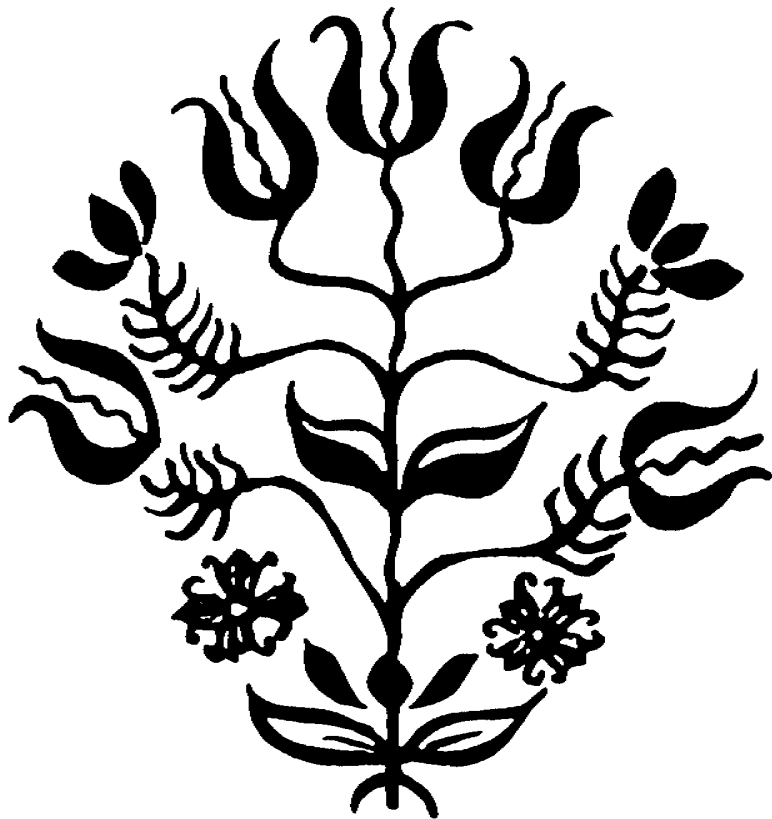


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1st July D. Rice

5th August D Rice

6pm 1st Sunday Service

12th August @URC

8th July LA

19th August LA/A

15th July Wingrove A

26th August Davey

22nd July James/Hooper

2nd September @ 6pm

29th July DeVille

1st Sunday Service

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.

Dear Friends,

I joked in church one morning, when I misheard the response of a member of the congregation to a question that I had asked, that "*I was going deaf*". After being asked for people's favourite football teams, one member responded; "**Spurs!**" (Tottenham Hotspur) and I heard "**Burnley**". I do honestly believe that I don't hear as well as I used to, but my wife Jill's repeated requests to have my hearing tested have so far met with a stubborn response. That reminded me of a little story I heard recently.....

A man realised he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but he felt unwilling to spend much money. "*How much do they cost?*" he asked the salesman.

"*That depends,*" said the salesman.

"*They run from £2.00 to £2,000.*"

"*Let's see the £2.00 model,*" he said.

The clerk put the device around the man's neck. "*You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down to your pocket,*" he instructed.

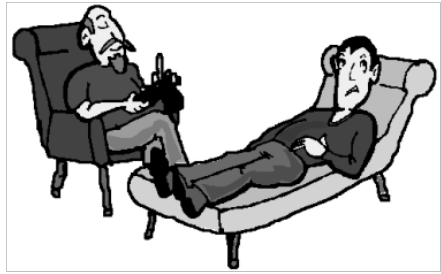
"*How does it work?*" the customer asked.

"*For £2.00 – it doesn't work,*" the sales-man replied. "*But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder!*"

As you know, most communication problems are not due to people talking too softly. Unfortunately, we are not always good listeners. Do you know that people will pay hundreds of pounds an hour for no other reason than to have someone listen to them? Professional counselling and psychology are big busi-



Psychologist Carl Rogers said, "A person's real need, a most terrible need, is for someone to listen...not as a 'patient' but as a human soul." To listen well is to respond to a great human yearning.

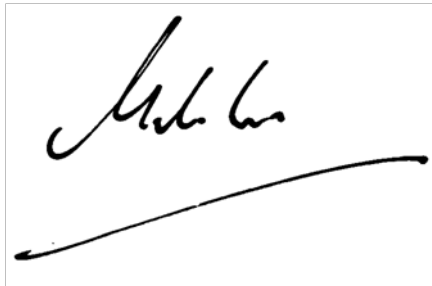


Jesus always made time to respond to people's real needs and in the letter of James we are given some salutary advice -

James 1:19-27 ¹⁹*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak*".

