

# *The Link*

Rejoice ALWAYS  
Pray CONTINUALLY  
Give Thanks  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES  
1 THESS. 5:16-18

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*Dear Friends,*

After much prayer and reflection, I have decided that it is the right time to look for another appointment. This was announced at the Circuit Meeting in June and the Circuit Stewards are already in the process of making plans for a successor to me as minister at Chandler's Ford and as Superintendent of the Circuit. My Circuit Farewell Service is planned for 15th July 2018. I am frequently being asked, "where are you going?" The answer is, "I don't know". Having submitted my personal profile, I will be provisionally matched with a Circuit and visit in November. If that is a successful visit, I will know where I am going! If not, the process moves into December and beyond as necessary. The process is the same for the Minister arriving in this Circuit.

So why leave? Methodist Ministers have traditionally moved – in the past, it was every few years! The length of stay is statistically growing longer. This is to allow long term projects to come to fruition and community to develop. It allows also for the diverse needs of the modern family. I will have been in this appointment for twelve years; in that time, the Circuit has seen two mergers which have taken considerable amounts of my time and the Church has grown in its vision of mission and in diversity of worship. As Ministers, we are 'called' by God to our role. This means we experience God speaking to us through prayer, scripture and fellowship, guiding our decisions. I feel called to seek a new challenge and to allow someone else to take up the reins of the Church and Circuit here. But this isn't a goodbye letter – yet! I still have much to do. But inevitably, the next year is one of change – and of following the 'calling' to a place and a people God has in store for me.

The scriptures tell us of leaders God calls, moving on. Abram hears the call like this: "Leave your country, your relatives and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you". Leaving Chandler's Ford will feel a bit like leaving 'home'; Helen, Dan and I have built so many relationships here. But Abram also hears this: "I will bless you ... so that you will be a blessing". I believe God will bless me on the way, wherever

that may be. As I hope I have been in Chandler's Ford, I pray that I may be a blessing to others and a means by which people come to follow Jesus.

So please pray for the three of us as God calls us to somewhere new. I will, likewise, pray for you and the Minister who will be moving here. It is a time of uncertainty as well as anticipation; a time for trust and faith in God. Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica:

*We ask our God to make you worthy of the life he has called you to live. May he fulfil by his power all your desire for goodness and complete your work of faith. In this way, the name of our Lord Jesus will receive glory from you, and you from him.* (2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12)

Peter



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## Steward Profile

Brenda Syratt

I sat in Church one Sunday morning holding a letter addressed to Brenda and John and signed Jillie Curtis, Senior Steward and Rev Peter Cornick, Minister. The letter simply started with "We are writing to you, as a Church Member, to consider becoming a Church Steward". The rest of the letter was a simple blur. I knew, immediately, I wanted to have a chance to try this new challenge.

I asked John how he felt and after the Service we had a short discussion before going to the Dovetail Centre for a cup of coffee. I felt unsure as to whether my mobility problems would prevent me from taking on this role, but then I decided that as I was headed for hip surgery maybe I would be able to fulfil some small task within the Steward's role. John decided that he would like to try as well.

We attended our first Stewards' meeting in May 2016. This was where I started my education about how the Services are organised and about who does what. Not only this, but more importantly, it has led me to a stronger belief in "Christianity" and indeed a greater desire to help others.

I underwent surgery in September 2016, and I felt concerned about not being able to fulfil my part of the rota. But there was no problem as I was

replaced by a retired Steward for a short term. My surgery was very successful and I was able to return to my duties after a break of three months. The other Stewards were very supportive throughout this process, and now I am able to eagerly enter into my second year of Stewarding and I am pleased to be able to serve in this way. This first year has been interesting in every possible way and has enhanced my beliefs considerably.



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## Women's Fellowship

Barbara Hillier (8026 6786)

Before the summer break we concluded our programme with:

27/6 **Chris Stuckey**, the District President of the Methodist Women in Britain, told us about the two-day pilgrimage she made in May with thirteen other travellers. They walked from Highcliffe to Christchurch Priory, calling at Mudiford Quay and Hengistbury Head, with the return journey taking them to the Avon Valley Park and the villages of Burton and Bransgore. They were Pilgrims travelling together, with many 'God moments' on the way, sharing prayers, singing, reflections, poetry and communion. Chris gave all her travellers a scallop shell, a sign of the pilgrim, and reminded us that it is the journey that counts and not the arriving.

The sessions in July were **Favourite Hymns** chosen by the ladies of the fellowship and a **Garden Party**, that would have been at Susan Gulliver's house, but was held at the Church due to rain. All enjoyed a lovely time of food and chat.

