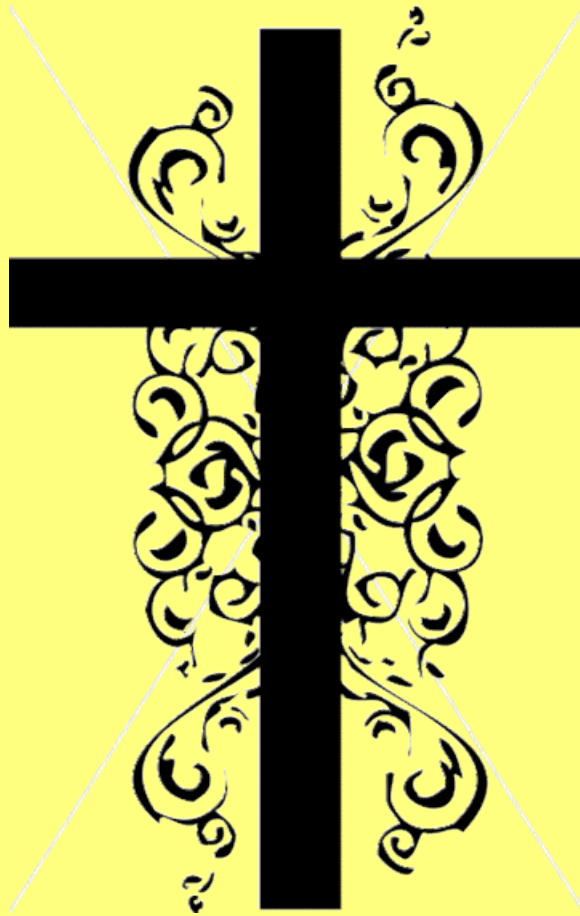


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Services for the Month

03 November	Revd. Claire Simpson, Family Holy Communion
10 November	Service at URC
17 November	Mrs. Milly Aquilina-Gray, All Age
24 November	Local Arrangement
6:00 p.m.	Revd. Claire Simpson, Iona, Holy Communion

Dear friends,

We live in changing times! Much has been happening in the life of our Circuit over the summer and early autumn. There are staffing changes as we congratulate our own Superintendent, Rev Andrew de Ville, on his appointment as District Chair from the 1st March 2020. He has given so much to us in the time he has been with us and we hold him and Helen in our prayers as they prepare for the next phase of their ministry. Rev David Muskett will become our new Superintendent minister from the 1st March and we hold him and Marian in our prayers as they prepare for the next phase of their ministry amongst us! You can find more detail about these changes, as well as others that affect our Circuit structure, in our autumn Circuit newsletter - please do pick up a copy from the back of church.

Nationally, as a whole church, we are also being asked to contemplate changes. Many of you will know that at Conference in July important resolutions were passed that refer to the nature of marriage and relationships. These resolutions form part of a comprehensive report with which every Methodist is invited to engage in study and prayerful discussion. To this end we are holding three opportunities here to enable us to work our way through the report and talk

Inevitably, the prospect of change brings challenge and we seek to work through these times together, honouring one another and deepening our understanding so that we can be a people who respect and encourage one another as we live out our calling to be the body of Christ at this time and in this place.

A Quick Note From the Editor

Wow!! What another 'jam packed' Fareham Focus. Apologies for those articles that I missed last month. Hopefully I've got them all in this month.

As most of you are aware I have started a new job as the Children and Youth Worker at St John's Church in Fareham. I'm very excited about this new adventure though until I find my feet in this new role I won't be around at church as much I usually am, but I promise I'm not going anywhere!!

The next edition of the Fareham Focus will be a joint December / January one so please keep that in mind for anything to be published early next year.

Please keep sending me your articles to:

fareham.focus@gmail.com or putting them in the Pigeon hole.

Thank you for your continued support with the Fareham Focus.

Thank you

Rox Garrett

Vestry Jottings

It has been a quiet month, but that is all about to change. We will be discussing the Christmas Services and doing our best to please everyone. It all starts with the Christmas Tree Festival which has proved to be very popular over the last 18 years. We then have the Christingle Service, the Carol Service and the Midnight Service. Last Sunday we had another wonderful 1st Sunday Service led by our young people. We are so lucky to have such talented youngsters.

Please can everyone pick up a Circuit Newsletter to catch up with the changes around the Circuit.

