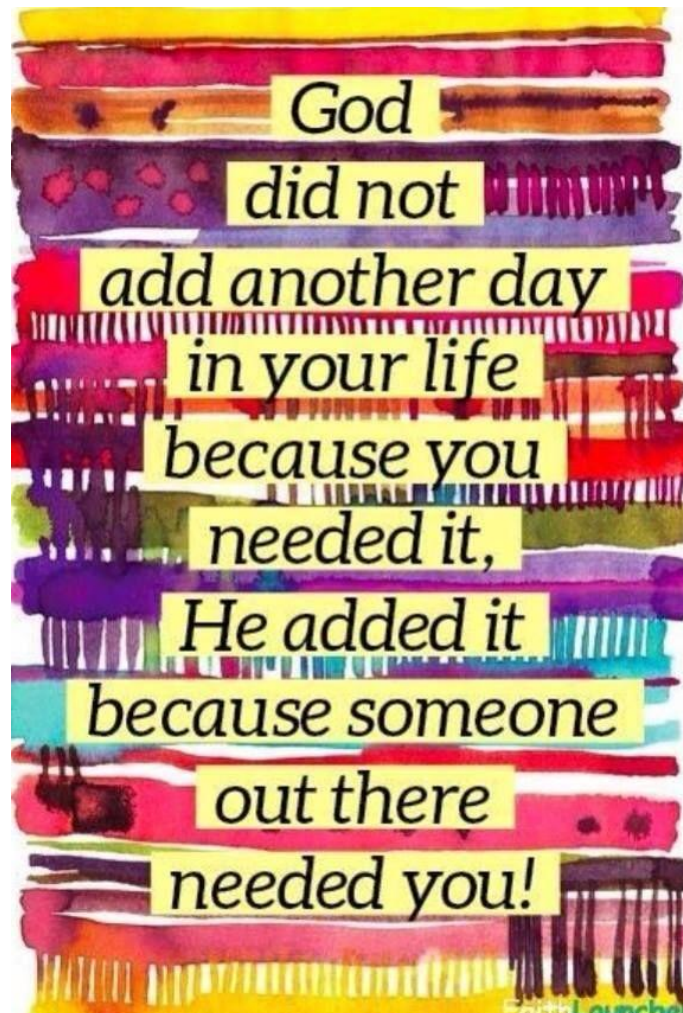


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Services for the Month of
August 2026

02 nd Aug.	10:30 am. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion.
09 th Aug.	10:30 am. Joint Service at United Reform Church.
16 th Aug.	10:30 am. Revd. Pauline Crispin. All Age service.
23 rd Aug.	10:30 am. Mrs Celia Withers. 6:00 pm. Revd. Elize Goddess Holy Communion, Reflective Service.
30 th Aug.	10:30 am. Revd. Dr. John Illsley.

Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
August 2026

02 nd Aug.	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson
09 th Aug	Jean and Mike Petter.
16 th Aug.	Alison Humby and Liz Avison.
23 rd Aug.	Edith Livingstone and Liz Avison.
30 th Aug.	Cath Stevenson and Margaret Boyd.

Meet and Greet on a Sunday.
August 2026

02 nd Aug.	Christine Fielding
09 th Aug.	Christine Fielding.
16 th Aug.	Heather Murphy.
23 rd Aug.	
30 th Aug.	

Flower Rota August 2026

02nd Aug. Lin Woodhams.

09th Aug. Ian Bagshaw.

16th Aug.

23rd Aug. Edith Livingstone.

30th Aug.



Thank you to all the people who put their loose change in a home collection box. Between you I have been able to send Action for Children £312.36.

Catherine Stevenson

Editor's notes

I hope everyone is keeping as comfortable as they can during this heatwave. It is certainly challenging.

September Reminders

18 September - Harvest Social and Games

- Shared supper

20 September - Harvest Festival

- Contributions to the Basic Food Bank

Please keep these dates in mind and look out for the posters in September for more information.

The deadline for next month's *eFocus* is **28 August**. Perhaps you have some holiday snaps or other news you'd like to share!

Reminder

**There is no Sunday lunch this month.
The team are having a well-deserved break.**

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.



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

If you'd like to join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month(10 -11am) please pop along.

We are now studying the Ten Commandments based in part based on J John's study. If you're interested, please come along and join us.

Thank you, Audrey.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello all, welcome to August's jottings.

** we are doing a "Spring Clean" at church on 15th Aug - there are plenty of jobs to do. If you're available to help, can you please let Mike Shepherd know so we can make sure everywhere is covered, thankyou **

Please note there is now an email to contact a steward.

farehamstewards@gmail.com

Thank you to Nigel & his team for a great LA on 26th July, it was a lovely service.

Just something to ponder on .

What's your favourite verse in the Bible & why?

