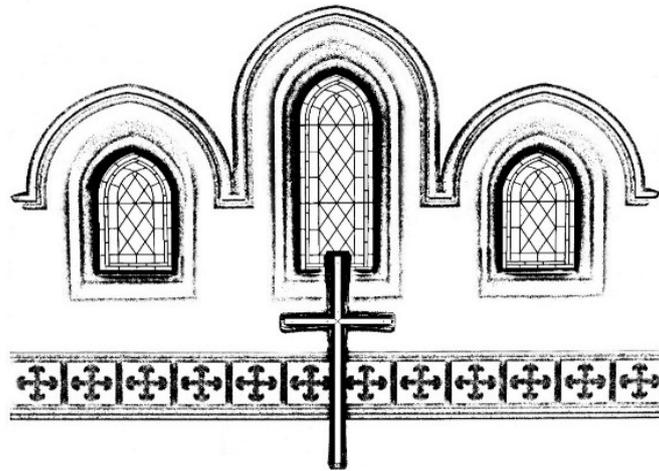


*Newsletter from the....*



# MIDHURST METHODIST CHURCH

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**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2020**

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## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

10.00am – MORNING WORSHIP

For morning service with **HOLY COMMUNION**  
Please see Church Diary printed inside this Newsletter

Requests for **BAPTISMS** and **WEDDINGS** should be  
made to the Minister

The calling of

**MIDHURST METHODIST CHURCH**

is to

**love God**

and to

**love our neighbours**

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**We are committed to:**

Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ

As expressed in God's word from the Bible

The worship of God at the centre of our lives

Demonstrating God's love for everyone

Helping people grow in the Christian faith

Challenging injustices

Blessing the local community

*from your Editors...*

Please bear in mind that all future events mentioned in this edition are subject to cancellation, depending on the COVID 19 restrictions at the time.

*From our minister...*

## **SUMMER 2020**

***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.***

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

“WHAT!” You might want to exclaim. “I get the pray continually bit, but ‘Rejoice always’? and ‘give thanks in all circumstances’?”

All circumstances? Even during a pandemic when we’ve been in lockdown for four months and only just beginning to see some easing and it’s going to take the economy years to recover and ... and ...

It’s a hard one, isn’t it? But it is clear that God’s people are to be a people of thanksgiving. ‘Let us come before him with thanksgiving’ (Psalm 95:2) and why? ‘Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures for ever’ (Psalm 106:2). The psalmist finds plenty around him to lament but always returns to praise and thanksgiving before the Lord ‘for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.’

God’s people are not to ignore the very real suffering and injustices of the world and communities around them. But even in our awareness of them and in our bringing them to the Lord as the subject of our prayers and requests we are to remember to be thankful

When we stop and think; when we bring our requests before God for all those who are victims of injustice or conflict, abuse or illness and those who put themselves at risk to help, support, care for and treat others we might worry about situations and individuals and groups and the implications of decisions that are made. But if we listen to Paul’s advice, we won’t get anxious about it because we turn that

anxiety into prayer by addressing to it God. ‘Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.’ (Philippians 4:6)

Even in a pandemic there are many things for which to be thankful: health, a welfare state, food to eat, freedom (of both lifestyle and belief), education, democracy, peace, law and order ...

Training our minds to be thankful is good for us. We’re often saying that Methodists live longer because we sing. But it is also said that those who train their minds to be positive, to look outwards from themselves and to be thankful also live longer. The attitude of gratitude rather than a spirit of entitlement will lead us more surely to ‘the peace of God, which transcends all understanding’ (Philippians 4:7).

So, ‘let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since ... you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Colossians 4:15)

David



## **Conference Presidential Address**

This year the Methodist Conference in July was conducted online. The President’s Address covered subjects such as where we are as a Church with the COVID situation (with some help from the Psalms) and what the New Normal might be for everybody’s life, including the Methodist Church, when this is all over - the New Normal is a big opportunity in all sorts of spheres. The Address is too long to publish here, but you can find it at:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2020/presidency/the-presidents-address-to-the-methodist-conference-2020/>

I am happy to print it for those interested but without online access.

