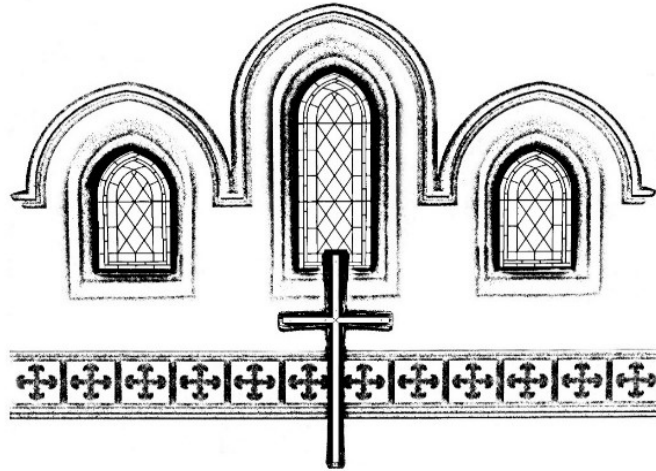


Newsletter from the....



MIDHURST METHODIST CHURCH

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October/November 2026

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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 our Minister...

Dear Friends,

On the afternoon of Sunday 6th September, I attended an afternoon tea in Carron Lane. I know...include food if you want to get a minister to a meeting! Except, I resisted the cakes!

Paul, Judith, and Sian were also present from our congregation, as was Revd Marcus from Midhurst Parish Church. We were among about fifty people in attendance.

So which churches did the other people come from? Quite a variety. I met one woman from Emmaus Road Church in Guildford (although she lives in Fernhurst). However, the majority were from either Three Counties Vineyard church at Hammer, near Haslemere, or Revelation Family Church in Chichester. Those latter two churches – ‘3CV’ and ‘Revs’ – were the driving forces behind the gathering.

Does that mean that big, charismatic churches from outside Midhurst were seeing themselves as the cavalry riding over the horizon to rescue those poor little traditional churches based in Midhurst? Both have several members (and house groups, I believe) in Midhurst. Revs sees itself as a church not just for the town of Chichester, but the District. We met at the home of a 3CV couple. Moreover, I have the joy of knowing people from both churches, and while they are both energetic and visionary, they are not empire-builders.

The afternoon tea happened in the wake of several Christians gathering on certain Saturday mornings in Market Square to pray around the town. This led to a shepherd’s hut being adapted into a ‘prayer room’ for the Global Week of Prayer that happened in September. There is clearly a hope (which I certainly share) that this might lead to greater energies in co-operation among all the Christians of Midhurst to bless this town which God so dearly loves.

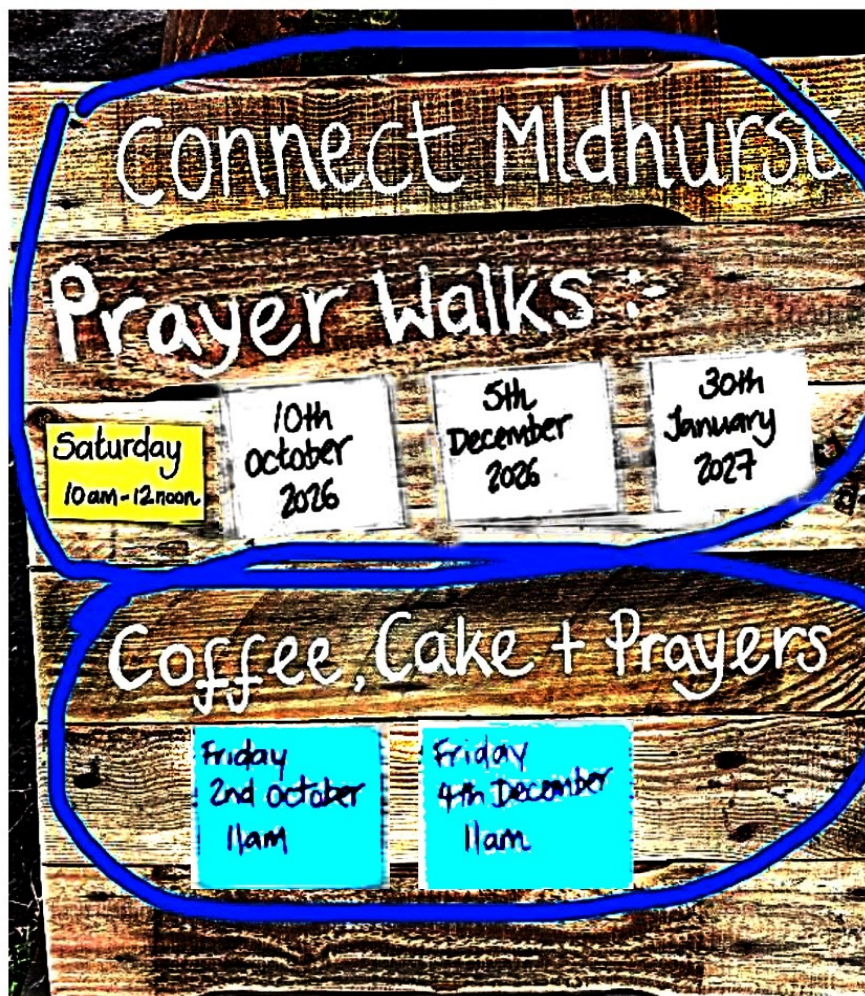
And isn’t that our calling? Christians may be a minority these days, but that doesn’t mean we rail against the prevailing pagan culture. Rather, as Jeremiah told the exiled Jews in Babylon, it is our mission to seek

