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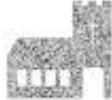
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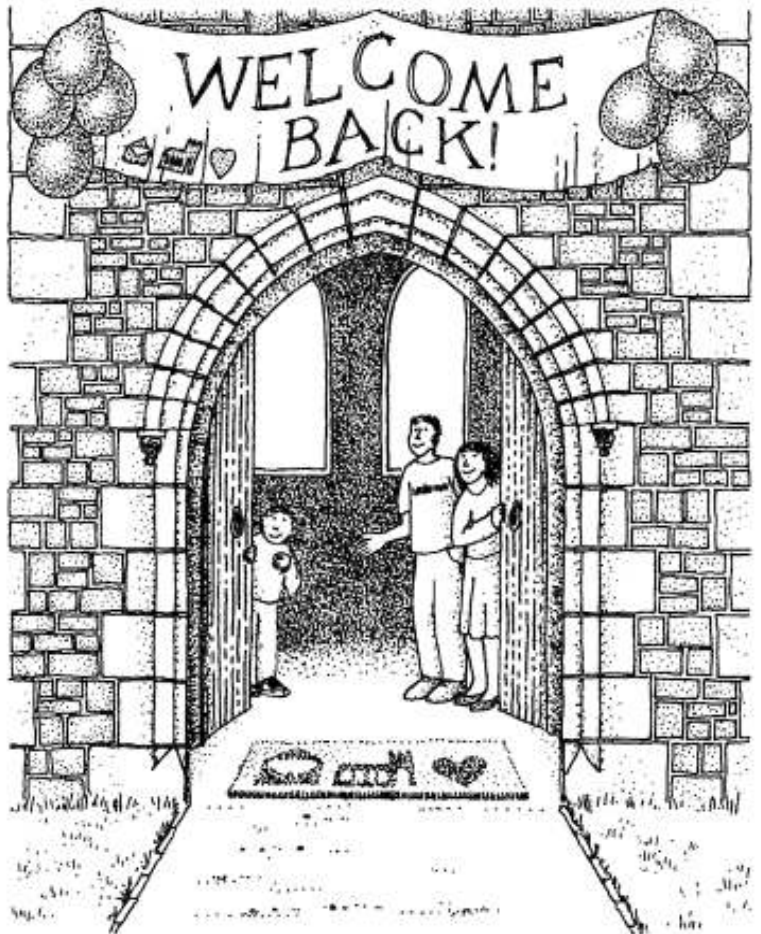
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SERVICES DURING September

2nd	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion & Covenant
9th	10.30	Pam Davey	
	18.00	Circuit Service	@ Bridgemary
	18.30	Revd Stephen Wright	Sunday 2
16th	10.30	Fareham Team	Together in Worship
23rd	10.30	Alex Jameson	
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Iona Style
30th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Harvest & Back to Church Sunday

SERVICES DURING October

7th 10.30 Revd Malcolm Groom Family Holy Communion

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

None notified this month

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

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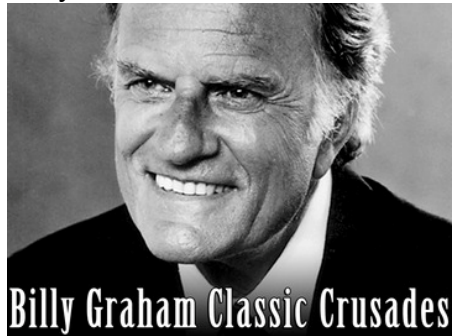
Dear Friends

Sunday September 30th we are celebrating Harvest Festival. After the morning service we will also have our Harvest Lunch. That day is also officially designated as "Back to Church Sunday" and is an opportunity for you to invite any of your friends who would not normally come to church to join us for worship and a meal!

I have a question for you:- *Have you ever heard of a gentleman by the name of **Albert McMakin**?* - Think hard! - have you ever heard of him before? - I would guess almost certainly not!

I have another question for you:- *Have you ever heard of **Billy Graham**?* - No need to think about that one is there? - Everyone has heard of the great evangelist Billy Graham.

Well let me tell you; if it hadn't been for Albert McMakin there probably would never have been a Billy Graham! - Let me tell you the story.....