AG



## ALL WE CAN

The latest news we have from Ethiopia is that Covid19 is in the country. Cherkos is a rural area so may be a little protected. However, life in Cherkos is deeply communal with several family members living, sleeping and eating in one or two rooms. There is no running water or indoor toilet. Their income is so low that few can afford to buy soap. Access to transport is difficult so getting to a town for medical help, to buy essential goods or sell vegetables is difficult. Many markets have closed.

All We Can's local partners are working hard helping families and communities prepare and protect themselves from Covid19 and also to rebuild in the aftermath. They ask for our prayer support.

Hopefully we will soon be able to give desperately-needed financial support as well.

At our Harvest Festival (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October) our speaker will be Matthew Forsyth, the Churches and Volunteers Officer for All We Can. He will give us updates and show films of the works being carried out. Gift Aid Envelopes will be available for our 2020 donations to our partner project in Ethiopia.

JP



Regretfully, the Fundraising Team has decided not to hold the Strawberry Teas for Methodist Homes for the Aged, which was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> August. We discussed how to hold this safely and sensibly within the COVID restrictions; the logistics were just too complicated. We'll be having a retiring collection for MHA at later date to give you an opportunity to donate.

## Lockdown Over!!

Following Government advice that places of worship can start reopening, our Church opened for private prayer on 14<sup>th</sup> July, with SM and AG organising the day after A&PC helped sort the chairs to a “socially-distanced” pattern. There are plenty of instructions for visitors on how to approach the Church building, the need to sign in (for Test-and-Trace purposes), the importance of hand-washing and all the rest of the red tape.

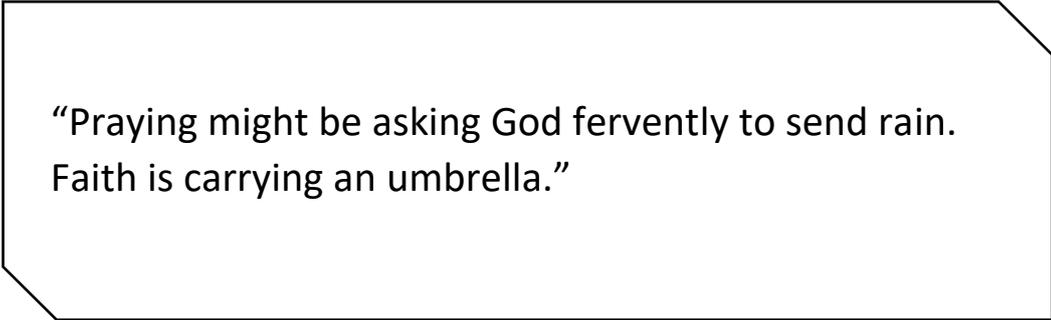
We will open each Tuesday from 10am until noon, for the next few weeks. We’ll then assess whether the community in Midhurst & surrounding area needs us to carry on.

The arrangements we put in place for 14<sup>th</sup> July held us in good stead for the reopening of the Church on 19<sup>th</sup> July for our first service in the building since 15<sup>th</sup> March. With the chairs at 2-metre intervals, the Church was nearly full with a “crowd” of 15 worshippers. The Rev David Coote led the service. We started with a hymn of rededication of the building, and finished with a nation-wide benediction. It was lovely to see so many old friends back where we should be, and we thought about those who were not with us due to shielding.

If, at future services, we find the chairs at 2-metre distancing are too few, we can put them closer together but then we’d have to wear masks (the 1-metre-plus rule), so please remember to bring your mask each time you come to the Church.

For many of us, at least as far as worshipping is concerned, the lockdown is over – for now. Let’s hope the COVID situation improves and we will all be back together in the Church soon.

AG



“Praying might be asking God fervently to send rain.  
Faith is carrying an umbrella.”



## **Café Church – a midweek meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in the month at 10.30am**

Over the years in which Body and Soul was operating, it was clear that it was meeting the need for a mid-week service in our community. Body and Soul finished last Christmas and the Leadership Team wishes to have a mid-week meeting, but not Body and Soul reprised.