the welfare of the place to which we are called, to build healthy relationships, to see businesses flourish, to see well-being increase – all as a sign of the love and grace God wants to pour out here through his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the meantime, look out for more news of these initiatives, and pray for the unity of Christ's disciples in Midhurst, so – as Jesus prayed in John 17 – we may be one that the world may believe.

Your friend and minister,

Dave



Connect meets in the Market Square on certain Saturdays to pray around the town. 5th December and 30th January are the next dates.

They also gather for coffee, cake and prayer at the 'Lion's Den' in North Street. It looks like the next one is on 4th December at 11am



Methodist
relief and
development

On Sunday 11th October we will celebrate Harvest Festival. This harvest, as we thank God for creation and the growth we see in our environment, we will also consider the factors that enable children's growth in our partner countries.

Through All We Can's support, our partners Pikin-to-Pikin in Sierra Leone and FABIO in Uganda are ensuring all children have the resources they need to thrive. Children like Sullay who will be able to take part in study groups not only to improve his academic performance but also ensure he follows the best path in life. Sullay's early life has already been marked by hardships no child should have to face. His mother died when he was younger, and he moved in with his aunty. As a result of this, his school attendance was inconsistent, as he was encouraged to leave class early to help at home. He was not learning in class and his friends were encouraging him to misbehave. Joining the study group was a turning point for Sullay. As well as improving his academic abilities, the study group also taught him about non-violence, respect and good ethics.

Nadia is a 17-year-old 'Senior 3' student at a secondary school in Uganda. She is one of 7 children but the only one in school. This is often the case in Uganda. Nadia used to have to wake up at 5 am and walk 10km to and from school each day. This was often in the dark and was unsafe. Sometimes wild dogs or other animals would attack her, and one time a man tried to strangle and sexually attack her. She survived only because of a passerby on a motorbike. Providing a bicycle for Nadia helped to remove the barrier to her education and enabled her to fulfil her God-given potential.

Your faithful support is helping students like Sullay and Nadia get an education and unlock opportunities to flourish.

There will be an envelope collection for All We Can at our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 11th October.



Harvest Festival 2026

Friday 9th October – at 9.30am - decorating the church. The team is appealing for helpers, and autumn greenery with berries and fruit for the arrangements.

Saturday 10th October – at 6.30pm – Harvest Supper

Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the church to help with the catering. There is no fixed charge but donations on the day, please.

Afterwards Sara Adeniyi, a member of our church, will be telling us **about her charity for the education of children in Nigeria, the Street2Scholar Foundation.** Street2Scholar (S2S) was founded recently by Sara, whose commitment to street-connected children grew out of years of hands-on work and academic study, including an MSc in Child and Adolescent Mental Health from Anglia Ruskin University. That journey brought her to a simple but urgent conclusion: charity alone is not enough. A meal or a coin can ease a moment, but it cannot rebuild a life. Children living on the street need more than a handout - they need family, education, healthcare, safety, and a genuine pathway forward. That conviction became the S2S Foundation: a holistic, evidence-based response designed to walk with a child from crisis to classroom, and from the street to the scholar's seat.

