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In memory,



*'The dead men  
shall live,  
together with my  
dead body shall  
they arise.  
Awake and sing...'*

*Isaiah 26:19*

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## **SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER**

3rd	10.30	Revd Jack Jenkins	Holy Communion
10th	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson	
17th	10.30	Milly Aquilina-Gray	All Age Worship
24th	10.30	Pam Davey	
	18.00	Revd Claire Simpson	Iona Holy Communion

## **SERVICES DURING DECEMBER**

1st	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Toy Service & Holy Communion
	18.00	Circuit Advent Service	

## **LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

### **NOVEMBER**

3rd Nov       Fareham Team at Stubbington

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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## THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER

*David Winter reflects on Guy Fawkes...*

### **The Way I See It: GUNPOWDER TREASON**

‘A planned bomb attack by religious extremists on a strategic site in central London has been foiled by the security services, acting on secret intelligence. Eight men have been arrested and charged.’

That could be a story from yesterday’s newspaper, but in fact (as astute readers may have guessed) it’s an account of an event over 400 years ago which will be marked with thousands of bonfires up and down the land this month.

On 5th November 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes was discovered with something like 36 barrels of gunpowder in a crypt underneath the House of Lords on the day of the State Opening of Parliament. He was apprehended, and under torture revealed the names of his co-conspirators, all Roman Catholics intent on assassinating the King, James 1, and restoring a Catholic monarchy to England. It’s that event which, through the murky mists of time, we commemorate with fireworks, bonfires and - yes - ‘guys’ on 5th November every year.



As a child I remember singing, ‘Please to remember the fifth of November Gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot’. Does anyone still sing it, I wonder? Perhaps the time has come to forget Fawkes and the plot, and simply have the fireworks. Until about fifty years ago there was still an anti-catholic element in some of the bonfire night celebrations. Thankfully, just as such religious conflicts are very much part of our distant past, so in recent times have we seen that the endless recitation of ancient feuds helps no one - and may even distort history. After all, even in 1605 Fawkes and his companions didn’t have the support of most of their fellow-Catholics, and it’s very possible that the intelligence that uncovered the plot came from within their ranks.

We are all too aware, however, that terrorism, bombs and assassination attempts are still very much part of contemporary life. There are people in today’s world who misguidedly believe that they are doing God’s will by killing those who do not share their religious practice or political beliefs. Fawkes and his friends, with the kind of indifference to risk which modern

terrorists also display, were fanatically committed to their cause. They, and their modern counterparts, are a reminder that while faith is a wonderfully good thing; religious fanaticism is a dangerous delusion and violence of this kind is never the best answer to injustice. The real game-changers in modern history have risked their own lives rather than taking the lives of others: people like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Janani Luwum, Nelson Mandela, Lech Walensa and Oscar Romero. ‘Love your enemies,’ said Jesus. Then there’s a good chance you’ll change them, and in changing them you may change history.

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## VESTRY JOTTINGS

Thank you to the Fareham Team for a lovely Harvest Service and to all those involved with the decoration of the church and the window sills for this service.

Some of you may have noticed in the Circuit Plan that on some occasions churches are planned for “Local Arrangement”. For September, Rev Jeanette Richardson, one of our Superintendent Ministers, kindly arranged for a local preacher to lead this service. In future, if we are planned for a Local Arrangement it will be expected that members of the Fareham Congregation plan and lead this service. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to be included in a group to plan a Local Arrangement service for Fareham. Please let Jean Petter know as soon as possible if you would be willing to be asked for your help with this as and when the need arises.

Looking ahead to Advent, the Church Christmas Post Box will be available for posting cards to Church members and attendees on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December. A separate Christingle Service has been planned for Monday 23 December at 3.00pm. A Circuit Advent Service is to be held at Fareham Church on the evening of Sunday 1 December which we hope you will be able to support.

The Stewards

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## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Church for the gift of flowers presented to me on Sunday by Joan Padley. Thank you very much.

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Edith

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## THANK YOU Cont. ...

We would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers brought to us by Joan, prior to Graham going into hospital. As a family we have been greatly helped by all the good wishes we have received from our Church Friends. Thank you to all.



