



Chandler's Ford Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Ruth Fry (01962 882 828)

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Thursday 25th April

9:30 am – 12 noon Cake Day

10:30 am Midweek Service – Dr Mike Wood

Sunday 28th April

10:30 am Oakmount Group serve coffee (*also after the Service*)

11:00 am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

– Rev Bryan Coates

Flowers in Church today are in memory of **Audrey Mould**

Tuesday 30th April

2:30 pm Women's Fellowship in the Dovetail Centre

– Margaret Smithson

Wednesday 1st May

12:30 pm Space in the City (*see The Link page 8*)

Thursday 2nd May

10:30 am Revive Me UK (*see The Link page 9*)

10:30 am Midweek Service – Graham Hepburn

See the weekly email for **Midweek** and **Sunday** Service *Zoom* details.

Dovetail Café Monday to Friday 9:30 am (Saturday 10 am) – 12 noon
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30 Years On

From the Treasurer – The grand total for fund-raising as at 21st April was £77,800 – tantalisingly close to our target of £80,000 after 6 months. Well done everyone! Having discussed this with Ruth, we think this is a very encouraging result and there is real momentum behind this progress. There have again been some generous donations in the last few weeks, as well as the ongoing fundraising efforts – with a special mention here for money coming in from various activities at the u3a. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way so far.

As it happens 21st July is another Sunday, and will be 9 months on from the fund-raising launch. The new target for that date is £120,000, following the same pattern as before. During this next 3 months we anticipate a number of different fund-raising events and activities, and there will also be our annual Gift Day on the weekend of 6/7th July.

Please continue to give generously so we can try and “raise the lift” (see the poster in the Dovetail corridor) to the third floor! The Lloyds Bank account details for *30 Years On* are:

Name – Chandlers Ford Methodist Church

Number – **55866960**

Sort code – **30 92 94**

Chris Goodhead – chrisgoodhead@btinternet.com (023 8025 2405)

Friday 3rd May at 7:30 pm in Church: **Royal Marines Band Soloists Competition**. Ticket (price includes booking fee) £16.96 from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-royal-marines-band-service-soloist-competition-tickets-852927086877>.

(Profits from refreshments will be going to *30 Years On*.)

Saturday 4th May from 10:00 am to 12 noon: **Floral Workshop** in Meeting Room 1. All materials, hot drinks and cake provided. Please see Jenny Heal for tickets £15.

“One Act after Another” – A Circuit entertainment to raise funds for Naomi House and Jack’s Place on **Saturday 4th May** at 6 pm at Romsey Methodist Church. No need to buy a ticket but, as this will include supper (jacket potatoes and a sweet course), we ask you to **sign the list in the Linkway by 1st May**. Donations will be asked for on the night. Also, you will see on the list that it would be lovely if you could give lifts or would like a lift.

Anna Ruff will be singing and Richard Wright giving some anecdotes about being behind the scenes. More items will be from folk at other churches, a recorder group and skits on three of Shakespeare’s plays. Do come and have some fun for a worthwhile cause. Romsey Methodist Church is in The Hundred. It is best to park in the car park next to Waitrose off Alma Road. A short walk through Linden Road brings you onto The Hundred and the church is just across the road.

Fryern Funtasia 6th May. Many Church members will be busy with the refreshments and plant stall. If anyone is not involved and can spare an hour to help with the **Churches Together** tent where there will be some crafts for families, contact Sara Goodhead who will pass details to the coordinator (Jackie Richardson from St. Boniface).

Saturday 11th May – Christian Aid Week ‘Big-ish Brekkie’. There will be special extra hot options and home-made cakes on offer in the Dovetail Café on this morning, please come and bring your friends. All the morning’s takings will go to support the work of Christian Aid for the start of this year’s Christian Aid Week.

On **Saturday 27th April** at 7:30 pm in the Church: 80th Anniversary Concert ‘Eternal Light’ by **Southampton Choral Society**. Stabat Mater by Josef Rheinberger, Freedom by Ian Schofield, Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen. Tickets £19.40 (£5.39 for under 18’s), price includes booking fee, from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/southamptonchoralsociety/t-rpgvkxo>

Easter Offering – Many thanks to the people from Chandler’s Ford who took part in the Circuit Easter Dedication Service last Sunday evening – 10 of us in all. Some of those who were involved in the dramatic presentation are pictured on the poster in the Linkway. This was much appreciated by the congregation. A wonderful amount, £1,200, has been donated to the Methodist World Mission Fund by our Church which, along with the donations from other Circuit churches and individuals, was dedicated to the Lord’s work last Sunday evening at Romsey Methodist Church.

Our thanks to you through your regular giving to our Church funds, of which some is given to Methodist charities like this. Joyce will let you know the total donated by the whole Circuit later. How sad that only Ruth, our Minister, came to the Service to support them, find out more about the way the money is used and worship God with other people from around the Circuit!

John and Elizabeth Britton invite you to Dewpond Cottage, Barnfield Farm, Colemore GU34 3PX (for directions phone Elizabeth on 07759 223 447) on **Saturday 27th April** between 10:00 am and 12 noon for a **Lambs & Bluebells Coffee Morning** for Maggie’s, Southampton. An annual event serving coffee and home-made biscuits with an opportunity for folk to see young lambs and bluebells near Petersfield.

Shine – **Accessible play and support: For under 5s** with additional needs and their families. At St Andrew’s Methodist Church, Eastleigh on **Friday mornings (term time)** from 10:00–11:30 am. Sensory play, music, sensory stories, accessible craft, refreshments and support for parents/carers. Contact: Angela (shinefamilies@gmail.com).

See *The Link* page 2 for our **Staff Team** details:
<https://www.cfmethodist.church/currentlink.php>

Rev Ruth Fry will be on leave from 22nd – 28th April.
The Minister to contact in the unlikely case of an emergency
in the Circuit is Rev Tim Searle (minister@ucw.org.uk).