

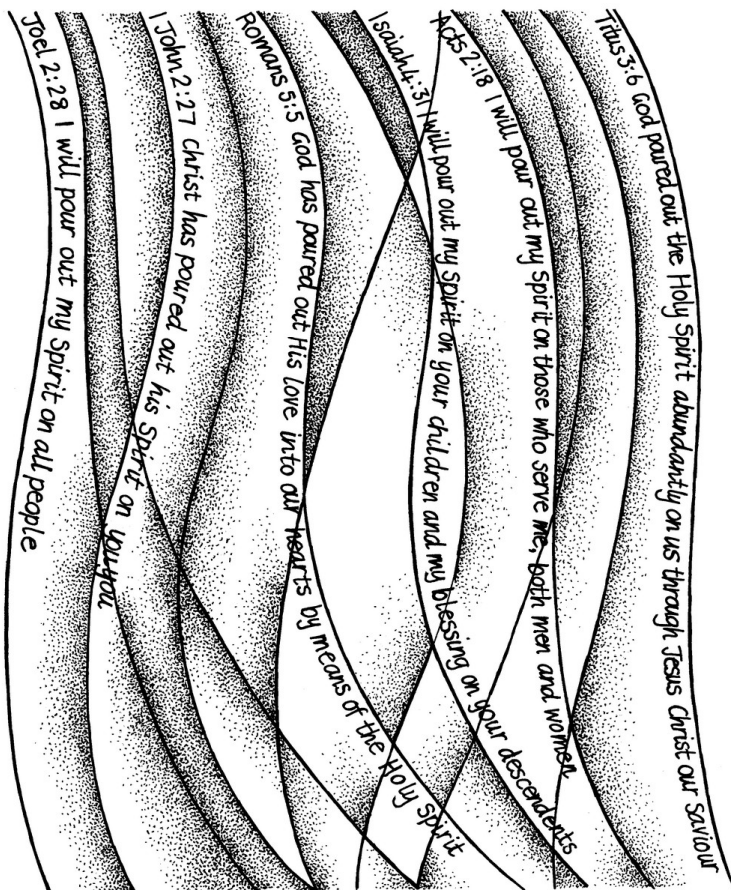
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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

MAY

1st	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson Holy Communion
8th	10.30	Mr John Dowdell
15th	10.30	Mrs Janet Baker
22nd	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson All age - Church Anniversary
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson - Iona Holy Communion
29th	10.30	Mr Gerry Williams

LOCAL PREACHER'S AND TEAM APPOINTMENTS

8th May	10.00	Tracy Cooper	Drayton
22nd May	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	Lee on Solent

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

Dear friends

In the moments before I sat down to write this letter to you I have been looking at some pictures of the Queen released to celebrate her 90th birthday. They are of her surrounded by her family - her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They are lovely pictures and remind us that she is not only our Queen but, along with Prince Philip, she is the head of her own family who are her strength and support and of whom she is rightly very proud.

Whatever we feel about the monarchy, it is very difficult to not have admiration for our Queen. She ascended to the throne unexpectedly in February 1952 after the death of her father and her coronation a year or so later means that she has served this country and the Commonwealth as monarch for over 60 years. Her dedication, loyalty and unyielding service, in times of both good and ill, are worthy of tribute. Maybe for us to admire the most is the way in which each year, particularly in her Christmas Day speech, she refers to her faith in God and how her faith shapes her service and strengthens her for the tasks which she faces in her daily life. In that sense, she is an unstinting witness for Christ. I'm sure there are times when her faith has been tested and when she has had to 'deny herself' for the greater call upon her life, but in it all she is an inspiration and an example of what it means to serve others in our daily lives.



I hope that you have opportunity to share in some of the events that celebrate the Queen's milestone birthday and we can also take the opportunity to reflect on how God calls each one of us to his service and the challenge is for us to hear that call and respond with a willing spirit.

Blessings

Claire

CHURCH NEWS

Vestry Jottings

I would like to start by thanking Jean Petter who is stepping down as a steward and welcoming Mike Shepherd and Brenda Bennett to the team.

