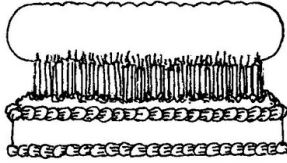


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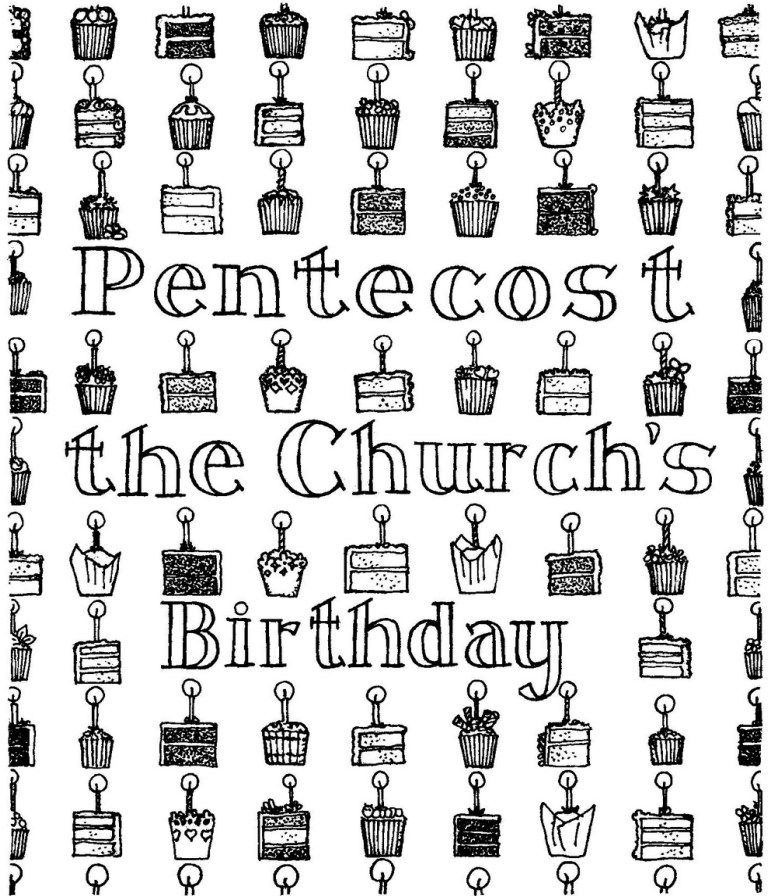


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SERVICES DURING JUNE

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|------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1st | 10.30 | Tracey Cooper & Rev Malcolm Groom | Holy Communion |
| | 18.00 | Rev Claire Simpson | SW Circuit Service Easter Offering |
| 8th | 10.30 | Barbara Noakes | |
| 15th | 10.30 | Rev Claire Simpson | All Age Worship - |
| 22nd | 10.30 | Christine Hargrave | |
| | 18.00 | Rev Claire Simpson | Iona Holy Communion |
| 29th | 10.30 | Rev Claire Simpson | |

SERVICES DURING JULY

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|------|-------|--|-----------------------|
| 6th | 10.30 | Rev Claire Simpson | Family Holy Communion |
| 13th | 10.30 | Mrs Anita Davis | |
| | 16.00 | S.W. Fresh Expressions Action for Children | |
| | | Service on the beach | |

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

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| 15th June | 10.30 | Andrew Wilcock at Petersfield |
| 13th July | 10.45 | Andrew Wilcock at Havant |
| | 10.30 | Fareham Team at Portchester |

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

Dear Friends,

I'm sure that most of us have, at some time or other, prayed a prayer that asks God for healing. This might have been for ourselves or for someone else, and it may have been for a physical illness or disease, or for a troubled mind or spirit. If you have, then what was the outcome? Was the person who you prayed for restored to health or not?

That last question is provocative and not always easy to answer. Sometimes we pray for people and our prayers do appear to be answered and we can easily identify the change for the better that has taken place. Sometimes we feel our prayers aren't answered because the person we've prayed for continues in their illness (whatever it is); shows no hope or sign of improving and so the suffering continues. Sometimes, we just aren't sure whether our prayers have made any significant difference to a situation.