When it comes to human relationships, there are few greater gifts that you can give to others than your time. We often worry about what we should say to our friends who are in distress – Maybe we shouldn't say much at all – maybe we just need to listen.

One small child put it like this: "*I'll try to listen louder.*" What might happen if we "*listened louder*" today?



Harvest will be celebrated September 16th,
please look out for information as to
donations, etc. in the next magazine

A Quick Note From the Editor

First of all can I please apologise to anyone whose name I have spelled incorrectly in previous editions and any editions going forward (if I have then just let me know and I will correct it for the next time).

Secondly I'd also like to apologise for the editions which had parts of the ministers letter missing. I'm not entirely sure what happened but I'm keeping my fingers crossed it won't happen again.

Just a little reminder that this issue is for July and August. The next issue will be out in September so please keep sending me you pieces.

I would like to thank Janice for the awesome bread and butter pudding recipe. I look forward to trying it at home and don't forget if you've got a recipe you'd like to share or any news then please send it to : fareham.focus@gmail.com

Or pop it in the pigeonhole by the kitchen.

Thanks again for reading .

Rox Garrett

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? Forward thinking, ?
? Over the summer please can we all start thinking about our fa- ?
? vourite Christmas Carols, yes I did say Christmas! After the ?
? holiday season I am hoping to compile a list of everyone's fa- ?
? vourite all time carols. I want you to think outside the book as ?
? we can use the screen for the ones we love but are either no ?
? longer in the hymn book or are your special ones from another ?
? source old and new. The list will then be shared amongst the ?
? preachers over the season and so hopefully we can share a good ?
? mix and maybe not have one repeated too often. ?
? Many thanks Maggie ?
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The Fareham DP Team will be running another free Gravetalk session on Monday 9th July, 2pm until 4pm, at Westbury Manor Museum in Fareham. Please come along, join a table and meet some new people who are interested in sharing thoughts, ideas and experiences about death, dying, funeral and related matters. It is not as serious as it sounds, promise! The sessions are good fun, they are open to people of all faiths or no faith and all ages. It is worth noting that these Gravetalk sessions are not a bereavement, counselling or grief group. No need to book.

For further details please email farehamdp@gmail.com or contact

There is no substitute for our own prayers, sharing our joys and concerns with God, but sometimes another person's words express our hidden feelings.

The Prayer handbook is re-issued each September with news and prayers each day from Methodist Churches in other countries and other parts of the British Isles.

It also has a programme of Bible readings in the centre and background notes can be found on the internet.

I order these booklets in August and will be putting a list in the Welcome Area in July. Please sign up if you would like one. (Cost of £3.50, not required until delivery)

Kitchen Clean

August is the month the Church Main Kitchen has its annual clean.

If you feel able to join me sometime during the second half of August please contact me to arrange a suitable time.

Lynda Haydon-Jones



The Organ and Instrumental Fund.


The Organ and Instrumental Fund began at the beginning of May. Thank you very much for your donations to the Fund. They are very much appreciated. If you would like to donate, then please put them in the Organ Fund Box which you will find on the book-case on the left hand side as you go out of the Church. If you would like to write a cheque please make it payable to Fareham Methodist Church and on the back write Organ Fund. Please Gift Aid it if you pay tax. The Organ Box will be emptied at the end of each month. Thank you.

Instruments, particularly organs, are expensive to repair and when they go completely wrong and need replacing they are very expensive. So we really need to think ahead and have funds in place to help tackle those situations when they arise.

Jill




Laura and Iain's Wedding



A huge thank you to so many of our church family for the support shown in so many ways to make Laura and Iain's marriage service so special.

Kevin and Linda Foster



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Hello, I have recently taken over the task of issuing the envelopes for the offering for those members of the Church that give in this way. I would like to ensure that I haven't missed anyone, so if you were expecting envelopes and haven't received any can you please contact me? My email address is - margaretshepherd141@btinternet.com and my phone number is - 01329 600062. Many Thanks, Rae Shepherd.

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Action for Children Sunday is 8th July. There will be a special service where you can find out something about this Methodist linked charity. There will be an opportunity to donate then or at the Sunday Lunch the following week. If you would like a charity box at home to put small change in ask Pat Croker or myself.