The excess of your donations for the Harvest Supper over expenses will go to S2S.

Sunday 11th October at 10am – Harvest Festival service. Wendy Corney will be preaching. **There will be our usual envelope collection for All We Can** (see the report on All We Can elsewhere in this edition).

Donations of food items to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival Service will go to the Food Bank. Please see their appeal below for the sort of items they need.

Harvest Donations -

The Food Bank Appeals for the following:

Food: Tinned meat, fish, fruit and veg, cooking sauces, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, cereal, long-life fruit juice and milk, biscuits and treats, jam and instant mashed potato.

Other essentials: Baby food, toilet paper, nappies, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, hand wash, cleaning products, razors, cat and dog food.

Special dietary items: Gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan products.

Donations must be **non-perishable, unopened and in date.**

Due to Natasha's Law, the Food Bank can't accept homemade food or anything without a full ingredients list.

Any fresh produce donated will be sold after the service and the proceeds will go to the Food Bank.



The envelope collection for Christian Aid in August raised £210. Many thanks to all who contributed. AC



FROM PASTRY TO PURPOSE

A moment of compassion became a lasting commitment.

In 2008, while working in Nigeria as an educator and IT professional, Sara Adeniyi witnessed street-connected children sharing a small pastry – each taking only a little so there would be enough for everyone.

She never forgot them.

What she saw was hardship, but also dignity, generosity and resilience.

Nearly two decades later, the story is still with us.

In September 2026, Walter encountered street-connected children on the streets of Kaduna. The circumstances were painfully familiar – and, in some cases, worse.

Two encounters. Nearly 20 years apart. The same urgent need.

These experiences reinforced a simple belief: children need more than short-term help. They need education, protection, mentoring, wellbeing support, family and community support, and real pathways towards safer, more independent futures.

That belief became Street2Scholar Foundation.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Street2Scholar Foundation Presentation

at Midhurst Methodist Church Harvest



Saturday
10th October 2026
From 6pm



North St,
Midhurst
GU29 9DU

Come and hear Sara's story, learn why Street2Scholar exists, and discover how a moment from 2008 is helping shape a mission for 2026 and beyond.

BE PART OF THE JOURNEY



Donate



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Mentor



07702 330 581

www.s2s-foundation.org/get-involved/

From the street, to the scholar's seat and beyond.

Worship Planning for the
All Saints' Day Local Arrangement on 1st November

Following the information in the last edition of this Newsletter, several members have expressed their willingness to be involved in the organisation of this local arrangement on 1st November. It being the first Sunday of the month, Dave will be leading the communion and will preach but the rest is to be arranged by the church

There will be a gathering of all those interested in helping arrange this service on Tuesday 13th October, in the Sanctuary at 2.30pm.



The Circuit has arranged a planning event for this local arrangement at Stubbington Methodist Church on Saturday 3rd October 2026 10.00am - 2.00pm (bring your own lunch).

Church Meeting - Sunday 6th December 2026



Our next Church Meeting is due to take place after the morning service on Sunday 6th December at 11.30am. All friends and members are welcome to attend and take part in the discussions. Trustee Members may vote on resolutions.

If you would like to contribute a report or an item for the agenda, please send to Claire by Wednesday 25th November so they can be distributed prior to the meeting - Thank you.

CSW



Christmas 2026

Dates for your diary...

Sunday 29th November at 10am - Advent Sunday Service - Rev Dave Faulkner

Sunday 29th November at 12.30pm - the Church Christmas Dinner - the usual list will be in the church nearer the time

Sunday 6th December at 10am - Holy Communion
The Church Meeting will follow at 11.30am

Friday 11th December time tba – church decorations

Saturday 12th December time tba – decorate the Christmas Trees

Sunday 13th December at 10am – Gift Service

Sunday 20th December at 10am - Carol Service

Friday 25th December - time tba - Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday 27th December at 10am - Sunday Worship

Sunday 3rd January 2027 - Covenant Service

Our Christmas Dinner will be on 29th November.

The cost this year is £29 per person,
almost the same as last year!