During my last appointment I had the privilege of working for a few hours a week in a hospice. During my time there I worked with people who were dying and often this would involve caring for their families too. The people I encountered and the experiences that I had helped me to understand that God's gift of healing was way beyond the limitations and imaginings of my mind. I was, after all, working with people who, in one sense, were never going to 'get better' and yet God's healing, wholeness and reconciling love were often tangible in special conversations and times together.

You will know that we have a small healing prayer group here at Fareham and they meet regularly to pray for those made known to them who are in need of healing and wholeness. We would like to give people the opportunity to receive prayer for healing - either for themselves or for someone else - during our times of worship together. To that end our morning service of Holy Communion on the 6th July will be on the theme of healing and there will be opportunities for prayer and healing ministry.

Our God is a God who longs to bring healing and wholeness to all people and so, this side of heaven we pray in faith, believing that what we see now and understand only in part, we will one day know in all its fullness.

With love,

Claire

CHURCH NEWS

MONDAY MORNING MINI-MARKET

The Bric a Brac stall at our Monday Market is in urgent need of items to sell in support of Church Funds and agreed charities. So we urge you to please have a rummage in the loft, garage, under the stairs or any other place you have been storing all those “might come in useful one day” objects but which never have and are now forgotten and covered in dust. Items should be in “saleable” condition and I will be happy to collect and transport to Church if needed.

Tony Elvery

FLOWER MINISTRY

We'd just like to say a big thank you for the flowers we received on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary, to those who mentioned it, to those who donated them and to those who delivered them! Lovely! Marilyn and Roger Woodrow

Mavis Parish has written to say how pleased she was to receive flowers and how she has enjoyed visits. Maude Lovell, Elizabeth Wilcock and Edith and Colin Livingstone also want to express their appreciation.

Janice and Vic wish to thank all for the cards, prayers, visits, phone calls and the lovely flowers that Mary brought on behalf of the Church Family

Thank you very much for donating the proceeds from the Church Lunch on Easter Sunday towards my ‘Projects Abroad’ volunteering in Ghana this Summer. It was a very generous donation and I am grateful to everyone at the Church for their kindness and support for the project. Edward Sharpe

Peter Moody has received a thank you letter from David Boyd our recently retired caretaker. He felt overwhelmed by the kind presentation and thanks everyone for their support.

The Editor would be pleased to receive articles on topics of interest, faith based or otherwise . Perhaps a poem or even a short story of up to 350 words. Focus is your magazine so please contribute. If it is not your own original work, then please state the author or source. Thank you

Vestry Jottings

Welcome to my first version of the vestry jottings. I would like to thank Jean for all her work over recent times as the Contact Steward and will endeavour to follow in her footsteps,

Over the next month we would like to draw your attention to the Ordinand's Testimony service for the Revd. Anna Bishop as part of her ordination celebrations. It will take place at Bridgemary Methodist Church, June 15th at 4pm. The service will be led by the Chairman of the District, the Revd. Dr Andrew Wood MA Phd. All are welcome and it would be good to see as many as possible attend to support Anna.

For those of you who have the Circuit Plan a change to note is that the Revd. Malcolm Groom will be with Tracy Cooper June 1st to lead Holy Communion. We thank Malcolm for his help.

As we look forward to warm summer months we ask you to bear with your small stewarding team and those services where there will be only one steward on duty. Please continue to chat with us if we can help in any way

Maggie (on behalf of the Steward Team)

Songs of Praise

Some of you may have noticed on the plan that August 24th is listed as a Local Arrangement.

In a sudden fit of enthusiasm, I offered to organise a Songs of Praise Service, and the Stewards have taken me up on this offer

I will put a sheet in the welcome area for you to sign if you would like a particular hymn included in this service. Please also indicate whether or not you would be willing to say why you have chosen it. If you don't feel able to say anything yourself but would like someone else to speak on your behalf, this can also be arranged.

