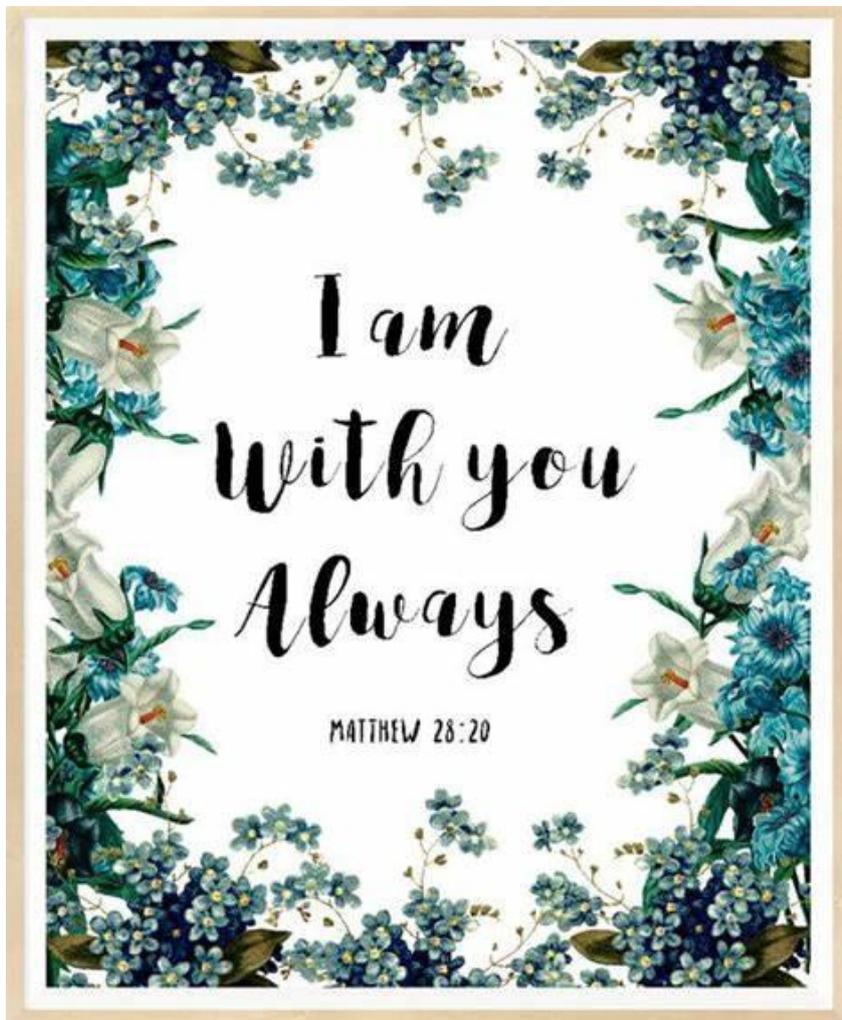


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Dear friends,

As I write at the beginning of August, circumstances remain uncertain for many. The latest easing of lockdown measures have been postponed and parts of the Midlands and northern England are under more stringent lockdown measures as there has been an increase in cases of Covid-19. I know that some of you have been personally affected by these latest developments and hopes and plans for the next few weeks have been spoiled or, at least, put on hold. A brighter note is that the majority of those who have been shielding over the last few months are now able to mix with others more frequently as they feel able.

It seems that as summer turns into autumn there may be further changes made ('trade-offs') and decisions taken that we will need to adjust to – sometimes at very short notice! Increasingly, it may feel hard to plan for the future when the future feels so uncertain. One of the prayers that I have treasured over the last few weeks is a very simple one that is also set to music and is in our hymnbook (Singing the Faith 444). Many of you will be familiar with it. It was written by St Richard of Chichester in the 13th Century and yet the words have timelessness to them that reach into every age and circumstance. They are my prayer as we enter a different phase of this pandemic and help me to focus on each day and how we might choose to live in these uncertain times.

Day by day, dear Lord,
of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly,
to love thee more dearly,
to follow thee more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

Love, Claire

Ten ways to love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)



Collections

I am interested in things that people collect. Like Ian, when young he used to collect autographs. My son collected football cards. My friend's daughter has shelves full of various mugs.

A late church member, one of our original banner group, collected frogs! They were all over her small bungalow and outside the door too. I still have 3 hanging wall cases full of spoons - collected on our various holidays abroad.

My current collections are, of course, plants. At the last count, 83 cacti and succulents, 53 assorted hostas, and 37 agapanthus and nerines, along with some other smaller collections. I'm beginning to wonder if I should join P.A. (Plantaholics Anonymous) !

When does an intense interest in something become an obsession and could this be a potential problem?

Any thoughts on this?

Mary Bailey

Hi

The time for Rev. Elize's arrival is fast approaching. Although we still do not have a definitive arrival date because of current restrictions and administration delays, we are still working to an arrival date of w/c 18th August.