The usual list will go up on the noticeboard in October

Prayer Focus

The onset of autumn brings an opportunity to reflect on the beneficence of summer. Notwithstanding the challenge of the climatic extremes, we must focus on the benefits it has brought. We pray and give thanks for the farmers and workers bringing food to us despite the difficulties. God's wonderful world needs and deserves all our fervent prayers and praise.

Pray for continuing faith and the strength to recognise our own shortcomings – blessed by the knowledge and reassurance of God's forgiveness. Pray that we may recognise and use any opportunity to share our joy in the path we walk with God's love.

Every day teaches us differing lessons about ourselves, but we should pray to gain the inner peace and learn to love ourselves as God loves us.

We are PART of God's world, NOT sitting on the outside looking in. We pray that we can be supportive to those looking for a way to belong.

We pray that the peace we can find in our own lives should extend and touch the hearts and minds of politicians and people in positions of power, to change their hearts and minds to work for good in the world.

DS

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

Pericles



Jean Puttick

We have received the sad news that Jean Puttick passed away on 12th September which was her 88th birthday.

Jean was a member of our church for some years and attended the services even when her health was deteriorating. She organised campaigns for All We Can the Methodist Relief and Development Fund despite her failing eyesight.

In the past Jean led a very active life and had spent some years teaching in Nigeria.

In her later years her health deteriorated and she was cared for in Vine House and latterly in Chestnut View in Haslemere. She had a strong determined character and would not let her disabilities prevent her from doing as much as possible.

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Jean was a very clever and capable person. When, as Senior Steward, I would ask her to do something for me I knew it would be done enthusiastically and well.

We send our condolences to her sons and their families.

AG

As a school teacher, I'm hoping to start a **Sunday School class for children under 12** and would love a few volunteers to help out at least one Sunday a month.

If you're interested in getting involved, please have a chat with me or send me a WhatsApp message on 07702 330 581.

Looking forward to hearing from you! God bless.

Sara Adeniyi



Autumn Fair – Saturday 7th November

Our annual Autumn Fair is once again upon us.

Now is the time to look through your cupboards for unwanted gifts, good quality 'White Elephants', toys, books and raffle prizes!

Sian and Angela would be grateful for any saleable items you wish to donate to sell for church funds.

The Homebakes stall is always popular - all contributions very welcome!

‘The Six’ - We’re all invited!!!

We are invited to join with the fellowship at the Midhurst Parish Church for “The Six”.

This is an informal, relaxed service with worship songs, prayers, readings and reflections, but no formal liturgy. It takes place at 6pm (hence the title) with refreshments available from 5.30pm, on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Rev Marcus and the fellowship would be delighted to welcome anyone who wished to join them in this new venture, as we all seek to share the message of God’s love with the people of Midhurst in our different, exciting ways.

Please see Judith and Paul if you would like any further information.

JC



**A Letter from Our Superintendent
at the Beginning of the Connexional Year.
Circuit Staffing From 1st September 2026**

Our Circuit Superintendent, Elize Goddess, has sent a letter to all churches in the circuit marking the beginning of the new connexional year on 1st September. She begins with the Mission Toolkits, a project that has been ongoing for several years now, and urges the churches to persevere with the discernment of their Mission.

She then moves on to discuss the distribution of staffing from 1st September. The distribution of ministers in the circuit needed to be made more even, and the Mission project was designed to help determine where the need was greatest. Now that the mission discussions in the churches are progressing, the staff are in a position to make changes to even out the workload. The Anglican vicar at St Mark's Bordon is moving on and this has hastened the need for action.

- . Elize Goddess, our Superintendent, will have oversight at Bordon and Bedhampton, as well as her superintendent's responsibilities.
- . Our minister, Dave, will continue to work with Midhurst, Liphook, Haslemere and Lindford.
- . Ray Goddess will minister to Drayton and Wymering churches (seen as one unit) as well as Porchester and Portsmouth Churches. He will be aided by a Pastoral Assistant or Anna Chaplain for Porchester, Drayton and Wymering. This person will also assist Elize in Bedhampton.
- . David Muskett will cover Petersfield, Emsworth, and Hart Plain and add Havant to his portfolio.
- . Deacon Janice, recently reappointed for another year, will continue at Havant and Lee on the Solent, as well as the prayer ministry she runs already.
- . Pauline Crispine remains at Lee, Gosport, Fareham and Stubbington.

