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## **SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER**

1st	10.30	Gerry Williams	
	17.00	Revd Andrew Wood,	Circuit Service Petersfield
8th	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson	Holy Communion & Covenant
15th	10.30	David Bloomfield	All Age Worship
22nd	10.30	Barbara Noakes	
	18.00	Revd Claire Simpson	Iona Holy Communion
29th	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson	Back to Church Service

## **SERVICES DURING OCTOBER**

6th	10.30	Fareham Team	Harvest Festival
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## **LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER**

15th	Sept	Andrew Wilcock at Eastney
29th	Sept	Andrew Wilcock at Petersfield

Please remember the preachers above in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in our Church and in the Circuit.

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SEPTEMBER 2013

SPECIAL THANKS

I am putting Malcolm's thanks here as we do not have a letter this month. I would also like to add **my thanks** for the beautiful flowers and all the kind words. **It was a very special evening. Thank you so much.**

Jill Groom

Dear Friends,

Just a quick note to say "**Thank you!**" for the generous gift that you gave me and the wonderful party that you organised to mark my "sitting down" from the active ministry of the Methodist Church. It was a great surprise to me to see so many people who gave their time to share this special occasion with Jill and me. Many friends from my previous churches also travelled large distances to be with us!

I am sorry this note is a little delayed, but Jill and I have been struggling to unpack the mountain of boxes that we brought with us to Coppice Way. We hadn't realised just how much we had in the office and study at St. Thomas Close and our present house doesn't have the equivalent of either of them. To create storage for this office material we had to buy a whole new suite of office furniture to install in the corner of one of our bedrooms. Having done that, we discovered long lost treasures when we unpacked - computers, paper, envelopes, etc.. Thus we are now able to communicate with the world!

As you can see, I haven't yet discovered what retirement is really about! – but I will be working on that – one day!

I would like to thank you once again for the love and support you gave (and continue to give) to us both and also the gifts you collected for us. (We are thinking of buying an apple tree for our garden with part of the money, which will always remind us of our lovely friends at Fareham).

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

## VESTRY JOTTINGS

The Stewards are pleased to welcome Rev Claire Simpson and her husband, John Smith, and their sons Ben & Sam to Fareham Methodist Church.



A reminder that the Welcome Folk Dance and Ploughman's supper starts at 6.30 pm on Saturday 7 September. Names need to be on the list in the welcome area by Sunday 1 September, if you wish to come. The event is open to attendees of Fareham and Stubbington Methodist churches. There is no charge but we will be asking for donations on the night towards the cost of food.

Claire will lead our Covenant Service with Communion on 8 September. 29 September is Back to Church Sunday. The emphasis is on individual Christians giving personal invitations to appropriate people in their circle of contacts. Everyone can be involved in encouraging others to join us for this service.

Our Harvest Service, led by Fareham Team will be held on Sunday 6 October. Gifts of produce will be donated to Two Saints shelter for the homeless. Produce is requested to be brought to Church on Saturday 5 Oct (see details in separate section) and additional Harvest donations can also be brought to the service on Sunday.

A new Church directory is currently being prepared. A draft copy will be placed in the Welcome area for the next few Sunday mornings. Please check your details carefully, as soon as possible.

The Stewards

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## THANK YOU

Thank you for the flowers sent from the church. I do appreciate them so much!

Mavis Parish

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for cards, good wishes, congratulations on the occasion of my 80th Birthday also for the singing of Happy Birthday and the lovely flowers given to me by Tony Emberson, also may I say a very sincere thank you to everyone for the concern shown during my illness and for the flowers delivered by Bob.



Sincerely Vic Collins

## THANK YOU Cont. ...

We would like to thank Irene Russell for delivering flowers from Church for us. They are absolutely beautiful and a week later they still adorn our lounge. Very cheering indeed!

Gwen and Harvey Brosgall



Thank you for the flowers that were given to me for the sudden death of my friend. I was very pleased with them.

Rita Jackson

Once again it's a Thank You for my flowers during August, and a very pleasant chat by Joan who delivered them to me which was much appreciated

Lilwen Watkins

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers on the occasion of my birthday. Many thanks to Margaret Temple for bringing them .

John Field

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers and to Liz for bringing them.

