

# THE LINK

November / December 2025



**Rustington  
Methodist Church**  
Your church in the community

## Remembrance

This fragile, passing beauty,  
this autumn, red and gold,  
a season's recollection:  
love never will grow cold.  
The seasons change and fracture,  
the leaves of green turn brown,  
as life seems tinged with sadness,  
as petals flutter down.

This time of our remembrance  
that reaches back to pain,  
the chill of recollection  
can open wounds again;  
But this we must remember  
that human war and hate  
are matters of our choosing  
and not some random fate.

God let this time of grieving,  
of memory and regret,  
enable reparation,  
in case we just forget.  
Fill human hearts with courage,  
frame human words with grace,  
that love might flow among us,  
make Earth a sacred place.

Dear Friends

November always seems to involve a lot of remembering!

We begin the month by remembering those of our loved ones who are no longer with us. By the fifth we are encouraged to, as someone put it.....

*Remember, remember the fifth of November*

*Gunpowder, treason and plot,*

*For I see no reason why gunpowder and treason  
should ever be forgot.*

Although I'm not sure that the throwing of a life-sized effigy of Guy Fawkes on the bonfire is really something we would encourage, if we were to sit down and analyse the practice. Bonfire night is swiftly followed by Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, a time to remember those brave men and women who have given their all in war to protect our way of life.

For me, there are three family birthdays in November to remember too.

By the end of November some of you will have your Christmas cards all written and ready to go. I anticipate that you will be weeks ahead of me! Will you have forgotten someone and have to quickly put that right? My stepfather shocked and astounded me one Christmas, by declaring that he was only sending a card to anyone who sent him one, which seemed to me a very sad state of affairs. I hope you will give your greetings freely, however you do that, not dependent on having first received!!

Memories will come to the fore again as we replay the customs, personal and communal, that surround our celebrations of Christmas. Perhaps in your family gatherings there are games you always play. I was reminded of these rituals when we played Kim's Game at our summer Holiday at Home, and idly wondered how it got its name.

It turns out that the name is derived from Rudyard Kipling's novel *Kim*. In the novel the game is played as part of Kim's training to become a spy. Items placed on a tray are displayed for a period before being covered up. The challenge is to remember and name all the items on the tray. It was named Kim's Game in Sir Robert Baden-Powell's book, *Scouting Games*. Obviously, the game promotes the development of memory and observation skills.



So, lots of occasions to exercise our memories, but what of our observation skills. In these weeks when we all seem to be frenetically busy trying to fit everything in let us take a moment to observe those around us, alert to those who are struggling with the season and all it entails.

We will remember strangers, friends or family members scarred by war. We will remember those who have died. Perhaps we look forward to 25<sup>th</sup> December. However, for some, Christmas is not the joy filled celebration that it is heralded to be: it can be the time when some people feel most down. For many in our own community this will be the first Christmas to be faced with the absence of a close friend or family member, whilst for others the excitement of a first Christmas with new family members is promised.

Let us watch over one another in love. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, 'be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves...be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.'

*Rosemarie*

CHRISTMAS

*Carol Service*

6.30pm  
21st December 2025

Rustington Methodist Church

THIS IS THE PERFECT WAY TO EMBRACE THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS WITH JOYFUL MUSIC, BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS, AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE.

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**COME TO THE TABLE**

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 FROM 7.30 PM

RUSTINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

This is a quiet time of worship and reflection when we come together at the Lord's table and celebrate his coming in the sharing of Bread and wine.

Join us at Rustington Methodist Church this Christmas

*Christingle Service*

All Welcome

Rustington Methodist Church

24th December at 5.30pm

## Coming Worship at RMC

during November and December 2025

<b>Date &amp; Month</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Preacher or Theme</b>	
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	A Cook A Cook	
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.45am	Revd Rosemarie Clarke service @War Memorial	
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	B Quint B Quint	
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	Revd Rosemarie Clarke Revd Rosemarie Clarke	HC HC, SPD
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am 5pm	Revd Rosemarie Clarke Circuit Advent Carol Service	Café
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	Revd Rosemarie Clarke Revd Rosemarie Clarke	HC HC
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	M Thompson Revd Rosemarie Clarke	T JC Nativity
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am 6.30pm	W Corney W Corney Revd Rosemarie Clarke	Carol Service
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm 7.30pm	Christingle Service <i>Come to the Table</i>	HC
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Revd Rosemarie Clarke	AAW
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	M Lindo	
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	9.30 & 10.45am	D Parr Revd Rosemarie Clarke	AAW
Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 & 10.45am	9.30 & 10.45am 9.30 & 10.45am	Cov Cov

**For more information, please contact the Church Office**

## RM Church Choir/Band



We have had the first rehearsal for our newly formed Church Choir/Band and it was a particularly harmonious event. If you couldn't make the first rehearsal don't let that put you off you are still very welcome to come and give it a go.