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

5th September	Rev Peter Cornick
12th September	Annual General Meeting
19th September	The Work of Alabaré
26th September	Harvest – Rev Tony Parkinson
3rd October	The Changing Face of Theatres at Southampton General Hospital – Diane Reeves



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## 1st Chandler's Ford Boys' Brigade

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Simon Farrenden, Captain – email: [theeffes@live.co.uk](mailto:theeffes@live.co.uk)  
[www.1cfbb.com](http://www.1cfbb.com)

We begin this session with a number of changes as the Company starts another chapter in its history. We thank **Brian Burnage** for his 30 years of dedicated service as Captain of this Company as the baton is handed on. Brian plans to continue as an officer in the Company and work with the seniors in this session. Other staff changes: **Brian Chambers** has been appointed the new Company Secretary; and **Christine Davies** is now the Anchor Boys Leader. Other changes will be announced in future news.

If you haven't visited the **BB Garden**, you may have missed a treat (just down from the green bins)! There is a bench to sit quietly and watch the visiting wildlife. This eco-area has been constructed by the **Seniors**. It has been planted with wild flowers, has hedgehog friendly areas and bird boxes in an attempt to redress some of the harm we do to our planet. Make a visit and enjoy!

Our **Juniors** have been active in the celebrations and challenges taking place this year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this section (formerly the Life Boys). In May we went to Emsworth and met up with about 200 other Juniors section members for a day of fun. We also have 100 challenges to complete – we have done 12!! There are still four months left! They also achieved a world ranking of 20th in the International Team Games competition.

Our **Anchor Boys** have been busy improving their motor skills for their cricket tournaments and games. They also went on an exploration of Hiltingbury Lakes and, yes, the duck population is still growing!

As you have read, our sections have had an interesting few months getting about our community, following their summer programmes with visits to Otterbourne, the New Forest and other places – including a BBQ. The autumn programme starts from 11th September with a variety of new activities and challenges for our members.

*If you have something to offer, or you know of boys who would be interested in being involved – please get in touch!*

### *The Common Good: an idea whose time has come?*

At the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, in partnership with TRiPL (The Centre for Theology and Religion in Public Life) on Wednesday lunchtimes 12.30 – 1 pm from **11th October** to **8th November**. No entrance charge but donations are most welcome. Sandwiches are available after the talks. [www.spaceinthecity.org.uk](http://www.spaceinthecity.org.uk) and [www.winchester.ac.uk/tripl](http://www.winchester.ac.uk/tripl).

The term ‘The Common Good’ is heard frequently in a variety of contexts, including the political platform and the pulpit. But what does it mean? More importantly, does it have anything useful to say to us today?

We have invited the speakers in this series to explore how, in an increasingly fragmented, unequal and divided society, the *Common Good* offers a way forward in which everyone can play a role.

The *Common Good* approach is inclusive and human, it transcends tribal lines, and it encourages everyone to take their share of responsibility, from the grass roots to the boardroom. Join us as we explore and re-imagine *The Common Good*:

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| 11th October | <i>What is the Common Good?</i> Nick Townsend<br>(VPlater project on Catholic Social Teaching,<br>Newman University, Birmingham)    |
| 18th October | <i>Can the Common Good be good for business?</i><br>Rev Dr Philip Krinks (CEO, St Martin's Partnership)                             |
| 25th October | <i>The Common Good and the care of creation.</i><br>Dr Ruth Valerio (Churches and Theology Director,<br>A Rocha UK)                 |
| 1st November | <i>For our Common Good, tell each other the truth!</i><br>Jenny Sinclair (Director, Together for the Common<br>Good)                |
| 8th November | <i>What does the Common Good mean for us?</i><br>(with opportunities for questions)<br>Professor Andrew Bradstock (Convener, TRiPL) |

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## Service Action Team

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Sara Goodhead

The Service Action Team has continued to meet every couple of months. Over the last year, among other things, we have overseen the production of new Welcome folders for the Church, helped to co-ordinate a ‘Stop the Traffik’ event, liaised with the Circuit Refugee Support group, and kept a ‘watching brief’ over other aspects of our Church’s service in the community such as Christian Aid week and support for Elderfield. In the last few months we have been looking into the ways that our Church can extend its service to the community through the exciting refurbishment of the Dovetail Centre. In particular we are hoping to oversee three new ventures.

