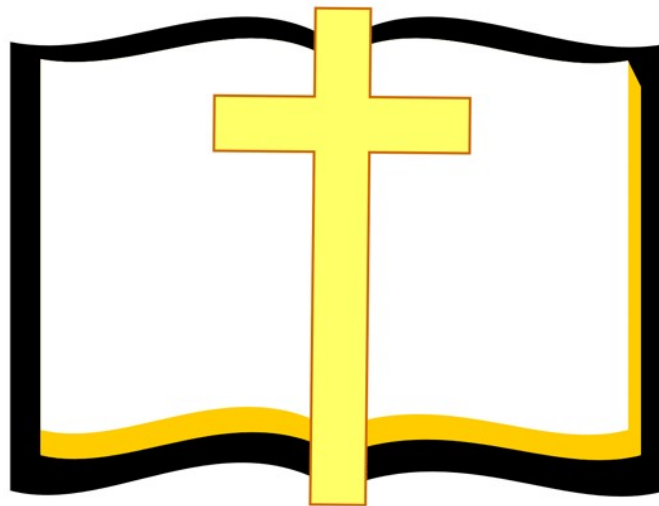


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**September**

2nd Revd Claire Simpson

6pm 1st Sunday Service

9th Revd Leslie Judd

16th Laura Evans

23rd Tracey Cooper

6pm Iona Communion Revd Claire Simpson

30th Revd Claire Simpson

Dear friends,

It is so good to be back amongst you after my sabbatical. Thank you for all of your good wishes that sent me on my way after Easter and that have welcomed me back this summer. They have been greatly appreciated by myself, John, Ben and Sam. Many of you have asked about my sabbatical and the area of study that I focused on. I spent my time exploring the use of communication, language and liturgy with people who have a terminal illness and are nearing the end of their lives. For those who would like to find out a little more there will be an opportunity to do this in a session on the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Fareham. This is open to anyone but may be of particular interest to those involved in pastoral care. More details are available elsewhere in this magazine.

My sabbatical was also an opportunity to spend time with family and friends. It was lovely to be able to do this and, most notably, support Ben through his GCSEs; watch a football world cup (that didn't quite 'come home' but still provided much excitement in our household); and celebrate my parents' golden wedding anniversary. Some of you are aware that my dad has been quite ill during the last year so we were particularly thankful that we were able to celebrate their marriage milestone.

For the first part of our family summer holiday we were fortunate enough to visit Rome and do plenty of sightseeing. It was a wonderful holiday punctuated by much pasta, pizza and gelato! I was struck that at all of the sights we visited so many people were so busy taking pictures, selfies and video using their mobile phones that I wondered if they actually spent any time drinking in the experience of just *being there* in that particular moment.

This reminded me of another precious gift of my time on sabbatical. It allowed me to '*just be*' for a while and to enjoy those moments and experiences as they happened. The Bible verse that kept coming back to me during this time was 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46 v.10). I'm trying to hold on to that thought now that all the 'doing' has begun again! As the summer ends and autumn approaches may we each be able to find those moments of stillness and the experiences that will sustain us for all that lies ahead.

With love,

A Quick note from the editor

I Hope everyone has had a lovely time enjoying the beautiful weather we were fortunate to have over the last few weeks.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support with the Focus and all the pieces that come in without those we wouldn't have a focus. Can I please ask though that any items are sent to:

