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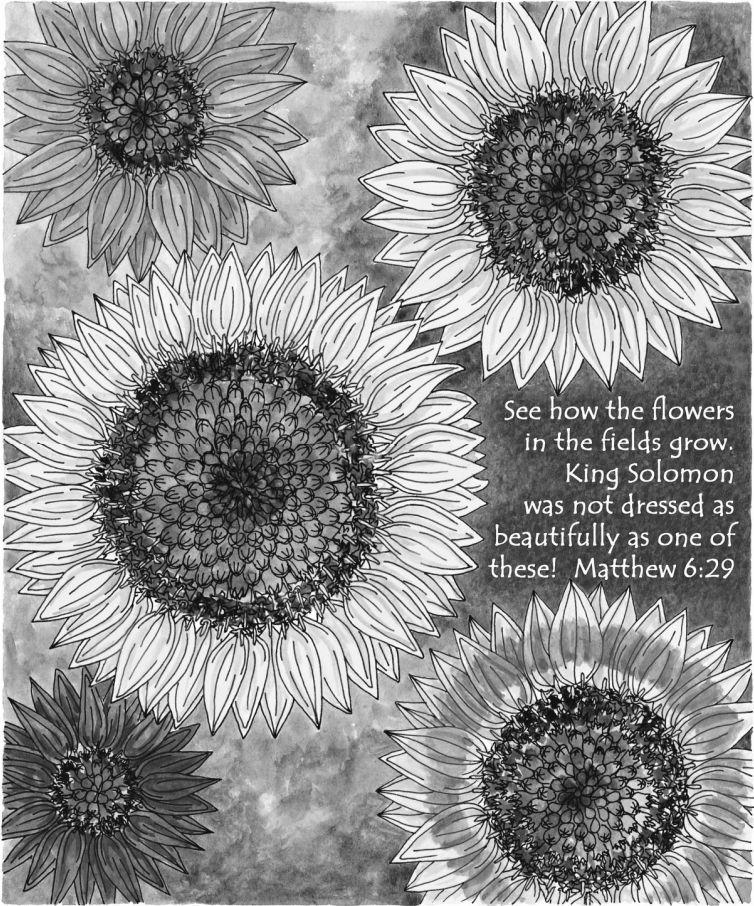
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**Fareham Methodist Church
Magazine**



See how the flowers
in the fields grow.
King Solomon
was not dressed as
beautifully as one of
these! Matthew 6:29

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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

JULY

3rd	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson Family Holy Communion
10th	10.30	Mr John Dowdell
17th	10.30	Miss Jean Hooper All age worship
24th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson
	16.00	Circuit Service at Midhurst
31st	10.30	Mr Bill Berry

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7th	10.30	Mr Andrew Wilcock
14th	10.30	Rev Andrew deVile Holy Communion
21st	10.30	Mrs Janet Baker All age
28th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson Iona Holy Communion

LOCAL PREACHER'S AND TEAM APPOINTMENTS

3rd July	10.30	Andrew Wilcock Copnor
	10.30	Fareham Team Gosport
10th July	11.00	Andrew Wilcock Wymering
31st July	10.30	Andrew Wilcock Lee on Solent
14th Aug	10.30	Tracy Cooper Portchester
28th Aug	10.30	Andrew Wilcock Eastney

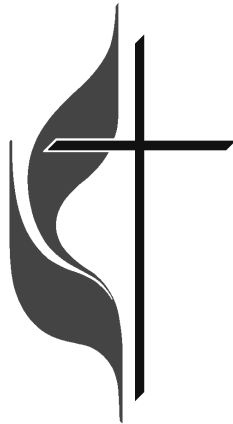
Dear friends,

We are entering a time of year that is considered a 'holiday season', though I am aware that many of you have already enjoyed holidays or are planning them for later in the year. However, whether home or away, this time of year offers opportunity for a break from the usual routine. This is certainly true of life in our churches as many activities cease, at least for the month of August, before the start of the new connexional year in September. So not only an opportunity to rest and relax (I hope!) but also a time for reflection.