We would like to encourage all the congregation and readers of Focus to join us for the Anniversary celebrations. Andrew has written about this on page 6. If you are unable to join us over the weekend but would like to make a financial gift to the church please use a gift aid envelope if able and place in an envelope and give to a steward or place in the collection bag. Please label church gift as this will enable the treasurer to collate the money appropriately.

We have also had discussions about renewing our church stewardship and again explaining what this means and how there are many ways of giving. The gift of time and talent is just as important as financial support, we will be working on this between now and the autumn and will be aiming to use Harvest as a launch for this. Please watch for more as the year progresses.

A calendar has been purchased to advise all of church events both on going and up and coming. Please make sure your meeting is on the calendar but if you are planning something please ensure Linda Foster is aware so the building can be booked properly and we do not double book. This will be on a notice board next to the pigeon holes. *Ruth Elvery would also appreciate more information on dates and upcoming events for Focus.*

Change of email address:

Nigel has changed to nigelcox39@yahoo.com and Meg has changed to Meghc39@yahoo.com

Change of phone number

Alison has a new phone number please change your directory to :
01329 609921

Annual Church Meeting

Following the Annual Church Meeting, we encourage everyone to continue to think about the Church discussion. For those who did not manage to get to the meeting we discussed church service timings.

Following the meeting it has been agreed by church council to bring the time of the annual remembrance service forward to 10 am. This will make the planning of the service easier for the preacher as the service will end with the act of remembrance.

What we would like everyone to continue to think about is the provisional discussions about changing times of worship. This would enable Claire to hold two services in a morning, when she has 4 churches after September, allowing her more opportunities to meet with the different church members. Are we prepared to change? Would we like an earlier or later service? Do we wish to stay the same? Do we consider change once a month or more? These were a few of the points raised. We would like feedback from as many as possible, so please discuss in groups or consider it yourself, then jot it down and either leave a note in the stewards' pigeon hole addressed to Maggie or email me: maggs_wheeler@ntlworld.com. We would like to gather the thoughts together and this will be easier if written.

Please remember these are provisional thoughts, other churches need to be consulted and nothing will happen for a while as Claire

Mini-market

We are running short of items to sell we cannot keep the Church Stall open without them we can accept everything except electrical goods PLEASE HELP.

Thank you Janice & Brenda

An Anniversary celebration church concert

As part of our Anniversary celebrations we are holding a concert on Friday 20th May, where we are inviting all who wish to participate to perform a little something for your delectation and delight! But knowing that we are mere mortals, who, although we delight in the soul and the spirit being fed, we are also flesh and blood, and thus the body needs feeding as well! We will therefore be holding a sit down meal at 6.30pm, with a vegetarian option, followed by a dessert. We need to know how many people to cater for, so if you wish to share in the fellowship of a good meal before being delighted by words and music, please sign up on the list in our welcome area. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal, and any surplus will go as an Anniversary gift to Church funds. If you cannot make the meal, but want to attend the concert, please be in your seat for 7.30pm.

Thank you.

Andrew Wilcock

Action for Children

It is time to empty the home collection boxes once again. Would all those with a box please hand them to me as soon as possible because of holidays.

Pat Croker

Fareham Team

As many of the Fareham Team have other commitments we are now only able to offer one Service per quarter. We only go to Churches within our old Circuit. If you would like to take part in these services with us, please speak to me or any other member of the team.

Linda Press

Thank You

I should like to thank everyone for the kind remarks and the book "Folk Tales on the Settle-Carlisle Railway" that I received at the Annual Church Meeting following my retirement as Church Treasurer. The Yorkshire Dales is a part of the country of which we are very fond and which is not very far from where I was born.

SUNDAY LUNCH 22nd MAY at 12.15 p.m.approx.
This month the lunch is on the 4th Sunday of the
month to celebrate the Church Anniversary.

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 to Church Funds 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: Pea and ham Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

Main Course: Baked Ham, cheese sauce, sausages,
Roast Potatoes, , Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

Wednesday, May 11th 2016



Our worldwide family

3.30pm – 6.00pm

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

**See us on
Facebook**



Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Question Time?

At our April meeting of Messy Church we continued to look at, and think about the Easter story.

Amongst the many activities was an opportunity to ask questions anyone had about Easter. Many questions were put in the question box. Here are a few examples of the children's and young people's questions with their ages in brackets.

