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SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

7th	10.30	Revd Vincent Canning	Holy Communion
	16.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Family Remembrance Service
14th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	
	19.00	Revd Stephen Wright	Sunday 2
21st	10.30	Anita Davis	Together in Worship
	18.00	Revd Vincent Canning	Holy Communion Iona Style
28th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	

SERVICES DURING DECEMBER

5th	10.30	Revd Vincent Canning	Toy Service
	15.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Care Homes Service

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

Nov 7th	Andrew Wilcock at Portchester
Nov 14th	Fareham Team at Stubbington
Nov 28th	Andrew Wilcock at Bridgemarky

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

Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not.

November 2010

Dear Friends,

I'd like to ask you to ask yourself a couple of questions.

Before I do I need to say I'm not asking these questions because I'm doubting your commitment, because I have no doubts about that at all. My concern is one of priorities and I'm wondering if we've got our priorities a bit back to front! What I'm trying to do is to get you to confirm for yourself what is your **primary** commitment.

The questions are....

Where on the scale of things does your commitment to your church come?

What makes a church fundamentally different to a community centre?

I can't answer these questions for you – I can only answer them for myself. For me, I put my commitment to the work of our church at the top of my list. Secondly I believe the fundamental difference between a church and a community centre is that **our** primary purpose is to worship God and that all the other activities we do arise out of and are inspired by the Holy Spirit of God which we receive in communion with Him in worship.

So if we serve the community in any sort of way; - as stewards, as treasurers, as lunch providers, as maintainers of our property, and so on, - then it is as nothing if we do these things in our own strength and not through the power of God's Holy Spirit. What I am not saying is that works are wrong and not necessary. What I am saying is that our works should arise out of our faith and that our faith needs nourishing in worship.

OK! – With me so far? – if we lose our worship we just become another community centre.



It can't have escaped your attention that we're short of preachers in our Circuit. (Between this plan and our last 3 more of our preachers have felt that they need to withdraw from service on our plan.) That means that the fewer we have left are being pushed to the limit of what it is fair to ask of them.

So I ask you one more question....

Has God given you skills that could, with training, be developed to lead the worship of His people in this circuit?

If your answer is something like... *“well yes, - but I can’t take on any more. I’m doing too much for the church now”*, then I say to you, *“Give up being a worker in a community centre and become a worker in the Church of God!”*

God bless,

VESTRY JOTTINGS

We are in urgent need for Members of the Congregation who are able to compile and take Prayers of Intercession on Sunday Mornings Training will be given to people who are interested. Please ask one of the Stewards who will point you in the right direction.



On Wednesday, 10th November 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Church there will be an open meeting to discuss the possible appointment of a Family/Youth Outreach Worker. The Speaker will Nicola Briggs who is the Southampton District Methodist Co-ordinator and her talk will cover the implications and such of this position within the Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

With regard to 'Remembrance Sunday' the Traffic Arrangements laid down by Fareham Council will be found on another page as a separate item.

The Stewards

Morning Worship is recorded on CD each week and is available for you (and especially for any housebound member you visit) at the back of the worship area. Please feel free to take them.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the flowers for my birthday, and for Joan who brought them, - sorry I was out.

Louis Clement



Thank you very much for the lovely flowers for our anniversary, also for all the cards and good wishes.

Cyril & Margaret Fielder

John Ward wishes to thank Tony Emberson for delivering the Church flowers on Sunday, 3rd October for his birthday on 5th October. He would also like to thank all those who helped on the sad day of June's funeral.

Thank you very much for the nice Church flowers brought to me by Marion Bright, because we had heard the news that my sister-in-law has a secondary tumour in the brain

Rita Jackson

A very big **Thank You** from those of us who need to lip read, to make sense of the sound we receive from our very good loop system, for the new footstool to be used at the lectern by those amongst us who are a little on the short side or "vertically challenged".

