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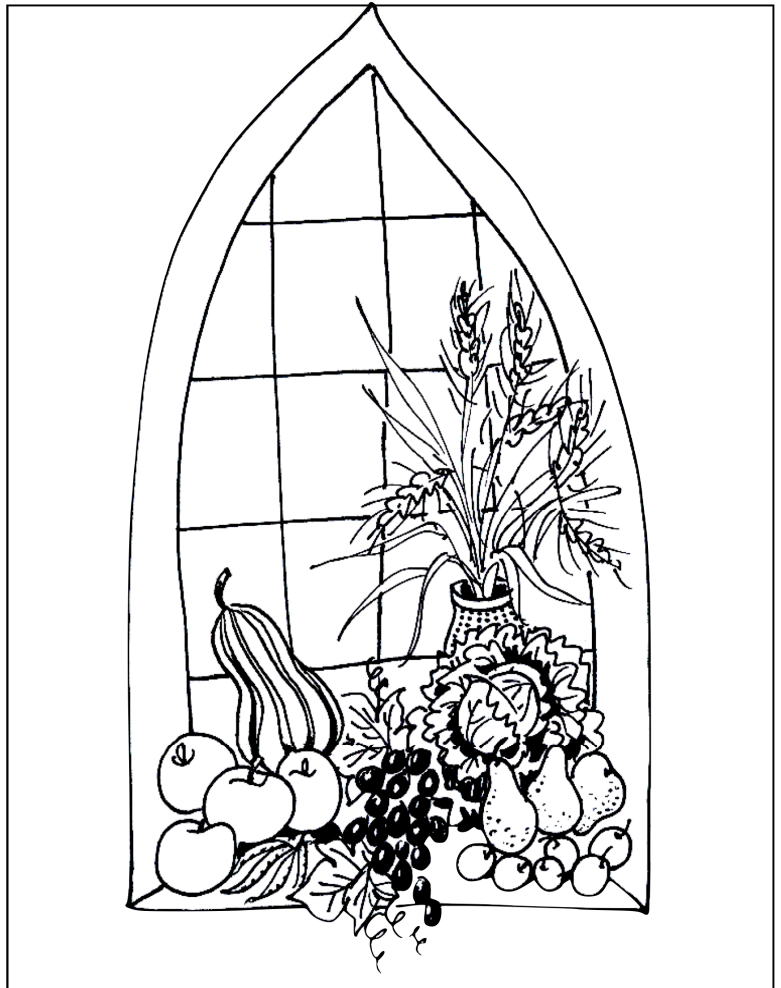
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### **SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER**

4th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Covenant & Holy Communion
11th	10.30	Barry Smith	
	19.00	Kathy Elvy	Sunday Two
18th	10.30	Gerry Williams	All Age Worship
25th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Back to Church Sunday
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Iona Style

### **SERVICES DURING OCTOBER**

2nd	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Family Holy Communion
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### **LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

11th Sept	Andrew Wilcock at Portchester
2nd Oct	Andrew Wilcock at Lee on Solent

Please remember these preachers in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in churches in the Circuit.

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September 2011

Dear Friends,

I'd like to remind you of what I talked about in my July letter in Focus - that is "**Back to Church Sunday**".



**BackToChurchSunday**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September we have our Covenant Service during which we will briefly explain what Back to Church Sunday is all about. We will issue everyone

with some special invitation cards. What we ask you to do is, using the card; invite someone to our special service on 25<sup>th</sup> September. (There's no limit to how many people you can invite - extra cards will be available! AND it doesn't matter if the same people get more than one invitation!). What is important is that it's a personal invitation from you.

Leading on from coming "Back to Church", at our recent Pastoral Meeting it was pointed out that there may be some regular members of our congregation who are still not registered as members of the church. I was asked to explain what membership is all about in Focus. So here goes.....

At the last count in 2007 the British Methodist Church had 267,257 members. There are over 800,000 people in Britain who have an active connection with the Methodist Church. There are 70 million such people across the world.

