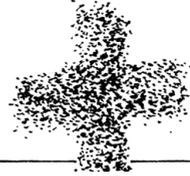


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SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY

5th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
12th	10.30	Rev T Hudson	(Southampton Superintendent)
	19.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Sunday Two
19th	10.30	Fareham Team	All Age Worship
26th	10.30	Kathy Elvy	
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Iona Style

SERVICES DURING MARCH

4th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
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LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

26th Feb	Andrew Wilcock at Bridgemary
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Please remember these preachers in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in churches in the Circuit.

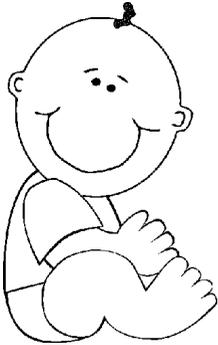
The need of the world is to listen to God

Albert Einstein

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FEBRUARY 2012

Dear Friends



Do you have a worrier in your family? Dr. Kais Rayes writes that he and his wife found their whole life turned upside down when their first child was born. Every night, the baby seemed to be fussy, and many nights, it seemed that their baby cried far more than he slept. Says Rayes, *"My wife would wake me up, saying, 'Get up, dear! Go and see why the baby is crying!'"* As a result, Rayes found himself suffering from severe sleep deprivation.

While complaining to his co-workers about his problem one day, one of his colleagues suggested a book on infant massage. Rayes immediately went in search of the book and that night, he tried the technique, gently rubbing his baby's back, arms, head, and legs until the baby was completely relaxed and obviously had fallen into a deep sleep. Quietly tiptoeing from the darkened room so as not to disturb the rhythmic breathing of the baby, he made his way directly to his own bed in hopes of enjoying a well deserved full night of sleep.

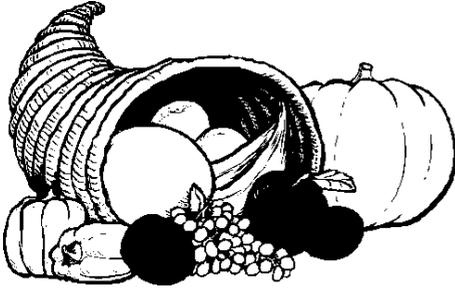
No such luck. In the middle of the night, his wife awoke him in a panic. *"Get up, dear!" she said as she jostled him awake. "Go see why the baby is not crying!"*

Do you know anybody like that? Some people are just worriers. Even when things go well they worry, they fret and they worry that something bad will happen.

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Jesus' message chides his listeners for "worrying" — He knows how hard it is to make ends meet^b — then and now. But Jesus

wants us to live a life that reaches beyond the struggles for everyday sustenance. Jesus invites others to come along with him, to join him in a lifelong journey that sought first "**the kingdom of God and His righteousness.**" Jesus wants people on THAT pathway first.



The fact is Jesus' message isn't about the quest for food and clothing. As he stated, "**your heavenly Father knows you need all these things.**" Jesus doesn't want to offer us just a daily full plate. Jesus wants to offer

us an eternity of overflowing platters. Not just a life of sustenance, but a life of abundance. A life overflowing and brimming over. A life that provides more than bread in our belly and a shirt on our back.

The journey Jesus invites us to join feeds our soul, and clothes our mind, and fills our heart.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

QUOTES FOR LENT

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else. G D Stewart

Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God. M D Babcock

A religion that does not begin with repentance is certain to end there - perhaps too late Anon

VESTRY JOTTINGS

We wish to extend our very grateful thanks to Linda Foster for taking on the role of Bookings and Liaison Secretary, to Geoff Jarman for taking on the role of Property Steward and to Edith Livingstone for taking on the role of Rep for Christians Together in Fareham.

The General Church Meeting is to be held on Sunday 11 March following the morning service and preceding the Sunday Lunch (This is being held on the second Sunday instead of the third Sunday in March). We are still needing at least one other new Steward to be elected at this meeting to take up the position from the beginning of May. Anyone interested in becoming a Steward, or wanting more information about what is involved, please speak to Jean Petter or one of the other Stewards as soon as possible.

The Stewards

THANK YOU

I did appreciate my birthday flowers and a later gift of “get well” Chrysanthems. Still looking good! Grateful thanks

Una Peters



Thank you all for another beautiful bunch of flowers, they are so lovely, and remind me of all my friends at Church. Thank you so much.