We are practicing Advent songs ready to lead the church's music on 30<sup>th</sup> November, which is the first Sunday in Advent.

We offer regular opportunities for

people to share their musical gifts, however great or small they may be. The importance and joy of singing and making music is something that is to be celebrated; it is good for our own well-being and has a real potential to bless others, as we worship together on Sundays. Bands and Choirs are great fun for everyone, so whether you are an accomplished musician or very much a learner, your contribution will be welcomed. We encourage any of you who are interested to 'give it a go' don't just think about it, come and join in! Check your notice sheet for rehearsal dates.

# Stepping Stones Ladies Club



An afternoon group for ladies of any age who like hearing about a variety of interesting subjects, with speakers and occasional “do it yourself” sessions.

Members pay £2 an afternoon, or you can be a visitor, twice only for £3.

We finish the meeting with refreshments which are extra special for *special occasions!*

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 2.30pm (arrive from 2pm) in the Hall.

Our programme for the next 2 months:

November 6<sup>th</sup>                      Unwanted Mouths                      Maggie Line

November 20<sup>th</sup>                      A Trek Across The Sahara                      Neil Helyer

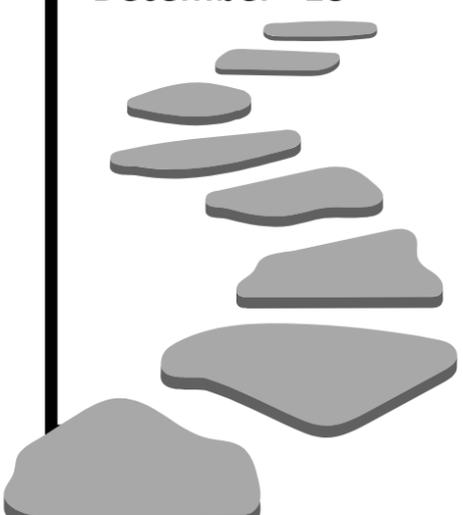
December 4<sup>th</sup>                      Friendship Singers and mince pies

December 18<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Party, fun quiz, and raffle

**Our Charity this year is ‘4Sight’**

*4Sight* is a local charity who support and advise blind and partially sighted people across West Sussex, enabling them to live life without limits. All money raised from auctions, raffles and bring and buy table sales will go to 4Sight.

**If you require more information,  
please call Wendy: 07526 433755.**



This Christmas why not come along to our special

**Christmas Eve Communion service.**

**on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30.p.m.**

This is a quiet time of worship and reflection when we come together at the Lord's table and celebrate his coming in the sharing of Bread and wine.

We will already have had our Nativity Service, celebrated with Carols and readings and lit Christingles as we look forward to the birth of Christ on Christmas Day.

If you would like to worship quietly away from all the business of preparing for Christmas, then why not try this service, you would receive a warm welcome.



**COME TO  
THE TABLE**



# Flower Rota

November & December 2025, & January 2026



Date	Donated by	Arranged by
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	H & J Gibbard	P Chapple
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	M Griffin	D Straw
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	P Warren	P Chapple
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	A Bound	A Waters
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	S Puttick	M Cocker
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	V Thrift	D Straw
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	B & E Slatter	I Eleveld
Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	M White	M Cocker/D Straw
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	S Cooper	M Cocker
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	M Priest	D Straw
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	M Davis	A Waters
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J & K Marshall	P Chapple

## DONATING CHURCH FLOWERS 2026

In the next month I shall be organising the 2026 Flower Rota.

We are extremely grateful to all the people who give so generously to enable the church to have such lovely flowers each week.

On Mondays the flowers are taken to people on the prayer list with a note from the Church so they know they are remembered.

