk.



Circuit Prayer Fellowship

The Circuit Prayer Fellowship invite you to join them at Landford Methodist Church (SP5 2AF) on **Thursday 13th July** at 7.30 pm.

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



Men's Fellowship

Don Turpitt (8026 7128)

Our next main meeting is our A.G.M. on Wednesday 11th October, but in the meantime we continue with snooker and bowls and warmly welcome any men who would like to join us.

Covert Sale

Caroline Husain

The Church is holding its next fundraising effort on **Saturday 15th July** with a stall in St Maurice's Covert.

We will need lots to sell – unwanted presents, jewellery, good quality bric-a-brac, household goods, toys, etc. in addition to as many cakes and preserves as possible.

We will also need help with transporting everything to Winchester and selling it on the day. It's a great opportunity for fundraising, and good fun into the bargain.

If you can't help, do come along during the day and support us. Please contact Caroline Husain (8025 3863) for further information and offers of help and goods.

Nomansland Service

Sunday 20th August at 11 am

For various reasons, the chapel at Nomansland has not held Services for nearly a year. On **Sunday 20th August**, a Service will be held at 11 am to coincide with the hosting of the annual art exhibition. Barbara Hillier will be leading the worship, and members of the Monday Housegroup will be attending.

It would be good if other individuals or groups could also come and support this small church family. Just turn up, or if you are interested in car-sharing (either as driver or passenger) please contact Barbara Hillier by Sunday 6th August.



Coffee Morning

in aid of Alan Cranmer Fund

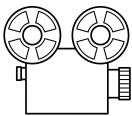
On **Saturday 22nd July** from 10 am to 12 noon at 137 Hursley Road, a Coffee Morning in aid of Kenya and the Alan Cranmer Fund, which supports the work of the Holdsworth Memorial Hospital in India.

Please bring cakes to sell. Offers of help to Barbara Hillier (8026 6786).

Church Music

Helen Cornick

There will be a singers rehearsal in the Ambrose Chalk room at 10 am on **Sunday 16th July**. We appreciate having anyone who would like to join us.



Film on Friday

Ken Richardson will lead the meeting on **Friday 21st July**, and we will be looking at the film 'I, Daniel Blake'.

Church Services

Sunday 2nd July

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

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Sam Barnes

Friday 7th July

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

Saturday 8th July

4 pm **Messy Church**
Dovetail Centre

Sunday 9th July

9 am **Holy Communion**
Rev Peter Cornick

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Pam Madders
Bible month:
James 4: 13 – 5: 20
Living for the Lord

6.30 pm **United Service**
Rev Sarah Hall
and Anne Heath

Friday 14th July

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev Eric Renouf

Sunday 16th July

10.30 am **Morning Worship
with Holy Communion**
Rev Peter Cornick

6.30 pm **Evening Worship
with Holy Communion**
at St. Andrews Eastleigh
Rev Peter Cornick

7 pm **Connect Service**
Dovetail Centre
Rev Andrew Bird

Friday 21st July

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev Bob Kitching

Sunday 23rd July

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Delcie Dalby

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Jeremy Sykes

Friday 28th July

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Margaret Smithson

Sunday 30th July

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Valerie Wright

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Rev Peter Cornick

Friday 4th August

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev Peter Cornick

Sunday 6th August

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

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Pat Sharp

Friday 11th August

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Barbara Hillier

Sunday 13th August

9 am **Holy Communion**
Rev Andrew Bird

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Dr John Evans

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

Friday 18th August

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev Tony Parkinson

Sunday 20th August

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
Rev John Archer

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
with Holy Communion
Rev Gareth Hill