Mavis Parish

I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent a card or message following the death of my father, Revd Donald Barrett. Also, friends and colleagues who attended his funeral. Donations totalling £215.00 have been sent to Christian Aid in Donald’s memory—thank you for supporting the work of this Charity.

Margaret Barrett

On Sunday 22 January I sat in Church admiring the lovely colourful Church flowers. They were wonderful to look at on a Wintery day. You can therefore imagine my delight when shortly after arriving home, Lynda Young brought me a share of them. Thank you very much to whoever provided the flowers, and a big “thank you” to Lynda for bringing them to me.

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With Love

Maude Lovell

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Most of our meetings are in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.15 pm with tea available from 2.00 pm.

Spring Programme

- 8th Feb Lynne Matthews - Local Preacher who will talk about last year's Methodist Conference
- 22nd Feb Peter Davies - local Councillor - subject Fareham Planning
- 14th Mar Fund Raising Afternoon Tea party in aid of this year's MWiB Project which is the Hamlin Fistula Hospital UK supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia.
Tickets: £3.00 Raffle

Please remember we have a 'Bring & Buy' for our Charity—Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital.

Shirley Henderson

PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing Prayer Group will be held on Wednesday, 7th March at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley. All are welcome at 2.15 pm at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham.



Rita Jackson

FAMILY NEWS

As a member of Fareham Methodist Church we would like to keep you as fully involved in the life of the Church as possible. Should you find yourself housebound for any reason (eg. long-term or short-term illness), we can offer you an opportunity to join with the whole Church in Holy Communion which could be brought to you in your home.

If you would like to take advantage of this then please contact your minister Malcolm as soon as possible. (01329 828706)

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Duane Hulse

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2011

This was our greatest success so far, 30 trees entered, over 500 came and we raised £1,500.00 and after deductions for expenses and prize money we were able to send a cheque for £30.70 to each tree holder for their charity, plus the prize money where applicable.

The judges awarded the tree entered by Wallington W.I. (Love our Libraries) received the first prize of £50 and the runner-up was the NSPCC tree (Empty boxes, empty hopes), they received £25.

The winner of the public vote was Fareham Town W.I. (Dorothy's Dream) who received £25. This was the first year that this group had entered.

As always we could not have done this without the help of many people. Many thanks to you all.

The Church Council has approved the dates for this year, December 6th, 7th, and 8th. If you would like to help with the planning, our next meeting will be on Thursday, 28th June at 6.30 pm in the Snug for 1 hour.

Rosemarie Jackson

BURNS NIGHT

31 of us, plus the band I hope, had a very enjoyable Burns Night celebration. Thanks go to Edith & Colin Livingstone who provided the traditional haggis, tatties & neeps, and more, with delicious sweets prepared by several other generous folk. Martin & friends entertained us with Scottish music and we ended with a sing-song and, of course, Auld Lang Syne. We were able to donate £73 to Martin for Naomi House.

Eric Wheeler.

PS If you want an enjoyable evening out with delicious food and conviviality, why not join us for the next Supper Club evening, probably end April, early May.

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MINI MARKET - CHURCH STALL

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has contributed items to sell during the past year

We are still in URGENT NEED for items to sell including Chinaware, Crockery, Cutlery, jewellery, Kitchen Items, Books and Puzzles. Please ensure that they are in Good Condition . We cannot accept Clothes Magazine and Electrical items.

If you do leave us any items to sell will you please mark the bags for Mini Market.

The Stall Raised Last year a Total of £816.31. Thank You.

Lilian and Janice

CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

In January, Church Council approved a proposed new way of managing the Church property. A Property Management Committee has been established to look after all property issues at our Church. The Committee will consist of Mike Petter, Peter Moody, Nigel Cox and Antony Hollinghurst together with the Bookings & Liaison Secretary (Linda Foster) and the Property Steward (Geoff Jarman).

We have set up a log where any property issues can be recorded. This is kept in the Property Steward's pigeon hole outside the Wickham Room. Anyone wanting to raise a property issue should put it into the log rather than just ring up one of the committee.

The Property Management Committee will decide on the need and urgency of entries in the log, taking into account the current budget and any other property plans that might be relevant.