Grateful thanks to Jean Petter for using it and allowing me to see her mouth when reading the lesson. Those of you who sit towards the back of Church may not need to see the mouth of the reader – you may be lucky to have hearing that can make sense of the sound whether enhanced by the loop or not. But so many of us are using lip reading to assist our hearing whether we realise it or not. The closer we sit to the front of Church to be able to see the mouth of the speaker the harder it has been to see a person's face when they are of a short stature behind the new lectern.

Please, **please** encourage all children and those of us (and I include myself in that category) who are under approximately 5 foot 4 inches in height to use the footstool safely when at the lectern in future.

Bobby Watson

Thank you to Christine for the dedicated 25 years service as our Church Flower Secretary. She has arranged magnificent displays for all occasions and her methodical work behind the scenes organising deliveries, keeping dates for birthdays, anniversaries etc has taken up her time. All the best to Irene and Mary who take up the task.

Gwen Brosgall

THANK YOU cont.

Brownies

Firstly, thanks to Alison and Dawn and the Brownies for such an interesting presentation on Sunday 17th all about their centenary year of celebration. What a busy year you all had. Well done to you all.

Dawn (Badger) has asked me to place a “**Request** for a **1940’s style outfit** (frock) please, for a planned Brownies 1940’s themed evening. Also any items that you may have from being a brownie or guide during that era would be welcomed. We have already recalled that certain items had to be kept in the tunic pockets along with two pennies for using the phone in an emergency. Thanks

Ruth Elvery

FAMILY NEWS

Nancy Bovey sends greetings to Fareham Methodist Church from the Church in Randburgh, South Africa. She is settled now in her new home.



John and Pat Dancer send best wishes. John is now housebound at home in Droxford.

Louis Clement

Christine & Geoff Hillam’s e-mail address has changed from that given in the Church directory. It is now candg.hillam@ntlworld.com.

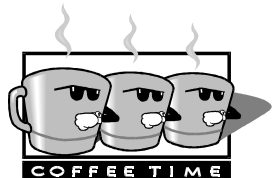
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2.15 pm. Tea is available from 2.00 pm.

10th November ‘Preparing for and Lessons from a Long Walk ‘ Talk by Ian Bagshaw

24th November A Bring & Share Tea

Please remember we have a ‘Bring & Buy’
(1 item only) for our Charity Project.



Shirley Henderson

ACTION FOR CHILDREN: Art, Craft & Hobbies Exhibition



The recent Art, Craft and Hobbies Exhibition raised £306.00 and a further £30.00 from the sale of diaries. This included a generous donation from the Mini-market funds. A big thank you to all who supported what was a new and different event which we count as being very successful, both socially and in the exchange in art and craft ideas. It was amazing to see how much talent there is in our Church and the Circuit; all part of God's creation.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents and in particular thank you to Maggie Allingham who played a major role in designing, advertising and organising the exhibition layout. What next? The team will be reviewing this year's effort and hopefully planning for next year.

Tony Elvery

CHURCH BANNERS

Our Banner Group would like to invite others who are interested in designing and helping to create Church banners to join us. We meet once a month, usually on the first Tuesday of the month in the Snug. Our aims are to keep our current banners in good order and sometimes to create a new one (as inspiration prompts us). If you are interested please contact Mary Bailey, Marion Bright, Rosemarie Jackson, Edith Livingstone or Lillian Tildesley.



SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

There are a few gaps in the Sunday Morning refreshment rota. Thank you to those who have been helping regularly. If you have to leave the rota for any reason, or if you would like to join the rota, please let me know soon so that I can compile the new one for 2011.

Mary Bailey

MAGNET MAGAZINE

I shall shortly be ordering the Magnet Magazine for 2011, and would be grateful if anyone who would like to place an order or would like a sample copy could see me soon.

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Joan Padley

THE LONG WALK - YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

Since my return I've been asked by many people how much I **raised**. It will, I'm certain, be all safely gathered in by the time that this is printed. However, I'd like to point out that all I did was the walk; **YOU**, and many others not connected to our church, **raised the money**.