Eric & Shirley

The knock on the door - the Bailiffs again so soon? Brace yourself Una, and see what they want this time. She dutifully opens the door and close on her heels is a family friend bearing flowers. For you she explains, proffering the bouquet to me. - So after all this preamble - Thank you all very much.

Oh! - and the bees send their thanks, they approved - Buzz -Buzz!

Scott & Una

Who needs to watch "Britain's Got Talent" when we can spend such a superb evening, as we did on 10th August watching "G & F Circuit's Got Talent"? Thank you to all the performers, to those who prepared the food and organised the evening. Just sorry to be saying "Goodbye" to Malcolm but wish him a long, and happy and well earned retirement - and we still have Jill!

Linda Young

Just a quick note to say Thank You to Jean and Jenny for the lovely evening meal and breakfast that they provided for the Pilgrimage group on 19th and 20th August. It was much appreciated. More later about the Pilgrimage.

Bobby & Patrick

## FROM THE STROKE CLUB

How can we adequately express our thanks for the help we have received from the members of the Fareham Methodist Church. In this our 25th year we received the news that our funding had been withdrawn - which meant - in all probability we would be unable to continue as a club. Since then the support we have received from the Wednesday Fellowships' fund raising via the tea party and garden party, the proceeds from the film night and takings from Shirley Henderson's Mini Market stall and the Mother and Toddler group, together with the individual donations from Church members means that we are able to continue running the club well into next year. Because of that we have been able to accept six new members into the group. Thank you all for your support - see you all at the Christmas Tree Festival when we will have a Christmas Tree and hope to bring our members to view the Festival of Trees.

(I should also add that we were also lucky to receive a donation for the Fareham Lions).

Lynda Young

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## ACTION FOR CHILDREN

I would like to give a big thank you to all those who supported the Action for Children Sunday in July. We have just completed this years count for the home collection boxes, or The League of Light as it is now called, and a grand total of £139.50 has been raised. What a super effort and if anyone would like to take part in the scheme please speak to me or Pat Croker. Looking ahead the Fayre Group, ex Social Group, (I know, I am confused as well!! ) are planning a Michaelmas Fayre on Saturday, 19th October with all the usual cakes , craft, bric a brac and much more. The proceeds will go to Action for Children so look out for forthcoming advertising which will have the full details. God Bless



Tony Elvery

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## PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing / Prayer group is on Wednesday,  
4th September at 19.30, at the home of Joan & Jeff Padley



Rita Jackson

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## REFRESHMENT ROTA 2014

It is that time of year - new rotas are being prepared!

First of all, a big Thank You to all who have helped to provide refreshments after the service at Kings Road. Your effort is much appreciated.



We would welcome extra volunteers to join us. This would entail serving drinks 3 or 4 times a year - less if we get a good response! So if you are able to join in, please give me your name soon.

Pat Pickering

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## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Most of our meetings are in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.00 pm  
Tea is available from 1.45 pm unless otherwise stated.

### Autumn Programme

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| 11th Sept | AGM Followed by Tea & Biscuits and an informal chat about future events.  |
| 25th Sept | Personal Treasures You are invited to bring along something that is dear to your heart and tell us how you came by it                             |
| 9th Oct   | Edith Livingstone's Crafts Display of various items which will be on sale for Action for Children. Edith will be on hand To answer any questions. |
| 23rd Oct  | Kath Stephenson Life's Experiences.   |
| 13th Nov  | Finishing touches to the Christmas Tree Festival entry.   |
| 27th Nov  | Anne Baxendale Member of Fareham History Society.   |
| 11th Dec  | Christmas Service Followed by Tea and Mince Pies in the Wickham Room  |

Shirley Henderson

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## DID YOU KNOW

Lobsters are left and right-clawed in the exact same percentage (ten) that humans are left and right-handed!!

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**Wednesday, 11th September  
2013**

**Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham  
PO16 0NU**

**4.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

**THE SOWER**

**Everyone is welcome to  
join us for games, craft,  
Worship and a meal.**

**See us on Facebook**



# **SUNDAY LUNCH**

## **15th September at 12.15 pm**

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 M H A. 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 Melon

**Main Course:** Roast Pork, Apple sauce  
& sausages  
Roast Potatoes,  
Selection of Vegetables

**Puddings:** Variety



There will be a list in the Welcome Area for you to sign.  
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Lunch!  
Everyone is welcome even at the last minute!!