One day, a newly converted young Christian called Albert McMakin decided to invite some of the young people from his small home-town to a Christian rally in a neighbouring town. Some were interested, but Billy Graham wasn't - he was a good looking boy and more interested in girls than Christianity. But Albert persisted and managed to persuade Billy by letting him drive the truck that they were to travel in.

At the Christian rally Billy was hooked and he went back and attended the rally for the rest of the week.... and the rest is history, as they say.

I could tell you similar stories of Edward Kimball's invitation to another great evangelist - D.L.Moody, and many more.

Almost every great worker for the Lord has come to God through the work and invitation of another Christian. Perhaps more importantly, millions more "*ordinary*" disciples have come to God through the invitation of another disciple - isn't that how you came to the Lord?

I have another question for you:- *Are you going to invite someone on Sunday 30th September?*

BacktoChurchSunday



Best wishes,



VESTRY JOTTINGS

Church Christmas Card Competition

This year we have decided to ask Church members to design our Christmas card. It will be distributed as the card detailing Christmas services, and also used in Church advertising posters, the magazine cover and as a cover for Church services.

The competition is open to all and will be split into 3 age ranges: up to under 12 years, 12 years to under 18 years, 18 and over (up to any age).

To enter design your card on a sheet of A4 paper, portrait style, you can be as imaginative as you like and use colour. On the reverse please write your name and the age category you are entering.

Entries must be handed to a Steward before or on the closing date of 7 October 2012.

The Stewards will then choose their favourite in each age range and these will be displayed from 14 October until 4 November for the congregation to pick their favourite.

Please enter, we are looking for your help and designs. Have FUN!!

The Stewards

Ride and Stride - 8 September 2012



A reminder that the Church will be open for the Ride and Stride event on 8 September between 10am and 6pm. We still need more volunteers to man the welcome area throughout the day to welcome participants who have chosen to include this Church in their route and to serve them refreshment if required. We would be very grateful to anyone who can help out with this for an hour or two during the day. Two people are required at any one time. There is a Rota in the Welcome area to put your name on if you are able to assist.

The Stewards

THANK YOU

I would like to give my thanks to the young people of Sunday 2 who led the service on the day the Olympic Torch came to Fareham. Apart from its being a fun and relaxed service with so many youngsters taking part both in music, readings and movement, there was also a good worshipful atmosphere.

There must have been others like me, with a limited interest in sport, who had been finding the many media references to the Olympics a touch tedious. However, I saw the Games in a different light when I was helped by the young people to realise that the opportunities given for communities to get together and have fun in these rather serious times is very valuable.

Then, the linking of the Olympic Flame to the flame of the Holy Spirit and how it can enhance lives was really inspirational. Well Done and thank you!

Mary Bailey

May I say a grateful thank you to the person who delivered the beautiful Church flowers to me earlier in August. They lasted so well and reminded me that I was not forgotten. I do hope to be with you all again soon.

Lynda Thomas



Thank you for the lovely Church flowers brought to me by Joan Padley on the occasion of my birthday. They brightened the room

John Field

Thank you for the flowers kindly delivered to me by Marion and Dennis Bright. They were very much appreciated.

Louie Clement

THANK YOU cont....

I greatly appreciated the beautiful bouquet of flowers given to me for my birthday and anniversary of Marjory's death, a time of joy and sadness. The fellowship of Fareham Methodist Church is wonderful.



Eric Wheeler

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers for our Ruby Wedding Anniversary. They are still beautiful a week later.

Jill & Malcolm Race

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers kindly delivered to me by Liz Haigh. She also brought the sunshine!!

Lynda Young

Thank you very much for the lovely Church flowers kindly brought to me by Margaret Temple.

Eileen Long

Thank you very much for the very beautiful Church flowers - kindly brought to me by Liz Haigh. They were a joy to me all through the week.

Maude Lovell

Many thanks once again for the flowers brought to me, and thanks to Bobby & Patrick for the visit to bring them.

Lilwen Watkins

I wish to express my thanks again for the beautiful flowers delivered to me by Liz. It is so good to be remembered by all our friends in Church.

Thank you, and all good wishes Jill for your trip to the Ukraine.