I was recently privileged to be at the licensing service for the new vicar of Crofton Parish. In that service the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Revd Christopher Foster, preached in part about how the voice of God came to Elijah not in the noisy and earth-shattering events of strong wind, earthquake and fire, but in the sheer silence that followed. It was there that Elijah was able to hear a 'still small voice'. Sometimes it's only when we stop the usual routine and lay down the tools of our busyness that we are open to God's presence and to hearing his voice reach us again. I hope that each one of us can find an opportunity to be still over the summer months (you never know, the weather may improve as well!) and reflect on the past year and take stock, before moving forward again in faith as another new church year beckons.

In your quieter times, please remember to pray for the life of our Circuit and especially for those churches and ministers that are changing pastoral responsibilities. Remember too, Rev Jeanette Richardson as she 'sits down' from the active work and Rev John Mills who is ordained at Methodist Conference this year.

With Love,
Claire



CHURCH NEWS

Vestry jottings

As we all look forward to the summer season please can I ask all those who have not yet passed their thoughts to me about the discussion held at the Annual Church Meeting, regarding possible service time changes, to do so either by email or a written note by the end of July. I know this has been thought about and would like as many as possible to join in, I would like to thank those who have already done so.

We will be ordering the extra hymn books agreed by Church Council in early August. If you would like to order a book for yourself please let me know. Word book £10, Music book £30 before the end of July.

We have decided to perform a summer clean in the church, this will be on Saturday August 20th, from 9am till 1pm. Come and join a fun working party and help us clean those hidden areas that do not usually get cleaned. There will be tea coffee and bacon sandwiches available. Look out for more information nearer the time

Enjoy the summer but if we can help in any way please contact the stewards.

Maggie

Healing Group

The dates of future meetings are 6th July, 5th August and 7th September. All meetings will be held at Joan and Jeff Padley's house and will start at 10am. All welcome

East Fareham Housegroup will be meeting at our home at 7.30pm
on July 27th Joan Padley

**Fareham Methodist Church
MEAL and FILM EVENING
Friday 15th July at 6 p.m.**



Based on the true story of Margaret Shepherd who spent 15 years on Alan Bennett's driveway!

We will be serving a special meal—menu to follow!

Donations for the meal will go to: 2 Saints

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area or contact Jill Groom or Garry Bagshaw

SUNDAY LUNCH 17th 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 for **Messy Church** this month. 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: Chicken breasts in gravy or BBQ sauce, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

Action for Children



Tuesday, 26th July is my birthday.

Why not come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake in my garden and give Action for Children a donation?

16 Southampton Road.

between 10 am and 1 pm.

I don't know what I am going to do if it rains!

Catherine Stevenson



Messy Church

‘Handling our worries’, the theme of our last session, turned out to be very apt as we learnt that morning of Pat Metcalfe’s collapse the previous day leading to her sad death a few days later. The team has lost a treasured member who would turn her hand to anything whether it was making edible pictures depicting the theme, making naan breads, cooking in general or making bird feeders. Pat enjoyed being messy and loved working with the children. All of us will miss her for her dedication, her hard work and her laughter. We were privileged to have worked with her.

On August 24th, Messy Church is going to Carron Row, the home of the Fareham and District Society of Model Engineers. Last year’s event, in spite of a rainy start, was enjoyed by everyone regardless of age. We are hoping that the weather this year will be kinder to us and we will be able to eat our picnics. We will be there from 15.00 until 19.00. Do come along and join us. It is great fun. Just sign the list in the Welcome Area.

Our next Messy Church will be on Wednesday. July 13th and we will be thinking of ‘Team Jesus’. Some of the activities will have loose connections with the Olympics. The meal will be cottage pie. Come along and see what is involved in Messy Church.

Garry Bagshaw

On behalf of the Messy Church Team

We have also lost a valued member of our congregation. I worked alongside Pat at Holy Trinity Lunch club as part of the Methodist team and we enjoyed lots of happy chat and camaraderie. Our love goes out to Walter and all the family at this sad time..

Monday Mini-Market

We are in urgent need of items for us to sell on the Church Stall. We will be happy to receive items in good condition and please mark them for Mini -Market.

We sell anything except electrical goods of any kind.

May we express **A very sincere thank you** to everyone who has donated in the Past

All the money raised goes to the Church Funds.

Thank you

Janice and Brenda

Basics Bank

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who donates to the Basics Bank on a regular basis. I usually deliver to them at approximately six week intervals. Everything that is given is much appreciated, but the donations of nappies and toiletries are especially welcome.