Jill Groom

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### **QUIZ!**

Look out for the new Autumn / Michaelmas quiz available later this month. Proceeds will be added to the Autumn Fayre's fund-raising for Action for Children.

Mary Bailey

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### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE & FAYRE GROUP**

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee is planned for Tuesday, 17th September, in the Sanctuary at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting of the Fayre Group (ex Social Group) will be in the Snug or Vestry on Tuesday, 24th September at 6.30 pm

Tony Elvery

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## **New Circuit Phone number/ address**

### **Jo Gregory**

East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit Administrator  
Circuit Safeguarding Co-Coordinator

### **Circuit Office**

6 St Thomas Close  
Fareham  
PO16 7BZ

(Tuesday & Thursday mornings)

Tel: 07783 645397 or 01329 828706

Email: [office@ESandDcircuit.org.uk](mailto:office@ESandDcircuit.org.uk)

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## **WORSHIP CONSULTATION**

The next Worship Consultation will be held in the Worship Area on October 7th at 7.30 pm. Please give me any items you have for the agenda by September 29th.

Rosemarie Jackson - Convenor

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## **HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 6th October**



We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday, 5th October for our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 6th October. The Church will be open on Friday, 4th October from 6 - 8 pm and on Saturday, 5th October from 9 - 12 noon to receive your Harvest gifts.

We look forward to seeing you and maybe stay for coffee!!!

Sheila Dyer & Margaret Temple

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## **PANGRAMS**

A pangram is a sentence that uses every letter of the alphabet at least once such as:

The five boxing wizards jump quickly

Amazingly few discotheques provide jukeboxes

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## ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE...IF

Since January, thousands of people and over 200 organisations, including MRDF, have joined together in the **IF** campaign to raise awareness of global hunger and lobby decision-makers to tackle it. The campaign had its first success in March, as the UK Government kept its promise to spend 0.7% of national income on aid.

However, aid alone will not solve poverty and hunger. At the time of going to press, final preparations were underway for a series of 'Big IF' events, giving an opportunity to send a strong message to world leaders ahead of the GB summit. For the latest information and to get involved, visit [www.mrdf.org.uk/IF](http://www.mrdf.org.uk/IF)

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## FAMILY NEWS

### Thursday 10th October

On 10th October we shall celebrate our **Diamond Wedding Anniversary** and we invite any of our Church family to join us at home, 2 Archery Lane, to mark the occasion with a buffet lunch (12 noon - 2 pm) or buffet supper (6 - 9 pm)

No presents please, but your presence will be most welcome.

Joan & Jeff Padley

RSVP Email [joanpadley@btinternet.com](mailto:joanpadley@btinternet.com)

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## OLD LEAF

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages, "Mum, look what I found!" the boy called out, turning the leaf over and over.

"What is it dear?" asked his mother.

With awe in his voice, the young boy ventured: "I think it's Adam's underwear."

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## METHODISTS ON THE MOVE

Two hundred Methodists have taken part in a pilgrimage that has involved visiting each of the 23 churches that will be part of the new **East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit**. Beginning at Copnor, heading west to Gosport and Fareham, then north and east to visit churches in Hampshire, West Sussex and Surrey, the pilgrims have covered some 90 miles, chatting, laughing, listening, praying and singing favourite Methodist hymns. At each church visited they have received generous hospitality, for which Methodists are famous, and have heard of the specific work that the church does within each of their communities. Many churches provide opportunities for children and young people to have fun, be safe and enquire about the world around them. Other churches are involved in work with elderly people including those who are 'living at home' with dementia. Others have focussed on social concerns and justice as congregations and as individuals all look to celebrate the love of God at work. Each person seeking ways to make Jesus' way of life real in the way they live out their own lives at home, at work and at play.



