

FAREHAM

EFOCUS

JUNE 2025



**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4**

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**Services for the Month of
June 2025**

08 th June	10:30 am. Mr. Andrew Wilcock. Pentecost.
15 th June	10:30 am. Mrs Christine Hargrave. Trinity Sunday. All Age Worship.
22 nd June	10:30 am. Mrs Barbara Noakes. 12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 6:00 pm. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion. Reflective Service.
29 th June	10:30am. Mrs Tracy Cooper. 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
06 th July	10:30 am. Revd. Dr. John Illsley. Family Holy Communion 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
June 2025**

08 th June	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
15 th June	Jean and Mike Petter.
22 nd June	Pat Croker and Helen Hill.
29 th June	Edith Livingstone and Liz Avison.
06 th July	Cath Steven and Magaret Boyd.

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

08 th June	Helen Murphy.
15 th June	Christine Fielding.
22 nd June	Christine Fielding
29 th June	Christine Fielding.
06 th July	

Flower Rota June 2025

08 th June	Lin Woodhams.
15 th June	
22 nd June	Maragaret Temple.
29 th June	
06 th July	

Christian Aid Week



Thank you so much to all who supported Christian Aid Week: to those preparing and giving at the Church Lunch in April; collecting at the stall in the Shopping Precinct and supporting the Retiring Collection in Church. Much of this was gift aided. Thank you.

This year we raised before Gift Aid: £427.65:

April Monthly Church Lunch: £ 254.65

Retiring Collection on 11th May and envelopes returned on 18th May: £ 173.00

The stall in the shopping precinct collected: £1012.52

The current total for Fareham and Portchester before gift aid is: £4041.85

Thanks also to those who donated directly to Christian aid on-line

Please make a note in your diary that the next planned local activity is a Quiz Night on Saturday 4th October.

Local Arrangements

I have been considering whether I could offer to plan a Local Arrangement Service, and I have been asked to lead the Service on July 27th.

We have done several Songs of Praise, and you have always been very supportive.

I would like to suggest a service based on favourite Bible Readings. If you have a passage, you would like included, please contact me, preferably by email, by Sunday July 6th with the passage and explaining briefly why.

I will also need to know if you are happy to read the passage and explain why it is special to you. If you would prefer someone else to do this, that can be arranged.

Obviously, I need to make sure you don't all want the same reading because you had it at your wedding!

Linda Press

A big thanks to all our Fourth Friday Games regulars and occasional visitors!

We shall resume on the Fourth Friday of September.

Enjoy the long summer evenings ahead of us!

Best wishes,
Kevin Foster





CHEESE

Pouches,
wrappers, film
protectors.

TEA

Plastic
Packaging

BREAD

Bags,
closure tags,
bakery plastic
trays,
wax wraps

AIR FRESHENER

Container,
cartridge,
car freshener

LENOR

Tumble
drier
sheets

BISCUITS

Crackers,
non-savoury,
cake

FLASH

Power &
Speedmops,
floor wipes,
Dust Magnet.

