



CHANDLERS FORD Methodist Church

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First Sunday in Advent

Sunday 28th November 2021

10.30 am Coffee before Sunday Worship in the Dovetail Centre, served by the Waite/Bailey team

11.00 am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen



Today our Advent candle-lighting prayer focuses on caring for creation. You can find out more about why and how we can care for creation as individuals and churches at: <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/issues/environment/>

(See the weekly email or contact Richard Wright for Zoom details)

6.30 pm Circuit Service at Cadnam – Rev Sue Keegan von Allmen
Presentation of 25-year Long Service Certificate to **Wayne Marshall**

Tuesday 30th November

2.30 pm Women's Fellowship in the Dovetail Centre – Nerissa Dean "Fledge"

Wednesday 1st December

1.45 pm Dovetots in the Church Hall (for Parents and Toddlers during term time)

Thursday 2nd December

9.00 am Prayer Time in the J Ambrose Chalk Room

10.30 am Midweek Service – Rev Bob Kitching
(See the weekly email or contact Richard Wright for Zoom details)

7.30 pm Eco Church meeting on Zoom – Rev Andrew de Ville and Professor John Evans
For anyone already involved in Eco Church/A Rocha scheme, and for those who wish to find out more. There will be invaluable stories, experience and advice – connecting each other through a shared passion for working ecologically. For more information contact John Evans: johnxafs@icloud.com. Zoom details are in the CFMC weekly email.

Friday 3rd December

1.30 pm Dovetail Group in the Dovetail Centre

2.30 pm Rowntree Group at 2 The Woodlands – Christmas Miscellany

Saturday 4th December

10 am Christmas Craft Morning at the Church (see page 3)

The **Dovetail Café** is open on **Tuesday to Friday** from 9.30 am until 12 noon
and on **Saturday** from 10 am to 12 noon (*not open on Monday*)

There will be a **Gift Service** on **Sunday 5th December** to receive your gifts. Toys to be new and unwrapped please, age relevant from new-born to 17-year-olds. Sweets and chocolate gifts too (sell by date at least 31.01.22). Also, wrapping paper, Sellotape – gift bags also appreciated. If you prefer, there is an opportunity to give online through Amazon. Please see the SCRATCH web site and the notice in the Linkway for details. Thank you for your support.

Sunday 5th December – Welcoming and Commissioning Service for our recently appointed Local Pastors – **Su Parsons** (Cadnam) and **Peter Castle** (Canada Common, Landford & Wellow). This will be held at Romsey Methodist Church at 4.30 pm, followed by light refreshments.

During **Advent** there will be **evening meditations** at 8 pm in the church on **8th, 15th and 22nd December**. The theme for these is taken from Luke's Gospel "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing good news of great joy for all the people" (Luke 2: 10). Each meditation will last for about half an hour and will focus on a different aspect of the theme using images, a Bible reading, prayers, music and silence.

New Superintendent – I am very pleased to announce that, subject to the Methodist Conference, **Peter Rayson** will take up the appointment as Minister of Wesley, King's Somborne, and Alresford (where we expect to appoint a Local Pastor) churches, and the Superintendency of Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Circuit from September. Peter joins us from Lowestoft & East Suffolk Circuit. He and his wife Maggie will live in the Exmouth Gardens manse. I can also announce that **Sue Keegan von Allmen** will take up her new appointment as Superintendent of the Newport and Lower Wye Circuit from September. We thank Sue for her hard work and contribution to the life of the Circuit. I am sure you will join me in offering both Peter and Sue our very best wishes for their new roles – Tim Clifford (on behalf of the Circuit Stewards).

A message from Sue: "Some of you have been praying that Daniel and I will find the right place to move onto when we leave Chandler's Ford and the Winchester, Eastleigh and Romsey Circuit next summer. We're grateful for your prayers and your concern. We recently visited the Newport and Lower Wye Circuit in South Wales. They've asked me to go and we've agreed it's a good match. It's very different from here, but I felt at home there, and it'll be good to return to South Wales after 30 years! It has the advantage of being an hour or so from my brother, a little more to Mum's care home, and 30-40 minutes from one of my sisters."

Christmas Card deliveries – Last year during lockdown, Anne Heath offered a delivery of cards to your friends in Chandler's Ford. With some help from a few hardy souls, we delivered a good number of cards and raised £100 for Church funds. If you are interested in using this service again this year and making a contribution to Church funds, contact Anne (8026 1460) and she will call round and pick them up. (This will solve the issue of overflowing pigeon-holes in the Church foyer.) If anyone can help with deliveries, please let her know as well.

We are very sad to announce the death of **Freda Gilham**, and hold Sharon, Sandra and the family in our prayers.

The Thanksgiving Service for **Ruth Ridge** is in the Church on **Friday 26th November** at 1.00 pm, taken by Peter Castle. The Funeral Service for **Joyce Searle** is in the Church on **Wednesday 1st December** at 12.30 pm, taken by Rev Bryan Coates. The funeral for **Gordon Bloomer** will be on **Monday 13th December**. A short committal at Southampton crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in the Church at 3.15 pm. **Madeline** gives a heartfelt thank you for all the kind messages, cards and flowers from herself and Gordon's daughter **Wendy**.

The **United Church Coffee Bar** is open Monday to Friday (10 am to 12 noon), and Saturday (11 am to 1 pm) until Christmas. If you're visiting Winchester – for the Cathedral Christmas Market perhaps – drop in for a friendly cup of coffee. You'll find us a short way along Jewry Street, off the top end of the High Street.

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Tis the season for a...

Christmas Craft Morning

Come and join us for festive crafting for ages 3 to adult and
treats for all the family
£2 per crafter!



Book your place with and send your questions to Ellie:

Email: ellie@cfmethodist.church

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Saturday 4th December 2021

@ Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

10am-12 noon

Decide to come last minute and haven't booked?
Come along anyway!