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MAY

5"	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom Holy Communion
		Revd Gillian Slaymaker Circuit Service at Gosport
12 th	10.30	Mrs Christine Hargrave
19 th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom Church Anniversary
		All Age Worship
26 th	10.30	Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom Wesley Celebration
		Circuit Service

LOCAL PREACHER AND TEAM APPOINTMENTS

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

May

12th 18.30 Andrew Wilcock at Portchester

Minister's Letter May 2013

Dear Friends, We don't often take the opportunity to celebrate our Methodist roots, but the Circuit Fresh Expressions group have decided to do that this year. On 24th and 25th May Fareham will be hosting a circuit interactive exhibition about the Holy Spirit and its effect on the founder of our Methodist part of God's church, John Wesley.



Pentecost and Aldersgate Sunday (the special Sunday celebrating John Wesley's conversion experience) occur on 19th May. Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the wider church when the disciples, blessed with the Holy Spirit, went out into the world to preach the gospel for the first time after Jesus crucifixion. On that day, very aptly, we are celebrating our church anniversary.

We have decided to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the conversion experience of John Wesley, starting on the actual day (24th May).

You are invited to take part in an interactive experience which will help you explore the role of the Holy Spirit, not only in John Wesley's life, but also in yours.

The exhibition/interactive/experience will be open at the church between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Friday 24th May and Saturday 25th May.

On Sunday 26th of May at 6:00pm we will be hosting a Circuit Service to explore and commemorate John Wesley's experience at Aldersgate.

We hope you will be able to come along and bring your friends.

God bless.

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Vestry Jottings – May 2013

We welcome Andrew Wilcock who joins the Steward team this month.

Our Church Anniversary service has been planned for Sunday 19 May and will be led by our own Minister, Rev Malcolm Groom. Malcolm was invited to take this service as it will be the last Church Anniversary before his retirement as our Minister. Being the third Sunday of the month, it will also be All Age worship.

The Stewards

Extract from the Stewards report to Annual Church meeting

During the year 73 Sunday services have been held, including morning and evening services, led by 19 individuals and also the Fareham Team and Bridgemary Team which are made up of two groups of individuals. In addition to this was the Christmas Eve Communion and Christmas Day service and 11 Messy Church periods of worship.

One wedding, one baptism and three funerals have been held in the church.

Activities for Young People have included Junior Church on 1st, 2nd & 5th Sunday in the month, all age worship on the 3rd Sunday and KFC (Kids Fun Church) on 4th Sundays. In addition, there has been weekly Parent & Toddlers, Brownies, Guides, in the holidays a Craft Club and until last summer Youth Club. In February Messy Church celebrated its first Birthday. This activity for children and their parents or carers is held on the second Wednesday in the month from 4.00 pm – 6.00pm. Children learn simple Christian messages through fun, creative

(and sometimes messy) activities followed by a short time of worship and then a meal.

For adults regular activities have included Mini market, Ladies Night, Wednesday Fellowship, Thursday Coffee Morning, Singing Group, monthly Friday Lunch, monthly Sunday Lunch and various House Groups. There have also been occasional Film and Meal evenings.

During Holy week 2012 we saw the second Easter Labyrinth. Also in April was the Spring Fayre. In May we celebrated the Church Anniversary and also a Concert and meal was held from which the proceeds went to Christian Aid. In September we celebrated Harvest on Back to Church Sunday, with a Harvest lunch following the service.

At the beginning of December we remembered less fortunate children with our gifts of toys at our Toy service. Also in December was our well established Christmas Tree Festival followed by a number of events leading up to Christmas, including Carol singing at Knowle and an impromptu Nativity and Carols at the Podium in West Street.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of all these activities and events and to all the people who have attended them.

Jean Petter

THANK YOU!

Thank you very much for my flowers I had a few weeks ago and thank Jean Petter for bringing them to me.

Janice



Many thanks once again for the flowers that I was given by Mary Bailey last month. They gave me much pleasure.

Lilwen Watkins

St. George Tea.

I thought you might like to know the financial result of your efforts.

35 tickets	£122.50
Donation	£50.00
Raffle	£39.90
Total	£212.40.

Fric Wheeler

A huge thank you to all who came to the St. George Tea; to everyone who contributed; and to all who helped in any way.