On September 1<sup>st</sup> about 400 Methodists will gather in Petersfield to celebrate the birth of their new circuit, committing themselves to work together and make a difference in the communities they serve. Celebrations start at 3.00 pm at Petersfield Methodist Church in Station Rd. Cake and refreshments will be available along with a number of activities. The Rev. Will Hughes has kindly offered the use of St Peter's Church in the town square in Petersfield. The service there starts at 5.30pm. But please be seated by 5.15 pm. The singing is expected to be famously loud and joyful. All are welcome. For more details of the East Solent and Downs Circuit please visit our website

[www.esanddcircuit.org.uk](http://www.esanddcircuit.org.uk)

Rev Jeanette Richardson  
Co-Superintendent

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*(Hopefully you might have seen this in the Evening News this week, Jeanette was hoping it would go in all areas on Wednesday or Thursday).*

# East Solent and Downs Circuit



## Inaugural Circuit Service

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

**St Peter's Church, Petersfield**

3pm – 4.45pm

**Petersfield Methodist Church**



Tea, Coffee & Cake

Activities:

Self Guided Tours of Petersfield

Craft Activities

Children's Activity

Memories from the Pilgrimage

Quiet Room for Prayer and Reflection



4.00 pm      Scratch Choir Rehearsal  
(St Peter's)

5.15pm    All seated at St Peter's Church

5.30pm    Worship commences



There will be coaches to Petersfield from Portsmouth, Gosport and Fareham.

For those who need them, cars will be available to transport people the short distance from Petersfield Methodist Church to St Peter's in the Square.

Disabled parking is available at St Petersfield Methodist Church if requested in advance if you contact Rosemary Davies on 01730 261258

**Petersfield Methodist Church** ~ Station Road, Petersfield, GU32 3EB

**St Peter's Church** ~ The Square, Petersfield, GU32 3HS

## GUESS WHO -- ON THE PILGRIMAGE !!

We decided to attend a meeting at Drayton Methodist Church and felt this was something we could do - a Pilgrimage around the Churches of the new emerging Circuit. David Rice and his wife Alison showed us the proposed route on a map and we decided that we could take turns driving our car and walking as much of the route as possible.

The Pilgrimage for Patrick and myself has been 6 days of laughter, much food, good conversation and making new friends, God was kind to us and except for the Saturday we walked in dry weather. Seeing superb views and shady woods with sunlight dappling our paths. With sheep watching us and some cows wanting to join us!! We completed the Pilgrimage feeling very tired, having gained weight (despite all the walking!!) and with a feeling of satisfaction at having visited 19 of the 23 Churches.

The walk was supposed to be about 85 miles but we all think it felt like much, much more as we did not walk direct from any one Church to another. The map marking our walk showed a very wibbly wobbly worm of a route by the time we finished. We joined the journey at Trinity MC Church, Southsea.

For example in walking from Trinity to Eastney - 10 minutes in a straight line. Oh no - we went down to the sea front all around Canoe Lake, wandered through the rose garden, along past the golf course and then wound our way up through the back streets in a zigzag way to Eastney taking well over the hour.

Patrick and I took it in turns to walk or drive the car to ensure I walked the easiest bits and avoided most of the hills(!), and got the car to the last Church each day. We were amazed at so many of the folk from the north of the new Circuit walking with us, some every day, and others meeting us at each



Church. We were met at so many of the stopping points by people from the local congregation also and although requests had been made for light meals we seemed to be offered cakes and more cakes at tea breaks and sumptuous meals at lunch and evening. Some of our friends from our current/old Circuit came and joined us on a few of the days to walk one leg of the route or to join us for a meal or the service. *(Bobby)*

And Ian says:-

The ES&D Circuit Pilgrimage, approximately 91 miles around all 23 constituent churches, the brainchild of David Rice (Haslemere) has been completed... or has it...?

The walking journey started in Copnor and was completed in Haslemere. The first three days each saw four churches visited, the next two, three churches, then two and finally three on the last day. Five people completed the whole journey (three from Haslemere and one each from Drayton and Emsworth) but there were never fewer than ten pilgrims journeying at any one time. On occasions, the day's 'monitor' had to keep tabs on more than twenty pilgrims with much swapping and changing during the course of the day. Four of the stalwarts slept on church premises most nights, one becoming an expert in forming a suitable mattress using kneelers of varying number, size and thickness. *(Ian as you might guess!)*

Each day the pilgrims were joined by church members for a short, standard Liturgy conducted in each church. This comprised: the partial learning of the 'Paschal Procession'- a line a day; a church representative giving a greeting, stating that establishment's origins, present situation and ambitions; prayers of intercession wonderfully drawn together by David for each church; the singing of a hymn or song from the 'Pilgrimage Handbook'; a final Pilgrim prayer to send us on our way.

