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**Fareham Methodist Church Magazine**

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3rd June Revd. Dr. Malcolm Rothwell

10th June Revd. Frank Cochrane

17th June Mrs. Fran Jenkins

24th June Mr. Gerry Williams

6 p.m. Revd. Andrew de Ville

**Please note**

**While Claire is on her sabbatical, from the 9th April until the 9th July, you won't be able to contact her.**

**Any queries please see a Church Steward who will do their best to help.**

**Many thanks.**

**7.30 p.m. Wednesday 6th June - Worship Consultation**

Dear Friends,

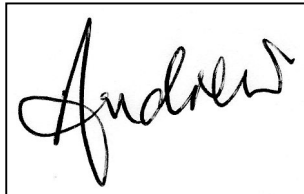
On a recent car journey I decided to use the satnav (that piece of technology which gives you guidance to get from one place to another!) just to help me get through the city to the hotel we were due to stay in for the night. I was so caught up in following the voice which told me to 'turn next left', 'bear right', 'leave the roundabout at the second exit' that I stopped looking for the road-signs and warning notices. This meant that I ended up driving down a road which was a 'pedestrian only' area between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. – the time was 10.30 a.m.! I had missed the warning signs that told me what was up ahead as I concentrated on the voice that I thought knew the way!

It made me reflect on other times when I follow one voice and ignore what is going on around me! This might be because I listen to my own voice which sometimes calls me to a selfish way of life; sometimes I listen to the voice of the other which calls me to help out someone in need; sometimes I listen to a cacophony of voices which leave me uncertain about how to respond!

In all of this we are called, as those seeking to follow Jesus, to listen for the voice of God. In the opening chapter of Hebrews we are reminded that God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but that he has now spoken to us by a Son. This reminds us of that characteristic of God's which is that he does communicate with his people – that God isn't aloof, distant or silent, but speaks to us many times and in many ways. We have to remember this and listen out for the voice of God which we might sometimes hear in the words and actions of our friends, in the word of Scripture, in the quietness of our own thoughts. We also hear the voice of God through his Son, Jesus Christ. It is through his life, actions, teachings, healings, as we read of them in Scripture and hear of the experiences of others, that we can be assured of God communicating with us as God seeks to support, encourage, challenge and direct our lives.

The voice of Jesus also tells us that we are loved by God and that we are offered forgiveness and salvation to be God's holy people. May we listen for the voice of God and know God's blessing in our lives,

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

#### **A Quick Little Note From The Editor**

Hi everyone. I hope that you've all been enjoying the lovely sunshine that we've had. I must admit that with it being so nice outside it took all my will power to sit in front of the computer to do this month's issue rather than be out digging in my nearly finished garden. As we're discussing the summer creeping up on us I want to let you know that the next edition will be joint for July and August as it does get a bit hectic in our house over the summer months. If anyone would like to e-mail articles can I please ask that they are **NOT** in PDF format. These have to be opened through the internet browser and I've been having a lot of problems trying to get them into the Publisher document. So far I have failed miserably and had to re-type them in Publisher or had to leave them out of the Focus completely. This is something I would rather not do. 'Hard copy' items can be processed via scanning. Attachments using 'Microsoft Word' should be emailed to:

**fareham.focus@gmail.com**

Thank you for reading and your on-going support with the magazine.

*Rox Garrett*

## Christian Aid Week



Thank you so much to all who supported Christian Aid Week this year. Lots of people were involved: advertising; preparing and leading the united service with the URC at the beginning of the week; collecting house to house and at a stall in the precinct; helping at the count and preparing the Church Lunch in April, as well as giving so generously. Much of this was gift aided. Thank you.

This year we raised, before Gift Aid:

House to House collections: £522.30

Retiring Collection on 13<sup>th</sup> May £476.35

Monthly Church Lunch 21<sup>st</sup> April £291.50

Grand Total £1,290.15

The stall in the shopping precinct collected £1,148.85

The current total for Fareham and Portchester is £5,108.58 before Gift Aid.

The next planned local activity is a Quiz night on:  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, emails and 'phone calls that have been sent to Ian and me following my surgery. They certainly help to keep us going especially as we wait for dates for further treatment.