Mavis Parish

Many thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers so kindly delivered by Liz Haigh. It was so helpful to be remembered on this first anniversary of Ken's passing.

Sheila Walters

Thank you all for the beautiful red carnations. Thank you also for the prayers and good wishes. I hope to join you in about 6 weeks time for prayer in Church. God Willing.



We are very grateful to so many of the Church family who contributed to the joy and happiness felt at Kim and Marc's wedding on 18th August. Thanks to Malcolm for the memorable service; to Jill, Lucy, Hannah and Emily for the wonderful music. Thanks to Malcolm Race for sound and technical support and Jenny who did so much as steward on duty for the wedding. Thank you Sheila, for the lovely colour co-ordinated welcome area.

Kim and Marc were also touched, as we were, by the number of the Church family who attended the service and they are so grateful for the cards, gifts and good wishes received. Thank you all

Linda & Kevin Foster

Action for Children

The total raised this year from Action for Children collection boxes is £145.15. Many thanks to all who participate in this way of raising fund for the charity. If anyone else would like to have a box for their "unwanted money" (!!) please speak to Tony Elvery or Pat Croker. Also a big thank you to the team for the recent food and film evening with a donation of £100.00. I have received letters of thank you from Action for Children and they do appreciate our support; these can be viewed on the Church notice board.



Thank you too to Mary for organising the recent quiz. The total raised of £32.00 is being donated to Action for Children.

Tony & Pat

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER



Please note that Geoff Tarvin has changed his phone number to

01329 517711

WHEN FAMILIES SPEND TIME TOGETHER

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Christian Aid



The final total raised during Christian Aid week 2012 in our local area was £7949.42 which was a big increase from last year £6803.84. Next year the group are planning to continue with the current door to door collections. The week begins with a sponsored walk on Sunday 12th May followed by a display in the town centre from Monday 13th – Friday 17th May.

The Church Partnership Scheme ends in October. Having raised £5,000 for the first project, £2222-66 has so far been raised towards a second project.

All aboard for tax justice

Saturday 8th September 3.30pm - 4.30pm

St John's Church, Locks Heath Church Road, SO31 6LW

Tax dodging costs developing countries an estimated US\$160bn every year –more than the annual global aid budget. So this autumn Christian Aid is taking the message of tax justice on the road– in a 'Tax Justice Bus'. Every one is invited to hear from Christian Aid partners from around the world talk about how tax dodging affects their lives and what they're doing to bring about tax justice.

Find out more at christian-aid.org/tax-bus

Cathedrals to Coast Bike Ride

Jeremy Hicks from St John's Church Fareham has signed up for this bike ride, organised by Christian Aid: 150 miles over two days starting in London and ending in Weymouth, calling in at the Cathedrals of Guildford, Winchester and Salisbury, over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September.

If you would like to sponsor him he would be very grateful. The easiest way to do this is to visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/Jeremy-Hicks0> - which not only gives a simple, quick and secure way to give money, but also explains a bit more about why he is doing the ride, and why he is passionate about the work of Christian Aid. This page also offers a chance to Gift Aid the donation, which will increase its value by a quarter at no additional cost to you. If you're a taxpayer, please do this.

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Many thanks for the continued support of Christian Aid

:Linda Foster

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Summer Service & Tea

A very big “Thank You” to EVERYONE who helped to make the afternoon such a success and so enjoyable for those attending. It was good to see so many of our own members joining with those from the Care Homes. It is difficult to thank everyone by name but among the thanks to those who provided the refreshments - welcomed and served the “Guests” we must thank Malcolm for arranging the service, Janice and Vic for their readings, Linda Press for playing the organ, Tony for driving the minibus and to Jill Race for arranging the entertainment.

The entertainment highlighted just how many gifted youngsters we have within the Church family - we are indeed blessed - and they all deserved Gold Medals!!

Lynda Young

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month. Most of our meetings are in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.00 pm. Tea is available from 1.45 pm (Please note timings change from previous meetings).