So, **Café Church** will meet at coffee tables in the Church. There will be prayers and a hymn if we are allowed to sing. There will be a reflection or discussion on a theme. It might, for instance, be something that's in the news. Or it might be Bible study. These may be in smaller groups if there are enough people. Coffee and cake will be served at the start, in the middle or at the end or all three!

We hope to start at 10:30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> September if COVID and Connexional instructions allow us to meet over coffee. Rev David Muskett will lead our first meeting.

We hope to see you at our new Café Church.

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## Action for Children Fundraising event goes ahead!!!



Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring that their voices are heard and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

This work is more important than ever in current times.

Last year a very successful coffee morning was held for A4C at our home - Rockliffe, Carron Lane (GU29 9LD) but we assumed that holding a similar event would be impossible this year. However, having given it a lot of thought, a plan has evolved!!

You are invited to come along to Rockliffe between 10am and 5pm on Friday, 21st August by booking a 45-minute slot during that day, from 10am to 5pm. Tea or coffee will be provided as well as homemade cakes and biscuits. These slots are on the hour and we will be inviting 6 people at a time. With good weather conditions we hope to hold the event outside but if inclement, there will be plenty of room inside to social distance, but please let us know if you are not using your slot, even at short notice – we will totally understand.

**NB No entry without a prearranged slot – due to Covid restrictions you cannot just turn up.**

We do hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy 45 minutes of fellowship and refreshment with us.

To book your slot :

Email : [sianwyn51@gmail.com](mailto:sianwyn51@gmail.com) giving your initials, surname and telephone contact for track and trace purposes. We will hold these details for 3 weeks after the event and then destroy.

Or: Telephone 01730 81440.

Sadly, this year we will not have a raffle or bring and buy but will be asking for donations to the charity.

Donations – quoting ref A4C to Midhurst Methodist Church account:  
00023773 sort code 405240

Cheques should be payable to Midhurst Methodist Church.

We can also accept cash.

With our best wishes  
Andrew and Sian

## **Ann Visick**

We were sorry to hear of the death on 30<sup>th</sup> May of our friend Ann Visick. Ann was a regular worshipper with us until recent declining health meant she moved from her home in Claremont Way to Vine House, Easebourne, where she was well looked after and very happy.

While she was never a Member of Midhurst Methodist Church, she was a loyal supporter and was a valued member of our Church Family for many years.

Her only relative is a step-son who lives in New Zealand.



Ann was a quiet person with a sweet disposition. This was reflected in her funeral service, which she had organised. She had written the Address. It was not a eulogy, but a really lovely, gentle adieu to all her friends. Despite the Lockdown regulations around funerals, Midhurst Methodist Church was well-represented at her funeral at Chichester Crematorium.

## **MISTER MOTIVATOR AND THE METHODIST CAN - CAN**

One day during lockdown I switched on the TV to hear Mr. Motivator being introduced at the start of his exercise session. Imagine my surprise when the first thing he said was that "We should do all we can, with all the means that we can, with all the ways that we can, in all the places that we can, for all the people that we can and for as long as we can".

I was intrigued to know if Mr. Motivator, real name Derrick Evans, was a Methodist. But then our friend John Sumner gave me the U3A magazine and in it there was an article about Derrick. He came to the UK at the age of 10 with his adoptive parents. He joined the Boys' Brigade and now says that "The Boys' Brigade" was the foundation stone for who I am. The standards it taught me were important and have remained with me." Derrick went camping with the Boys Brigade and was their mace-bearer at the front of parades. I can just imagine that!

Derrick started organising exercises in church halls. From there he tried to break into TV but it took him 10 years. He went for several interviews with TV stations. One guy said that he didn't think young mums at home would like to see a black man demonstrating exercises. Another guy said to him as soon as he walked in, "You didn't tell me you were black!" Derrick replied "You didn't tell me you were white!"

Eventually Derrick was hired by Gloria Hunniford. Since then he has had a very successful career.

Footnote: - Our friend David Coote put me wise to the fact that there are two Methodist Can - Cans. The original one was given out by John Wesley and is quite brief: "Do all you can to earn all you can, to save all you can and to give all you can."

We thought we knew how the world was meant to be.  
Day followed night, every week had a Sunday  
And that was the day for church.