In order to assist in the management of costs it is always helpful to have Church members volunteer to help out where they can. So that we can draw up a definitive list of skills and talents amongst the Church congregation and membership could you please complete one of the cards that will be available at the back of the Church during February and place it in the box provided.

& The Property Management Committee

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

The minutes will be on the notice board in the corridor but here are some points of general interest.

The Annual Church Meeting will be on 11th March following the morning service..

2 new stewards will be needed for next May.

Tony Elvery has now completed MiDAS training for minibus driving. The Church will sponsor another driver if anybody would like to do the training.

Edith Livingstone will represent us on Christians Together.

Linda Foster will be taking on Bookings and Liaison with user groups.

A committee chaired by Mike Petter will be in charge of Property with Geoff Jarman acting as Property Steward . A folder will be kept in the pigeon holes for anybody to report areas needing attention.

The Church Charity number should appear on any paper involving money.

The Circuit is planning a Big Lunch to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee possibly on Sunday, 3rd June, venue as yet undecided.

The Christmas services are planned to be: 2nd December Toy Service, 9th December Care Homes, 16th December Nativity, 23rd December Carols with Christmas Tree Festival on 6,7,8th December.

Thanks and congratulations to all the young people who took part in their Christmas Service.

Cath Stevenson

FREE TRIP AROUND THE SUN

The snippet about this in last month's Focus called to mind what I consider to be an amazing fact. Do you know how fast we are travelling around the sun? If you have a calculator, you may work it out for yourself; I will provide the answer, if I remember, next month.

Hint: We travel in roughly a circle of radius 93 million miles; the formula for the circumference is $2 \times \text{Pi}$ (i.e.3.14) x radius.

“O Lord my God, When I, in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand has made”.

Eric Wheeler

Join us and help set up a new church!



- Life doesn't make it easy to answer some of the big questions your children want to ask! - So we offer you the opportunity to do just that! - **Messy Church!**
- It's Church for everyone! - Young and Old (Children must bring an adult with them!)
 - It's informal! - Noisy! Messy! Boisterous! "No Shushing"!
 - We focus on crafts & games for the whole family.
 - We share a meal together! - Dinner is on Us!
 - We share a short time of worship!

4:00 - 6:00pm

on Wednesday 8th February 2012

(then 2nd Wednesday in the month - whenever possible)

at Fareham Methodist Church

ST VALENTINE'S DAY

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.



So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day - 14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows. There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.



Parish Pump

Say Goodbye to 0845 045 45 45

Following the national roll out of 101 to all police forces in England and Wales, Hampshire Constabulary's non-emergency number 0845 045 4545 will now be fully replaced by 101.

The easy-to-remember 101 number is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls from landlines and mobile phone networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day or how long you are on the phone.

Alternatively, Hampshire Constabulary still operates its landline number 01962 841534. People that are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can textphone 18001 101.

SUNDAY LUNCH 19th FEBRUARY at 12.15 pm 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 MHA. 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 Pate
- Main Course:** Chicken Breasts in
BBQ Sauce or Gravy,
Chipolatas
Roast Potatoes,
Selection of Vegetables
- Puddings:** Variety



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

NINE REQUISITES FOR CONTENTED LIVING

Health enough to make work a pleasure;
Wealth enough to support your needs;
Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them;
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them;
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished;
Charity enough to see some good in your neighbour;
Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others;
Faith enough to make real the things of God;
Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

12 Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

COMPASSION

What a lovely thing it is –
A heart that's warm and kind,
One filled with compassion
That soothes the troubled mind.
A heart that's all forgiving
And always understands,
One who goes the second mile
And never makes demands.

Many hearts grow cold and hard
From knocks upon life's way,
And others lack compassion
In the world today.
Always trim your lamp of love
And keep the flame alight –
For the heart filled with compassion
Is precious in God's sight.

By Kathleen Gillum Parish Pump

ASH WEDNESDAY: A GOOD TIME TO ADMIT YOU ARE SORRY

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

‘I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance’ (said Jesus).
(Luke 5.32)

‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

‘Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.’ (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

Friday 24th February 2012

Fareham Methodist Church

Meal and Film Evening

6 for 6.30 p.m.

The King's Speech

**Enjoy a delicious Royal meal and watch this great film
starring**

Colin Firth and Helena Bonham Carter

**Come dressed as Royalty to celebrate the
Diamond Jubilee**

RELATIONSHIPS

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort

Of feeling safe with a person;

Having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words,

But to pour them all out just as they are,

Chaff and grain together,

Knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them,

Keep what is worth keeping,

And then, with the breath of kindness,

Blow the rest away.

