



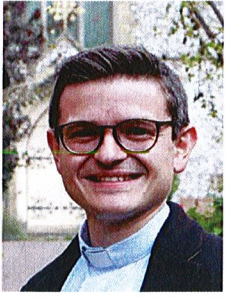
# HELLO June

"JUNE IS THE GATEWAY TO SUMMER."

THE LINK MAGAZINE  
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METHODIST CHURCHES



# Letter from the Manse



Dear friends,

The men's Football World Cup starts soon, with England playing their first game on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9pm (BST). Soon we will be hearing the classic English football anthem 'Football's Coming Home', see more England flags waving in the wind, and hear people who take no interest in football the rest of the time, suddenly become football experts (my brother-in-law and dad come to mind!). Goring is joining in with the fun with Revd Billy Slatter leading All Age Worship with a World Cup theme on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The question is, can the men's England football team learn from the Lionesses and win their first major tournament since 1966?

Whether you are a football fan or not, one of the encouraging signs in recent years has been the rise of England players who actively speak about their faith in Jesus. Back in 2024, Marc Guehi wrote on his captain's armband 'Jesus ♡ You' and when asked about it said 'I believe 100% in the words I wrote... my faith is my faith and I'll stand by it for the rest of my life'. Noni Madueke, recently shared how he and around 10 other Arsenal players pray before every game for a few minutes and pray and study the Bible at the hotel. One of those 10 is fellow England international Eberechi Eze. In a recent interview Eze when asked about his legacy he said "I want them to say that 'in everything he did, he glorified Jesus. That's my only mission, if I'm honest.'" During Euro 24, another of those 10 Arsenal players, Bukayo Saka, received a man of the match award in a game where he scored the equaliser and buried a penalty in the shootout. At the previous Euros, Saka had missed a penalty in the final and when asked how he found the character to overcome the pressure of the past, Saka replied 'I have faith in God'. Similarly, during 2022, whilst sharing how he reads his Bible every night, Saka reflected 'the main thing for me is just keeping my faith, just having faith in God so I don't need to be worried or nervous about any outcomes.'

No matter what happens over the next few weeks, those England players know there is more to life than football, that their ultimate hope is in Jesus who is with us always. I wonder where your hope is? Is it rooted in circumstances or fully in God? St. Paul wrote to the church in Phillippi,

*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength. (Philippians 4: 11b -13).*

My prayer is that we will be able to join St Paul and the Christians in the England squad in being rooted in the eternal hope Jesus offers.

Come on England!

Steven

**Goring Methodist Church**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.00 am**

**Father's Day**

# **World Cup Worship**

**Dads bring your kids**

**Kids bring your dads**

**Wear your football team colours**



**Paint your face**



**Wave your flags and scarves**

**Football videos, songs, stories.**  
**It's church... but it's different –**  
**God does football**

**All are welcome to come and celebrate**  
**God and football.**



## **Goring Services:**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10am: Revd Bob Sneddon**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am: Revd Steven Donnison – HOLY Communion & General Church Meeting.**

**5pm: Circuit Dwell Service**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 11.45am: Midweek service**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10am: Revd Billy Slatter – All-Age Worship**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 8.15am: Messy Breakfast**

**10am: Revd John Jennings**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10am: Revd Steven Donnison**

**5pm: Circuit Dwell Service**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10am: Bridget Quint**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10am: Revd Steven Donnison – All-Age Worship & Holy Communion.**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 8.15am: Messy Breakfast**

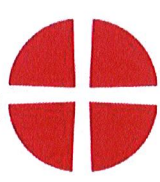
**10am: Revd Janet Tanner**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10am: Roy Firth**

**5pm: Circuit Farewell Service for Steven, Alish & family**

# Circuit Youth

## Planner



West Sussex (Coast and Downs)  
Methodist Circuit

1. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> MAY  
AT  
**Felpham Methodist Church**  
Discovering God • Welcoming All • Serving the Community  
10.30am - 4pm

