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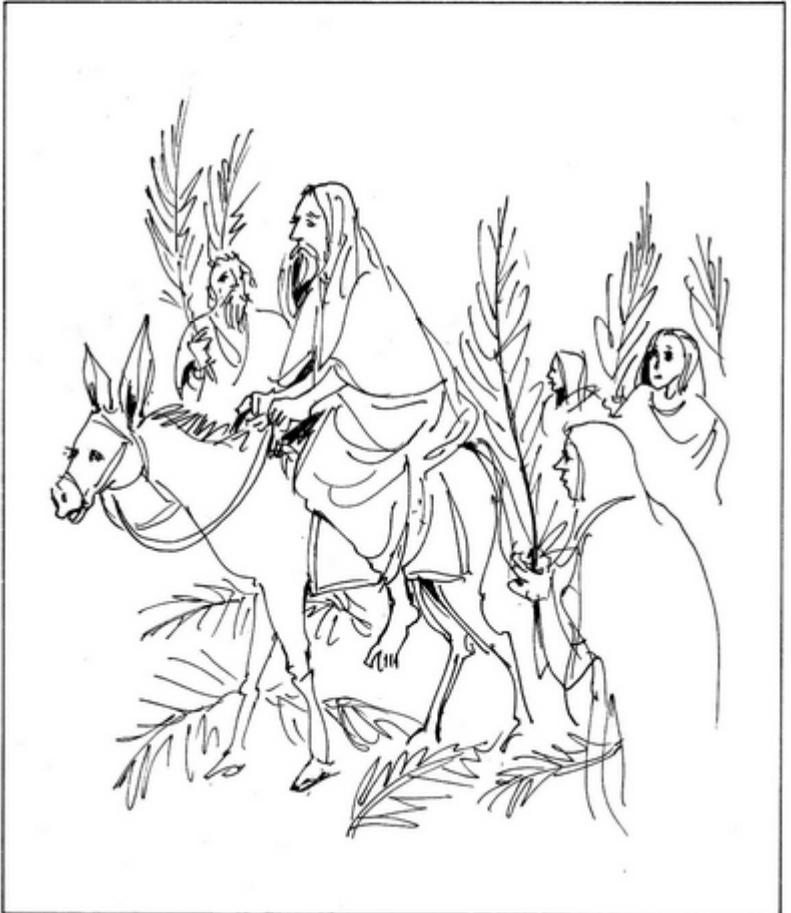


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SERVICES DURING APRIL

6th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Family Holy Communion
13th	10.30	Milly Aquilina-Gray	
20th	8.00	Rev's Claire Simpson, Anna Bishop & Stephen Wright	Holy Communion @ Salterns Beach, (in front of the Wheelhouse, Hill Head)
	10.30	Worship Leaders	All Age Worship - Easter Day
27th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	Easter Play
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Iona Holy Communion

SERVICES DURING MAY

4th 10.30 Rev Claire Simpson Holy Communion

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

6th April 10.30 Andrew Wilcock at Petersfield

4th May 10.15 Andrew Wilcock at Stubbington

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

APRIL

Dear Friends,

Do you think that the season of spring is finally here? Let's hope so. After the very wet and windy winter months it is lovely to see the sun and feel the slightly warmer air. The nights are 'drawing out', as they say, which leads to increasingly more daylight and less darkness.



One of the things that I love about the season of spring is to see gardens and nature come alive again after the hibernation of the winter months. It's lovely to see the 'host of golden daffodils' and the blossom on the trees. At the manse, we are beginning to discover what grows in our garden in the spring – and whether we like it or not!

Signs of new life are tremendously important to us as human beings. Whether it be the birth of a child; the recovering from illness; or the simple joy over a new skill learnt and put to good use. New life is at the heart of the Easter message. When everything looked like it had come to an end and the disciples go back to the one thing they can still do – fish, Jesus comes to the seashore and brings new life through his resurrection. When the walkers on the road to Emmaus have turned their back on the sad events that lead them to believe it is all over, Jesus comes to them and brings new life through the breaking of the bread. When Jesus invites Thomas to come and touch his scars, the visible sign of his wounds, he brings new life to the one who needed to see for himself that it was true.

