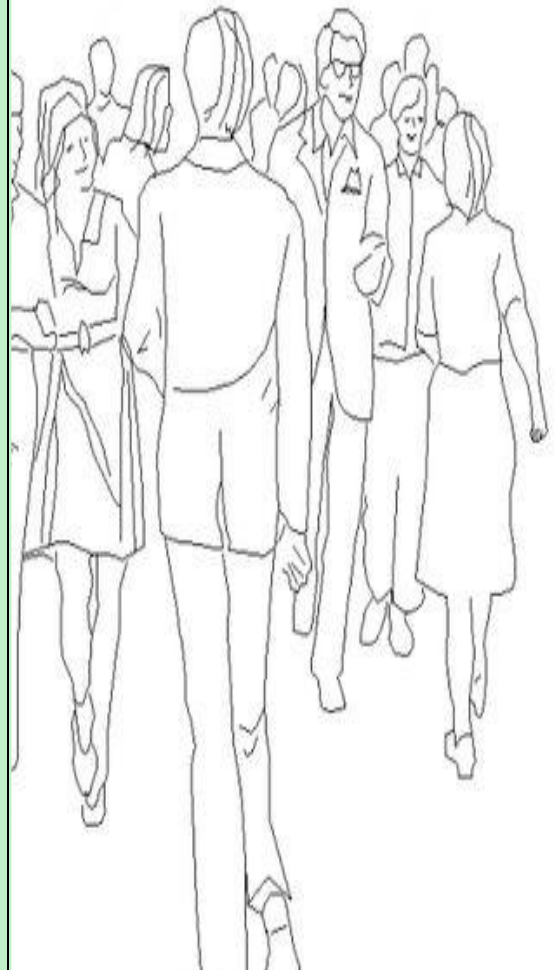
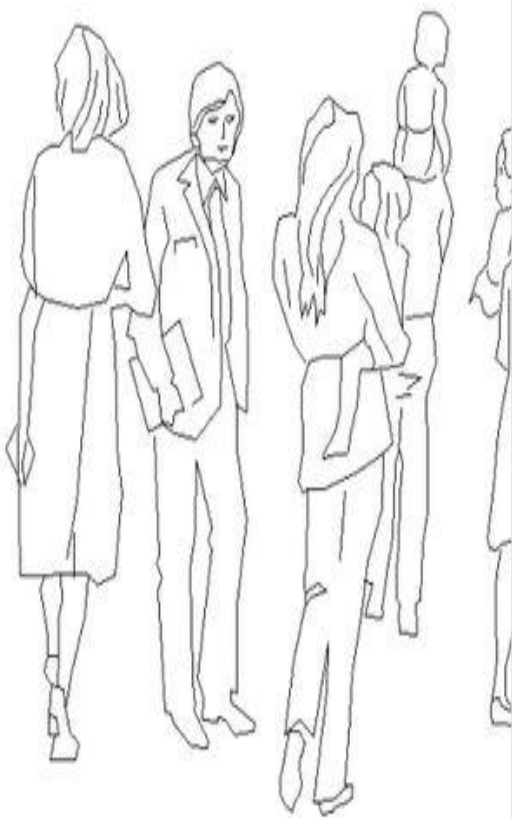


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**Services for the Month of
March 2025**

02 nd Mar.	10:30 am. Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig. Holy Communion. Sunday before Lent.
09 th Mar.	10:30am. Mr Matthew Patis. 1 st of Lent.
16 th Mar.	10:30am. Revd. Pauline Crispin. All Age Worship. 2 nd of Lent.
23 rd Mar.	10:30am. Local Arrangement. 3 rd of Lent 6:00pm. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion. Reflective Service.
30 th Mar.	10:30am. Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig. 4 th of Lent.
06 th Apr.	10:30 am. Revd. Bill Stillwell. Holy Communion. 5 th of Lent.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
March 2025**

09 th Mar.	Lin Woodhams and Brenda Bennett
16 th Mar.	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
23 rd Mar.	Jean and Mike Petter.
30 th Mar.	Pat Croker and Helen Hill.
06 th Apr.	Edith Livingstone and Liz Avison.

**Distribution of Hymn Books etc at
Sunday Service.
March 2025**

09 th Mar.	Heather Murphy.
16 th Mar.	Volunteer Needed
23 rd Mar.	Volunteer Needed.
30 th Mar.	Volunteer Needed.
06 th Apr.	Christine Fielding

The Prayer Tree



The Prayer Tree is now 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.