FERRO ROCHER

All
packaging

LAUNDRY & DISHWASHER

Packaging,
tinted bottles

PRINGLES

All
packaging

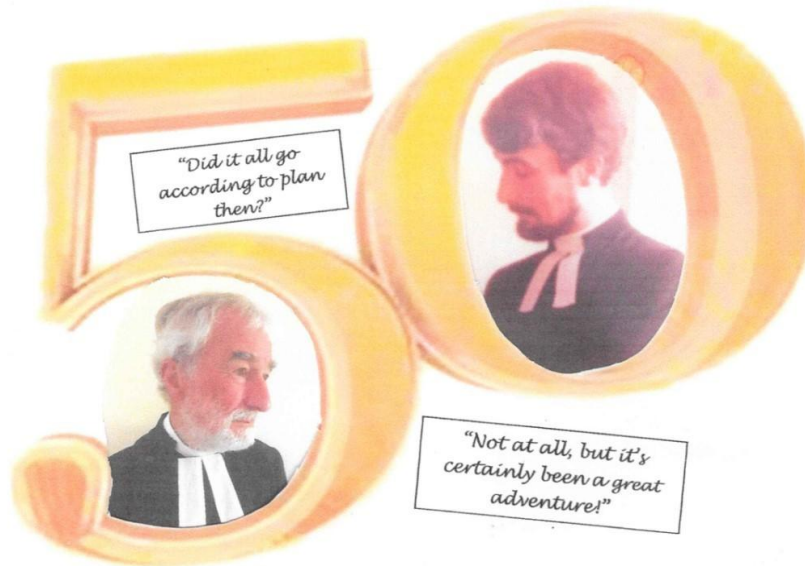
Tel: EDITH - 07747358060

A Service of Thanksgiving

David Rice was ordained Presbyterian at the Methodist Conference meeting in Liverpool, June 1975.

In gratitude for God's call, and God's grace and faithfulness during his 50 years of ministry and of pilgrimage among some amazing people, David invites you to a Service of Thanksgiving for callings and the power to respond.

On Conference Sunday, 29th June at 4.00 p.m.
at Haslemere Methodist Church.



God calls each and every one of us to particular ministries in the Church and in the world at large. This Service of Thanksgiving will be an opportunity for all to give thanks for our own calling, to recommit ourselves to that call and to celebrate God's faithfulness to us as we journey on in faith together.

In true Methodist fashion, the service will be followed by tea and cake!

Skittles Afternoon



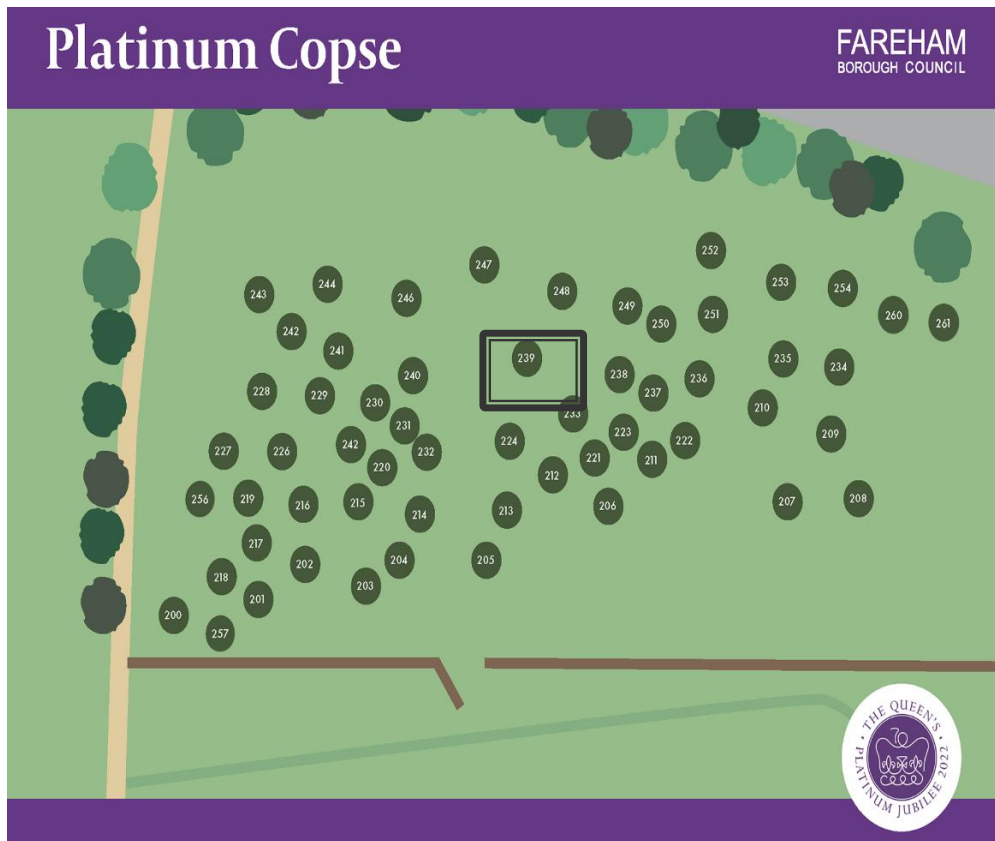
Come and join us for an afternoon of playing old fashioned skittles