1. **The Dovetail Celebration Dinner – Saturday 23rd September.** This event is to mark the official opening of the new Dovetail Centre Café, and celebrate the many groups who have used and continue to use this space. (*See page 22.*) Please consider whether you could invite any friends to join you for a special meal, with proceeds going towards refreshing the facilities used by Peter Pan and also to support work at Elderfield. Alternatively would you like to help in some way? Please let us know.
2. **Saturday Charity mornings.** We would like to establish a pattern, once every two months, of inviting a local charity to use our Dovetail Centre on a Saturday morning to advertise what it does, seek recruits or financial support and possibly fund raise in some way. We hope this would build further bridges with the local community and help us to find out about and support some of the amazing work that goes on in our area. If you have a connection to a local charity that you think might like to use this opportunity then please speak to one of the Service Action Team.
3. **‘Souper Sundays’.** We would like to initiate a monthly light lunch after the Morning Service during the winter months, for those who would otherwise be going home to eat alone. It would take a very simple form, some soup and bread, some home-made cake and a hot drink. Would you like to help with this? To make this work we



would need some volunteers, either to make soup/cake in advance, or to serve it and tidy away after. Please let us know if you can help with any of these.

The Service Action Team is open to anyone to join. Currently those attending, to whom you can speak about any of the above, are: **Barbara Ackroyd, Pat Chambers, Sara Goodhead, Nigel Fenwick, Barbara Lowe, Diane Pugh and Denise Whittington.**



## Men's Supper Club

John Archer

The new session starts on **Tuesday 26th September** when our guest speaker will be John Avery with a talk entitled "Titanic's People". The meal is Roast Chicken and Key Lime Pie.

All existing members will have received a letter and a new programme card, but we are keen to recruit new men of any age. Our evenings start at 7.15 pm with an excellent cooked meal and then we enjoy our speaker. Evenings end at about 9 pm.

If you are interested (or know someone who is) pick up a letter and card from the table in the Church foyer or contact John Archer.



## Men's Fellowship

Don Turpitt (8026 7128)

Our opening meeting for the 2017-2018 session will be on **Wednesday 11th October** at 10 am in the J Ambrose Chalk room and will include our President's Address and AGM. We are preparing our programme for the year, and confirm that membership fees remain unchanged.

All men are warmly invited to join our friendly Speaker meetings and to participate in our snooker and bowls.



## Recycling Projects

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Brian Burnage

We are currently collecting the following items for recycling:

**Ring Pulls** (from drinks cans only) for the Philippines  
**Old mobile phones, used postage stamps**  
and **used ink/toner cartridges** for Naomi House  
**Milk bottle tops**

Please place them in the box in the Linkway corridor.

***The books are back!*** They are in the Dovetail Centre in a different corner. If you **enjoy a good read**, please take a book from the shelf to read. Or, if you have a book that you have read, bring it along and swap it for one that you have not read. ***All donations are for Church funds.***

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## Circuit Refugee Support Group

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Rev Kate Cambridge

A huge thank you to the many churches and individuals across the Circuit, from the Refugee Support Group, for the support you have given in the past months. Many of you have donated money, furniture and household goods, made cakes and given time to move furniture, clean and garden, to prepare the circuit house for a Syrian family. We are delighted to say that the family have settled in well and are being supported by local buddies.

The Support Group continues to meet to support refugees and we would love to welcome you to the next Refugee Support **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 23rd September** 10 am – 12 noon at Romsey Methodist Church. We will be hearing more about and raising money for the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG) who befriend asylum seekers and refugees locally. Cake donations gratefully received! Contact Kate Cambridge for more information (8061 7394) [kate.cambridge@googlegmail.com](mailto:kate.cambridge@googlegmail.com).

Thank you once again for your support of refugees, through the Circuit and in many other ways as churches and individuals, and for your continued prayers.



## Coffee Room Vision

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### 37 years of service – Pam Madders

In a packed Dovetail Centre on Friday 30th June, many present and former helpers and customers gathered to say thank you and show their appreciation to **Jane Archer** as she stepped down from running the Coffee Room after 37 years. In the days before coffee shops were everywhere, it was very much Jane's vision which led to the setting up of the Coffee Room on 11th February 1980.

Coffee was 20p per cup, and takings on that first morning were £3.90. Since it opened Jane has given her time selflessly. As well as countless hours of organisation she has helped on three mornings a week throughout that 37 years, always serving coffee with a welcoming smile – her enthusiasm has never diminished.

In thanking Jane, Rev Peter Cornick said "To lead such an enterprise is a rare gift and as a Church we want to thank you for sharing that gift with us, and we want to praise God for your vision and leadership". John was also thanked for supporting Jane.

Rev Bryan Coates paid tribute to the time, energy, devotion and unwavering commitment that Jane had poured into the Coffee Room. He presented her with a book in which over 200 helpers and customers had recorded messages of thanks and appreciation, as well as a voucher, some Wedgewood cups and saucers and a rose called 'Fellowship'. Jane said that she could not have done this alone, and thanked the loyal helpers who had made the Coffee Room what it is today.