Why do we have Easter Eggs? (5)

Why did they kill Jesus? (5)

Why didn't Jesus run away? (8)

How did he get out of the tomb? (11)

Why did Peter pretend that he did not know Jesus? (11)

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

- May 25th Visit to Mottisfont Abbey Gardens & Estate, Nr. Romsey.
- June 15th Garden Party at the home of Joan & Jeffrey Padley at 3.30pm –Garden Stalls and the usual sandwiches, cakes, savouries and strawberries &cream. Tickets£3.50
- Proceeds to the MWiB Partnership for the Dalit Women in India.

No more meetings at church until September



Brownies

Our church is fortunate to have a very active Brownie Pack. Here is the programme for the next few weeks:

- 5th May is rounders behind Trinity Church so only in church for a little while unless it rains!
- 12th May Community badge and making bunting for a tea party for Queen's birthday
- 19th May Community badge
- 26th May Tea party invitations and decorations
- 2nd June is half term so not at church (no Toddlers group that week)
- 9th June Afternoon tea party in celebration of the Queen's 90 years.
- Funds for charity.

CIRCUIT NEWS

EAST SOLENT & DOWNS NEWSLETTER (an extract)

April 16

An Invitation

Connexion have invited everyone to participate in the redevelopment of the Methodist Church website by feeding back thoughts on what can be improved and new features they would like to see. You can begin by completing a short online survey:

www.methodist.org.uk/websitesurvey after which you will be offered the opportunity to join an online Reference Group. Reference Group members will be asked to complete a second short, but more in-depth questionnaire immediately. Thereafter, they will be kept up to-date with progress and be able to feed in their views online over the coming months. If you want to have your say, here is your opportunity.

Stationing & Staff News

Rev David Rice completes his two years as minister with pastoral oversight at Petersfield Church. We are hugely indebted to David for the valuable contribution he has made and very pleased that he will remain as a Supernumerary within the life of the Circuit.

At the time of the Circuit Meeting the Circuit had not been matched with a Minister for the new section of Midhurst, Petersfield, Horndean and Hart Plain. The Circuit Leadership Team offered a solution to the Circuit Meeting which, after conversation, was accepted and it

does mean we will reduce by one Minister from 1st Sept 2016. This also required a re-shaping of the current Ministers and their churches/responsibilities. The new structure of pastoral oversight is (displayed on the notice board in the corridor) if anyone wants to see the detail. Please do continue to pray for the Circuit as they move towards implementing the new structures.

Situations Vacant

More Manse Stewards are required. Please speak to John Wardle if you are interested.

Rev John Mills Ordination

Will take place on Sunday 3 July at Chelmsford Cathedral at 4.30pm. He has 30 tickets and a coach is organised to travel from Circuit (£15). For ticket and coach enquiries, please contact John at millses89@gmail.com

Jeanette Richardson's Farewell Service

Will take place on Sunday 24 July at 4pm at Midhurst Church.



**Methodist Women in Britain
Southampton District**

**God's not Dead?
Roadshows**

Thursday 12th May 2016

Emsworth Methodist Church

PO10 7AQ

10.00 for 10.30am to 3.30pm

**Bible
Study**



Videos



Table Talk



Worship



**Adult
Messy Church**



£3 including drinks

Bring your own lunch



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A Circuit Service

to welcome new staff will take place at the beginning of the Connexional year on Sunday 4 September at Petersfield Church at 4pm.

Safeguarding

Jean Pannell has a document listing all church personnel required to attend the "Creating Safer Space Foundation Module" and also those who need a DBS check. This has been sent to all Presbyters. If you need further information, please contact Jean.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Some churches in the circuit have heard me conduct a service on the theme of running a race. A few days ago my latest book was published. It is entitled ‘Running the Race, finding God in the London marathon.’ It is very short but the exercises and points to ponder will take a little longer. It can be bought in bookshops or Amazon (also the kindle version) – and from me. £5.99. Why not treat yourself – and buy a present for someone!

Rev. Malcolm Rothwell

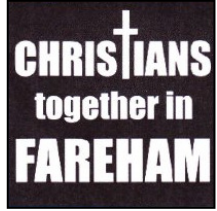
Christians Together in Fareham

For a number of years now I have supported Edith who is our Church Representative to CTiF, and Patrick and I have been involved in many of the activities of CTiF over the years. The time has come when we need to ease back from this involvement.