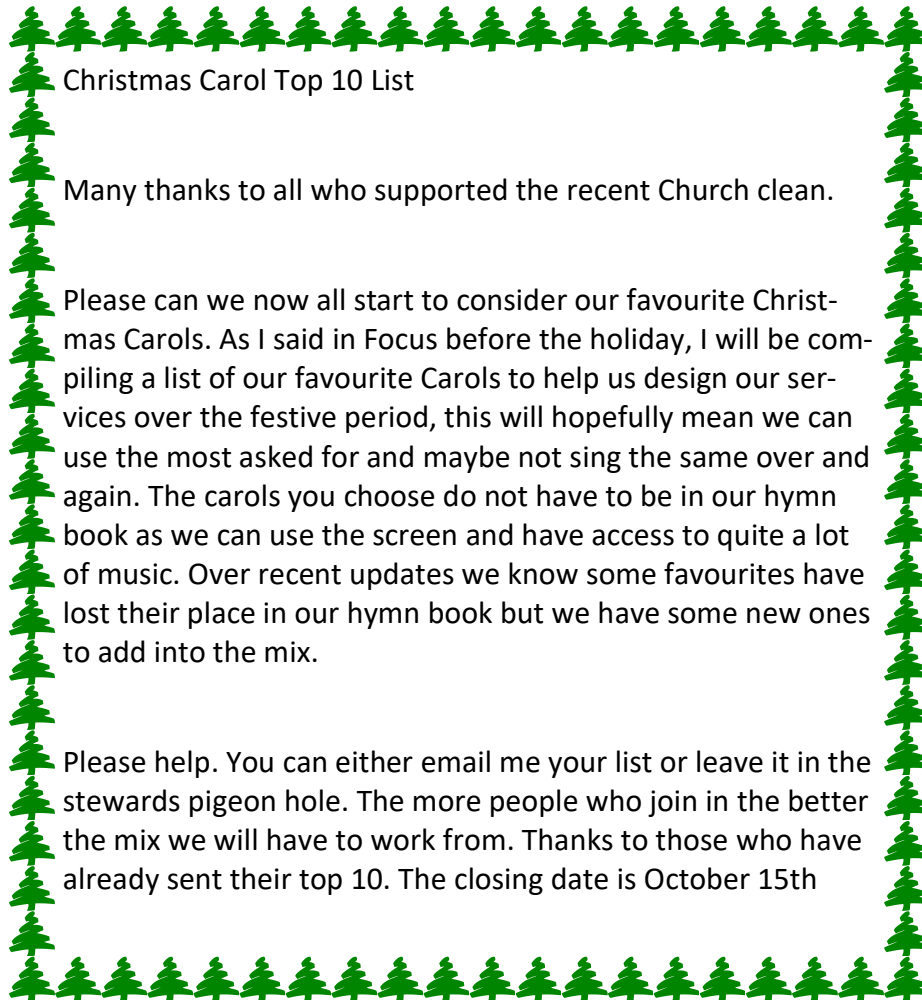
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I'm still getting the occasional item sent to my personal email address which makes it quite a lengthy process when putting the focus together, and I cant guarantee that I will be able to find the pieces (as they get lost in the 100s of emails I get on a weekly basis).

I would also like to apologies in advance for any mistakes/items missed in this edition as you can imagine august is a very crazy time in my house with the girls on school holidays and I'm afraid not only did I get all my dates mixed up I've had quite a bad head cold which meant getting in front of the computer was difficult so I'm currently working on the focus on very very tight dead line . I also am afraid we don't have a recipe but hopefully we can start that again next month. I hope you enjoy this issue!!

*Rox Garrett*



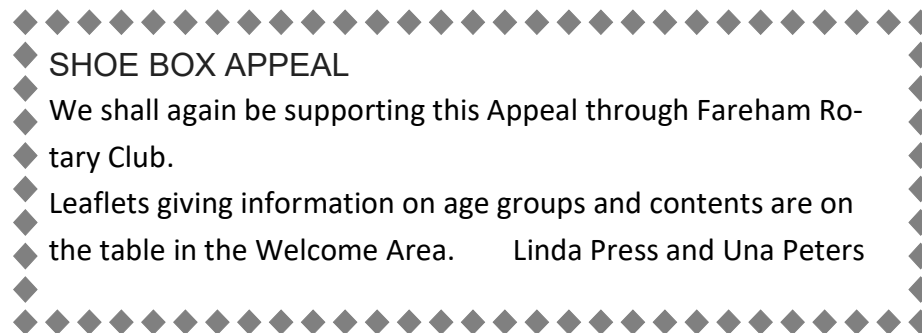


## Christmas Carol Top 10 List

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Church clean.

Please can we now all start to consider our favourite Christmas Carols. As I said in Focus before the holiday, I will be compiling a list of our favourite Carols to help us design our services over the festive period, this will hopefully mean we can use the most asked for and maybe not sing the same over and over again. The carols you choose do not have to be in our hymn book as we can use the screen and have access to quite a lot of music. Over recent updates we know some favourites have lost their place in our hymn book but we have some new ones to add into the mix.

Please help. You can either email me your list or leave it in the stewards pigeon hole. The more people who join in the better the mix we will have to work from. Thanks to those who have already sent their top 10. The closing date is October 15th



## SHOE BOX APPEAL

We shall again be supporting this Appeal through Fareham Rotary Club.

Leaflets giving information on age groups and contents are on the table in the Welcome Area. Linda Press and Una Peters

### **Dates For Your Diary**

The next meeting of the church & Community Group is to be held on Wednesday 19th September—In Church At 7:30pm. Apologies to Lynda on: 07771964314 or 01329505466.

Thankyou

on Wednesday 21st November Linda Press and Carol Rogers will be performing pieces for Oboe and Piano, some familiar, others not so familiar. This will be followed by tea and cake and is in aid of the Organ Fund. Further details and tickets will be available next month.  
Linda Press

### **Thursday Prayer Circle Dates**

6 September will be led by Tracy Cooper

4 October Will be led by ???

1 November will be led by Rev Claire

6 December will be led by Bob Temple

3 January 2019 will be led by Tracy

10 January will be a "Wash Up" to arrange dates and leaders for the next session.

### **Don't Forget**

Our Rendezvous for Prayer for the autumn term begins on Thursday 6 September 2018 at 10:15am, for approximately 1 hour in the sanctuary. We will be continuing to meet on the 1st Thursday of each month. So if you have

not been aware of this meeting and the first you hear of it is in this edition of the Focus we would love if you would come and investigate us.