You might ask.. *"I go to church so surely I already belong as a member of the congregation?"* ...the answer is *"Yes, you do belong."* But the Methodist Church also offers you the chance to show another step of commitment by being 'confirmed' and 'received into membership'. This means that there is a service in which you make promises - these are the same promises that are made when someone is baptised. A prayer for the work of the Holy Spirit in that person's life is also said in both services. If you have already been confirmed in another denomination, you can be received as a Methodist member by a simple act of welcome.

It is important to recognise publicly a growth in your maturity as a committed Christian, and to witness to your faith, and for that to be affirmed. Confirmation does that and many denominations offer this rite. Confirmation is when you publicly confirm the promises that you made, or were made on your behalf (if you were baptised as a baby).



In the service the minister lays his/her hands on your head and says  
*'Lord, confirm [strengthen] your servant (your name) by your Holy Spirit that she/he may continue yours for ever.'*

Being 'received into membership' means that you are welcomed into a particular Methodist church (ie: usually your local church) which can support you in your discipleship and where you can support others. In the service, the minister welcomes you into membership saying: *'We receive and welcome you as members of the Methodist Church, and of the church in this place.'* The minister and a representative of the local church then shake your hand.

If you move to another Methodist church then you will not be confirmed again, though when your membership is transferred to that church, you will often be formally greeted by a handshake during a service.

If anyone would like to know more about baptism, confirmation and membership in our church then please contact me.

God Bless

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## **HYMNS FOR THE OVER 50'S**

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, I've Forgotten Where I've put the car.

Blessed Insurance.

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt.

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count them One By One.

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## **VESTRY JOTTINGS**

The summer has been a relatively quiet time in the vestry. However, we are concerned that there are still at least three key posts within the church that urgently need filling. These include Property Steward, Weekly Notice Sheet Editor and Bookings Secretary. Additionally we will also need some new Stewards from May 2012. Please give some serious and prayerful thought as to whether you could take on one of these important roles and give a little of your time to the church. Please speak to any of the Stewards if you are interested or would like some more information about what is involved.

The Stewards

(Jean Petter, Joan Padley, Ian Bagshaw, Janice Collins & Maggie Wheeler)

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## **THANK YOU**

I am so grateful for all the loving kindness and support I have received in these past weeks since the death of my dear husband Ken. All the beautiful cards and kind letters, the lovely Church flowers which cheered me for so many days and the help and comfort I have received from some really special friends. It makes me realise yet again how blessed I am to belong to such a caring Church Family. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sheila Walters

Many thanks for the flowers delivered to me by Tony. They were so much appreciated.

Mavis Parish

Dear Friends, Thank you for the lovely flowers, and to Joan Padley for bringing them, They brightened my day.

Peggy Long

My thanks for all the good wishes cards and flowers and the Church flowers which Linda so kindly brought me during my recent illness it certainly made me feel better.

Janice Collins

Thank you very much for the lovely Church flowers brought to me by Joan Padley and for stopping to have a chat with me. Also for the flowers brought to me by Mary Bailey on two occasions. Thanks also for the cards and kind wishes whilst I have been unwell.

Irene Field

## **THANKS Cont. ...**

Thank you for the lovely flowers brought to me by Jean Petter. I am still very much up and down hill health-wise. But at 85 I think I am really lucky to do as much as I do.

Dorothy Freemantle



Betty Phillips would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards and good wishes whilst she has been in Queen Alexandra Hospital

I should like to express my thanks and appreciation for the lovely Church flowers delivered to me by Marion Bright. They were very welcome as I was so low at the time. They cheered me and lifted my spirit greatly. Thank you all so much.

Shirley Sargeant

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers brought to us by Marion. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Eileen & Richard Long

Thank you so much for the very lovely Church flowers, and a special thank you to Mary for bringing them to me and staying for a little chat.

Maude Lovell

Gwen and Harvey offer thanks and appreciation for the beautiful flowers, many cards and good wishes they have received from the Church Family on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Jill and Malcolm thank you for all the good wishes and cards that we have received for our Ruby Wedding. We had a wonderful holiday in Spain with all the family to celebrate.