Autumn Programme

12th Sept	Brainstorming afternoon with Rosemarie Jackson
26th Sept	A G M
10th Oct	Jill Groom - Ukraine Mission - News of her latest trip
24th Oct	Yvonne Jameson - Talk about her recent trip to Bulgaria with other MWiB representatives
14th Nov)	To be announced
28th Nov)	“
12 Dec	Christmas Service in the Worship area with Lynne Matthews followed by Tea and Mince Pies In the Wickham Room

Shirley Henderson



4.00 – 6.00pm
Wednesday, 12th September 2012
at Fareham Methodist Church

Everyone Welcome

Harvest
Theme



FAREHAM FRESH EXPRESSIONS

The small team of willing workers has achieved quite a lot one way or another but we would always welcome fresh ideas and extra hands to help with the work. Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 6th at 10.00 in the Welcome Area at church. Come along and share your ideas or your ability to help. You will be welcome.

Garry Bagshaw
Circuit FX Enabler

NEW FORMS OF CHURCH ATTRACTING THOUSANDS EACH MONTH

The Methodist Church says that it has been encouraged by the growth of new forms of church, especially those under the banners of Venture FX and Fresh Expressions. Recent statistics show that over 40,000 people now attend some form of fresh expression church at least monthly. Fresh Expressions, a joint venture with the Church of England, also works alongside a large number of Christian organisations, denominations and streams - both in the UK and overseas.

The Venture FX project of the Methodist Church has helped create 13 projects around the country since its launch in 2009, with six more launching in the last year. Ian Bell, Venture FX Coordinator, says, "From Bermondsey to Colwyn Bay, from Plymouth to Edinburgh, pioneers both lay and ordained are grasping the opportunity to share the gospel where people are."

The Fresh Expressions statistics show steady growth in all forms of fresh expressions, including cafe church and messy church. Recent figures from the Church of England show about 30,000 people attending fresh expressions of church who are not otherwise counted in church attendance figures. For most Methodist forms of fresh expressions, a clear majority of those taking part do not otherwise attend church.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Following the passing away of my father, I would like to thank all those who sent me cards of sympathy and words of comfort and also for all your prayers.

There will be a thanksgiving service on Wednesday, 19th September at 11.30 am in the Worship area of Fareham Methodist Church. This service is open to all my Church family who are able to attend.

Tracey Cooper

WORSHIP CONSULTATION - Change of date.

This meeting will now be held on Tues. Sept 25th at 7.30pm
Please send any items you may wish to be brought forward at that meeting to me by Sept 22nd.

Rosemarie Jackson (Convenor)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

I shall be hosting a coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Relief in the Church Hall and Welcome area on Friday, 28th September, between 9.30 am and 11.30 am. All welcome and do bring friends and family to support this event.



Tracey Cooper

I B R A NOTES 2013

We have received details of the I B R A Notes - please see the Church Notice Board for details.

There are two titles: Light for our Path 2013
Words for Today 2013

Please let me know if you wish to order copies for next year.

Graham Dyer

HEALING GROUP

The next Healing group is on Wednesday, 5th September at 7.30 pm at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham. Please come and join us.



Rita Jackson

COFFEE CENTRE



The Coffee Centre is open on Thursday mornings from 9.30 am. Everyone is very welcome. Thank you so much for coming to all our regulars and to those who call in occasionally.

Half of the profits go to the Building Fund and half to Action for Children.

It is lovely that recently some meetings are being held on Thursday mornings while the Coffee Centre is open. So here is a reminder about the Coffee Centre. Please call in: it's a chance to have a break and relax. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday mornings.

Jill Race

WELCOME AREA

How lovely it was to see a new banner displayed in the Welcome Area at Kim and Marc's wedding. Thank you to the Banner Group.

Sheila Dyer

EVENING CLASSES

There are two new groups hoping to offer weekly classes on our premises if there is enough interest:

There will be Zumba dance classes on Tuesdays 6.00 – 6.45 pm starting on 4th September £4.00 per person, per session.

Kundalini Yoga classes are beginning on Mondays as described by the teacher of the group;

Kundalini Yoga, as taught by Yogi Bhajan, will start on Monday 3rd September 7.00-8:30pm. Kundalini Yoga is the yoga of awareness that enables you to balance mind, body, spirit, a necessary requisite for a busy life. If you want to develop your physical body whilst also learning how to relax and meditate then these classes could be ideal for you.