Thankyou

Thank you all who have contributed to church flowers this year, by providing, arranging, and delivering the flowers. The new lists for 2020 should be appearing in the corridor soon, so please sign up as soon as you find a space special to you (which is what many people do). Also please let Irene or me know if you are willing to be an arranger when this is necessary, and / or a deliverer after the service. Delivering flowers is a very helpful way of keeping in touch with friends who are unable to come to church for whatever reason, in other words it is "pastoral care!"

Mary B

Notes from Christians Together in Fareham (CTiF)

Good news stories

The Community Church, in partnership with the charity 'Practical Tools Initiative', run by James Fallah-Williams (a member of the congregation who is from Sierra Leone) has, over the last year or so, been working to establish in Sierra Leone what was first called 'The School in the Quarry'. This was a way of supporting a group of children, as young as five, who spend their days with their carers stone-breaking in a quarry. Enough money was quickly raised to start the school in a tent and begin paying the head teacher who has been employed to work with the children. However, the project has grown, and work is now under way to build a school on a site (which has already been designated and cleared) for not only the children of the quarry but also for two other neighbouring communities who do not have access to formal education. There are, as of today, 300 children on the books!

CTiF Information

With the success of Fareham CTiF we receive information that falls outside the cut-off date for Fareham Focus. So please keep an eye on the Notice Boards in the corridor as there can often be information there which is not in Fareham Focus.

The next CTiF meeting

- Wednesday 20th November (at the Fareham URC)

Christmas

CTiF has again been invited to make Christingles for the Christmas Lights switch-on in the town centre following last year's success when over 200 Christingles were made and distributed. This event is on Sunday 24th November from noon until 6 p.m. Any offers of help will be appreciated.

CTiF is also booked to do a Christingle stall in Fareham Shopping Centre on Saturday 7th December, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rachel Hicks will organise this, and all offers of help are welcome.

Welborne

David Childs reported to CTiF that the planning application, which had been due to be approved in August, is still outstanding for a number of reasons. An application has been made to the United Reformed Church nationally for a pioneer minister to work in Welborne, to include a chaplaincy to the workers building it. Rachel Hicks noted that 'Christians Together' has been involved in the planning process almost since it started, which has been brilliant. David commented that although it is the URC that is most active on this, it is engaging with other denominations and is very open to working with everyone.

Support for asylum seekers

The Ilahi family is still waiting for a decision, and there is a feeling that no news is good news. They are now allowed to engage in voluntary work, which is a step forward. More of the asylum seekers who sign on at Fareham police station are willing to engage with the churches' volunteers at Tesco.

Families, Friendship, Fun, Food and Faith in Fareham



Feast of Faith

Wednesday 13th November 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 & 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

Messy Church logo: © The Bible Reading Fellowship 2018

SUNDAY LUNCH November 17th
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 can bring a pudding that would be very helpful.

The Menu

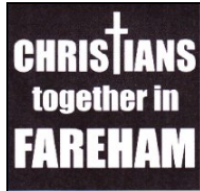
Starter: Soup or Paté

Main Course: Chicken breasts in gravy or
BBQ sauce, Sausages,
Roast Potatoes and Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign.

Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast!



PFZ

Parent Free Zone

What chat

Who? Young people aged 8 years and over

Where? Fareham United Reformed Church, Osborn Road
South

When? Second Sunday in the month, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dates

10th November 2019

08th December 2019

12th January 2020

09th February 2020

08th March 2020

Contact Rox or Kevin for more information

SAVE THE DATE!
FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW
Friday 15th May 2020

In May 2020 we are hoping to hold a fashion show to raise funds for Fareham Methodist Church and our Messy Church.

To enable us to do this we need your help! Have you got some good quality, smart, day or evening wear that you no longer want? We need gents and ladies clothing and accessories. Along with clothing we are also looking for good quality shoes, scarves, bags and hats (but **no jewellery** please).

Start having a rummage in your wardrobes and from January 2020 onwards Jill Groom or Rev. Claire would be willing to receive items.



Dear Mrs Race

Thank you so much for the stamps that you, and maybe others of your local community, took the time to collect and send to the Bible Society. Apologies for the time it has taken to reply but we tend to batch up the donated stamps and then respond.

