

FAREHAM EFOCUS



Fareham Methodist Church Efocus
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**Services for the Month of
May 2025**

11 th May	10:30am Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion. Healing Service 4 th of Easter.
18 th May	10:30am. Revd. Rachel Bending. All Age Worship. Church Anniversary. 5 th of Easter.
25 th May	10:30am. Mrs Celia Withers. 6 th of Easter. 6:00 pm. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion.
1 st June	10:30 pm

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
May 2025**

11 th May	Rach Davies and Jenny Chalmers.
18 th May	Sally Bland and Margaret Temple.
25 th May	Marilyn Woodrow and Lin Woodhams.
1 st June	Meg Cox and Brenda Bennett.

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

11 th May	Heather Murphy
18 th May	
25 th May	Simon Potter
1 st June	

Please advise Malcolm Groom when your activities in the church will not be happening so he can amend the calendar on the website.

Thank you



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 & Speedmops, floor wipes, Dust Magnet.

LAUNDRY and

DISHWASHER - Packaging, tinted bottles.

LENOR - Tumble drier sheets.

FERRO ROCHER - All packaging.

PRINGLES

TEL: EDITH— 07747358060

The reason I became interested in Terracycling; I would buy a plastic pouch of hand soap to refill the hand soap container, but the pouch was thrown in the bin supposedly to save plastic. Then I saw the logo of Terracycling. When I researched this, I realised that I could collect and raise funds for a charity.

I still have people asking me about the type of plastic.
Between Lin and me we have tried to make it as simple as possible.

The brand companies pay Terracycle a percentage of their advertising budget to collect and change the plastic into pellets which is then sent to companies to transfer into furniture.

The headings on the card indicate which plastics I can collect e.g. Wrappers around Bread, biscuits, cheese, tea/coffee, marigold gloves, Ferrero Rocher, Pringles and household products (laundry, dishwasher and more)

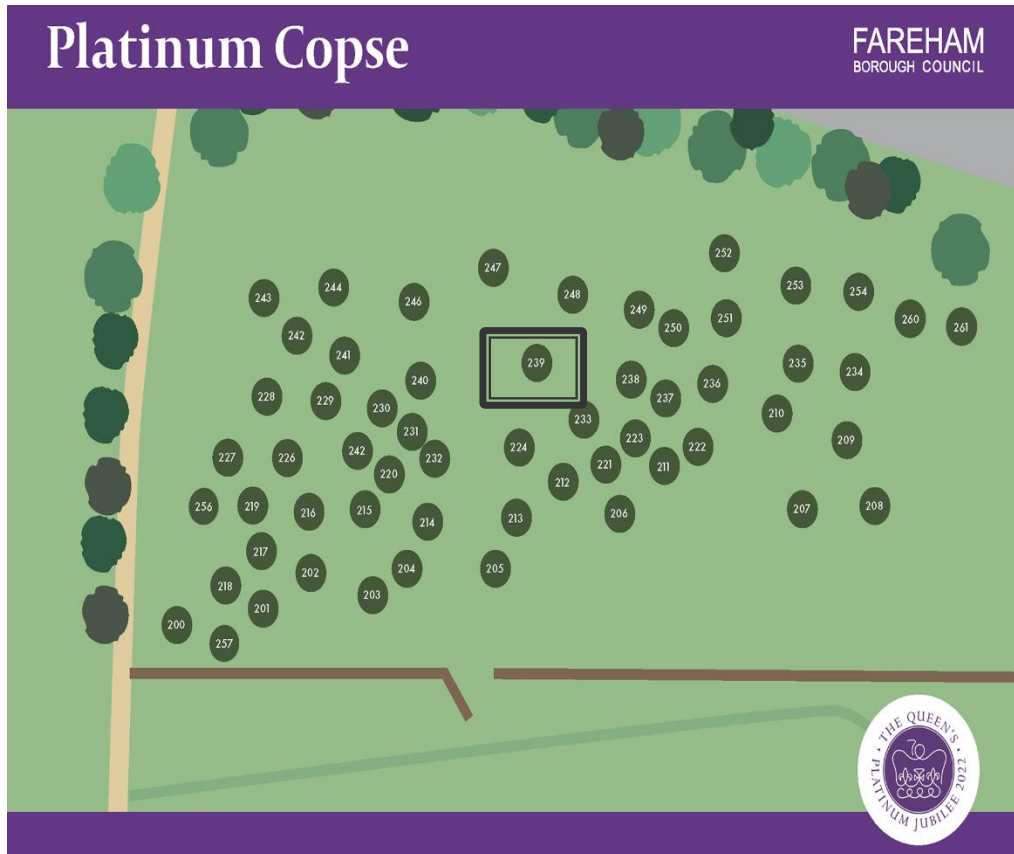
Each program is collected separately and boxed with a recommended minimum load.

