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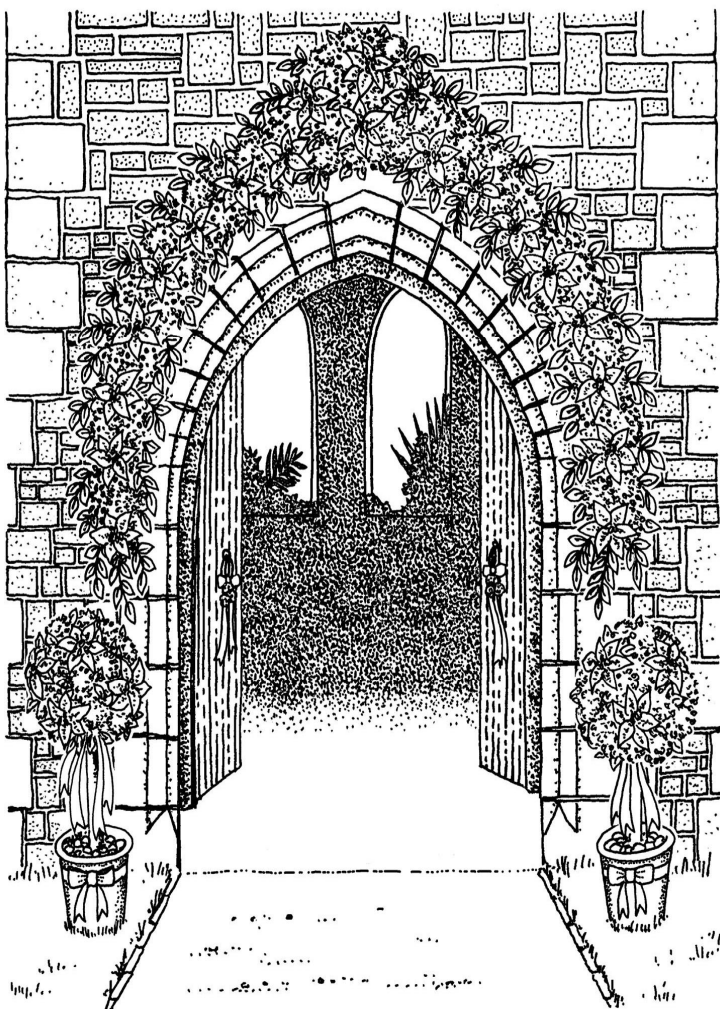
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## SERVICES DURING REMAINDER OF JULY

13th	10.30	Anita Davis	
20th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	All Age Worship -
27th	10.30	Pam Davey	Kids Fun Church
	18.00	Rev Stephen Wright	Iona Holy Communion

## SERVICES DURING AUGUST

3rd	10.30	Rev Ernie Grimshaw	Holy Communion
10th	10.30	Fareham Team	
17th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	All Age Worship
24th	10.30	Local Arrangement	Linda Press -hymn favourites
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Iona Holy Communion
31st	10.30	Rev Patrick Harrower	

## SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

7th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion, Covenant & Promotion Service
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## LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

13th July	10.30	Andrew Wilcock at Petersfield
	10.30	Fareham Team at Portchester
27th July	10.15	Tracey Cooper at Stubbington
10th Aug	10.30	Andrew Wilcock at Portchester
17th Aug	10.30	Andrew Wilcock at Bridgemary

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

Dear Friends,

One of the most important parts of the first account of creation in Genesis comes right at the end of the story when we are told that on the seventh day God rested from all he had done. Moreover, not only did he rest but he ‘blessed’ the rest day and ‘hallowed’ it. This tells us that rest plays an important part in the activity of creation – God created rest as much as he made everything else – and he blessed it and made it holy! As Christian people we are naturally people of action – we are people who *do* things and get things *done*. We are called to put our faith into action and our work ethic is tremendous at Fareham Methodist Church. It is wonderful that so many are involved in so much activity that shows we are alive and playing a part as the body of Christ in our local community and as part of the wider Methodist Church. But I wonder if we are people of rest too?

If we take a look around at the lives of people today then I wonder if we are losing the ability to rest (I speak to myself as much as to you). Stress-related illnesses and ‘burn out’ are on the rise and more and more people are learning the hard way that our bodies and minds need time out and relaxation if they are to retain their natural balance and be of use to us and others.

I hope that you find some time to rest over the summer months. Maybe a holiday and a change of scene and routine, or maybe just time to sit in the garden or on the shoreline and put your feet up for a few minutes each day. Rest time is hallowed time and blessed time, and we are called to *be* and *do* in our journeys of faith.