So, assuming that my mathematics on the Gift Aided donations is correct, the two charities haven't confirmed details as yet, the figures are as follows:

'Help for Heroes': £1707.60; 'Schools 4 Schools': £686.04; 'Grand Total': £2393.64.

Considering the domestic financial constraints that we all face I think that this is a tremendous effort by everyone who contributed and I thank you all.

I've now written up my notes and put together a PowerPoint presentation entitled **'Preparing for and Lessons from a Long Walk'**. There is a shorter version for delivery to the 'Wednesday Fellowship' in the Worship Area on 10 November (though I still think that I'll need to go on a 'speed talking course' to get through it in the time made available) and a longer version which, when delivered to the PAX Meeting, took 1½ hours - but they did interrupt a lot with questions! If a wider audience would like to see either of the two versions I'm happy to oblige if the relevant leaders can coordinate any requests. Please don't think that I'm touting for business in this respect; I'm far from being a showman!

Ian Bagshaw

THANK YOU!

Schools 4 Schools would like to offer a very sincere thank you to all those who so kindly sponsored Ian Bagshaw for his Coast to Coast walk. All of us on the team knew that this would be a tremendous challenge and since speaking to Ian his account of the two weeks has proved this to be so. Such a challenge does not come without its hurdles. One could argue that this makes for a more interesting experience. The weather we were told was not on its best behaviour and the GPS disaster, lost spectacles and Garry's sprained ankle needlessly added to an already arduous walk! Despite all this it came as no surprise to hear the fantastic news that Ian and his friend completed the walk. It was surprising to hear however that Ian had no blisters to show for his troubles!

Ian is not only a very good friend of ours he is also now family (when James married my sister, Natasha). Our link with the Bagshaw family came when Colin, Hazel and family relocated to Fareham in 1995 and joined the congregation at Fareham Methodist Church. We were absolutely thrilled to hear that Ian wanted to do the Coast to Coast Walk in order to raise money for Schools 4 Schools, a charity we have got involved with and now help to run. We are a small charity and every contribution really does help. The £686.04 that Ian has raised through you his sponsors will go a long way to helping the children in The Gambia. This for example could finance the provision of a new school, the renovation work on a current school, a feeding programme ensuring that every child receives one hot meal every day, teacher training, school uniforms, potable water sources such as wells, medical equipment, the training of health care assistants and childbirth assistants and the provision of educational resources. Just a few examples of how money goes a long way when properly managed in The Gambia.

Each year Schools 4 Schools continues to advance its mission of providing education and support to children in The Gambia. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to make a difference to the lives of these children not only in their education opportunities but also their health and the development of the communities in which they live.

Once again, many thanks for your support for Schools 4 Schools.

Why not get more information from our website details of which are below.

Colin Harrison & Lucy Wain

www.schools4schools.co.uk lucy@schools4schools.co.uk

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

There are now more copies of the Methodist Prayer Handbook available, price £3 in the Welcome area. This handbook provides an insight into the work of the Methodist Church in other parts of the world and this country, with some interesting facts and contrasts, and some challenging prayers, both old and new, to renew our own prayers.



God's Open Word

Joan Padley

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WHO WILL BE THE FUTURE AT FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Please consider these facts and figures

In any one week around 150 young people use our Church premises. These are made up from

10 at Junior Church
20 Brownies
20 Guides
30 Youth Club
20 Toddlers with parents
50 at the Pre School



If each child is from a family of 4 then around 600 people per week are directly associated with a young person who meets on our Church premises.

If 100 Church members are from an average a family of 3 then another 300 are affected by their contact with our Church and community.

There are around 20 groups in our Church during the week. If there is an average membership of 25 per group that is another 500 people meeting here.

With 150 young people, 100 Church members and 500 others using the Church premises if we include their families, then around 3000 people per week can be influenced by what is going on here at Fareham Methodist Church.