Catherine Stevenson

Holiday Club 2018

This is taking place from 13th –17th August at our church linking with URC, Holy Trinity and Fareham Community Church as a Christians Together in Fareham project. It will be led by a team from Birmingham for the third year running and cater for around 70 children. The theme this year is Treasure Quest!

Fareham Methodist Church has given almost £500 in support of this venture. Thank you to all who have contributed through the May Sunday lunch, the Coffee Centre Cake Sale and a Singing Group event.



**COFFEE CENTRE WILL BE
CLOSED DURING AUGUST. THE
LAST MEETING BEING THURS
26TH JULY. IT WILL OPEN AGAIN
ON THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER.**

Ukraine Christian Partnership – Bobby & Patrick’s “At Home”

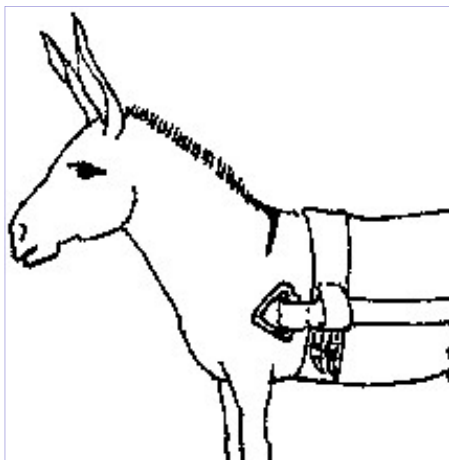
We need to express our grateful thanks to all who contributed and donated before our event on 23rd June and to all who came and enjoyed the sunshine at our home. We also need to warmly thank all who gave items for the raffle, for items to sell, and cakes to eat and sell. Without you we would not have been able to raise such a marvellous total.

At the end of the day we had raised **£380.00**, a marvellous total, from donations, cake sale, and raffle for Sarah and the other youngsters going to the Ukraine 3rd July to help run the Summer School this year.

There were some cakes available for sale after the service and we were given further donations at Church. Having cleared the table at the end of the morning, I passed a further sum of £90.00 to Jill. So our grand total has come to **£470.00** with further monies coming in!!! I believe Jill has also received further donations.

We could not have raised anywhere near that amount if you **all** had not helped so much with your contributions and we hope those of you who came enjoyed sitting in the lovely sunshine catching up with folks new and old. We particularly want to thank Sarah, Jill G, Colin (who seems to love being at the sink and what would we do without him!) and Margaret and Ron H. A really lovely day and a very nice sum to pass along. Thank you everyone.

Bobby & Patrick



Report back on Homelessness in Fareham meeting on Monday 30/4/18

There was a very pleasing attendance of 18 people. Thanks to Holy Trinity Church for hosting!

The meeting started by raising awareness on work that was already taking place.

The following list gives only brief details. A more detailed list will be available linked via the CTIF website.

British Legion/Ex Services

Offers housing and support to ex-services personnel via Emmaus Hampshire, Alabare Home for Veterans, Two Saints and Central Point Day Centre Portsmouth.

Café Imbizo and Suspended Coffee Scheme

Whilst enjoying your drink and food the café allows you to buy an extra drink (or food) under the 'suspended' coffee scheme which is then later served to people in need. A referral is required to access this free food and drink.

Fareham and Gosport Food Banks

Distributes food and other essentials packs which will last a week and up to four times a year. Recipients must be referred from other organisations.

HOME (Helping Others Means Everything)

Distributes hot food and drink and sometimes other needs such as sleeping bags from opposite McDonalds in Fareham at 7pm every night.

Lunch on Sunday

Hot food and drink is served to people alone and in need of company and a warm place. Takes place in Fareham Youth Centre each Sunday.

Open Church Project

Homeless people were invited to sleep inside Portsmouth churches during 4 weeks of this January and February and also given hot food. Each 'guest' had to be referred by the Society of St James (SSJ).

Might we replicate this?

Love Mondays at Café Imbizo -

Offers a tasty dinner on a 'pay as you feel basis' and the opportunity to buy 'rescued food'. This is to start again hopefully in June.

Portsmouth Churches Housing Association

Provide a safe homely environment for seven single women and 24 families. There are three hostels in Portsmouth. Before acceptance women must meet certain criteria.

Streetlink App

The StreetLink app enables members of the public to connect people sleeping rough with the local services that can support them. Available on iOS or Android. Unfortunately there is no information as to how effective this service is in the Fareham area.