Friday 25th August

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
Rev John Archer

Sunday 27th August

10.30 am **Morning Worship**
with Holy Communion
Rev Tony Parkinson

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
Beth Sharratt

Friday 1st September

10.30 am **Shoppers Service**

Sunday 3rd September

10.30 am **Church with Choices**

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**



- Book group** Monday 31st July at 8 pm – 39 Hillcrest Avenue
Diana Masters *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson
- Bring a Thought** Mondays 3rd, 17th & 24th July at 8 pm
Derek Lowe 9 Clevelands Close
- Clanfield group** (See notice sheet for details)
1 Clanfield Close
- Dovetail group** Friday 7th July – James 3–4:12
Dovetail Centre Friday 21st July – James 4:13–5:20
at 1.30 pm Friday 1st September – Desert Mothers and Fathers
- Monday group** Monday 3rd July – Strawberries, cream & fellowship
(8026 6786) at 137 Hursley Road
Sunday 20th August 11 am Nomansland (see page 11)
- Mums and Minis** Thursdays 6th & 20th July at 10 am at the Church
- Oakmount group** (See notice sheet for details)
at 8 pm
- Rowntree group** Friday 7th July – 1 The Woodlands
at 7.30 pm Summer Event at 12.30 pm
Friday 1st September – 30 Meadowcroft Close
- Park Road** (See notice sheet for details)
- Winchester Road** Wednesday 19th July at 7.45 pm – 9 Clevelands Close
(8026 1146) Delcie Dalby – *Psalms*
Sunday 13th August at 1 pm – 87 Kingsway
Summer Get-together
- Winsor Court** Monday 31st July 10.30–12 noon – Coffee Morning
1 Winsor Court (New study commences on 4th September)

Sunday Morning Rotas

Welcome—Brenda Syratt (8025 4574)

July

2nd Jillie & Roger Curtis

9th Pam & Jim Blacklock

16th Barbara Lowe & Norma Reid

23rd Carolyn Hawthorne
& Wendy Searle

30th Gill Summerfield
& Sue Philpott

August

6th Sandy & Cameron Denton

13th Diane Pugh & Bill Mercer

20th Celia & Mike Child

27th Pauline Waterman
& Jean Hiscocks

September

3rd Val & Geoff Thomas

Coffee—Christine Embleton (01962 469 293)

July

2nd Bring a Thought group

9th Slatcher group

16th Oakmount group

23rd Waite group

30th Chambers group

August

6th Slatcher group

13th Winchester Road group

20th Bronsdon group

27th Bring a Thought group

September

3rd Oakmount group

Crèche—Mo Martin (Mo & Doreen Lewry staff the crèche, plus:)

July

2nd Mavis Hutchinson

9th June Mutch

16th Wendy Searle

23rd Celia Child

30th Margaret Launchbury

August

6th Christine Embleton

13th Catherine Gordon

20th Mavis Hutchinson

27th June Mutch

September

3rd Wendy Searle



Message Board

The next edition of *The Link* will be for **September**. Send items *up to early October* by **Wednesday 23rd August**.

Thomas Brown will be baptised on **Sunday 10th September** at 2.30 pm. The Church family are warmly welcome. However, so we can share this occasion with the wider Church family, Thomas will also be having a baptismal blessing in a future Sunday Morning Service – Sarah & Kevin.

Charlie Gordon Marsh was baptised in June. There is a family baptism (3 people) on Sunday 30th July at 2 pm. All are welcome at this Service.

Spirit of Photography – Millions of photos are taken everyday across the world. Some are just snapshots. Others are more carefully crafted and can deepen our vision and sharpen our sense of what life is all about. In this workshop we will be exploring how our photography and our spirituality can inspire each other. **On Saturday 8th July** at the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8RZ from 10 am – 4 pm. A light lunch will be provided. ***Please book in advance.*** Contact: Adrian Roux rouxa@methodistchurch.org.uk.

Sounds of the Summer – Velmore musicians & friends present a concert to support Pamoja, a charity working in Kenya. On **Saturday 8th July** at 7 pm in the Velmore Centre. Tickets £5.

Guided Walk on **Saturday 12th August** starting from Alresford Methodist Church at 2 pm and ending at about 4 pm.

A **Beetle Drive/Quiz & Supper** (Ploughmans & dessert £6) on **Saturday 19th August** at 7 pm at Wellow. All proceeds from these events will go to: *Romsey Round Table* “Make a Wish” – crafting wishes for children with life threatening illnesses and *Julia’s House* – a new hospice opening in the spring of this year to support children and their families from the Salisbury area. For more details or tickets please contact M. Trinder (8086 9846).