With love

Claire



# CHURCH NEWS

## FLOWER MINISTRY

Thanks for flowers on some special “0” birthdays have been received from Margaret Fielder on her 90th and Margaret Temple on her 70th. All your good wishes have been appreciated.

Lilwen Watkins also says thank you for flowers as does John Field.

I was very surprised and delighted to receive church flowers, thanking me for my time as a church steward. They really brightened up my day, so thank you everyone. Jenny Chalmers

Kevin and Linda Foster are very grateful for the cards, good wishes and prayers following the birth of their grandchild Eleanor Iris , a daughter for Kim and Marc.

Thank you, Kevin and Linda

Lucy Petter is delighted to have been awarded a First in her BSc (Hons) Degree in Medical Imaging (Diagnostic Radiography) from Exeter University. She is looking forward to starting work as a Radiographer at QA Hospital on 7 July. *Many congratulations Lucy, what a great achievement and good luck in your chosen career.*

## PRAYER HANDBOOKS

It is time for me to order the new Prayer Handbook , so there is a list in the welcome area for you to sign if you would like a copy. There is a poster giving more details nearby and you will see from that how valuable people have found it.

The price to you will be £3.40. Please sign up today, as the order needs to be in by the end of the month.

Joan Padley.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have donated money and items for the Ukraine Christian Partnership. You have been so generous and I am sure that all the families in the villages will be very grateful. I look forward to telling you all about my visit when I return from my trip which begins on 25th July.



Thank you to all those who helped or attended the Coffee Morning on 14th June and especially to Mary for hosting it. The final total raised was £78.70.

I am giving up the role of Action For Children fundraising coordinator after a number of years of rewarding work, so if anyone would like to take up this role, I will be happy to pass on all the information and contacts.

## FOOD HYGIENE

We are trying to gather together a list of everyone's food hygiene certificate dates, Linda Hayden Jones has asked me to coordinate this so could you search out yours, if you have one and let me know the expiry date. We are planning a food hygiene course in church at the end of September or in October. It will be a one day session and will lead to a Food Safety and Catering level 2 certificate. If you are interested please let either myself or Linda know.  
Maggie Wheeler



## VESTRY JOTTINGS

At the last Stewards Meeting it was decided to ask Malcolm Groom to take photographs of church events during the year so we have a pictorial diary for the next Annual Church Meeting etc. He has kindly agreed to do this so will be travelling around with his camera. If you do not wish your photograph to be included please let him know or tell your Group Leader. We look forward to seeing the results!

During the summer we will be having a 'Spring Clean' in the Vestry, if you are hiding anything there please claim it so it does not get lost.

## FORTHCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

A quiz given to me for you to ponder on during the Summer holidays is now available. What do you know about the Counties of England? Proceeds will go to Water Aid, and answers in by Sunday September 14th please. Mary Bailey

### KITCHEN CLEAN

August is the month when the church main kitchen gets its annual thorough clean. Can anyone spare 3 hours on Thursday 7th August, either morning or afternoon, to help me? Ideally I need 3 people to get the job done in one session. Please contact me if you feel you might be able to help.

Lynda Haydon-Jones 01329 842646

### HEALING GROUP

The next meeting of the Healing Group will take place at Joan and Jeff's home on Wednesday 3rd September at 10am. Please come along if you are able as more members would be very welcome.

Help us to transform your church into a place of safety,  
Where we can tell our stories;  
Where we can choose to show the scars of wounded  
bodies, hearts and minds;  
And a willingness to stand as pain bearers for one  
another.

**God who bears all things, help us.**



## **SUNDAY LUNCH 20th JULY 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 to Action for Children this month.

If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good .

### **The Menu**

**Starter:** Soup or Prawn Cocktail

**Main Course:** Turkey, stuffing, sausages  
Roast potatoes and  
Selection of vegetables

**Puddings:** Variety

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

Thank you, Jill Groom

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

July 23rd Walking Tour to Old Portsmouth guided by Eric Wheeler.  
Leave Fareham Bus Station on the 10.36am X4 bus to Gunwharf Quays ( The Hard)  
Then No. 1 bus from Stand H to Cathedral (every 10 mins)  
Walk with stops at Camber, The Point, Round Tower.  
Stop for lunch then to Square Tower, Redoubt, Domus Dei.  
Choices then to return to the Hard or to Winston Churchill Ave. and "All about Tea" Tour can be arranged if sufficient numbers.  
Bus to City centre and X4 to Fareham every 30 minutes.

