

FAREHAM

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**Services for the Month of
August 2025**

10th Aug. 10.30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Joint service with URC
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

17th Aug. 10.30 am.
Local Arrangement.
Kevin and Linda Foster.
All Age Worship.
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

24th Aug. 10.30 am.
Mrs Imelda Temple.
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

6:00 pm.
Revd. Canon Richard
Atkins-Greig.
Holy Communion.
Reflective Service.

31st Aug. Mr Andrew Wilcock.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
August 2025**

10th Aug. Sally Bland and
Margaret Temple.

17th Aug. Marilyn Woodrow and
Lin Woodhams.

24th Aug. Meg Cox and Brenda
Bennett.

31st Aug. Irene Russell and Sue
Gibson.

07th Sept. Jean and Mike Petter

**Meet and Greet on a Sunday.
August 2025**

10th Aug. Christine Fielding.

17th Aug. Christine Fielding.

**Next deadline for the September
efocus will be 29th August 2025.**

Flower Rota August 2025

10th Aug. Ian Bagshaw.
17th Aug.
24th Aug. Bob and Margaret
 Temple.
31st Aug.
07th Sept. Lin and Chris
 Woodhams

Daily Bible Reading Notes from the International Bible Reading Association (IBRA)'

Would you like to order a copy of the
IBRA Association daily scheme for
2026?

The cost this year is £14. The books
contain a weekly theme, a daily Bible
reading, thoughts on the reading and a
prayer.

Please let me know if you would like a
copy.

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VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello All

Happy summer holidays to everyone.

Don't forget the evening service on 24th August led by Richard Atkins-Greig.

The time has come to start rethinking about the 'Mission Workshop' held earlier this year, so we are suggesting a further "tailor made" for us, discussion and suggestion session in Fareham Methodist Church, sometime in the autumn. We're looking for ANY ideas and suggestions for our future, out-reach, growth, as well as worship and social gatherings. All ideas are more than welcome. Please consider coming to hear what John Illsey has to share with us. Keep a look out for the date, while you're thinking of ideas. (John is such a fun and inspirational speaker it will be a great time, I'm sure.)

We also have Andrew Wilcock preaching on 31st August in a fun cafe style all age service.

Thank you, on behalf of the stewards Audrey

New email address for Tony
Jackson is:
jackson.a38@icloud.com

New email address for Bobby and
Patrick Watson. Please only use this
email address.
Bobbylucy36@gmail.com

**There is no Sunday Lunch this month.
Next date for Sunday Lunch will be 21st September**

THANK YOU, MESSAGES

Hello Everyone,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, messages, cards and beautiful church flowers. The spinal surgery went well, and the surgeon was very pleased. The nurse at Fareham Health Centre was impressed with the wound and my healing when she removed the dressing on Tuesday. It's a long slow recovery but I'm doing as I'm told! Una constantly tells me to rest.

Kate and George have been amazing plus a huge thank you to Linda Brooks who has even sorted the hedgehog feeding station for me.

It's been a tough time with the shock of losing dear Pat and thank you Linda for breaking the dreadful news to the adults at Parent and Toddlers.

Thank you all especially for your prayers.

Much love,
Alison

Many grateful thanks for all the prayers, good wishes, cards, flowers and strawberries I have received since coming home from hospital.

Yes, it was a shock to find myself there being pumped full of goodness knows what, but I knew I was surrounded by the thoughts and prayers of my friends as they gradually heard of my and Patrick's predicament. I might not say much but I do believe strongly in the power of prayer, and I rested on the conviction that God was with me, and all would be taken care of, and I trusted him.

It is good to say that yes, I am home, and my strength is returning if not my ability to type!! We do not know yet how long Patrick will be allowed to stay at Kiln Lodge, but we know he is safe and well looked after and we await decisions from Hampshire CC as to the future. But with God's help we will survive.

Please keep praying Bobby

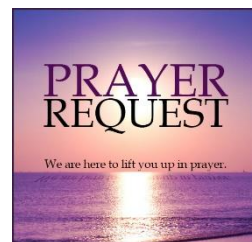
Thank-you for the lovely flowers I was given a couple of weeks ago, just after I made it to my 21st birthday yet again - for the **fourth time!**
Judith Bramall

Many thanks for my flowers. It was lovely to see Tony Emberson. Laurie and I are still enjoying our lives even though we are both not too able at the moment.
Thanks again Pam Mullins

Chris and Lin would like to thank you for our lovely flowers and best wishes. Chris is doing well and will soon be running around!!
Lin and Chris. x

The Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree is in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.