For a fuller report of that day, photos and a quiz to test your Coffee Room knowledge go to [www.chandlersfordtoday.co.uk](http://www.chandlersfordtoday.co.uk) and put Jane Archer into the 'Search' box.

You may be wondering who is taking over from Jane. Each day will have its own leader who will organise helpers for that day, and they will meet regularly to sort out other matters of organisation ensuring that the Coffee Room continues to be a warm and welcoming place, valued by many.

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# Dovetail Centre transformation

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John Bronsdon

It has happened! During the two and a bit weeks that the Coffee Room moved to the Purple room, the Dovetail Centre and the Linkway corridor have been transformed. Yes, there have been problems and we know many are disappointed that not everything is finished. The general consensus is that it has been well worth the upheaval. With the new improved lighting and the lighter tables and chairs, it has produced a much lighter and brighter feel to the Dovetail Centre.

The tub chairs and settee in the family area with low tables, toys and books for children is already being used by families. New blinds have been fitted and the ceilings, radiators and door frames painted. Removing the redundant computer and rearranging the information corner with the bookstall and controls for the PA has tidied up that area as well as the corner where the books and cards were previously located.

The new wall-mounted 55inch TV is available for use during meetings as well as for the Connect Services and for Alpha – for presentations, photos and worship songs. There are other ideas being considered for making use of the TV – so watch this space! The automatic door is another popular addition. External and internal signage will be improved.

## **The Dovetail Centre Café**

The staff are quickly learning how to provide the new range of hot drinks. Despite some reservations, the new range of drinks is becoming popular. During the first few days, between 30 and 40 cups a day from the new range were being served. Later, toasted tea cakes will be available.

## **What is outstanding?**

The most obvious one is the carpet. Due to supply problems, the selected carpet tiles for Dovetail could not be delivered on time. They will now be fitted in early/middle September. At a time when the Dovetail Centre is not in use, the existing temporary carpet tiles will be lifted and the new ones laid – at no expense to the Church.

Secondly the main lights. The “drop” of each colour of drum shade should be identical. The supplier is arranging to come back to adjust the drops at a time convenient to us. We will also make sure that the seams on each shade face “in” so that they are not so noticeable.

After a very short time it was reported that the non slip backing on the cushions was leaving permanent marks on the chairs. All of the chairs have been cleaned! New backing material has been supplied and a trial cushion will be fitted with it.

**Money.** To date, with some bills to be paid and some items of expenditure to be finally agreed, we are on target to be below the £30,000 budget. So where did the money come from? The gift day produced the marvellous sum of over £24,500 and grants of £18,600 have been received. Once the final expenditure is accounted for, any excess funds will be transferred to the Church's general account as was explained in the letter which went to members and friends. The final account will be presented to Church Council.

Obviously this project didn't just happen. A lot of consultation, research and questioning was carried out before the final plans were agreed. Then quotations were obtained, orders placed and a programme of work drawn up. We "decamped" to the Purple room and for two and a bit weeks the Dovetail Centre was transformed ready for future service to the Church and outreach into the community. All in line with the Church's mission to "Make more faithful follower of Jesus".

None of this could have happened without a lot of support from the Church community and staff. People moved furniture, cleaned rooms, moved kitchen supplies to the small kitchen, re-arranged furniture in the Purple room and cleaned and cleaned! A new PA cupboard was made and installed and existing book cases modified.

Thank you on behalf of the whole Church community to everyone who helped. It would be invidious not to mention Shaun Fletcher our Property Manager. Without his knowledge of the building industry, his scheduling of the work and his own skills in carrying out some of the work himself, the project wouldn't have run so smoothly. Thank you Shaun. Perhaps Angela will have all her jobs in your house completed now!

Don't forget – the official reopening – **Friday September 22nd** at 11.15 am. The Mayor of Eastleigh will be present, as will County Councillor Judith Grajewski and our MP Mr Steve Brine who will officially re-open the Dovetail Centre. The local press and radio stations will be invited. Make a note and invite your friends.