So the challenge is laid down for us too. The season of Easter means that we can spend up to 50 days (or maybe even a whole lifetime) mulling over how through Jesus' dying and rising he brings new life to you and me, and the whole world.

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Easter,

Blessings

Claire

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CHURCH NEWS

ritajackson702@virginmedia.com A new email address for Rita Jackson

We have received special thanks from The Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport for our “very kind and generous donation of items for the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank” for which they are extremely grateful.



Sheila Dyer

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity at the cake sale after the all age service on Sunday 16th March. I raised over £350 which has made a large contribution to the fund raising for my volunteering project to Ghana in the summer.

Edward Sharpe

What a brilliant effort and we wish Edward every success in the excellent work he will be taking part in this Summer. May God Bless you in your endeavours.

Lynda Young says thank you for help and support for the Bric a brac and book sale held on 15th March in aid of Fareham Stroke Club. The sum of £128.75 was raised to be put towards club funds.



Flower Ministry: Special thanks have been received for Church flowers as well as delivering them and spending time visiting from the following people: Graham and Sheila Dyer, Margaret Temple, Lynda Thomas, Irene Field and Maude Lovell. The “breath of Spring” has been appreciated.



I have received a letter of thanks from the Rowans Community Fundraiser she says, “Thank you for your generous donation of £145, in respect of the film and meal evening on 28th February 2014. Your donation is very important to us as it will help us continue providing care and support to people facing life-limiting illnesses, not just cancer, and their families within the Portsmouth and South-East Hampshire area.”

Jill Groom

Next June I am walking across England 193 miles from west coast to east coast for Cancer Research UK. It will take 13 days from St Bees Head in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire, including Lake District, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors. If anyone would like to sponsor me the sponsor form will be displayed on the notice board in the Welcome Area or donations may be made via my web site as follows:



www.justgiving.com/Tony-Emberson

Thanks Tony Emberson

Safeguarding: Thanks to all for your ongoing support with safeguarding in the Church.

We are here to offer support and not to worry anyone. There is an opportunity to attend Foundation Training on Saturday, 17th May, at Drayton Methodist Church, at 09.30 am. Thanks to the training team they have added an extra foundation training session into this year's program on Saturday, June 7th, in our local area, at present venue to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on the notice board where we will continue to advertise these events. We are now making progress on DBS forms (to replace CRB forms) and if you need to complete one I will be approaching you soon.

Any questions or thoughts please let me know.

Action for Children

The craft and produce stall which was present for four weeks at the Monday Mini-market raised a total of £60 for Action for Children. Thank you to those who helped or contributed.



Tony Elvery

You may notice a slight change in the format of Focus this month. There are now 6 key headings collecting information into categories. You will see that there is no longer a list of diary dates on the inside back page which will contain something reflective to take you through the month.

For those of you that will miss the list of dates you will find this under the “Forth coming Church Events” section which will be listed in date order with the dates emboldened and enlarged for quick reference. I hope you will enjoy the new format and as always I am happy to receive your comments.

Editor

FORTHCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am
(Not Maundy Thursday, 17th APRIL)

“To bring up a child the way they should go, travel that way yourself once in a while”



Wednesday, 9th April 2014

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Messy Gethsemane

4.00 – 6.00pm

**Everyone is welcome to join us for
games, craft, worship and a meal.**

See us on Facebook



Easter Sunday Communion and Breakfast, 20th April 2014

We will be gathering on the beach by the Rotary Club Wheelhouse at Hill Head at 08.00 am for our Communion service, which will be led by Claire , Anna and Stephen. Following the service bacon rolls and hot drinks will be served. The service and breakfast will go ahead regardless of the weather as the Wheelhouse will provide shelter if it is pouring with rain. Do come along and join us. If you have a suitable garden chair, please bring it with you. There will be a sheet in the Welcome Area for you to sign for breakfast.



