

Rivercourt Methodist Church

Rivercourt News

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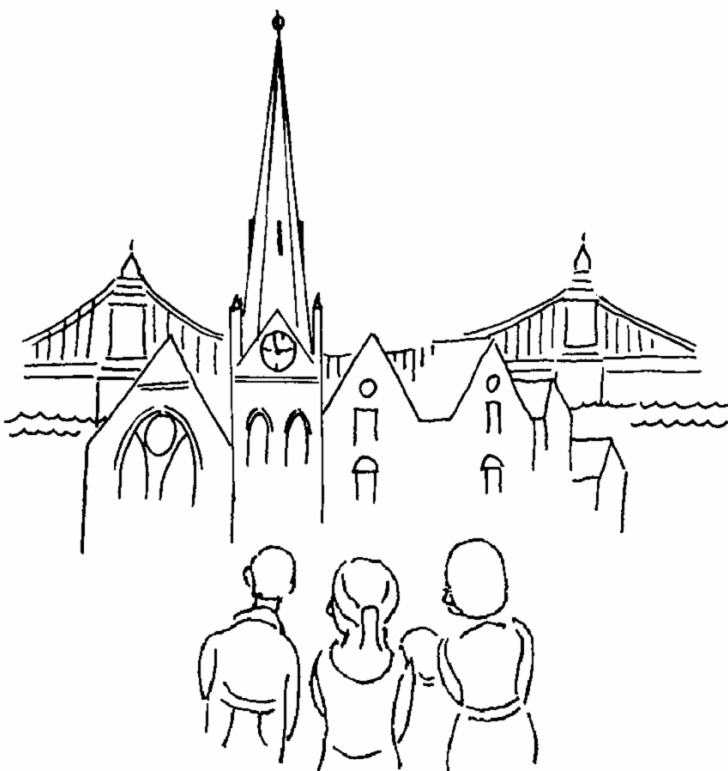
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Happy to Help!

If you are interested in any items mentioned in the newsletter, want a confidential word, or have views that you would like to express, please contact any of the church trustees.

The head of the trustees is Rev. Paul Saunders

The trustees are:

Joan

Fiona

Vanessa

Juliana

Monty

Steve

Philip

Sigourney

Kwaku

New Ways of Stewardship at Rivercourt

We have been having discussions over the past few months about the dwindling number of stewards. Following the meeting on Sunday 25th March 2018 a list of tasks was devised which highlighted all the things which need to be completed in order for us to have Sunday worship.

Many of you have put your name forward to confirm that you want to help with the completion of these tasks. As such a rota, based on people's availability, will be created. Below is the list of tasks which need to be completed by 5 people each Sunday. Have a look and see which task you would be comfortable doing when you have the availability:

Task 1- Must arrive by 10.30am

1. Open the Church doors
2. Switch on the lights
3. Set out the falls (embroidered cloths) in the sanctuary area
4. Set out the candles and find matches
5. Put up the hymn numbers on the hymn boards
6. Put out hymn books, service books, orders of service, newsletters

Task 2- Must arrive by 10.30am

1. Find people to take collection and give them offertory bags
2. Prepare and check the microphones; stand and preacher's radio mic.
3. Prepare the organ player when the organist is absent (iPad)
4. Operate the organ player, when needed (IPad)
5. Welcome people as they come into church
6. Operate the microphones

Task 3- Must arrive by 10.45am

1. Light the candles
1. Say an opening prayer and introduce the preacher
2. Do readings

Task 4- Must arrive by 10.45am. Must be the last to leave the building

1. Leave a glass of water at the pulpit for the preacher before the service
2. Bring milk and prepare the refreshments to be served after the service
3. Serve refreshments after the service
4. Lock the Church doors and check round the building for security before leaving

Task 5- must arrive by 10.45am

1. Switch off the lights at the end of the service
1. Put away the falls (embroidered cloths) in the sanctuary area
2. Put away the candles

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3. Put away the hymn books, service books, orders of service, newsletters
 4. Find readers
 5. Prepare and present the notices
 6. Prepare the preacher before the service; assist with radio mic., check they have everything they require, lead a prayer before the service (in the vestry)

Dates For Your Diary

July 2018

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	01	02	03	04	05

August 2018

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
29	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	01	02

15th July., 12.30pm

Church Council Meeting

15th July., 1.30pm

Church Trustees Meeting

24th July., 10.00am

Working Party- Church clear up (see item)

12th August., 4.00pm

Askew Road Methodist Church (see item)

25th August.,

Church Away Day to Southsea (see item)

13th Sept., 10.00am

User Group Meeting (see item)

13th Oct.,

User Group Open Day (see item)

What's going on at Rivercourt?

Reverend Paul Saunders

Our minister, Rev. Paul Saunders, has announced that he will not be extending his posting in our Circuit beyond the 5 year term. Paul and his wife have made the difficult the decision to move on at the end of the posting for a variety of reasons. He has said that, Rivercourt was one of the biggest reasons he wanted to remain however, other factors outweighed this.

We still have almost over 1 year left with Paul so he's not leaving us that soon. So make the most of his time with us.

General Data Protection Regulation

GDPR – The laws regarding the collection and storage of data changed on 25th May 2018. Over the past few weeks we have been distributing a form to all members of the Church asking you to confirm what personal information you want us to store and what communication you want to receive from us. If you require a copy of the form please contact Juliana.

What this means for the newsletter?