Linda Press



Christian Aid Week



Many thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and money during Christian Aid Week.

We have collected a grand total of £1,284.73 before Gift Aid; £294.20 from the retiring collection on 11th May (£198 was gift aided), £ 782.98 from 'House to House' collections (£292.90 was gift aided) and £207.55 at the Church Lunch on 18th May.

In addition to this £900.32 was collected during the week at the Christian Aid Stall in town.

Thank you to all who helped in any way during Christian Aid Week – you are invited to a 'Thank You Tea' at St John's Church on Sunday 29th June 3-5pm

Linda Foster

Thank you to all those who lent photographs and newspaper cuttings for the display in May. There are too many to mention everyone but special thanks to Bob Temple who has collected much of our archive material & researched the Church's history for many years, Jenny Chalmers who sorted the Youth Club photos, Malcolm Race for the PowerPoint Presentation & Rosemarie Jackson for the old photographs of the chancel.

An Anniversary display will be placed in the "Pride of Place" cabinet in the resource room at the Westbury Museum for 2 weeks from Tuesday, 27th May.

Some archive folders, with photographs, cuttings and articles, will be placed in the church library and these will be available to see on the 3rd Sunday morning whenever possible for the foreseeable future. Mark Brooks



Please note that Janice and Vic have changed their email address. It is now patlaw@pobroadband.co.uk

FORTHCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

WORSHIP CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY JUNE 4th 7.30pm at the Manse. Everyone is welcome. Please let me have any items or observations you wish to be discussed (even if you are unable to be there).

Rosemarie Jackson

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

A coffee morning with Bring and Buy (eg. Cakes, books, plants) will take place on Saturday 14th June from 10am to 12 noon at Mary Bailey's house
7 East Lodge.



SUMMER QUIZ

Look out for a new quiz to keep you thinking during the "long summer hols.". It will be ready by the end of June, and answers will be due in the middle of September. Proceeds will go to Water Aid

Mary Bailey



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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

This year's Easter Offering Dedication Service will be at Fareham Methodist Church on Sunday, June 1st at 18.00.

As usual the service has been produced by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

It is entitled "Risk the Path He Trod" and will be lead by
Rev Claire Simpson.



SUNDAY LUNCH 15th June 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

Ukraine Christian Mission

I am going to the Ukraine this July to help in the 3 Hungarian speaking villages in the far West this month.

If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along on Sunday, 15th that would be very good

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Pate

Main Course: Roast Pork, Roast potatoes, sausages,
Selection of vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

Please help if you can as last month we were rather short of helpers.

Thank you, Jill Groom

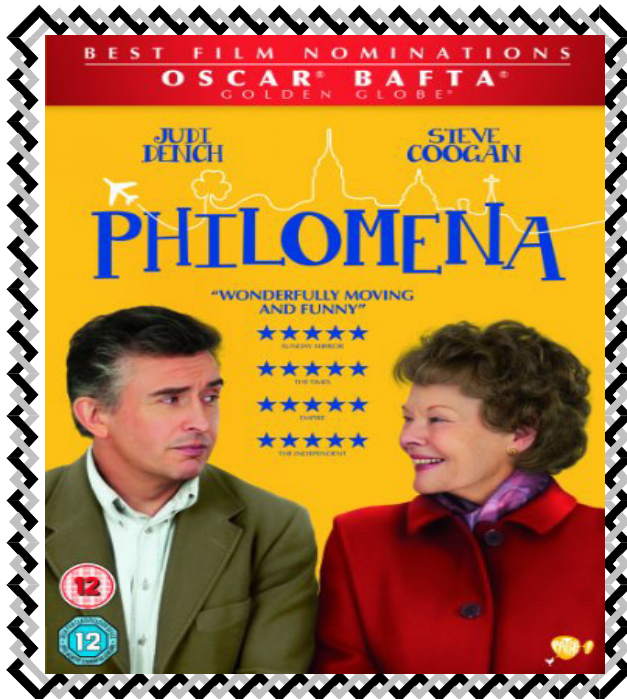
God's Power to Change!

