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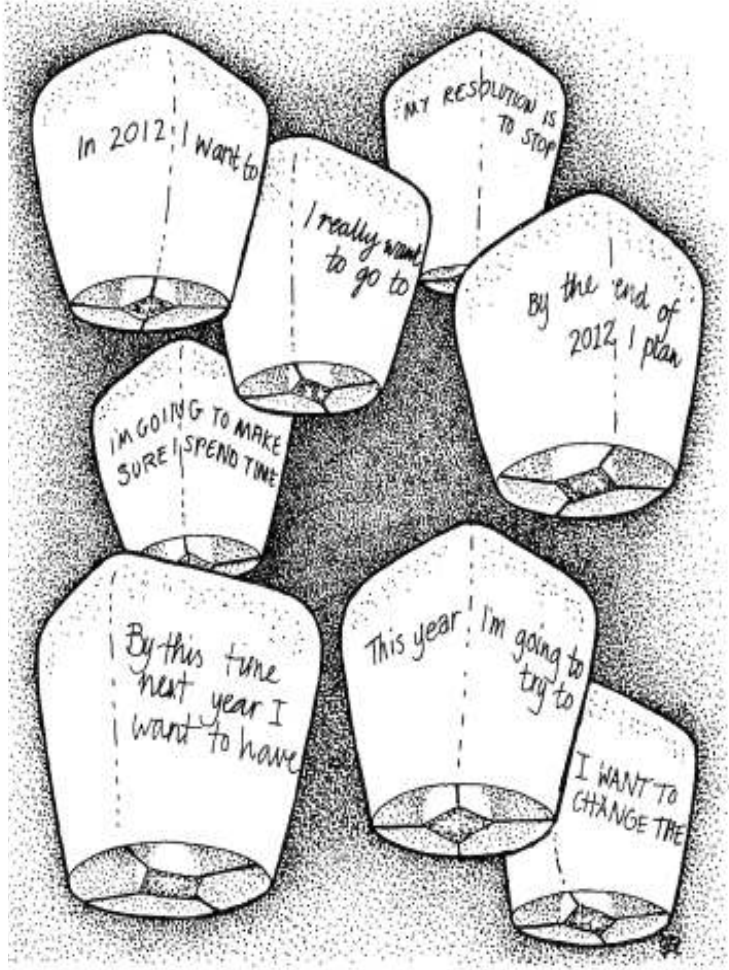
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SERVICES DURING JANUARY

1st	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Family Holy Communion
8th	10.30	Alex Jameson	
	19.00	Stephen Oliver	Sunday Two
15th	10.30	Christine Hargrave	All Age Worship
22nd	10.30	Revd Gillian Slaymaker	
	18.00	Revd Jack Jenkins	Holy Communion Iona Style
29th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	

SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

5th 10.30 Revd Malcolm Groom Holy Communion

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

22nd Jan Andrew Wilcock at Stubbington
29th Jan Andrew Wilcock at Bridgemary

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

JANUARY 2012

Dear Friends,

For me, this Christmas just past was a time of real, and sometimes depressing, hard work during its build up. I felt like I had a huge mountain to climb with no rewarding view at the top... I think I must be feeling my age!



The long slog of the weeks up to that week before Christmas left me feeling somewhat less than festive! From the Sunday before Christmas Day to the day itself I had ten services to undertake - Christingle Services, Carol Services, Nativity Services and Christmas Day celebrations: some in churches, some in the town-centre, and some in village halls. All these required a huge amount of preparation in the previous weeks.

When it came to the week itself I was exhausted and not looking forward to it at all.....

BUT.....



Looking back at that week now I can honestly say it has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding Christmases I have ever worked for with my church..... And there is one single reason for that..... YOU!

I don't think anyone will ever truly realise the importance of the encouragement that was given by members of the church. The attendance of members of the church (some of our most elderly and infirm as well!) to our experimental services in the town centre in inclement and uncomfortable weather gave us such a boost! - The quiet word from one or two members, voicing their belief that what had been done was good and worthwhile re-energised us.

This all got me to thinking just how important the ministry of encouragement is. My thoughts also turned to scripture and the first letter to the Thessalonians. This was believed to be written about 52 AD and was probably the first part of the New Testament to be written: A time when the church was growing fast and also encountering great difficulties.