- Saturday 14th June
- Gosport Methodist Church, Stoke Road, PO12 1JB
- 2pm – 4pm
- £3 per adult, £1 per child. Includes cup of tea and piece of cake.

ANNUAL OPEN DAY FOR THE QUEEN'S COPSE AND
PLATINUM COPSE
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 9 AM – 5 PM AT ABBEY MEADOWS,
TICHFIELD

Our Sweet Chestnut tree is in The Platinum Copse No 239.

(Please note the Cherry tree was a mistake in the May efocus. We have a Sweet Chestnut tree)



EDITOR'S NOTES

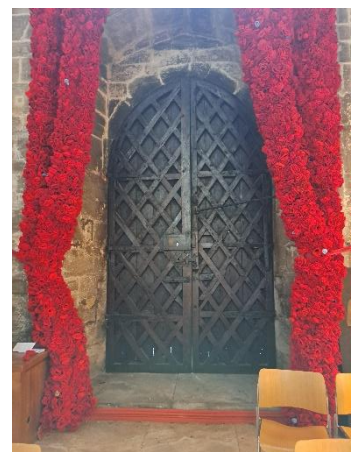
Hi Friends,

Well, all the Roses and Peony petals are now blown away, such a shame. Still, that's our weather for you.

When we were on holiday, we noticed this wonderful remembrance display of knitted poppies around a majestic large door. Couldn't begin to estimate how many there were. Hey ladies shall we adorn our door this year?

Please tell your family and friends about our "Value It" fundraiser. Just come along with something you may have inherited and have it valued, then stop for a coffee and cake or even a bacon bap. Spread the word.

Next date for the efocus is 28th June 2025.



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.

5 th June	Pauline
3 rd July	Jill Race
4 th September	Bob



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday morning bible study which is held are continuing to look at the women in the Old Testament.



If you would like to join our small but friendly group on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Please pop in or if you would like more information, it will be great to speak.

.Audrey Mann

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK

It seems amazing but it's time to think about the Methodists prayer handbook for next year. The 25/26 handbook's theme is Our Story, Our Song; "Sing to the Lord a new song Sing, sing to the Lord, all the Earth. Sing to the Lord, Bless His name. Tell of His salvation, from day to day." Psalm 96: 1-2.

The website says:- 'In 2025 to 2026 we call upon the Methodist people to join us in a soul expedition, deep into the heart of our calling. Journeying afresh into the story of Grace, and the vocation that God has placed upon us.'

If you're interested, please see me. I will need to be ordering the book soon as it starts in September. Last year it cost £4.50 I'm not expecting it to be much more this year.

It is a wonderful resource for day-to-day life.
Thank you, Audrey

SUNDAY LUNCH ON 15th June 2025 AT 12.15 P.M. APPROX.

This is open to all members of the congregation, family and friends. We ask for a donation (of at least £5 each if you are able, please) towards the cost of the meal and any profits will go to a charity named on the day. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Pâté

Main Course: Chicken, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables.

Puddings: Variety.

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

Please come along and enjoy a Sunday lunch!

If you can stay to help until all the washing up is done please sign the helpers list.

It then means that those who have been at church since 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!

Thank you. Jill Groom

Vestry Jottings

Hello everyone,

The Communion and Healing service was excellent, many people noting how peaceful and welcoming the service was. We look forward to the next one.