Chandler’s Ford During the Reign of Queen Victoria. A talk by **Barbara Hillier** at Velmore Church on **Wednesday 23rd August** from 2.30 to 3.30 pm (followed by tea and biscuits).



Thank you

A big 'thank you' to those who led the Morning sessions at the **Gift Day prayers**.

"We are filled with gratitude every time we remember that Christ's coming transforms the water of existence into the sparkling joy of life filled with the Spirit."

I pray that those who attended found the sessions helpful – Anne Heath.

Betty and Len Merryman would like to thank all the kind friends who sent cards and flowers and who visited them during Betty's stay in hospital and at home since. Slow progress is now being made.



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.



Summer Ramble

Daphne Waite (8025 3611)

If you enjoy walking and can manage rough ground you are welcome to join us on the following rambles:

Tuesday 4th July St. Cross (2 miles)

Tuesday 18th July Lakeside (2½ miles)

Tuesday 1st August Southampton Common (1½ miles)

Meet in the Church car park for a 7 pm departure. Lifts available.



Methodist Women in Britain

Helen Cornick

MWIB Methodist Women in Britain **Sharing Day** is on **Thursday 6th July** from 10 am to 3.30 pm at Bemerton Methodist Church, Salisbury. Led by Rev David Hollingsworth – *John Wesley and The Story of Ruth*. £3 – please bring a packed lunch.

Methodist Women in Britain District **Celebration Day** is on **Saturday 7th October** from 10 am to 3.30 pm at St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton. Led by Alison Judd. See Helen Cornick for more details of both of these – especially if you would like transport.

Eastleigh Basics Bank

Denise Whittington

As you have been aware, we have been looking for storage for our food stocks over the last few months. Eastleigh Borough Council has managed to find us new facilities and we are just waiting for them to complete the paperwork to set a date for our move.

During this period our food stock levels have been substantially reduced. The number of families we help in the borough remains largely unchanged, but there has been a noticeable decrease in the amount of food items being placed in our local supermarket trolleys and our church donation boxes. We appreciate that the thoughts and concerns of our community are currently on nationwide issues. Please can we ask that you renew awareness of our project within the church and to our neighbours. I have put an updated list of our food needs in the Dovetail Centre.

You will perhaps have noticed that we have said ‘goodbye’ to the old supermarket trolley previously used as a collection point, in favour of a lovely smart designer style box. Thank you to the Dovetail Refurbishment Team for sourcing this for us, and be assured that we will make good use of it! Can I also remind you that we can only receive donations of food, toiletries and cleaning materials. We are unable to accept gifts of clothing or shoes. Thank you all for your continued support of gifts, prayers and encouraging words.



Got Questions about Life....?

Try Alpha – Mike Slatcher

Our vision is to make more faithful followers of Jesus, so the Learning & Caring Action Team are running another Alpha course in the autumn.

The last course proved highly rewarding, not just for the participants, but also for those leading and facilitating. One said, “If you ever get a chance to go on one, I thoroughly recommend it. It has changed my life and has left me thirsty for more!” So, let’s do it again, but let’s get more people involved!

Alpha is for anyone who’s curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

We would like the whole Church family to support us again, either prayerfully or practically. We haven’t finalised what catering will be required yet, but we will be asking for help nearer the time. The meal was a key element last year, where we could really get to know each other.

The most important part of the planning is to find those who may be interested in asking the big questions. For all the publicity we will produce, the most effective way is by personal invitation. Who do you know who would consider joining us? There could be some interesting conversations to be had!

The course is planned for Thursday evenings in the Dovetail Centre from 21st September to 7th December, but we aim to be flexible if another day works better for participants.

For more information please contact me (m.slatcher@ntlworld.com) or see the Alpha website at www.alpha.org.

Abi's Relay Year

Abi Andrews

Next year, I have the exciting opportunity to stay in Lancaster and work as a *Relay Worker*. *Relay* is a discipleship year, working with the Christian Union at university, with the organisation UCCF. Their vision is to give every student the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. I have seen and been a part of students having countless exciting conversations with people seeking the gospel, leading Bible studies with non Christians, putting on large scale evangelistic events and missions and I have even had the privilege of attending baptisms of friends at university I have seen come to faith. University really is a unique time when people are particularly open and searching and it has been so exciting watching God's Kingdom grow.