On Wednesday, May 14th, the Messy Church prepared a session on God's power to change. Just how do you explain to a young person the power of the Spirit? They were encouraged to move small balls through a maze by blowing through a straw. The strength of their arms was tested by seeing how far they could throw a Frisbee. Many of them were walking around wearing Pentecost hats and the fire cakes they made were delicious. The faces they created on plates using sweets and liquorice reminded them of God's love for everyone. The ability to convert water to jelly and back again to water fascinated them and many tried the blackout challenge which was quite scary for some of them. They were also encouraged to think of the gifts God gives to every one of us, by wrapping a small gift for a friend. The celebration worship continued with the theme of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. This was followed by a cottage pie and peas or beans and fruit prepared by our fantastic kitchen team and eaten by about 80 people! It was a busy, noisy lively session and the MC Team was grateful for the extra help, especially from Maggie and Gloria on the day.

Everyone is welcome and extra hands to help with the activities or with preparing the large hall for the meal are always appreciated. Maybe we will see you at our next session on **June 11th at 16.00** when we are thinking about the **Philippian Jailer**. You could finish up helping to sew mail



FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH MEAL AND FILM EVENING



The film is a compelling narrative of human love and loss that ultimately celebrates life, showing that there is laughter even in the darkest places.

We will be serving an Irish/American Style meal - details to follow.
Donations towards the cost of the meal will go to:..MHA

Please sign the list in the Welcome area or contact Jill or Garry -
jill.groom@btinternet.com

FAREHAM STROKE CLUB

This time last year the Fareham Stoke Club faced closure when funding was withdrawn. Since then we have been overwhelmed by the support we have had from everyone at Church. We thank Shirley Henderson for running a stall at Mini-market on our behalf. Last year Jill and Garry held a film evening for us, Joan and Jeff Padley held an afternoon tea party and this year Jill and Malcolm Race held a coffee morning at their home. . Then there was the Singing Group Concert. Anyone coming to the Concert will be aware of the pleasure Garry and the singers gave us all. We can only imagine how much time was given to producing such a marvellous evening.. Thank you also to Lynda Hayden-Jones and her team for the lovely meal.

I thank everyone for their time and effort given to arranging these events and also to everyone who supported them by their presence.

The Stroke Club membership has doubled since May 2013 and with your help we are now able to look forward with more hope. Thank you and God Bless you all.
Lynda Young

Thank you so much to all who contributed to the Hants Air Ambulance appeal for old bras. I have been given well over 110 at the time of going to press; with more promised! Thank you to everyone and I have been assured that the bras will soon be winging their way to West Africa by "Bag It Up" the charity's recycling partner.



Bobby

Havant Passion Play Postponed from June 2014

“We’re sorry to have to tell you that, in consultation with SOOP, we have decided to postpone the Promenade Passion Play for this year.”

CIRCUIT INFORMATION

There has been a change to the appointment of the Probationer Deacon at Emsworth. Our new Deacon will be Laura Evans who is currently training at Queens Foundation in Birmingham. Laura has been down to meet up with folk at Emsworth and from the Circuit and, along with our other new staff, should be joining us in September, all to be confirmed at our annual Methodist Conference which meets at the end of June in Birmingham.

The Circuit Mission Day “Doing and Dreaming”.

26 people, representing 12 of the churches in the Circuit, spent a day discussing all the activities in their churches and then thinking about what they would like to do. John Russell, from Headley Down Community Church, spoke about the Big Breakfast, held on the first Sunday of every month and the impact it has had on the local community. Amy Tamblyn spoke about her ‘Creative Heart’ which takes place each week at Drayton United Church for pre-school children and their carers. This is a time of messy play involving both the children and adults! Lucy Rothwell spoke about the MHA Live at Home Scheme which is based in Bridgemaury Methodist Church, which supports the elderly living in the community. A weekly lunch, prepared by volunteers from the local churches enables social interaction for the elderly, especially those who live on their own.