***How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?***

We thought we knew how the world was meant to be.  
We made our plans, held our meetings,  
Kept the roof on the church and the show on the road.

***How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?***

We thought we knew how the world was meant to be.  
We would see colleagues, friends and loved ones again,  
And we would embrace, laugh and share stories as we always have.

***How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?***

And now, we know something new.  
We know that the world is not ours to control,  
And that our plans are confounded by the smallest microbe.

***God is teaching us a new song, for a new land.***

And now, we know something new.  
We know that church is not committees, agendas and buildings.  
It is us, in homes, streets, hospitals throughout the world.

***God is teaching us a new song, for a new land.***

And now, we know something new.  
We only have today with those we love, today is the day to say  
'I love you', to mend an argument, to hold on tight.

***God is teaching us a new song, for a new land.***

Revd Michaela Youngson.



## June 2020 Update

The Midhurst Community Land Trust (MCLT) is at long last close to acquiring sites to provide affordable homes for local people. The past twelve to eighteen months has seen a lot of activity much of which has, due its very nature, needed to be confidential. We are now pleased to announce that we have a variety of possibilities very close to fruition.

**Plot 1.** We are working alongside a developer to deliver their section 106 affordable housing quota and are consequently in the process of buying 2 two-bedroom houses in Midhurst that were due for completion about February/March 2021 but will now be delayed until summer 2021.

**Plot 2.** We are in negotiations to refurbish a large building that will, subject to planning consent, be converted into 3 two-bedroom and 1 one-bedroom apartments.

**Plot 3.** We are close to agreeing terms to buy a small brownfield site in Midhurst and are hopeful this will be completed soon. If all goes through successfully there would be the potential, subject to planning consent and finance, to build up to 6 one-bedroom flats.

We are getting continued excellent support from both the Chichester District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority and much of what we have done during these initial stages would not have been possible without their advice and support. Already we have had grants that have enabled us to do much preparatory and feasibility work. Many local and national organisations have confidence that we (MCLT) can deliver a successful outcome. The acquisition of property by the Midhurst Community Land Trust from builders who are required to provide affordable housing and the purchase of land to develop ourselves, requires us to seek further very significant grants.

Essential for further financial help is the business case for the Midhurst Community Land Trust. We are now preparing business plans, including detailed costings for the projects, so that we can approach wider government bodies for further grants and financial institutions for long term loans.

**We need your support now.** A key persuasive element in the business case is the strength of the support from the community. Your full moral support is needed to achieve the long-term objective: more affordable homes in the area for local people and key workers, who are important to the fabric of the

town and area. So, your individual support and the support of your group, society or Council, will help significantly in strengthening our business case and in securing funds. It may be that you or someone you know would want to benefit from having a property at an affordable rent. If they are local and fit our allocation policy (please see the website) then alert them to the Midhurst Community Land Trust and ask them to register their interest. Please register either by visiting our website [www.midhurstclt.org](http://www.midhurstclt.org) or by emailing [info@midhurstclt.org](mailto:info@midhurstclt.org) and we will send to you, via the Midhurst Community Land Trust newsletter, updated information. Alternatively, you can write to us at the address at the base of this newsletter. When times allow, we will arrange for an informal evening at the Old Library to share more fully the plans we have been able to move forward on and to answer questions about the Midhurst Community Land Trust. It is our hope that early in 2021 the first threshold of a MCLT property will be crossed. It will be a day of celebration for whoever crosses the threshold, for Midhurst Community Land Trust and of course for Midhurst

**Registering your support to the MCLT is key to us being able to demonstrate that we have Midhurst and the surrounding area right behind us.**

**New Refreshed Website** Our website [www.midhurstclt.org](http://www.midhurstclt.org) has been updated in readiness for the interest that will be raised as we recruit more supporters, apply for planning, funds and loans. It is also a place where you can register for our newsletter and updates. Please also see our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/midhurstclt/>

**Charitable Status** Our charitable status application is still with the Charity Commission and we should hopefully hear by the end of the summer when updates will be available on our website.

**Thank you for your time and support**

Please encourage family, and friends to register their support for the Midhurst Community Land Trust.