Sheila & Graham

The Stroke Club members would like to thank Shirley Henderson for her continued support and donations from the Monday Mini Market stall proceeds.

Lynda Young

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers kindly brought to me by Lynda Young. They cheered my day.

Irene Field

Thank you so much for the fabulous lilies and all your good wishes.

Katie O'Sullivan

(The Bramall's daughter, now recovering from pneumonia)

I would like to thank the Methodist Church for the beautiful flowers I received recently. It was a lovely thought on the anniversary of John's sudden and tragic death and they gave an uplift that day to know that others had remembered him.

Mrs Bessie Withers

We would like to thank the Church family for the beautiful flowers given to us recently. They were beautiful shades of oranges and reds so pertinent to Autumn and a September 50th wedding anniversary. We should also like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards. It has been a very happy and memorable time.

Shirley & Keith Sargeant

Thank you to all for the lovely cards I received both at home before we left on holiday, for the ones Patrick smuggled out in our cases and for the ones we found waiting for us on our return. Thank you also for the thoughts and prayers we know were with us, helping us to face a possibly difficult time. We know they worked as we had such a good holiday with the family. Thank you - prayer does work.

## THANK YOU CONT. ...

Joan and Jeffery were overwhelmed by all the good wishes sent for their diamond wedding, thank you all very much. We do appreciate our Church family,



'Thank you to Tracy Cooper, Margaret Fielder, Pat Metcalf, Cath Stevenson, Marilyn Woodrow for their contributions to the craft stall at the Michaelmas Fair. The people who bought really appreciated the work that had gone into making the items'

Edith

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## PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing / Prayer group is on Wednesday, 6th November at 10.00 am, at the home of Joan & Jeff Padley at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham. Please note new time!



Rita Jackson

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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.

13th Nov            We will be making finishing touches to our entry for the Christmas Tree Festival .

27th Nov           Anne Baxendale    Member of Fareham History Society.  
We are also hoping that she will be able to take us on a walk around Fareham during our Summer programme next year. Everyone will be very welcome.

11th Dec           Christmas Service    Followed by Tea and Mince Pies in the Wickham Room

Shirley Henderson



## AUTUMN SALE!!

The Stroke Club will be holding an Autumn Sale on Friday, 8th November, at 2.30 pm in the W I Hall at Oak Road, Fareham as part of their fund raising efforts. All are welcome.

Lynda Young

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## COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

Please support a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 am - 12 noon. There will be some stalls including Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, and books.

Tickets £1.00 to include Coffee & Biscuits.

Linda Foster

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Trinity Pre School Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 12.00.

Linda Foster

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## FRIDAY GAMES SESSIONS

Due to a lack of support the “Board Games” group on Fridays will cease from 6th December. Because of this it is necessary to reorganise the remaining “Badminton” group. The name of the group will change to Badminton – Table Tennis – Table Football. The meeting time & frequency remain unchanged, 6.00 – 8.00 pm. on the **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month**. Players of all abilities are now welcome. Equipment will be supplied. The Group is open to Church members, adherents and Messy Church. The Group is suitable for families with older children – Year 3 and over. Sorry no unaccompanied children.



Please note no meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> November due to Brownie sleepover.

Mark Brooks

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**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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

**4.00 pm – 6.00 pm**

**“The best ever home!”**

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

**See us on Facebook**





## CONFERENCE - 'MESSY CHURCH ... WHAT NEXT?'

Jill and I decided to go along to this day conference in Cowplain led by Lucy Moore, who started Messy Church. Over 70 people attended, with a mixture of experiences of Messy Church. We soon realised that we had made progress over the past 21 months.

So what did we learn? Are there signs of growth in our Messy Church? What about discipleship? This was a lot to grapple with on a sunny Saturday in October! We were challenged on our pastoral care of the families, building relationships, managing expectations, providing courses for the parents such as the 'Y' course and our take-home messages. We were introduced to 'Table Talk for all-age Messy Moments', described by Lucy as a very valuable resource and a great "next step" for Messy Church as it helps families to have fun together and enjoy conversation that gives space for the deeper questions of life. More information is available on the internet.

