

FAREHAM EFOCUS MARCH 2026



WELCOME MARCH

May your heart and mind
be open enough to receive
the Blessings of
New Month.

"Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give
you the desires of your Heart." - Psalm 37:4

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Services for the Month of
March 2026

- 01st Mar. 10:30 am.
Revd. Davd Rice.
Holy Communion.
2nd Sunday of Lent.
- 08th Mar. 10:30 am.
Andrew Wilcock.
3rd Sunday of Lent.
- 15th Mar. 10:30 am.
Miss Trish Chiwera
All Age Worship.
4th Sunday of Lent.
Mothering Sunday.
- 22nd Mar. 10:30 am.
Revd. Dr. John Illsley.
5th Sunday of Lent.
- 6:00 pm.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
- 29th Mar. 10:30 am.
Local Arrangement.
6th Sunday of Lent.
- Annual Church Meeting.

Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota

March 2026

- 01st Mar. Alison Humby and
Liz Avison.
- 08th Mar. Edith Livingstone and
Liz Avison.
- 15th Mar. Cath Stevenson and
Margaret Boyd.
- 22nd Mar. Ian Bagshaw and
Lanre Akwenuke.
- 29th Mar. Terry Ferguson and
Jill Groom.
- 05th Apr. Lynda Haydon-Jones
and Rae Shepherd.

Meet and Greet on a Sunday.

March 2026

- 01st Mar. Christine Fielding.
- 08th Mar. Christine Fielding.
- 15th Mar. Christine Fielding.
- 22nd Mar. Christine Fielding.
- 29th Mar. Simon Potter.
- 05th Apr. Christine Fielding.

Flower Rota February 2026

01st Mar.
08th Mar. Linda Foster.
15th Mar.
22nd Mar. Jill and Malcolm
Race.
29th Mar. Ian Bagshaw.
05th Apr. Lin Woodhams



Sunday Lunch 15th March 2026 at 12.15 approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all 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 **Charity**. If you would like to make, for our lunch, a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

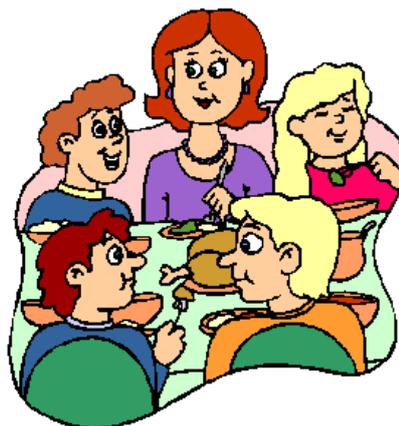
The Menu

Starter: Soup or Greek Salad

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 roast.



DATES OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH

HOLIDAY AT HOME – 20th March

CRAFT DAY – 15th April

SPRING FAYRE – 2nd May

VALUE IT – 20th June

DATE CHANGE FOR CRAFT DAY MOVED FROM

18TH March to 15th APRIL

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 Nigeria. The theme is: 'I will give you rest, come'.

The services are at St John the Evangelist 1A Upper Saint Michael's Grove, Fareham PO14 1DN at **2.00pm** and **7.30pm**. 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

Vestry Jottings

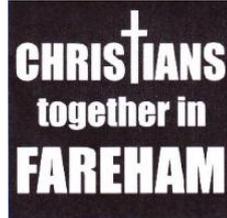
Hello everyone,

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the steward's team, please speak to Jean Petter.

On **Sunday March 29th** we have a Local Arrangement service led by Maggie, could you let her know what your favourite Easter hymns, songs and music are, either by email or on paper! The service will be followed by our **Annual Church Meeting.**" It would be great to see you all there



Audrey Mann – On behalf of the Stewards



LENT LUNCHESES

Five Thursdays

starting

26th February 2026 12.15

to 1.00pm

at Fareham United Reformed Church,
Osborn Road South

Homemade soup, bread, fruit, tea and coffee

Donations to:



We believe in life before death

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 March	Jill Race
2 nd April	Rev Pauline
7 th May	Bob Temple
4 th June	Rev Pauline
2 nd July	Jill Race



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are nearing the end of our Bible study on 'The Women of the New Testament'. We have some ideas for new studies and wondered if anyone would like to join us and study some of these themes, e.g. - The sermon on the mount, the 12 disciples, Heaven, Questions God asks, Hope, Listening to God or Forgiveness. These are just a few of our ideas and would love your input, ideas or thoughts. If you'd like to study a particular book of the Bible instead of a theme all are available. We have used the Lifebuilder Bible Study Notes. Looking forward to hearing from you with lots of ideas or thoughts, all requests or ideas welcome.

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

Thank you, Audrey.

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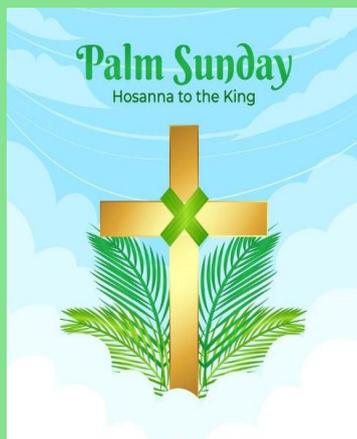
Wow, Wow the new Messy Church was a great success. It was buzzing. 27 children came with a parent/guardian to enjoy the fellowship. All the crafts went down a storm and the play area for the younger children was just the ticket. God's ministry at its best. Roll on the next Messy Church on Tuesday 31st March.