## **OUTREACH**

Members would like to thank everyone who provided cakes, and scones for the tea that followed the afternoon service on 7th August, which was held for local rest home residents. We also thank all those who attended and helped with the preparations and serving of the teas. It was lovely to see so many of our own members at the service. Pam Davey conducted the service and our thanks go to Jill Race for providing us with the music. We also thank Bobby and Patrick for making it possible for Doreen Phillips to join us.

Lynda Young

## **JMA**

A big thank you to all who have donated to the tiddler box this year. The amount collected from September 2010 to August 2011 was £73.10

Karen Ferguson

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

### **I have moved!!**

Betty Phillips has moved from QA Hospital and joined Doreen, her sister, at Glen Heather Care Home at 48 Milvil Road, Lee on Solent. PO13 9LX.



### **We are moving!!**

On 8th September, or thereabouts, we will be moving to Flat 12, Norfolk House, Oaklands Road, Havant, PO9 2RD. Telephone number 02392 482250. At present we will keep our Membership here at Fareham.

Cyril & Margaret Fielder

Mary Bailey has a new e-mail address. It is now:-  
mary.bailey14@btinternet.com

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## **HEALING PRAYER GROUP**

The next Healing Group will be held on Wednesday, 7th September 2011 at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley. All are welcome at 7.30 pm at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham.



The Healing Group in October will be held on Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Rita Jackson

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## **WORSHIP CONSULTATION**

The next meeting of the Worship Consultation group will be on Tuesday, 13 September at 7.30 pm. Items for the Agenda to me by 11th September please.

Rosemarie Jackson

## **PASTORAL COMMITTEE**

Just a reminder to all Pastoral visitors that the Annual Pastoral meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28th September at 7.30 pm at the Church

Jenny Chalmers

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## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2.15 pm . (Tea available from 2.00 pm)

### **Autumn Programme**

14th September	Annual General Meeting
28th September	DVD to introduce MWiB's project for 2011/12 Charity Hamlin Fistula UK supporting Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia
12th October	Mrs Lynne Matthews one of our Local Preachers
26th October	Musical Afternoon
9th November	Norman Clarke—"As the Saying Goes"
23rd November	Christmas Tree Festival Preparations
14th December	Christmas Service followed by Tea and Mince Pies (Please note this meeting commences at 2.00 pm)

There will also be a Committee Meeting on Thursday 20th October at 10.15 am

Shirley Henderson

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## **ARE YOU GETTING A NEW CAR DURING SEPTEMBER 2011**

Are you going to get a new car this September? If you intend to park it in the Church Car Park in Queens Road during services you will need to provide the details so that the car list can be amended.

We would appreciate it if you supplied one of our Church Stewards with the car drivers name/s, the car's make, colour, and registration number. Plus if you are no longer using your old car then make sure that the Steward knows that it needs to be crossed off the list.



Patrick Watson

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## PHOTOCOPIER CHARGES

A recent check has shown that the current charge made for use of the photocopier for non-church purposes does not cover our costs. The Church Council has decided to increase the charge to 6p per page for single-sided copies and 11p per page for double-sided copies. Both charges will be reduced by 1p per page for users supplying their own paper. The new charges come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

For the time being, charges for use of the copier-duplicator will remain unchanged. To help us to find out the actual cost of copies produced on this machine, would **all** users please record the number of originals copied and the total number of copies made.

Antony Hollinghurst

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## RIDE AND STRIDE



For several years Andrew Wilcock has cycled around various historic Churches in the area on the second Sunday in September, thereby raising money for **this** Church by sponsorship. ( See poster in the corridor).

This September 10<sup>th</sup> for the first time **our** Church is included in the Churches to be visited , which means that we need to staff the Church on the day to provide drinks, facilities and route advice.

Please sign the list in the corridor if you can give two hours on the day to speed the participants on their way. Thank you, on behalf of the stewards

Joan Padley

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## GRANNIE IS WORTH £5,000 +

Grandparents may not be worth their weight in gold (not with gold at its present price!) but they come pretty near it: they can help struggling families save something like £5,000 in childcare/housekeeping a year.