The Manse at 5 Penarth Avenue is now having some work done, and the furniture and other items that were in store are now in the house. We did say previously that we would wait until we had sorted out what we had before asking for additional donations of items or financial support, and now we need the following;

Tea and Coffee mugs



Glasses and Tumblers



Cutlery set

Dinner Plates and bowls



Broom, dustpan and brush

Saucepans



Kitchen Knives

Bedside lamps

Casserole dishes



Dining Table and 4 Chairs

Fridge Freezer

We would be grateful for any donations of either the items or money for, or towards one or more of the above. We are sure there are many other things Elize and Ray need, but will wait until they arrive to discuss further with them.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact the Circuit Office on the above email (please do not phone as Jo and Margaret are currently working remotely)

Thanks for your help and generosity, I know Elize and Ray are very grateful and cannot wait to get to the UK meet everyone

Best Wishes Peter Moody Circuit Steward
07785528514

Vestry Jottings

Another month and there isn't a lot to report.

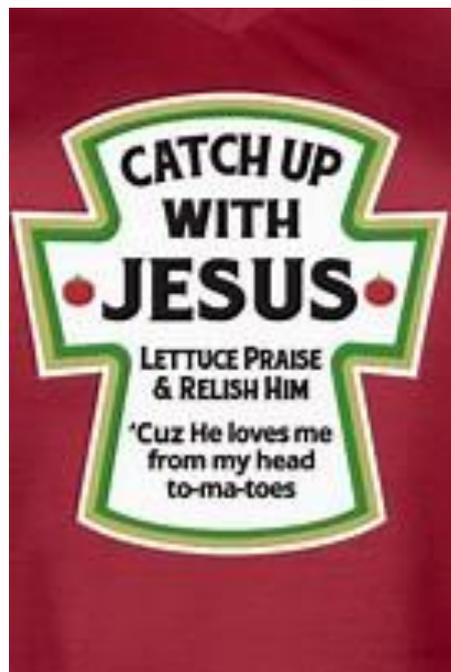
Our Zoom services are popular with 60+ signing in every Sunday. Once again this is all thanks to Mike, Peter and Maggie. Those of us who attend the preparation meeting know just how much hard work goes into everything.

We are hoping to have a collection in September for our Harvest Festival. Donations will once again go to the Women's Refuge. More details will follow in next month's eFocus.

We hope that you are all coping and thanks to our Pastoral Visitors for keeping in touch with as many of you as possible

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Brenda
On behalf of the stewards.

Sent from Brenda's iPad



Dear Everyone

First of all I need to apologise for last months eFocus I think some of the pictures went a little askew when viewing on a mobile phone. You can read it on the Fareham Church Methodist website or a tablet and it appears to stay in place. Hopefully this months will be better.

Thank you all who sent a contribution for August much appreciated.

We have been swimming in the sea and it's warm!! also having lots of picnics with friends. What have you all been doing? Please let me know. I am sure you are all making good use of the weather as we don't know what the autumn will hold. We do know it is a lovely time of year when the trees change colour and nature once again produces lots of surprises as with every season.

Please send me any photos etc. by September 5th for the next efocus to Fareham.focus@gmail.com

Thank you Lin Woodhams



An item for the children/grandchildren

Can anyone read and translate these few words?

***Si, senior, derdago, forte lorez inarow.
Demainte lorez, demis trux, foolacoos
andens an dux.***

Translation will be posted in the September eFocus.

Thank you Ian Bagshaw

Cucumbers... I didn't know this... and to think all these years I've only been making salads with the cucumbers...

1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day, just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.
2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the coffee/tea and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.
3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog and provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.
4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminium to give off a scent undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.
5. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and are often used by European trappers, traders and explores for quick meals to thwart off starvation.
6. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

Thank you

Bobby Watson

More cucumber tips next time.



A Mood Lifter?

(Reminded by Tracy's balloon - Zoom Service 02 August '20)

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realises that he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below in a field. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised my friend that I would meet him half an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man below says: "Yes, you are in a hot air balloon, hovering approximately 10m above this field. You are between 51° and 52° N latitude and 01° and 02° W longitude."

"You must be an academic" says the balloonist, sounding a little irritated.

"I am." replies the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," says the balloonist, "everything that you have told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of it, and I am still lost."

The man below says, "You must be a manager."

"I am." replies the balloonist. "But how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are, or where you're going. You have made a promise that you have no idea how to keep and you expect me to solve your problem. Finally, you are in the exact same position that you were in before we met but now it seems to somehow be my fault."



Thank you Ian Bagshaw

Books of the Bible, Word Scramble

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| 1 | CSTSLEEACIE | 11 | RUESNBM |
| 2 | NOTAISLAHSNES | 12 | HRUT |
| 3 | ZEAPANHHI | 13 | KSNGI |
| 4 | LMAAHC I | 14 | TELIVCUSI |
| 5 | LASAAGTIN | 15 | THIOTYM |
| 6 | JDUE | 16 | RITNIAOCNHS |
| 7 | EJUSDG | 17 | OLJE |
| 8 | LMSAUE | 18 | AHGAGI |
| 9 | 2HNHEIEMA | 19 | ANIEDL |
| 10 | RHWSBEE | 20 | HNAJ |

Answers will be in the next eFocus (September)

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