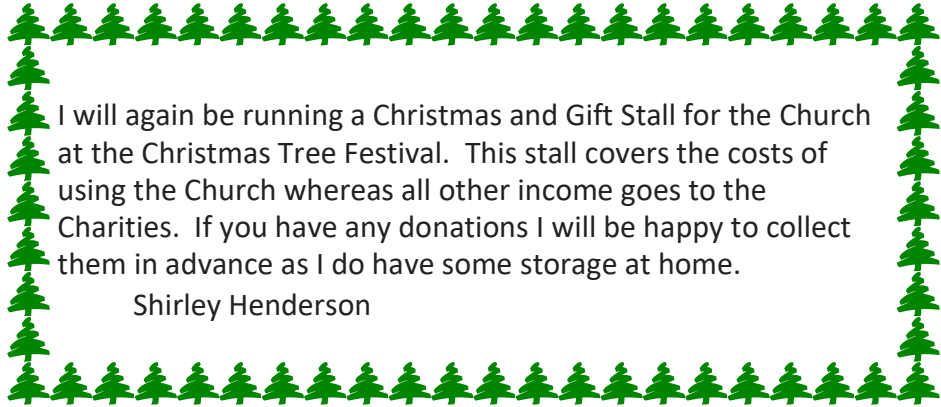
We are very grateful for your support, which helps us as we seek to make the Bible heard by people everywhere. Whilst we continue to make Bibles available, where there are none, through Bible translation and distribution projects around the world, we also recognise new challenges to make the biblical message more relevant and credible to the millions of people in our own society who are seeking a sense of purpose and direction in life. To find out more about Bible Society's important work please visit www.biblesociety.org.uk.

Stamp Corner began in 1906, and thanks to people like you it continues to generate funds for bible work worldwide. Please keep sending stamps and postcards to support this vital work! Thankyou for your on-going support and prayers .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. A. S.' followed by a stylized flourish.

Jude Simpson.
Postal Administrator



I will again be running a Christmas and Gift Stall for the Church at the Christmas Tree Festival. This stall covers the costs of using the Church whereas all other income goes to the Charities. If you have any donations I will be happy to collect them in advance as I do have some storage at home.

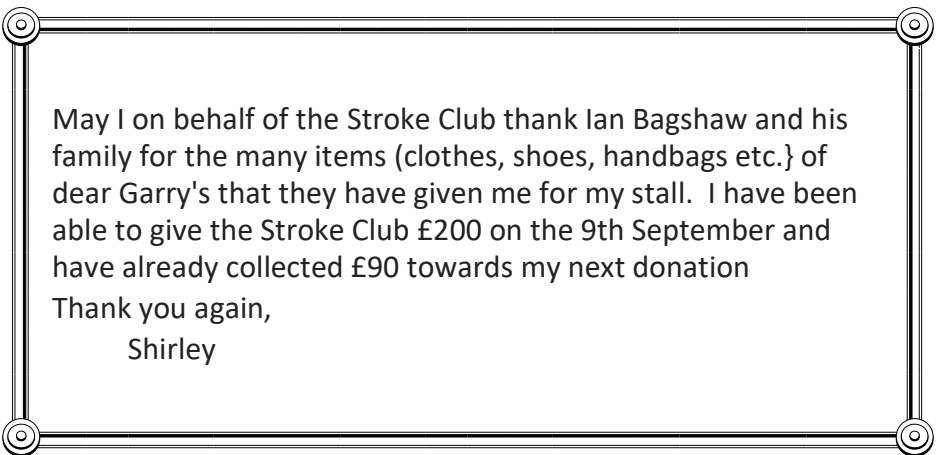
Shirley Henderson



Christmas Tree Festival 5th - 7th December 2019.

I will again be running a Cake Stall at this year's Festival. I would be most grateful to receive any gifts of cakes or biscuits, large or small, to sell in support of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Margaret Temple



May I on behalf of the Stroke Club thank Ian Bagshaw and his family for the many items (clothes, shoes, handbags etc.) of dear Garry's that they have given me for my stall. I have been able to give the Stroke Club £200 on the 9th September and have already collected £90 towards my next donation

Thank you again,
Shirley

Members of the Fareham Stroke Club wish to give their sincere thanks to the "Ladies' Night Group" for their very generous donation of £500. This was in addition to the monies received from the Christmas Tree Festival 2018. The members also wish to thank Shirley Henderson for her continued support at the Monday Mini Market Stall over the years. This support has enabled the Club to continue to help Stroke Survivors and their Carers .

Very best wishes to you all Lynda Young

Thank you for the lovely flowers. A thank you to Liz Avison who delivered them and spent time for a chat...

Very much appreciated.

From Lynda Thomas

Coffee Centre will be closed on Thursday 31st October due to 'Holiday from Home'. It will reopen Thursday 7th November

Thank you

It was lovely to be given the flowers as I was leaving church on my first Sunday back since Graham passed away.