The classes are taught by Livtar Kaur an experienced yoga teacher and Intern for trainee teachers. The cost is £7:50 a class if paid monthly in advance or £10:00 for a drop in session.



Linda Foster

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 30th September 2012

The Church will be open on Saturday, 29th September from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Please bring along your Harvest contributions so they may be arranged in the Church for the Sunday Service. Tea and coffee will also be available!

The Harvest gifts this year will be going to the Women's Refuge where tinned food would be especially welcome.

The money raised from the Sunday lunch will go to the Rainbow Centre. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, 29th September between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm

Sheila Dyer

HARVEST SUNDAY LUNCH 30th SEPTEMBER 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 The Rainbow Centre as this is the charity for Harvest. 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:	Cheese and Onion Pie or Chicken in BBQ Sauce, Sausages, New Potatoes, Salad
Puddings:	Variety



There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign. Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Lunch! Everyone is welcome even at the last minute!!

Jill Groom

.... Is coming and a large water bird may be increasing in girth!!



We have a new hymn book which contains hymns old and new. I hope that during the next few weeks, you will be able to have a look through it. Next month I will be requesting a list of your seven favourite carols. The aim is to include the top ones in the carol service on December 23rd.

Garry Bagshaw
hazel_bagshaw@sky.com

200 YEARS OF METHODIST MISSION

There will be a special bicentenary celebration of the Methodist Missionary Society (MMS) in October 2013, coordinated by the Leeds Methodist District, to recognise the outstanding work of the Society over the last 200 years.

Parish Pump

PLUS ÇA CHANGE

I have recently been pondering on all the structural changes that have happened to Fareham Methodist Church in the last 40 years. Who can remember the back door actually being on King's Road? Or the old cramped kitchen? Or the coke-fired boiler for the heating?

Are there any records / plans of these alterations? If not, it is worthwhile trying to put some together for the record. Let Eric Wheeler know your opinions. If there is a demand, perhaps we could gather together recollections of long-standing members and produce a booklet.

Eric Wheeler

WHEN THE SUN GOES EDGEWISE - and daytime equals night

September 22nd is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere)

The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness

WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to think how God could use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community.

God equips us with everything we need to complete this work of showing love and establishing justice. In the film *Chariots of Fire*, Eric Liddell, says, 'I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure'. If we are doing what God wants us to do, we can really feel the joy and power of the Holy Spirit.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, he asked the question, 'What is in your hand?' (Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down). God asks the same question of us: What has God given you? Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work he has given us to do. Are we willing to offer them to him to make a real difference in the places where he calls us to serve him?

John Ortberg in his book 'It All Goes Back In The Box' tells the story of Johnny the bagger. Johnny, 19 years old with Downs syndrome, worked at a supermarket checkout, putting people's items into bags. After a training event on how to make a difference, he decided that he wanted to do something special for his customers. His idea was to put a thought for the day into every bag; something positive about how good it is to be alive or how much people matter!

Every night his dad would help him carefully prepare the slips of paper and sign every one. Each time he bagged someone's groceries, he would put his saying on top of the last bag. Then he would look the person in the eye and say, 'I've put a great saying in your bag. I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.' A month later, the store manager noticed that the line at Johnny's checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted to get hold of Johnny's thought for the day. He was doing more than filling bags with groceries; he was filling lives with hope!

BROKEN INTO, SMASHED—& CLEANED OUT!

Norma Murrain, a well know Christian jewellery designer based in Birmingham, was robbed this summer.... a devastating experience. Here she tells her story:-

"I will take refuge under the shadow of your wings until the storm has passed" Psalm 57:1

Have you ever had a day when you feel like 'just call me Job!?' Like your whole world is crashing around you and you wish you could turn back time? Like your most trusted foundations have been ripped away?

Then you will know how I felt this summer when I returned from the **Methodist Conference** in Plymouth to find the workshop, broken into and ransacked. A quick check revealed my worst fear; most of our stock had been taken. I prayed 'Lord, let me be dreaming!'