The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to join us, for five minutes or for as long as you wish. We will pray with or for you or you may prefer to just listen and pray silently. Our prayers will include any from the prayer tree left during the month.

4 th September	Bob
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THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

On August 21st, 10 am in the snug we are starting a new study.

“Women of the New Testament”

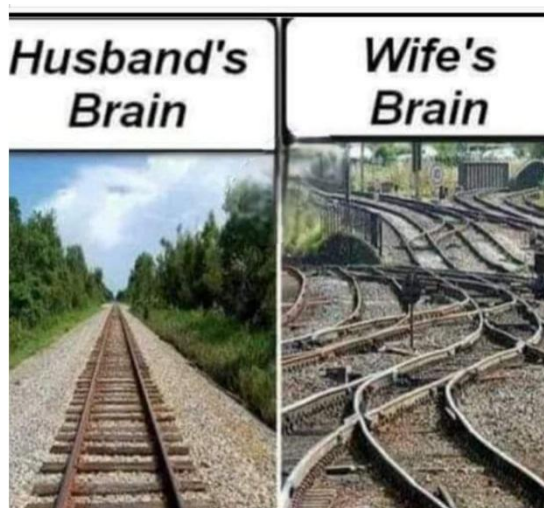
Our last few studies have been about some of the women in the Old Testament which were both inspirational and challenging, on occasion.

If you're interested, please come along and join us. We're a friendly bunch.

Our first New Testament study is about Elizabeth.

Thank you

Audrey Mann



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Here is a photo of our new member of the Groom family - Dotty who is a dear little affectionate kitten. She can be very Dotty!

Jill Groom.



Unfortunately, The Flash Wipes, Cloths and Pads Free Recycling Programme is closing.



Holiday Club Photos

60 children had a great time last week at Holiday Club. These are just some of the activities which they created. The children sang and danced whilst learning a memory verse.

"Be Bold, Be Strong, for the Lord your God is with you"

We all pray that they took away the message that God is always with us.

Look up Messy Church Facebook page a brilliant video of Edith and Colin's grandchildren playing guitar and singing to one of Holiday Club Songs. Wow.

Circuit Prayer Safari

This year a Circuit Prayer Safari is taking place, led by Deacon Janice Hacon. The vision is to visit each worshipping community within the Circuit and to have a corporate time of prayer and reflection (with prayer stations) focusing on 'Our calling'. It is hoped that this will help to inform the important focus of each fellowships ongoing ministry and mission.

The Prayer Safari will offer an opportunity for us all to meet new people from different worshipping communities, to reflect together and share in fellowship.

There are various ways in which you are invited to be involved:

- continue to pray for the life of our Circuit
- provide a welcome and offer hospitality when your own church/chapel is visited
- encourage people to come along to the times of prayer
- be challenged to visit a church/chapel that you have not previously visited!

If you are unable to join with us, please pray for each specific community wherever you are on that day.

Here is the next prayer time:

Saturday 16th August **Lee** 11.30am - 1.00pm

Dates for Fareham and other churches in the Circuit are still to be arranged.

Mini Market opening
times for Summer.

Aug 11th Open
Aug 18th Closed
(staff Holiday)
Aug 25th Closed
(Bank Holiday)
Sept. 1st Open

Thanks to all who have been collecting change in their League of Light boxes. Between you we have collected £241.02. I know a lot of people don't use cash as much but if anyone else wants to collect small change let me, know and we can give you a box.

Catherine Stevenson

COULD YOU SEND A POSTCARD TO A CARE HOME RESIDENT THIS SUMMER?



Share your days out, holiday destinations, favourite summer pastimes or ideas for a dream holiday to brighten their day and evoke travel memories

3 steps to bringing joy & happy memories
to care homes & helping residents feel
connected to the wider world



- 1 Buy a postcard or make one from your photos (places only - no people's faces please), using pictures from magazines, or draw / paint your own. The pictures could be of a place you have visited or a place you dream of visiting, summer activities you like doing or things that evoke memories of summer.
- 2 Write a short message, for example about the place or pastime on your postcard, a memory of summer or about what summer means to you.
- 3 Then contact us and we can let you know where to send your postcards.

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or telephone **07577 945106** to get involved
in our Summer Postcard Project