If you have donated for the flowers this past year but DO NOT wish to continue, please let either myself or Doreen S know as soon as possible.

If you would like to donate next year we would be delighted to know as there will be some spaces. If you wish to have a particular date in memory of someone or something, I will try to accommodate it.

We suggest a donation of at least £20 which covers the cost of the flowers for a pedestal and a small arrangement on the organ.

**Margaret C**

**Contact: [rustingtonmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rustingtonmethodistchurch@gmail.com)**







Bob and Elizabeth filled their car, double layered, with boxes and bags to take to Turning Tides in Worthing. They got there safely, but had to be very careful how they opened the car doors!! As you can see from the photo the car was very full and the helpers were delighted with the goods, see the smiles.

*“We were blown away by the collection that your brought in today! It really was amazing and all those bags!”* Email quote from Turning Tides.





## Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal 2025

Huge thanks to everyone for your generosity so far!

We are continuing to collect items for the boxes – we are still short of **flannels, toothpaste, safety razors, colouring pencils and small colouring books**

We are also still accepting donations towards buying extras and the transportation cost of £3 per box, just ask in the church office for an envelope.

And please come along to one of my favourite days of the year...

# THE BIG WRAP!

On Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> November, from 9.30am, RMC Church Hall.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us filling and wrapping the boxes whilst sharing refreshments and fun together.

Can't make it but would like to help?

You could join The Big Wrap set-up on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> November from 7pm. Just let me know you are coming!

With love and prayers,  
Bec



**Meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
from 1.30 – 4pm**

We love to create things using all types of needles and materials, be it fabric, wool, or cotton. Knitting, crochet, embroidery and patchwork are our main interests.

We support each other in what we do, teasing out ideas and discussing problems. We love to show what we have achieved. Along with the cups of tea there is lots of chat and laughter.

If you are interested in needlecrafts in any form pop in on one of our sessions to see what we are doing or contact Elizabeth Slatter.

Email: [bobelizabethslatter@gmail.com](mailto:bobelizabethslatter@gmail.com)

Phone: 07954 371148

In November some of us will be attending a Patchwork Day in Chichester and taking quite a number of quilts we have made for children who are sick or in the care system.

We will also be preparing a Christmas window and additional decorations for the church tree.

**The upcoming dates are:**

November 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

December 11<sup>th</sup>

January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>





# CHRISTMAS EVENT & FAYRE

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR STALLS, MUSIC,  
CRAFTS & DELICIOUS TREATS  
INCLUDING A CAKE SALE

**RUSTINGTON  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10.00 - 12.30 PM**

**OPENS WITH WHITE MEADOWS  
PRIMARY ACADEMY CHOIR**



RUSTINGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO THIS YEARS



# HOLIDAY AT HOME

THE DAY INCLUDES

CRAFTS, GAMES, PUZZLES,

LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT

AND AFTERNOON TEA

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY

FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER

10.00AM - 3.30PM

RUSTINGTON METHODIST CHURCH  
CALL 01903 776900  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE





# November

## Mondays

- 9.30-3.30 **Rascals Pre-School Playgroup - During Term Time Only**  
Contact Tracey Hubbard 07546 584314
- 10.30-11.30 **Topical Bible based discussion group.**  
followed by refreshments – Meets fortnightly.  
Contact Church Office

## Tuesdays

- 9.30-3.30 **Rascals Pre School Playgroup - During Term Time Only**

## Wednesdays

- 9.50- 11.30 **Mod Mums - During Term Time Only**  
Mums' group with crèches for babies and toddlers  
Contact via Facebook, search 'Modmums'

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13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Contact Elizabeth Slatter 01903 776707

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- 9.30-12.30 **Rascals Pre School Playgroup - During Term Time Only**
- 2.30-3.30 **Come & Sing** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
Contact Lindsey Tilbrook 01903 724393

## Sundays

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10.30 **Junior Church** – during term time only

Some of my best friends are pumpkins.



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December: a month of cold air and warm hearts.

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# **EACH FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH COME AND Sing!**

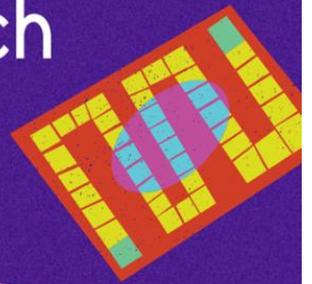
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Meet in the Church Coffee Lounge at  
2.30pm for about an hour.