Garry

Vestry Jottings – April 2014

At the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 16 March only four Stewards were appointed for the coming year, starting in May – Maggie Wheeler, Jean Peter, Ian Bagshaw & Andrew Wilcock. We were unable to find a fifth person who was prepared to join the Team. It would help greatly to spread the workload (especially for Sunday services) by having a fifth Steward, so it was agreed at the meeting that someone who wishes to help can be appointed at a later date. Anyone who would like to find out more about what is involved, without obligation, please speak to one of the Stewards. Full training in the duties required would be given to anyone who is elected.

As we draw near to the end of Lent, we would like to remind you of the **Maundy Thursday Communion** on **17 April, at 7.30 pm** and the **Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness** which will be followed by a service at the **Podium at 10.30 am**. On Easter Sunday there will be a Communion service on the beach at Hill Head (Wheelhouse) at 8.00 am and All Age Worship service at 10.30. The Sunday after Easter, 27 April, the 10.30 service will include a play led by Andrew Wilcock.



The Stewards

SUNDAY LUNCH 20th APRIL at 12.30 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 Edward Sharpe who is volunteering in Ghana with "Projects Abroad". 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 Greek Salad
Main Course:	Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Chipolatas, Roast Potatoes & Selection of Vegetables.
Puddings:	Variety



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

Please note that at the lunch on May 18th the donations will go to
Christian Aid

There will be a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd April**, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at the home of Jill Race, 4, Poyner Close, in aid of Fareham Stroke Club. Tickets are £2 from Jill or at the door. There will be a Cake and Plant Stall. Everyone very welcome.

Jill

Confirmation and Membership classes

In May/ June I am hoping to run some sessions for those who may want to explore confirmation and/or membership of the Methodist Church. If you are interested then please have a word with me before the **30th April**. If you are not sure what this entails then please also be in touch and we can have a chat about it.

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Rev Claire

The **Outreach Group** are exploring the possibility of having a Church Logo and “catch-phrase” to express who we are and our involvement in the community. Any ideas for designs/wording would be welcomed and may be given to Tony Elvery by **May 1st** please.

Rev. Claire

The Singing Group are busy rehearsing for a Spring Concert celebrating 75 years since this Church was built. It will take place on **Friday 9th May** and will be a selection of songs from every decade from the 30s to the present. We hope you will have as much enjoyment from listening to them as we are having in our preparations. The evening will take the format of supper and singing and will be held in aid of the Fareham Stroke Club.



Tickets will be available at no charge and donations will be received on the evening, so do join us on what will be a lively evening!

Garry

Fareham Methodist Church's 75th Anniversary

This year we are celebrating the church's 75th Anniversary. To this end, it is hoped to have a display in Church from **May 9th - 18th** with memorabilia that will remind us of some of the events and people who have been part of the life of this church over the last 75 years. To do this we need your help! If you have any photos, documents, articles or other things that could be part of the display, please have a word with Mark Brooks or Andrew Wilcock who will be pleased to have them.

Rev Claire

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP - Summer Programme

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

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| April 23rd | Coffee Morning (see page 9) |
| May 14th | Guided Walk with Ann Baxendale.
Meet at the gate to SS Peter & Paul Church
by the Church Path at 2.15pm |

- June 11th Visit to Marwell Zoo. If you wish to use the Minibus please be at Church for 10.30am to leave at 10.45am. If you have not booked please contact Joan Law.
- July 9th Garden Party at the home of Joan & Jeff in aid of the MWiB Partnership Project in Bulgaria. Garden Stalls. Tickets £3.00
- July 23rd Walking Tour of Portsmouth guided by Eric Wheeler. Time to be notified.

Shirley Henderson

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

Circuit Office: This has moved to the Emsworth Church on March 4th. Jo Gregory and the finance officer, Margaret Heathcote, will be working from the office. The address is 19 High Street, Emsworth PO10 7AQ and the telephone number: 01243 371806.