The Midhurst Community Land Trust Team

**Midhurst Community Land Trust, The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst GU29 9DQ**

**W:** [info@midhurstclt.org](mailto:info@midhurstclt.org)

**F:** <https://www.facebook.com/midhurstclt/>

## **Prayer Focus**

There have been many reactions to the relaxing of restrictions introduced to control the spread of Covid 19; we are all agreed, however, that things would not be the same post-Covid 19. Not all of us are comfortable with change, but if it is for the better then we should make it permanent. Listed below are many of the items which come out of the lockdown, which we should pray about.

### **Community**

During the lockdown there were many examples of people doing things on their own initiative to help others, such as cooking meals, delivering food parcels, running errands for food and medicines, even such things as making sure their neighbours are safe and well. Many took to their sewing machines to run up much-needed protective clothing. A great spirit of community was built up which would be a shame to lose. Pray that, as a reflection of God's love for us, we should continue to look out for others.

### **Racism**

Millions of people witnessed the killing of two black men in the USA; this led to mass protest marches throughout the world. Several statues were either defaced or demands made for their removal as the people they represented had racist connections. It is impossible to undo the misdeeds of the past, but what we can do is recognise them, and write and learn the real truths behind our history. Racism is not only between Black and White, but is widespread throughout the world, and it is being denied - for example certain parties are denying that the holocaust ever happened. Pray that we truly recognise that all people are equal, and that we may have the courage to speak out whenever we come across racism.

### **Key Workers**

We hear so much about health workers in this pandemic but what about all the others without whom life would be very difficult? The list could go on for ever. Like the passage in Paul about the body parts all being different but all are equally important and one cannot function without the others. Pray that we should appreciate the worth of others within our society.

## **Virtual Meetings**

During lockdown, thanks to David, Jessica, Alison, Claire and Tim, many of us were able to join for worship and Bible study. Whilst we are eagerly awaiting the time when we can all meet for worship again (including singing) we should continue to examine how we can best use virtual meetings in our church life and include those who are physically unable to be present. Pray that we shall not be afraid to use these different means of communication to spread the Gospel.

## **Missing Out**

Pray for the families and friends of those who have died. May they be able to grieve and find peace.

Pray for all young people who were unable to sit exams after months of hard work and for those who, leaving school or college, were not able to say goodbye to their friends. Pray for all young people who have missed out on education for so long, that they should not be disadvantaged.

Pray for those with learning difficulties for whom a routine is so necessary to maintain a balanced life.

Pray for all for whom the future is so uncertain, and especially those who have already lost their jobs, that they have the strength to face the future.

## **Vaccines**

We remember those working on developing a vaccine against this virus and other diseases. May they, in co-operation with their colleagues around the world, be successful in their research. We pray that when such vaccines are found that they be available to all.

Pray for ourselves and our families, that with the strength of the Holy Spirit we can make the Gospel known here in Midhurst

## **I Watch the Sunrise**

I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,  
Casting its shadows near.  
And on this morning bright though it be,  
I feel those shadows near me.  
But you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.

**May I always be close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.**

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,  
Warming the earth below.  
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:  
I feel your brightness near me.  
For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.

**May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.**

I watch the sunset fading away,  
Lighting the clouds with sleep.  
And as the evening closes its eyes,  
I feel your presence near me.  
For you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.

**May I be always close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.**

I watch the moonlight guarding the night,  
Waiting till the morning comes.  
The air is silent, earth is at rest  
Only your peace is near me.  
Yes, you are always close to me  
Following all my ways.

**May I always be close to you  
Following all your ways, Lord.**

John Glynn

*for your diaries...*



## **Harvest Festival**

All being well, our Harvest Festival weekend will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Harvest Supper is planned for 6pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October when we look forward to meeting Matthew Forsyth, from All We Can, who can tell us all about our current Partner Project, “Super Spud” in Ethiopia.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will join together for our Harvest Service.

There will be an envelope collection for All We Can and the excess of donations over expenses for the Harvest Supper will also go to our All We Can project.