So, what have we decided to do as a result of the conference? We are asking you to pray for the Messy Church team and for the families. We are aiming to tell you about our session each month and also to invite you to come along and share our simple worship. Many of you have hidden talents, others have busy lives. However, it would help to have a list of people on whom we can call when team members are missing for whatever reason. You don't even have to do any preparation – just come on the day! You may like to help at intervals that suit you – just speak to us about it. Are you interested in photography or designing posters – we certainly could use your talents. Are you good at talking to people? This is an important part of building relationships with the families.

We have come away with various ideas, which we hope to incorporate into Messy Church, such as a prayer tree, a flyer of church activities plus a thought for the day each month, more activities suitable for the boys as well as discussion for the parents when they are ready. One day we hope to have a baptism and may be a simple form of communion.

Messy Church is exciting, noisy and stimulating. These families are our future church. Help us to nurture and cherish them. Walk with us.

Garry Bagshaw.

The Messy Church team includes Linda and Kevin Foster, Jill Groom, Bob and Margaret Temple, Edith and Colin Livingstone, Jean Petter, Rox McClean, Bobby and Patrick Watson, Pat and Walter Metcalfe, Brenda Bennett, Liz Avison, Liz Haigh and Claire Simpson.

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# SUNDAY LUNCH

## 17 NOVEMBER 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 Egg Mayonnaise

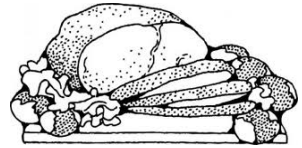
**Main Course:** Baked Gammon or

Roast Beef

Yorkshire Puddings

Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips

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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### TOY SERVICE REQUESTS

Our annual toy service is on 1<sup>st</sup> December and we would appreciate gifts of good quality toys, unwrapped please, to give to underprivileged children.

Lynda Young will organise the distribution of the toys on Monday.  
2<sup>nd</sup> December.

If any one has large or bulky toys that they cannot manage to bring to Church, we can arrange to collect them. Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,



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Alison Humby  
01329 234882

## SINGING THE FAITH – PRESENTATION EDITION

The Music (Presentation) Edition of “Singing the Faith” is now available. It is printed on fine, Bible paper, with a flexible leatherette cover, gilded page edges and a ribbon marker. The page size is the same as that of the standard music edition but the thickness is 39mm (in contrast to 55mm for the standard music edition). The cost is £50.00 per copy plus £5 p&p on a single copy, £3 each on two copies ordered together, £2 each on three copies ordered together, or free on four or more copies ordered together.



If you would like to join with me in ordering a copy in order to save on the postage charge, please contact me by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Cheques should be made payable to me personally; I am not putting this transaction through the Church account.

Antony Hollinghurst

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## A PRAYER IN NOVEMBER

Heavenly Father,

In this month of long nights and dull days, we remember those we have known, those we have loved and lost recently. We ache and we cry, as individuals and as a nation.

We read the lists of names of those who died in wars that are now history. Few of us knew those brave ones as living people, and we realise that life is fleeting. We too will soon be just names on a list, or on someone's family tree. And we wonder what life means.

Help us, Lord, to switch our focus, from our limited, “now” view, to your unlimited and eternal bigger picture - and to be re-assured.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make sense of life, paradoxically, by his death on the cross. Thank you that through knowing him, we can know you. Our names will never be forgotten, because we shall live forever with you, if we put our trust in Jesus.

Thank you Lord for remembering us. Amen

*By Daphne Kitching*

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**Next time you pray, think of a teaspoon, TSP for your ‘prayer recipe’**

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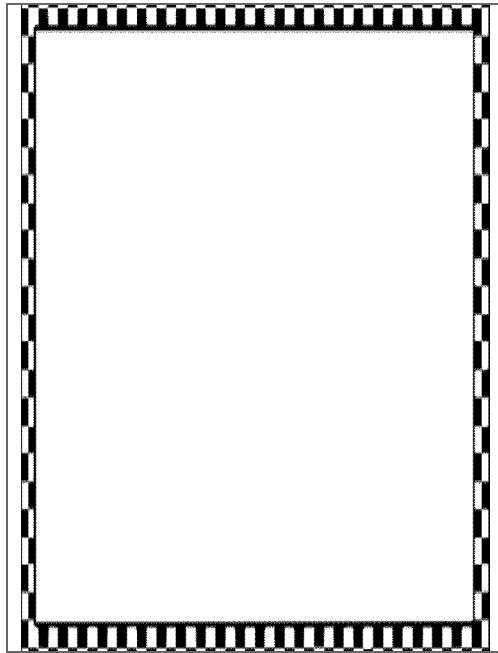
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# Fareham Methodist Church