As ever, please keep an eye out for the upcoming Eco Project fund raising activities. On that note, in July there is a "Value It" Day. Please tell anyone and everyone and, if you can spare an hour or two, the team would be most grateful. Please speak to Maggie or Lin.

Jenny led an excellent patch-working course, which was very well received; we're looking forward to Jenny teaching us more soon.

We have also just been awarded the Bronze Eco Church Award. Mike is framing the certificate as I write. We'd like to thank him, and everyone (all of us) involved in helping and in the fund raising.

The service on 27th July will be a LA with Linda Press leading us. For this service she'd like to know your favourite Bible Readings. Please email her with your requests.

Audrey, on behalf of the Stewards

WHAT OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY HAS BEEN UP TO THIS MONTH



A quilt Jenny Chalmers made.

Quilting Workshop Jenny Chalmers

Great afternoon learning to do Cathedral Quilting. Fundraising activity for our Eco Project



The Ladies Club invited a lady to show us flower arranging. Wonderful afternoon picking up tips. I was lucky to win on the raffle, the display on the left.



HELP WANTED FOR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

In most quarterly plans we are given several Local Arrangements for which we need to arrange the Sunday morning service ourselves rather than it being led by a Minister or Local Preacher. The Stewards would like to establish a list of people who would be willing to lead or to assist with one of these services as they occur in the future.

We have a Local Arrangement in July that is already being covered and a second on 17th August that will be All Age.

If you can offer help with this or any other future service as they arise, please let Jean Petter know by email to jean@5dm.co.uk

If you have led, or assisted with, an LA in the past, please still let Jean know if you are happy for us to ask you again in the future.

We have been asked to bring to people's attention the work of "Save a Warrior". There are posters with more information on the notice board in the corridor.



VALUE IT

Come along to
Fareham Methodist Church,
Kings Road, Fareham

Saturday 5th July

From 10 am – 4 pm.

To have your family
heirlooms, etc.

valued by

Nesbit's Auctioneers.



£1.00 per item valued.

Refreshments available

FOOTPRINTS

THE LATEST NEWS

FROM STEP BY STEP

May 2025

STEP BY STEP
Young People. Hard Times. Bright Futures.

Welcome to your Step-by-Step Newsletter

We've been crunching the numbers from the last financial year and are delighted to report that we supported over **1,300 young people** across our range of services. We **accommodated 325 young people**, with **78% progressing positively** towards their goals.

A huge thank you to every single supporter, host, foster carer, volunteer and team member who contribute to our mission to end youth homelessness.

Foster Care Fortnight Road Trip

We're currently on a tour of towns and cities across the Southeast for **Foster Care Fortnight**. Starting last week, we've been raising awareness about the urgent need for foster carers, and how fostering through a charity supports further young people in crisis.

The response has been fantastic, with stops at **Portsmouth**, **Eastleigh** and **Lyndhurst** still to come. Hopefully see you there!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



This year, the church and Ladies Club have chosen to donate to this remarkable organization, recognizing the difference they make in the lives of young people in our area. By supporting them, we help pave the way for a brighter future for our youth



Part Time Employment Opportunity

Fareham Methodist Church Kings Road, Fareham, are looking for someone to work 4 hours a week setting up and clearing away Chairs and Tables for Sunday worship and Monday Mini-Market.

This is a paid position @ £12.60p per hour paid monthly in arrears. Occasional additional hours may also be available setting up for special services during the week, and other small maintenance works.

The person selected needs to be physically fit, as the work involves lifting and moving furniture. They also need to be flexible in their approach and availability, as the working requirement is dependent upon premises use, and individual requirements of the Church and community Groups.

A Criminal Record check (DBS) and references are required. A small amount of training will also need to be completed.

For more information please email; methodisthallhire@gmail.com with your contact details and a short explanation as to why you think you are suitable for this role.