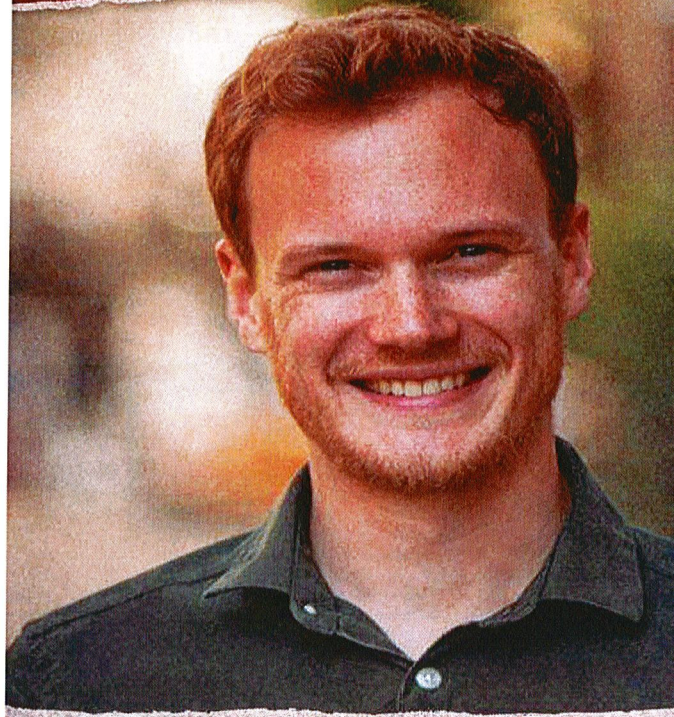
2. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> JULY  
**TBC!**  
10.30am - 4pm

3. **SAVE THE DATE**  
Weekend Event  
& our third time attending!  
**3GENERATE**  
Methodist Children & Youth Assembly  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
at the NEC, Birmingham

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT,  
**Rev. Steven**  
[circuit.youth.ws@gmail.com](mailto:circuit.youth.ws@gmail.com)  
01903 245799

Churches Together in Rustington & East Preston present:

# FAKE NEWS, SCAMS AND LIES: THE NEED FOR TRUTH



with  
**James Mildred**

Director of Communications and  
Engagement at Christian Action,  
Research and Education (CARE)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm – 8pm**

**At the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Rustington**

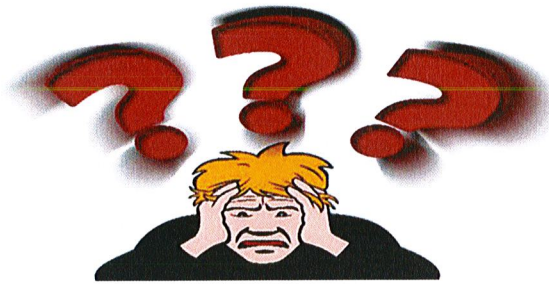
Reserve tickets through **Eventbrite** or email:

- [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- [ctrep2025@proton.me](mailto:ctrep2025@proton.me)

<https://theneedfortruth.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Join us to delve into the topic of fake news, scams and lies, as well as exploring how powerful truth is in combatting these dangers, viewed from a Christian perspective

## Fake News, Scams and Lies: The Need for Truth



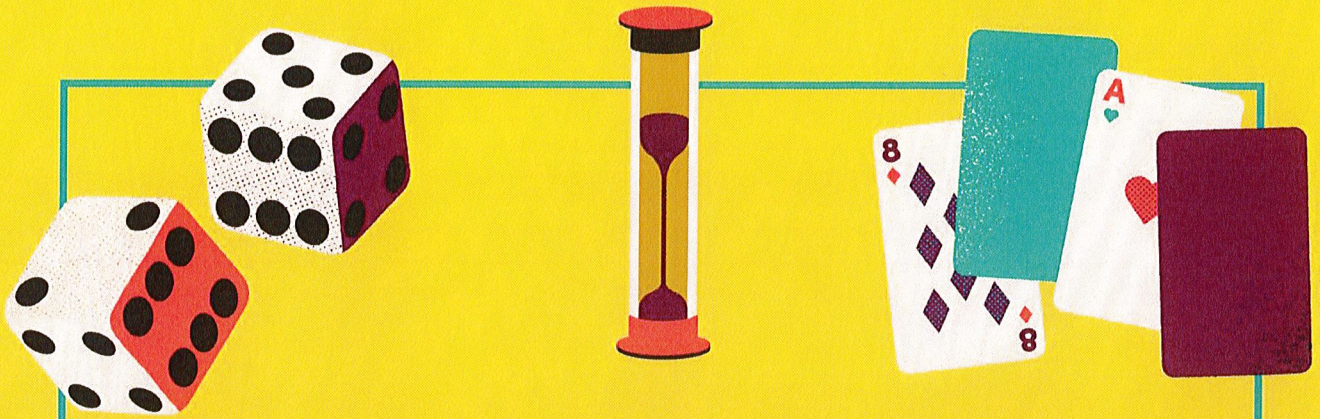
Each year, churches across Rustington and East Preston join together to organise an open talk for the local community on a topic that touches us all. Last year around two hundred people assembled to explore artificial