Paul wrote:

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

I write this just before New Year, conscious of the fact that you will not be reading this until a few days into the New Year. However, it's never too late to make a good resolution, so please let us all resolve to be a church of encouragers.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark L.', is positioned above a long, thin, slightly curved horizontal line that spans across the width of the signature.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Thank you to everyone who helped with all the various services and events during the Advent and Christmas period. There are too many people to name without the risk of missing someone out but thank you to ALL of you. We celebrated the birth of Christ in a variety of ways both within the church and within the wider community of Fareham. It was lovely to see so many visitors at the various services and for members of the public to be able to share with us at the services at the Podium in West Street.

One of the invited readers for the Carol Service was Kathy who is a member of the Advocacy Group whose meetings are held at our Church. Bernadette her Advocate has said:

“it was a beautiful service and we both enjoyed it very much. What is important to us is that Kathy had inclusion and was able to take part in a Christian event and at this special time of the year made it extra special, something that is very important to Kathy and for my part as an advocate to see Kathy so happy at her achievement. If I or our group can be of any help in the future please do not hesitate to ask, we felt amongst friends and people who care.”

The retiring collections after the Carol Service and the Midnight Communion Service together raised a total of £240.14 for Action for Children.

As we now look to the New Year, we still need a Rep for Christians Together in Fareham to attend occasional meetings. Anyone who is prepared to consider taking on this role please speak to Jean or one of the other Stewards.

Our best wishes to you all for the New Year.

The Stewards

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers; they have been a source of pleasure throughout the Christmas holiday. The cards and personal messages received during the past few weeks have helped me to feel better so much more quickly.



Ruth Hollinghurst

Action for Children

Thank you to everybody who contributed to Action for Children via the Christmas Card donations. The total raised was £180.00. A further £240.14 came through the two retiring collections giving a grand total of £420.14 for which we are very grateful. Once again thank you and happy new year to everybody.

Tony Elvery

From Fareham Town Centre Manager

Thank you all very much once again for contributing to our Switch on of the Christmas Lights event in Fareham town centre on Sunday, 20 November. You were one of more than 200 solo performers or group members that contributed to a fantastic family day out with your various singing, dancing and performing, and made our 2011 event even bigger and better than ever, and for that I thank you on behalf of Fareham Town Centre Management.

Please remember that the town centre is here for you or your group to use all year round – we are not just here at Christmas!

*So, if you think you would like to come and perform **at any time** in and around our rather unique Performance Podium, please get in touch with me.*

It also goes without saying that I will also get in touch with you direct if I think I haven't heard from you and you might just fit in with a specific event.

Once again, very many thanks and all the best for the coming festive season.

*Patricia Gray
01329 826674*

Quiz

Thank you to everyone who bought the Dessert quiz in memory of Betty Phillips. We have given £100 to the Church treasurer for Church finances and will announce the winner after January 8th, the closing date for giving in your answers.

Gwen & Harvey Brosgall.

Thank you to all who sent me Christmas wishes this year, either by sending cards, or by being included in the Focus Christmas Greetings page.

Mary Bailey

Thank you very much everyone for all you do Merry Christmas from -
Whiteoaks Rest Home

I would just like to say thank you very much for the beautiful roses sent to me. My brother is now out of hospital and is gradually improving. Thanks for your kind thoughts.

Karen Ferguson

Janice and Vic omitted to say that they had sent a donation to NCH in lieu of Christmas cards.

As a "none" singer I would like to thank Garry and the Singing Group for the pleasure they bring to our Church services. They go from strength to strength - which doesn't happen without time, work and dedication - Thank you all.

Lynda Young

The members of the Fareham Stroke Club wish to thank all at the Christmas Tree Festival for allowing them to come "En Masse" to visit the Tree Festival. It was a wonderful display - and many trees were

thought provoking. The members had a lovely - and enjoyable afternoon - with tea and mince pies an added bonus.

Lynda Young

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee wish to thank everyone who helped to make the Care Home Service and tea such a success. Thank you to Alison and the Brownies - to Jill Race for her accompaniment, to Jeffery Padley at the organ and Malcolm for leading the service. A big, big thank you to everyone who provided food, prepared tables, provided transport and welcomed our 'guests', then served teas.

It was lovely to see some of our own members joining us for the afternoon. We are sorry not to be able to mention all by name - but your help was really appreciated by everyone.

Lynda Young

FAMILY NEWS

It is with sadness that we note the death during the Christmas season of Revd Donald Barrett, a retired Superintendent in our Circuit for the last 25 years or so. His funeral was held on Tuesday, 3rd January at Portchester Crematorium.