Sheila Dyer

Race for Life

I'm doing the 10K race for life this year on 10th July to raise money for Cancer Research. This is a cause very close to my heart and I would like to help as much as I can. If you wish to sponsor me, please get in touch.



Roxanne Garrett

Tuesday (Snug) Housegroup.

Our next meeting will be on 26th July, when we shall be thinking about Making Room for God. This will be based on Matthew 1: 18

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Linda Press

Dads and bacon butties

So where did Jill and I find these men and their butties – St James Road Methodist Church, Southampton on a Saturday morning. We went to see what happens at their monthly ‘Who let the Dads out’ session. Dads are encouraged to come along with their preschool-aged children for a couple of hours and enjoy the company of other men whilst their children play happily with the toys. Coffee, served in safe cups with tops, juice, water and small yoghurts were available throughout the session along with a selection of newspapers. The bacon butties and sausage sandwiches were served at 11.00. The website explains the aims of the movement as follows:

“Who Let The Dads Out? is a growing movement that resources churches to reach out to dads, father figures and their children. We believe that to 'turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers' (Malachi 4:6, NIV 1984) is a powerful way 'to make ready a people prepared for the Lord' (Luke 1:17).

We want to see churches creating spaces where dads, father figures and their children can have fun together, and is founded on the Christian principle of wanting to demonstrate God's love to communities.”

The atmosphere was very relaxed and the two Dads we spoke to were attending for the first time, one of them with an 11-week old daughter and her sister. The families already had contact with the church through the mother and toddler group, pre-school, Tadpoles etc. However, some of the Dads had invited their friends to come along with their children. The church provides a safe environment where Dads and children can spend quality time together. Do have a look at the website - <http://www.wholetthedadsout.org.uk/> or go along and see for yourselves what it is like. The sessions are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at St James Road MC.

Jill Groom and Garry Bagshaw

Ladies Night

Once a fortnight, on a Tuesday evening 15-20 ladies meet in each other's homes. Over the past 12 months there have been a variety of activities – quizzes, games evening, craft nights, learning about local history and the art of flower arranging and hearing about the work of the Haven in Titchfield and Honey Pot, based in the New Forest, two local charities. We have also listened to poetry, heard about the experiences of a dentist in this country and abroad, taken a photographic journey through India, seen a show and had a post-Christmas meal. Many of us took up French knitting in the autumn to make the decorations for our entry in the Christmas Tree Festival. We were supporting the Rainbow Centre based in Fareham. Throughout the year, we have collected our 'tiddlers' and held several bring and buy sales in aid of the charity and our donations over the year have amounted to £500. In September, we start a new programme and will be supporting another charity.

Garry Bagshaw

Coffee and tea

If you fancy a cuppa, go ahead! Neither coffee nor tea is bad for you, according to recent research by the World Health Organisation. It seems that coffee may help reduce the risks of heart disease, strokes (in women), Parkinson disease and Alzheimer's disease. Tea helps with heart health, reduces the risk of cancer, and supports normal hydration.



This little gem from Parish Pump reminds us that it is alright to have that extra cuppa. Besides it makes you feel good!

TOPICS OF INTEREST



Christians Together

Coffee mornings 10.00 to 11.30

- Monday*** Methodist Church, Kings Road
Tuesday St Johns, Upper St. Michael's Grove
 Sacred Heart, Hartlands Road
Thursday Evangelical Church, Fairfield Road
 Methodist Church, Kings Road

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Women's Breakfast 08.00 for 08.30

2nd Saturday in month

United Reformed Church

Please bring your choice of cereals. Everything else provided

If you would like to come please ring:
(01329) 221465 and leave a message

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Lunches

Friday (1st in month) 13.00 Methodist Church
Ticket needed (£4.00) from Lynda (01329) 842646