6 th March	Bob
3 rd April	Pauline
1 st May	Jill Race
5 th June	Bob
3 rd July	Pauline
4 th September	Bob

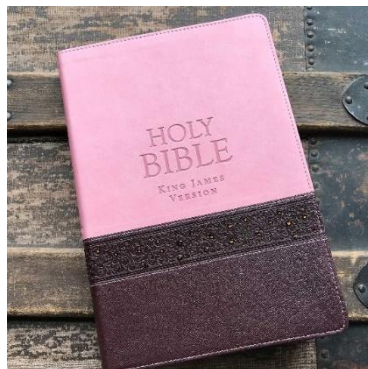


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At our next Bible study group, we are starting 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



SUNDAY LUNCH ON 16TH MARCH 2025 AT 12.30 p.m. APPROX.
ANNAL GENERAL MEETING BEING HELD IN THE CHURCH BEFOREHAND

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**. 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

Meet and Greet on a Sunday.
March 2025

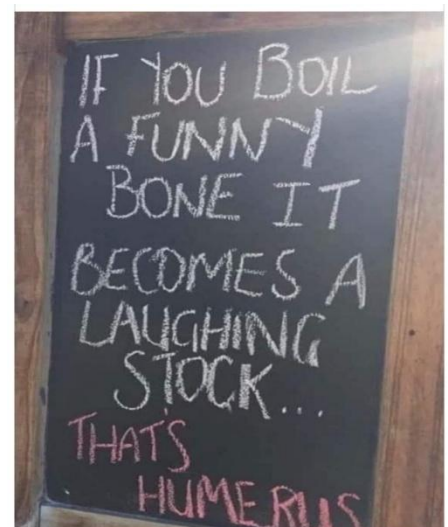
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16 th Mar.	Christine Fielding.
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06 th Apr.	Heather Murphy.

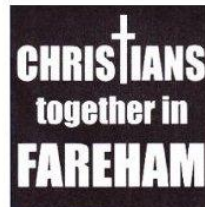
Flower Rota
March 2025

09 th Mar.	Lin Woodhams.
16 th Mar.	Volunteer Needed.
23 rd Mar.	Edith Livingstone.
30 th Mar.	Ian Bagshaw.
06 th Apr.	Jean Petter.

SAVE THE DATE

ADVANCED NOTICE – Have your
valuables assessed by Auctioneers
Nesbitt's at Fareham Methodist Church
on July 5th . More information to be
provided.





Christians Together in Fareham
will be joining the World Day of Prayer 2025
in a service prepared by the women of Cook Islands
The Church of St Philip Howard
Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND
2.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm
Light refreshments will be available after each service



World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March

More than 170 countries participate in an annual day of prayer. This year's service has been prepared by a group of Christian women in the Cook Islands. The theme is: 'I made you wonderful'.

The services are at St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road at **2.00pm** and **7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served after each service. If you would like a lift to either service, please let me know.

Linda Foster

Shoe Box Appeal

In mid-February I received the official thank you email for the shoe boxes sent to vulnerable children via Teams4U in December 2024.



Volunteers distributing Shoeboxes to children in Bosnia in December 2024.

60,000+ Shoeboxes Delivered!

The Teams4U 2024 Shoebox Appeal has been hailed a resounding success, delivering over 60,000 shoeboxes filled with gifts and essentials to children in need across Eastern Europe. This year's appeal reached Ukraine, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Moldova, and Belarus, bringing smiles and hope to thousands of vulnerable children. Among these gifts were a few that made it into the hands of children of Ukrainian soldiers stationed on the front lines, bringing moments of joy in the most unimaginable circumstances.

Thank you for your amazing support for this charity. If you'd like to help with this year's distribution of shoe boxes or the Ugandan dignity trip (helping with equality and sexual health education) in October 2025, please see their website info@teams4u.com



Come and Sing

Thursday 27th March

7.30pm to 8.45pm

Everyone Welcome

**Open from 7.00pm for
Coffee, tea and biscuits**

**Come and enjoy
sharing hymns old and
new**













**URGENT NEEDS!
PRIORITY ORDER**



1. Tins of corned beef, ham, spam
2. Jars of jam
3. Small jars of coffee
4. Tins of fruit
5. Tins or cartons of custard
6. Deodorant for men and women
7. Shampoo
8. Tins of minced beef, stewed steak
9. Tins of peas, carrots, sweetcorn
10. Tins of baked beans
11. Tins of soup
12. Chocolate, sweets and crisps
13. UHT milk (semi skimmed and full fat)
14. Toilet rolls

THANK YOU

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	✗ WE CAN'T TAKE
 Clothes	 Duvets or Cushions
 Shoes	 Off Cuts
 Bed Linen	 Carpet or Curtains
 Accessories Such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags	
 Soft Toys	

Terracycle Plastic Packing

All Types of Plastic Package Programs

CHEESE - Pouches, wrappers, film protectors.

BISCUITS - Crackers, non-savoury, cake wrappers.

BREAD - Bags, closure tags, bakery, plastic trays and wax wraps.

TEA. - Plastic Packing. .

AIR FRESHENER - Container, cartridge, car freshener.

FLASH - Power and Speedmops, floor wipes, Dust Magnet.

LAUNDRY and

DISHWASHER - Packaging , tinted bottles.

LENOR - Tumble drier sheets.

