





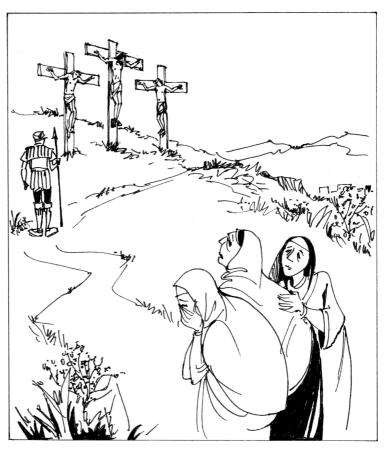








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Services during April

1st 10:30 - Family Holy Communion - Rev Patrick Harrower

8th 8:00 - Holy Communion on the Beach at Hill Head

10:30 - Easter Carol Service - Gerry Williams

7:00 - Sunday 2

15th 10:30 - All-Age Worship-Andrew Wilcock

22nd 10:30 - Rev Jack Jenkins

6:00 - Iona Communion Service - Rev Malcolm Groom

29th 10:30 - Rev Stephen Wright

6:30 - Circuit Service at Portchester - Jean Hooper

Services during May

6th 10:30 - Holy Communion - Rev Malcolm Groom

Local Preachers

Penny Thorne, formerly a member of this church, has completed her local preacher studies and will be received as a full local preacher at a service on **Saturday morning**, **28**th **April**, **at 11A.M. at Bridgemary Methodist Church**. All support for Penny, taking on this daunting task, will be very welcome.

Minister's Letter April 2012



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we managed to get all 16 of our family together at one time to celebrate a birthday. I know it's easier for us than for some of you who have families who are scattered all round the world, but it's still difficult as they all live very busy lives. We had a barbecue and all eight of the children were noisily playing all round the house and garden. When they went home the silence was almost deafening! The house seemed so empty! - But, we know that we will see them again sometime soon.

It made me think of what it was like for the followers of Jesus before and after the resurrection. Jesus' followers got to know him and love him and were bereft when they witnessed him die on the cross. However, their sadness was to turn to joy after they discovered the resurrected Jesus who once again walked with them and talked with them. When I was surrounded by my lovely grandchildren I was reminded of how much God loves us and cares for us and protects us in our vulnerability. He dotes on us more than we could ever love our nearest and dearest and as someone said, if God had a purse or a wallet your photo would be in it for Him to show to all the angels.

Let us take time over the Easter period to allow ourselves to experience the different emotions which the Easter story brings. Let us try to avoid the urge to rush on to the Easter morning before we have stopped to consider the pain, the suffering and the anguish which our Lord endured for us. When we deny ourselves of that we are poorer spiritually for so doing.

The disciples had then to come to terms with Jesus leaving them once again to return to heaven but He left them and us with the wonderful promise that He will return again and gather all His people to Him and that is the Good News of Easter and the hope for us that the best is yet to come.



May you know God's richest blessings this Easter as we give God thanks for all his love and faithfulness.

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Happy Easter,

Vestry Jottings - April 2012

We send our best wishes to Malcolm who is currently unwell and hope that he will soon be feeling better.

At the General Church Meeting on 11 March four Stewards were appointed for the coming year, starting in May – Jean Petter, Ian Bagshaw, Maggie Wheeler & Jenny Chalmers. We really would have liked a fifth person as otherwise our number of Sunday duties will be increased by 25% for each of us for the year. We can co-opt another Steward onto the team at any time. We would still like to hear from anyone who would consider being a Steward or even to hear why people are reticent to take on the role. Please speak to any of the Stewards.

We hope that you have enjoyed using the booklet of Lenten Liturgies. This year the Easter morning service will take the form of an Easter Carol Service

On Easter morning there will be a Circuit Communion service on the beach at Hill Head at 8am. Also on Easter Sunday, there will be a Sunday 2 service at 7.00pm, but this will NOT include Communion, as previously planned. It is hoped that this will be re-scheduled into a future Sunday 2 service.

We invite everyone to join the Christians Together in Fareham Walk of Witness on Good Friday. Meet at the church at 9.30 ready to walk to the Podium for a short service at 10.00am.

The Stewards

Thank you for the church flowers brought to me by Marion and Dennis. They have been lovely all week.

Irene Field

Thanks to all those who supported the "Proper Afternoon Tea"; it raised a gratifying sum of £209.60 for Hamlin Fistula, which supports a hospital for women in Addis Ababa. There will be another opportunity to support this cause later in the year at a Garden Party.