Sunday usually 3rd in month 12.15

Methodist Church

Sign up in Church Welcome area whenever church is open
Donation to charity requested

ther in Fareham

Regular Meetings



Activities

All At St. Johns Church, St Michael's Grove

Alternate Thursdays 13.00-15.30

Crafters

For info please telephone Trish (01329) 231226

1st and 3rd Fridays 13.00-15.30

Art Group

For info please telephone Derek (01329) 287866

2nd & 4th Fridays 13.00-15.30

Music for All

For info please telephone Bob (01329) 238836

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Youth Group

Usually 2nd Sunday 17.00

United Reformed Church

Parent Free Zone (PFZ) Includes light meal

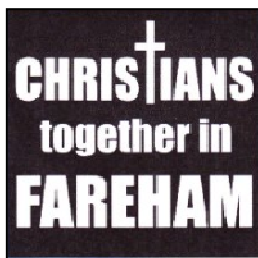
Friday Ignition Youth Club

Fareham Community Church

Years 7-9:- 19.30-20.30; Years 10-13:- 20.30-22.00

Saturday Night Special

Three times a year—look out for posters



CTiF Holiday Club 8th – 12th August 2016

We ask for your prayerful support for the children who have registered, their families, the leaders and helpers of this new initiative. We hope this will lead to further joint ventures with Christians Together in Fareham.

Based at Fareham Methodist Church from 8th-12th August, the club is for children aged 5-11 to enjoy a range of fun activities from 9.45 to 1pm (including lunch).

Primary aged children in Years R to 6 in the school year 2015-16 are eligible to attend.

THERE ARE STILL SPACES AVAILABLE

Further details, information and registration forms can be obtained from Kevin Foster, email kscfoster@tiscali.co.uk

Kevin Foster, Young People's Co-ordinator

CIRCUIT NEWS

Two circuit services are planned. The first will be a farewell to Jeanette Richardson which will take place on Sunday 24th July at 4pm at Midhurst Church.

The second service will take place on Sunday 4th September at 4pm celebrating the start of the new Connexional year and welcoming new staff to the circuit, as well as recognizing the new roles and change of responsibilities of existing staff.

(We hold our own minister Claire in our prayers as she continues to work with Fareham and Stubbington Churches, at the same time having responsibility for Gosport and Lee on Solent. Thank you Claire for all that you do so cheerfully.)

All are welcome to these services which are a good opportunity to share with congregations of other churches throughout the East Solent and Downs Circuit.

No great achievement is possible without persistent work. - Bertrand Russell

The quality of life is determined by its activities. - Aristotle

Quotes courtesy of Parish Pump



E-News

Extract June 2016 (dated 6.06.2016)

First anniversary of the Past Cases Review

Last week marked the first anniversary of the apology to survivors and victims of abuse, and the publication of [Courage, Cost & Hope](#) - the report on the Past Cases Review (PCR),

There is an update on the [progress](#) made so far including work with a survivors' reference group to ensure that all policies and guidelines or training materials would be informed by a survivor/victim perspective.

A pilot programme of structured supervision for ministers has begun in two districts to ensure that there is appropriate accountability and support in terms of safe practice. Lessons learnt from this will be brought to the 2017 Conference for the implementation of the supervision programme across the whole Connexion.

There is also a special prayer:

For those who are abused and those who abuse;
for those who are careless about others
and those who are careful;
for those who offer guidance through the dark and those
who endeavour to safeguard the vulnerable: good Lord, we pray.
Good Lord, give hope to the hurt
and a sense of your love and rightness.
May we all be led into safe and sound living.
Give us your strength for today, your hope for tomorrow
and the light of your love to guide us in all things.

E-News cont.

Following on from the EU Referendum

The Revd Steve Wild and Jill Barber, the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, have released this [statement](#):

“The people have spoken through the democratic process. We recognise that the result will cause pain to some people who voted with passion and integrity and that now is the time to move forward together with goodwill. The structures have changed but our hopes for a fair, just and equal society continue. We must now gather the political will to tackle poverty, climate change and the refugee crisis.

“This referendum has shown both the best and the worst of our democracy. It is to be celebrated that major constitutional change has happened peacefully and transparently; something that is all too rare in the world even today. We are saddened that the referendum debate has at times promoted feelings of fear and even hatred and racism. We do not believe that most people, however they voted in the referendum, wanted this. It certainly does not represent the kind of country that Britain wants to be. We must be careful now that these narratives do not shape the way that we do politics in the future.

“As the future of our role in the EU is negotiated, we cannot cut ourselves off from Europe. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Europe, and particular in our sister Churches, and assure them that our love and commitment towards them is undiminished.”