## MEAL and FILM EVENING

6:00 pm - Friday 8th November



The story is about African-American maids working in white households in Jackson, Mississippi, during the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

We will be serving an American Style meal, details to follow. Donations towards the cost of the meal will go to MRDF.

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area  
or leave a message<sup>12</sup> with Garry or Jill



**Please come and bring a friend**

**FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Kings Road**

# **Christmas Tree Festival**

**Thursday Dec 5th 10.30am – 6pm**

**Friday Dec 6th 10.30am – 6pm.**

**Saturday Dec 7th 10.30am - 4pm.**

**Admission £2.00 inc. refreshments**  
**Accompanied Children Free Entry**  
**Christmas stall**

**Carol singing around the crib**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm.**

**Supporting National and Local Charities**

## POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE

The annual Poppy Appeal is now underway. Did you ever wonder how it all began?

It seems that poppies were first suggested as a symbol of Remembrance in the USA by a Miss Moina Michael, way back in November 1918. The American Legion used them in 1920, and then in 1921 Madame Guerin introduced her poppies, made by widows of a French-American charity, to the British Legion. The next suitable occasion for a poppy-linked appeal was Armistice Day, and the British Legion took a big chance: they had no idea if the poppies would 'catch on' over here or not, but went ahead, ordered nine million, and held their breath...



On the day itself, the first poppy was bought in London a few seconds after midnight. The poppies were on sale at an official price of threepence but before breakfast single petals were selling Smithfield Market for £5. All day long motor cars fetched poppies and crate after crate was emptied until supplies ran out. A message from Queen Mary brought sellers to Buckingham Palace, but hearing that poppies were in short supply, she bought only two. A basket of poppies auctioned at Christies raised nearly £500.

That first appeal raised £106,000 (nearly £30 million in today's terms). In 1922 the "Poppy Factory" was established in the UK and has been employing disabled ex-Servicemen to make the poppies ever since. Poppies were "sold" when the appeal started. Nowadays, charity legislation requires them to be 'distributed in return for donations'.

*Parish Pump*

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## ADVENT 2013 OFFERING

Last year hundreds of Methodist churches responded to an Advent Offering so generously that a number of projects like the Plymouth Foodbank were able to supply food to thousands of people.

This year it is hoped that 'The Mission in Britain Fund' will raise even more support for its 2013 Advent Offering, which is set for 1st December. As a spokesperson for the Fund explains: "With poverty at its highest level since the Second World War, support for mission at home is needed more than ever. The Mission in Britain Fund is a great way to give to a variety of kingdom-building work with a single donation." Details of the Mission in Britain Advent Offering from the Methodist Church website.

*Parish Pump*

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## NEW NATIONAL ADVENT CAMPAIGN AIMS TO PUT JESUS 'BACK' INTO CHRISTMAS

This year the UK has reached a tipping point: a recent survey\* has found that 51 per cent of people now say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. And just 12 per cent of adults know the nativity story in any depth; and 36 per cent of children do not know whose birthday is being celebrated during the festival.

And so it is that ChurchAds.net, the group behind the annual Christmas advertising poster campaign, has teamed up with a number of leading churches this autumn in order to reverse this trend, and 'save' Christmas.



Christmas Starts with Christ will run from 1st December to Christmas Day. It will begin with the first ever nationwide Christmas Starts Sunday on 1st December. ChurchAds.net has the support of the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Bible Society, Traidcraft and the Evangelical Alliance.

Francis Goodwin, of ChurchAds.net, said: "Christmas is a time when Christians shine light in their communities. But the good news is being lost. We can't sit back and let that happen. We cannot let the nation lose the real meaning of Christmas; and we are passionate about bringing the Church together for this cause to remind everyone that Christmas Starts with Christ."