intelligence, while this year the subject is “Fake News, Lies and Scams: The Need for Truth”.

Increasingly we live in a world where truth is shaped, spun, and sometimes ignored altogether. Leaders make competing claims, voices online blur fact and fiction, and the vulnerable in society are exploited by deception and scams. At the same time, our culture tells us to look inward—to define our own truth and trust our own feelings. But what if that’s not where truth is found? What if truth exists outside of us—something solid, unchanging, and knowable? In a famous encounter related in the Bible Pontius Pilate, a Roman official, asks Jesus, “What is truth?”—a question more profound than he ever realised. Today, that question feels more relevant than ever.

In this year’s talk, James Mildred (Director of Communications and Engagement at Christian Action, Research and Education) will delve into this complex area, including what the Christian faith offers in a world struggling to agree on what is true. Prior to joining CARE, James worked in politics at the Scottish Parliament and Westminster. He is an elder at Trinity Road Chapel in Wandsworth.

Join us on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 18.00 to 20.00 at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Rustington. There is no charge but please book early through the Eventbrite website: <https://TheNeedforTruth.eventbrite.co.uk> or by emailing [ctrep2025@proton.me](mailto:ctrep2025@proton.me) Everyone welcome!



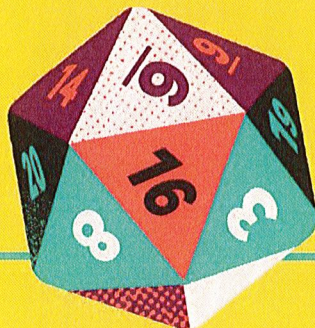
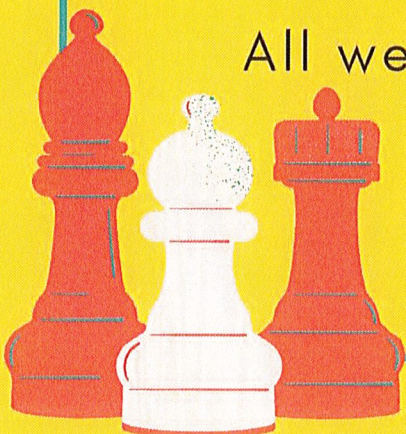
# Afternoon Club

at Goring Methodist church

Wednesdays from 2pm

Games, Conversation, Refreshments

All welcome. Just come along





## **Steypning Services:**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am: Revd Janet Tanner**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am: Revd John Jennings – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am: Revd Dawn Carn**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am: Revd Steven Donnison – Relaxed Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am: David Parr**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am: Revd Steven Donnison – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am: Revd Geoff Bell**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am: Gillian Amphlett – Relaxed Service**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10.30am: Joy Barnes**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am: Revd Tony Brazier – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am: Roy Firth**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30am: Revd Tongayi Matamba – Relaxed Service**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am: Revd Richard Tanner**

## Jewellery recycling

Have you got odd earrings lying around or broken jewellery or jewellery you no longer want?

You can turn old banknotes and unused jewellery into a donation to **Transform Trade** via their partners at Recycling for Good Causes who will reuse and recycle the jewellery, meaning your donation also saves precious raw materials.



They recycle:

- Any jewellery – gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches, broken and damaged items (like odd earrings, snapped chains or items with missing stones).
- Any old UK and foreign banknotes

Call [0800 633 5323](tel:08006335323) and you can request as many envelopes as you'd like.