There was a buzz about the place throughout the day and although we didn’t come up with a Mission tagline for the Circuit we did decide that food is essential if you are going to succeed in mission!

The South West FX Group is organising a Picnic and Praise service on the beach at Lee on Solent at 16.00 on Sunday, 13th July, Action for Children day. Do come along and join us. If it is wet we will be meeting in the Lee on Solent Church.

A small group of presbyters and Circuit stewards will be meeting to discuss a 3-year development plan for the Circuit.

Garry Bagshaw

Circuit Meeting, Saturday, 21st June at Waltham Chase Methodist Church SO32 2LD, 10.00

Everyone is welcome to attend this open meeting. Drinks will be provided throughout the day but please bring your lunch. There will be worship and a business session, which will include the arrangements for September's Synod in this Circuit. Following the coffee break there will be presentations from two of the Circuit lay workers and the Communications team. In the afternoon, there will be time to review the life and work of the new Circuit. The session will close with Holy Communion. The day will give the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) the opportunity to learn about the ongoing mission in the churches as well as the opportunities in the local communities

District Synod, Saturday, 13th September, 09.30

This will be held at Oaklands Catholic School, Stakes Hill Rd, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7BW. The event is being organised by Joan Mason, Nigel Cox and Mavis Bowthorpe. Help is required with:

- Catering - serving the refreshments or making cakes for the event,
- stewarding - outside or inside the building
- reception - meeting and greeting and signing in
- portering and arranging the hall – possibly on the Friday evening
- general help on the day

If you are able to help at this event, please contact one of the organisers or Jo Gregory.

If you are interested in becoming a Circuit Steward please talk to one of the current stewards.

M H A SERVICE
MONDAY 14TH JULY
AT PORTCHESTER
REFRESHMENTS FROM 7PM
SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
FROM 7.30PM
EVERYONE WELCOME



TOPICS OF INTEREST

A VISIT TO DASSETT MAGNA NEAR BANBURY

While visiting this medieval church, known for its original wall paintings, I found a leaflet advertising a Prayer Circle, where people can phone particular contacts, if they have something or someone particular they want prayed for every day.

On the reverse of this leaflet there was the following writing on prayer which I think you may find useful.

“Prayer is a conversation with the God who made us, the world and everything in it. He loves us and wants what’s best for us. He is always longing to hear from us. He doesn’t need us to use long words of special religious language: he just wants us to be ourselves and come to him in trust.”

Jesus taught us to pray: “Our Father...” God is our Father who loves each one of us as his precious child.

Do not worry about finding the right words? Jesus promised to send his Holy Spirit to teach us and to guide us in all truth. We can ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we pray in Jesus’ name to God the Father.



Prayer isn’t about informing or persuading God. It’s about having a relationship with our loving Father, inviting him into a situation, and trusting him to bring about the best change possible.”

Ruth E.

Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. Matthew 21.22

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4.6-7

UKRAINE 2014

I am joining the Mission to the 3 Villages in the Ukraine again this year and will be helping with the summer school for a week. We are flying to Budapest on 25th July and then travelling all day on the 26th to the villages which are 20/30 miles over the border in the



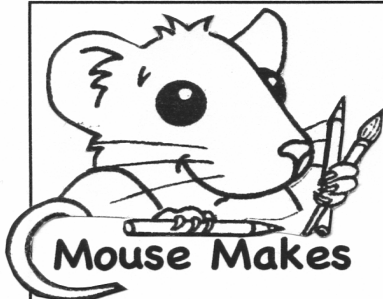
West. I believe the people are poorer than ever owing to a great rise in inflation! If anyone would like to help with donations towards a parachute or items for school use I would be very grateful. I will need these by end of June please as the lorry travels out on 1st July.



We are in need of stickers, felt tip pens, tooth brushes, toothpaste, blankets, toy tea sets, playmobile/construction toys. I will place a box in the Welcome Area for any contributions.