Garry Bagshaw

## FAREHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS

General Meeting - open to all on Tuesday 19th June 2018 at the  
Fareham United Reform Church from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

**Discussion Topic: Action on Hearing Loss**

Speaker: Kim Harbut


Accompanied by her partner Mark and Hearing Dog Erin

**SUNDAY LUNCH 17<sup>th</sup> 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 **charity**. 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 Pate

**Main Course:** Chicken breasts in gravy or BBQ sauce,  
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!

I would like to say a big "thank" you to everyone who helped with preparing the meal and clearing up afterwards last month. It was very kind of you all to help out so that Sarah and I could get to our meeting for the Ukraine. Jill



**Wednesday,  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

# Creating and caring



**Join us for games, craft, worship  
and a meal**

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

**3.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

**See us on Facebook!**

### **'the connexion'**

Have you ever read this magazine which appears in the Welcome Area rack every quarter? The Spring 2018 edition is about sharing testimonies. I opened my copy with some trepidation as the word 'testimony' always strikes fear inside me. What was I worried about? The edition was full of interesting articles from all around the Methodist Connexion, including an item from our District in which three mature, unsung heroes talk about their life in Christ. Throughout the magazine, there are talking points which could be used for small group discussions or by house groups. 'Home is where the heart is' made me think of the life and witness of our Circuit and hoping that prayer is shaping our mission. We are constantly looking at the life and work of our church and trying out new ideas. Consequently I highlighted one of the quotes in this article... "Try lots of things. Some will work and some won't. You'll never know which will work until you try them". So, have a look at 'the connexion' for yourself and I hope that it inspires you as much as it has inspired me.

Garry Bagshaw

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May Quiz

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who attended the quiz and helped with making cakes and preparing and clearing up. Also many thanks to Malcolm for preparing and delivering such a fun quiz for everyone! The amazing total of around £480 was raised to help with Sarah's expenses and for the Ukraine Mission.





## At Home

Bobby and Patrick

are holding an "at Home" on Saturday 23rd June 2018

To raise funds for Sarah Brooks

and other young people going to the Ukraine in August

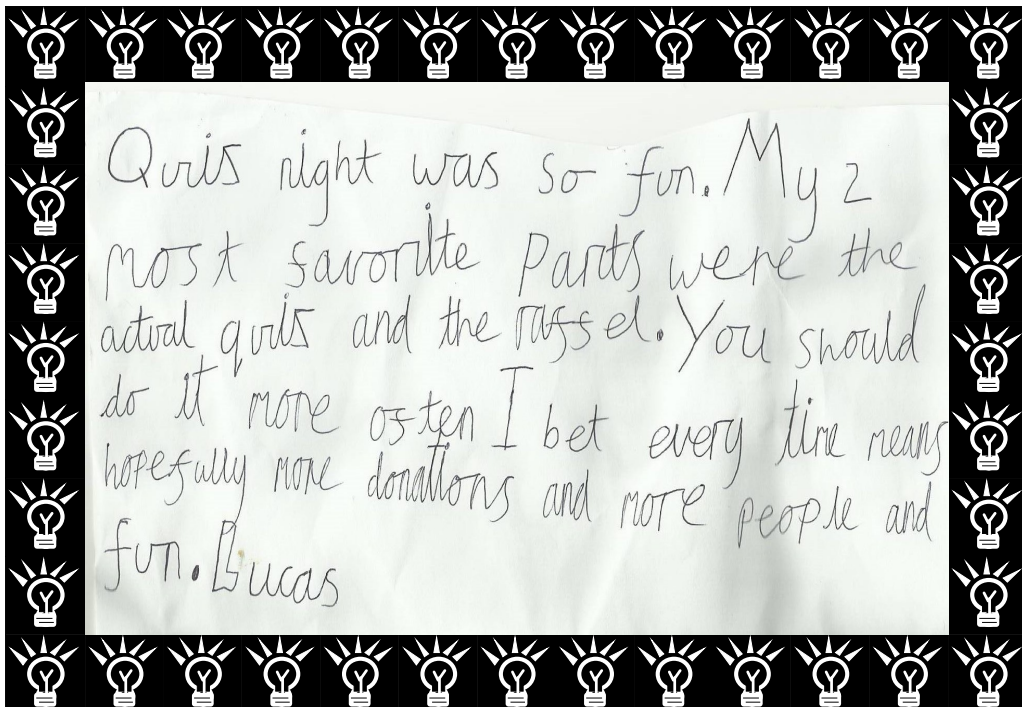
for the Ukraine Christian Partnership.