Jill Race.

Thank You From The Stroke Club

A very sincere thank you to Shirley Henderson who runs her mini market table in support of the Stroke club.



We are so grateful to her for her time and kindness.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Stroke Club so successful - we raised £235. Without your help this would not have been possible.

Thank you to the Wednesday fellowship who have supported the Stroke Club as their charity and held the St.George's Day Tea on our behalf.

Once again a very big thank you to you all. Your support has come at the very best of times. Because of the cut-backs we have not received our grant from H.C.C.

Lynda Young

Ladies Night Group

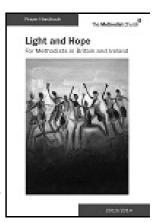
This group meets on a Tuesday night on a fortnightly basis to enjoy a varied programme of speakers and activities. Our fundraising efforts during the past year have enabled us to donate £400 to the MHA Live-at-Home scheme. This coming year we have decided to support the charity - KIDS. For any further information please contact Meg Cox or Marilyn Woodrow.

Thank you Marilyn Woodrow

Prayer Handbook 2013/2014

I have received the order form for the next prayer handbook, starting in September. I realise that this is a long way ahead, but I am asking that those who would like to continue to have a copy (at £3.15) would put names on a list on the corridor notice board or speak to me.

Thank you Joan Padley



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUMMER PROGRAMME

As most of you know we do not meet at the church during the Summer Months

May 8th Visit to Westbury Manor (museum and tea room) West Street, Fareham. If fine meet outside at

2.00p.m. or look for each other inside!

May 22nd Meet at the home of Jill and Malcolm Race

4, Poyner Close, Fareham from 2.30 p.m. for chat,

tea and nibbles

June 12th Garden Party at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley

- 2 Archery lane Fareham from 2.20 p.m.

June 26th Visit to Titchfield Haven in the Community Bus

leaving Fareham Church at 12 noon. Enfrance: Adults £3.90 Senior Citizens £3.50. Bus fare: between £3.00 and £4.00 depending on numbers. Please let Jill Race or another committee member

know if you wish to come.

July 10th Visit to the Hawk Conservancy, Andover.

Transport will be by private cars with donations to cover petrol costs. Please let Jill Race know if you wish to come on this trip. Admission: Adult £12.50

Senior Citizens £11 10

The rest of July and August is our summer break. We will recommence with our AGM on 11th September 2013.

Shirley Henderson



There will be a Cancer Research coffee morning being held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 15th May 10.30 – 12.00pm. Please come along and support this charity.





Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May 2013

"Bite Back at Hunger!"

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be involved in the house to house collections or manning the stand in Fareham Shopping Centre during Christian Aid week. The donations for the Sunday Lunch on Sunday 19th May will be supporting Christian Aid.

I would be pleased to have sponsors or walkers for the walk at Holly Hill Woodland Park on Sunday 12th May 1.00pm – 4.00pm. It was a really enjoyable afternoon last year and it's hoped that more people will be involved this year.

Linda Foster



Sponsored Walk Sunday 12th May Holly Hill Park 1pm — 4pm

Wheelchair and buggy accessible

Why not make it a family picnic before during or after

1k circuits of the lakes

setting your own challenge of the number of circuits

Find Holly Hill park at Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green **SO31 7BH**



Sponsorship Forms available from the Highlands Hub 103, Highlands Road, Fareham. 01329 609299

Or online at www.highlandshub.org

Or your church contact:

For more information about Christian Aid, please visit coweek.org
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SUNDAY LUNCH 19th May at 12.15 p.m.approx.

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

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Prawn Cocktail

Main Course: Roast Pork, apple sauce, sausages, Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Vegetables



Puddings: Variety

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

Friday Monthly Lunches

Just a reminder that the June lunch has been brought forward one week to Friday 31st May. If you should feel like joining us you would be most welcome. Tickets £4 available from Lilian Tildesley and Lynda Haydon-Jones.

Moving, with Wesley, in the Spirit.