The first and last Services on each day contained additional prayers and a reflection on the day with the 'mark of a pilgrim' being added to each day. The final Service at Haslemere drew all aspects together including the singing of the whole 'Paschal Procession' correctly for the only time.

The actual walking didn't present too much of a problem; getting away from each church with people in deep conversations was. However, we had to be disciplined in this respect in order to arrive in time for the next carefully and well prepared meal. *(Ian)*

We all enjoyed exploring each Church<sup>15</sup> and hearing about its journey from formation to now, their present situation and their hopes and dreams for the future. All so different yet really all working to the same aim; to spread the

good news of Jesus Christ and the love of God for all. Local Preachers checking out the heights of the lecterns, pulpits and someone checking out the chairs. (I think they felt ours would suit their needs for stacking and comfort!!)

*(Bobby)*

Many new and interesting people were met during the pilgrimage. Great were the friendships and conversations covering a myriad topics. The support given readily to those determined to 'walk a stint' but who found it a bit difficult was spontaneous and enduring and appreciated. It was estimated that well over 200 people had been involved in some form or other during the eight days. The observation of how different communities were served together with the diversity of thoughts, ideas and available skills was amazing. The overall organisation and execution of the pilgrimage was brilliant in all respects. In addition to David's terrific personal input we have to thank his wife, Alison, and Christine Taylor (Haslemere) for co-ordinating the overall plan, Garry Bagshaw for co-ordinating the transport arrangements and Bobby and Patrick Watson together with Janet Baker (Emsworth) who, with Garry, conducted much of the fetching and carrying.

So, back to the original question: has the pilgrimage been completed or has it just started? That the new Circuit will manage administratively I have little doubt due to the enthusiasm and capabilities of those setting about the task. It is now up to the present and future members of the individual churches comprising the Circuit to ensure that it not only exists but that it thrives. There are obvious opportunities for individual churches to assist others, particularly in matters of 'Outreach'

*(Ian)*

We hope we have given you a flavour of a really enjoyable, inspiring and thought provoking week.

Bobby & Ian

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## **BELONGING TO GOD**

How good you are, Lord, and how near you are to us -  
so near that we may always talk to you, be comforted by you,  
breathe through you, be enlightened by you, find peace in you,  
And gain spiritual nourishment from you.

Grant that my fellowship with you may never be polluted by malice,  
pride, greed, gluttony or falsehood.

Grant that I may belong wholly to you Amen

*By John Sergieff (1829-1908) a Russian priest*

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## **BADMINTON SESSIONS**

We are trialling some Badminton sessions for Church members on the 1st & 3rd Friday of September & October to ascertain if there is an interest. 6.00 to 8.00 pm. Year 3 onwards - with a basic ability to serve and return a shuttle. Sorry no unaccompanied children. Wear comfortable clothes and footwear - "badminton whites" not necessary. Equipment will be supplied. Table football and table tennis will also be available.

### **Board & Card Games**

To run concurrently with the above Badminton sessions. Would someone be willing to organise board & card games to be played at the same time. Bring along your favourite and play Othello, Scrabble, Chess, Draughts, Backgammon, Una, Cribbage, Canasta, Rummy – the choice is yours.

Mark Brooks

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## **SING OUT! IT IS GOOD FOR YOU (Join the Church Singing Group)**

Join a choir if you possibly can, this Autumn. Singing is good for you: it regulates your heartbeat, steadies your breathing, and helps regulate activity in the brain's vagus nerve, which is linked to emotions and communication with others. Research at the University of Gothenburg has found that singing can improve health by forcing participants to adopt a calm and regular breathing pattern, which helps the heart.

*Parish Pump*

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## **SHARING OUR SOLITUDE**

A friend is more than a therapist or a confessor, even though a friend can sometimes heal us and offer us God's forgiveness.

A friend is that other person with whom we can share out solitude, our silence and our prayer. A friend is that other person with whom we can look at a tree and say, "Isn't that beautiful?" or sit on the beach and silently watch the sun disappear under the horizon. With a friend we don't have to say or do something special. With a friend we can be still and know that God is there with both of us.