That being the case, you are most welcome to come to a meeting at the Church on Wednesday, 10th November at 7.00 pm. Nicola Briggs, District Youth and Family Development Officer will advise us as a Church of the viability of employing a Youth and Family worker to help and support the current and future members of the Church's community.

Please come, everyone's viewpoint matters

Kevin Foster

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers I received. They gave me many days of pleasure. Thank you also for the service recordings - a lovely way to keep in touch. Ken is making progress but he still needs a lot more care and treatment.

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Sheila Walters

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ROAD CLOSURES

14 November 2010



Fareham Borough Council has decided to suspend Residents parking in a number of roads on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th. The roads that will affect us attending worship on the Sunday are:- Queens, Road, Western Road, and Kings Road.

These roads will be closed to **ALL** vehicular traffic including cycles from 9.45 am to 12 noon on the Sunday. No parking at all will be allowed in Kings Road and Western Road.

Please come early to park in the Masonic car park or find alternative places to park on that morning.

FBC

FLOWER SECRETARY

From the recent editions of Fareham Focus you will have seen that after many years Christine Hillam has retired as Flower Secretary. She continued the established system for using the flowers donated by many people who attend the Church so that after beautifying the Church they are delivered to the sick, housebound, elderly or for special birthdays and anniversaries. We all hope to continue this way of making the best use of the donations and have found that there is a need for the job to be shared.

In future Irene Russell will be arranging the rotas for those providing the flowers and the deliverers who will take them out. Mary Bailey will arrange a list of people prepared to help out on occasion by arranging flowers for those who wish to provide them but are unable to arrange them. Just contact Mary Bailey if you do not know the routine for getting the key to access the Snug where the flower equipment is stored.

We hope that some of those who have not previously donated flowers will consider doing this, maybe to mark a birthday or anniversary. There are still a few gaps in this year's chart in the corridor and the one for next year will be up shortly.

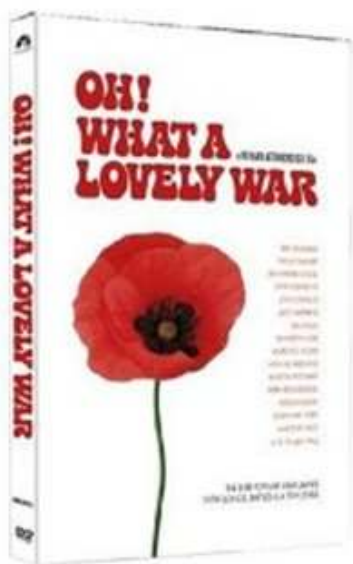
The Ministry of Flowers has proved its worth for many years as is shown by the thank you letters in Fareham Focus and we thank Christine for all her commitment and skill over the years. May we all do what we can to support those who are continuing this service.

The Stewards

Fareham Methodist Church

MEAL and FILM EVENING

Friday 19th November at 6.30 p.m.
(6:00pm for 6:30pm!)



There will be an Edwardian meal
Malcolm will talk about his Sabbatical project.
After the meal we will watch the satirical film

Oh! What a Lovely War

Do come along for this interesting evening. Donations
for the meal will go towards "Help the Heroes" and
"Cancer Research UK"

Tickets available from Jill Groom & Garry Bagshaw



MENU FOR FILM EVENING

19th November 6.30 pm

Oxtail soup or Scotch egg

*Cottage Pie with seasonal vegetables
(Vegetarian alternative provided if notified)*

Trifle or Apple pie and Custard

Coffee/Tea and Peppermint Creams

ADVENT SUNDAY LUNCH

28th November

12.15 pm approximately



This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations for MHA. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good - thank you.

Starter: Soup or Prawn Cocktail

*Main Course: Roast Turkey, Sausages
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing
Vegetables*



Puddings: Variety

*There will be a list in the Welcome Area for you to sign.
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast*



Please come and bring a friend

FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH
Kings Road

Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday Dec 2nd 10.30am – 6pm

Friday Dec 3rd 10.30am – 6pm.

Saturday Dec 4th 10.30am - 4pm.