There are some envelopes at SMC near where the collection box for stamps is situated

Or use your own envelope or jiffy bag (No bigger than A5 in size) and post free of charge by printing out a freepost label from their website.

### [Transform Trade](https://www.transform-trade.org)

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Transform Trade (formerly Traidcraft Exchange) is a UK-based international development charity and campaigning organization working to make trade just and equitable for farmers and artisans. Founded in 1986, they focus on empowering marginalized producers in tea, fashion, and farming sectors, prioritizing people over profit and challenging unjust trade policies.

*Rosemary Fletcher*

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**“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”**

*Mahatma Gandhi*

THIRD WEDNESDAY  
MONTHLY

# Midweek

# Service

11.45-12.15  
ALL ARE WELCOME



**Goring Methodist Church**  
Bury Drive, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4XB

# BOOK REVIEW



## **Theo of Golden**

**By Allen Levi**

Nobody knows the history or real identity of the stranger who comes to live in Golden, a town in America. He stays there for exactly 1 year, but make a huge impact on the local community there. Becoming so well known and popular to be a minor celebrity. Visiting a local coffee shop one day soon after arriving he has a light bulb moment of an idea. Seeing a local artist has drawn portraits of locals and put them on the wall of the coffee shop he decides to buy them, piece by piece; trace the subject and gift them the pictures of themselves.

This leads to many meetings, mostly good natured and surprising, but Theo is fascinated by the stories of these local individuals. He makes many friends and it is a good lesson in kindness and how wisdom prevails in many places.

I won't give the ending away, but all is revealed in the final chapter.

A lovely book encompassing the Christian ethos and thoroughly entertaining.

Pam Harrison

The **Methodist** Church  
South East District



# WILD Life



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6 and up) in the South  
East Methodist District  
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[buytickets.at/southeastdistrict](https://buytickets.at/southeastdistrict)

Caroty Wood, Higham Lane,  
Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9QX.

Enquiries: [ben.scrivens@methodist.org.uk](mailto:ben.scrivens@methodist.org.uk)



*Not coming but want to support the  
young people? Follow the ticket link and  
sponsor the event.*

## The Planets in June & July 2026

At the beginning of June, Mercury can be seen setting an hour and a half after the Sun. Note where the Sun sets, then note the position of bright Venus up to the left. Mercury is about half of the distance from where the Sun set. A little further up and to the left again is Jupiter. At this time Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are all in the constellation of Gemini (the twins). Mercury will be faint in the twilight sky. Binoculars will help but look only after the Sun has set.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June, the bright evening star, Venus will pass Jupiter. Both will be in line with Castor & Pollux in the constellation of Gemini. Venus moves from Gemini, through Cancer (the crab), to Leo (the lion) and passes Regulus at the lions paws, on 9<sup>th</sup> July. It will set a little before midnight in June and 10pm by the end of July.

Mars can be seen in the morning sky rising around 3am in June and 2am in July. It has moved from the constellation of Aries (the ram) and moves into the constellation of Taurus (the bull), passing the Pleiades and ending the month between the horns of the bull.

Once Jupiter has been passed by Venus it will set gradually earlier, disappearing into twilight and on 29<sup>th</sup> July will be in conjunction (behind) with the Sun. Jupiter will move from the constellation of Gemini into the constellation of Cancer.

Saturn can be seen in the morning sky, rising around 2am in June and midnight in July. It is in the constellation of Pisces (the fishes).