Also Dorothy Freemantle, a member with us since the closing of Wickham Methodist Church, has died following a long illness. She had supported many Church groups and activities from home when she had been unable to attend Church for Worship. Her funeral will be held on Monday, 9th January at 11.00 am at St Nicholas Church, Wickham.

PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing Prayer Group will be held on Wednesday, 1st February at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley. All are welcome at 2.00 pm at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham.



Rita Jackson

HAMPTON COURT CARVINGS

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Aim for the moon, even if you miss you will land amongst the stars.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Most of our meetings are in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.15 pm with tea available from 2.00 pm.

Spring Programme

- 11th Jan Christmas Break continues
- 25th Jan Social afternoon with a Quiz and time to chat
- 8th Feb Lynne Matthews - Local Preacher who will talk about last year's Methodist Conference
- 22nd Feb Peter Davies - local Councillor - subject Fareham Planning
- 14th Mar Fund Raising Afternoon Tea party in aid of this year's MWiB Project which is the Hamlin Fistula Hospital UK supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.
- 28th Mar Easter Service at 2.00 pm led by Bob Temple and followed by Tea and Hot Cross Buns in the Wickham Room

Shirley Henderson

MESSY CHURCH

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on 21st October.

The next meeting will be on 10th January at 19.30 at the Church. Please come along if you would like to help with cooking, welcoming, craft activities, worship or just supporting this venture. We are hoping to have our first Messy Church on Wednesday 8th February.



Garry Bagshaw & Jill Groom

WHAT CHILDREN SAY!

It's not easy to become an angel! First you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And **THEN** you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew aged 9

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. - Henry aged 8

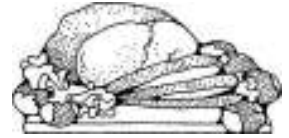
SUNDAY LUNCH 15th JANUARY at 12.15 pm Approx.

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: Roast Beef,
Yorkshire Puddings
Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips
Vegetables



Puddings: Variety

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

SUPPER CLUB

A Burns' Night Supper



Will be held on Saturday, 21st January at 7.00 pm, at Church with live music. The Menu will include the traditional Haggis. There will be a vegetarian alternative.

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area and indicate if you require the vegetarian option.

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy cows. - Jack aged 6
Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go and do something else. - Mitchell 7

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dan Whitehead, Senior Leader at Fareham Community Church is organising this event (18th January 2012 @ 7pm - 25th January 2012 @ 7pm, finishing with a celebration on 25th January @ 7 - 8.15pm).

The Fareham Community Church youth room will be open for the whole week with people "tag teaming" each other in for one hour prayer slots. (i.e. at least one person will be praying at all times for Christian unity in Fareham for a whole week). People are permitted to sign up together to take part (e.g. friends, husbands and wives, families).

Fareham churches are being asked to take part and Dan needs to know how much time people from the various churches can commit to but he needs to know as soon as possible. If you are able to help please let Dan know directly as soon as you can. It would be helpful if you could also let me know so I have an idea of how much time Fareham Methodist Church is offering in total.

Dan Whitehead can be contacted on 01329 829121 (work) or 07837 205224 or e-mail danw@farehamcommunitychurch.com

Jean Petter (01329 287062 or jean@5dm.co.uk)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Please may we remind you again that the diary for the provision of Church flowers is in the corridor. Please sign up soon if you feel moved to donate flowers, or money for flowers, to adorn our Church on a Sunday morning. Also please remember that we welcome suggestions for people who you think might appreciate receiving flowers for a special reason, sad or happy. Lastly, a further plea for more people to deliver these flowers, and so give "relief" to the stalwart 7 who have been giving this service for many years.



Mary and Irene.

Age is not important unless you are ¹⁰a cheese or wine!!

AN UPDATE ON KINGS & QUEENS ROAD

Malcolm Race has been in contact with an Assistant Transport Planner from Hampshire County Council regarding an issue that has affected one or two of us: - Traffic turning right out of the flats opposite Church.

Below is the reply that he has received from Steve Faulkner.

"I have had the chance to visit the site with a Traffic Management engineer from Fareham Borough Council. We agree that the emergence from the flats could lead a driver to believe that turning right was a legitimate manoeuvre. As the exit road is private, belonging to a Housing Association, we need their permission to put a left turn arrow onto their exit road. These are relatively cheap and minor works which FBC will fund, and will be done when a Lining Gang is next in the area. We also wish to commission a turn left roundel and pole in the footway opposite the entrance. This will be carried out by a maintenance gang when they are next in the area. I have also raised the issue of the worn and surplus signs and poles with the local HCC Highways inspector and HCC will raise work orders to replace the signs in line with their maintenance schedules.