Eric Wheeler on behalf of Wednesday Fellowship.

Many thanks for the visits and the cards when I was in hospital. Thank you too for the prayers and get well wishes from the church family. They were most appreciated.

Lillian Tildersley

Many thanks for the kind wishes (cards and emails) and the flowers brought by Linda to aid my speedy recovery.

Malcolm Groom

A note of thanks from **Carole Jarman** and **Claire Jarman-Edwards** who wish to thank all their friends at Fareham Methodist Church for

their prayers, cards and kind thoughts following the recent unexpected loss of their much loved Mum and Grandma. We are so very grateful for the support the church has given to our family at this sad time and express special thanks to Joan Padley for her kindness in delivering the beautiful flowers to us from the church.

Church Flowers

Irene and I would like to remind you that we appreciate being informed of church family and friends to whom it is appropriate to donate the Sunday morning flowers. We do not always know when people are ill, feeling low, celebrating, or having some other significant experience. Do not be afraid to make suggestions!

Mary Bailey

Healing Prayer Group

The next healing group is on Wednesday 4th April at 19:30 at 2 Archery Close.

Rita Jackson

Easter - the most joyful day of the year!

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Why does the date more around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most european cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

Headline (Lk 24, Jn20:11-18)

Jesus is alive!
He appeared to Simon,
To Cleopas and his companion,
To Mary and many more,
Eye witnesses
To the headline of history.

And they told their stories
Of promises and hope,
Of disappointment and despair,
The drag-net of death
Transformed by encounters
With the Lord of life.

Jesus is alive!
The headline stands today
As we live the kingdom script
In our generation.
And he transforms our stories
And compels the telling.

By Daphne Kitching

Methodist Information Wanted for Westbury Manor Museum

The Resource Room in Westbury Manor Museum, Fareham has a wall of shelves full of folders providing the public with free historical information about Fareham and its neighbourhood. There isn't much material about "the Fareham Wesleyan Methodists" in the Non-Conformist folders so we would like church members to hunt around at home for old pamphlets, flyers, programmes, circuit plans, newspaper cuttings, orders of service, photographs of events & former ministers etc.

Perhaps you may like to write a few paragraphs about what Fareham Methodist was like when you joined? Observations about groups and clubs, styles of Sunday services, and how the church has changed physically are examples of what might be of interest.

The Museum can only take photocopies (no original material) in its research folders which are A4 size. You may scan or photocopy your own items & give me the copies or I'll be happy to copy your things for you.

To celebrate our 200th anniversary a display featuring our three church buildings from 1812 to the present will be available to see in the "People's Place" display cabinet in the Resource Room, Westbury Manor Museum in June.

Mark Brooks

Easter Labyrinth



the journey to the cross

Fareham Methodist Church

2nd - 6th April 2012 10:00am - 2:00pm

The next meeting of...



Wednesday, 11th April 2012

3.30pm—4.00pm Welcome 4.00pm—5.00pm Crafts and activities 5.00pm—5.15pm Celebration in the church 5.15pm Meal

Theme: Love your World! "The wonderful Name of the Lord"

All Welcome!

Sunday Lunch

15th APRIL at 12.15 p.m. 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 Greek Salad

Main Course: Roast Turkey, stuffing, chipolatas, Roast

Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

Please note that there will not be a lunch during May(I will be on Holiday) but on 3rd June there will be a special Jubilee Lunch instead.

The Superwomen of Britain

She's a childminder who really cares, a teacher, a local friendly bank, a counsellor... without her, many modern families would fall apart. She's your child's grandmother.

Something like 48 per cent of all grannies now child-mind their grandchildren for at least 20 hours per week. A quarter of grannies child-mind for more than 25 hours a week. And one in ten grannies are childminding a staggering 40 hours a week.



In all, our grannies save us £2 billion a year in childminding costs. The average granny babysits 42 times a year, and a quarter of grannies babysit every week.

What does all this child-minding do for granny? Keeps her young! Grannies who care for grandchildren feel a whopping 14 years younger than their actual age.

Men, take note!

What does it take to keep a woman's love? Three things: a sense of humour, a willingness to share household chores, and an ability to catch and dispose of large spiders in the house.