A recent Post Office Financial Services' study has found that parents can save an average of £86 every week because of the unpaid efforts of grandparents. Then there is the food they **buy** and the gifts they give to their grandchildren.....

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## **SUPPER CLUB**

**Saturday 10th September 7.00 pm**

Menu: Chicken Marengo, New Potatoes, Peas & Carrots  
Various Desserts

**SIGN UP TODAY—SUNDAY 4th**  
if you wish to come.

Eric Wheeler

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## **THOUGHTS ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW**

I am not that good with words and expressing my thoughts but I wanted to share these thoughts with you:- -

I have often looked at our Good Shepherd window and thought how it represents God's love for us. At our morning service and during the daylight we see Jesus very clearly and know that he is there looking down on us. This represents the times when everything is going well with us.

It is very different at night when it is dark - we cannot make out the Good Shepherd very clearly, if at all. This then represents the time when we are finding life difficult.

We know that as daylight appears the Good Shepherd will also become visible - we realise that the Good Shepherd has been there to help us all the time. We only have to have faith and believe in him.

Lynda Young

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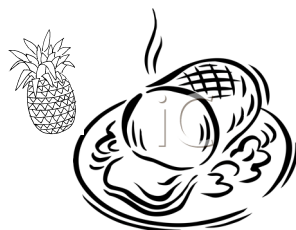
## SUNDAY LUNCH 18th SEPTEMBER at 12.15 pm Approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal, we just ask for donations for MHA. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice, and bring it along, that would be very good - thank you.

### The Menu

**Starter:** Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

**Main Course:** Baked Gammon, chipolatas  
Roast Potatoes  
Selection of Vegetables  
Parsley or Cheese sauce.



**Puddings:** Variety

There will be a list in the Welcome Area for you to sign.  
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast

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## SOUTHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY

The nights are drawing in .....it's time to think about interesting things to do during those long winter evenings.

How about joining a choir?

Southampton Choral Society offers a wonderful classical repertoire, quality concert performances, friendship and fun.

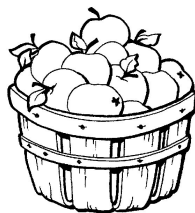


Rehearsals Mondays 7.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. St James Road Methodist Church Hall, Shirley, Southampton

Interested? Contact [rosaleenwilkinson@talktalk.net](mailto:rosaleenwilkinson@talktalk.net) Tel 023 8078 1012  
or visit [www.southamptonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.southamptonchoralsociety.org.uk)

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL – October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2011



This year we are hoping to capture the fragrance of the harvest at our festival from the fresh fruits and vegetables on display. Many of you have trees laden with fruit or you may even have been out and about picking and foraging for blackberries. Seeing as these possibly won't keep until the festival, we are hoping that you may be able to convert all the fruit and vegetables into pies, jams, chutneys etc. You may choose to bring them to church during September so that others can use them to make produce for the table-top sale at the Harvest Supper.

The reason for asking you to do all this work?

We are supporting Two Saints ([www.twosaints.org.uk](http://www.twosaints.org.uk)) this year. The charity works with the homeless in this area and is responsible for the hostel on Kings Road. We are planning to decorate the church from 16.00 on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with a short act of worship (café-style) at 17.15. This will be followed by the Harvest Supper of Cheese Ploughman's, apple cake and tea or coffee and entertainment. The proceeds will go to Two Saints. There will be a sign-up list in the Welcome Area for the supper from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September.



All produce will be given to Two Saints for use in their hostels. They would also welcome socks, Thermos flasks, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shower gel, hats, scarves, gloves etc. The list is endless.

If you have any queries please speak to Sheila Dyer, Jill Groom or Garry Bagshaw. Do come along and join in the celebrations!

The FX Team

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## METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

The new handbook is on sale today in the welcome area. This year it is entitled "Run the Race" and in preparation for the Olympics, looks at the many sporting metaphors in the Bible drawing on themes of training, perseverance, endurance and self-discipline.

It includes prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession and intercession and provides a daily focus throughout the year to encourage and accompany you in your prayer life.