Thank-you for bringing these matters to our attention.

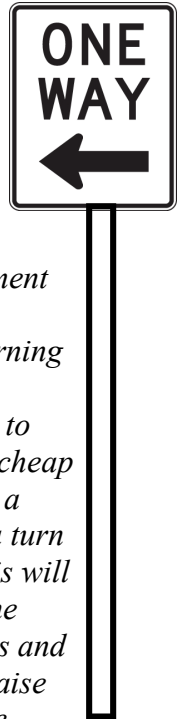
*Steve Faulkner Assistant Transport Planner
Strategic Transport
Hampshire County Council
Civic Offices, Fareham*

{Thank you Malcolm, hopefully the works will be done before a nasty accident happens.}

FOOT IN THE MOUTH

The vet in a small town was also in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a Neighbourhood Watch, or as a Vet? She asked. "Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's an intruder in it!"



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you read the article in the Fareham edition of The News of Friday, 16th December, regarding proposed plans for alteration to the traffic flow in West Street, westbound from Easter 2012? Do you regularly check the Fareham Borough Council web site or the Hampshire County Council web site? I don't and so it came as a surprise to me to be advised that "them up there" at County are contemplating imposing a traffic gate between (I think!) Trinity Street and the Railway Station roundabout for the evening rush hour. That means only buses will be allowed to travel West between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm, Monday to Fridays after Easter.

Now this may not have any affect on the majority of our congregation using the Church premises but it could well have implications for users of our premises such as the Brownies, and perhaps the Slimming Group or anyone else who needs to access and vacate our premises between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. It could also have a dramatic affect on the shops on either side of West Street leading to the Railway Station.

The congestion in West Street travelling West at rush hour in the evening is quite severe as anyone trying to turn right out of Grove Road will know. There are also proposals to possibly change the direction of traffic flow in Trinity Street. The document on the Hants.gov.org/tap website is 36 pages long and covers many aspects for traffic management in Fareham which might be of interest.

If and when the plans are put into place it may mean that we will need to adjust our travel plans and find alternative routes during that rush hour period.

I am sure that within a very short time we will all adapt to any changes. We must just be aware of what is proposed and be ready to adjust and adapt and hope that it will not affect unduly the usage of our premises or the shops leading to the Railway Station.

Bobby Watson

FORGIVENESS

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up, "Sin", he said.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - 27 JANUARY

It was 70 years ago this month, on 20th January 1942, that Nazi officials met to plan the ‘final solution to the Jewish question’ at the Wannsee Conference in Germany. The Holocaust was the result.

The setting aside of a special day, Holocaust Memorial Day, first began in 2001, and is dedicated to the remembrance of the victims of The Holocaust. The 27th was chosen because it is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. Let us use the day to remember in prayer all the families around the world who lost loved ones in the Holocaust.

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FRIENDS OF CHERNOBYL’S CHILDREN SOLENT

It was with great sadness that the Trustees of the above Charity have taken the required steps to “wind-up” the Charity. This was after 11 years of work with the children of Belarus, particularly those from the town of Mogilov.

The main reason for this action was our inability to recruit “host families” and without them, we were helpless.

Many of you have supported the Charity with gifts of clothing, toiletries, money and time over the past 11 years, and without you, we would have been unable to achieve anything at all. So our very grateful thanks come to you all. The local branch commenced as a result of viewing a video showing the plight of the children who were being looked after in a very “contaminated” area following the Nuclear melt-down of the Chernobyl nuclear power station. However, they were able to receive 4 weeks clean air and non-contaminated food with us, and then their life expectancy significantly increased.

Money held in our Bank Account has been given to the Mid Sussex branch of the charity, (as decreed in our written constitution) and so those who are working in similar areas to ourselves will benefit from the inflow of our finance.

Derek J Slaymaker (Treasurer and Trustee)

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December 2011

NEW YEAR

(Gal 3 : 29, Mt 28 : 20)

Jesus,
Heir of the promise,
Hope of the years,
You are here.

Help us Lord,
To know that you are there, too,
Before us
As you are behind us,
Already in the new moment
The new day,
The new year.

Help us Lord
To delight in your company,
To walk your safe way,
To shine your clear light
Of hope for the year.

Daphne Kitching

The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW



It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with tenses. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

Canon David Winter

The well known writer and broadcaster Canon David Winter is a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.