A copy of the complete letter is on the noticeboard in the church.

Contributors to the Newsletter, please note that the copy date for the December 26/January 27 edition is a little earlier than usual. This is due to other obligations by the editors.

THE COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

As we celebrate Harvest this year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness and provision. Yet we do so mindful that, for many farming families, 2026 has been an exceptionally difficult year.

Across the country, arable farmers have seen significantly reduced yields because of challenging weather conditions. One Methodist farmer in Mid Devon reports that his corn harvest is only half that of last year. The summer drought has also taken its toll on livestock farms, with many having to feed winter hay and silage stores during the growing season, raising concerns about fodder supplies for the months ahead.

Alongside these challenges, farmers continue to face the devastating effects of Bluetongue virus (which mainly affects sheep and cattle but also goats, llamas and alpacas) and avian influenza (bird flu). One farmer from North Molton Methodist Church remarked:

"This is worse than Foot and Mouth in 2001. We are fighting a disease yet to be fully seen."

Those words reflect the deep anxiety felt across many rural communities as the longer-term impacts of Bluetongue continue to emerge.

Stories of loss are becoming all too common. A farmer from Woolsery recently disclosed that all her rams have tested infertile despite showing no obvious signs of disease. A North Devon farmer keeping Dorset sheep has suffered the heartbreak of finding that half of his in-lamb ewes were carrying dead lambs. Near Hatherleigh, one sheep farmer has lost more than 300 sheep.

Behind these figures are families, livelihoods and generations of dedication to caring for God's creation. Many farmers are carrying not only financial pressures but also grief, exhaustion and uncertainty.

This Harvest, let us give thanks not only for the food on our tables, but also for the people whose hard work, resilience and perseverance make it possible. Let us remember our farming communities in our prayers, asking God to grant strength where there is weariness, comfort where there is loss and hope where the future seems uncertain.

Harvest reminds us that God's faithfulness is not measured solely by abundance. Even in seasons of disappointment and struggle, God remains present with us. As we gather to celebrate God's gifts, may we hold before

God all those who work the land and care for livestock, often at great personal cost.

"May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Psalm 126:5

A Prayer for Harvest 2026

Loving God,

We thank you for the gifts of the earth, for the food we enjoy and for all those whose labour brings it to our tables.

We pray today for our farmers, growers and all who work in agriculture. In this particularly difficult year, be their strength when they are weary, their comfort when they are grieving, and their hope when the future feels uncertain.

We remember those whose crops have been diminished by adverse weather, those who have already used precious winter fodder reserves because of drought, and those facing financial worry as a result.

We pray for farmers affected by Bluetongue and avian influenza, especially those who have experienced the loss of livestock, failed pregnancies, infertility within their flocks and herds, and the heartbreak that comes with caring deeply for the animals entrusted to them.

Bless our rural communities, our agricultural chaplains, veterinarians, auction mart staff, farm workers and all who support the farming industry. Give wisdom to those working to combat disease and protect animal welfare.

May all who feel burdened know that they are not forgotten, and may the love of Christ surround every farm, family and community.

As we give thanks this Harvest, help us to be generous in spirit, faithful in prayer and grateful for all that we receive.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bridget Down, Learning and Development Officer in the Connexional Team

Extracted from Methodist News, a weekly email to which you can subscribe at info@methodist-news.org.uk



Result of fundraising for Action for Children - Summer 2026

We are all aware of the long, hot summer we had this year and one of the repercussions of this was that the Action for Children coffee morning, which was to be held at my home and garden was postponed from 26th June until 21st August. This was initially a disappointment but didn't prove to be a huge problem as we had great support on the day.

We raised £625 at the coffee morning which was added to by further donations and money raised at church following our Action for Children Service on Sunday 23rd August with a final total of £768 raised. Thanks go to everyone who supported this effort from helping on the day, supplying cake and raffle prizes and attended our events and giving so generously.

Action for Children works to make sure that future generations get the support they need and lobby the government on their behalf, campaigning tirelessly for lasting change. They take action so that children don't miss out on a safe and happy childhood. They have thousands of people working on the ground giving children and young people the protection and practical help they urgently need.