A thank you for the Messy Church Day.

Dear Lin,

Thomas and I had a happy time at Messy Church and want to say a big thank you to all of you,

Love Heather



29th March
at 10:30 am
Fareham
Methodist
Church



2nd April
at 6:30 pm
Stubbington Methodist
Church



3rd April
Good Friday
at 10:30 am
Service of
Witness at
The Podium in
Fareham
Precinct



Easter Sunday Communion
Service at
10:30 am
Fareham Methodist Church
Please bring flowers to decorate the cross

Easter Sunday at 8:00 am
Communion on the beach
at **The Wheel House,**
Salterns Car Park
Hill Head, Fareham.
Followed by bacon rolls/tea or
coffee



Fareham Methodist Church



Easter Celebrations!

Come along during
the Easter Holidays
Tuesday 31st March 2026
10am – 12:30
including Lunch



Games and Activities and All Together Time
at



Deadline for the
April efocus will
be 30th March

Fareham Methodist Church

Holiday at Home

**A Day in
GUERNSEY**

Friday 20th March

Doors open 10:15am for 10:30am start

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

Quiz and Table Activities

Lunch

Film— "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"

Music and Songs

Afternoon Tea

Homeward Bound 4:15 approx.

Tickets £10



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Christians Together in Fareham
will be joining the

World Day of Prayer 2026

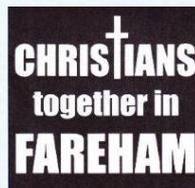
in a service prepared by Nigerian women

St John the Evangelist,

St Michael's Grove, Fareham, PO14 1DN

2pm and repeated at 7:30pm

Light refreshments available
after each service



Nigeria 2026



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

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Catherine Porter Afternoon Tea Concert



Come and hear the acclaimed Harpist Catherine Porter play and share stories of God's goodness and grace in a one-off event at Fareham Baptist New Life Church on Saturday 21st March 2026 at 2:30 pm.

For the past 15 years Catherine has been playing and working in Japan, so this is a unique opportunity to hear her play, share her story and enjoy afternoon tea, before she returns to Japan later in the year.

The afternoon will commence at 2:30 with Catherine playing, sharing testimony and stories of how God has helped and supported her work in Japan. During the afternoon an afternoon tea will be served with sandwiches, cakes, scones, etc. We are hoping that there will also be the opportunity to talk more informally.

Tickets are limited and issued on a first-come-first served basis. A donation will be requested to cover catering costs and make a gift to Catherine.

Contact the church office for details and tickets.

Fareham Methodist Church
Mission Meeting 2: 1st November 2025
Notes to our discussions

1. In thinking about Mission, we continued to think about the good things our church has to offer. These included:

The many people with whom the church already has contact every week and the opportunities to build on that; the church building is a community resource.

Good social contact through our Monday and Thursday groups

Inclusivity

The range of talents in the church

Good range of groups

Welcoming church in a diverse community and a good community spirit

Pastoral team

Flower ministry

Messy Church

Sharing meals

2. We then looked at the community we serve:

What is good about our community?

Good transport links, housing for older generations, leisure centre, Fareham Live, a new town plan is anticipated, more affordable housing, good library, banks.

What is less good about our community?

General accessibility with having to pay to park, empty shops, road works, lack of a sense of community and hence loneliness, lack of facilities for younger people, social divisions, many churches very close together.

What might the church offer?

Advertising what is already offered

Better communications with leaflets, visiting and online presence.

Engage more with Churches Together

Offer worship in local residential homes/sheltered accommodation.

Outreach to Welbourne

3. And finally, trying to put together our discussions, where could we focus to build on the good things we have in reaching to our community and the needs we see?

One idea was to focus on Families, engaging with the groups that use the church, offering possibly a homework club. To enable this, we need to consider employing a Family Worker
A second idea was to focus on older people living in retirement complexes, offering meals and fellowship.

A third idea was a drop-in day once a week, offering fellowship and a listening ear. This might develop into some sort of advice centre.

We need to focus on enabling people to have a relationship with God, exploring with our local community ways to so engage.

Final Comments (and these are personal comments):

A number of good ideas came out from our discussion, but there is now the need for continued momentum. And there needs to be a focus; you cannot do everything at once. This process must not be the end - it needs action to move things forward. And in this our people need to catch the vision. It needs our people to step up, be willing to be involved and to take the risk that not every idea will work out. It needs the church as a whole to embrace this as a worthwhile mission and to recognise this as outreach.

The idea of employing someone was mentioned. Employing someone can work really well as a way to kick-start something new, to provide expertise that is not available otherwise, or to work alongside the members of the church to develop something already happening but with potential. As we said, the church is not the building but the people, and mission and ministry is for all; it would not work to pay someone to do something in terms of mission that the church was not both committed to and involved in.

I am available and willing to help more if you feel that might help. John Illsley