## **Welcome Service for Rev Elize Goddess at Drayton 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept at 7.30pm**

We are looking forward to welcoming **Rev Elize Goddess**, from South Africa, as minister with Pastoral Charge at Drayton, Havant and Wymering. It is hoped that Elize will move in mid-August, but it is likely that there will be delays. A Welcome Service is planned for Elize on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Drayton United Church.



## Friends Of Midhurst Common

### Friends of Midhurst Common July 2020

COVID-19 restrictions still do not allow for our Heath Team working parties on the last Friday of every month. The heathland area of the Common is looking a bit different this year with the seedling conifers, silver birch and rhododendron in greater abundance than normal – Nature certainly has a way of taking over and filling spaces. This is ok but it is the heathland, which is mainly heather, that we are trying to preserve. We will be considering again soon where we go from here.

See photo - Bracken is a very successful fern on parts of the common. For centuries it has been used as animal bedding. It has a low pH, high Nitrogen and potash content and can be used as peat-free compost. If consumed by cattle in large amounts it can cause anaemia with blood in the urine. If ingested over months, it can be carcinogenic, causing bladder tumours in cattle. In sheep it can cause a type of blindness

Concrete posts demarcate the line of the old railway from Petersfield, arriving through Bepton and into Midhurst past the old brickworks site and on to the station by the Wedglen Industrial Estate. The station opened in 1860. The last train to Midhurst was in 1955. The Midhurst Whites Brickworks ran from 1913 – 1985. It is interesting to note that Metis Homes are proposing building dwellings on this and the redundant WSCC depot on Bepton Road. Take a look at their Pre-Planning Application on-line and see what you think

With the sunny May we had, we have had quite a bit of litter on the Common and in particular around the ponds. Disposable barbecues should not be left behind and, as a potential fire hazard, should not be used at all on Midhurst Common – spread the news if you can.

In August we hope to have a Bat Walk at 8pm – for details ask Sian.

On 1<sup>st</sup> Oct our AGM is at 7pm with Kelly Porter from the South Downs National Park Authority as our speaker. She is from their Planning Department and is Major Projects Lead. She will be talking about the SDNPA Local Plan policies and how it influences the open boundary between the proposed housing development mentioned above with our Common.

As ever, if you have any questions, email:

[friendsofmidhurstcommon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsofmidhurstcommon@yahoo.co.uk)

and I will endeavour to get back to you within 48 hours

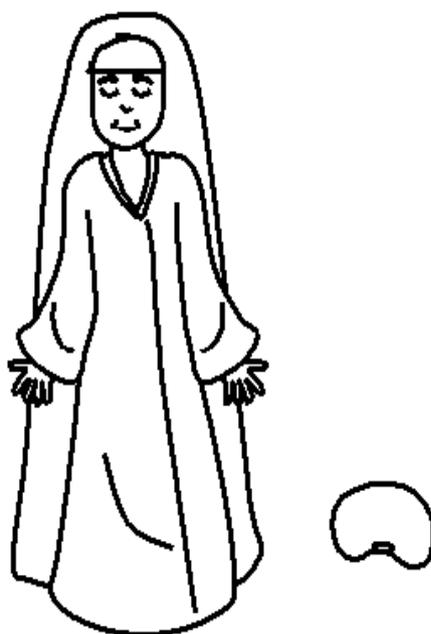
Andrew Mitchell - Chairman of the Friends of Midhurst Common



# Ruth & Naomi Word Search

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# City of Sanctuary

## Latest Information from Sanctuary in Chichester

### Lockdown Report from SiC

Sanctuary in Chichester has been busier than ever during lockdown. Many are working from home, but everybody has been staying connected with the volunteers. The volunteers have been making sure nobody is feeling isolated and that everyone has enough contact, help, language lessons, IT support (in Arabic), counselling, school work support, toys, children's books and groceries.

There are weekly Zoom video conference calls for the children - "ZOOM-Ins" - with activities designed and led by the children, volunteers and parents. They do show-and-tell, songs, quizzes, spelling, reading aloud, crafts and dances together. It's been a great success with the children so it will carry on indefinitely.