Thank you everyone, have a good August

Rach. - on behalf of the Stewards





Fourth Friday Games
There is no Fourth Friday Games in
August.

We shall resume on
September 25th, 2026

MESSAGES FROM OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

On behalf of us both we
wish to say thank you for
the flowers and cards
during my stay in hospital.
We felt the support and
prayers during such a
trying time.

Colin & Edith

Thank you so much for
the lovely flowers
delivered to me by Irene.
It's so good to be
remembered as I have
been a regular attender
since 1987 and feel sad, I
cannot come so often as I
did.
Joan Moore

Vic and Janice wish to thank
the church for the lovely
flowers that were delivered
to them by Liz.

It's that time of year again when we start thinking about ordering the 2026–27 Prayer Handbook. If you would like a copy, please let Audrey know. The cost is usually around £3.50 per handbook.

2026/2027 Prayer Handbook

“Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.”

John 16:20

For 2026/2027, the words **Sorrow** and **Joy** are chosen like grid references on a map, compass bearings. As with many paradoxical word phrases – faith and doubt, life and death, light and darkness, noise and silence – ‘sorrow’ and ‘joy’ are like ingredients mixed and baked in a batch of bread, blended and distilled, creating the unique flavours of our lives.

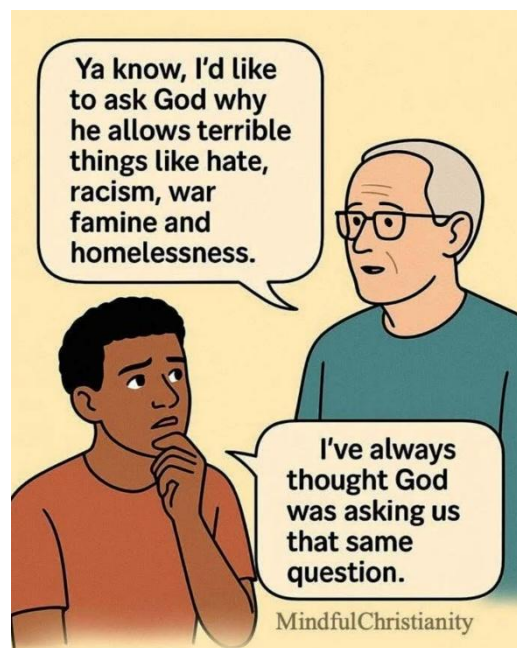
As a Church, we offer mission, ministry and worship in a world increasingly in conflict and division, bringing much sorrow. How we deal with conflict and division personally and together within the life of the Church matters.

We invite you to respond in prayer faithfully and fruitfully as peacemakers and reconcilers to each other and the world.

In our collective life of faith, we want to recognise and support Methodist people who may need a boost of joy in the Lord to keep being and doing what we are called to be and do.

May our prayers recognise that sorrow and joy run and flow through each other and through each one of us, because maybe one is the way to the other, because Jesus holds them both with us.

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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 summer and travel memories

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



- 1 Make a postcard using photos or pictures, draw or paint your own design, or buy a postcard from somewhere you visit. The pictures could be of summer activities you enjoy, or of a place you have visited or dream of visiting, or of things that evoke memories of summer. (If using your own photos please do not include people's faces on your postcards.)
- 2 Write a short message (no personal details please), 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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involved in our Summer Postcard Project

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**Summer
Postcard
Project**

We hope as many care home residents as possible across Hampshire will be able to receive a postcard this summer - please help us by making a postcard using photos or pictures, or draw or paint your own design, or buy a postcard from somewhere you visit.

Postcards could picture a summer activity you enjoy - for example summer sports, sandcastles, watersports, camping etc. Or a place you have visited on a day out or a holiday, or a place you would like to visit. Or things that evoke memories of summer - for example your garden, picnic/summer food, summer flowers, birds/animals etc. (If using your own photos please do not include people's faces on your postcards.)

We encourage you to write a short message about the place or pastime you have included on your postcard, or a memory of summer or something about what summer means to you. Please keep the information general and do not include any personal or identifiable details about yourself or others.

Please take part and help bring joy, connection and wonderful summer and travel memories to older people in local care homes.

For further information and to find out where to send your postcards, please email hampshire@embracingage.org.uk or telephone us on **07577 945106**

Embracing Age is a registered charity supporting older people living in care homes to feel valued, connected and full of hope.

To find out more about our work please visit www.embracingage.org.uk



Organ and Instrumental Fund June 2026

Our Organ and Instrumental Fund began in May 2018. Thanks to generous donations and standing orders the total at the end of the last Financial Year was £9, 529. It's now over £10,000. So this is a good opportunity to say thank you to all who have contributed in any way to it. The fund has also paid for servicing and repairs. Donations are always welcome and can be given to Mike, our treasurer or to me, Jill R.

The Editor apologises for not inserting the above article in July efocus.