We have been involved in our Church’s team for “Feeding the Homeless” along with Edith, Colin, Jill Race and occasionally Janice Le Grove for the past few years. We have decided that it is time for us to step down from this activity. We will continue to assist with the meals in May, and July, but will be away on holiday in October.

The team **MUST** consist of 5 people at all times **consequently** a further 2 volunteers are needed to take over from us. It would be good if several people volunteered to assist in this task so that when someone is away on holiday or sick, Edith and Colin do not have to ask for help from other Churches. Our Church cooks on the 5th Sunday of the month, which normally means only 4 times a year.

It would also be good if others would also go along to the CTiF meetings to support Edith, or whoever our representative is. Many of the other Churches have more than just one person attending the meetings.



**Christians Together
in Fareham
invite you to
Pentecost Praise
An evening of words, music and drama—
Taking us from
Easter to Pentecost
Come and Sing**

Sunday 15th May 2016



**CTiF Holiday Club
8th – 12th August 2016**

Based at Fareham Methodist Church from 8th-12th August, there is a great opportunity for children aged 5-11 to enjoy a range of fun activities from 9.30 to 1pm (including lunch).

Primary aged children in Years R to 6 in the school year 2015-16 are eligible to attend. Further details, information and registration forms can be obtained from Kevin Foster, email kscfoster@tiscali.co.uk

Registration of interest should be completed by Friday 27th May.

Kevin Foster, Young People's Co-ordinator

"Pentecost Praise" - save the date 15 May at 6pm

Please note in all your diaries the evening of Pentecost Sunday, from 6 - 8pm, (with an interval.) at Holy Trinity.

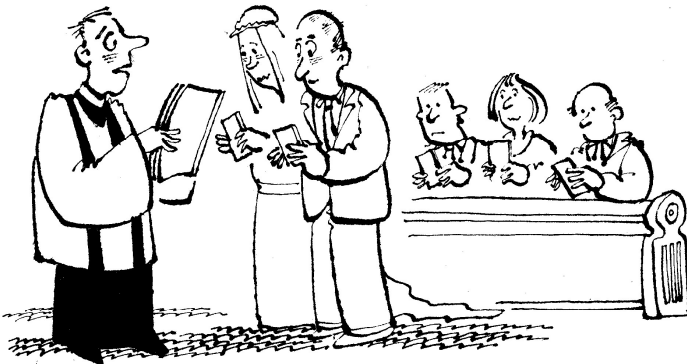
You will have a chance to come and sing, and share in words, music and drama, to celebrate this special day as Churches Together in Fareham and the Western Wards. Posters and more details will be circulated nearer the time. Any questions at this stage to Rachel and Jeremy Hicks, Sue and Pete Hall, or Susan and Paul Bedford



AFTERNOON CREAM TEA
Wednesday 18th May 2.30 - 4.00pm

**Afternoon Cream Tea with musical entertainment
in the Church Hall.**

£5 per person. Further details and tickets avail-



*...er, if I could just tear you away from your mobile
phones for a moment...*

Bible Bite

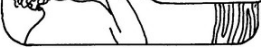
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch.3

This story is about the wonderful start to the world, and the first mistake...

God made Man and a garden for him to live in and care for.

You can eat anything but the fruit of this tree



God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name...

That's a...giraffe, and that's...an ant, and...



but he needed a human partner

Wow! You are called 'Woman'



So God made Woman

But the snake asked Woman Did that God really tell you not to eat any fruit?



Yes, and that God told us if we touch it we will die!



Surely not!

That God doesn't want you to eat it and be as clever as He is.

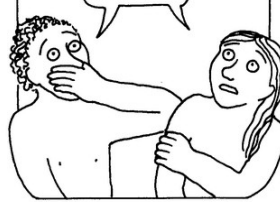


Go on, try some!

Alright.



Oh no! What have we done?



They made clothes from leaves.



They tried to hide Where are you?



It was the woman's fault It was the snake's fault



They had disobeyed, so they had to leave the garden.



ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



THE LADY & THE LAMP

On 12th May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had an idea of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War.