I will be trained for a year in following Jesus through a programme of theological study, regional training days and national conferences. I have learnt an incredible amount in these past three years and I can't wait to continue this in even more depth.

It is a self-funded year, or more precisely, funded by the generosity of support partners. This sounds fearfully daunting, but this is also a year where I get to see God's provision for myself. It is a chance to really grow in trust, learn to depend on God and experience his blessings first hand for the mission that He has set before me.

I will be part of an incredible team sharing in God's great mission and helping other people do the same, living out the Gospel. I have no doubt there will be many fun times ahead, such is the fellowship of God's unending blessings and the best part is I get to spend a year seeing more people come closer to Jesus.

As exciting as this is, I can't do this on my own and I would really appreciate prayers for both myself and the students I will be working with. I will be sending out a regular prayer letter with updates on our mission. If you would be interested in receiving this or supporting me financially in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I would love to hear from you. I would love to partner with you in prayer, and to support and be praying for you too. Feel free to email me: abi.andrews19@hotmail.co.uk. I look forward to seeing you again soon!



Youth Club 60th Celebration

Anna Ruff

Save the date!

Chandler's Ford Methodist Youth Club 60 Year Celebration is on **5–6th May 2018**. A reunion weekend for everyone involved over the years. We hope you can join us.

If interested, please send your contact details to John Andrews (07809 616 775) cfmc_john@hotmail.com and we will send you further information in due course. Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested. Spread the word!



Thornden Hall

www.thorndenhall.co.uk (8024 6555)

July

- Monday 3rd Royal Opera Encore – Otello
Tuesday 4th National Theatre Encore – Salome
Saturday 8th POPS Incorporated – Sounds of the 70s, 80s & 90s
19th – 22nd Thornden School presents 'Buddy – the Buddy Holly Story'
Monday 24th NT Live (encore) – Angels in America part 1
Thursday 27th NT Live – Angels in America part 2
Friday 28th Movies @ The Hall – Hidden Figures
Saturday 29th Tori Caine School of Dance – 'Spooked'
Sunday 30th Parkewood School of Dance – 'That's Entertainment'

August

- Friday 25th Movies @ The Hall – Jackie
Thursday 31st NT Live – Yerma

Looking ahead to September:

- Thursday 7th Live Screening – An audience with John le Carré
Thursday 14th Screening – 'Carmen' on the Lake.
(Filmed on Lake Constance during the Bregenz Festival)
Wednesday 20th ROH Live screening – Magic Flute

Women's Fellowship – Tuesdays [8] Games Afternoons – Mondays [17]

July

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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)

6 pm Young People's Fellowship (2nd Sunday)

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**

7 pm **Connect Service** (3rd Sunday)

MONDAY 7 pm Boys' Brigade
7–8.30 pm Other Hand Puppets (Age 7+)
7.30 pm Occasional Music Group (2nd Monday)

TUESDAY 2.30 pm Women's Fellowship
5.45–7.15 pm Brownies then 7.30–9 pm Guides
7.15 pm Men's Supper Club (4th Tuesday)
7.30 pm Badminton Club

WEDNESDAY 10 am Men's Fellowship
1.45–3.15 pm Dovetots Parents and Toddlers (Term time)
7.30–9 pm Folk Dancing (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays)
7.30 pm Drama Group

THURSDAY 9 am Prayer Time in the Prayer Corner
1.45–3.30 pm Ladies' Badminton
4.45–7.45 pm Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys then Juniors)
6–8 pm Girls' Brigade (Explorers/Juniors then Seniors)
8–10 pm Youth Club

FRIDAY 10.30 am **Shoppers Service**
5–6 pm Rainbow Guides then 6–7.30 pm Brownies
6–9 pm Boys' Brigade Band Practice

SATURDAY Who let the Dads out? (4th Saturday)
4–6 pm **Messy Church (2nd Saturday)**
6–7.30 pm Junior Youth Club (not 2nd)

COFFEE ROOM – Monday to Saturday 9.30 am–12 noon
(except Bank Holidays)

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