Along with [a reflection on events](#) on its website, the Joint Public Issues Team offered this prayer:

God of every nation and people,
at this historic moment we pray for all
who are affected by the decision that we have made.
Whatever differences this has revealed within our own society,
may they not eclipse what we have in common.
Where the narratives of political debate have caused harm and division,
help us to reclaim the true values of our shared humanity.
Where exaggeration and distortion have generated suspicion and fear,
may truth and honesty restore hope and goodness.
We pray for all the nations of Europe
that you will help us to find ways of living and working together
to pursue the mercy and justice that you require.
We recommit ourselves – together – to the values of your eternal kingdom,
and pray that along with all people 17
we might help your world become more as you intended. Amen.

Loving Father,
You gave me a family who loved and encouraged,
You met me, walked with me showing the way.
And while giving me freedom to wander and roam
You guided me, rescued me, brought me back home.
You knew what was in me and to my surprise
You used me to influence some other lives.
What have you done to me?
Made me aware that
All of my weakness is strength in your care.
You cleanse and forgive me, you fill me with hope
You challenge my piety, laugh at my pride
But offer me comfort none else can provide.
You've shown me your splendour in nature and science,
You amaze me with friendships, support and reliance.
You fill me with laughter, you reduce me to tears,
You accept all my questions and say have no fear.
You give my life purpose,
You give my life worth and yet you accepted
So humble a birth.
My teacher, my master, my saviour, my friend
All you have done
I don't yet comprehend.

(Very Slightly) Adapted from Margie Savage's original
published in Women's World Day of Prayer magazine 2015

*The above words were spoken so meaningfully by Samuel Brooks
at the All Age Worship service in June. Thank you to all the young
people who took part.. We are privileged to have such committed
and able young people to share with in worship and I know that
your lives will be enriched as a result of your dedication. God
Bless you all.*
Ruth (Editor)

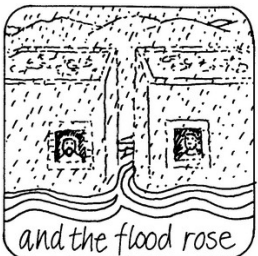
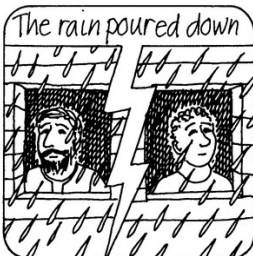
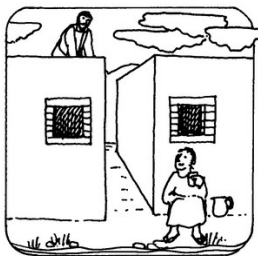
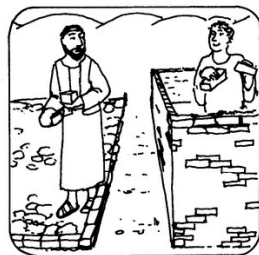
ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

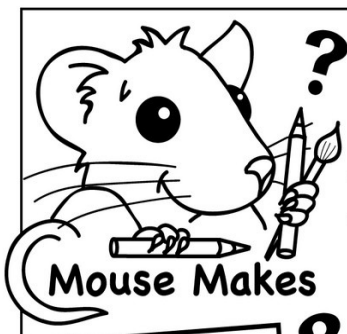
Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:24-26 and Luke 4:7-49

Jesus explained the difference between
just listening to what he taught, and
actually doing it, by using this story...





WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J _ _ _ _ S

- Mary's first child
Luke 1:30-31
- Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1:20

W _ _ _ _ T

- He wrote the second Gospel
- Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2:15

A _ _ _ _ M

- The first man
Genesis 2:20
- Baby in a basket
Exodus 2:1-10

_ _ _ _ _ S

- A wise king
1 Kings 4:29
- He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _ _ _

- Wrote the 28th book of the Bible

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WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?



FIND THE BROTHERS

BENJAMIN	HARAN
ISAAC	MOSES
AARON	JOSEPH
GAD	SHEM
JAPHETH	JAMES
JACOB	ASHER
JOHN	ESAU
CAIN	ISHMAEL
PETER	ABEL
ABRAHAM	ANDREW

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.
The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1
The longest verse is Esther 8:9
 The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek



Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?