Price (which includes a contribution<sup>1</sup> for postage is £3.40)

Joan Padley

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## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS "SHOE BOX" APPEAL

Sorry to be talking about Christmas when we haven't, as yet, celebrated Harvest, but we would like to support the 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal again this year, having donated a magnificent 58 boxes last year.

The idea, quite simply, is to pack a shoe-box with small gifts suitable for a child, sex and age stated on the box, which will be taken to a collection point for delivery and distribution by Samaritans Purse in those countries where there is a need. The age range of the box should be 2 - 4; 5 - 9; or 10 -14.

1. A complete box should contain:
2. Something to love e.g. cuddly toy/doll
3. Something to do e.g. puzzle, stationery, musical instrument, ball, finger puppet
4. Something to use e.g. toiletries: soap, comb, brush, toothpaste etc.
5. Something to eat (sweets)/wear (hats/scarves/gloves/sunglasses/scrunchies/jewellery etc.)



If you feel able to contribute a gift, a complete box or a donation towards delivery costs (£2.50 approx per shoe box), we would be very grateful. Items should be new or 'as new' and not necessarily expensive!

If you prefer to have an already covered box, these will be available from Sunday 25th September and we ask that donations be made before Sunday 30th October.

Please see Una Peters or Marilyn Woodrow if you would like further details or an individual list of suitable gifts.

Thank you.

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### TEAR HERE!

A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,  
But therein lies a trap -  
You pull just where it says 'tear here'  
And they all land in your lap. . . .

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Nigel Beeton

## METHODIST CONFERENCE 4 : Selected Quotes

“In Psalm 84 [verse 10] the Psalmist hints at the privilege of being a door-keeper in the house of the Lord and indeed it is but it is surely more than opening a door and handing out a book? So I’m always impressed by those churches who have not so much door stewards as welcoming teams and where people commit themselves to be trained for such an important task and are available regularly so they can see who hasn’t been before and who is missing and are on hand after the service as well as before.”

“I am convinced that [**Pastoral Visitors**] are one of the most undervalued groups within the life of our church today. They are an essential expression of our commitment that “all are welcome in this place” and yet are rarely prayed for or commissioned in our churches and are sometimes ill-prepared for their role, and perhaps it is this that has led in some places to membership tickets simply being handed around after the service with the “Oh I know you’re alright” comment!”

“At the very heart of the Gospels is the pastoral image of Jesus the Good Shepherd which, despite the fact that many of us have never seen a shepherd at work and certainly not operating as in Jesus day, still strongly resonates with us even though it is not without its difficulties. And it is not of course merely an image, for Jesus throughout his ministry demonstrates in words and actions what knowing his sheep, calling his sheep, listening to his sheep, loving his sheep, laying down his life for the sheep, reaching out to the lost sheep looks like as an indication of what God is like.”

“I was visiting a congregation recently who wanted to tell me how wonderful their new Minister was. ‘Was it his preaching?’ I asked. ‘Or his conduct of meetings?’ They looked puzzled. ‘Oh no it’s nothing like that,’ they said. ‘It’s just that we know he cares. He has visited many of us already. He listens to us and prays with us. And although he’s introduced some new things into worship and has some ideas of how the premises might be better used which we weren’t sure about at first, we trust him because we know him and he knows us.’ And I spoke to this minister afterwards and he said that this level of pastoral care had been hard work but that it had paid dividends in so many ways. It had informed his preaching, it had opened doors - literally and metaphorically - it had encouraged those who were working so hard for the Lord and the church, it had been more fulfilling than he imagined - and that although such Pastoral Care was

important for its own sake it had in fact increased the size of the congregation too.

“A Methodist Society is a company of men and women united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation” (John Wesley)

“Whatever being a disciple of Jesus means for Methodists it includes other people to whom we belong.” (Martyn Atkins, commenting on John Wesley’s words above).

“In his first letter Peter very simply reminds us: ‘God cares for you’ [1 Peter 5:7] and in generous response to such a God as this we are commissioned with the same message and the same task.”