George Eliot

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE KING DIED?

(If you remember this occasion perhaps you could jot down your memories for the next magazine please – thank you Jill G)

At only 14, some six weeks short of 15, I was, I suppose, a political puppy. And a royalist by default, you might say - perhaps after all the best sort of royalist.

I'd been brought up to stand to attention for the National Anthem, listen to the King's Speech, and sit enamoured by the Pathe Newsreel film of the Coronation which my father projected in our sitting room every time some of our numerous relatives from Canada, New Zealand, or the USA came to visit.

We didn't go as far as camping overnight outside Westminster Abbey for the Royal Wedding, or even lining the route on the day. But we did invite friends and neighbours in to watch the event on our - what? 9-inch? - black and white console TV. 25 or more packed the room. Every movable chair in the house, as I remember, was pressed into service.

And Buckingham Palace was certainly on the route for the statutory tour of London on which said relatives were always taken. And after all, every important national event was marked by the presence of royalty. The Victory Parade of 1946 was one such occasion, and the one, my memory tells me, which prompted my parents to acquire the television in the first place.

And closer to home, at the top of our road we had the King George V Memorial Garden, the frequent destination for a family walk on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

So a royalist by default. And as such this 14-year-old was surprised how deeply he was moved when the news came through on the morning of 6 February 1952. It was a dark, grim, damp day. London was building up to the 'killer fog' that hit the capital a fortnight later. I was in the Science lab. As I remember it, there was no formal announcement. Word just went round the class. The King had died. It was a real emotional jolt. Somehow a hole had been punched in my world.

Parish Pump

When there is room in the heart there ¹⁵is room in the house.

Danish Proverb

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 2nd March 2012

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in Malaysia. The theme is 'Let Justice Prevail'. As usual, there will be two services: 2.00pm and 7.30pm at Fareham Community Church. If you would like to take part in the service or need transport please let me know.

All are welcome to attend - men and women of all ages.

Linda Foster

YOU CAN START AGAIN!

“You will give me added years of life, as rich and full as those of many generations, all packed into one.” Psalm 61.6

A man out walking in the early Spring saw a bird's nest lying on the ground. It had been destroyed by a storm. He thought sadly of the time and work it must have taken to build it, but suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by a bird singing. When he looked up into the tree, he saw a wonderful sight: the little bird was busy building another nest!

You can't go back. You can't rewrite the past! But you don't have to wallow in regret or remorse. Your experiences have made you the person you are today and, if you're still breathing, then you can start your life over again, beginning right now! David blew it – his mistakes were bigger than most people's, but he decided not to be a prisoner of his past. He prayed: 'You will give me added years of life as rich and as full of those of many generations, all packed into one.' Psalm 61.6.

Get your eyes off the rear view mirror! All of us have things we wish we had done differently – or hadn't done at all. What is past is past. Put it under the forgiveness of a merciful God and move on. Your best days are ahead if you can accept this promise and move on it.

Word for Today

A friend forgives your defects, and if he is very fond of you, doesn't see any.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED

“Songs are a way of connecting with the things that people are experiencing,” says Clare Stainsby, a Methodist minister in Scarborough. She finds that she most usually writes in response to something that is happening at the time. Her hymn ‘Here as we kneel, here as we pray’ (Singing the Faith, no. 521) is one very good example.

“In this instance I was with a group that had come together one evening to pray for the 18-month old son of friends,” Clare says. “He was due to go into hospital for surgery the following day. There had been concerns during the day that the operation would have to be cancelled, so it was a time of anxious prayer.

“But, after a while, we stopped praying because we realised that we just needed to trust God; to know that his hand is upon each of us everyday; and to recognise that God’s grace is enough.” Clare wrote the song that evening when she got home, finishing it with the words “Lord, we believe that your grace is sufficient for today”, and popping it through the letter-box of her friends’ house the following day. Their son made a good recovery, says Clare, and is now a keen 19-year old climber!

Clare has four other hymns in Singing the Faith, including two for Advent and Christmas. She says that, nowadays, she hasn’t time to write many songs; her time is spent writing sermons instead! “But that’s no bad thing,” she adds, “as sermons are a different way of connecting with the things that people are experiencing.”