If you enjoy singing, or listening to hymns  
and worship songs, then come along.



## **Rustington Methodist Church COFFEE & GAMES MORNING**



**DON'T SIT AT HOME ALONE**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR A DRINK  
AND CHAT - ALL AGES WELCOME**

**BOARD GAMES OPTIONAL**

**EVERY THURSDAY**

**10.30 - 12.30**

**Drinks, Biscuits, Games  
and Friends**



*You're Invited*

**FREE ENTRY**



*Circuit Advent  
Carol Service*

SUN  
30  
NOV

5pm at Rustington M.C.

Local Preacher long service awards

Welcome for  
Revd Andrew Reed

West Sussex  
(Coast and Downs)  
Methodist Circuit

**Circuit Quiet Day  
with Nicodemus**

Led by Reverend Bob Sneddon

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
at  
**Rustington Methodist Church**

**10am Coffee**  
**10.30am - 4pm**

Bring your own Lunch  
Drinks will be provided

To book your place, please contact  
[Rustingtonmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Rustingtonmethodistchurch@gmail.com)  
01903 776 900

**Why not join us with the Circuit in Worship?**

*Dwell* Worship Night

West Sussex  
(Coast and Downs)  
Methodist Circuit

A relaxed time of  
worship to  
dwell in the  
presence of God

5pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
ft. Revd Tongayi Matamba

**4<sup>th</sup> January**  
ft. Revd Steven Donnison

**Worship - Refreshment - Connection**

**Dwell at Goring Methodist Church, BN12 4XB**

## Renovation of the Hall Kitchen

Well, we made it in time for Rascals to come back from the summer break!

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in any way. The team was Bob (planning, co-ordinating and assembly) and Elizabeth Slatter (decorating and assisting), Derek White (carpentry and assembly), Dave Ackroyd (plumbing and equipment advice), Farley Saunders (fitting our work surfaces, splash backs and wall cupboards as well as giving lots of useful tips and ideas).

We also appreciate the contribution made by Sergeants Carpets who came at exactly the right time and levelled the slope and floor and fitted the vinyl flooring, and last but by no means least, Damian our electrician who came in as and when needed to rewire the kitchen and fit appropriate sockets etc.

The cost to date of the kitchen is £19,488 which is below the initial estimate. The fundraising to date is £15,670 which means that we have a shortfall of just £3,768.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the fundraising by organizing events, attending events and buying cakes etc.

We have created a new kitchen which we hope will fulfil the needs of everyone who uses that end of the building, but at the same time we have learned to work and play together.

Bob Slatter



Our kitchen space off the Hall was long overdue a refurbishment to make it fit for purpose.

After being striped back and having the entrance to the hall levelled, the rebuild could begin.



After a lot of hidden work on the walls, ceiling and floor, the pipework and electrics were put into place and the units were built.



After many, many hours of work from various people, the kitchen was ready to go! We have also added a moveable Island to help with both storage and side space.



This summer a number of us went to the Big Church Festival. This was a fantastic event which is attended by around 30,000 Christians from around the country and the world. There were things to do for all ages including art and craft, rock climbing, football, circus rides, kids' activities, and worship. Many styles of worship were available to experience, such as contemplative, spoken word, modern, rap, afrobeat, gospel, R+B, country and more!



The main stage was the place to be to see artists and bands. Performing artists were Phil Wickham, Brandon Lake, Pat Barrett, LZ7, Philippa Hanna, Josh Baldwin, Yolanda Brown, Still Shadey, Tim and the Glory Boys, Israel Houghton and many others, all praising God with their music and encouraging with their message.



It is amazing to see so many Christians worshipping God together in one place.



The event is made possible by the help of nearly 1000 volunteers, one of them this year was Ben. You will hear more about this soon...

Simon



Celebrate the  
**NEW YEAR**  
with our  
**LUNCH PARTY**

**Expect good company,  
a hot meal and pudding...  
and a few games to play!**

**FOLLOWING 10.45AM SERVICE**  
**SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Contact the Church Office for your ticket**

\*Ticketed event for catering purposes,  
Please advise of any dietary requirements you  
have, when you pick up your ticket.