Please let Eric know if interested.

Shirley Henderson

## THANK YOU FOR TEN YEARS OF SINGING.

It is hard to believe that 10 years ago this month I attended a church music conference with Jeffery and Joan Padley and Jill Race. The following morning, over coffee, my arm was twisted up my back and I agreed to start a group to look at new church music. What a lot has happened in



10 years! Some of the group have made the entire journey with me and I thank you for your loyal support. Others have joined along the way. The first piece that we sang was ‘Celtic Alleluia’ requested by Val Smith for her final service at our church and was closely followed by Rutter’s ‘A Clare Benediction’. We started off singing in unison but it wasn’t long before we tackled harmony. Much hard work has gone into the learning of the harmonies often assisted by practice discs prepared by Jeffery Padley. A diverse range of music has been sung - from Bach to the Beatles, from Mozart to Paul Mealor and Gareth Malone, from Stainer to Simon and Garfunkel. A staggering range of music! And the highlight for me - singing the ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ from Handel’s Messiah at the Christmas Tree Festival. We imported a few extra voices but it was the reaction of those listening to our performance. Some were close to tears. Music touches the soul in many varied ways and long may the Singing Group continue to explore the vast range of music available to us.

Garry Bagshaw

## SONGS OF PRAISE

Just a reminder that the service on Sunday 24th August will take the form of “Songs of Praise”. There is a list in the Welcome Area for you to sign if you wish to have a particular hymn included in this service. Please also indicate whether or not you would be willing to say why you have chosen it.

If you don’t feel you want to say anything yourself it can be arranged for someone else to speak on your behalf.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT?



On Sunday mornings Ian and I usually listen to Radio Solent until 0800 when we retune to Radio 4 for the morning service. On June 1<sup>st</sup> Tim Daykin interviewed Andy Elms from the Family Church in Portsmouth. This church started 15 years ago with 12 people in a café in Buckland and now has 1500 members. They regard themselves as one church but eleven congregations. Andy stated that the ‘packaging’ matters and the language used must be relevant to this century. This comment echoes the words of John Russell from the Headley Down Community Church who spoke at our recent Circuit Mission Day. Andy went on to say that some people are precious about things that don’t matter. ‘Redemption’ is about God’s heartbeat for man. The church needs to carry that heartbeat and reach out to people living in broken conditions. He urged us not to sit on our ‘blessed assurance’ but to carry the heart of God to others. Accept people as they are and the power of God will transform them through his love, via our actions. Remember Jesus said ‘Go’ rather than ‘Stay’ in his great commission to us all. Look at your local community. Let the Sunday service be a celebration of the work in the community during the week. We need to be a church without walls, meeting people in public places. The Family Church meets in all sorts of buildings with an army of committed people setting up the church each week in school halls, community centres etc. More information may be found at [www.family-church.org.uk](http://www.family-church.org.uk). Andy spoke throughout the interview with enthusiasm for the work that is going on in the Family Churches. Last September at the inaugural service of the East Solent and Downs Circuit, Lord Griffiths challenged us to go out into the world and spread God’s love. Have we all accepted his challenge?

Garry Bagshaw

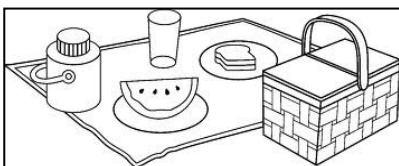
## CIRCUIT INFORMATION

M H A SERVICE  
MONDAY 14TH JULY  
AT PORTCHESTER

REFRESHMENTS FROM 7PM  
SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION  
FROM 7.30PM



Everyone is warmly invited to attend and share in Holy Communion led by Rev Anna Bishop to celebrate her ordination.. The theme is “In the Moment”



**Picnic and Praise!**

**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**4pm**

**Lee on the Solent**

To be held on the grassed area to the east of the Beach Road Car Park on Marine Parade East. If wet we will be in the Lee-On-The-Solent Methodist Church PO13 9HY.

Come along with your picnic and your chairs and join the South West FX Team as we celebrate Action For Children Sunday.

East Solent and Downs Circuit

## Quiet (ish) Day

For all those who work as volunteers with children  
and young people in the Methodist Church

Saturday 27th September 2014

10am - 3pm

at House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Rd, Southsea

A gift to you, free of charge, including  
refreshments and a cooked lunch

Please complete the reply slip below by Saturday 13th September  
to book your place, Thank you

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Tel No: ..... E-mail: .....