Following previous consent from members, the newsletter publicised birthdays, anniversary of deaths and prayer requests for people, amongst other personal information. Going forward we are unable to publicise this personal information in the newsletter until you give us consent. As many of you are completing the consent form I am hoping we will be able to include the birthday section in the near future. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Circuit Away Day/Workshop

On Saturday 16th June 2018, some of us participated in a workshop with the other churches in our circuit to review and rethink our mission and future. We built upon the discussions that each church had completed earlier in the year. Among the many things we recognised that Rivercourt had was our building, on a main shopping street and bus route. Our building looks like a church and is very visible in the neighbourhood. We want to be more accessible and develop relationships within our community. The workshop was facilitated by Wendy Beard, who offered to type up the notes we made. When we receive these notes, they'll be made available so that we at Rivercourt can develop a plan for action.

Rivercourt Working Party

Tuesday 24th July 10.00 onwards - volunteers wanted to help:

- Sort out kitchen cupboards - upstairs and downstairs. All the cupboards would benefit from emptying, wiping down and sorting out - we have masses of china that is not used and takes up space.
- Sort out and tidy up Rivercourt stuff that's stored in, organ store room, CCTV room, small room next to kitchen on ground floor.
- Empty and sort out stuff from Billy Bookcase in lounge area
- ETC, ETC, ETC.

Please talk with Fiona and/or Joan if you can help.

User Group Meeting

Following the meeting in April 2018, our User Groups will be invited to a second meeting on Thursday 13th September from 10.00 - 12.00am. The aim is to further develop our relationships, check out our Users' needs and how Rivercourt meets these and plan for the Open Day. Members from Rivercourt are welcome.

Open Day

The date of Saturday 13th October 2018 has been set, provisionally, for an 'Open Day' at Rivercourt. All our User Groups will be invited to participate and showcase their Group, we hope lots of people from Rivercourt come so that we can welcome visitors, serve light refreshments and sell goods to raise funds for a nominated charity. Please make a note in your diary now - your support is needed.

Property Matters

James Goode has taken the lead on Property Matters in the Church. He has already developed a project plan and a budget for the coming year. One immediate item is the redecoration within the Church over the summer period. James will be able to update more at the next Church Council meeting.

Ideas and Suggestions

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Church and /or our time together please either speak to Rev. Paul Saunders, a Trustee , email office@rivercourt.org.uk or write the idea on a piece of paper and put it into the box at the rear of the Church.

Thank you:

Rev. Paul Saunders for leading us over the past 4 years. It will be sad to see you leave but understand your reasons.

Juliana

Please pray

for:

Those Church members who are unable to make it to Church.

Please pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones.

All those who will be going on the Church away day. Hope the weather holds up and the day is joyful.



**Our prayers are with you
all**

Circuit Away Day to Southsea



Saturday 25th August

£20 for adults

£10 for children under 16 years

Details to follow

Poets Corner

The Prodigal Son

With riches and youth to squander
The pleasure-bent “prodigal son”
Left the house of his Father
In search of adventure and fun –
And in reckless and riotous living
He wasted his youth and his gold,
And stripped of his earthy possessions
He was hungry and friendless and cold –
And thus he returned to his Father
Who met him with arms open wide
And cried, “My son, you are welcome
And a banquet awaits you inside” ...
Now this story is told to remind us
Not so much of the wandering son
But the unchanging love of the Father
Who gladly forgave all he’d done –
And the message contained in this story
Is a powerful, wonderful one,
For it shows our Father in Heaven
Waits to welcome each *prodigal son* –
And whatever have been our transgressions,
God is waiting to welcome us back
And restore us our place in His Kingdom
And give us the joy that we lack...
So wander no longer in darkness,
Let not your return be delayed,
For the door to God is wide open
To welcome the “sheep that have strayed.”

Written by: Helen Steiner Rice
Submitted by Margaret



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Noah's Ark

Traidcraft's recycled tyre planters come from Noah's Ark in India. They are crafted from tyres that would otherwise have gone to landfill.

Noah's Ark are a Fairtrade certified handicrafts organisation based in Moradabad in Northern India. They have been supporting and empowering talented artisans for a number of years, working across a range of textiles, using both traditional and new crafting techniques.

Each tyre planter is shaped and painted by hand, by traditional painters from the cooperative. Fill your garden with unique eco-friendly, handmade containers for your flowers.

Submitted by Margaret

A message from the editor

As this is our double summer edition newsletter, covering the summer holidays, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy summer holiday. Hope lots of you are able to go on the Circuit Away Day to the sea side. Fingers crossed the weather holds up!

Why not write a piece telling us what you did over the summer. I can include it in the September edition of the newsletter.

If you wish to contribute to the September newsletter please let me know via any of the below mediums:

- via email to **office@rivercourt.org.uk** - include the word *newsletter* in the subject.
- written items can be placed in the Newsletter Wallet which is available in the Church Lounge.
- by speaking directly to me following a Sunday service

The deadline for the September edition is Sunday 09th August.

Kindest regards

Juliana

Services in the coming period

Sunday 01st July., 11.00am Preacher: Deacon Guy Austin-Bride

Sunday 08th July, 11.00am Preacher: Rev. Marilyn Neufville

Sunday 15th July., 11.00am Preacher: Rev. Paul Saunders

Sunday 22nd July., 11.00am Preacher: Mrs Daniella Fetuga-Joensuu

Sunday 29th July., 11.00am Preacher: Mr Lola Fatogun

Sunday 05th August., 11.00am Holy Communion; Preacher: Revd Paul Saunders

Sunday 12th August, 11.00am Preacher: Deacon Guy Austin-Bride

Sunday 19th August., 11.00am Preacher: Revd Paul
Saunders

Sunday 26th August., 11.00am Preacher: Revd Paul
Saunders