Arun Arora, director of communications at the Church of England, said: "At Christmas time thousands of churches around the country do a huge amount to carry the Christmas story into their local communities, through word and deed. The vision for the Christmas Starts with Christ campaign is to use a common logo to join the dots of these activities and project a powerful message to our entire nation that the reason for the season is the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to join in this Advent campaign, there are a number of resources on offer, including posters, logos, and Advent Calendars.

Visit: [www.christmasstartswithchrist.com](http://www.christmasstartswithchrist.com)

*\*survey findings from ComRes 2007, 2010, 2012, Children's Society 2010  
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## CHURCHES SPEAK OUT ABOUT CRISIS IN SYRIA

Leaders from the Methodist Church in Britain, the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the United Reformed Church have released the following statement on the crisis in Syria:

"At this time of challenge and uncertainty we pray for the people of Syria, thinking especially of those who have suffered or died as a result of an apparent use of chemical weapons near Damascus. We also pray for wisdom and discernment from political leaders in Britain and other nations. We urge them to take time for careful consideration and resist hasty response. Syria has experienced a cycle of violence for too long. We pray that our nation's response will be guided by the desire to achieve peace and urge our leaders to work with as wide as possible a range of regional partners and with the United Nations."

*Parish Pump*

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*A prayer written by the Revd Ruth Gee, President of the Methodist Conference with regard to the conflict in Syria:*

### **GRACIOUS GOD**

We pray for all those who suffer from violence;  
May they know your healing and peace.  
We pray for those who have died and those who are bereaved;  
May they be comforted and sustained by your love.  
We pray for political leaders in Britain and across the world;  
May they seek wisdom and work together for peace.  
May your kingdom come, your will be done  
And the earth be filled with your glory.

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### **DO YOU KNOW ANY PANGRAMS?**

A Pangram is a sentence that uses every letter of the alphabet at least once. The most common is "A quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog". But have you heard of "The five boxing wizards jump quickly" or "Amazingly few discotheques provide jukeboxes".

Do you know any others? Send them <sup>16</sup>in to the next Focus!!

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## **METHODISTS CELEBRATE 200 YEARS**

### **Of a District Missionary Society**

Methodists have celebrated 200 years since the founding of one the Church's first district missionary societies.

The Revd Ruth Gee, President of the Methodist Conference, unveiled a blue plaque marking the site of the Old Boggart House, which was the first purpose built Methodist chapel in Leeds. The blue plaque will also commemorate the public meeting held on 6 October 1813, which led to the formation of the Leeds Wesleyan Methodist District Missionary Society - the forerunner of the Methodist Missionary Society formed in 1818.

*Parish Pump*

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## **WHY GO TO CHURCH?**

*I read this some time ago and for some reason it has come into my mind again so I thought I would share it with you.*

*Bobby*

A church-goer complained to his minister "I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I cannot think of a single one now. So I think I have wasted my time".

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years and my wife has cooked me thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished me and gave me strength to carry on living. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without Christian nourishment, we also will starve - spiritually.

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## **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS**

It was only a sunny smile, and little it cost in the giving.  
But like morning light; it scattered the night; and made the day worth living.

*Anon*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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*Book of Psalms*

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## A GRANDMA'S POEM

It seems that grandmas always need  
A little one to hold;  
To kiss and love, with all their hearts,  
To shelter from the cold.

It gives me so much pleasure  
When you sit upon my knee.  
To know as I grow older  
You will always keep me company.

I'll tell you lots of stories;  
I'll sing you lullabies.  
And you will know I love you more  
With each beautiful day that goes by.

I used to hold your mommy  
And hug and kiss her, too.  
I love her very much, you know  
The same way she loves you.

I used to wish that she could stay  
My baby all her life.  
But God intended for my little girl  
To grow up to be a mommy and a wife.

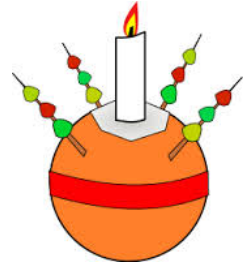
And that's why God makes grandchildren -  
To fill the empty gap.  
It would be such a lonely world without you.  
Come - sit on Grandma's lap.