It is appreciated that several other organisations exist but were not mentioned at the meeting (e.g. Two Saints and Fareham Good Neighbours). The detailed list available via the CTiF website will be extended as more information becomes available.

During the awareness raising there was also much general discussion. This discussion highlighted how complex was the task of helping the homeless. Some members of the group with a great deal of experience in working with the homeless felt that the basic needs of providing hot drinks and food to the homeless was already covered by various organisations. Beyond this it was felt to be extremely difficult for non-professional help to address the other many complex needs.

The same experienced members reported that a very great proportion of the 'homeless' we see have drug and alcohol addiction problems. Additionally some of them may not be homeless at all but are 'begging' in order to fund their addictions.

For the above reasons the group decided we should first concentrate our efforts on trying to find ways of preventing 'those in need' sliding down the spiral of deprivation that can easily lead to homelessness. This is not to say that as time goes by and things develop we would not develop initiatives to help those on the street but that it would not be our first focus.

So what can we do at this very moment in time:

Offer to buy someone on the street hot food and a drink. If this is declined it is suggested NOT to give money. Donate food or other essential items to the various organisations listed above including the Basics Bank. The latest list of desirable items are shown on <https://www.facebook.com/FarehamandGosportBasicsBank>. Goods can be easily donated using the trolleys at Sainsbury's and Tesco. Enjoy visiting Café Imbizo to eat and drink and use their 'suspended coffee scheme'. Consider using the Streetlink App but do get the 'homeless' person's agreement first!

The time left available to discuss what we could do for 'those in need' was not great but several of the things mentioned were:

Supporting 'people in need' with advocacy

Helping with 'money management skills'

Helping with cooking skills

Helping people with general 'life skills'

It was also suggested that CTiF might set up/support a Community Support Day which amongst other things would make available lots of goods to give away to those in need. The group may also look into setting up a 'mobile hostel' in during particular cold weather such as was done in Portsmouth this January/February under the Open Church scheme.

We agreed to have another meeting in about six to eight weeks. Note – if you wish to make observations or any enquiry about items in this report please contact Paul Tomlinson either by email paul-tomlinson@ntlworld.com or phoning on 01329310379. I am NOT one of those with great experience so you will have to bear with me in my response!



Wednesday,
July 11th 2018

The money



Join us for games, craft, worship and a meal

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road,

Fareham PO16 0NU

3.30pm – 6.00pm

See us on Facebook!



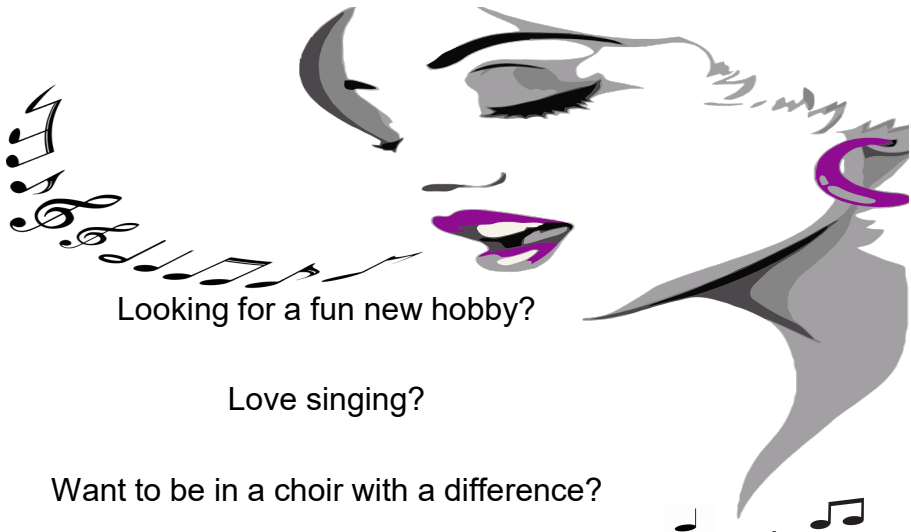
Messy Church at Carron Row

15.00 – 19.00

**Another chance to ride on the trains and
sail the boats at the Railway Field,**

Segensworth Rd, Titchfield PO15 5DY

**Please sign the sheet in the Welcome
Area if you are coming to this event.**



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SUNDAY LUNCH 15th July 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 **Action for Children.** 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 Pork, 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!