(This article is reproduced with the permission of Clare Stainsby and courtesy of www.singingthefaitplus.org.uk, a website of The Methodist Church in Britain.)

FROM MOTHER TERESA

Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for,
forgotten by everybody -
I think that is a much greater hunger,
a much greater poverty,
than the person who has nothing to eat. . . .
We must find each other.





GEORGE HERBERT

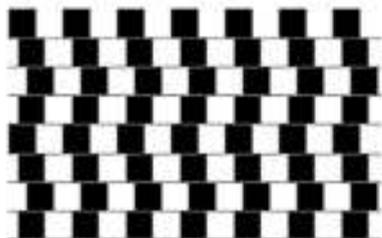
Born the seventh of 10 children in 1593, George Herbert grew up to be well known as a scholar and became a Member of Parliament. In 1630 he became a parish priest and spent the rest of his life in a small Wiltshire village. He preached, wrote poetry, helped rebuild the church and cared deeply for his parishioners who called him the 'Holy Mr. Herbert'.

He died aged 40 of tuberculosis, and perhaps we would never have heard of him were it not for his poems. He hid patterns and puns in his poems: in one called 'Easter Wings' the printed words look like the wings of birds soaring into the sky. A number of his poems became hymns, such as 'King of Glory, King of Peace', 'Let All the World in Every Corner Sing' and 'Teach me, my God and King'.



There is a window honouring George Herbert in Westminster Abbey, but he lives on in the words of hymns that are still sung today.

PUZZLES BEFORE YOUR EYES...



Do these lines go straight across or do they slope? Check them with a ruler to get the answer.



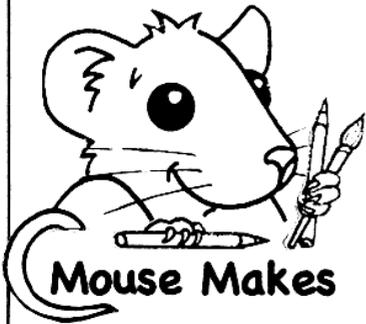
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some poems rhyme
But this one doesn't!



What birds spend all their time on their knees?
Birds of prey.

What do you call a group of chickens playing hide-and-peek ?

Fowl play.