The SiC Chairman has been working hard on fundraising, which has helped SiC to respond to needs as they arise – he secured grants to buy new tablets for those families who didn't have any kind of computer; the tablets were delivered two weeks after the start of lockdown. This has made language learning and school work support during video calls possible.

SiC Founder Roger Pask has been helping a young family from Afghanistan in numerous ways, including support with a successful visa application (that took many years) and an appeal to furnish the family's completely empty flat. The generous response to the appeal has meant that all the much-needed furniture, white goods, curtains and carpets were either supplied by donors or paid for by donations. Now the couple and their baby can begin to make a real home here.

Other volunteers have donated and delivered all sorts of things during lockdown, including Halal meat for every Muslim family in Chichester

and the surrounding area to celebrate Eid, children's books, toys and a computer. There are also links with other local groups – parish councils and the Chichester Food Bank – to arrange food deliveries.

**Refugee Action, a charity based in London, sent this message on 8th June:**

“Today, 80 days after the lockdown began on 20 March and Universal Credit was increased by £20 per week to help people cope, the Home Office has finally announced that they will be increasing Asylum Support, but by only 26p per day.

It's not even close to enough. It means Asylum Support today - at the most critical moment in decades - is lower than it was 14 years ago.

This is an insult, not an increase.

Factoring in the new increase, people seeking asylum will have just £5.66 per day to buy all their essentials. This will continue to force them to choose between food and medicine, soap and nappies. during a pandemic that's causing the worst crisis in decades.”

SiC contacts:

email: [sanctuaryinchichester@gmail.com](mailto:sanctuaryinchichester@gmail.com)

website: <https://sanctuaryinchichester.org>

Donations:

please make Cheques payable to “Sanctuary in Chichester”  
and send to:

Sanctuary in Chichester, PO Box 794, CHICHESTER, PO19 9UL



## Fundraising News

### Your regular update on our charitable fundraising efforts

There are a couple of dates to bring to your attention – Sian and Andrew’s coffee morning at their home for Action for Children on 21<sup>st</sup> August and Angela’s coffee morning in the Church Hall for Christian Aid on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the information about these events elsewhere in this edition.

The Fundraising Report for our recent Church Meeting was more about what we were not doing than what we were doing by way of raising funds for our chosen charities (including our Church). COVID 19 has really hampered all the activities we were planning. We have missed the Spring Fair and will not have the MADhurst concert & MADhurst Carnival day, all of which would have raised money for the work of our Church in the local community. Also cancelled were the Easter envelope appeal (AWC), Strawberry Teas (MHA), the concert supper (Sanctuary in Chichester) and the Ride & Stride (Sussex Historic Churches/MMC). The Church Meeting has proposed that when the Church reopens for services we have retiring collections after Sunday services, for charities we have missed, giving us a chance to support them. Therefore, we’ll be having retiring collections for:

**Sanctuary in Chichester (6<sup>th</sup> September) and  
Methodist Homes for the Aged (25<sup>th</sup> October).**

I’m sure we are all looking forward to getting back to normal in the near future – for fundraising and everything else!

The Autumn Fair is still scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> November.

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*the COVID situation allowing, we hope to see you at the...*



# **COFFEE MORNING**

*in the Hall*

**Saturday**

**12<sup>th</sup> September**

**10am - 12noon**

**CAKES\*RAFFLE**

## Diary Dates

all dates are subject to COVID19 regulations

### August

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev M Rothwell
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	Rev D Coote
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	Mr D Arnott
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am onwards	Coffee Morning in aid of Action for Children	Sian Mitchell
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	Mrs M Fair
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	Rev D Muskett

### September

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Café Church	Church
	7.30pm	Circuit Welcome Service	Drayton MC
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Leadership Mtg	Alison Griffiths
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev D Muskett
		Retiring Collection for Sanctuary in Chichester	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon	Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid	Angela Clarke
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	TBA
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am?	Fundraising Mtg	Alison Griffiths
	7.30pm	Circuit Mtg	Petersfield MC
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Café Church	Church
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	TBA

### Copydate for October/November Newsletter

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Service	TBA
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## **October**

Sat 3rd

6.00pm

Harvest Supper

Church Hall

Sun 4th

10.00am

Harvest Festival

TBA

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