Do come and join us between

**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

and / or

**2.00 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.**



With kind regards,

*Fazle Abbas*

Dear Friends,

Salamun alaykum / Greetings of peace.

During this week I will be joining other Muslims around the world in observing the month of Ramadhan. It is the 9th month in the Islamic Calendar and is one of the most important months of the Islamic Year. The month is marked with fasting, devotional prayers and charity. Muslims rejoice for the entire month's duration.

Based on confirmation of sighting of the crescent moon, the month of Ramadhan in the U.K. is expected to commence on 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 and end on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. The Eid ul Fitr Festival marking the completion of this month is expected to be celebrated on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. I thought you might find the narrative below useful:

**What is Ramadhan?** The month of Ramadhan is honoured by all Muslims. It's a Time for Fasting, Prayer and Unity.

You may like to view : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=6lZ8Bv08CnY&app=desktop>

Unlike the Gregorian Calendar which makes use of the sun to keep track of dates, the Islamic Calendar uses the moon instead. Therefore, the month of Ramadhan begins and ends with the sighting of the 'New Moon'. *Sawm* – Fasting – in the month of Ramadhan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam. From dawn to sunset, Muslims who have come of age and who are neither travelling nor sick, must abstain from food, drink and sexual activities.

There are many reasons why Muslims fast. It is in submission to the Divine Commandment as enjoined in the Qur'an so that one may be pious and learn self-restraint. Ramadhan is a training period that sharpens an individual's self-control and will power. Abstaining from food, smoking and other physical desires for a month is an effective means to establish the control of the spirit over the body, allowing a person to live with control over themselves without being enslaved by physical inclinations and needs. Fasting also gives the Muslim a small dosage of what it is like to be in need of food and water. There are many unfortunate individuals in our world today who are suffering and losing life due to conflict, strife and poor governance. Many die hungry every day because of a lack of clean water or food. Giving up food and water allows the Muslim to feel sympathy for these people. The high rewards offered by God in this month for charitable works in turn encourage these feelings to be transformed into actions.

this month to stay away from these practices so that once Ramadhan is over it will be easier for one to maintain the good qualities that they have been working on for an entire month.

#### **Q&A**

##### **1. What can we say to our Muslim friends to congratulate them for the month of Ramadhan?**

Ramadhan Mubarak (Blessed Ramadhan) or Ramadhan Kareem (Generous Ramadhan).

##### **2. Why is the Muslim Calendar based on the moon rather than the sun?**

Since the Lunar Calendar is shorter than the solar calendar by about 11 or 12 days, events like Ramadhan will cycle through the seasons. If, for example, Ramadhan began on 1<sup>st</sup> May this year, it will begin on April 19 or 20 next year and so on. It will take about 30 years for Ramadhan to begin around 1<sup>st</sup> May again. If we used the Gregorian Calendar instead and Ramadhan began on 1<sup>st</sup> May, then Ramadhan would continue to fall on 1<sup>st</sup> May for ever. This would be disadvantageous to people living in hot countries as they would have to fast in the blazing heat of the sun on a yearly basis. So the Lunar Calendar gives a chance for Muslims around the world to experience Ramadhan during the different seasons.

##### **3. If a fasting person swears, cheats, lies, is always late, drives like crazy etc, what is the point of their fasting?**

The noble prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is reported to have said: "If a person does not give up falsehood and acting according to it, God has no need for their giving up food and drink". In other words, if the fasting person does not give an effort to improve their character and conduct, then the fast is pointless in God's eyes.

##### **4. What happens after Ramadhan is finished?**

The end of Ramadhan is celebrated with a festival (*Eid al Fitr*). It is a joyous occasion and Muslims around the world celebrate it by giving to charity, meeting family and friends, eating sweets and simply enjoying themselves. It is also a day when souls of departed family members are remembered with prayers.