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## Church Services

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Sunday 3rd September

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- 10.30 am **All Age Worship**  
Rev Peter Cornick
- 6.30 pm **Circuit Service**  
at United Church,  
Winchester  
Rev Peter Cornick  
and Rev Gareth Hill
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Friday 8th September

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- 10.30 am **Shoppers Service**  
Rev Peter Cornick
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Saturday 9th September

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- 4 pm **Messy Church**  
Dovetail Centre
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Sunday 10th September

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- 9 am **Holy Communion**  
Rev Peter Cornick
- 10.30 am **Morning Worship**  
Sam Barnes
- 6.30 pm **United Service**  
Rev Sarah Hall  
and Anne Heath
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Friday 15th September

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- 10.30 am **Shoppers Service**  
Helen Cornick
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Sunday 17th September

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- 10.30 am **Morning Worship**  
Rev John Archer
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship  
with Holy Communion**  
St Andrew's Eastleigh  
Rev Andrew Bird
- 7 pm **Connect Service**  
Dovetail Centre  
Rev Kate Cambridge
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Friday 22nd September

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- 10.30 am **Shoppers Service**  
Rev John Archer
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Sunday 24th September

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- 10.30 am **Morning Worship  
with Holy Communion**  
Rev Peter Cornick
- 6.30 pm **Songs of Praise**  
Rev Peter Cornick
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Friday 29th September

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- 10.30 am **Shoppers Service**  
Rev Bob Kitching
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Sunday 1st October

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- 10.30 am **Church with Choices**  
Rev Canon Andrew  
Wood
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship**  
Rev Gareth Hill
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- Book group** Monday 11th September at 8 pm – 129 Park Road  
Diana Masters *The keeper of lost things* by Ruth Hogan
- Bring a Thought** Mondays 11th & 25th September at 8 pm  
Derek Lowe 9 Clevelands Close
- Clanfield group** (See notice sheet for details)  
1 Clanfield Close
- Dovetail group** Fridays 1st & 22nd September at 1.30 pm  
in the Dovetail Centre – (see page 18)
- Monday group** Monday 4th September at 2 pm – 137 Hursley Road  
(8026 6786) Planning meeting
- Mums and Minis** (See notice sheet for details)
- Oakmount group** (See notice sheet for details)  
at 8 pm
- Rowntree group** Friday 1st September – 30 Meadowcroft Close  
at 7.30 pm *Understanding Jesus* – Pam Rowntree  
Friday 6th October – 34 Peverells Road  
*God, Birds and Me* – Barbara Hillier
- Park Road** (See notice sheet for details)
- Winchester Road** Wednesday 20th September – 3 Wedmore Close  
at 7.45 pm *Psalms 46* – Rev Bob Kitching  
(8026 1146) Wednesday 18th October – 8 Littlefield Crescent  
*Psalms* – Pam Madders
- Winsor Court** Mondays 4th & 18th September at 10.30 am  
1 Winsor Court *Studying Isaiah*

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## Sunday Morning Rotas

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**Welcome** — Brenda Syratt (8025 4574)

**September**

**3rd** Val & Geoff Thomas  
**10th** Sandra & Roland Wylie  
**17th** Leslie & Michael Waterson  
**24th** Pat & Brian Burnage

**October**

**1st** Lin Hedley & Elfrieda Cass  
**8th** Doreen Sansome  
& Frances Thomas  
**15th** Mary Ilett & Susan Gulliver  
**22nd** Margaret & Don Turpitt  
**29th** Melva & Chris Hayes

**Coffee** — Christine Embleton (01962 469 293)

**September**

**3rd** Winchester Road group  
**10th** Chambers group  
**17th** Waite group  
**24th** Bronsdon group

**October**

**1st** Winchester Road group  
**8th** Slatcher group  
**15th** Bring a Thought group  
**22nd** Oakmount group  
**29th** Chambers group

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

**September**

**3rd** Wendy Searle  
**10th** Celia Child  
**17th** Margaret Launchbury  
**24th** Christine Embleton

**October**

**1st** Catherine Gordon  
**8th** Mavis Hutchinson  
**15th** June Mutch  
**22nd** Wendy Searle  
**29th** Celia Child



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## Message Board

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The next edition of *The Link* will be for **October**. Send items by **Wednesday 20th September**.

**Thomas Brown** will be baptised on **Sunday 10th September** at 2.30 pm. The Church family are warmly welcome.

Caroline Husain's annual Open House will be on **Thursday 19th October** from 10 am – 5 pm.

The **Weekly Offering Envelopes** are in the pigeon-holes in the foyer. If you use envelopes, please collect your set. If you would like to use envelopes, contact Doreen Sansome (8026 8713).



### Dovetail Centre and Café

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There will be a Grand Opening of our “New Look” Dovetail Centre and Dovetail Centre Café on **Friday 22nd September** at 11.15 am to which you are warmly invited. Our MP Steve Brine will be attending and other local dignitaries are also being invited.

This is exciting news for our Church and for the community as a whole. You will still experience the usual relaxed and friendly atmosphere but we will now offer more variety in the coffees we serve – including the opportunity to “take-away”. Toasted teacakes will be available to order. So, make a note of the date in your diary and come along!