We hope you will feel encouraged to be able to join us regularly or on an occasional basis to pray with us to support our Church activities, particularly and that are new ventures or any activities that are struggling. Also Circuit issues: Community issues within the extended Borough Council are: and National and International issues.

Any requests for healing for specific people will be passed, following the session with permission, to the Healing Prayer Group.

Each session will be led by a member of our team on a rota basis. Each session is different. Our Leaders for this coming term are Claire, Tracy and Bob Temple. If you would like to offer to lead the group on a month we would be delighted. A prayer tree is available in the welcome area and all prayer requests from the tree are offered in prayer towards the end of each session. Please consider joining and supporting us whenever you can.

Bobby



## PUBLICITY OFFICER

What our church needs, is a publicity officer, who is able to co-ordinate a team of people who, either regularly or from time to time, have information which needs to go out either to the general public, or to other churches in our circuit. This does mean that you DO NOT have to do all the work yourself, but that you are there to guide, advise cajole or inspire others to fulfil their needs, as well as, from time to time, doing a bit of publicity work yourself. If you are not sure whether this post is right for you, then you can be shown what it entails. A full job description is available from Maggie Wheeler. Please let any of the stewards know if you are willing to try the job.

Andrew

## HISTORIC CHURCHES ANNUAL SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Yes, it's that time of the year again, when John Bramall and Andrew Wilcock will be pedalling away on the second Saturday in September, visiting churches in two different areas to support the historic churches fund. We will probably visit between 10 and 15 churches on that Saturday, raising money either by sponsorship or direct donation. This

allows a sum which is available for any church which is over 100 years old to apply for if they are in desperate need of funds for a variety of projects. So, keep a look out for our sponsor forms, and please give us your support. Remember, 50% of what is raised goes to your home church, and over the last few years we have raised over £250.

Andrew and John



**Wednesday,  
September 12th  
2018**

# Which Way?

**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!**

**SUNDAY LUNCH 15th September 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 to a 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: Soup or Egg Mayonnaise*

*Main Course: Baked Gammon, cheese or parsley 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!

If you can help with serving or helping in the kitchen please sign the list. We would really appreciate your help. Thank you Jill Groom

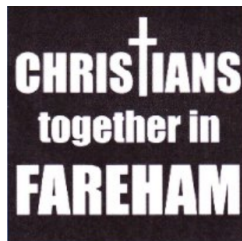
I would like to say a big thank you to Brenda who held my hand while I waited for the ambulance after my fall  
When I needed a neighbour you were there  
So many people were pleased to see me well the following week at mini market  
Thanks Andrew for helping me that day.  
God bless you all Julie

*Dear Friends*  
*Thank you for the lovely flowers. They are much appreciated. Thanks again. Alan Long*

I would like to thank everyone who helped raise money towards me, the other young people and the Ukraine Christian Partnership Mission to go to Ukraine this summer. It was an incredible experience and I am hoping to return next year.

Many thanks,  
Sarah

Jean & Mike Petter are delighted to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Lucy, to Andrew Trott. They plan to marry in April 2020 at Fareham Methodist Church.



This year the Churches in Fareham all came together with the help of Phill and his team to take 72 children on a Treasure Quest. With the help of over 30 volunteers and an amazing catering team to keep us all fuelled up on our adventure. Each day was filled with fun activities including science, drones, outdoor and indoor sports, craft, food and many more. We started our day with some all together time which included a story from the bible (with a bit of a pirate twist) and finished on a cliff-hanger before the children went off to their activities. After lunch we ended our day with more altogether time where the cliff-hanger was revealed. We then have a visit from Beemer who would give us clues as to where he had been that day for the children to go into town and find him. Then it was time to walk the plank (both children and leaders got to enjoy this task). We learnt some very energetic new songs that the children loved to sing and dance to. At the end of the week we invited the parents to our Friday altogether time to enjoy the fun with us. I could talk forever about how much of an amazing week it was for both children and the volunteers involved but I thought it would be nice for you to hear from the children themselves. I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts and things they enjoyed over the week as much as we enjoyed helping them to create these memories .

"where's Jesus" He's everywhere we can talk to him anytime "I'm worried about when the parents come" You can talk to Jesus whenever your worried "I'm going to talk to Jesus"

Everything!!

I give it 10/10

I've enjoyed the bouncy castle and outdoor games

The cakes are good

Good! Excellent!