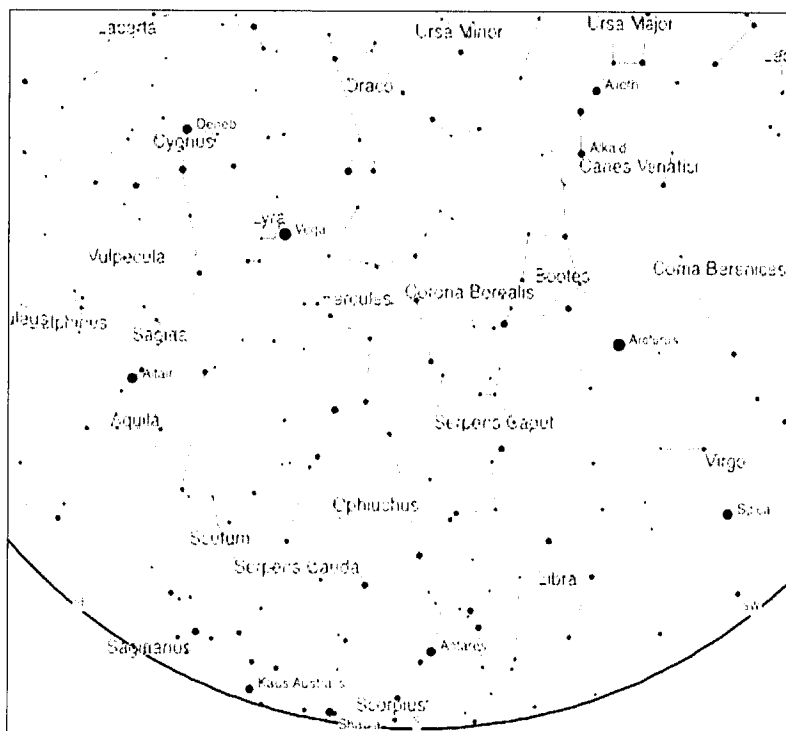
The summer solstice is on 21<sup>st</sup> June and the Earth is at aphelion (furthest from the Sun) on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Look out for the Summer Triangle which is made up of 3 bright stars: Vega in Lyra, Altair in Aquila and Deneb in Cygnus (the swan). Passing between these is the Milky Way (the centre of our galaxy), which looks like a milky river of stars.

New Moon is on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July and full Moon is on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Here is an illustration of the night sky, looking south at midnight in June and 10pm in July.

Linda Croft



Join us for the screening of a major new short film featuring environmentalist Chris Packham, actress Jennifer Saunders, Deborah Meaden from *Dragon's Den*, and top scientists:

# People's Emergency Briefing

The UK faces a climate and nature emergency. Yet most people don't know what this means for our lives, economy and future.

As church communities we have long traditions of stewardship, care for the vulnerable, and intergenerational responsibility. We believe this is an opportunity for thoughtful, compassionate local dialogue.

Following the 45 minute film, we will host a brief discussion about what this means for our community.

**Friday 5 June, 7pm**

**Christ Church Chichester**

Old Market Avenue, Southgate PO19 1SW

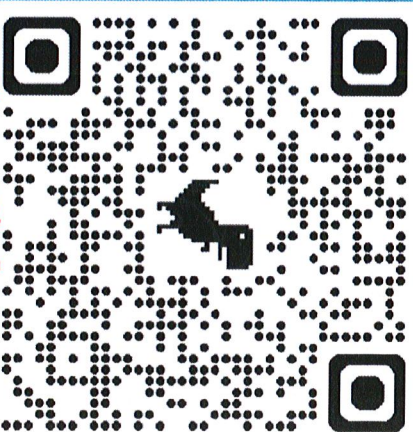
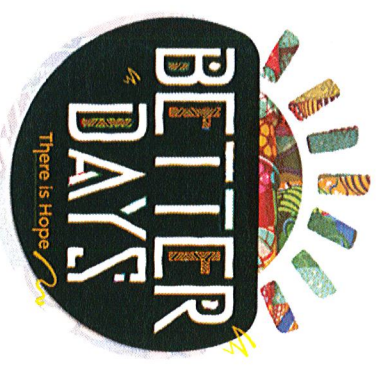
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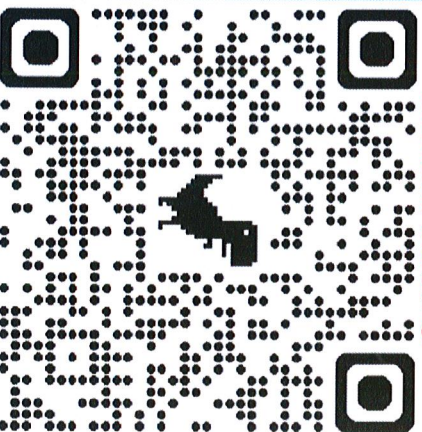
Join the **Watoto Children's Choir** as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration & hope.