FAMINE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Famine still haunts the Horn of Africa, following two failed rainy seasons and conflict in Somalia. According to the United Nations, over 13 million people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti have now been affected.

Since last July, an unprecedented number of Somalis – nearly 900,000 – have crossed the borders into neighbouring countries like Kenya and Ethiopia. The Dadaab camps, designed for 90,000 people, are now home to over 400,000 refugees.

Andrew Edwards, MRDF Programme Manager (Methodist Relief & Development Fund) for Kenya and Ethiopia, said: 'Dry seasons are common in the Horn of Africa, but the failure of the last rainy season hit when people were yet to recover from the 2010 drought.

"In parts of Ethiopia, for example, people were unable to harvest the short maturing crops such as cabbage and sweet potatoes. Then the prices of staple crops such as maize and sorghum soared. So many families had no choice but to make the long trek to the refugee camps. With millions affected, this is a crisis that will not be resolved quickly."

Over £385,000 has been donated to this Africa food crisis appeal to date. This is providing emergency food supplies through the Methodist Church's emergency relief partner, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance. As a result of MRDF support, people are also receiving tarpaulins for temporary shelters, blankets, plastic sheets, impregnated mosquito nets and sleeping mats. If you would like to help, please visit: www.mrdf.org.uk



TELLING YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

The church magazine resource website www.parishpump.co.uk is partnering with the Association of Christian Writers in a competition for the best article about a faith journey. Would you like to contribute YOUR story?

The article should be up to 800 words and can be either an interview or a first person account, suitable for inclusion in a church or parish newsletter or magazine. The competition, open from October 1, will close on February 29, 2012, and is open to all. Entries should be previously unpublished.

Prizes of £50, £30 and £20 are offered for the first three places. There will be an **entry fee of £5 for one entry; £8 for two.** No entrant may submit more than two entries.

The first round of judging will be done by members of the ACW committee, to produce a shortlist of the best 6 to 10 entries, all of which will be put onto the Parish Pump website and available for anyone to use in their publications, with due acknowledgements. The shortlisted entries will be judged by Anne Coomes of Parish Pump together with an experienced journalist to be appointed by ACW. All those shortlisted will receive a year's free subscription to ACW and to the Parish Pump. The winning entry will also be published in the Christian Writer, ACW's members' magazine, and on the ACW website.

To enter: send your entry as an attachment via email to admin@christianwriters.org.uk and send a cheque FOR £5 OR £8 payable to Association of Christian Writers to PO Box 551, Hounslow, TW3 9NX.

IMPORTANT: Please don't forget to include details of your full name and address with both the email and the cheque. Acknowledgement of receipts of entry plus cheque will be sent by email.

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FREE TRAVEL

Living on earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.



St KENTIGERN

13th January

Kentigern (more often called by his nickname Mungo, meaning 'dear one') was the son of a pagan king who became a pupil in St Serf's monastery in Fife, Scotland.

St Mungo is the patron saint of Glasgow, and he is famous for many miracles, some of which are illustrated on the city's coat of arms. The rhyme goes:

*Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam*
The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

FISH MAZE

It is not a salmon and there is no ring hidden in it, but can you find your way through this fish?



Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

Why did the whale cross the road?

To get to the other tide.

Where do little fishes go every morning?

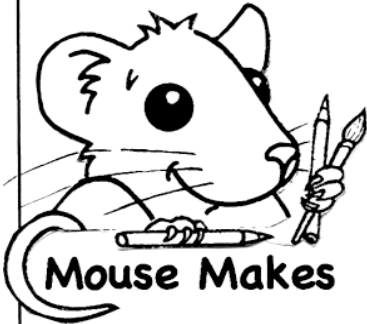
To plaice school.

What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?

As far away as possible.



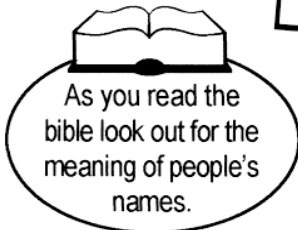
The NAMING of JESUS








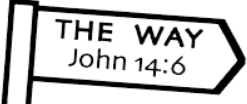

Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins".

READ: Luke 2:21-38



As you read the bible look out for the meaning of people's names.