### Games Afternoons

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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.



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## Thank you

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From **Jane Archer**: “I would like to thank everyone for the incredibly generous gifts and tributes presented to me at my Coffee Room farewell. I cannot begin to do justice to the amazing kindness of so many people. As I said at the time, I don’t feel I deserve it when, throughout all these years, I have just been doing something I enjoy. Working with such a splendid team of helpers, and meeting so many wonderful and interesting customers have been continuous sources of blessing and, in these difficult times, a great reassurance about the innate goodness of people. Needless to say, I feel quite lost at retiring and will have to take time to work out what comes next. But thank you all for supporting me so loyally and generously.”

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## Dovetail group

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Margaret Smithson (8060 1440) [margaret@smithson85.plus.com](mailto:margaret@smithson85.plus.com)

The Dovetail Group will be exploring **Christian Spirituality** in the coming months, looking at the different means by which Christians have developed a way of encountering God, expressing their faith and reaching out to the world around them. Anyone who is interested in exploring any or all of these topics is very welcome to join us on **Friday afternoons** from **1.30 to 3.30 pm** in the **Dovetail Centre**. One or two of us have lunch together beforehand from 12.30 pm and our welcome also extends to this time of friendship and sharing. (Bring your own sandwich!) We look forward to expanding our group. Dates and subjects are as follows:

1st September	Desert Fathers and Mothers
22nd September	Celtic Spirituality
6th October	Benedictine Spirituality
20th October	Dominican Spirituality
3rd November	Franciscan Spirituality
17th November	Ignatian Spirituality
1st December	Wesleyan Spirituality
15th December	Advent Reflections

Further details are available from Margaret Smithson.



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## Got Questions about Life ...?

### Try Alpha – Mike Slatcher

As part of our Church outreach, we are running another Alpha course this autumn, starting on **Thursday 21st September** at 7.30 pm in the Dovetail Centre.

Our preparations are going well, but there are still opportunities to help with facilitating the discussions and with refreshments. I hope you will all support the course and its participants in your prayers throughout the autumn.

Now is the time to find those who would like to take part. Is this for you? Did you hear of the success of last year's course and wonder if you should try Alpha yourself? Or, would this be good for someone you know?

Could you ask a friend if they had ever considered the big questions in life? Could you offer to accompany them? There may be an exciting conversation ahead, there may be a life-changing experience for someone!

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.

If you wish to participate, or help run the course, or if you want any more information, please contact Mike Slatcher ([m.slatcher@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.slatcher@ntlworld.com)) or telephone 8057 0306. The Alpha website is at [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org).

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## Science and the Bible

The UCB daily Bible Thought notes had six articles entitle *Science proves the Bible true* from 6-13th August. These articles are available on their website [ucb.co.uk/prayertime](http://ucb.co.uk/prayertime) in the section *Word for Today* (in their archive), or contact Denise Gordon for a printed copy.

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## Threads through Revelation

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A **spectacular** display of **fourteen huge** textile panels

In Salisbury Cathedral from **11th September** to **5th November**.

This extraordinary display is one artist's dramatic interpretation of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. It shows spectacular visions in fabric, using very unusual techniques. Its visual impact is astonishing: powerful designs and vibrant colours make this a feast for the eye.

Textile artist **Jacqui Parkinson** may be better known to some people as Jacqui Frost, formerly married to the late Rev Rob Frost. Jacqui now lives in Devon and has spent more than three years creating this remarkable work.

*This is thought to be the largest project of textile art ever by a single artist. And it took more than 12 million stitches.*

It's a very absorbing, enjoyable and fascinating show for people of all ages ... and it's particularly interesting for anyone who stitches.

For further information visit [www.revelation-threads.co.uk](http://www.revelation-threads.co.uk).

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**DIABETES UK**  
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

Diabetes UK  
Colin Davies

Winchester and Eastleigh Diabetes UK Support Group Eastleigh launch on **Tuesday 12th September** at 7 pm in the Dovetail Centre.

We will discuss "Diet for Type 2 Diabetes" with Sarah Woodman, DUK Clinical Champion, Senior Manager and Dietitian West Hants and Mark Hancock who successfully followed Dr Michael Mosley's Wonder Diet to help Lose Weight & Improve Body Function.

There will be time for Q&A. The event is free to attend and refreshments will be provided. We would like to welcome all who suffer from Diabetes, Family Members and Carers. [www.winchester.diabetesukgroup.org](http://www.winchester.diabetesukgroup.org).

