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Services For the Month

September

1st The Revd. Claire Simpson - Holy Communion / Covenant Service

8th Mrs Imelda Temple

15th The Revd. Andrew Wood - Harvest Festival

22nd Miss Jean Hooper

29th Mrs Pam Stone - Church With Choices

Dear friends,

Some of you will know that during our family summer break we spent some time in Barcelona. We had a really good time and were blessed with glorious weather. As part of our trip we spent an afternoon at the Picasso Museum and were able to view not only many of his paintings and ceramics but also a temporary photography exhibition detailing different aspects of his life. By the end, the boys' interest was waning which led to one of them (I'll preserve their anonymity) summing up the experience by saying 'You know what, I think that he was a guy with a lot of problems and he just chose to draw about them all'!!!

This may, or may not, be an accurate assessment of Picasso's work(!), but what struck me most about Picasso was the way in which over his whole career his work continued to change and evolve. I hadn't realised that apart from co-founding the Cubist movement for which he is probably most well known, he was also a ceramicist, sculptor, printmaker, poet and playwright. His artwork alone went through many different phases as he developed his style and incorporated new ideas and experiences into his work as his life progressed. It was clear that he wasn't afraid to experiment with new ways of working.

I found myself wondering about how many of us, including myself, are open to such change and development in our own lives. The prospect of change and new ways of working can be daunting but exciting too. Being moved outside our comfort zones can bring challenges but opportunities also. On the 1st September we begin a new Methodist year. I wonder what might be in store for us as individuals, as a church community and as a wider Circuit? Where might change be needed? To what new things might we be called to respond? What developments might happen which we need to take forward? With the help of God's Spirit and with confidence and trust in God and in one another we look to the future with courage and hope for all that lies ahead.

With love
Claire

A Quick Note From the Editor

As I'm working on the Focus this month I have just got home from the lovely service of Baptism and sharing of both Holiday Club experiences that people from our church have been involved with over the summer. I have my Holiday Club music on in the background and I'm feeling in very high spirits for what the new Methodist year will bring for all of us on our continuing Journey with God.

Thank you

Rox Garrett

Vestry Jottings

As I write these Jottings, I am reminded of the wonderful afternoon tea that we had to raise funds for Messy Church. Over £250 was made, so a big thank-you to all involved. We hope that everyone has had a pleasant summer. With Holiday Club over and Jill and Sarah back from the Ukraine, we look forward to hearing about all their experiences. Finally a reminder about our concert on Friday 13th September with a retiring collection for "All We Can". Our Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday 15th September.

Brenda

On behalf of the Stewards

Harvest Hope - This is a worship service for all the churches, at Holy Trinity, on 13th October at 4 p.m.

Date For Your Diaries

The next Church in Community meeting will be held in Church on Wednesday 18th September at 7:30 p.m.

Apologies to Lynda Young on:
01329505466 or 07771964341

Many Thanks Lynda

Evening services at Gosport Methodist Church
08th September to 06th Oct 2019 led by Revd.
John Mills and Cdr Mark Barton

Please see the details below for a series of evening services about Methodism to be hosted by Gosport Methodist Church.

(NB - Our usual 4th Sunday evening service of Holy Communion on the 22nd September has been cancelled to enable us to share in this series with other Methodist communities in our area.)

We say we are Methodists but probably that is because of a mixture of an accident of birth and what church you started with and the style of service that you enjoy. But what is Methodism and what does it mean to be in this church? Methodism was central to Margaret Thatcher's approach but equally was central to much of the Trade Union movement. It was Methodism that was at the heart of the Victorian temperance movement and even the Salvation Army stemmed from a Methodist. It was our Central Hall in London, which sits proudly opposite Westminster Abbey, which hosted the first meeting of the United Nations. It is even Methodism that is central to the Poldark story even if that programme is setting the Cornish Methodism

So why not find out more of what being a Methodist means? John Mills and Mark Barton will be delivering five relaxed, thoughtful, evening services hosted by Gosport (and open to all) exploring Methodism. After an initial introductory service looking at the history of the Methodist Church they will then explore the key tenets of Methodist doctrine taking in turn each of the four questions:

The Methodist Church - catholic and evangelical?

The Methodist Church – which creeds and why?

The Methodist Church - a reformation church?

The Methodist church - an apostolic church?

Each service will start at 6.00 p.m. and the series runs from Sunday 8th September to the 6th October. We would be delighted if you joined us and had a cup of tea while we worship and talk - and do feel

Shoe Box Appeal

This year we shall again be supporting the Fareham Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. Leaflets should be available early in September and the date for completion is likely to be the end of October. Please read the leaflet carefully as what can be included is not the same as Samaritans Purse which we used to do.

Age Groups are: 1 – 3 years; 4 – 7 years; 8 – 11 years; 12 – 15 years.

Thank you in advance for your support. Linda Press

Families, Friendship, Fun, Food and Faith in Fareham



Wednesday 11th September 2019

3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

There is no charge for Messy Church, although donations are always gratefully received.

New faces are always very welcome, come and give us a try!

Supported by Fareham Methodist Church. For more details about this once a month event for the whole family, find us

on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/farehammessychurch/>

or email: fareham.methodist.messy@gmail.com

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HARVEST 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 "All We Can".