Thank you - Sheila

PLAY BOOKS

When I visited my granddaughter and family in the USA in the summer I went to church with them on three Sundays; they are Mormons. I found the service strange, not only because all the hymns were unknown to me but also because there were no prayers or Bible readings. Most odd because these play a daily role in their home. The service lasted about 45 minutes, then there was a break before everybody, adults and children, went to "Sunday School". There was a selection of classes. The ones my grandson-in-law and I went to were discussions led by an elder. The most interesting one for me was about "Play Books".

Let me explain. In American Football (the US game I watch) the coaches of each team have a play book in which there are various strategies which the team have learnt, some for attack, some for defence. At each stoppage the coach relays to the team which strategy he wants them to employ; so they are rehearsed for every situation which arises. The speaker suggested that we, as individuals and as a church, ought to have two play books. In one would be ways in which we could meet setbacks: temptation, affliction, crisis so that we were prepared. In the other would be ways in which we could evangelise whenever there arose an opportunity. It led to a lot of discussion as to what are the biggest strategies for Christians to have both as a Church and as individuals. I found it very interesting to hear their vies, especially as Mormons are very strong on evangelising.

Another discussion was about what changes we should make to keep up with the times.

Eric



CHRISTMAS LANTERN WORKSHOPS

The workshops will run from Saturday 26th October through to Sunday 3rd November and every Saturday and Sunday until 24th November when the Fareham Christmas Lights are switched on in the centre of the town.

Initially the workshops will be at Crafty Makery@ Café Imbizo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Further venues will be advertised once they are confirmed. Be part of this wonderful community project.

Our Facebook page is :

The Crafty Makery

Our NEW email address is:

thecraftymakery@gmail.com

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1st **First Sunday** 1st

1st As its name suggests this happens on the first Sunday 1st
1st of a month.. but not every month! 1st

1st It is a service planned and led by the young people 1st
1st within our church community who are at least at 1st
1st secondary school or older. 1st

1st The most recent service in October had the theme 1st
1st 'Seeing is Believing?'. We were grateful to the team of 1st
1st youngsters for their openness and enthusiasm together 1st
1st with their ever increasing confidence and 1st
1st communication skills in providing a thought provoking 1st
1st and stimulating act of worship, sealed and confirmed by 1st
1st Claire's concluding thoughts and reflection. 1st

1st Thank you to many of the church family who have 1st
1st attended and supported the youngsters by coming 1st
1st along to this and other services. 1st

1st During the next 2 months, the young people will be 1st
1st involved in preparing for the All-Age Christmas service 1st
1st in December. 1st

1st First Sunday planning will re-commence in February so 1st
1st that First Sunday services for 2020 will be on the 1st
1st following Sundays at 6 p.m. 1st

1st 01 March 1st

1st 03 May 1st

1st 05 July 1st

1st 04 October 1st

1st Do put these dates in your diary and we look forward to 1st
1st sharing with you whenever you can come along! 1st

1st Kevin and Linda Foster 1st

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Reverse Advent Calendar 2019



Fareham Methodist Church is supporting the 'Gosport and Fareham Food Bank' at Christmas. Please place an item suitable for the Food Bank - non-perishable food items and toiletries (*but not Christmas seasonal produce e.g. Christmas cake or mince pies*) - in a box or bag at home for each day of Advent.

Your boxes and bags must be brought to church

**no later than the weekend
of**

Thank you!



DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2019

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	2
4 9:30 Mini Market	5 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	6 19:00 Alpha Course at Café Imbizo	7 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:45 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	8	9
11 9:30 Mini Market	12 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night	13 16:00 Messy Church 19:00 Alpha Course at Café Imbizo	14 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	15 17:00 Cook at Church	16
18 9:30 Mini Market	19 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	20 19:00 Alpha Course at Café Imbizo	21 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	22 18:30 Family Friday Games	23
25 9:30 Mini Market	26 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night	27 19:00 Alpha Course at Café Imbizo	28 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	29	30

Door Stewards

- 3rd November Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
10th November Bessie and Daniel Taabu
17th November Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant
24th November Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers

Refreshments

- 3rd November Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
10th November Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
17th November Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox
24th November Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers

Flowers

	Providers	Deliverers
3rd November	Jean Petter	Liz Haigh
10th November	Joan Moore	Tony Emberson
17th November	Lynda Young	Liz Avison
24th November	Una Peters	Margaret Temple

PRESS DATE All items for the December/January Focus should be
emailed to: **fareham.focus@gmail.com**

by noon of **Thursday 15th November**

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