A Celebration of John Wesley's Conversion

10.00am - 2.00pm 24 - 25 May 2013 at Fareham Methodist Church

Circuit Service - 26 May 2013 at 6.30pm at Fareham Methodist Church

Moving in the Spirit

24 -25 May 2013 10.00am - 2.00pm

26 May 2013 6.30 pm Circuit Service

The Circuit Fresh Expressions Team along with the Fareham FX team has prepared a reflecting programme based on Pentecost and the warming of John Wesley's heart. Do come along and explore the role of the Holy Spirit in your life and in your future. We hope that your heart will be strangely warmed as you reflected on the messages and activities that form our programme.

Circuit and Fareham FX Teams

PORTCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH 80th ANNIVERSARY

Spring Fayre

Saturday 18th May 2013 10.00am - 1.30pm Free Admission

Memorabilia and Art Exhibitiion

Saturday/Sunday 25th and 26th May 2013 10.00am - 4.00pm each day LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ON THE SATURDAY Free Admission



"Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art".

S J Lee, Poet and writer

So much of our contemporary media suggests that old age is a curse or a burden. The witness of Methodist Homes (MHA) is to God's gift of age, both to older people themselves and, through them, to wider church and community. As we celebrate our 70th anniversary year, the **2013 Methodist Homes Sunday Appeal on June** 9th asks how we ensure that these gifts are valued and shared in our communities.

Reflecting on the past 70 years offers a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all the volunteers who have helped us to make life better for older people. We are delighted that their contribution has now been given royal approval, as MHA have been awarded the prestigious Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award, equivalent to a corporate MBE

The expectations of older people have changed dramatically since MHA's launch in 1943, but the fundamentals of our approach remain consistent with the vision of our Methodist founders. We remember Moses' injunction to 'choose life' and aim to make the later years of people's lives as meaningful as possible by continuing to place dignity and personal choice at the centre of all we do. Our hope and our prayer is that, as our work continues to develop to meet the needs of an increasing number of older people, the support of the Methodist people will continue to grow as well.

MHA LIVE AT HOME SCHEME Circuit Activities/Fundraising Schedule

All the events listed below are circuit wide fundraising events to support the MHA Live at Home Scheme running out of Bridgemary and Gosport Methodist churches.

Saturday 1st June 2013 at 4:00pm

Barbecue

at 22 Linden Grove, Gosport.

Tickets: Mr Brian McPhee - 02392 526768
briancmc@talktalk.net

Sunday 9th June 2013 at 5:00pm

Circuit MHA Evening Service followed by tea

Stubbington Methodist Church Info: Mrs Joan Cheer - 01489 600308 jmpfc@virginmedia.com

Saturday 20th July 2013 at 7:00pm

Quiz and light supper

Gosport Methodist Church
Tickets: Mrs Elinor Combes - 02392 522439
ecombes@talktalk.net

Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 12:00 noon 3 course lunch (£7)

Portchester Methodist Church Tickets: Miss Jean Hooper - 01329 232069 Jeanhooper@btinternet.com

Saturday 5th October 2013 at 6:00pm

Skittles and Jacket Potatoes

Bridgemary Methodist Church
Tickets: Mrs Jean Plummer - 02392 430657
jeanplummer47@ntlworld.com

Please make a note of these event dates in your diary and come along to support your local MHA Schemes



QUIZ AID

THIS WILL BE THE SIXTH QUIZ AID
held for Christian Aid Week
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, GET A TEAM TOGETHER OR
COME ALONG ON YOUR OWN TO

BRIDGEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

GREGSON AVE PO13 OUE

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 6PM.

REFRSHMENTS, RAFFLE AND LOTS OF FUN

COST £3

CONTACT JEAN 02392 430657

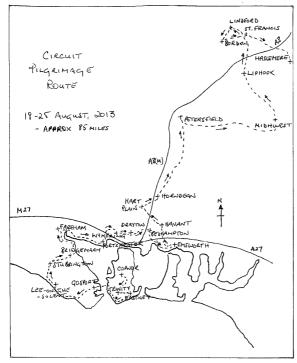
Pilgrimage

for the emerging East Solent and Downs Circuit.

To celebrate the amalgamation of the present three circuits, a pilgrimage is being prepared, to visit each of the 23 congregations, to enable everyone to know where all the Churches are, to offer and receive hospitality and to pray for each place as we leave it. There are a number of ways to share in this adventure – walking, riding, driving, preparing hospitality, etc. It will be over eight days, 18th to 25th August and people will be encouraged to share in at least one moment – journeying, sharing a meal, worshipping – along the way.