As we begin to pick up the pieces my eye fixes on one of our silver rings, the words 'Jesus is my rock' are deeply engraved and highlighted in gold. I pick it up and hold it close to me; the words engrave themselves on my heart and mind. I pick up a string of pearls and I'm reminded that 'Jesus is my pearl of great price'. Then I pick up the 'ascending spirit dove' pendant from under the table, where it lies trampled...and suddenly peace floods in like a river, in all the mess I am reminded that Christ is near!

Sometimes there are no words to explain away a sense of loss or personal pain, when that thing, or **person** or place that we held dear is ripped away or why things happen that we don't understand. So, Lord, I will take refuge under the shadow of your wings until the storm is passed.

Can you relate to my experience, are you going through tough times? Then come with me into this sanctuary, into the secret place of the Most High. Right here in the eye of the storm I call his name, Jesus! And he is here! Here is strength for each new day, here is my treasure! Here are riches untold! Here is love, here is peace, and here is life, health and beauty and all the joy of heaven!

We worked all summer to restock, and made it to New Wine in Shepton Mallet in July, and in Newark in early August. We took some of our latest work, fresh inspirations and our new 2012 -2013 catalogue. Our friends have stood by us, in both their prayers, and their orders.

Parish Pump

AN URGENT CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR TROUBLED WORLD.

11 years ago this month the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York were hit by two planes, flown by Islamic terrorists. The world changed that day. Since then, the past 11 years have witnessed a horrible succession of violence: the carnage of 7/7 in London, the wretched suicide bombings in so many countries, the riots in the UK (2011), the wars across the Middle East, and currently the slaughter in Syria. The world is in a battered state.

Our own society is in deep need. Britain is broken in so many ways. The pastoral burden that every local church bears is a continual reminder to us that a tragically high number of our fellow citizens lead dysfunctional, damaged lives. And the on-going financial crisis bears down on all of this, adding yet more layers of anxiety to our already traumatic situation.

It is easy to think that we, as local Christians, can do nothing. That is so wrong. We **CAN** do something. We can pray. Not the polite few words that come to our lips in opening or in closing a church meeting. But prayer where we turn to God with our inner selves, and with real urgency ask God for help. We need to cast ourselves and our hurting world upon him with a renewed sense of our absolute dependence upon him.

Prayer is not something a Christian should do occasionally. It is something that we should be doing all the time. Prayer is the only link we have with God. It is the most vital thing that we can do in life. You would not get far in an human relationship without speaking to the one you love; you will not get far in any spiritual realm without speaking, either.

When we open our hearts to God in prayer, he hears us. He increases our faith, and our desire for more of him, and for the extension of his kingdom. Don't know what to pray? It is simple; 'your kingdom come... into....' whatever situation about which you are praying.

Our churches **CAN** be real spiritual powerhouses – more expectant in worship, more effective in witness, more able to be the salt and light of our Society.

Our Church has a prayer group. Why not come along and join it. Help us to increase with God's help our spiritual powerhouse in Fareham.

CHILDRENSWORK MAGAZINE LAUNCHES

A magazine aimed at helping Christians who work with children in churches across the UK has been launched by Premier Christian Media. Children work will aim to help children's workers to present the message of Jesus clearly to children. In America, a study has found that nearly half of all people who become committed Christians did so before the age of 13. The new magazine will also include 'advice panels' of leading experts, and news of developments in children's ministry. The aim is to 'nurture the incredibly deep, profound, yet fragile faith and spirituality of children'

TELLY TUBBY?

Live longer – turn off the telly. People spend too much time just sitting watching TV. Cut your viewing to less than three hours a day – and you might just extend your life by two years. The British Medical Journal warns that too much TV can lead to diabetes and death from heart disease or stroke

WHAT DID I DO WITH THE CAR?

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I suddenly realised I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought - I've left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call: "Darling," I began (I always call her 'darling' at moments like this). "Darling, I have left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen".

There was a little gasp. "You did not have the car. I dropped you off. Remember?"

My heart sang as relief flooded through me. "Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick - I am already running late... what is keeping you?"

That was not smart. My wife replied with ominous calm: "What's keeping me? I'll tell you what's keeping me. The police are here. They think I've stolen your car. . . ."



CHURCH

When someone says the word 'church' to you, what do you think of? A quiet building made of stone? A busy place with lots of happy people? Somewhere surrounded by gravestones or busy roads?