These three aptitudes are the nonnegotiable ingredients to long-term happiness, according to Mumsnet, the forum for mothers. Other aspects of male behaviour which hit the top ten



include: respect, honesty, loyalty, and never comparing her to his mother in a bad light. 'Good understanding wins favour, but the way of the unfaithful is hard,' was written 3,000 years ago, but still as true today when it comes to keeping your marriage in good heart. (Proverbs 13:15)

Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK

Please support a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Wednesday 16th May 2012 from 10.30am - 12noon. There will be some stalls including Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, and books.

Tickets £1.00 to include Coffee & Biscuits from Maggie Nobes 01329 312023 or pay at the door.

Fareham Basics Bank

As a reminder the items most needed are: sugar, coffee, jam, pasta sauce, tinned meats, jelly, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, biscuits, cereals, custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, squash, spaghetti hoops, long-life milk, shower gel, deodorants, toilet rolls, shampoo, toothpaste and nappies (all sizes).

Items can be left in the box in the Welcome Area anytime and I will deliver them to the Basics Bank. Please do remember that smaller tins and packets enable an easier and fairer distribution.

Thank you for your support.

Sheila Dyer

The Brownies are currently collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers which benefit all the Youth groups within our church. The collection box is at the back of the church and vouchers are available until 10th April so could you please collect them for us.

Many thanks for all your support.

Alison Humby—Brown Owl

Spring Fair 21st April 2012

As we mentioned in Last Month's Edition we need items for the following stalls;

Bric a Brac (Sorry not electrical)
Books (Hard Back and Paper Books)
Toys including Jigsaw Puzzles
Toiletries
Collectables
Jewellery
Horticultural

Please ensure they are in good condition, the items can be brought to Church during the next few weeks and please mark them Spring Fair, or on Friday 20th April between 5.00pm and 7.00pm or we will accept on the day before 9.00 clock.

Home Made Cakes Jams and Marmalade -- we would like to have them on Friday 20th April between 5.00pm and 7.00pm we will accept them on Saturday 21st April before 9.00am. There will be the usual plates for you to collect to put your Home Made Cakes on in the Welcome Area.

Garden Sales Table - Items for sale which will be welcome include: seed packets, house plants, divisions of perennials, new seedlings and anything "horticultural", in good condition.

There will be a *Photographic Competition*. Subject -- SIGNS OF SPRING - Size - 6ins by 4ins Maximum

There will be a *Fresh Spring Flower Arrangement Competition*. Please do not make these too Large.

Entries for Both Competitions will have two sections.

SECTIONS: Adults

Children up to 16 years of age

Please ensure Both Competitions will have a card stating

NAME TELEPHONE MUMBER CHILDREN - THEIR AGE

Judging will take place at 10:00am on the day of the Fair. Entries must be in on Friday evening or by 9:30am on Saturday

We will need help during the day. We will place a form in the Welcome Area for you to sign.

Proceeds to **Rowans Hospice, Rainbow Centre**, and **The Methodist Church**.

Sheila D. Vic. & Tony

Quiz

Look out for the next quiz on the theme of Spring—to be launched at the Spring Fair—it can be puzzled over until the closing date of May 20th.

Mary Bailey



Come on and celebrate, celebrate and sing for our Queen!

Please come along and join us at Bridgemary Methodist Church on Wednesday 6th June for afternoon tea.

Please arrive atpm to celebrate 60 years of OUR QUEEN.

Wear your posh hats ladies and gents your best ties.

Bring an unwrapped gift 'Fit for The Queen' which will be part of a silent auction.

There will be a Royal Raffle & Royal quiz, with high tea being served atpm

Need any further details? Then please call Anne Ford or Jean Plummer,Bridgemary Church



FOR MORE INFOMATION CALL ANNE 01329 237090

Easter Cream Tea

In aid of Light For Bulgaria

Come and enjoy tea and scones with jam and cream, and hear about the work God is doing in people's lives in Bulgaria. Everyone is welcome – please invite your friends!

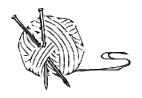


Portchester Methodist Church Sunday 15th April at 4:30pm

Cost: £5 - all proceeds go towards the work of Light For Bulgaria (www.lightforbulgaria.org.uk) For more information please contact Rob Rolfe (07753437102)

Methodist Women in Britain

Would anyone knitting blankets for the Hamlin Fistula Hospital please give them to me by 29th April at the latest.



If there is anyone not able to complete a blanket but has any single strips they can be handed to me by 15th April so they can be used to make complete blankets.

Pat Croker

Trip Around the Sun; ANSWER

even faster than that !!!