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



Harvest of Talents Concert

at Fareham Methodist Church

Tea, Coffee & Cakes
During the interval
(Donations to "All we Can")

7:00pm-Friday 13th September 2019



Hi All Please find dates and leaders for the 'Thursday Prayer Circle', Autumn term 2019.

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| 05 September | Claire |
| 03 October | Bob |
| 07 November | |
| 05 December | Claire / Julie |
| 02 January | Bob |
| 09 January 2020 | Wash Up session 10:00 a.m. |

"Everyone is Welcome and can drop in for five minutes or stay longer. Bring your concerns and we will pray for and with you. Or just pop in and sit and listen. You do not have to take part if you do not want to. Just come."

Many thanks - Bobby

Thank-you so much for the flowers you gave me today (30th June) in Rosemarie's memory and for the good wishes I received at Church this morning. You are all so kind.

Tony Jackson

Thank-you for the flowers delivered to me by Joan on Monday 12th August.

Rox Garrett

LOST ITEMS

I would be grateful if anyone could shine a light on the disappearance of one of the large aluminium roasting / baking tins from the main church kitchen. It is one of the original pair of tins with lids and a favourite item with all the church chefs!!!

I would also like to ask people to be extra vigilant when clearing up after any meals to ensure that no cutlery is accidentally thrown away. We have lost 4 dessert spoons and a fork over the last couple of months.

Toiletries for Fareham College Students

Can you donate any toiletries to help our less advantaged students?

We aim to collect Shampoo and Conditioner, Shower Gel, Bubble Bath, Deodorant, Soap, Toothpaste etc. (Male and Female) and have them readily available for students, who for whatever reason may not be able to purchase their own.

From September we will have a box in the Welcome Area to collect any donations.

Fourth Friday Games

resumes on 27th September!

Everyone is welcome between 6.30pm and 8.30pm

Enjoy a relaxed chat with refreshments and play table top



Christians Together in Fareham Holiday Club 2019

Wow what a week!! With 72 Children, over 30 Volunteers, using three Church Buildings and more than a fair bit of help from God, we went on a new adventure! This year we went into space! We followed the Story of Daniel overcoming challenges with help from God. While facing our own problems that we met along the way, we tried to get the Rocket and ourselves into space.

Together we learned that God is always with us in everything we do, helping and guiding us on our path. He doesn't always arrive as obviously as a lightning bolt, in a 'right here, right now' kind of way, as He did with Daniel and his friends; but in a more subtle way so that we can know that God is with us all the time, nudging us along to do the right thing and make the right choices. We might not always see and feel Him with us. He can't always fix the bad things in life the way that we would want Him to. However, with God as our friend travelling along on our journey, we can overcome the challenges and difficulties that we face in life knowing that He is always there.

I would like to thank everyone for their support, especially our own church's 14 volunteers whose magnificent contributions to the Holiday Club are so much appreciated. We can all be proud that for the first time we have 'done it ourselves' and what a success it was!

Rox

Christian Aid Week



Thank you so much to all who supported Christian Aid Week in May. Apologies that I missed earlier editions of 'Focus'. Lots of people were involved: preparing for 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 March, as well as giving so generously. Much of this was gift aided. Thank you.

This year we raised, before Gift Aid:

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| House to House collections | £580.13 |
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| Retiring Collection on 13th May | £293.90 |
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| Monthly Church Lunch 17 th March | £246.65 |
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| Grand Total | £1,120.68 |
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The stall in the shopping precinct collected £1,010.18

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| The Big Brekkie Quiz raised | £262.40 |
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The current total for Fareham and Portchester is £3,932.15 before Gift Aid

The next planned local activity is a Quiz night on Saturday 05th October

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|-----------|
| 2 9:30 Mini Market | 3 9:45 Parent and Toddlers | 4 | 5 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:45 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group | 6 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club | 7 |
| 9 9:30 Mini Market | 10 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night | 11 15:30 Messy Church | 12 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group | 13 19:00 Harvest of Talents Concert | 14 |
| 16 9:30 Mini Market | 17 9:45 Parent and Toddlers | 18 | 19 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group | 20 | 21 |
| 23 9:30 Mini Market | 24 9:45 Parent and Toddlers | 25 19:30 Ladies Night 'South Pa- cific' at Fernehams Hall Worship Consultation Group at the Manse | 26 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group | 27 18:30 Fourth Friday Games Night | 28 |
| 30 9:30 Mini Market | | | | | |

Door Stewards

01st September Margaret and Bob Temple

08th September Bessie and Daniel Taabu

15th September Judith Bramall and Brian Cooper

22nd September Liz Avison and Irene Russell

29th September Mary Bailey and Lynda Young

Refreshments

1st September Pat Croker and Mary Bailey

08th September Liz Haigh and Liz Avison

15th September Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long

22nd September Ian Bagshaw and Walter Metcalf

29th September Marilyn Woodrow and Karen and Colin Williams

Flowers

| | Providers | Deliverers |
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| 01st September | Lynda Young | Liz Haigh |
| 08th September | Marion Bright | Tony Emberson |
| 15th September | Mary Bailey | Liz Avison |
| 22nd September | Bob and Margaret Temple | Margaret Temple |
| 29th September | Jose Barney | Irene Russell |

PRESS DATE: All items for the October Focus should be emailed to

fareham.focus@gmail.com

by noon of **Thursday 20th September**

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website