If you wish, bring your plastic to the Welcome Area and I'll take it to the bins at the side of the church.

Please give an advertising card to your family and neighbours.

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

Our Cherry tree is in The Platinum Copse No 239.



Editor's notes

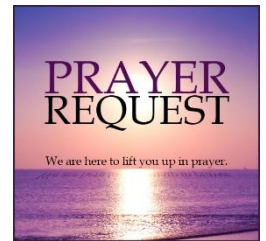
What a month we have had. Synod was amazing, so well organized and the cakes people baked were delicious.

Holy week was very reflective: I followed Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig online which was interesting and thought provoking. Our Maundy Thursday service, which was not well attended, was very moving and the quietness and solemnity of the evening was profoundly touching. Easter on the beach went well and it was wonderful to have people from other churches joining us and enjoying our bacon baps. A wooden cross was created from beach driftwood, which was very fitting.

Next month's deadline is 29th May 2025

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.

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



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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



If you'd like to join us, we meet in the snug at 10:00 we look forward to seeing you all soon. . Please pop in or if you would like more information, it will be great to speak.

.Audrey Mann

I absolutely LOVE this quote from Pope Francis!

“ Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. ”

Pope Francis

Diocese of Tandag

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SUNDAY LUNCH ON 18th May 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 Greek Salad.
Main Course: Gammon, 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

A few weeks ago, I met a friend who goes to Holy Trinity Church, and she was telling me how “wonderful the lunches” are in the Methodist church and how much they are appreciated by many.
Audrey

Meet and Greet on a Sunday. May 2025

11 th May	Christine Fielding
18 th May	Volunteer Needed
25 th May	Heather Murphy
1 st June	Christine Fielding

Flower Rota May 2025

11 th May	Edith Livingstone
18 th May	Linda Haydon Jones
25 th May	
1 st June	

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ian with his two boys at college cricket. (1980)



Ian found these photos and confessed along with all the boys in his class they had a crush on their form teacher! (1953).



Chris and I recently went on a short break to the Cotswolds and visited Cirencester Abbey along with Cerney House gardens. The gardens were completely run on honesty boxes — including the entrance fee and plants purchased. Even in the café, you made your own tea, picked up cakes, tallied the cost in a book, and paid with the card reader. It was an amazing experience.



Maggie's allotment — so pretty, you have worked hard.



Christian Aid Week 11th – 18th May

It is the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid. There will be an opportunity to donate at the end of the service on 11th May or the following week.

There will also be a Christian Aid stall in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm. Collectors are still needed! Please let me know if you can spare an hour to help with this.

Many thanks,
Linda Foster

Action for Children



ACTION FOR CHILDREN

If you have a home collection box please give it to Pat Croker before June if possible.

Catherine Stevenson



VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello everyone

We've had a very busy month which started with the Synod.

All the visitors were very complimentary about our warm welcome and cakes; so, an enormous thank you to everyone who helped, especially Jean and Mike who ably organised it all.

We had a fantastic quiz and tea recently which was a brilliant afternoon, everyone having fun and wonderful cake. Thank you to the team, Lin and Chris and Edith and Colin.

We have several dates for fundraising coming up soon so keep an eye out for more information.

Our biggest planned activity is on the 5th July when we're hosting Nesbit's auctioneers for our "Value-It".

Look out for more information.

Audrey on behalf of the stewards

Anna Friends needed!

Is there anyone who would like to train as an Anna Friend, under the Anna Chaplaincy banner?

Could you help in visits and church services in care homes?

Listening to and befriending older people and carers?

The Spring issue of The Connexion has an article on pages 18 and 19 explaining the Anna Chaplaincy movement

For any more details please contact Heather Carne 07483942240

Thanks very much,
Heather

April Messy Church



We all had an amazing time at Messy Church last month. Children made crosses decorated with tissue paper, Easter nests to eat, clay egg cups with little chicks in.



Join us for more ... **Messy CHURCH**

Games and Activities
Meal
All-Together Time

from 3:30pm
Wednesday 14th May 2025
Fareham Methodist Church
PO16 0NU



News from the Website

Statistics

Last Month

- We had about 1,800 different visitors to our website.
- About 11,000 website pages were opened.
- We had visitors from UK, USA (306), Poland (524), Germany (63), China (32), India (21), France (15) & Singapore (1).
- After the <Home Page>, the <Calendar>, <Contact Us>, <Focus>, <Photos>, <News>, <Leadership Team>, <History>, <Worship> & <Links> were the next most visited pages.