*The Friendship Singers*

*Invite you To Their*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**You can join us for Carol Singing too!**

**Wednesday 3 December**

**2.30pm**

**Rustington Methodist Church**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Retiring collection in aid of  
St Barnabas House

# Holiday at Home

This August saw the third annual RMC Summer Holiday at Home taking place. It was set up to give those who would find it very difficult to go away on holiday a few days of fun, food and fellowship. It is a community event and is open to adults. It starts at 10.00am with coffee and biscuits and runs until approx. 3.30pm. The days include various craft activities in the mornings



followed by a cooked lunch then an afternoon of entertainment cakes and tea. We have a loose theme; this year it was the 'Celtic Nations' and one guest even turned up in a kilt (well done Dorothy)!

We made shortbread, cards, Celtic Crosses, Keyrings, table flower decorations and more. On Tuesday, for the first time, we had Celtic team games which included, welly wanging, tossing the caber and haggis throwing, there was a lot of laughter and the most wonderful team spirit. We also welcomed The Elderly Brothers who came to entertain us with hits from the sixties.

A massif thank you, from all who attended and me to the wonderfully talented volunteer helpers – here's looking at next years' summer holiday!



Also we are organizing our one-day Christmas Event which we will be announcing the date of soon, please register your interest to avoid disappointment

**Précis of Minutes of the Church Council Meeting** of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Rustington Methodist Church, chaired by Rev Rosemarie Clarke

Nine of the members of the Church Council were in attendance  
Apologies were received from eleven.

3	Member-ship of meeting	Resignations were received from Paula as Church Council Secretary and Ken as church representative
5	Minutes of previous meeting	With one amendment the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Rev Rosemarie.
6	Matters arising	At the last meeting it was noted that Bognor Regis Church planned to come out of their building. Their last service will be on 26 <sup>th</sup> October. They have asked the Circuit to take responsibility for the building from 1 <sup>st</sup> November.
8	Safeguarding	<p>The Safeguarding Report has been updated with slight amendments. The policy was agreed and signed.</p> <p>A review was made of our adherence to the policy and areas for improvement were identified.</p>
9	Pastoral	<p>The Annual Pastoral Meeting was held in September.</p> <p>At 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 the membership stood at 130</p> <p>During the year 12 have ceased to meet 12 members have died 4 people have requested a transfer 4 people were added to membership</p> <p>Membership at 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 106</p>

		<p>New pastoral visitors required. One new name was brought to the meeting for approval subject to safer recruiting. This was agreed.</p> <p>Since the last meeting Sue Spurgin, Helen Arscott and John Huntley had died and were remembered with a short silence and prayer.</p>
10	Finance report	<p><b>Hall Kitchen Refurbishment.</b> The final cost to the end of the year for the kitchen was £19,488. The original budget at the beginning of the project was £20,390. Generous fundraising and donations - shortfall £3,768.</p> <p><b>Accounts for the year September 2024 to August 2025</b> were presented to the meeting. Shortfall of £1,492 on normal activity for this period. Overall shortfall for the year was £26,730 owing to the many and varied property related activities, including renewal of the Audio-Visual system, refurbishment of the hall kitchen, new boiler etc.</p> <p><b>Reserves Policy</b> was presented and explained.</p> <p><b>Ruby Baker Legacy</b> Agreed to contribute to expenses of young people associated with the church who attended 3 Generate and the Big Church Festival.</p>
11	Property	<p><b>Annual Property Return.</b> Risk Assessment, Fire Risk and Access Audits have been reviewed and updated as necessary. Annual return questions completed.</p> <p><b>Gardening</b> Pam is leading a team who are working very well sorting out the gardens.</p>

***Update Hall Kitchen***

Some items to be completed but the mobile island is almost completed. Donations of a toaster and microwave need to be PAT tested before use.

**Catering & Kitchen Management**

Agreed that we should follow the publication Safer Food, Better Business more closely.

***Users of the kitchen*** should be signing each time they use it, on an official form. The Food Agency form to be adapted to provide for Morning, Afternoon and Evening Sessions and be applied to both kitchens.

As Elizabeth is involved with the Letting of the premises she offered to speak to groups who use the kitchen.

***Hospitality on a Sunday***

We are pleased that we are now using the 'Real' coffee machine each week, which is dispensing Fair Trade Coffee – Fair Trade decaff coffee is also available.