You can read the full text of Leo Osborn’s address on the Methodist website:

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fusection=openogod.newsDetail&ne...>  
or watch it at:

<http://www.methodistconference.org.uk/southport-2011/2011-07-02/1430-pm/the-president's-address>

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## **PSALM 23 FOR THE TRAVELLER**

I read the July-August Fareham Focus just after returning from my travelling in Western USA, Canada and Alaska. I read Nigel’s version of Psalm 23. It certainly rang true for me; launching myself off alone on such a journey, based largely on internet bookings etc., I was so often aware of that guiding nudge or inspiration and the assurance that all would be well. I often sing to myself “O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder . . .”; I will in future be more aware of the relevance of Psalm 23 to the traveler.



Eric Wheeler

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## **THE THINGS THEY SAY**

Noah’s wife was called Joan of Ark<sup>15</sup>

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## **HIGH DAYS AND HOLY DAYS**

### **September 21 belongs to St Matthew**

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in a correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasized the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

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### **September 23 is when the Sun is ‘edgewise’ – and daytime equals night**

September 23 is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere). The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is ‘edgewise’ to the Earth’s axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Parish Pump

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## **THE THINGS THEY SAY!**

We all get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads.

In some churches they burn insects.

Fast days are the days when you have to eat in a hurry.

Mary and Joseph could not stay at the inn because it was Christmas and it was full up.

A layman is someone who stays in bed on Sunday mornings.

Jacob has a brother called See-saw.



## **CHEQUES LIVE ON – though without guarantee cards**

Over the past 20 years, the number of people who use cheques guaranteed by card has fallen sharply. At the same time, alternative ways to pay – such as debit/credit cards, online payment facilities and electronic transfers – have grown in popularity.

After talking to lots of businesses and customers, including groups representing older people, the Payments Council coordinated the closure of the cheque guarantee card scheme in June of this year, to prevent confusion as businesses were increasingly not accepting them. This means that since 30 June, you are no longer able to pay using cheques guaranteed by card, even if your card still carries the Shakespeare cheque guarantee logo.

However, you can still use cheques to pay for things like goods and services, just not guaranteed with a card. And the really good news is that cheques are going to be with us for many years to come – the banks have decided to keep them in use, after all. For more information visit [www.payyourway.org.uk](http://www.payyourway.org.uk) or contact your bank.

Parish Pump

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## **FRESH IDEAS FOR DOING CHURCH**

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

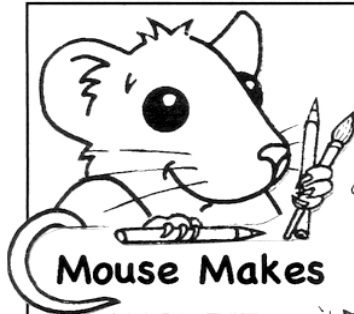
"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell'<sup>1</sup> cannot stay on the church roof!"

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## Mouse Makes

### HARVEST WORDSEARCH

HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING  
PRAISE (x2) • GOD

BLESSED  
SEED • SOW  
PLOUGH • LAND  
SCATTER • GROW  
CROP • REAP • SOIL

WATER • RAIN  
SUN • AUTUMN

GATHER • BALE

TRACTOR • BARN

CART • HAYSTACK

FOOD • MOUSE

BREAD • LOAF

GRAIN • CORN

WHEAT • OATS

FLOUR

PIPS • GRAPES

PEARS • PEACHES

PLUMS • APPLE

BERRIES • NUTS

VINE • WINE

BEANS • POTATOES

CARROTS • PEAS

ONIONS • PARSNIPS

MUSHROOMS • RICE

LETTUCE • SWEDE

How many mice  
can you find on this page?

GOD SAID

"As the rain and snow come  
down from heaven and do not return until  
they have watered the earth- making it  
blossom and sprout, and giving seed to be  
sown and bread for food- so it is with the  
word of my mouth: it will not return  
fruitless, but will accomplish my purpose,  
and achieve that for which I sent it"

Isaiah 55:10-11

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## THANK YOU

The beginning of autumn and Harvest time is here again, a time when we come together to thank God for all of his blessings.