Admission £1.50 inc. refreshments
Accompanied Children Free Entry
Christmas stall

Carol singing around the crib
Saturday 4th 3.30pm.

Supporting National and Local Charities

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 2nd - 3rd - 4th

We have even more trees for our 9th Christmas Tree Festival, which is now firmly established on the town's calendar. This year we have changed the voting system and the winning tree will be chosen by a panel of outside judges. There will also be a prize for the tree voted by popular vote.



However we cannot proceed without your help, to steward etc. The list is up in the Welcome Area - so please add your name.

We also need items for the Christmas Stall. The proceeds for this will go towards defraying the costs of the Festival. Items such as table decorations, gift wrapping, handmade cards, tags, gifts if they are specifically aimed at the festive season e.g. jars of pickle with a Christmas ribbon. Please note this is not a bric-a-brac stall, such items will be welcomed by Monday mini market. We sold out of items before Saturday so please give this some thought. Items can be given to me or Shirley Henderson

Finally, please come and visit us, see the separate advert and encourage visitors to come.

Rosemarie Jackson

CAREFUL!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

“Is there anything breakable in here?” asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment, and replied:

“Only the Ten Commandments.” 15

ADVANCE NOTICE FROM THE “OUTREACH GROUP”

Its that time of year again when we are making preparations for the Residents of Rest Homes and older folks' Christmas Service and Tea.

The date is arranged for Sunday, 5th December. The format will be the same as last year.

I will be putting up a list requesting help for provision of food, help with transport and anyone willing to help on the afternoon.

If you are able to help please either fill in your name on the list in the Welcome Area or call me on 01329 234205.. Thank you all again.

Lynda Young

POINT TO PONDER - LOSS OF MINISTERS IN UK CHURCHES

There are some 36,000 ministers for the UK's 48,000 churches. That comes to less than one minister per Church because a third (32%) of ministers look after more than one Church.

The numbers in some denominations are declining quite rapidly. The Church of England is expecting to see numbers drop from some 9,000 full-time clergy in 2010 to possibly only 7,000 by 2020.

The Roman Catholics are generally failing to attract young men into the priesthood. Probably partly because of the child abuse scandals and partly because priests may not marry. As a result existing priests are being asked to continue serving well into their 70's.

The Methodist and Presbyterians are both closing churches, and both denominations seem likely to lose about one minister in 6 in the decade ahead. Does the loss of leaders follow the closure of churches, or vice versa? Obviously they are both inextricably linked.

BUT the Pentecostals are growing. Many of their new black congregations often have several part-time ministers rather than one or two full-time. Consequently their numbers are expected to show the greatest increase of all, perhaps exceeding the number of Church of England clergy, becoming almost a quarter of the whole.

Leadership is vital for today' churches. What can we learn from the Pentecostals? How can we as a Church and as a denomination go forward?

THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for -
But everything that I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

Anonymous Confederate Soldier in the American Civil War

ENGLAND, OUR ENGLAND!

*Sir,
The hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers' sung to the right tune
and in a not-too-brisk tempo makes a very good egg-timer. If
you put the egg into boiling water and sing all five verses and chorus, the
egg will be just right when you come to 'Amen'.*

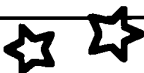
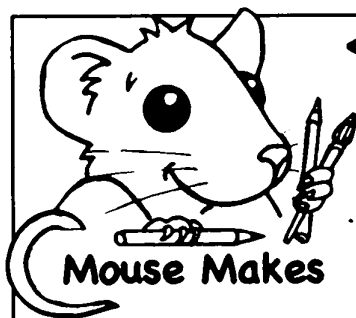


Letter in the Daily Telegraph 1983

WHAT CHILDREN SAY

A boy was watching his father, a pastor write a sermon.
“How do you know what to say?” he asked
“Why God tells me” said his father.
“Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?”