I said I would provide the answer, here it is. Distance we travel is: 2 X 3.14 X 93 = 584 million miles. Thus each day, 1.6 million miles, which equates to 66,670 mph! Astronomers state that the whole galaxy is travelling through space

Eric Wheeler

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Where our Lord leads us there we will go

Eric's question about the speed of our Earth around our Sun looks to be a simple question with an easy answer. However, Albert Einstein came up with the idea of relativity. Meaning that if something moves it must be relative to something else. Perhaps relevance is the real God Particle? However Eric asked for the speed of the Earth around the Sun. So lets start with

something simple. We know that the Earth is moving in a nearly circular orbit around the Sun. We are moving along this orbit at almost 18 miles per second, this would make the answer about 67,000 miles per hour. Depending where you live on the Earth of course. Sound fast? Hang on. God can go faster than that!

Our Solar System is tucked away in an arm of the Milky Way Galaxy. Our galaxy is rotating, and we are rotating around the galaxy's centre at about 490,000 miles per hour! Then our Milky Way galaxy is part of a cluster of galaxies that our astronomers refer to as the "local group." Together they are cruising through space at an astounding 600 miles per second.

It seems that we're in a hurry to get wherever we're going, so the next logical question would be "where are we going?" We are going where God leads us, he created, us, our world, our galaxy, our universe, and he has a plan for us.

However, if you would like to know in which direction we are going then go out on a clear spring night and find the constellation Leo the Lion - The Earth is moving towards Leo at a speed of 230 miles per second.

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Many thanks Eric for reminding us of the journey that God has planned for us and we should hold on very tight to him.

God Bless Us All - Patrick Watson

Don't let a fall get you down

It may surprise readers to know that falls are costing the NHS over £800 million a year. As the population ages, slips and trips are also causing pain and anguish to thousands of unwary victims. Around 30 per cent of adults who are over 65 and living at home will experience at least one fall a year. The figure rises to 50 per cent of adults over 80 who are either at home or in residential care.

Older people are being urged to see their GP if they have a fall or start feeling unsteady, even if they feel fine otherwise. There could be many reasons and the GP can, with your agreement, refer you for a falls risk assessment which will be geared to your individual needs.

A fall can change your life. Apart from hip and other injuries, a person can lose confidence, become withdrawn and feel as if they have lost

their independence. The following tips from the charity Age UK may help you, or someone you know, to avoid injury:

- If you have arthritis in your spine or neck, move your head slowly to avoid dizziness.
- Keep warm. Cold muscles don't work as well and may lead to accidents.
- Sitting or standing up too quickly can make you feel lightheaded. Move slowly and in stages. Tensing your arms and legs a few times before getting up from a chair, or sitting on the side of the bed for a while before rising, can be helpful.

Apart from heart disease or dementia, there are less obvious conditions that can cause people to fall. Low blood pressure (hypotension) can cause dizziness, as can disabilities that affect balance, such as labyrinthitis (inflammation deep inside the ear).

For more information on this issue, call Age UK Advice free on 0800 169 65 65

"BYREQUEST" An evening of popular songs by The Singing Group Including a meal, on Saturday 26th May. Proceeds to Christian Aid Church Partnership Scheme Supporting a project in Zimbabwe. Book This date. Full details in May Focus

Once and For All—6pm on Sunday 29th April 2012 At St John the Evangelist Church

An evening of inspiration and hope which uses powerful personal stories, stunning images and beautiful, original songs to reveal Christian Aid's transforming work in some of the world's poorest communities.

Whether you're a Christian Aid Week collector, volunteer, supporter, church member or none of the above; this is a chance to understand more about poverty and development, ask questions and be inspired that you can and are making a difference.

All are welcome to this free event and there will be refreshments provided.

Charlotte Page—Regional Coordinator

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week this year is the 13th – 19th May 2012. Locally, it will begin with a sponsored walk at Holly Hill on the Sunday afternoon. There will be a stand in the middle of Fareham Shopping Centre on Monday and Tuesday and the usual house to house collections throughout the week. If you would like to become involved or help in any of these activities during Christian Aid Week it would be greatly appreciated.