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## Paul Field in Concert

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In Velmore Church on **Wednesday 4th October** at 7.30 pm  
Including music from *Stolen Lives*  
(Raising awareness about modern-day slavery)

Tickets £4 (concessions £2)

Further information from (8057 1414) [chris113@live.co.uk](mailto:chris113@live.co.uk)

*Stolen Lives* aims to raise awareness of modern-day slavery, human trafficking and trans-global child labour issues. Helping to inform today's (and tomorrow's) anti-slavery campaigners by providing them with an engaging vibrant tool to help the fight against modern slavery.

It is a collaborative, educational project, bringing together people, academics, musicians, artists and educationalists.

Since 1976 Paul Field has worked as a Songwriter, Composer, Producer and Performer in the U.K. and around the world.

He has received an Ivor Novello Award from the British Academy of Songwriters and Composers, and a Dove Award (and two nominations) from GMA in Nashville along with numerous other awards from ASCAP in the U. S. A.



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## Methodist Women in Britain

Helen Cornick

**MWiB** 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, World President of the Word Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, including the Commissioning of Gill Robinson as District President.

Cost £3 (tea and coffee provided). Bring your own packed lunch. The day will end with Holy Communion. Contact Barbara Hillier or Helen Cornick for more details.

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# Dovetail Celebration Dinner

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Sara Goodhead

To celebrate the refurbishment of the Dovetail Centre and the role it has played, and will continue to play in the life of our Church and community, there will be a special meal on **Saturday 23rd September**. It is intended that profits from the evening will be divided between refreshing the facilities used by Peter Pan Playgroup and supporting the work of the Langley House Trust at Elderfield. We also hope that it will provide an opportunity to bring friends who do not attend Church, to let them see the new furnishings and find out about our range of activities.

If you would like to attend, please book your place as soon as possible, by paying in advance and making your menu choices. There will be opportunities to do this after the Morning Services in early September or contact Sara Goodhead (saragoodhead@btinternet.com Tel: 8025 2405) or Diane Pugh. We would also welcome offers of help to wait at tables on the evening and with preparations of the room during the afternoon.

***Price for meal including drinks – £18.50***

Welcome drink and canapés – 7.15 pm (V)=Vegetarian (DF)=Dairy Free

**Supper Club Soup** (V) – Broccoli and Stilton

**Spectrum Salad Bowl** (V) (DF) – A rainbow of colours



**Chicken Connect** – Chicken breast stuffed with cheese and herbs  
and wrapped in pancetta

**Fellowship Fish Pie** – Medley of fish in creamy white sauce  
with Filo topping

**Peter Pan Peppers** (V) (DF) – Roasted Peppers stuffed with flavoured  
rice, vegetables and chickpeas



**Coffee Room Cups** (V) – Chocolate mousse

**Messy Church Mess** (V) – Like an Eton mess but with our own twist

**Harvest Blackberry and Apple Crumble Cake** (V) (DF)



**Coffee or tea and mints.**

To book please contact Sara Goodhead or Diane Pugh and complete a menu selection when booking.

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## Church Music

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Helen Cornick

On **Sunday 24th September** our Evening Service (6.30 pm) will be a **Songs of Praise Service**. We are inviting you, if you wish, to choose your favourite hymn or a hymn you would like to include. *Please write or email this to either Peter or Helen by Sunday 17th September. We will then choose from the suggestions made.* If you are able to tell us why you have chosen a particular hymn please do so, since it could also be included in the Service. I am hoping that there may be some instrumentalists who would be willing to play. If you would like to be included, please let me know. We will have a run through before the Service.

The rehearsals for the singers will be in the Ambrose Chalk Room at 10am on:

Sunday 10th September

Sunday 12th November

Sunday 22nd October

Sunday 26th November

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## NatWest Bank

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John Bronsdon

As some may have heard, NatWest is closing its Chandler's Ford Branch. The bank wants to retain a presence in Chandler's Ford and we were approached a few months ago to see if we could assist. Our location is central, we have space for their mobile bank to temporarily park and there is space for one or two cars to park for a few minutes while their customers carry out their business. Because it will not be too inconvenient for us and because it is outreach (albeit of a different form to that which we would normally call outreach) it has been agreed to allow their mobile bank to park at the front of the Church each Wednesday afternoon so they could open for 1½ hours. The bank will pay us a small sum each week that they park on our premises. Their insurance covers any incident that may occur while their van is on our premises. We can give the bank notice if we find it is causing any problems for us.

From September, their van will arrive in the early afternoon, park at the front and then leave again at the end of business. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please talk to John Bronsdon.

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## Elderfield Pathways to Change

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Ruth Johnson and Joyce Smith

### “This place has turned my life around”

The words come from a resident at Elderfield during the prayer session on a Thursday morning.