FERRO ROCHER - All packaging. **PRINGLES** - (Not the metal bottom) .

TEL: EDITH— 07747358060

Drop any of the above in the Yellow or Blue Bin outside the church next to the new textile bank.

Messages from the Church Family.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, kind words and prayers that I have received since Malcolm's death last month.

They have been a great comfort and support to me and Richard and will continue to be so over the coming weeks. Lynda H-J

"Thank you to my Church family – for the beautiful flowers. They were brought to me by Irene Russell who kindly stopped for a chat.

Best wishes to you all. Lynda Young.

Hello everyone

Spring is here yippee, have you seen the display in the welcome area, Mike has sorted a great video showing our new eco improvements, do have a look if not.

Keep an eye out for what help might be needed for the synod which is at Fareham in the beginning of April and for the upcoming fund-raising events happening soon.

We are hosting a fundraising Beetle Drive and Pudding event and would greatly appreciate any assistance with providing refreshments. 😊

Please note changes to Pauline's contact information which has changed recently.

Please use Tel :- 07349709478

and the new email paulinecrispin@yahoo.co.uk

Audrey on behalf of the stewards



BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim, and my thoughts are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away,
When my coffee was spilled at the meal today.

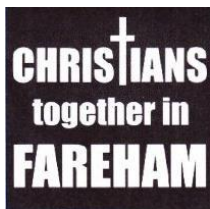
Blessed are they who, with a cheery smile,
Stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say
"You've told that story twice today".

Blessed are they who know the ways
To bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they, who make it known,
I am loved and respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days
Of my journey Home in loving ways.



Lent Study Groups 2025

CTiF are pleased to offer six study groups during Lent using the York Course '**You can be serious – meeting Jesus afresh in John's Gospel**' by David Wilbourne.

Serious yet full of life and humour, the course covers:

- **Session 1: Temptation . . .**
On checking every word that comes out of the mouth of God
- **Session 2: Strangers in the night . . .**
Nicodemus came to Jesus under cover of darkness: finding God in surprising places
- **Session 3: The winner takes it all**
'You worship what you do not know': upping our game with worship
- **Session 4: I was blind but now I see**
'A god who can be understood is no god'
- **Session 5: Them bones, them bones, them dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!** Contrasting events in John with parables in the Synoptics

The course starts in the **week beginning 10th March** and runs for **5 weeks**. Each attendee will receive the course book at the first session – please bring £5.00 with you to cover this.

If you wish to join with Christians from across the town, please fill in the form below and return it to Liz Dunning, 8 Frosthole Crescent, Fareham, PO15 6AD or by email elizdunning@ntlworld.com by Friday 28th February.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____ (please print)

Church attended _____

Any special needs or requirements? _____

Please tick all the session/sessions that you can attend – you will be notified by the host for your session in the week commencing 3rd March at the latest.

Tuesday	10.00am	Frosthole Crescent	
Tuesday	7.00pm	Odell Close	
Wednesday	2.00pm	St John's Church	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Bentley Crescent	
Thursday	10.00am	Purbeck Drive	
Thursday	10.00am	Methodist Church	

Will you share a course book with spouse/partner?

If you have any questions or require information, please call Liz on 01329 237127



Messy Church 13th Birthday Party

Our party was an absolute blast! We donned crowns, sang our favourite tunes, and had a fantastic time with balloons. We whipped up some tasty rocky road cakes and crafted enchanting flying butterflies. The fun didn't stop there—we played "Guess What's in the Bag" and Kim's Game, keeping everyone entertained. The meal was simply delicious.

Come and join us next time to experience the excitement for yourself!



AN UPCOMING DATE: HELP NEEDED!

"We are pleased to host the District Representative Synod on Saturday April 5th. We are seeking help on the day and we are also asking for help from other churches in the circuit so that it's not just down to us.

There will be a list at the back of the church for folk to sign up to help on the day. There will be 3 time slots where we will be serving drinks and are looking to set up teams: 09.00 to 10.30, 12.30 to 14.00 and 15.30 to 16.30. We do not expect anyone to stay all day, just for a slot. In the first slot we will also be signing folk in as they arrive.

We will also be possibly asking for help during the preceding few days to set up.

If you like to bake, we will also be looking for names of folk we can ask to bake cakes.

Please sign up if you would like to help."

Maggie Wheeler

Editor's Notes.

Where did February go? Here we are in March, and flowers are springing up everywhere!

During our recent Church and Community meeting, we discussed creating a page dedicated to showcasing what our Church family has been up to. We'd love to see your favourite photos! Whether it's a snapshot from a recent holiday, a picture of your garden as it awakens, or a photo capturing a special family event, we welcome them all.

Maggie has sent a couple of photos to start things off.

Deadline for next efocus is 29th March.



Maggie exploring the Forest of Bere on her bike.

It seems like a great adventure – being nestled deep in the woods with all the peace and privacy you could ask for! 🌲 🚲