Many thanks,

Jill Groom



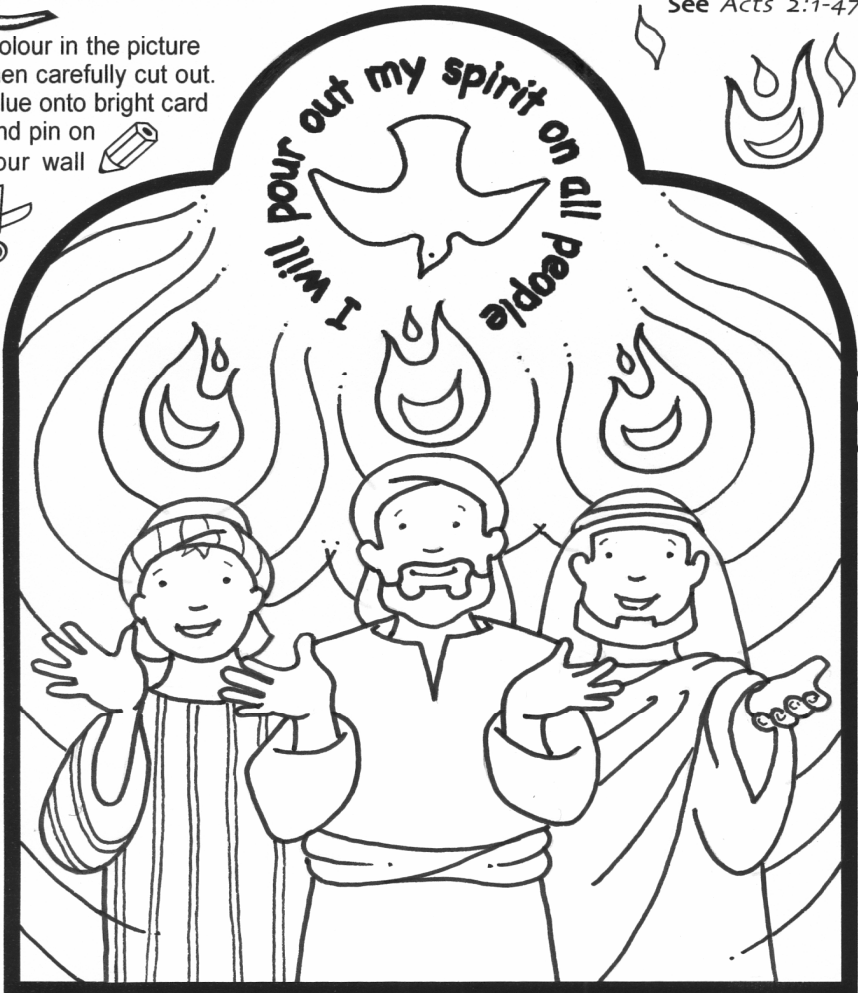
THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now when the day of **Pentecost** had come the disciples were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. And tongues spreading out like fire came to rest on each one of them.

See Acts 2:1-47

Colour in the picture then carefully cut out. Glue onto bright card and pin on your wall





St ALBAN

St Alban, whose special day is 22nd June, was the first English martyr, the first English person to be killed for the Christian faith.

He lived in Verulamium which was an important Roman settlement in Hertfordshire. At the time the Romans were persecuting followers of Jesus and Alban was brave enough to shelter a travelling Christian priest. Exchanging clothes with the priest so that he could escape, Alban was arrested.

When asked to prove his loyalty to Rome and the Emperor by making offerings to the Roman gods, Alban declared his faith in 'the true and living God who created all things'. He was condemned to death and had his head cut off.

All this happened a long time ago but St Alban is remembered today in the name of the place where he lived and died: Verulamium was renamed the city of St Albans.



THE FIRST

All the answers to this Bible quiz are the first: either the first thing in a list or the first person to do or be something.

1. The first man (Genesis, chapter 2).
2. The city where Jesus' followers were first called Christians (Acts, chapter 11).
3. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark (Genesis, chapter 8).
4. The first woman (Genesis, chapter 3).
5. The first person to see Jesus on the first Easter Sunday (John, chapter 20).
6. What happened on the first day of creation (Genesis, chapter 1)
7. Israel's first king (I Samuel, chapter 10)
8. The first of the four Gospels (New Testament)

What is a forum ?