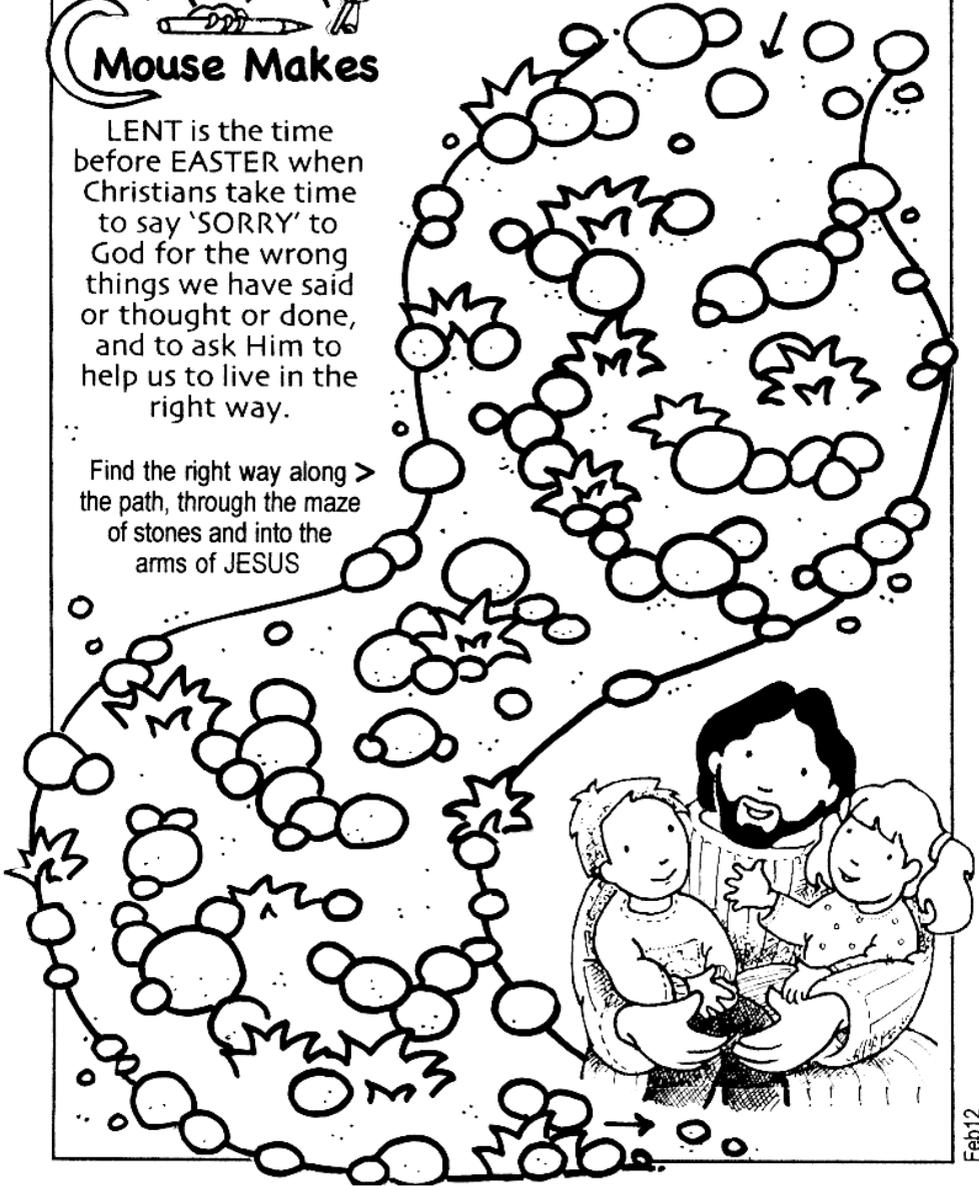
Mouse Makes

LENT is the time before EASTER when Christians take time to say 'SORRY' to God for the wrong things we have said or thought or done, and to ask Him to help us to live in the right way.

Find the right way along > the path, through the maze of stones and into the arms of JESUS

"Teach me how to live,
O LORD.
Lead me along
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11



SPRING FAYRE 2012

The Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 21st April from 9.00 am to 1.00pm.

It has been decided to have the usual stalls :

BRIC A BRAC BOOKS (Hardback and Paperback)
CAKES INCLUDING HOME MADE JAMS,
HORTICULTURAL,
TOYS INCLUDING JIGSAW PUZZLES
TOILETRIES,
TOMBOLA (WE NEED PRIZES PLEASE)

Why not have a look in your attic You never know what you will find , please don't donate any electrical goods or magazines.

There will be two new items this year.

The first will be a **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

The subject - SIGNS OF SPRING

Size of Photos 6 ins by 4 ins maximum

The second a **FRESH SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENT**

Both competitions will have two sections: 1 for Adults and 1 for children up to the age of sixteen years

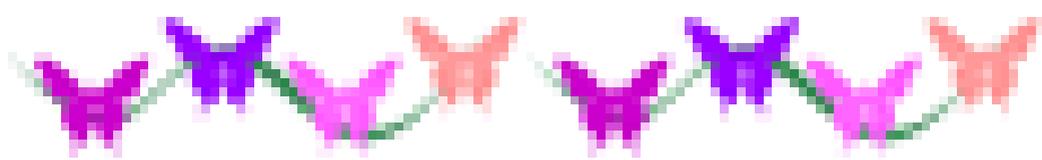
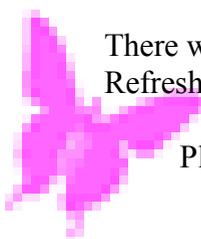
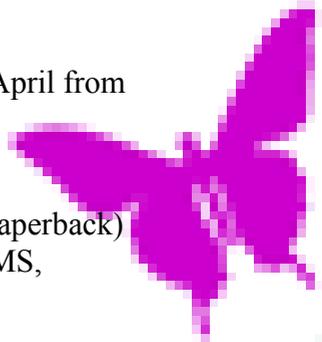
Entries to both competitions must be accompanied by a card stating:

NAME,
TELEPHONE NUMBER,
And for children THEIR AGE.

There will be a provision for Games for the Children and Refreshments will be available.