9 & 10 June - Ashington Church - 7pm



**Free Tickets**

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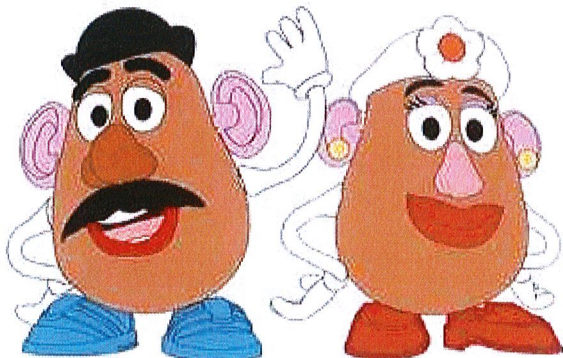
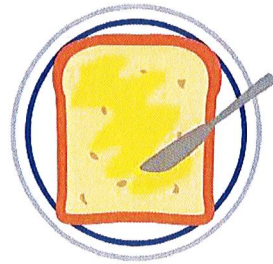
**SMILE**



Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet? Because they spend so long at C!

Sneezed over my toast. Can't believe it

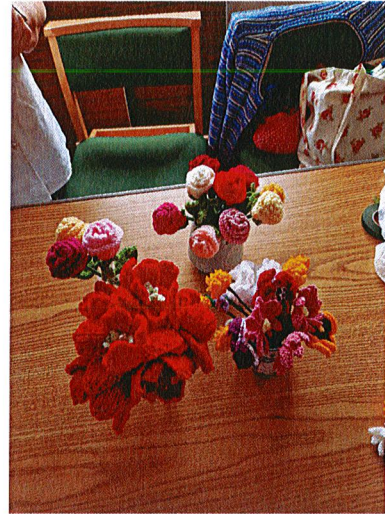
snot butter



Mr & Mrs Potato-Head were killed in a traffic accident. It was a nasty smash.

## Flower trail

Several church members and friends were involved in knitting flowers and preparing posies to put into windows of shops and businesses over the May half term.



Leaflets were produced so that participants could tick off local businesses where they found the different posies.

This was a free fun event for children or adults to do together and a small prize was given to those who came to collect at the Friday morning coffee. A draw was held to win a large teddy bear.

Thanks goes to all that made it happen.

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# Monthly, each 4th Sunday @

Except August & December

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Goring Methodist Church

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MULTIPLE CRAFTS

BASED ON A THEME

CEREALS, TOAST,  
TOPPINGS

TEA, COFFEE  
& COLD DRINKS

BREAKFAST FROM  
8.30AM

CRAFT 9 AM

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**CONNECT WITH OTHERS**

**DONATIONS APPRECIATED**

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There is no expectation to attend  
the 10am church service

Usual service remains at 10am in church.  
No Junior Church on this week

**FREE**



**Date for your diary  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 5pm at Goring  
Methodist Church**

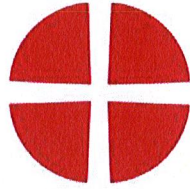
**The Circuit will be holding a  
Farewell Service for Steven,  
Alish and the family.**

**His last service at Steyning  
MC is the 12<sup>th</sup> July and at Goring MC is the  
19<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **Space for Families at Goring**

30th July 11am-3pm; 11th August 12.30pm-4pm and 20th  
August 11am – 3pm.

These free events are returning to Goring Methodist Church.  
People can bring their families and use our space. Various  
free flow activities where families can stay and play, arrive  
and leave whenever they want and bring a picnic if they wish.  
Spread the word!



West Sussex (Coast and Downs)  
Methodist Circuit

**Sunday 2nd August**

# CIRCUIT FAREWELL

To Revd Steven Donnison

Afternoon Tea\*

3.30pm

Service

5pm

At Goring Methodist Church,  
Bury Drive, BN12 4XB

\*you are welcome to bring food to share!



Please note the deadline for the August edition of 'Link' is Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> July. Please hand or email all copy to Jeremy at [goringmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:goringmethodist@gmail.com)

Please submit anything you think might be of interest. It is YOUR magazine, so any suggestions for inclusion would be welcome.