*Donna M Bussey*

## NEARLY TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

This year, we will be holding our Christingle service on Monday, 23rd December at 3.00 pm. We all know Christingle celebrations - with their oranges and candles and ribbons, they are a fun family event at most churches. Lets make it so at our Church this year.



Christingle is also a good way to help our local families with young children to think about the story of Jesus. Each part of the Christingle orange symbolises the various elements of the story of Jesus, from the love of Christ to the fruits of God's creation. Piecing it together helps people understand the gospel. As Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14-15, NIV).



So please support our Christingle this year, and please try and bring some of your friends and neighbours with small children along! We are inviting all our parents and children from Messy Church to come, along with the Brownies and Guides. Come and join us and share the love, joy and wonder with some who have not heard of Christingles before.

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## INSPECTION

My husband, a US Coast Guard pilot, was on an exchange tour with the Royal Navy in England. Everyone who drove through the base's gates was required to hold an official ID card up to the windshield for inspection by the guards. As a friendly competition, my husband's squadron started flashing different forms of ID, such as a driving licence, just to see how far they could go to fool the busy guards.

The winner? The fellow who breezed past waving a piece of toast!!

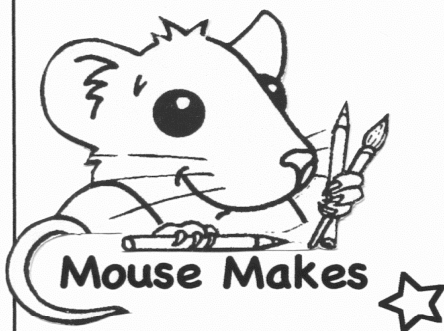
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## BIBLE QUIZ

- Q** Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
**A** Samson - he brought the house down.

**Kids** - Look it up!!!

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**CHRISTMAS** is coming,  
**ADVENT** is near!

Colour in **one** section of  
the Advent candle  
(starting at the bottom)

on each of the **four**  
Sundays before  
Christmas and read  
about God's **promise**,

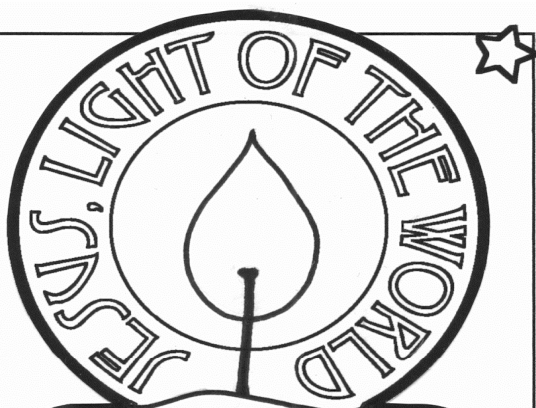
God's **gift** and  
God's **good news**.

On Christmas Day colour  
in the flame at the top of  
the candle, cut the  
candle out and hang  
from the tree.

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H	D	B	I	R	T	H
O	V	Y	A	J	L	J
P	E	A	C	E	O	O
E	N	E	W	S	V	Y
P	T	O	H	U	E	E
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Can you find these words?

ADVENT • PEACE • JOY  
HOPE • LOVE • GOOD • NEWS  
JESUS • BIRTH • SAVIOUR

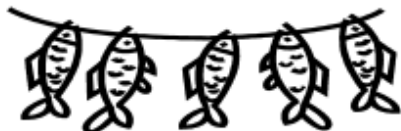


★ **ADVENT** ★



## **St ANDREW** **feast day November 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Bible tells us that Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first disciples to follow Jesus. They were fishermen working at their nets when Jesus called them. It was a hard thing to do, to leave everything for an uncertain way of life but Andrew knew that Jesus so special that he had to share this wonderful knowledge with others.



Andrew followed Jesus for the rest of his life. After Jesus' death he travelled widely spreading the message and building the early church. He was arrested for being a follower of Christ and condemned to death on the cross. Legend says that he was crucified on a diagonal cross.