The Greek word for the church – ecclesia – comes from a word that means 'called out'. In other words, a church is a group of people called by God. The church is not a bunch of stones or bricks, it is a bunch of us!

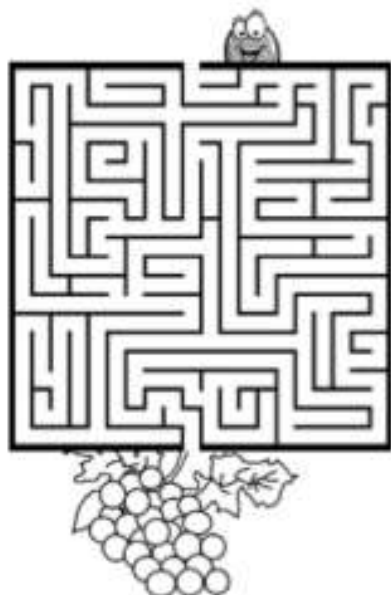
We are all called out to be a part of the Body of Christ and all of us have a job to do. We may not understand what that job is now but we will in time and with help.

In the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 and again in Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11, these types of calling or ministry are listed. We may be teachers or healers, prophets or administrators, but whatever role God calls us out to do we are not alone, because God is with us, giving us the strength and the tools to do the job.



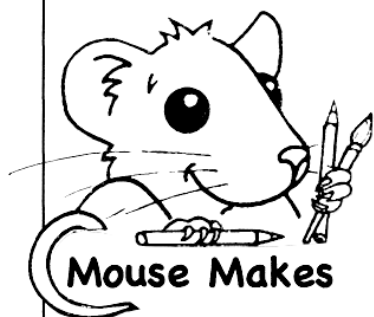
JOIN THE BUNCH

Poor little lost grape – can you help it find its way through this maze to join up with the bunch?



What did the green grape say to the purple grape?
"You need to breathe"

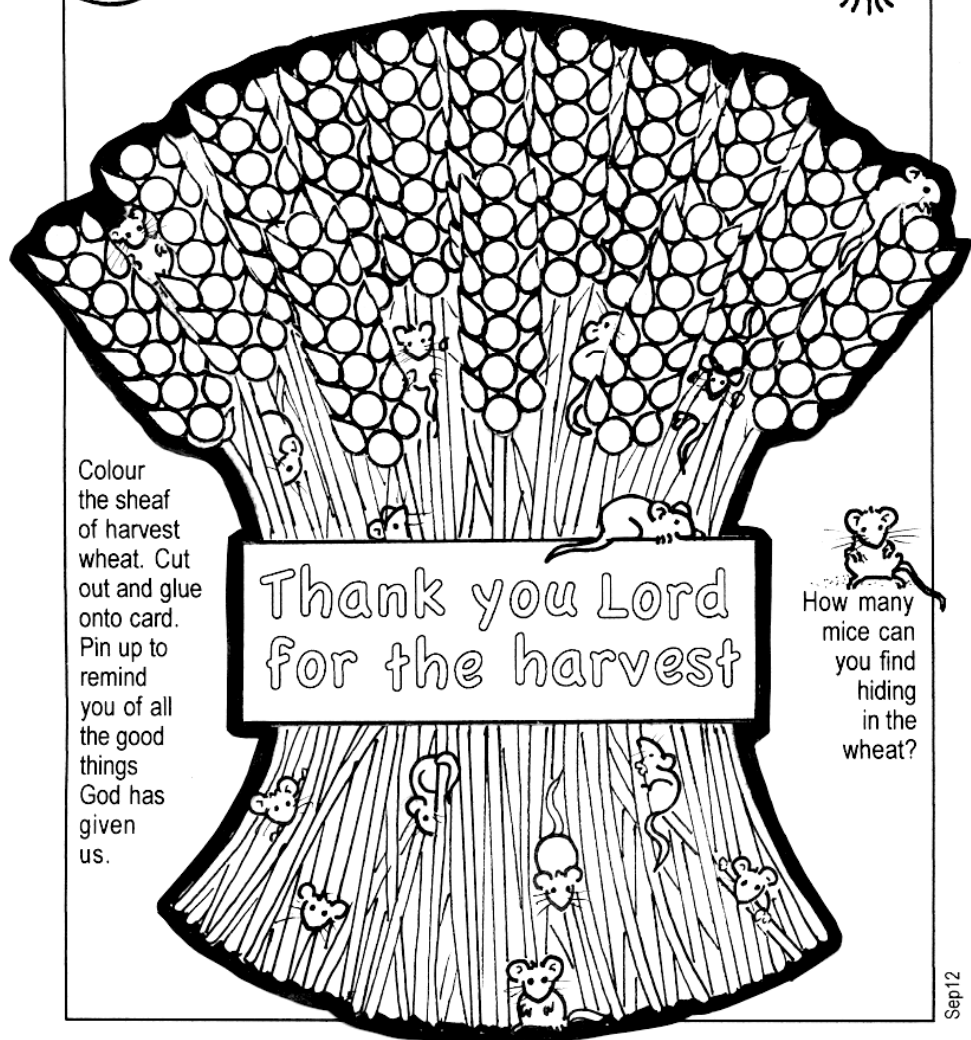
A man decided to start a chicken farm and brought 24 to get started. A week later he bought another 24 and another 24 the week after that. When his friend asked how the farm was coming along the man replied, "Not one of them has grown yet. I wonder if I'm planting them too deep?"