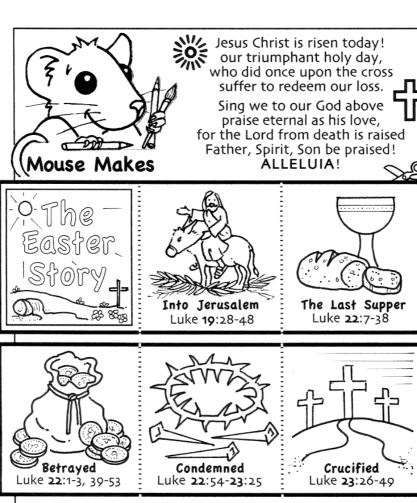
Linda Foster

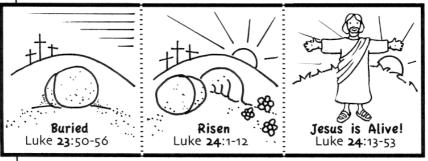
Gosport Live at Home Scheme.

We are a support organisation for older people, who choose to live at home. We come under the umbrella of Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA).

We are looking for people who can give a lot of time or little time, to be cooks, help with transport (mileage given) and offer a Befriending service.

The group operate from Bridgemary Methodist Church, under the care of Manager Lucy Rothwell, who can be contacted by phone, 01329 234409 or by email: Gosport.live@home.org.uk





Make a mini Easter book: Cut out the strips, glue them together then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



glue to 'Betrayed'

glue to 'Buried



EASTER EGGS

Easter eggs have been in the shops since just after Christmas but they are not a new idea. The egg has been used as a symbol of rebirth and new life since before Christian times.

The English name for Easter is said to come from Eostre, a northern goddess of spring. The rebirth of growing things in the spring, after the long dark days of winter, was a time of rejoicing in the pagan world and many of their rites and symbols have been carried over into our Christian festival of Easter.

In pagan times they celebrated the return of light and warmth to the world but our Easter celebrates so much more. We celebrate the fact that Jesus died for us and yet is not dead. We celebrate because Jesus overcame death.

And if all those brightly wrapped chocolate eggs in the shops help us to remember that Easter means new life, new life in Jesus, then good – I'll have lots!

BEAUTIFUL EGGS

Chocolate eggs are a new idea; the traditional Easter egg is a decorated hen's egg. Why not make some as special gifts to share the good news of Easter?



You can decorate them in the traditional method of wrapping eggs in onion skins and then boiling them. This gives a mottled, golden look to the egg (or try a couple of slices of beetroot for a different effect).

If you are not going to eat the egg afterwards you can decorate it with paint or felt tip pens. Painted eggs can look very special if, when the paint is dry, you stick on sequins and small beads. Rather than waste a perfectly good egg find out how to 'blow' the egg out of the shell – then you can eat the egg as well as having a perfect empty shell to decorate.



Why did the egg go into the jungle?

Because he wanted to be an eggs-plorer.

<u>Dates for your Diary</u> (All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

APRIL

2nd—6th	Holy Week Labyrinth	10:00 - 14:00		
4th	Healing Prayer Group at 2 Archery Close	19:30		
5th	Maundy Thursday Service (CANCELLED)			
6th	Good Friday Walk of Witness	10:00		
8th	Easter Morning Communion on Beach 8: at Hill Head.			
11th	Messy Church	16:00		
17th	Local Preachers' Meeting 19: (for Worship Leaders) (19:3			
15th	Sunday Lunch	12:15		
18th	Church Council	19:30		
21st	Spring Fair	09:00 - 13:00		
MAY				
9th	Messy Church	16:00		
	Circuit Meeting	19:30		
13-19th	Christian Aid Week			
16th	Cancer Research Coffee Morning	10:30 - 12:00		
26th	"By Request" - Singing Group Concert and Meal	Evening tba		



Mini-Market every Monday 9:30—11.45 am (Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9:30—11:45 am

Door Stewards

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1st	10:30	Brenda & Peter Taylor
8th	10:30	Harvey & Gwen Brosgall
15th	10:30	Meg & Nigel Cox
22nd	10:30	Bobby & Patrick Watson
	18:00	Eric Wheeler
29th	10:30	Bessy & Daniel Taabu
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May

6th 10:30 Rosemarie & Tony Jackson

Flower Rota

<u>April</u>

1st Brenda Taylor 8th Irene Russell

15th Bob and Margaret Temple

22nd Garry Bagshaw 29th Sheila Dyer

<u>May</u>

6th Janice and Vic Collins

Refreshment Rota

April

1st	Linda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
8th	Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom
15th	Irene Russel, Tony Emberson

22nd Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones

29th Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd

<u>May</u>

6th Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks, Meg Cox

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### **Press Date**

All items for the MAY Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Area or handed to the Editor—Jill Groom—by Lunchtime on Friday 27th April 2012 please.

Fareham Focus is now available to be read on the Fareham Church Website