I enjoyed doing the science drones and scooters

I want to live here forever!!!

Its good fun and exciting

I found Beemer every afternoon. Sam made me and my friend laugh

Doing the food making parrot biscuits

I have enjoyed all of it! Thankyou for all the fun. I cant wait for next year. Thankyou for feeding us.

I found Beemer by the Rainbow Charity Shop and it was a fun sight. I have also enjoyed having fun meeting new friends and earning a prize

Doing new things and walking the plank

I enjoyed the holiday clubs games my favourite was walk the plank

Playing on the computers especially the football game

I enjoy holiday club because we get to walk the plank and we get to go up and play a game

I enjoyed Holiday club the best activity I liked was the bouncy castle!!! It was AMAZING

I liked walking the plank

Holiday Club is really cool because... the bouncy castle also on the other hand I liked all of it!!!!!!

Lots of games, I enjoy the different activities and making new friends

Every single day because we've done fun stuff

I know ill be to old to come back next year but do think when I'm a bit older I could come back and be one of the teachers. I think I'd like to do that

I enjoyed holiday club very much

awesome

I enjoyed the inflatable

Fun!! Joyful!! I loved all the activities I want to come back next year I've made lots of friends

Seeing Beemer in the shops at  
and at holiday club

We loved it on the  
inflatables and when  
the leaders walked  
the plank

Holy Moly

I love watching people  
walk the plank

Lots of happiness  
and kindness

I have really enjoyed  
holiday club because  
I have done new  
things like drones

I love the bouncy castle

The bouncy castle is fun

I enjoyed the  
games the food  
was quite good  
and all the things  
were fun

Riding the scooters between  
the cones

I love it! I wish it would  
never end

People made me laugh the  
assault course was fun

I enjoyed the bouncy castle  
because it was really fun



### **Housegroups**

**East Fareham House Group.            Leader – Joan Padley.**

**Healing Prayer Group.                Joan Padley.**

**North Fareham House Group.        Lynda Haydon-Jones,  
Jill Race.**

**Pax House Group.                      Liz Haigh,  
Keith Sargeant.**

**Prayer Group in Sanctuary.        Bobby Watson.**

**Tuesday (Snug) House Group.       Linda Press.**

**West Fareham House Group.        Mary Bailey.**

**As you can see, we have quite a number of House Groups running at different times. The groups usually meet once a month. If you would like to find out more, please talk to the group leaders. Each month a member from one of the House Groups will write about their group. This month Linda is writing about the Tuesday (Snug) House Group.**

**Tuesday (Snug) Housegroup**

The “Snugglers” as we are sometimes known meet in the Snug usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, although this does vary due to holidays and other events.

We meet at 10.30 and start with coffee, and aim to finish between 11.30 and 11.45.

In September we shall be starting a 4-session course “Expecting Christ”, which looks at moments in our faith and lives where a door opens and lets Christ in, catching a sense of expectancy which can come at any time. These sessions are based on Bible passages and come with a CD to give a starting point for discussion.

I feel that in these sessions, we can talk about moments in our faith journey more easily than in a formal setting.

The dates for September to December are: September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you feel you would like to join us, come along in September, or if you would like more information, speak to me at Church or you can ring me on 01489 881654. Linda Press

# DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 9:30 The Great Church Clean
3 9:30 Mini Market	4 9:45 Parent and Toddlers Group	5	6 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:15 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	7 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	8
10 9:30 Mini Market	11 9:45 Parent and Toddlers Group	12 16:00 Messy Church	13 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	14	15
17 9:30 Mini Market	18 9:45 Parent and Toddlers Group	19	20 9:30 Coffee Centre 14:30 Red House Service of Worship 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	21	22
24 9:30 Mini Market	25 9:45 Parent and Toddlers Group	26	27 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	28 18:30 Fourth Friday Games	29

**Door Stewards****September**

2nd Pat Crocker and Kieth Sargeant  
9th Mathew and Amy Shepard  
16th Liz Haigh and Marilyn Woodrow  
23rd Tony Jackson and Ian Bagshaw  
30th Liz Avison and Irene Russell

**Refreshment Rota****September**

2nd Irene Russell and Tony Emberson  
9th Lynda Haydon-Jones  
16th Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox  
23rd Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers  
30th Margaret Temple, Sally Bland and Brenda Bennett

**Flower Rota****September****Provider:**

2nd Flower Fund  
9th Lynda Young  
16th Bob and Margaret Temple  
23rd Mary Bailey  
30th Kieth and Shirley

**Deliverer:**

2nd Liz Avison  
9th Margaret Temple  
16th Irene Russell  
23rd Mary Bailey  
30th Joan Padley

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

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by noon of **23rd September**.

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