Please come and tell your friends

Vic, Sheila D & Tony E



FOOD & DRINK QUIZ

Nigel Cox is selling a quiz, devised by Jim Bradley from Stubbington, in support of the MHA Gosport Live at Home scheme. They cost £1 each and the closing date for completed answers is 18th March with the result being declared on 1st April

61% of UK ADULTS SAY EXCESSIVE DRINKING IS A PROBLEM IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD

A YouGov survey has revealed that 61% of UK adults believe that excessive drinking is a problem (from minor to major) in their neighbourhood.

The survey, carried out on behalf of three major British Churches, asked people to judge the effects of alcohol on the area within walking distance from their home, or where they use local facilities.

The Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have expressed concerns about the increasing availability of cheap alcohol and the effect that this might be having on communities across Britain. They believe that enforcing a minimum per-unit price could be part of the solution to this problem, a move that has already been taken by the Scottish Government and that has been backed by health watchdog, the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE).

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS

My train of thought was just derailed.

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be looking for it for the rest of the day.

G K Chesterton

Be kind. Remember that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

Harry Thompson

Conscience: the sixth sense that comes to our aid when we are wrong and tells us that we are about to get caught.

Car Park: the place where you take your car to have little dents put in the doors and bumpers.

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STEPPING INTO 2012 with FAIRTRADE in FAREHAM BOROUGH



After a successful year in which we have continued to spread the message of Fairtrade in the borough of Fareham, and to work with Fairtrade groups from Ringwood to Rushmoor in the Hampshire Fairtrade Network, the Fareham Fairtrade Borough working group is now planning for Fairtrade Fortnight 2012. Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual, nationwide celebration of Fairtrade, and runs this year from 27th February to 11th March.

The theme of Fairtrade Fortnight 2012 is “Take a Step”. With over 3000 products, from coffees to flowers, now bearing the Fairtrade Mark which guarantees that their producers have received a fair and sustainable price for their goods, Fairtrade is a familiar part of life for almost everyone in the UK. Yet many of us could easily take another step, to make the Fairtrade choice a little more often, and by doing so to make a small but significant contribution to building a fairer world. Campaigners in Fareham will be challenging the citizens of the borough to take that step, and offering information on why and how to do so.

We are delighted that this year we will be working particularly closely with Fareham College, and also building on our existing links with local schools. We are always very happy to come and talk about Fairtrade (bringing free tasters with us!) to schools and community organisations. If you would like to book a speaker, or just to find out more about Fairtrade, please come along to our stall in West Street, Fareham on Saturday 3rd March, visit our website at fftb.org.uk, or contact Rachel Hicks on 01329 312895 or chair@fftb.org.uk.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

FEBRUARY

1st	Healing /Prayer Group at Archery Lane, Fareham	14.00
3rd	Friday Lunch	13.00
7th	Youth Council meeting at the Manse	19.30
	Ladies Night	20.00
8th	Ministerial Synod at Bournemouth	10.00
	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
19th	Sunday Lunch	12.30
21st	Ladies Night	20.00
22nd	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Mission Action Team meeting at the Manse	19.30
24th	Film and Meal evening	18.00
28th	Circuit Meeting at Lee MC	19.30
29th	Start of Lent services	10.30

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2nd	Friday Lunch	13.00
7th	Pastoral Meeting	19.30
11th	Annual Church Meeting	Approx 11.45
	Sunday Lunch	Approx 12.30
13th	Ladies Night	19.00
14th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00

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

FEBRUARY

5th 10.30 Sheila & Graham Dyer
12th 10.30 Garry Bagshaw, Mary Bailey
19.00 A N Other
19th 10.30 Lynda Haydon-Jones, Judith Bramall
26th 10.30 Liz Haigh, Jenny Chalmers
18.00 Eric Wheeler

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4th 10.30 Linda & Kevin Foster

FLOWER ROTA

FEBRUARY

5th Lynda Thomas
12th Joan & Jeff Padley
19th T B A
26th Marilyn Woodrow

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4th Tony Emberson

REFRESHMENT ROTA

FEBRUARY

5th Cath Stevenson, Vic Collins, Judith Bramall
12th Pat Croker, Mary Bailey
19th Liz Haigh, Liz Avison
26th Mary Bailey,

MARCH

4th Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters, Jill Groom

PRESS DATE

All items for the **February** Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Areas or handed to the editor - **Jill Groom** - by **Lunchtime on Friday 24th February 2012** please.

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Fareham Focus is now available to be read on Fareham Church Website