UKRAINE 2018

Sarah Brooks and I are joining the Mission to the 3 Villages in the Ukraine this year and will be helping with the summer school for a week. We are flying to Budapest on 3rd August and then travelling all day on the 4th to the villages



which are 20/30 miles over the border in the West. If anyone would like to help with donations or items for school use we would be very grateful. We will need these by the beginning of July please as the lorry travels out in the beginning of July. We are in need of stickers, felt tip pens, playdoh, sticker books and board games— particularly suitable for 11 year olds please. Also wool and dressing up clothes (We have plenty of pencils and toothpaste and toothbrushes this year) We will place a box



in the Welcome Area for any contributions.
Many thanks,
Jill Groom and Sarah Brooks

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SINGING GROUP

Hi everyone

I will be rehearsing in Thursday nights until the end of this month. Rehearsals will restart on August 23rd which will give us 4 weeks to prepare for Buckland and harvest festival.

See you later

Regards

Garry

Fareham Team

The Team has been taking services around the Circuit for 35 years, and due to the shortage of Local Preachers, is needed just as much now as when it first started.

However, there are now fewer of us than previously and we are all getting older with many other commitments. We are very grateful to Sarah Brooks for joining us and bringing the average age down considerably!

We would love some more people to join us. If you think this could be you, please speak to Bob Temple, Nigel Cox or myself.

Linda Press

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Fourth Friday Games

After 8 months with attendance at over 20 each time, we are going to take a break in July and August and resume on September 28th.

Bread and Butter Pudding

Ingredients:

Butter for greasing and spreading

8 thick slices of day old white bread (I have used brown bread)

Ground cinnamon

Tbsps mixed fruit to spread over the layers

2x200g glace cherries

5 eggs 1 yolk egg

4tbsp caster sugar (I use golden unrefined sugar)

16floz milk

600ml double cream (pouring)

3/4tsp Vanilla essence

1 1/4 tbsp Demerara Sugar

Marmalade



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F Gas Mark 4) brush the dish with some melted butter.
2. Spread the bread lightly with butter (Marg) and marmalade and cut each slice in half diagonally.
3. Layer the bread in the prepared dish, sprinkling mixed fruit, cherries and cinnamon for the first layer (2 layers in all). Then do the same for the second layer; don't put too many cherries or fruit on as if you do reheat they tend to burn.
3. Lightly whisk together the egg, egg yolk and caster sugar in a large bowl.
4. Heat the milk and cream until just warm and stir in the vanilla extract.
5. Whisk the cream mixture into the egg mixture, strain the custard over the layered bread.
6. Leave to stand for 5 minutes.
7. Sprinkle with demerara sugar.
8. Bake for 30 minutes or until the custard has set and the bread is golden brown.

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9:30 Mini Market	3 9:45 Parent and Tod- dlers Group	4	5 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:15 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	6 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	7
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30 9:30 Mini Market	31				

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

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27 9:30 Mini Market	28	29	30 19:30 Singing Group	31	

Door Stewards

July

1st Pat Crocker and Keith Sargeant

8th Liz Haigh and Marilyn Woodrow

15th Tony Jackson and Ian Bagshaw

22nd Liz Avison and Irene Russell

29th Judith Bramall and Brian Cooper

Refreshment Rota

July

1st Pat Crocker and Mary Bailey

8th Liz Haigh and Liz Avison

15th Brownies and Guides

22nd Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long

29th Ian Bagshaw and Walter Metcalf

Flower Rota

July

Provider:

1st Flower Fund

8th Keith and Shirley

15th Flower Fund

22nd Flower Fund

29th Jill and Malcolm Race

Deliverer:

1st Liz Avison

8th Margaret Temple

15th Irene Russell

22nd Mary Bailly

29th Joan Paddley

Door Stewards

August

5th Lynda Haydon-Jones and Lynda Young

12th Janice Collins and Sally Bland

19th Bessie and Daniel Taabu

26th Margaret and Bob Temple

Refreshment Rota

August

5th Marilyn Woodrow

12th Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock

19th Pat and Tony Pickering

26th Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom

Flower Rota

August

Provider:

5th Eric Wheeler

12th Garry Bagshaw

19th Flower Fund

26th Joan Moore

Deliverer:

5th Jean Petter

12th Lynda Young

19th Liz Haigh

26th Tony Emberson

PRESS DATE: All items for the **September** edition of
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by noon of **19th August**.

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