It was agreed that some form of official labeling should be used when products are decanted into other containers.

12	Children and Young People	Karen Scrivens is taking the lead in this work. Additional leaders to work on a rota basis very welcome and much needed. She and Rev Rosemarie have looked at the next Plan and with a mix of Junior Church and All Age Worship there
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		<p>we acquire a more Singing the Faith hymn books in case of further issues.</p> <p><b>Harvest Festival</b> services on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Good service and lots of filled bags came in which were taken to Turning Tides on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and very well received.</p> <p><b>New Stewards</b> – we are aware that many of the stewards have served for quite some time We do need to find more stewards.</p>
13	Mission	Plan to be reviewed in December meeting.
14	Appointments	Updated List of appointments.
15	Circuit update	<p>The Circuit has completed a profile to apply for a minister to have pastoral charge of Goring, Steyning and Storrington and a co-ordinating role for Youth Work across the circuit, when Steven Donnison moves to another circuit in September 2026. However, the Chair of District invited the circuit to also submit a profile for a probationer minister. So, a further profile has been submitted, amending the role to serve Goring and Storrington and co-ordinate Youth Work across the circuit. Should a probationer minister be appointed the Rev Dawn Carn would take pastoral charge of Steyning.</p>
16	Diary dates	<p>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October Communion and recognition of Pastoral Visitors to be followed by <i>Celebration Lunch</i> in the hall to celebrate the newly refurbished kitchen</p> <p>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Memorial Service 3.30pm</p> <p>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Shoe Boxes dedication</p> <p>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Fayre</p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS/SERVICES</u></p>

		<p>30<sup>th</sup> November Circuit Advent Carol Service here 5pm.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> December Communion Services</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> December Nativity at 10.45am.</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> December Carol Service 6.30.pm.</p> <p><b>24th December</b> Christingle Service 5.30.pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Communion Service</b></p> <p><b>7.30.pm.</b></p> <p><b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day Service</b></p> <p><b>9.30.am.</b></p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> December 10.45 one service only</p> <p><b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>AAW and New Year Party Lunch</b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> January Covenant at both services.</p>
17	AOB	None, although Elizabeth did mention that there is no longer a Monday Team so Bob is now the only person undertaking this role of caring for the property.
18	Dates	Church Council Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm
19		The meeting closed with The Grace

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## **Bark in the Park**



My dog Coco and I (Corrie Brown) will be taking part in Bark in the Park on Saturday 6 December. This is in aid of Turning Tides, who provide a range of homeless support services in West Sussex, covering Adur and Worthing, Littlehampton, Horsham District and Mid Sussex. They accommodate over 200 homeless people in more than 20 properties across the county.

I have had to make a donation to Turning Tides in order to register but my dog Coco has to raise money through sponsorship!

If you feel you could and would like to sponsor my dog, please speak to me in church. Or you can also donate via enthuse at:

<https://turningtides.enthuse.com/pf/cornelia-brown>

Coco is pre-sleeping in readiness. He will be fourteen when he undertakes this challenge and probably needs to nap a lot beforehand!



# Circuit Quiet Day November 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Spending time with Nicodemus

If you have never been to a quiet day you may wonder what it is all about...

A Quiet Day offers time to be away from the demands of your usual daily life; to stop, reflect, and be refreshed. It will offer time and space to explore your spiritual life and deepen your relationship with God through silence, reflection and prayer.

You can plan a quiet day for yourself – block the diary, read a book, go for a walk... or join a group day. Group days, such as ours in November, are themed, with a leader (Revd Bob Sneddon in this case) giving short reflections enclosed by time and space for you to pause, reflect, pray and to use any resources that are provided to aid your time of stillness.

Our day on November 8<sup>th</sup>, at Rustington Methodist Church, will start at 10.00 a.m. with refreshments and introductions. During the rest of the day there will be three reflective talks – focussing on Nicodemus who is mentioned in John's gospel - each followed by time and space for you to use as you wish. There will be a break for lunch. The three Bible passages are,

John 2:23-3:22

John 7:45-52

John 19:38-42

Towards the end of our time together we will share in a service of Holy Communion. We will draw to a close by 4.00 p.m.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bob via Rustington Church Office,

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Thank you for your interest

Revd Bob Sneddon





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