Church: ..... Group: .....

Please return to: Revd. Claire Simpson at church  
or [revclaire72@btinternet.com](mailto:revclaire72@btinternet.com)

# TOPICS OF INTEREST

## HAVANT PASSION PLAY

Dear Friend

We hope you are aware that a Passion Play, depicting the last week of Christ, will take place in 2015 in Havant Park. Churches together in Havant and Bedhampton, with the help of Passion Play Committee, are putting on the production but are looking to employ a local theatre company to actually stage the production for us. The community will be taking a very active part in this production.

We are seeking people willing to take part in the performance. If you would be interested please fill in the details below, and we will keep you informed with a regular news sheet as to progress up to when rehearsals start.

Yours in Christ                      Geoff Paffett (Producer)

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I wish to take part in the Havant Passion'

Title: .....

Name: .....

Surname: .....

Address: .....  
.....

Post Code: .....

Age: .....

E-Mail Address: .....

Telephone Number: .....

Please return completed form to:

Mr G.D. Paffett, 20 Warnford Crescent Havant, Hants, PO9 4PZ

All information remains confidential and will be used only to send information about The Havant Passion Play

# HAVANT PASSION PLAY SUMMER VOLUNTEERS' PARTY

You and your friends are invited to:

Holme Farm, Stansted  
Rowlands Castle  
Hampshire  
PO9 6DT

**On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014, from 6pm**

An evening around the camp fire.  
Live Music, Farm Meat Carvery,  
BBQ and Games

To encourage you all to become  
Havant Passion Play supporters and volunteers  
For the 2015 production

Entry £5 Adult, £3 Children, £4 Seniors

Email: [havantpassionplay.co.uk](mailto:havantpassionplay.co.uk)  
Website: [havantpassionplay.co.uk](http://havantpassionplay.co.uk)

## THE FALL OF JERICO

Then the Lord said to **Joshua**

*"See I have delivered **Jericho** into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city **once** with all the armed men, do this for **six** days.*

*On the **seventh** day march around **seven** times and when the trumpets blast the city will collapse"*

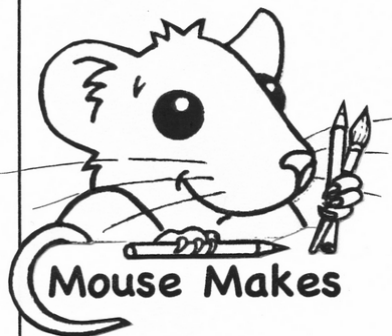
And Joshua did what the Lord had commanded.

**READ**

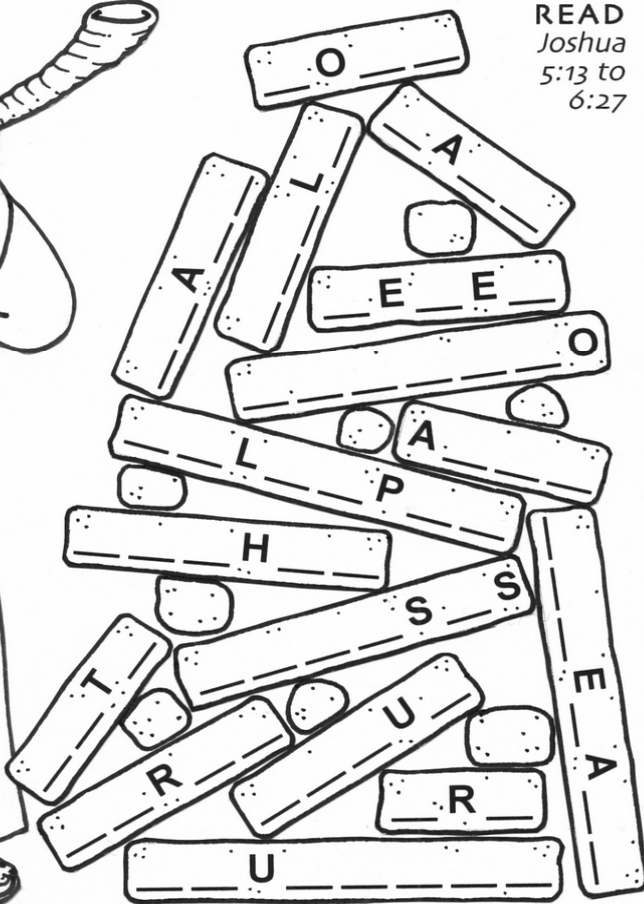
*Joshua*

*5:13 to*

*6:27*



**Mouse Makes**



Can you find all these words in the rubble of Jericho?