Harvest is a popular time of the year with special school and church services. Baskets of fruit and vegetables, tins of baked beans and sliced mangos – all offerings from our garden or kitchen cupboards to be given to the sick or elderly or sold to raise money for those in other places who go hungry.

We thank God for all his gifts at Harvest. In the words of the harvest hymn we sing 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord... for all his love.' So even the humble tin of beans becomes a symbol of God's love and care for us.



## BEAN CAKE

Well, it's not really made with baked beans but it looks as if it is...

You will need:

100 g (4 oz) margarine  
100 g (4 oz) toffees  
100 g (4 oz) pink and white marshmallows  
100 g (4 oz) Rice Crispies

Grease and line a Swiss roll tin.

Put the margarine, toffees and marshmallows into a large saucepan and stir over a gentle heat until everything is melted together.

Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies.

Press the mixture into the prepared tin and leave to set in a cool place. Cut into squares when cold.



**What do you get when you put three ducks in a box?**

A box of quackers.

**Why did the boy eat his homework?**

The teacher told him it was a piece of cake.

**What did the hungry computer eat?**

Chips, one byte at a time.



# God sends the rain

**Bible story: 1 Kings 18:1–46**

**Activity: A rain cloud collage**

## You will need:

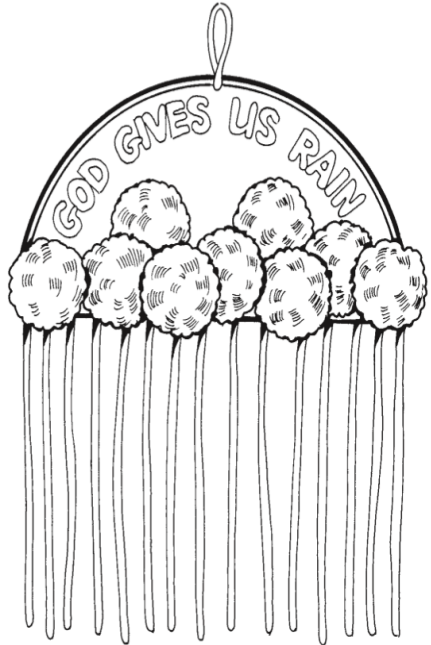
- One paper plate per child
- Coloured crayons or felt-tipped pens
- Scissors
- Glue
- Blue wool
- Sticky tape
- Cottonwool balls
- Hole punch

## Instructions

Cut the paper plate in half. Write 'God gives us rain' around the back rim of one half of the plate.

Cut the wool into pieces measuring 10–15cm in length. Glue the lengths of wool along the straight edge of the same half of the plate to make rain, and then tape the wool in place to secure it firmly.

Glue the remaining plate half to the back of the first half. Glue cotton wool balls over the front plate. Punch a hole in the top of the collage and tie a piece of wool through the hole to form a loop. Hang up the clouds as a reminder that rain is a gift from God.



## Other ideas

- Use tinsel instead of wool to make the rain.
- Use just one plate half, with or without the writing on it.
- Using a display board, pile several plate halves together to create a thunderstorm mural, or make a long rain cloud by overlapping a row of plates.

## THE WAY I SEE IT - Why we worry so much

If someone asked you whether you thought more children were murdered last year than twenty years ago, what would you answer? Or if the question was, are more people killed on the roads now than fifty years ago? Or, are people over seventy more likely to be mugged, robbed or attacked than people in their middle age?

In each case the answer is 'No', though apparently if you read the Daily Mail, the Sun, the Mirror or the Telegraph you are more likely to answer 'Yes'. Believe it or not, children are safer now, roads are less dangerous than in the nineteen-thirties, and older people are less likely to be attacked than any other age group in society. Despite that, we go on worrying!

It's as though human beings are hard-wired to worry. No matter that we live in the longest lived, healthiest, most secure and, in general terms, most prosperous society that the world has ever known; it doesn't feel like it. The doctors' surgeries are full of people they dub the 'worried well' - those who've read a magazine article or seen something on the internet and are sure that they're ill. I'm as guilty of it as everyone else. Anxiety seems to be part of the human condition.