Florence travelled there with a few others and started work in the military hospital at Scutari where conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in dirt without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses, but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover. Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able improve hospital care for everyone.

WASHING WORDS

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

S P A R K L I N G A
G I D Y O D A R V D
R T U B B U I O A S
U P S H B M V P C D
B A T H E C A U U E
B T E G N O P S U N
Y R R I W I P Y M I
L I U T A M R A U A
A D E S S D B R O T
D W T A H S K A O S

bath brush dirt
duster dry
grime grubby
mud soak
soap sparkling
stained tap tub
vacuum wash
wet



What did the dirt say to the rain?

If this keeps up my name will be mud!

What did the big tap say to the small tap?
Little squirt!

... and what did the small tap reply? Big drip!"



FLOWER MINISTRY



Thank you so much for the lovely church flowers which Marion and Dennis Bright kindly brought to me. I put them in a cool room at night, bring them back again in the morning and they are looking so well.

With love Maude

Congratulations on your birthday Maude!

Thank you for the flowers that have been sent to me, they are greatly appreciated. Michael Salkeld

Thank you for the the church flowers for our wedding anniversary it was very kind of Jean to bring them
Rita Jackson

The flowers you sent me are beautiful and so far all are still flowering. I do thank you so very much, it is much appreciated. Thank you. Betty Bonage

Thank you for the church flowers that we received following the death of Mike's mother in March; and for all the cards and kind wishes from so many people.
Mike and Jean Petter

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 2 Bank Holiday	3 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	4	5 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 Transport Enthusiasts 10.15 Prayer group 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	6	7
9 9.30 Mini-Market	10 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	11	12 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 MWiB road-show at Emsworth 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	13 18.00 Quiz night Bridgemary MC	14
16 Christian Aid Wk All week 9.30 Mini-Market	17 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	18 14.30 Cream tea in aid of Cancer Research	19 9.30 Coffee am 10.15 Prayer group 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	20 18.30 Church Concert and meal	21
23 9.30 Mini-Market	24 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	25 Wed fellowship visit to Mottisfont	26 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies	27	28
30 Bank Holiday	31	June 1	2 9.30 Coffee am 10.15 Prayer group 10.00 Transport Enthusiasts	3	4
6 9.30 Mini-Market	7 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	8	9 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies 18	10	11

The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided 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..

A poem provided by Claire during an Easter Service:

Because he is risen

by Gerard Kelly “Spoken Worship” Zondervan 2007

Because he is risen, spring is possible
In all the cold hard places gripped by winter
And freedom jumps the queue to take fear’s place
As our focus. Because he is risen.

Because he is risen, my future is an epic novel
Where once it was a mere short story.
My contract on life is renewed in perpetuity.
My options are open-ended: my travel plans are cosmic.
Because he is risen.

Because he is risen, healing is on order and assured
And every disability will bow before the endless dance of his ability
And my grave too will open when my life is restored,
For his frail and fragile body will not be the final word on my condition.
Because he is risen.

Because he is risen, hunger will go begging in the streets
For want of a home and selfishness will have a shortened shelf-life
And we will throng to the funeral of famine and dance on the callous
grave of war and poverty will be history in our history.
Because he is risen.

And because he is risen,
A fire burns in my bones and my eyes see possibilities
And my heart hears hope like a whisper on the wind
And the song that rises in me will not be silenced.

DOOR STEWARDS

MAY 1st Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
 8th Rosemarie and Tony Jackson
 15th Margaret and Bob Temple
 22nd Bobby and Patrick Watson
 29th Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant

(This is correct at time of publication but does not take account of changes made by individuals)

REFRESHMENT ROTA

MAY 1st Jean and Mike Petter and Ann Isom
 8th Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
 15th Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
 22nd Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox
 29th Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers
JUNE 5th Margaret Temple, Sally Bland and Brenda Bennett

May 1st Irene Russell
 8th Janice Collins
 15th Lynda Haydon-Jones
 22nd Rosemary and Tony Jackson
 29th Flower Fund
June 5th Marion Bright

PRESS DATE

All items for the JUNE Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk by noon of 26th May. If this is not possible items can be placed in the box at church which will be emptied by the previous Sunday the 22nd.

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website