



# Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

**10:30 am Midweek Service** – Rev Bob Kitching

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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

9:30 am Who Let the Dads Out in the Church Hall

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**Women against Violence Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**11 am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion** – Rev Bob Kitching

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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

2:30 pm Women's Fellowship in the Dovetail Centre  
– Geoff Charnley: The Wonders of China

7 pm Men's Supper Club in the Dovetail Centre  
Homelessness – Geoff Charnley: 'The Winchester Beacon'

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**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:30 am Midweek Service** – Dr Mike Wood

1 pm Lunchtime Communion at Canada Common  
Reflections on Incarnation: The Reality

The Midweek and Sunday Worship Services are available live on *Zoom*  
See the weekly email for joining details

<b>Dovetail Café</b> Monday to Friday 9:30 am (Saturday 10 am) – 12 noon
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On **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** there will be a **Cake Day**, with homemade cakes (and biscuits) available to purchase. Proceeds will go to the Church fundraising *30 Years On*. If you would like to make donations of cakes (or biscuits), please price them and bring on the Thursday morning, or earlier in the week if more convenient. We plan to hold a Cake Day on the second and fourth Thursdays each month when possible. See Anne Heath or Caroline Husain for more information.

**Gill Hillier**, the manager of our preschool, retires at the end of this term. We will recognise Gill's sterling service of over thirty years during our 11am Service on **3<sup>rd</sup> December**. Anyone who has had a closer association with **Peter Pan** as a member of staff, committee member, parent or even as a child, is invited to celebrate with Gill on 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3 – 5 pm in the Dovetail Centre. If you would care to contribute to a gift for Gill from the Church, please pay directly into the Church account ref: *Gill's retirement* or pass to a committee member.

**Property Manager/Maintenance Officer** – Part-time:15 hours per week, working pattern subject to negotiation £12–14 per hour. An interesting and varied role, maintaining and improving the premises widely used by the Church and community.

- Day to day property management, repairs, and decoration
- Work with Centre Manager and Caretaker to prepare rooms for internal and external users, including equipment needs
- Achieve best value in procurement of goods and services
- Cover for Caretaker when needed
- Develop a good working knowledge of the heating system and its controls

Application deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> December. Interview in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December. For more details, please contact the Church Centre Manager [katrina@cfmethodist.church](mailto:katrina@cfmethodist.church) (023 8026 0128).

This year the Church is supporting the **Christmas SCRATCH appeal**. Can you help provide presents to over 2,700 children and young people across Hampshire? They are asking for **New Toys and Gifts** for up to 17-year-olds, unwrapped (wrapping paper and Sellotape welcomed). You can also get details and donate gifts via Amazon on their website: <https://www.scratchcharity.co.uk/>. Gifts can be brought to our **Gift Service** on **Sunday 3rd December** or can be dropped off in the Dovetail Café until 4th December.

**30 Years On** – from the Treasurer – Chris Goodhead ) 023 8025 2405 ([chrisgoodhead@btinternet.com](mailto:chrisgoodhead@btinternet.com) Since the fundraising launch on 21st October, there has been lots of discussion about ways to raise money – wonderful! Please keep those positive conversations going, and if possible, commit your ideas to paper using the response forms which you will find at church alongside the *How Can You Help* ideas list. There really is a role for everyone!

Several people have mentioned wanting to set up a new and separate monthly Standing Order. Therefore, I'm pleased to say there is now a CFMC bank account specifically for the 30 Years On fundraising. Please contact me separately for the details. You can of course make one-off as well as regular payments into this account. All contributions, great or small, are incredibly valuable and will be gratefully received.

The fundraising target is a challenging one at £200,000. It is of course a marathon not a sprint, but it feels appropriate at this stage to both offer encouragement and issue a short-term challenge. Ruth has suggested a target of £40,000 by January, and I like this as it represents a significant 20% of the total. The encouragement is that we are already more than half way to this target. We raised roughly £17,000 internally towards the solar panels' installation (including the 2022 Gift Day) which was the first phase of *30 years On*. We have so far raised another £6,600, giving a total of £23,600. So, let's go for making this up to £40,000 by 21st January i.e., three months on from the launch.

By the way, any offers for creating an eye-catching visual representation of the fundraising progress? The suggested concept is something based on a lift – being one of the elements of *30 years On*.

**Advent Calendar** – This Sunday is the last before the beginning of Advent so we hope you have received a paper copy of the Calendar or downloaded it from the QR code displayed in the Linkway. Details of how to deal with your gifts after Christmas will be in the next edition of *The Link*, and will be in the notices in the New Year. So, start having fun on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and think about the life and amenities we enjoy compared to those at the time of Jesus's birth, and give thanks by donating a little money most days. We have had so much support so thank you for this – Barbara Hillier and Joyce Powell.

On **Wednesday 29th November** from 2 – 4 pm, the **Memory Group** is having a fun festive singalong from the **Eastleigh Fusion Choir**. A really fun afternoon with refreshments, all welcome.

A very big thank you again to all those who have kindly donated items to help families resettling in the area. There is currently no further need for items, but your recent help has been greatly appreciated – Sarah Brown.

See *The Link* page 2 for Staff Team details:

<https://www.cfmetho dist.church/currentlink.php>