SM

*Be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged,
tolerant of the weak, because someday in your life you will
be all of these.*

George Washington Carver



Jacob was on a long journey to Mesopotamia. His father had advised him to travel there in order to find a wife who was of their tribe. He laid down to sleep at night resting his head on a stone for a pillow. During the night he had an amazing dream. When he awoke, he consecrated the stone to God. Read all about it in Genesis 28 verses 10 – 22.

In those days the Hebrews were an ancient nomadic tribe. They were accustomed to sleeping outdoors and it was normal practice to use a stone for a pillow.

Fast forward a few thousand years.

Stonepillow is the name of an organisation in Chichester which was set up to help homeless people. They treat everyone with compassion and respect. Their base at Hunston Road started as a night shelter. They gave people a bed for the night and a good breakfast. Now they offer much more to people in the way of advice and how to transform their lives.

Stonepillow is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested have a look at their website. <https://stonepillow.org.uk/>

AC

We support Stonepillow with a retiring collection at our Carol Service each Christmas. Eds

*Don't let those who take advantage of your generosity
stop you from being generous.*

Author Unknown

Chichester Cathedral Pilgrimage



Saturday 5th September saw a small band of pilgrims on the 12.20 bus to Chichester, ready to walk (a small section of) the Centurion Way.

Paul and I joined others, from the Parish Church, on a genteel stroll from Lavant to Chichester

Cathedral, led by retired priest Chris Lavender. He led us in a series of short reflections along the way, sharing some of the Christian history of the path as we walked and talked together.

This was unfamiliar territory for us, but extremely enjoyable, especially in the afternoon sunshine. There were some fascinating landmarks to be seen along the way, and plenty of cyclists anxious to avoid us! That demonstrates the flatness of the route, adding to the pleasure of the walk!

We finished with tea and scones at the Cathedral cafe, where we were joined by others from the Parish Church, and then after a short tour of the Cathedral, we experienced the musical extravaganza that was Choral Evensong. It was only a short service (with a visiting choir from Canterbury no less), and the organ was very impressive! We were also welcomed and prayed for during the service, by the Dean, before being able to catch the bus home from outside the Cathedral. Some of the group took the opportunity to spend time in Chichester, but we'd had enough excitement and exercise for one day.

It was a most enjoyable way to spend a Saturday afternoon, connecting life and faith.

Thoughts and Prayers about our Finances

As we finalise our annual accounts for the year ended 31st August, our thoughts turn to the months ahead – our plans and aspirations.

A basic starting consideration is the financial health of our church and I am pleased to confirm that we are in a good position as we prepare our budgets for 2026-27. We have been blessed with sufficient resources for a programme of repairs and redecoration which is now almost completed and we have the funds ready to pay up to £20,000 for flat roof repairs this Autumn.

Will you please join me in prayerful consideration of our prospects and opportunities for the year ahead – our vision for mission and the part we feel called to play as individuals and as members of the church family, as we try to discern God's will for our lives?

Part of my rôle as Treasurer is to protect our financial wellbeing. This is done through continued good stewardship of the resources we are given, and by encouragement to every one of us to contribute according to our means. I have been reminded of John Wesley's words; "Gain all you can... save all you can... give all you can." His single-minded focus remains a clear challenge to us all.

Please can I ask you to do two things:

Either (1) If you have not yet been able to set up a monthly standing order for your giving, would you please give it fresh consideration?

Our account for Midhurst Methodist Church is

CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account Number 00023773.

Or (2) If you already have an established standing order, please would you review your giving for the year ahead if you have not already recently done so?

Then (3) Please let me know, in strictest confidence, what decision and changes you have made. This will be an enormous help to me and the Leadership Team in considering our new budgets.

With my grateful thanks

Chris Gladstone

chris.gladstone@live.co.uk 07966 571291



City of Sanctuary

Latest Information from Sanctuary in Chichester

Hafia's Story

My name is Hafia. I am 19 years old,...a refugee from Afghanistan...

I was born in Kandahar and lived there with my father, mother, five sisters and brother until everything changed five years ago. I was 12 years old when the Taliban took over our lives. The Taliban wrote to our school telling them to close or they would be bombed... The threats were real. Schools all over Afghanistan were being bombed and destroyed....