Our Circuit Administrators and the Finance Officer may be contacted as follows:

Jo Gregory	office@esanddcircuit.org.uk	077 8364 5397
Chris Taylor	chris.admin@esanddcircuit.org.uk	075 8138 2605
Margaret Heathcote	finance@esanddcircuit.org.uk	

Please send items for circulation around the Circuit to Jo or Chris or for the Circuit website to: Johnth115@ntlworld.com

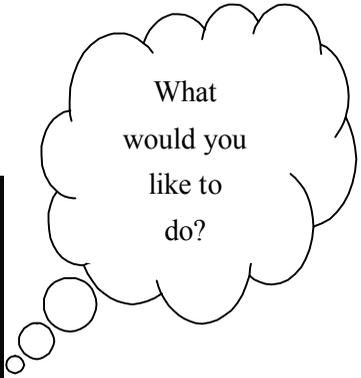
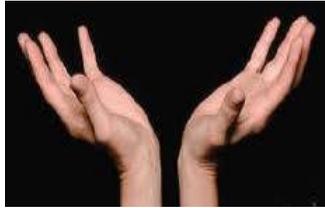
Staff appointments: Deacon Janet Heys has been appointed to the Liphook and Bordon Churches to work with the church family and the community in Pinewood Village. Rev. John Mills, a probationer presbyter has been appointed to work with the Trinity and Eastney Churches. Deacon Linda Gilson, a probationer deacon, will be joining the Emsworth Church and working within the church and community as well as the circuit.

Jeanette Richardson is currently not at work following medical advice and so please do continue to hold her in your prayers.

**East Solent and Downs Circuit
Mission Day: 'Doing and Dreaming'**

Saturday 26th April 2014 10am - 3pm

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham, PO16 0NU



Programme for the day includes:

Worship, sharing what we do, refreshments and lunch, sharing what we might like to do if we dare to 'dream the dream'.....

Please complete and return the slip (or e-mail) below by the 19th April to help us with planning and catering.

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Name/s Church:.....

Contact details:.....

Any dietary requirements:.....

Return to: Mrs Garry Bagshaw, 2 The Cloisters, Fareham, PO15 5PTel: 01329 845978 or hazelbagshaw@virginmedia.com

TOPICS OF INTEREST

The 'Havant Passion play'

This event will take place **on 26, 27 and 29 June 2014 in Havant Park**. The stories portrayed in Passion Plays were started in the Church in Mediaeval times. They contain elements of betrayal, murder, innocent suffering, self-sacrifice, heroism, grace and hope. They were used to communicate the Gospel to a mostly illiterate general public. Today many Passion Plays are conducted around the world including in this country. The tradition of 'Teaching the Gospel' and 'Theatre in Education' has continued, for instance, in schools with Nativity plays.

Demonstrably, Passion Plays have transformed the lives of many, bringing a greater cohesion to communities. People are proud to see 'locals' of all ages, religions and races come together to watch or perform. Even those of no faith respect the importance of the Passion story recognising that it stands out as a demonstration of the universal themes of suffering and sacrifice which hold particular significance for people in society today.

The aim is to bring together all people within the community in greater unity and to foster a better co-operation of different age groups, across the locality. Using theatre to bring the words of the Gospel to life in a new way will show how the message of second chances, forgiveness and new opportunities has the potential to speak life and hope into our community.

As a community event put on by local volunteers, churches and local arts organisations. This community project will be staged in modern dress and present an exciting opportunity to be involved in a major theatrical performance, working alongside a professional actor and director, to stage one of the greatest stories ever told.

The project needs our prayers, sponsors and volunteers. If interested, please refer to the full document and the 'Friends of Havant Passion' application form which are on our Notice Board, or look on the website at <http://www.havantpassionplay.co.uk>

Churches criticise budget alcohol announcement

Three major British Churches have criticised government plans to scrap the alcohol duty escalator as announced in the Chancellor's of the Exchequer's budget speech recently.