Fortunately the scheme at Elderfield has received funding for another year, so the work to turn lives around can continue. At a recent Langley House conference, Elderfield Staff received a Value for Money Award which should enhance their chances of continuing.

As the weeks go by, we come to understand more of the *Pathways to Change* which underlies the work of this dedicated group of Christian Staff. The course includes sessions of cognitive behaviour therapy, keeping all the house rules and participating in community work.

It is challenging and difficult. Most of these men have experience of prison but not of a loving, caring community in which they too have responsibilities. But it is a good friendly place to visit.

We've been privileged to share the first graduation celebrations. Others will follow soon so keep an eye out for more photographs. We should have taken some photographs of the Car Wash which raised over £100 pounds. All at Elderfield thank you for your support of that venture. They have bought a garden strimmer with the money raised at our Cream Tea

Deacon Rona Eastman is our Church contact for this Elderfield connection. She and her husband Les are with us on these Thursday mornings. We're known as Prayer Partners, though our discussions lead us on to many considerations including how we may best support this great work, and find ways to involve the skills that exist in our Church.

Please do talk to us if you'd like to know more and even if you can't come along on Thursday mornings please keep Elderfield in your prayers.



## September

Thursday 7th	Live Broadcast – John le Carré
Thursday 14th	CinemaLive Screening – Carmen on the Lake
Wednesday 20th	Royal Opera Live – The Magic Flute
Friday 29th	Movies @ The Hall – Going in Style
Saturday 30th	Dan Clarke Mediumship Evening

## October

Sunday 1st	Southampton Concert Orchestra “Family Favourites”
Tuesday 3rd	Royal Opera Live – La Bohème
Thursday 5th	National Theatre Live (encore) Hamlet
Saturday 7th	Metropolitan Opera Live – Norma
Friday 13th	Thornden Community Wind band – An Autumn Concert
Saturday 14th	Metropolitan Opera Live – Die Zauberflöte
Sunday 15th	Christine Wilde Charity show “That’s Entertainment”
Tuesday 17th	Thornden School presents – T-Sing
Friday 20th	Paul Zerdin Live – “All Mouth”
Saturday 21st	Meridian Winds concert
Monday 23rd	Royal Opera Live – Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
Friday 27th	Movies @ The Hall – Dunkirk



## Circuit Prayer Fellowship

The Circuit Prayer Fellowship invite you to join them on **Thursday 14th September** at Romsey Methodist church at 7.30 pm.

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

Women's Fellowship – Tuesdays [5] Games Afternoons – Mondays [17]

### **September**

Friday 1st Dovetail group [18] Rowntree group [15]  
Sunday 3rd **Circuit Service** [14]  
Monday 4th Winsor Court group [15] Monday group [15]  
Tuesday 5th 7.30 pm LPs and Worship Leaders at Bishopstoke  
Wednesday 6th 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting at our Church  
Saturday 9th **Messy Church** [14]  
Sunday 10th Thomas Brown Baptism [17] Singers rehearsal [23]  
Monday 11th Bring a Thought group [15] Book group [15]  
Tuesday 12th Diabetes UK Support Group [20]  
Thursday 14th Circuit Prayer Fellowship [25]  
Sunday 17th **Connect Service** [14]  
Monday 18th Winsor Court group [15]  
Wednesday 20th Winchester Road group [15]  
**Deadline for October edition of *The Link*** [17]  
Thursday 21st Alpha course [19]  
Friday 22nd Dovetail Centre official reopening [17]  
Dovetail group [18]  
Saturday 23rd Circuit Refugee Support Group [10]  
Dovetail Celebration Dinner [22]  
Monday 25th Bring a Thought group [15]  
Tuesday 26th Men's Supper Club [9]

### **October**

Wednesday 4th Paul Field in Concert [21]  
Friday 6th Dovetail group [18] Rowntree group [15]  
Saturday 7th MwiB Celebration Day [21]  
Wednesday 11th Men's Fellowship [9] Space in the city [7]  
Wednesday 18th Winchester Road group [15]  
Thursday 19th Caroline Husain's Open House [17]  
Friday 20th Dovetail group [18]  
Sunday 22nd Singers rehearsal [23]

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## Contributions to *The Link*

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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 let the Editor know what space you need and when to expect your article.

The deadline for the **October** edition is  
**Wednesday 20th September**

*Send items to:*

**richardwright@outlook.com**

**Handwritten contributions** can be left in *The Link* pigeon-hole at Church.

You can also **post contributions** to:

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If you know of anyone who can't get to Church regularly but would like to receive a copy, contact the Editor at the address given above.

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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

**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)

**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