My mother, my sisters and I stayed at home for three months. We lived in two rooms and a hall because it was too dangerous to go near to the windows. We heard the bullets outside so stayed behind closed doors for most of the time. We all slept on the floor, huddled together, because it was safer...The Taliban roamed around the streets carrying weapons... If we went out, we had to be accompanied my father or brother. My older sisters had to wear burkas...

The Taliban demanded that one son from every family would fight with them. We only have one brother. My mother and father were not prepared to lose him. One day at lunch my father told us that we were going to Pakistan to live with my aunt and her family...

Crossing the border to Pakistan was the worst day of my life... thousands and thousands of people fleeing over the border. My family got separated in the crush... we were finally reunited.

We all slept in one room in my aunt's house in Quetta. All nine of us...We finally moved to our own place We lived in two rooms and had very little food... My father set up a small business from home. My sisters and I were able to go to school in Pakistan...But it was not a happy school... I stopped going. I helped my father at home... After three years in Pakistan, we had a phone call to say our application to move to the UK had been approved. We were all were shouting and crying and with happiness...

We feel so lucky to live in Chichester. We feel safe. We can walk outside without fear... We can go to the library and borrow books. We have...beds and furniture. We have food to eat...best of all, I can go to...College and learn again...

All the bad things that had happened in my life made me the person that I am today. I have a choice – I can lose myself or learn from my past and use my anger to fight for the rights of other women...

I have taken my GCSE English... I am also looking for a job. I worked as a receptionist for a small business in Chichester for a few months...I loved the feeling of independence that earning your own money brings. I hope to find another job soon.

My family is now well settled in Chichester. It is quiet and friendly here...It feels like home now. We continue to feel so lucky to have the support of Sanctuary...It is so important for me to be able to tell my story and share my experiences with people who really care...and that makes all the difference to my life and my future. With the support of Sanctuary volunteers, I am planning to publish my poems in a collection to raise awareness of the terrible suffering of women in Afghanistan...

By Hafia Shakoori

This is a heavily abridged version of Hafia's blog. Read the full version of this powerful and moving testimonial on the SiC website.

SiC contacts: **email: 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



AUTUMN FAIR



**Saturday
7th November
10am until Noon**

**Homebakes...Toys...Books
Bric-a-Brac ...Greeting Cards...Raffle
Refreshments & Bacon Sandwiches**



Entrance £1 includes a cup of coffee

Supporting the work of the Methodist Church in Midhurst

We Praise thee, O Lord, for the Bountiful Harvest - Sacred Songs and Solos 1058

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**Assurance Billows of Grain Blessings Bountiful Bright Dew Garnered
Gathered Golden Harvest Never Withhold Praise Prayers Rain Reaper
Rewarding Seedtime Share Sower Sunshine Thanksgiving Thy People
Voices We Raise Wonderful Mercies**

Oaken Sings

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OCT 3rd 2026

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Afternoon workshop (2-5pm)
Evening concert (7.30-9.30pm)

Diary Dates

October

Thurs 1st	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
Sat 3rd	7.30pm	Oaken Concert	Church
Sun 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev D Faulkner
Thurs 8th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
	2.00pm	House Group	Mr P Carter
Fri 9th	9.30am	Decorate the Church	Mrs B Coote
Sat 10th	6.30pm	Harvest Supper	Church Hall
Sun 11th	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Mrs W Corney
Tues 13th	2.30pm	Worship Planning	Church
Thurs 15th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
Sun 18th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Mr M Firman
Thurs 22nd	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
	2.00pm	House Group	Mr P Carter
Sun 25th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Dr J Illsley

November

Sun 1st	10.00am	Holy Communion	Planning Group
Weds 4th	7.30pm	Leadership Meeting	Mrs A Griffiths
Thurs 5th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
Fri 6th	2.30pm	Set up sale	Church Hall
Sat 7th	10.00am	Autumn Fair	Church Hall
Sun 8th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev D Rice
Thurs 12th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
	2.00pm	House Group	Mr P Carter
Sun 15th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Mrs S Morgan
Thurs 19th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall

Thurs 19th

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Sun 22nd	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev D Coote
Thurs 26th	10.00am	Mischief Makers	Church Hall
	2.00pm	House Group	Mr P Carter
Sun 29th	10.00am	Morning Worship	Rev D Faulkner
	12.30pm	Christmas Dinner	Church Hall

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