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and his cross is on the Scottish flag which is a white cross on a blue background – the blue is for the sea which seems right for a fisherman.

## **SAIL AWAY**

Andrew and Simon fished with nets from the shore or from small boats. You could make a fishing fleet of small boats and decorate their sails with St Andrew's cross.

You will need a polystyrene box or tray like the ones you see at the fruit shop or supermarket.

Using a bread knife, carefully cut out several different shapes and sizes.



Find a thin stick for the masts (you could use a pencil) and cut out a sail in paper. Thread or stick the sail onto the mast.



**How do fish go into business?**  
They start on a small scale.



**What day of the week  
do fish hate?**  
Frydays.

**Why are gold fish orange?**  
The water makes them rusty.

## PLEASE NOTE!!

For a number of reasons it has been decided this year to produce one Focus magazine to cover both December **AND** January.

Be aware that articles and notices to cover both months **must** be handed in to Jill by 22 November 2013. A team of 5 people give of their time to produce the magazine in the very short period of 5 days. Any late items submitted has a knock on affect for the whole team.

## NEEDED - AN EDITOR FOR 2014!!

Many of you may not be aware that our Editor has submitted her resignation to Church Council and the December / January Focus will be her last. We are extremely grateful that Jill has so competently and thoughtfully carried out this task for the last 5 years.

Please give some prayerful thought to this matter and could you have the skills, inspiration and time to be the Editor starting in February 2014.

Please speak to Jill regarding the post of Editor.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

1st	Toy Service & Holy Communion	10.30
	Church Post Box available	
	Circuit Advent Service	18.00
3rd	Ladies Night - Christmas Craft @ Irene's	20..00
5th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
6th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
	Badminton, Table Tennis & Table Football	18.00
7th	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30
11th	Wednesday Fellowship Christmas Service	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
14th	Trinity Pre School Christmas Fayre	10.00
15th	Nativity Service & Sunday <sub>2</sub> Lunch	10.30

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

### NOVEMBER

1st	Friday Luncheon Club	13.00
	Badminton, Table Tennis & Table Football	18.00
4th	Guides at Lyons Copse	18.30
5th	Ladies Night—Planning Meeting @ Bobby's	20.00
6th	Healing Prayer group @ Joan & Jeff's	10.00
7th	Singing Group practice	19.30
8th	Film & Food evening	18.00
10th	Remembrance Sunday (Road closed early)	10.30
11th	Outreach Committee	18.30
12th	Fayre Committee	18.30
13th	Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research	10.30
	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
14th	Messy Church Wash Up	10.00
15th	Badminton, Table Tennis & Table Football	18.00
17th	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15
19th	Tuesday Morning Housegroup	10.00
	Ladies Night Christmas meal at Lysses	19.00
20th	East Fareham Housegroup @ Joan & Jeff's	19.30
21st	Service at the Red House	14.30
26th	West Fareham Housegroup	10.00
27th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
29th	Brownies Sleepover from	17.30
30th	Brownies Sleepover until	10.30

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**

### **NOVEMBER**

3rd	10.30	Bessie & Daniel Taabu
10th	10.30	Brenda & Peter Taylor
17th	10.30	Bobby & Patrick Watson
24th	10.30	Judith Bramall & Patrick Watson
	18.00	Eric Wheeler

### **DECEMBER**

1st	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer
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## **FLOWER ROTA**

### **NOVEMBER**

3rd	Margaret & Cyril Fielder
10th	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor
17th	Lynda Young
24th	Phyllis Spencer

### **DECEMBER**

1st	Shirley Sargeant
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## **REFRESHMENT ROTA**

### **NOVEMBER**

3rd	Pat Croker & Mary Bailey
10h	Liz Haigh & Liz Avison
17th	Ruth & Tony Elvery
24th	Lilian Tildesley & Una Peters

### **DECEMBER**

1st	Linda & Kevin Foster & Marilyn Woodrow
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## **PRESS DATE**

All items for the **DECEMBER/JANUARY** Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Area or handed to the editor - **Jill Groom** - by **Lunchtime on Friday 22nd NOVEMBER 2013** please.

**Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website**

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