*From "Bread for the Journey" HJ Nouwen*

# Bridgemary Methodist Church

GREGSON AVE, PO13 0PJ

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6.15pm

Presentation by Gosport  
Submarine Museum

Suitable for ALL ages  
£2 including refreshments  
Do come along and join us



CONTACT 01329 237090

## **DID YOU KNOW....**

That a baby, born on 27<sup>th</sup> March 1912 at 38 Funtington Road Copnor, and who was to become Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, was baptised at a Methodist Church in the Portsmouth Circuit.

### **Extract from the Register of Baptisms at Copnor Methodist Church**

22nd April 1912: Leonard James Callaghan son of James Callaghan and Charlotte Callaghan.

He also had an older sister, Dorothy, born in 1904, before the first Copnor Church was built.

Leonard attended Portsmouth Northern Secondary School, which then changed its name to the Northern Grammar School for Boys and is now Mayfield School.

He was the only Prime Minister to have held all four of the "Great Offices of State", Chancellor of the Exchequer (1967), Home Secretary (1967 to 1970), Foreign Secretary (1974 to 1976) and then Prime Minister (1976 to 1979). He has a road named after him at the top of Portsdown Hill.

He died in 2005 at Ringmer, in East Sussex.

*With permission from Drayton & Wymering's Aug/Sept Church Magazine*

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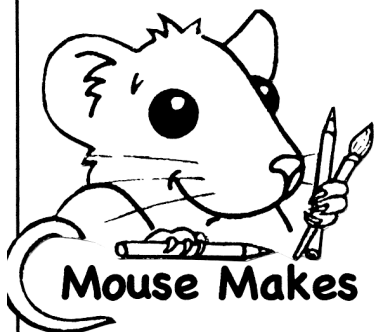
## **ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE Denounces Economic Injustices**

The Rt Hon and Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, says there is a "gross imbalance in the allocation of resources" in society.

In his recent address to the Methodist Conference, the Archbishop drew on the North/South economic divide, pointing out that the spending per head on infrastructure in the North East was £5 compared to more than £2,000 in the South. "There is a danger of the radical individualisation of our society, meaning whole sectors dismiss others sectors," he said. "Economics has to be our servant, not our master."

Archbishop Justin said that Churches should stand alongside the poor; not just talk to them, as he expressed concern about the rise of food banks in the UK and made the argument that inflation was a tax on the poor. The Archbishop went on to say that Churches should unlock the wealth that God offers through God's Spirit. "The common good is resourced in the generosity of God and nowhere else" he said.

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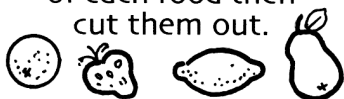
Where in the world  
does your food  
come from?



Look on the labels,  
boxes, packets and cans  
for clues.



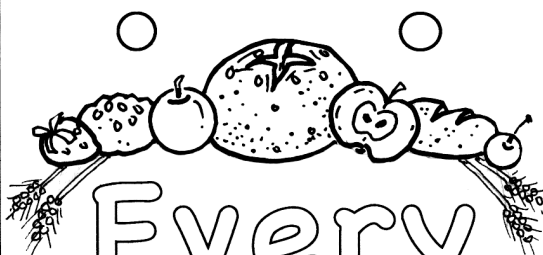
Draw small pictures  
of each food then  
cut them out.



Stick your food pictures  
onto a map of the world  
over the country  
they came from.



TO MAKE the harvest banner  
Colour in then cut out. Hang  
up in the kitchen or attach  
to your harvest offering



Every  
good  
thing  
comes  
from  
GOD



Thank you LORD  
for the HARVEST



## DIFFERENT HARVESTS

The beginning of autumn and the time of harvest is here again – a time when we thank God for all his blessings.

The Harvest Festival service in churches and schools are full of tins of beans and boxes of fruit and vegetables. There are flowers and lots of different sights and smells. Harvest Festival is a very popular service but while we are busy saying 'thank you' we have to remember that there are lots of different harvests.



Very few people work on the land nowadays and most people don't grow their own food but buy it from

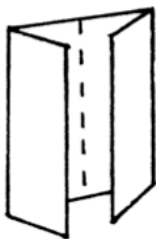
the supermarket. Perhaps our harvest isn't one that others can easily see. We might not make or grown things but we can offer whatever we do to God as our harvest.