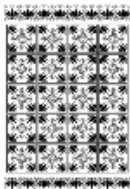
JOSHUA • JERICO • CITY • WALLS • MARCH • ARK • SEVEN  
DAYS • PRIESTS • TRUMPETS • BLAST • ARMY • SHOUT • LORD  
COLLAPSE • COVENANT



## NOBODY'S PERFECT

None of us are perfect, we all make mistakes. But Jesus came to tell us that God is always ready to forgive and pardon our mistakes. God forgives, but we often make the mistake of holding on to what went wrong – and when we do this we are doubting God.

There is a tradition that people who make patchwork quilts and those who weave Persian carpets both share: every piece they make has a mistake in it. The idea behind this is that only God is perfect and if the quilt or rug was perfect then its maker would be trying to be equal with God, and that would be a sin. Sometimes you have to look very closely to see the mistake in the pattern.



Like the quilter and the weaver, we should blend our mistakes into the pattern of our lives, not ignoring them but using them to remind us of God's love and forgiveness.

## SEW, SEW

The answers to all of the following are types of fabric or cloth. Can you say which fabric is...

1. One of the Channel Islands?
2. What felt is made out of?
3. Named after a town in France and used to make strong trousers?
4. Made from flax?
5. A jockey's racing colours?
6. A single stocking?
7. A fabric woven in little blocks?
8. The coat of an animal?
9. What an artist paints on?
10. Woven in a Scottish pattern?

What kind of clothes are you going to make with all these tea bags?



Baggy tea shirts.

I bought a carpet in mint condition today.

As good as new, do you mean?  
**No, it has a hole in the middle.**

Answers: 1.Jersey 2.wool 3.denim  
4.linen 5.silk 6.nylon 7.gingham 8.fur  
fabric 9.canvas 10.tartan

## DIARY DATES FROM 14 JULY

| MON                                                                                  | TUES                                                                                            | WED                                                                                                                                                 | THURS                                                                                                                    | FRI                                   | SAT                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>14 9.30</b><br>M.Market<br><br><b>19.30</b><br>MHA service @<br>Portchester<br>MC | <b>15 9.45</b><br>Parent &<br>Toddler Gp<br><br><b>20.00</b><br>Ladies Night<br>Walk &<br>Drink | <b>16 19.00</b><br>Guides<br>Walk - Titch-<br>field to Hill<br>Head<br><b>19.30</b><br>East Fareham<br>HG @ J & J                                   | <b>17 9.30</b><br>Coffee Centre<br><b>14.30</b><br>Red House Ser-<br>vice with Linda<br>Press<br><b>17.30</b><br>Fareham | <b>18</b>                             | <b>19</b>                                     |
| <b>21 9.30</b><br>M.Market                                                           | <b>22 9.45</b><br>Parent &<br>Toddler Gp                                                        | <b>23 14.00</b><br>Wednesday Fel-<br>lowship -<br>Walking Tour<br>Of Portsmouth<br><b>19.00</b><br>Guides—Games<br>& BBQ<br>@100 Acres<br>Wood Wood | <b>24 9.30</b><br>Coffee Centre<br><b>19.30</b><br>Singing Gp<br>Practice                                                | <b>25</b>                             | <b>26</b>                                     |
| <b>28 9.30</b><br>M.Market                                                           | <b>29</b>                                                                                       | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>31 9.30</b><br>Coffee Centre                                                                                          | <b>AUG 1 13.00</b><br>Friday<br>Lunch | <b>2</b> Brown<br>ies<br>Pack<br>Holi-<br>day |
| <b>4 9.30</b><br>M Market<br><br>Brownies<br>P H                                     | <b>5</b><br><br>Brownies<br>P H                                                                 | <b>6</b><br><br>Brownies<br>P H                                                                                                                     | <b>7</b> Kitchen<br>clean                                                                                                | <b>8</b>                              | <b>9</b>                                      |



## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST & EARLY SEPT.