All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above:
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord
for all his love.



*"The land has yielded its harvest:
God, our own God,
has blessed us."
Psalm 67:6*



Colour
the sheaf
of harvest
wheat. Cut
out and glue
onto card.
Pin up to
remind
you of all
the good
things
God has
given
us.

How many
mice can
you find
hiding
in the
wheat?

Penny Thorne invites you to follow up mornings on:

A Christian Perspective On Depression

Part 2: Saturday 15th Sept - Stress

Part 3: Saturday 13th Oct - Religious Aspects

Part 4: tba - Healing & Help



At Bridgemaury Methodist Church

- 10:00am DVD by Dr John Lockley.
10:30am Coffee and sharing thoughts on DVD.
11:00am DVD Part 2.
11:30am Sharing & Discussion.
12:15pm End

FIVE REASONS GOD CREATED EVE!

1. God worried that Adam would get lost in the Garden, because men never ask directions.
2. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when the seat wore out, and therefore would need Eve to get one for him.
3. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
4. God knew that Adam would never remember which night to put the wheelie bins out.
5. God knew that Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote, because men don't want to see what's on television, they want to see WHAT ELSE is on television.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

SEPTEMBER

4th	Circuit Leadership Team @ Circuit Office	10.00
7th	Friday Lunch	13.00
8th	Synod at Winchester	9.30
	Ride & Stride	10.00 - 18.00
11th	Circuit Meeting at Stubbington MC	19.30
12th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
22nd	Local Preacher's Training Day with Tom Stuckey	10.00
	Annual Circuit Skittles event @ Bridgemary	18.00
26th	Wednesday Fellowship A G M	14.00
30th	Back to Church Sunday	10.30
	Harvest Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15

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5th	Friday Lunch	13.00
9th	Worship Consultation	19.30
10th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
	Messy Church	16.00
16th	Church Council	19.30
17th	Local Preachers Business Meeting @ Portchester	19.00
24th	Wednesday Fellowship	

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

SEPTEMBER

2nd	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer
9th	10.30	Garry Bagshaw, Shirley & Keith Sargeant
	19.00	A N Other
16th	10.30	Bobby & Patrick Watson
23rd	10.30	Janice & Vic Collins
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
30th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple

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7th	10.30	Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
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FLOWER ROTA

SEPTEMBER

2nd	Marion Bright
9th	Lilian Tildesley
16th	Margaret & Bob Temple
23rd	Maggie Allingham & Bill Batchelor
30th	Louie Clement & Doreen Phillips

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7th	Flower Fund
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REFRESHMENT ROTA

SEPTEMBER

2nd	Cath Stevenson, Vic Collins, Judith Bramall
9th	Pat Croker, Mary Bailey
16th	Liz Haigh, Liz Avison
23rd	Ruth & Tony Elvery
30th	Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters, Jill Groom

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7th	Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow
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PRESS DATE

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