The Baptist Union of Great Britain, Methodist Church and United Reformed Church say that George Osborne's announcement is irresponsible, signalling good news for the drinks industry, while the taxpayer is left to bear the social and financial costs of problem drinking.

This is what the Central Methodist Church have to say about this. What do you think?

The following is an extract from the News, Fareham



IT'S TIME TO UNITE TO SAVE OUR CENTRE

Rallying cry is issued to stop Charity from closing down

A DESPERATE campaign has been launched to save the much-loved Rainbow Centre, which helps disabled children and adults, and could close by Easter. Parents of children who use the centre have made a desperate plea for donations to help keep it running.

The centre helps children with disorders, primarily cerebral palsy and other motor skills problems. It also supports adults recovering from stroke and head injuries and people with Parkinson's Disease.

Centre Director Lara Bull said "We need a serious injection of money. If we don't get that we won't be able to open after the Easter break. We are the only conductive education centre on the South Coast. We don't receive any government funding at all so community support has been our absolute lifeblood. We've managed to get through the recession but as with many companies and charities, we used up our cash reserves in the crisis and we've been living hand-to-mouth since then."

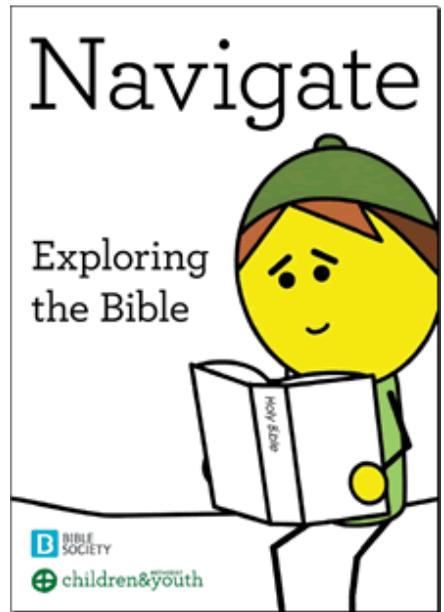
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To donate, call 01329 289500 or visit rainbowcentre.org

Helping Young People Navigate the Bible

Why bother with the Bible? Can we trust it? What difference does it make to life today? Navigate is a resource that will help teenagers explore these questions and engage with the Bible.

“As Christians we take for granted that we should read the Bible, but we often don’t ask why or consider the challenges it presents,” said Methodist Youth President Tamara Wray.



“This course is a fantastic introduction for young people to the most world-changing, exciting and significant book the world has ever seen.”

Produced in partnership between the Methodist Church and the Bible Society, Navigate is designed for youth leaders to use with 11-15 year-olds as a basic introduction to the Bible.

Available to download for free, each session outline contains all the information and resources needed and are accompanied by short videos. For those working offline, a DVD (priced £2.50 plus postage) of the resources can be pre-ordered from Methodist Publishing.

“When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.”

NEWS FROM OTHER FAREHAM CHURCHES

Helping Africa's, most vulnerable children today

So they can help Africa tomorrow.

Sunday 27th April 2014

6.30pm

Fareham Community Church

171-173 West Street

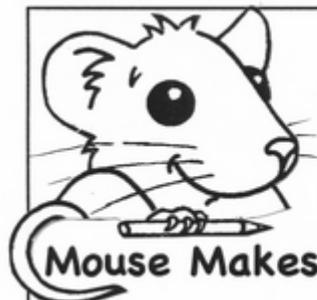
Fareham, PO16 0EHF

Tickets £1 (plus offering on the night)

Tickets available from Café Imbizo and Fareham Community Church



ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



Glue onto card, colour, cut out the cross and hang up.

HE IS
RISEN

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to Jesus' tomb. They found the stone rolled away but when they went in they did not find Jesus' body...



Jesus is risen

The angel said;
"Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said;
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20

Jesus will come again

Jesus said;
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3

...Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them and said,

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"



READ the Resurrection story in
Luke 24 and
John 20 and **21.**

How many people saw the risen Jesus?