Which may be why **Jesus** constantly told his followers not to worry - 'fear not', 'don't be anxious', 'peace be with you'. In the Sermon on the Mount he listed some of the things his audience would be worried about: food, clothes, health, appearance or what might happen 'tomorrow'. The list sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Don't be anxious about them, he advised. 'After all', he said, 'you can't add a single hour to your span of life by worrying about it'. He might have added that you could, of course, take a few hours off it that way. He didn't say that we had no need of food or clothes or health - 'your heavenly Father knows you need them' - but that the happy life is the one that has its priorities right. 'Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'.

The answer to fear is faith - we all know that, in theory. But the faith needed is not the assenting to this or that proposition - ticking boxes on the Creed. It's trust in the 'heavenly Father' Jesus spoke of. It's the inner conviction that the One who made us loves us, and is with us on our life-long journey through this rather scary existence. 'Fear not', he says. 'I am with you.'



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

## CREAM TEA

At Bridgemary  
Methodist Church  
Gregson Ave Gosport



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Saturday 24th September

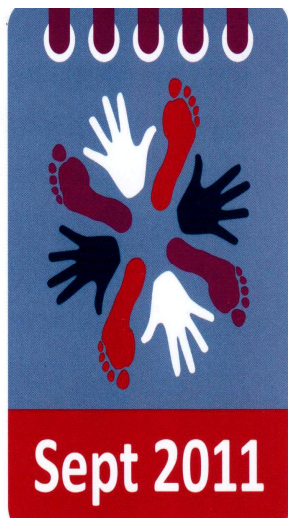
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Come along for your Cream Tea, there will be stalls selling  
cards, sweets, a collection of China Teddy bears and lots  
more and there will also be a Raffle  
For more details give Jean a call on

02392 430657

All proceeds will go to Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease for help



### September is CMT Awareness Month

Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease is the most common  
inherited neuromuscular disorders in the UK,  
affecting approximately 23,000 people.

Early diagnosis can considerably improve  
the lives of those living with the condition.

CMT United Kingdom is campaigning to raise the profile  
of CMT, to find out more visit: [www.cmt.org.uk](http://www.cmt.org.uk)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

### **SEPTEMBER**

2nd	Monthly Lunch	12.30
	Welcome Service for Revd Anna & Dan Bishop	19.00
	At Portchester MC	
6th	Faith & Worship - Unit 16A at Fareham Manse	19.30
7th	Healing Group at 2 Archery Lane	19.30
10th	District Synod for Representatives at Bournemouth	10.00
	Supper Club	19.00
11th	MHA Circuit Service to launch the "Live at Home" Scheme	18.00
13th	Worship Consultation	19.00
14th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.15
	Circuit Meeting at Fareham MC	19.30
18th	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15
20th	Faith & Worship - Unit 16B at Joan Padley's	19.30
25th	Back to Church Sunday Worship at Fareham	10.30
28th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.15
	Pastoral Committee	19.30

### **OCTOBER**

4th	Faith & Worship - Unit 17A at Fareham Manse	19.30
7th	Monthly Lunch	12.30
8th	Harvest Festival Decoration & Supper	16.00
9th	Harvest Festival Service	10.30

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Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am  
(Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

## DOOR STEWARDS

### SEPTEMBER

4th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple, Geoff Tarvin
11th	10.30	Brenda & Peter Taylor
	19.00	A N Other
18th	10.30	Linda & Kevin Foster
25th	10.30	Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
	18.00	Eric Wheeler

### OCTOBER

2nd	10.30	Gwen & Harvey Brosgall
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## FLOWER ROTA

### SEPTEMBER

4th	Lynda Thomas
11th	Janice Collins
18th	Mary Bailey
25th	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor

### OCTOBER

2nd	Margaret & Bob Temple
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## REFRESHMENT ROTA

### SEPTEMBER

4th	Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
11th	Jean & Lucy Petter, Anne Isom
18th	Irene Russell, Meg Cox, Tony Emberson
25th	Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones

### OCTOBER

2nd	Rosemarie Jackson, Judy Bramall
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## PRESS DATE

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