Please help to keep our website up-to-date!

- If you are organising any events ("One-off" or a programme of events for your organisation) please add them to the website Calendar.
 - email the information to malcolm.groom@methodist.org.uk
 - **OR** send your event(s) using the

[Submit An Event](#)

. . . . button on the <Calendar> page on the website.

Email Addresses

If you are a member of the church or an office holder in an organisation which is part of the church we can offer you an email address linked to the church. For example

forename.surname@farehammethodist.org.uk

scout.leader@farehammethodist.org.uk

. . . . just contact malcolm.groom@methodist.org.uk

<https://farehammethodist.org.uk>



**Portchester
Methodist Church**

VACANCY

POSITION:

Church Administrator.

HOURS:

Monday – Friday
9:30am – 12:30pm.

TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK: 15

Purpose and Objectives:

To provide administrative support for the work of Portchester Methodist Church.

QUALIFICATION: The applicant must be computer literate, competent with office duties, easy to approach and have a general understanding of the processes and operation of a church.

APPLICATION BY EMAIL TO:

minister@portchestermc.org.uk

CLOSING DATE: 15 May 2025

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

SKITTLES AND KURLING EVENING



Everyone is welcome
at Fareham
Methodist Church
for a Skittles and
Kurling evening
7 – 9 pm
Friday 30th May

Nibbles and
drinks provided.

Donations for our
Eco Church
Project





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.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW PATCHWORK WORKSHOP

Wednesday May 21st 10.00am – 4.00pm
Fareham Methodist Church - Wickham Room

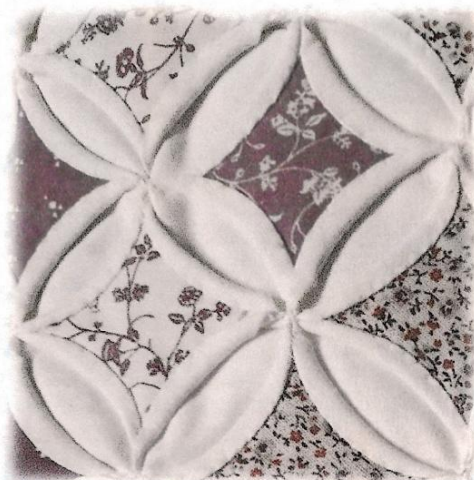
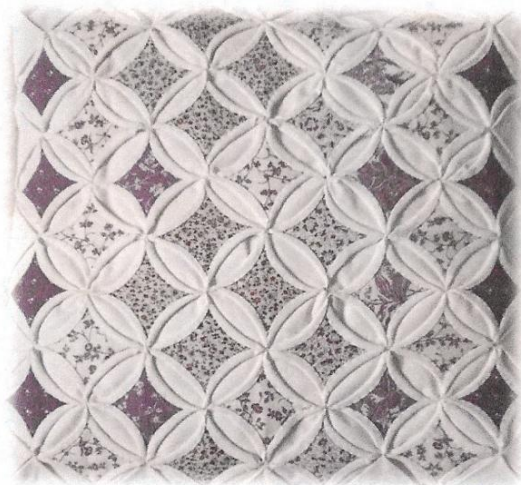
Would you like to learn how to sew by hand, a patchwork design called Cathedral window? I am willing to teach you, so I will supply all the material, unless you wish to bring your own.

This is a one day's workshop, so please bring your own sewing needles, scissors, etc . I will bring extra with me if you do not have these to hand.

You will also need to bring a packed lunch.



Drinks will be provided.



Please can you let me know if you wish to attend by either emailing me at: jenkchalmers@hotmail.co.uk, phone 01329 231790 or mobile 079000 30409.

As this is a fundraising event, a £10 minimum donation would be most appreciated.

We Are CRY.

We empower Children to rise Beyond Poverty under the leadership of local champions.

Those who follow the fortunes of "The Well Charity" will be pleased to know that the new tenant of the shop in West Street, a Christian charity called CRY (Care and Relief for the Young) opened for business on Tuesday 8th April. You can read a short notice about the new, refurbished shop on their website, here: <https://www.cry.org.uk/about-us/news/new-boutique-shop>

CRY say of themselves "We care because God cares. We Provide Relief where children are most in need. We empower the Young to rise beyond poverty."

The trustees of the Well intend to build a partnership with CRY to help them deliver their charitable objects. Watch this space. Meanwhile, please do what you can to help them make a success of this new venture by donating suitable items for sale in the shop - remember, you can park to drop off items between 09.30am and 4.30pm. And do drop in and introduce yourself to the CRY team ...

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.

Many thanks for the church flowers delivered to me today.