JESUS
IS ALIVE



DAISIES

There is an old saying 'when you can stand on seven daisies at once then spring has come'. I like daisies with their bright yellow middles and tiny petals. If you look closely, you'll see that not all the daisies in any lawn will be white; some of them are edged with pink. When I was little I asked my mum why and she told me this story to explain why.

On that first Easter morning, when Jesus walked in the garden and was seen by Mary and the other women who thought he was a gardener, his bare feet touched just some of the daisies in the grass. And because he still had the wounds in his feet his blood touched the daisies and marked their petals pink.

I love this story and still to this day I feel sorry for the daisies that Jesus didn't touch - because when Jesus touches our lives all things change and spring comes into our hearts forever.



BIBLE 'D's

Can you find all the answers to this Bible quiz? All the words begin with the letter D. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A tribe of Israel.
2. He spent the night with some lions.
3. Where Saul was going when he met Jesus on the road.
4. Followers of Jesus.
5. These made Joseph unpopular with his brothers.
6. A famous king of Israel who played the harp.



How do dinosaurs pass exams?

With extinction.



What is the main ingredient of dog biscuits?

Collie flour.

My little brother's name is Dad.

Why is that?

They named him after my father.

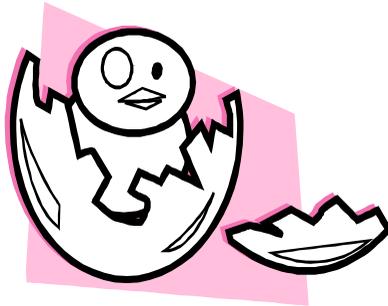


Answers: 1.Dan 2.Daniel 3.Damascus
4.disciples 5.dreams 6.David.

Easter eggs, also called **Paschal eggs** are special eggs that are often given to celebrate Easter or springtime. As such, Easter eggs are common during the season of Eastertide. The oldest tradition is to use dyed and painted chicken eggs, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as jelly beans. Eggs, in general, were a traditional symbol of fertility, and rebirth. In Christianity, for the celebration of Eastertide, Easter eggs symbolise the empty tomb of Jesus though an egg appears to be like the stone of a tomb, a bird hatches from it with life; similarly, the Easter egg, for Christians, is a reminder that Jesus rose from the grave, and that those who believe will also experience eternal life.

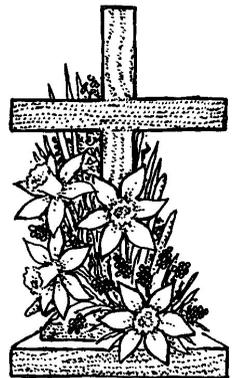
(An extract from Wikipedia)

If you want to reflect more on these ideas please do come to our Easter Sunday all age worship at 10.30am on 20th April.



The tomb was broken open, the guard had fled away,
The empty grave-clothes gleamed in the rising light of day
The body had been taken, no knowing why or how;
The spices and sweet ointments had lost their purpose now.

We fear your resurrection, unfathomable Lord;
To follow you will cost us more than we dare afford.
But yet the Gospel fires us: the price of love is paid,
And we will not keep silence – though we are still afraid.



(Extract from Easter morning song by Liz Varley)

DOOR STEWARDS

APRIL

6th 10.30 Janice Collins, Brenda Bennett
13th 10.30 Lynda Young, Mary Bailey
20th 10.30 Bobby & Patrick Watson
27th 10.30 Liz Haigh, Lynda Haydon-Jones
18.00 Eric Wheeler

MAY

4th 10.30 Keith & Shirley Sargeant

FLOWER ROTA

APRIL

6th Bob & Margaret Temple
13th Mary Bailey
20th Eric Wheeler
27th Liz Haigh

MAY

4th Flower Fund

REFRESHMENT ROTA

APRIL

6th Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
13th Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom
20th Irene Russell, Tony Emberson
27th Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones

MAY

4th Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd

PRESS DATE

All items for the **MAY 2014** Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by **19.30 on Thursday, 24th APRIL 2014** please.

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