- ANDREW
 JOHN • JAMES
 THOMAS • MATTHEW
 • SIMON • THADDEUS
 BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
 PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

J O J E S J U D P H T E J
 M J U D M A T T H E W A E
 A O D J A M E S I M O N S
 T H A D D E U S L E H D U
 T N S I M S T H I W O R S
 N O T H O M A S P E T E R
 A B A R T H O L O M E W S

FLOWER MINISTRY

Thank you for the lovely church flowers and to Marion and Dennis who delivered them. Also thank you to Una for sending the magazine and all your thoughts and prayers. Eric and Shirley Grant

Thank you for the flowers brought to me on the 12th by Marion. The flowers were lovely and it was good to have a chat.

Lilwen Watkins

It was a lovely surprise to receive the Church flowers the other week in memory of Robin's death. Thank you so much for remembering him.

Thank you to you all, for the "Welcome to your New Home" cards and flowers - I'm in at long last!!

My thanks, too, for your prayers, cards and good wishes during my health scare. The operation went well and all is positive. Love to you all. Lynda Young

The Computer Swallowed Grandma (Author unknown)

The computer swallowed Grandma. Yes, honestly it's true;
She pressed 'Control' and 'Enter' And disappeared from view.

It devoured her up completely, The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet But nothing did I find.

Desperate, I then consulted Jeeves
And Google too; my searches to refine.
The reply from them was negative, Not a thing was found on line.

So, if inside your 'Inbox' My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her And send her back to me.

Thank you Ruth H for this little ditty. Glad to receive all contributions!

DIARY DATES FOR JULY/AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
4 9.30 Mini-Market	5 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	6 10am Healing group at Padley's	7 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 Transport enthusiasts 10.15 Prayer group 17.30 Brownies	8	9
11 9.30 Mini-Market	12 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	13 16.00 Messy church	14 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies	15 18.00 Film and food evening	16
18 9.30 Mini-Market	19 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	20	21 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies	22	23
25 9.30 Mini-Market	26 10 am coffee and cake in Cath's garden 10.30 Snug House grp	27 Brownie outing to Bird-world 19.30 E Fareham House grp at Padley's	28 9.30 Coffee am	29	30
AUG 1 9.30 Mini-Market	2	3	4 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 Transport enthusiasts	5 10.00 Healing Group at Padley's 13.00 Lunch	6

The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
8 9.45 Hol Club	9 9.45 Hol. club	10 9.45 Hol. club	11 9.45 Hol. club	12 9.45 Hol. club	13
15 9.30 Mini- Market	16	17	18 9.30 Cof- fee am	19	20 9.00 Church Summer clean
22 9.30 Mini- Market	23	24 Messy Church to Car- ron Row	25 9.30 Cof- fee am	26	27
29 Bank Holiday	30	31	SEPT 1 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 Trans- port Enthusi- asts	2 13.00 Lunch	3
5 9.30 Mini- market	6 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	7 10.00 Healing group at Pad- ley's	8 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brown- ies	9	10

DOOR STEWARDS

JULY	3rd	Liz Avison and Irene Russell
	10th	Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
	17th	Margaret and Bob Temple
	24th	Bobby and Patrick Watson
	31st	Judith Bramall and Alan Sargent
AUG	7th	Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant
	14th	TBA
	21st	Liz Haigh and Lynda Hayden-Jones
	28th	Bessie and Daniel Taabu
	28th at 18.00	Eric Wheeler

REFRESHMENT ROTA

JULY	3rd	Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long
	10th	TBA
	17th	Brownies and Guides
	24th	Marilyn, Janice and Alan Sargent
AUG	31st	Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock
	7th	Pat and Tony Pickering and Una Peters
	14th	Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom
	21st	Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
SEP	28th	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
	4th	Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox

FLOWER ROTA

July	3rd	Gary Bagshaw	Aug 7th	Flower fund
	10th	Flower fund	14th	Eric Wheeler
	17th	Linda and Kevin Foster	21st	Flower fund
	24th	Malcolm and Jill Race	28th	Joan Moore
	31st	Jose Barney	Sept 4th	Maud Lovell

PRESS DATE

All items for the SEPT. Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk by noon of 25th August. If this is not possible items can be placed in the box at church which will be emptied by the previous Sunday the 21st.

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website