It was a lovely surprise, and they were beautiful. Although much better I am still prone to "off days" but I hope to be with you all as often as possible.

Love to all
Penny (Garrett)



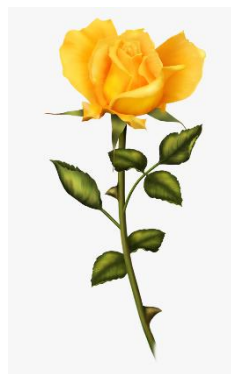
Knowing that I'm not a 'flower person' I would like to thank the ladies who so thoughtfully substituted sandwiches and cakes on my birthday. They made a nice change to my usual lunches. I'd like to thank Irene, also, for bringing them round and staying for a nice 'catch up'

Ian Bagshaw

Sue Prior would just like to echo Brenda's comments from Early birds and congratulate everyone concerned for their hard work in making the Tea party and Musical quiz such a success

We'll done!!

Sue



"Thank you very much for the lovely flowers which I received recently from the Church when I was ill. They were very much appreciated."

Jean Everitt

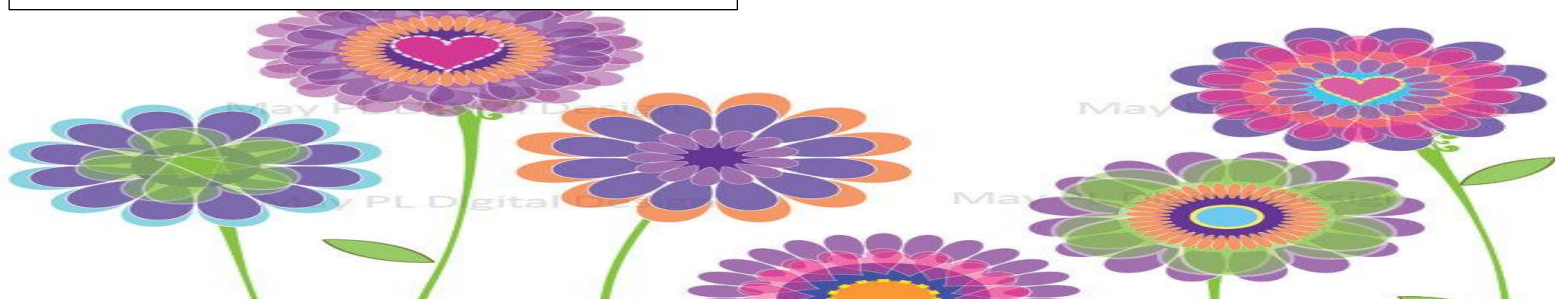
"Thank you for the beautiful flowers from church. I am still enjoying them. Thank you to, Liz Haigh who delivered them and stayed for a chat."

Lynda Young

Sylvia Savage would like to say thank you to the church for the lovely flowers delivered by Bob and Margaret. They brightened the day

Thank-you for the flowers that I received last Sunday. I am grateful for your care and concern.

Edith.





QUIZ AID

held for Christian Aid Week

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, GET A TEAM
TOGETHER OR COME ALONG ON YOUR OWN TO**

**BRIDGEMARY METHODIST
CHURCH**

**GREGSON
AVE PO13 0PP**

**SATURDAY 17th
MAY 2PM.**

TEA AND CAKE, RAFFLE AND LOTS OF FUN

COST £5

CONTACT JEAN 02392 342301



Christian Aid Week – 11th- 17th May 2025

7 days to **make a difference**



In Guatemala, gruelling heatwaves and extreme weather are destroying Aurelia's farm. She worries deeply about how much harvest the family will have to eat and sell:

'Climate change has been killing our crops, and this is our food.'

The roots of this cruel injustice run deep. Indigenous communities like Aurelia's have done the least to cause the climate crisis, yet they endure its impact the most. But the unstoppable power of hope is in the hands of farmers like Aurelia, as she leads her community in the fight to overcome the challenges they face.

Aurelia is holding hope in her hands.

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help people around the world push back against poverty.

We are united by hope. Together we hope everyone will have the joy of living a dignified life, free from poverty.

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can make a difference.

Join us:

Give:

- At your church - there will be envelopes and a collecting bucket
- Scan the QR code on this poster
- On-line - through our e-envelope:
[Fareham & Portchester CA Group - Christian Aid Fundraise](#)



Pray:

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

Get involved:

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

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



Afternoon Tea and Music Quiz

It was an amazing afternoon – thank you all for coming and making the fundraising event for our Eco Project so brilliant.

Thanks to the team who worked hard and we all felt that there was a buzz in the room and it was well worth it.

Money raised £327.75. wow!!