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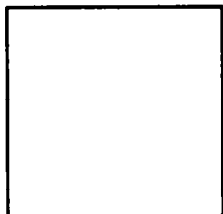


SHINE LIKE STARS

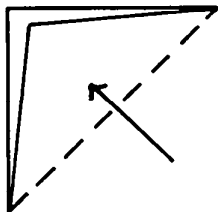
Just like the stars that shine in the dark and light the way for us to see, so God sent Jesus **'the light of God'** to light the way and show us the path to God.

The Bible tells us to **'shine like stars'** too so we can show our friends the way to Jesus and the path to God.

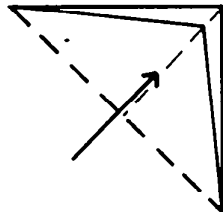
See: Matthew 5:16 and Phillipians 2:14-15



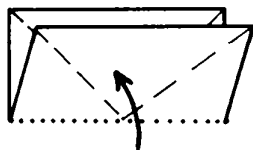
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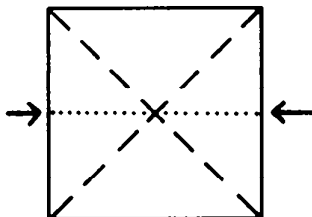
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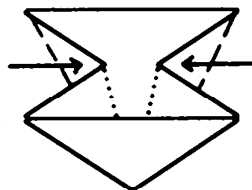
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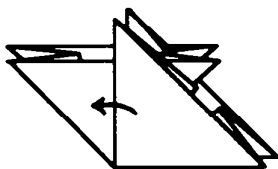
4. TURN OVER then fold in half



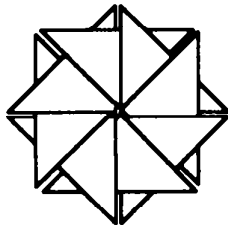
5. Open out then push the sides together....



.....to form a triangle.
6. Go back to step 2 and make all 8 triangles



7. Slot and glue each triangle in turn to make a star.



Make lots of stars to hang up for Christmas

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

On a clear night look up at the stars. The red stars are the coolest then orange, yellow, yellow-white and the hottest stars shine blue-white.



A SOUL CAKE

In the Christian calendar, November 2nd is All Souls' Day when we remember all Christians who have died. It used to be a custom for church bells to toll all day on All Souls' Day (which must have been very tiring for the bellringers – and for people living near the church!).

Up to the 1930s children used to go 'souling' on this day. They had a day off school and went round the houses asking for 'soul cakes' or pennies. There was even a rhyme to sing while 'souling':

A soul, a soul, a soul cake,
I pray, good missis, a soul cake.
An apple, a pear, a plum, a
cherry,
Any good thing to make us
merry.



GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

All the words in this word search are foods mentioned in the Bible. Can you find them all?

C U C U M B E R V L
L H E T A D L O I E
W A E G A R L I C N
O N A E B K L I M T
F I S H S T E W A I
H I S P L E E K N L
O T G Y O N I O N S
N B R E A D B M A L
E P A R G O L I V E
Y R E E D N O M L A

Almond Bread Cheese
Cucumber Date Deer Fig
Fish Fowl Garlic Grape
Honey Lamb Leek Lentils
Manna Milk Olive Onions
Stew



How can you tell when a food is rude?

When it's got sauce.



This cake tastes funny.

Oh dear, I followed the recipe exactly! It said, separate two eggs, so I put one on the kitchen table and the other one on the top of the washing machine.

A LITTLE CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments.

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets.

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports .

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! 'I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said,

JESUS SAVES.... 20

TREAT YOURSELF TO A RETREAT!

The first retreat I went on saved my spiritual bacon! It was a conversion experience. I found God. You might have a similar experience! Here are some details of retreats that might interest you.

Silent retreats with individual guidance, at the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation, Whitehill Chase, Bordon, Hants.

Friday 3rd Dec to Sunday 5th Dec

Friday 4th Feb to Sunday 6th Feb

Friday 29th Apr to Sunday 1st May

All cost £160.00 fully residential per Weekend.

