

FAREHAM

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**KEEP YOUR FRIENDS
CLOSE TO YOUR HEART**



**BUT KEEP JESUS
EVEN CLOSER**

Fareham Methodist Church

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Services for the Month of May

May	9 th	-	Revd Andrew de Ville Church Anniversary and Love Feast
	16 th	-	Revd Bill Stillwell
	23 rd	-	United Reform Church Leading
	30 th	-	Digital Church with the Vine at home.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Here we are getting back to some sort of normality.

First of all we have said, "Goodbye" to Jill Race as she completes her second term of stewardship. Thank you Jill for all your hard work. We are pleased to welcome Chris Woodhams who has joined our team. Thank you Chris I'm sure you will be a great asset.

We have had, "Thank you" messages from the Fareham Community Hospital and Highlands Surgery for our gifts of hand cream.

We will be opening church on Saturday 12th June from 10 - 12pm for donations of gifts to the Act of Kindness foodbank. We will let you know later what is most needed.

The 30th of May will be a Digital Church with the Vine at home. More details later.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

Dear friends,

The Easter season is drawing to a close as we approach Ascension Day and

then Pentecost. In recent years the period between these two events has been set aside by the church throughout the world for the ecumenical initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Between the 13th and 23rd May all Christians are invited to share in a global wave of prayer that focuses on mission and evangelism and this year's theme encourages us to 'Light up the World in Prayer' spreading the good news of Jesus Christ into our communities and all the world.

If you are interested in finding out more about the resources for this year's 'Thy Kingdom Come' then you can do this by putting this title into the search engine of your computer. Here's one of the prayers below that I shall be praying each day of the initiative and thinking about what it means for us as a Christian community in Fareham and for the wider community of which we are a part:

Almighty God, your ascended son has sent us into the world

to preach the good news of your kingdom:

inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,

that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With love,

Claire



ALDERSGATE

22nd or 24th May 2021 9.30am-12.15pm via Zoom*

A Warmed Heart

“About a quarter before nine I felt my heart strangely warmed ...”

These are some of the most well-known words in the Methodist Church.

John Wesley’s famous experience at a meeting in Aldersgate Street, London, is regarded as key to his ministry and to the development of the British Methodist Church.

What did it mean to John Wesley?

What significance might it have for us?

We shall spend the morning in guided reflection and quiet exploring the faith development of John Wesley and the role of a warmed heart for both him and today’s disciples.

Programme for the morning

9.30 am	Welcome & Introduction Opening Prayers
10.00 am	Session 1: Going through the motions
11.00 am	Session 2: Living through the depths
12.00 noon	Conclusion Closing Prayer
12.15 pm	Finish

To be led by Rev Judith Jessop, a Methodist pioneer presbyter from Sheffield

If you would like to attend* please e-mail Gill Dascombe chair@reflectretreats.co.uk stating which date you would like to attend, or if you are flexible.

**This is the first of two Quiet mornings exploring Wesley’s spiritual journey. Part 2 will be held in the early autumn, dates to be advised.*

There is no charge for this event, but donations (£5 suggested) may be made to Reflect: Lloyds Bank,
Sort code 30 96 18, Account no 02833113, ref Quiet Day

Coincidence or what...?

Known for my unerring punctuality, neighbours said that they could set their clocks by me. Aged about 13, I was late setting off for the school bus only this once! That morning, a neighbour across the road was reversing his large and loaded coal delivery lorry down his drive unaware that his very young son, still in nappies and still learning to stand and walk steadily, was behind the rear off-side wheel which towered over him and which was pushing him slowly backwards. There were several yards still to travel to the road and it seemed inevitable that the young child would be pushed over and...

I just dropped my satchel, grabbed the boy, put him on the lawn and gestured to his Dad that he was there. I then picked up my satchel and hurried off for my bus.

I have relayed this story to few people during my life but those who have heard it have expressed horror amongst other sentiments at the incident.

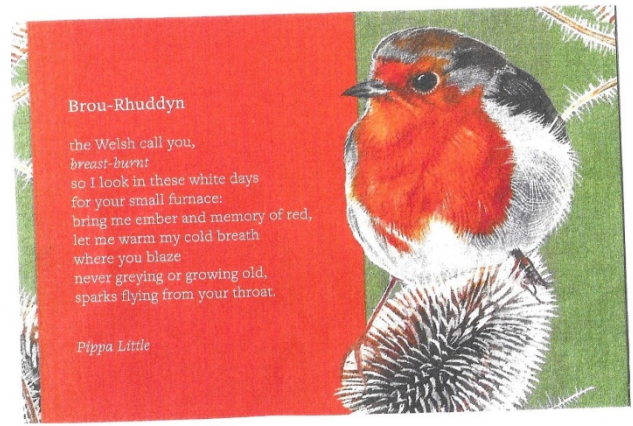
I don't believe, and never have believed, in coincidences believing that there is always a reason for events. Why I was late that day I cannot recall but...

A short while ago I heard stated, on the radio, that "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous" - attributed to Albert Einstein. I'd like to think that that statement was true on that particular morning.

I sometimes wonder what that young boy, who must be around 70, is doing now and what he has done with his life. I'd like to think that he was saved for something rather special!