##### **5. What can we say to our Muslim friends to congratulate them on the completion of the month of Ramadhan?**

Eid al Fitr Mubarak, Sawm Maqbul (Have a blessed Eid festival, may your fasts be Divinely accepted). The Eid ul Fitr festival is expected to be celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

I hope that this email gives you a bit of insight into what Ramadhan means to Muslims. I request you to kindly remember me and the Muslim community in your prayers as I too shall be doing so for you.

**Summary of responses of the discussion at the ACM  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Christmas Carol Service**

Should we continue to have a traditional format for our Carol Service i.e. 'Nine lessons and Carols'? If so, why? If not, why not?

**Yes:**

But less formal

Some like it

Comfortable / Comforting

OT readings give the

**No:**

Too formal

Times have changed; Words out dated

Available on radio / TV

**If so, do you think that it would be better to hold it at a different time on a Sunday so that more people might attend?**

Every response has suggested meeting earlier: Range 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. which minimises difficulties due to meal times, darkness and weather and is better for children / families.

It could be followed by refreshments!

**Could we do something else in place of the traditional Carol Service or as well as the Carol Service?**

**Please make suggestions:**

Celebration of Christmas through words and music - different styles and media.

More modern young people / family friendly service; 'all stage' not 'all age'.

Fewer lessons and more well known carols; Nine lessons are too many to squeeze into one hour.

Chairs set out in rows not in the round (retain table of candles?)

Singing Group to be included but not to sit as a choir at the front - come forward to sing.

No sermon / minister?

Crib Services are sometimes held on Christmas Eve late in the

In 2016 We were **Heroes** Alongside **Jesus**

In 2017 We **Went Wild** With **Jesus**



This year we embark on a **Quest** to find the  
**Greatest Treasure on Earth**

Come and Join us  
13th - 17th August  
10.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.

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## **Chicken, Bacon and Stuffing Pie**

### **Ingredients**

Chicken (leftover from the Sunday roast or 2-3 chicken breasts)  
1 pack of bacon  
1 box of stuffing 170 g (we use sage and onion)  
500 ml chicken stock  
1 heaped tbsp Plain flour  
Shortcrust pastry (we buy ready to roll, 2 packs)

### **Method**

Preheat oven to 220°C fan assisted, gas 7  
Cube and cook the chicken (if using breasts), add bacon to the cooked chicken and fry for a couple of minutes  
Add flour and stir until well mixed then gradually add the chicken stock, stirring continuously and keeping at a simmer - don't worry if its a bit runny  
Add the stuffing and stir, allow to cool slightly  
Roll out the pastry and line your pie dish  
Pour the mix into your pie dish and cover with the pastry  
Egg wash and cook for 20-30 minutes  
Serve and enjoy!!

We serve ours with beans and chips or new potatoes.

Don't forget to let me know your family favourites and helpful kitchen tips.

### DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	2
4 09:30 Mini- Market	5 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	6 19:30 Worship Con- sultation Group	7 09:30 Coffee Centre 10:15 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	8	9
11 09:30 Mini- Market	12 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	13 16:00 Messy Church	14 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	15	16
18 09:30 Mini- Market	19 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	20	21 09:30 Coffee Centre 14:30 Red House Ser- vice of Worship 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	22 18:30 Fourth Friday Games Night	23 10:00 Bobby & Patrick's At Home 14:00 Bobby & Patrick's At Home
25 09:30 Mini- Market	26 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	27 10:00 Healing Prayer Group	28 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	29	30

### **Door Stewards**

#### **June**

- 3rd Judith Bramall and Brian Cooper  
10th Lynda Young and Mary Bailey  
17th Margaret and Bob Temple  
24th Bessie and Daniel Taabu

### **Refreshment Rota**

#### **June**

- 3rd Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox  
10th Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers  
17th Margaret Temple, Sally Bland and Brenda Bennett  
24th Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall

### **Flower Rota**

#### **June**

##### **Provider:**

- 3rd Flower Fund  
10th Kevin and Linda Foster  
17th Flower Fund  
24th Flower Fund

##### **Deliverer:**

- 3rd Jean Petter  
10th Lynda Young  
17th Liz Haigh  
24th Tony Emberson

**PRESS DATE:** All items for the **July / August** edition of  
**Fareham Focus** should be emailed to:

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by noon of **23rd June**.

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