| MON                                     | TUES                                    | WED                                                       | THURS                                                                                                | FRI                               | SAT       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>11 9.30</b><br>M.Market              | <b>12</b>                               | <b>13</b>                                                 | <b>14</b>                                                                                            | <b>15</b>                         | <b>16</b> |
| <b>18 9.30</b><br>M.Market              | <b>19.00</b>                            | <b>20.00</b>                                              | <b>21 9.30</b><br>Coffee<br>Centre<br><b>14.30</b><br>Service at<br>Red House<br>With Joan<br>Padley | <b>22</b>                         | <b>23</b> |
| <b>25</b><br>Bank<br>Holiday            | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b>                                                 | <b>28 9.30</b><br>Coffee<br>Centre                                                                   | <b>29</b>                         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>SEP</b><br><b>1 9.30</b><br>M.Market | <b>2 9.45</b><br>Parent &<br>Toddler Gp | <b>3</b><br>10.00 Heal-<br>ing grp.<br>Joan and<br>Jeff's | <b>4 9.30</b><br>Coffee Centre<br><b>17.30</b><br>Fareham<br>Brownies                                | <b>5 13.00</b><br>Friday<br>Lunch | <b>6</b>  |

## EXTRACT FROM THE BUZZ

Youth President Tamara Wray experienced a warm Cumbrian welcome from the Revd Dr Jonathan Pye, Superintendent of the Kendal circuit, and Jonny Gios, District Youth Officer, when she visited the Cumbria District in May. Tamara met some of the people behind the ecumenical detached youth work project in Windermere led by South Lakes Youth for Christ who regularly work with 60 young people every Friday night.

Jonny said: "I'd never experienced first hand cross generational work in action until I saw this project. Young people playing the card game Uno with older members of the local community was inspiring and encouraging to see. Older people can and do make a huge impact working with young people! This project is making a real impact in its community, and is well supported by the local church."

Tamara also visited the Shackles Off Project in Seascale. The project works with the local young people facing rural isolation and issues such as alcohol. "I really do love my job," said Tamara. "I had an amazing 24 hours in the Cumbria District. Shackles Off is an absolutely amazing project that empowers young people to make a positive contribution to the local society and also encourages intergenerational relationships within the community.

Thank you so much Jonny for showing me some of the inspirational youth work which is happening in your District and because the weather was amazing yesterday this is the way that I will always remember Cumbria!"

**Email:** Jonny Gios [j.gios@kendal.org.uk](mailto:j.gios@kendal.org.uk)



"We've had a tip-off that the sermon is going to over-run again."

## REFRESHMENT ROTA

### JULY

6th Shirley Henderson and Marilyn Woodrow  
13th Shirley and Keith Sargeant, and Peggy Long  
20th Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock  
27th Jean and Mike Petter, and Anne Isom

### AUGUST

3rd Irene Russell and Tony Emberson  
10th Pat and Tony Pickering, and Lynda Haydon-Jones  
17th Margaret Boyd and .....  
24th Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks, and Meg Cox  
31st Margaret Temple, Sally Bland, and Brenda Bennett

### SEPTEMBER

7th Cath Stevenson, Janice Collins, and Judith Bramall

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

## BADMINTON ETC

The last meeting was 11th July until after the holidays when we will meet again on 13th Sep-  
Mark Brooks



school  
tember.

Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh how beautiful', and sitting in the shade. - Rudyard Kipling

## DOOR STEWARDS

### JULY

|      |       |                                   |
|------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 6th  | 10.30 | Margaret and Bob Temple           |
| 13th | 10.30 | Judith Bramall and Keith Sargeant |
| 20th | 10.30 | Bobby and Patrick Watson          |
| 27th | 10.30 | Rosemarie and Tony Jackson        |
|      | 18.00 | Eric Wheeler                      |

### AUGUST

|      |       |                                   |
|------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 3rd  | 10.30 | Sue and Bob Metcalf               |
| 10th | 10.30 | Bessie and Daniel Taabu           |
| 17th | 10.30 | Janice Collins and Brenda Bennett |
| 24th | 10.30 | Mary Bailey and Sarah Brooks      |
|      | 18.00 | Eric Wheeler                      |
| 31st | 10.30 | Lynda Young and Mary Bailey       |

### SEPTEMBER

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| 7th | 10.30 | Liz Haigh and Lynda Haydon Jones |
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## FLOWER ROTA

### JULY

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| 6th  | Mavis Parish           |
| 13th | Sheila & Graham Dyer   |
| 20th | Linda and Kevin Foster |
| 27th | Jose Barney            |

### AUGUST

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 3rd  | Eric Wheeler         |
| 10th | Garry Bagshaw        |
| 17th | Jill & Malcolm Race  |
| 24th | John and Irene Field |
| 31st | Marian Bright        |

### SEPTEMBER

|     |                  |
|-----|------------------|
| 7th | Lilian Tildesley |
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## PRESS DATE

All items for the **September** Focus should be emailed to [ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk) or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by **Thursday 28th August please.**

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