<p>Jesus is: The Christ Matthew 16:16</p>  <p>The LIGHT John 8:12</p>  <p>Bread of Life John 6:35</p> <p>The Good Shepherd John 10:11</p>  <p>Lamb of God John 1:29</p> <p>JESUS</p> <p><i>'God is Saviour'</i> Matthew 1:21</p> <p>○</p>	<p>Jesus is: Saviour John 3:16-17</p>  <p>Son of God Matthew 3:16-17</p>  <p>The Word John 1:1-5</p>  <p>THE WAY John 14:6</p> <p>LORD John 20:28</p>  <p>KING Revelation 17:14</p> <p>○</p>
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To make your bookmark:
Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



Friday 24th February 2012

Fareham Methodist Church

Meal and Film Evening

6 for 6.30 p.m.

The King's Speech

**Enjoy a delicious Royal meal and watch this great
film starring**

Colin Firth and Helena Bonham Carter

**Come dressed as Royalty to celebrate the
Diamond Jubilee**

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE THE NAME 'JESUS' CAME FROM?

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua'. In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (Iēsoûs), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation'. No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

1952 – 2012 – CELEBRATING 60 YEARS of The QUEEN'S REIGN

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6th February 1952. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria, in 1897. The main celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June. For your interest, here's how that weekend will look:

Saturday 2nd June:

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

Sunday 3rd June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch: Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This might be a traditional street party or even a picnic lunch. Visit www.thebiglunch.com

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant: This event will consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla.

Monday 4th June:

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace: There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme will feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons: A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

Tuesday 5th June, 2012

Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral

FCC FITNESS

My name is Lisa O'Clee, I'm 24 and I'm a member of Fareham Community Church.

In September I started up a new event called FCC Fitness, on a Monday evening (term time only) Ladies meet together from 7-8pm to work out to a variety of exercise DVD's played via a projector. I just wanted to invite all the ladies in your congregation, everybody is welcome!

The first time you take part is free and from then on there is a suggested donation of £2 p/w. This money will be given as a gift to a local charity in the Fareham/Gosport area, so far we have raised just over £95!

Not only are there benefits to weekly exercise but I would love to see this group grow with women building relationships with one another, bringing friends from work and reaching women in the community.

Please feel free to contact this email address if anybody is interested:
office@farehamcommunitychurch.com

Kind Regards,

Lisa O'Clee

WINTER TRAVEL

A Government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow rope, a five gallon petrol jerry-can, first aid kit, and jump leads.

So I looked a complete prat on the bus this morning!!

A HUSBAND'S GUIDE TO HOUSEHOLD REPAIRS

If something looks level, it is level.

If what you've done is stupid, but it works, then it isn't stupid.

Always take credit for miracles. If you dropped the alarm clock while taking it apart and it suddenly starts working, - you have repaired it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

JANUARY

No Friday Monthly Lunch

10th	Circuit Leadership Team at the Manse	10.00
	Messy Church meeting	19.30
11th	Local Preachers Meeting at Bridgemary MC	19.30
15th	Sunday Lunch	12.30
17th	Church Council Meeting	19.30
18th	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity commences at Fareham Community Church	19.00
	Outreach Meeting	19.30
21st	Burns' Night Supper	19.00
25th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Circuit Property meeting at the Manse	19.30

FEBRUARY

1st	Healing /Prayer Group at Archery Lane, Fareham	14.00
3rd	Friday Lunch	13.00
7th	Youth Council meeting at the Manse	19.30
8th	Ministerial Synod at Bournemouth	10.00
	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
19th	Sunday Lunch	12.30
22nd	Mission Action Team meeting at the Manse	19.30
24th	Film and Meal evening	18.00
28th	Circuit Meeting at Lee MC	19.30

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

JANUARY

1st	10.30	Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
8th	10.30	Gwen & Harvey Brosgall
	19.00	A N Other
15th	10.30	Meg & Nigel Cox
22nd	10.30	Bobby & Patrick Watson
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
29th	10.30	Bessie & Daniel Taabu

FEBRUARY

5th	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer
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FLOWER ROTA

JANUARY

1st	Lynda Haydon-Jones
8th	Mary Bailey
15th	Irene Russell
22nd	Edith Livingstone
29th	

FEBRUARY

5th

REFRESHMENT ROTA

JANUARY

1st	Irene Russell, Tony Emberson
8th	Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones
15th	Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd
22nd	Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks, Meg Cox
29th	Margaret Temple, Sally Bland, Brenda Bennett

FEBRUARY

5th	Cath Stevenson, Vic Collins, Judith Bramall
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PRESS DATE

All items for the **February** Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Areas or handed to the editor - **Jill Groom** - by **Lunchtime** on **Friday 27th January please.**

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