Thank you

Ian Bagshaw



Brou-Rhuddyn – Robin Redbreast

The welsh call you,
Breast-burnt
so I look in these white days
for your small furnace;
bring me ember and memory of red,
let me warm my cold breath
where you blaze
never greying or growing old,
sparks flying from your throat.

Pippa Little

Thank you Elizabeth Wilcock



I have been notified that Rotary is doing the shoe boxes again this year.

Unfortunately, they have had to increase the cost towards transport to £1.50, which is the first increase in twenty years.

It would be helpful if people could let me know if they intend to do a box.

Thank you
Linda Press



Royal National Institute for the Deaf

Take action if NHS ear wax removal services aren't available in your area

Many people in our community have told us that it's difficult to access NHS ear wax removal services.

We've heard from lots of people who usually go to their GP for this service but have been told it's no longer available on the NHS. These services were traditionally provided in GP surgeries. There are various reasons why this service might have been stopped in some GP practices, including concerns about safety.

Evidence shows that the traditional 'syringing' method of ear wax removal is unsafe and we agree that unsafe methods should not be used. However, there are other safe removal methods that can be used in GP practices. The COVID-19 pandemic has also meant that many face-to-face services have been paused, including wax removal in some areas.

Many people are now being advised to seek ear wax removal from private providers. The cost varies, but for some can be too expensive to be an option.

What you can do

If you have been unable to get ear wax removed at your GP surgery, we'd like to hear from you. Because this service varies across the UK, we want to see if there are regions where this is a particular problem or if it is happening more widely.

We're mapping where this is an issue and it would really help us if you provided your postcode below to do this. We'll use this information to map areas in which wax removal services are not being offered and we'll store your postcode anonymously.

We've also created a template letter for you to send to your local MP asking them to take a stand to protect local services.

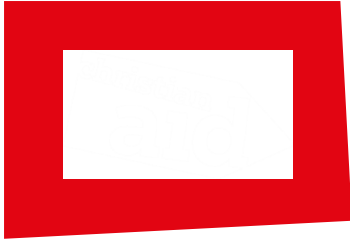
Should you wish more information and to take part in this survey:

Website <https://rnid.org.uk>

Email information@rnid.org.uk

Telephone 0808 808 0123

Thank you Bobby for this information.



**‘I pray to God
that the rainfall
will become
normal’**

**The climate crisis robs Rose
of what she needs to survive:
a reliable source of water.**

Together we can help ensure people
like Rose have the water they need
to live.

Give and pray with us this Christian Aid Week.



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Give:

At your church - there should be envelopes available on the 9th and 16th May 2021 On-line - through our e-envelope - Fareham and Portchester CA Group E - Envelope or using the QR code below

Pray:

We absolutely believe in the power of prayer, so please pray for the work of Christian Aid.

Get involved:

If you would like to get involved locally email Rachel Hicks - ca@thehickses.org.uk

If you would like to know more about the work of Christian Aid go to www.christianaid.org.uk



Please open your camera app and point the camera at the QR code. A notification will appear. Tap the notification to open the link to the e – envelope page.

Christian Aid Week 9th – 16th May



The recent news of the Government's decision to drastically cut Overseas Aid Budgets will leave many people at risk. Many were already living in difficult circumstances in the poorest parts of the world before the Global Pandemic, so now desperately need help.

In addition to the District Appeal that was launched to support the vaccination program, the Local Christian Aid Group is highlighting this year's Christian Aid Week. Unfortunately, we are not able to do any of our usual activities but there are a variety of ways to give.

The poster includes an e-envelope link. Donations can be made by clicking the link on the poster. Alternatively, if you prefer, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will deliver/collect an envelope. I have lots of envelopes and seven- day devotional booklets if you would like one. For those attending the service on 9th May, envelopes and booklets will be available.

Any donations can be dropped off at Mike and Jean Petter's or here at Kevin and Linda's during the week.

If you are able to support Christian Aid this year it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Linda Foster

Notes from the Editor

Thank you everyone for the material forwarded for this month's efocus. We didn't receive any personal memories of Fareham Methodist Church this month but I understand the whole history can be viewed on the Fareham Methodist Church Website. It made interesting reading.

As we open up and see our family and friends you realise how wonderful it is to see people personally and enjoy their company face to face. It must have been wonderful when people saw Jesus in person and were able to listen to his teachings.

Deadline next month will be June 1st a little earlier.

Lin

Refugee Matters request for Volunteers

Our plans to welcome a refugee family to the Fareham area and support them for two years progress. We welcome further volunteers to help with a wide range of over twenty different roles. If you think you would like to help please visit <https://tiny.one/VolForm> and complete the form showing your interests. Alternatively contact me at volunteers@refugeematters.org .

Thank you so very much from Refugee Matters and may God Bless you

Paul Tomlinson

Leader of Refugee Matters – Fareham

volunteers@refugeematters.org

A Quick Quiz – answers next month

1. What is the last word in the Old Testament?
2. By which previous name was Paul of Tarsus known as?
3. Whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back?
4. In the bible, who is said to have lived on a diet of locusts and wild honey?
5. How many years did Noah live for after the flood?
6. There are only three angels named in the bible, Michael and Lucifer are two, name the other?
7. The book of Esther is unique because it does not mention which word?
8. The Bible was written in three languages - Hebrew, Koine Greek and which other language?
9. Who made the first translation of the Bible into English in 1382?
10. Name the longest book of the Bible with 150 chapters?