



### A big 'Thank You' from Alan

There are so many people who contributed towards our Anniversary Weekend, and I want to thank everyone for all their incredible hard work - hosting and welcoming guests, preparing prayers, coordinating food, creating wonderful displays, amazing audio visuals, history boards and booklets, producing Acorns, etc. There were such high quality moments, materials and memories that will remain in people's minds, hearts and hands for many years to come.

From the first verse of the first hymn the afternoon worship was tremendous, and we must thank Joanne for 'finding' the wonderful Hamish who led us so well on the organ.

Things could not have gone better and I know that our special guests were very impressed and have promised support as we move forward with our roof repair project. 67 for morning worship and nearly 100 for evening worship... what a blessing!

One story I treasure was Yvonne (nee Medhurst) talking on Saturday about how intertwined her family's life was with the church, and then on Sunday saying how inspired she was and that she promised to make an effort to come back to church more often.

#### Fundraising (again!)

Our fundraising for the church carpet replacement was really successful, and everyone has been so impressed with our efforts, and especially the resulting improvement in the church.

#### However...

We now need to make a start on raising funds towards the repair of both church and hall roofs. Everyone is aware that the church roof leaks during heavy rain, but it's clear that the hall roof is also at significant risk - leaks there will dramatically affect our lettings income.

We are asking the Circuit for help towards immediate temporary repairs.

But for the long term we will seek grant assistance from a variety of sources. And we will need to demonstrate that we are making serious efforts to raise funds ourselves.

The project 'launch' at the Anniversary weekend made a great start, raising nearly £800!

But we need now to maintain momentum, so please consider making a donation.

And if you can Gift Aid your donation, using the envelopes provided, so much the better!

Thank you.

Please note that any notices required to appear in the next News Sheet should be forwarded to Lesley Batts by 7pm on Thursdays.

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## News sheet

# Sunday 4th November

# 2018

**We do hope you enjoy your time with us today**



### Circuit Prayers

This Sunday we are asked to pray for all those who attend Ponders End Methodist Church in our Circuit.

#### Week commencing...

Sunday 4th	10.15am	<b>Service of Holy Communion</b> with Rev. Alan Combes
November	12.00pm	<b>Baptisms</b> of Harrison John and Daniel James Green. We welcome them, and their families and friends.
		There is no service this evening
Monday 5th	6.30pm	Beavers in the Scout HQ
	7.30pm	<b>Bible Study</b> in the meeting room. All are welcome.
Tuesday 6th	10.00am to 12	Weekly Open Church Coffee Morning. Do drop in for a chat and refreshments. All are welcome.
	6.45pm	Cub Scouts in the Scout HQ
	7.30pm	<b>Church Council Meeting</b> in the lounge
Wednesday 7th	7.30pm	Scouts' meeting in the Scout HQ
Thursday 8th	3.00pm	<b>Pastoral meeting</b> in the vestry
	6.00pm	Brownies
	7.30pm	Guides
Friday 9th	6.30pm	Rainbows
Sunday 11th	<u>10.00am</u> 10.50am	<b>United Remembrance service</b> , with Rev. Alan Combes <b>Parade</b> to the War Memorial for 11.00am
		There is no service this evening

*The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 and over. Younger children are most welcome to spend time in the left hand bay at the front of the Church, where there are toys and colouring books.*

**Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after morning service**



### JMA

Overall, during the last twelve months, £515.50 was collected for JMA, a remarkable achievement! Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

#### November

Wednesday 21st 12.30pm **Monthly mid-week lunch** at St. James's Church.  
Menu: Soup, filled roll, dessert, tea or coffee - £3.50p.  
All are welcome.

Sunday 25th 10.15am **Gift Service** in aid of Children's Integrated Playschemes

#### December

Wednesday 12th 12.30pm **Monthly mid-week lunch** at St. James's Church.  
Menu: Soup, filled roll, dessert, tea or coffee - £3.50p.  
All are welcome.

Thursday 13th 7.00pm **Brownies/Guides Carol Evening and Sale**

Sunday 16th 2.00pm **Children's Christmas Party**

4.30pm **Nativity Service**

Tuesday 18th 11.30am **Coffee Morning Advent Communion**

with Rev. Alan Combes

7.00pm **Carols by Torchlight** at the War Memorial

Tuesday 25th 9.30am **Christmas Day Family Service with Rev. Alan Combes**

#### January 2019

Sunday 6th 10.15am **Communion and Covenant Service**

with Rev. Alan Combes

**Please see over for notices >>>>>**

#### From Acorns do Mighty Oaks Grow

If you haven't already got one, please take a copy of this updated booklet about the history of Methodism in Goffs Oak—it's a great read!

And it's on the website as well - [www.goffsoakmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.goffsoakmethodistchurch.org.uk).

#### Prayer List

On the table in the Church vestibule there is a list where you can write your prayer requests, which will then be prayed for during the Sunday services.

Alternatively, ring Barbara Hall (01707 872472) for inclusion in the prayer chain.