Entitled: "How can I listen to and hear God speak in my everyday life?"

A retreat organised by the Methodist Retreat and Spirituality Network at the Ladywell Retreat Centre in Godalming led by Yvonne Walker will be held on:

Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June

Entitled "Let Go Let God". Cost approximately £110.00

These weekends offer a time to step aside from our everyday routines to be still in God's presence.

For more information about these events please contact Revd. Malcolm Rothwell on 01329 317846 or email revmalcolm@ntlworld.com.

DRY

A Minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his Church and after two weeks, took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on one of the dryers: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button".

NEW YORK ROAD SIGN

Choose your rut carefully. You will be in it for the next ten miles.

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CHRISTMAS WISHES

There will be a special page in the December Focus for those who wish to express good wishes to all, as they have made donations to various Charities instead of sending Christmas cards.



TOY SERVICE - 5th December

A toy service will be held on Sunday, 5th December at 10.30 am. We are looking for donations of good quality, nearly new, and new toys which will be given to disadvantaged children via Social Services.



Please do not wrap the gifts as they will need to be categorised.

Thank you for your support for this very worthy cause.

Alison Humby

A SENIOR MOMENT

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

'May I see the new baby?' I asked

'Not yet,' she said 'I'll make coffee and we can chat for a while first.'

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, 'May I see the new baby now?'

'No, not yet,' she said. After another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, 'May I see the baby now?'

'No, not yet,' replied my friend. Growing very impatient, I asked, 'Well, when can I see the baby?'

'WHEN HE CRIES!' she told me. 'WHEN HE CRIES?' I demanded, 'Why do I have to wait until he cries?'

'BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM, OK.?!'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

NOVEMBER

3rd	Healing/Prayer Group At 36 Maylings Farm Road	19.30
5th	Monthly Lunch	12.30
7th	Family Bereavement Service	16.00
9th	Faith & Worship (11a) at Fareham Manse	19.30
19th	Meal & Film Evening at Fareham	18.30
23rd	Faith & Worship (11b) at 2 Archery Lane, PO16 7DU	19.30
27th	Christmas Fayre at Portchester Church	10.30
28th	First Sunday in Advent	10.30
	Sunday Lunch at Fareham	approx 12.15

DECEMBER

2nd - 3rd	Christmas Tree Festival	10.30 - 18.00
4th	Christmas Tree Festival Carols from 3.30 pm	10.30 - 16.00
3rd	Monthly Lunch	12.30
5th	Toy Service	10.30
	Care Homes Service & Tea	15.00
12th	Nativity Service by Junior Church	10.30
19th	Carol Service	19.00
24th	Midnight Communion Service - to start at	23.30
25th	Christmas Day Service (FMC to host)	10.30
26th	Boxing Day - An informal service	10.30

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday²³ 9.30 to 11.45 am

DOOR STEWARD

NOVEMBER

7th	10.30	Bobby & Patrick Watson, Eric Wheeler
	16.00	Bobby & Patrick Watson
14th	10.30	Jenny Chalmers, Lynda Young
	19.00	A N Other
21st	10.30	Meg & Nigel Cox
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
28th	10.30	Bessie & Daniel Taabu

DECEMBER

5th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple
	15.00	A N Other

FLOWER ROTA

NOVEMBER

7th	Margaret Fielder
14th	Una Peters
21st	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor
28th	Phyl Spencer

DECEMBER

5th	Marion Bright
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REFRESHMENT ROTA

NOVEMBER

7th	Liz Haigh & Liz Avison
14th	Irene Russell, Meg Cox, Tony Emberson
21st	Pat & Tony Pickering & Lynda Haydon-Jones
28th	Betty Phillips, Judy Bramall & R Jackson

DECEMBER

5th	Sheila Dyer, Margaret Boyd & Sarah Brooks
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PRESS DATE

All items for the **December** Magazine should be placed in the Magazine box in the Welcome Area or handed to the **Editor—Jill Groom** by **Friday 27th November 2010**.

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