Two-um plus two-um !



Why didn't the two 4s feel like dinner?

Because they already 8.

Answers: 1.Adam 2. Antioch 3.Raven
4.Eve 5.Mary Magdalene 6.God made
light and dark 7.Saul 8.Matthew

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE AND EARLY JULY

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| 2 9.30 M.Market | 3 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 20.00 Ladies Night - Irene's | 4 10.00 Healing Gp 19.00 Guides 19.30 Wor- ship Cons. | 5 09.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Sing- ing | 6 13.00 Lunch | 7 10.30 Training Day for Safeguard- ing at Lee on Solent |
| 9 M Market | 10 Parent & Toddlers | 11 10.30 Wed Fel. at Marwell 16.00 Messy Ch. Guides at Playzone 19.30 E Fare.HG | 12 Coffee am 10.00 Messy Church plan. Brownies. Singing | 13 18.00 Badminton etc | 14 10am Ac- tion for Child. Coffee am. At Mary's |
| 16 M.Market | 17 Parent & Toddlers Tues H.grp 15.00 La- dies N. tea | 18 Guides | 19 Coffee am 14.30 Serv. At Red Ho. Brownies. Singing | 20 18.00 Film and Food | 21 Circuit meet at Waltham Chase 10am |
| 23 M.Market | 24 Par & Toddlers W.Fare. HG 10.00 | 25 Guides | 26 Coffee am Brown- ies. Singing | 27 18.00 Badminton etc | 28 |
| 30 M Market | 01 Parent & Toddlers 20.00 Ladies N. Megs | 02 Guides | 03 Coffee am. Brownies. Singing | 04 13.00 Friday Lunch | 05 |
| 07 M.Market | 08 Par & Toddlers. 19.30 C.Council | 09 14.00 W. Fel Gp. Messy Ch. Guides | 10 Coffee am. Brownies. Singing | 11 Badmin- ton etc | 12 |

This is the day
(Acts 2:1-21)

This is the day,
This is the time
To call upon the name of the Lord.

Spirit breath,
And fire,
And words,
And power
Pouring from the Father and the Son.



Promises honoured,
Prophecies fulfilled,
A new spirit-fuelled sending
A revelation
Of God's reality.

This is the day,
This is the time
To call upon the name of the Lord.

Receive his Spirit
And go into all the world,
In his power,
Magnets
For Jesus.

By Daphne Kitching

The diary dates as provided on previous page are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information held at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

DOOR STEWARDS

JUNE

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| 1st | 10.30 | Bessie and Daniel Taabu |
| 8th | 10.30 | Brenda and Peter Taylor |
| 15th | 10.30 | Janice Collins, Brenda Bennett |
| 22nd | 10.30 | Lynda Young, Mary Bailey |
| | 18.00 | Eric Wheeler |
| 29th | 10.30 | Liz Haigh, Lynda Haydon-Jones |

JULY

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|------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 6th | 10.30 | Bobby and Patrick Watson |
| 13th | 10.30 | Judith Bramall and Keith Sargeant |

FLOWER ROTA

JUNE

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| 1st | Marion Bright |
| 8th | Maude Lovell |
| 15th | Flower Fund |
| 22nd | Shirley Sargeant |
| 29th | Janice and Vic Collins |

JULY

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| 6th | Mavis Parish |
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REFRESHMENT ROTA

JUNE

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|------|---|
| 1st | Pat Croker and Mary Bailey |
| 8th | Liz Haigh and Liz Avison |
| 15th | Brownies and Guides |
| 22nd | Ruth and Tony Elvery |
| 29th | Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters and Pat Metcalfe |

JULY

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|------|---|
| 6th | Shirley Henderson and Marilyn Woodrow |
| 13th | Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long |

PRESS DATE

All items for the **JULY/AUG. 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 **Thursday, 3rd July 2014** please.

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