Please watch out for further publicity, but note the dates now.

There is a contact person in your Church. Ask who it is! Overall contact via David Rice, 01428 642787, dnarice@btinternet.com



Please turn over for Route details.....

Pilgrimage route:

Sun 18 th	Copnor	10.30	Morning Service
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	Eastney	15.00	Cup of tea
	Gosport	18.00	Evening Meal
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Mon 19 th		8.00	Breakfast
	Lee-on-the-Sole		Coffee
	Stubbington	13.00	Light Lunch
	Bridgemary	16.00	Afternoon Tea
	Fareham	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
Tues 20 th		8.00	Breakfast
	Portchester	11.00	Coffee
	Wymering	13.00	Light Lunch
	Drayton	15.30	Afternoon Tea
	Bedhampton	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
Wed 21 st		8.00	Breakfast
	Emsworth	11.00	Coffee
	Havant	13.00	Light Lunch
	Hart Plain	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
Thurs 22 nd		8.00	Breakfast
	Horndean	10.00	Coffee
	Petersfield	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
Fri 23 rd		8.00	Breakfast
	Midhurst	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
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	Lintora	18.00	Evening Meal
			Overnight
Sun 25 th		8.00	Breakfast
54 25	Bordon	10.00	Morning Service
	St. Francis	12.45	Light Lunch
	Haslemere	16.00	Concluding Service
			Tea



St BONA of PISA May 29th

Bona was born in Pisa, Italy in 1156. When she was 14 she made her first journey, going to see her father who was fighting in the crusades near Jerusalem. On the way back she was captured by pirates in the Mediterranean. Rescued, she set out again, this time taking with her a large number of pilgrims to make the 1,000 mile journey to the shrine of St James at Compostella in Spain.

Bona became an official guide on this famous pilgrimage route and made the journey 9 times, "full of energy, helpful, and unselfish, ready to reassure with her smile those who were sick."

In recent times St Bona has come to be associated as the patron saint of travellers along with St Christopher; and in particular of couriers, guides and air-hostesses.

TRAVELLING ON...

There are lots of journeys recorded in the Bible. Can you find the answers to these travel questions? Answers at the bottom of the page.

Where Paul was ship-wrecked on his journey to Rome (Acts, chapt. 27)?

Where was there no room for Mary and Joseph when they journeyed from Nazareth?

Which country did Joseph's brothers travel to find food? (Genesis, chapt.42)

Why does the Bible always say that people were 'going up' to Jerusalem?

When Moses led the people out of Egypt, what did he take with himl? (Exodus, chapt.13)

Which of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse rides a red horse? (Revelation)

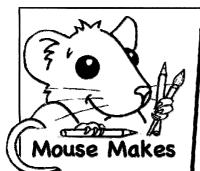
What do you say to a hitch-hiking frog?

Hop in!

What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?

Lost.

Answers: 1.Malta 2.in the inns of Bethlehem 3.Egypt 4.because Jerusalem is built on a hill, so whatever direction you come from, you will always



It was the festival of PENTECOST and the Apostles and other believers were all together when they heard a sound like a strong wind and saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched every person. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. A crowd had gathered outside and each of them heard the believers speaking in their own language about the areat things God had done.

Read Acts 2:1-11
Which countries had the crowd come from?



The Holy Spirit



John 14:26

Reveals John 16 14-15

GUIDES John 16:7-11

Helps
Romans 8:26

Comforts John 14:16-17

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Transforms 2 Corinthians 3:18 The work of God's Holy Spirit in us brings:

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
HUMILITY
SELF CONTROL

Galatians 5:22-23

To make your bookmark:

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together.

Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.

This is an advance notice and invitation for you to come along to a

Church Family Picnic

From 12.30 onwards at

Itchen Valley Country Park (SO30 3HQ) on

Sunday 23rd June

We hope to involve families from Junior Church, KFC, Messy Church and others from the church. We hope you will be able to come along for some fun, food and relaxation. If you can, please put the date in your diary! Further details will be in the June Fareham Focus.



With Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, in mind, and all that that means, we liked the following....

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time had begun, God even stuck U in the name of His Son. And each time U pray, you'll see it's true You can't spell out JesUs and not include U

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name, For U, He was born; that's why He came. And His great love for U is the reason He died. It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand He rose from the dead, with U in His plan? The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew, and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension, He felt there was one thing He just had to mention. "Now go into the world and tell them it's true That the love I have shown is not just for U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Methodists encouraged to stay ahead in blood and organ donation

A new survey suggests that while individual church members may have a significant interest in donating blood and organs, the bigger picture shows that it is not encouraged by UK churches as part of their committed Christian giving.

The survey was conducted by Christian Research on behalf of Kore as part of the fleshandblood campaign launched earlier this year in partnership with NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT).

The survey shows that close to 10% of Christians have given blood in the last year compared to 4% of the general population who have given blood in the last two years, and almost half of all Christians are registered on the NHS Organ Donor Register compared with 31% of the general population.

Sponsored by Give.net and in association with denominations, organisations and festivals including the Church of England, Salvation Army, Methodist Church, United Reformed Church, Baptist Union of Great Britain, Hope and Evangelical Alliance, the fleshandblood campaign marks the first time NHS Blood and Transplant has worked alongside the Church on a national initiative of this kind.

Volunteering is good for your health

Teenagers who volunteer to work for charity do themselves a lot of good. They become healthier, happier and thinner, according to a study based at the University of British Columbia. After only ten weeks, volunteer 15 and 16 year-olds showed lower levels of inflammation and cholesterol as well as a lower body mass index than the other group. They also reported that their self-esteem and mental health had improved.



4.00 - 6.00pm Wednesday, 8th May 2013

> Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 ONU

Everyone Welcome

Games & Craft activities, worship and meal.

Theme...

The Holy Spirit!



Dates for your Diary (All meetings at church unless otherwise stated)

MAY		
3rd	1:00pm	Friday Lunch
7th	7:30pm	Circuit Meeting at Bridgemary
8th	2:00pm	Wednesday Fellowship @
		Westbury Manor
	4:00pm	Messy Church
9th	10:00am	Messy Church "wash-up" and
		planning meeting
12th	1:00pm	Christian Aid Walk—Holly Hill Park
15th	10:30am	Cancer Research Coffee morning
17th	6:00pm	Christian Aid Quiz—Bridgemary
18th	10:00am	Portchester Spring Fayre
19th	12:15pm	Sunday Lunch
22nd	2:30pm	Wednesday Fellowship @ Jill &
		Malcolm Race's
•	510:00am	"Moving with Wesley" experience
26th	6:00pm	Wesley Celebration—Circuit
		Sertvice
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29th	•	Healing Prayer Group @ Joan's
31st	1:00pm	Friday Lunch
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1st	4:00pm	MHA Barbecue @ 22 Linden Grove,
4th	7,20nm	Gosport. Youth Council @ Manse
9th	7:30pm 5:00pm	Circuit MHA Tea and Worship
12th	2:20pm	Garden Party @ Joan's
18th	7:30pm	Worship Consultation
23rd	tba	Church Family Picnic
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Door Stewards

May 5 th		
	10:30am	Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
12 th	10:30am	Liz Haigh and Linda Haydon-Jones
19 th	10:30am	Garry Bagshaw and Shirley & Keith Sargeant
26 th	10:30am	Margaret & Bob Temple
	6.00pm	Eric Wheeler
June 2 nd	<u> </u>	
2 nd	10:30am	Bobby & Patrick Watson

Flower Rota

<u>May</u>	
5th	Marion Bright
12th	Gwen & Harvey Brosgall
19th	Margaret Temple
26th	Lynda Hayden-Jones
<u>June</u>	
2nd	Janice Collins

Refreshment Rota

May 5 th	
•	Linda & Kevin Foster and Marilyn Woodrow
12 th	Shirley & Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long
19 th	Brownies and Guides
26 th	Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock
June 2 nd	•
2 nd	Jean & Mike Petter and Anne Isom

PRESS DATE

All items for the **Magazine** should be in the box in the Welcome Area or handed/emailed to the Editor - Jill Groom - by **Friday 24**th **May** please Thank you