Outside, the trees are beginning to lose their leaves but you can

## MAKE YOUR OWN FOREST

Take a piece of stiff card or thin paper and fold it in half, creasing it down the centre. Then open it out and fold both sides to the centre crease.

Fold the paper as shown and draw half a tree on the top fold. Cut round the tree then glue the centre faces together. This makes a three sided tree.



You can paint the tree before gluing it or afterwards. A forest of them would look good as name cards for a party or you could make just one as a different birthday card for a friend.



**What is a tree's least favourite month?**

Sep-timber.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST AT URC

For the last two years Fareham URC have held an Art & Flower Festival in the Autumn. The Art has come from two local schools and the church folk have contributed the flowers.



However last year several other schools and clubs expressed an interest in joining in, so we thought that whilst we were expanding it would be good to invite the other Fareham churches to come and join us by adding some of their flower arrangements to ours. If each church was able to provide just one we would be grateful but more would be very welcome.

The theme for flowers is “All Things Praise Him”. The festival will spread through out the whole building and run from Friday, 25th October to Sunday 27th October, concluding with a service of celebration at 5.00 pm on the Sunday.

Setting up will be on Thursday, 24th and clearing up will need to happen after the Sunday service due to building commitments the following day. To help with this in the last two years, we have not allowed anyone to leave the building without a bunch of flowers or arrangement, either for themselves or to give away!

Refreshments will be provided throughout the festival. No entrance fee but donations will be passed to a charity (yet to be decided).

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## THE NEW ORGANIST

The roof leaked and the organist had resigned. The minister was troubled with thoughts of how he could meet such challenges. A young untried stand-in organist was found but to meet the cost of a new roof an appeal to the congregation was needed. The organist wanted to know what to play, “here’s the order of service” he was told by the minister, “but play what you like after I make the appeal about the roof”, he was told.

During the service, the minister made his appeal, “Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty and in need of funds to repair the roof. If any of you can pledge at least £100, please stand up”.

At that the stand-in organist played the National Anthem and .....  
That is how the stand-in organist got a permanent appointment!!!

*Adapted from the internet & Drayton's magazine*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

### SEPTEMBER

1st	New Circuit Service @ Petersfield	17.15
	Preceded by tea @ Petersfield MC	15.00
4th	Healing Prayer Group @ Joan & Jeff's	19.30
5th	Brownies recommence	17.30
	Singing Group recommence	19.30
6th	Badminton & Games evening	18.00 - 20.00
7th	Welcome Social for Revd Claire Simpson & Family with Stubbington MC	18.30
8th	H C & Covenant Service	10.30
10th	Ladies Night at Sheila B's	20.00
11th	Wednesday Fellowship AGM	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
12th	Messy Church Wash UP	10.00
14th	Synod at Basingstoke	9.00
15th	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15
17th	Tuesday Morning Housegroup in the Snug	10.00
	Outreach Committee in the Sanctuary	19.30
19th	Service at the Red House	14.30
	East Solent & Downs 1st Circuit Meeting @ Drayton MC	19.30
20th	Badminton & Games evening	18.00 - 20.00
24th	West Fareham House Group	10.00
	Fayre Group (Ex Social) in Snug/Vestry	18.30
	Ladies Night at Meg's Kids Charity speaker	20.00
25th	Wednesday Fellowship Personal Treasures	14.00
29th	Back to Church Sunday	10.30

### OCTOBER

1st	Pastoral Committee	19.30
4th	Friday Lunch	13.00
5th	Decorate Church for Harvest	

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

1st	10.30	Garry Bagshaw, Shirley & Keith Sargeant
8th	10.30	Janice Collins, Brenda Bennett
15th	10.30	Lynda Young, Mary Bailey
22nd	10.30	Liz Haigh, Lynda Haydon-Jones
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
29th	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer

### OCTOBER

6th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple
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## FLOWER ROTA

### SEPTEMBER

1st	Flower Fund
8th	Marion Bright
15th	Margaret & Bob Temple
22nd	Flower Fund
29th	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor

### OCTOBER

6th	Joan & Jeff Padley
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## REFRESHMENT ROTA

### SEPTEMBER

1st	Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
8th	Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom
15th	Brownies & Guides
22nd	Irene Russell, Tony Emberson
29th	Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones

### OCTOBER

6th	Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd
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## PRESS DATE

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