We have installed a textile bank alongside the church. The arrangement with Astra Recycling means that the church gets paid 20p per kilogramme for any clothing and textiles put into the bank. We would encourage you all to use it. The money raised will initially be put towards the Eco Project

✓ WE TAKE



Clothes



Shoes



Bed Linen



Accessories

Such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves,
handbags



Soft Toys

✗ WE CAN'T TAKE



Duvets or Cushions



Off Cuts



Carpet or Curtains

Messages from the church family.

Elizabeth Wilcock
thanked everyone
for the flowers she
received delivered
by Irene.



The flowers Chris
received from the
church cheered
him up, Thank
you for your
kindness.

MAY MESSY CHURCH

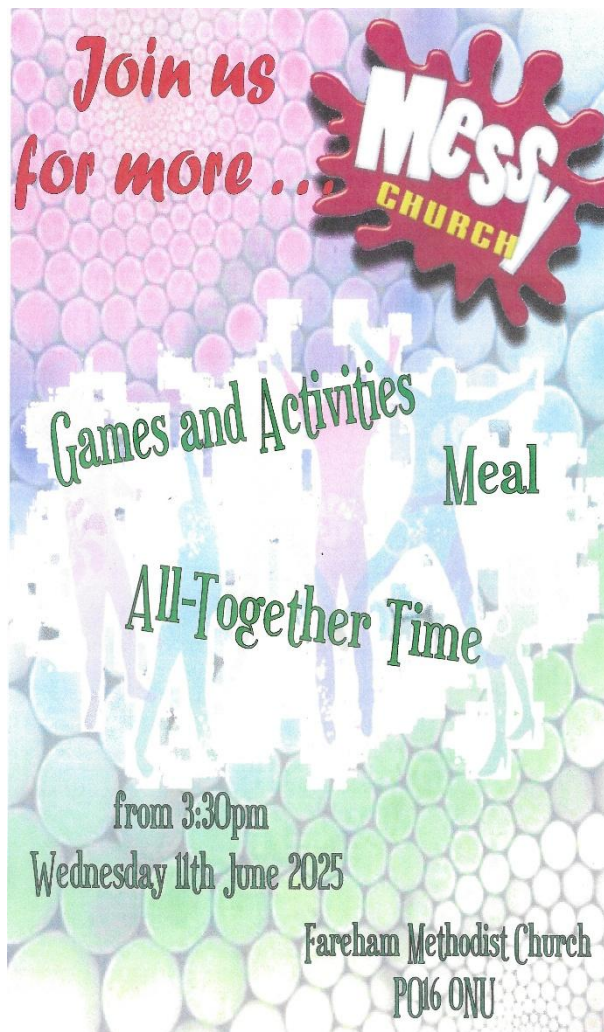


Theme for this month was the Noah's Ark story.

Boats were made and put into water to see if they would float and they did! Animals were cut out and stuck onto paper plates to make an ark with animals. Blue icing, biscuits and various other edible items were created to make an edible Noah's Ark on the sea.

What fun we all had.

Join us next month, just come along and you are sure of a big welcome.



I thought this was so true.

" Brothers, sisters...

I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home.

I, too, was angry with God.

I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine.

And yes... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then i discovered something:

God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything.

I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment.

I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others.

That changed me.

So, if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies.. come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack.

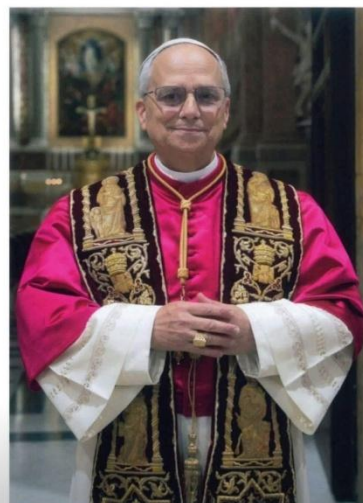
No one here will ask you for a VIP card.

Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers.

And you, yes, you. ..are one of them."

Robert Prevost (Leo XIV)



Joe Beigneul
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8 maggio 2025