

FAREHAM eFOCUS



**Fareham Methodist Church
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Services for the Month **November 2024**

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| 03 rd Nov. | 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
Pastoral Visitors Annual
Dedication.
31 st in Ordinary Time. |
| 10 th Nov. | 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Remembrance Service at the
United Reform Church.
32 nd in Ordinary Time. |
| 17 th Nov. | 10:30 am.
Andrew Wilcock.
All Age Worship.
33 rd in Ordinary Time. |
| 24 th Nov. | 10:30 am.
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-
Greig.
Sunday before Advent. |
| | 6.00 pm.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
Reflective Service. |
| 01 st Dec. | 10:30 am.
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-
Greig.
Toy and Gift Service
Holy Communion.
1 st Sunday in Advent. |

Tea and Coffee Rota **for November 2024**

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| 03 rd Nov. | Ian Bagshaw and Walter
Metcalf. |
| 10 th Nov | Elizabeth Wilcock and Terry
Ferguson. |
| 17 th Nov. | Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae
Shepherd. |
| 24 th Nov. | Margaret Boyd and Jenny
Chalmers. |
| 01 st Dec. | Sally Bland and Margaret
Temple |

Meet and Greet Rota **For November 2024**

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| 03 rd Nov. | Jenny Chalmers. |
| 10 th Nov. | URC. |
| 17 th Nov. | Christine Fielding. |
| 24 th Nov. | Helen Hill. |
| 01 st Dec. | Christine Fielding. |

Distributing hymn books on Sunday
For November 2024

03 rd Nov.	.Helen Hill.
10 th Nov.	URC.
27 th Nov.	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
24 th Nov.	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
01 st Dec.	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Flower Rota for
November 2024

03 rd Nov.	Lin and Chris Woodhams
10 th Nov.	URC.
17 th Nov.	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
24 th Nov.	Una Peters
01 st Dec.	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Keep this date -1st February
2025

*The church will be having a
pre-loved clothes/handbags
sale*



time to donate

*. Please collect any items you
can donate - we do not have
storage so please keep them
until a week before the date.*

This is just a reminder.

If you are able to help with this event there will be a meeting
on the 14th November at 11 am (after Messy Church wash up)
at the Church Coffee Centre.



Christmas post box,
available for internal post
only from Nov 24th. Please
address with recipients' full
names.

We can only deliver to
those attending church, we
do not post on.

Toy/Gift Service 1st December 2024

An email received from The Refuge, giving us an idea of what is needed at this time.

Just a reminder please do not wrap the gift.

“Good morning,

I know it's scary that Christmas is coming round so quickly.

I would love to attend again this year; the children and women were so appreciative last year and as you know I was personally overwhelmed by your generosity.

If you let me know the date I'll pencil it in.

We have a wide range of children at the moment, but this can change, we have four 11-year-old boys, four 3-7 .year old boys and girls and a couple of newborn babies.

We are always grateful for any gifts as we hold some for Birthdays etc.

Once again Thank you.

Best wishes”



VESTRY JOTTINGS

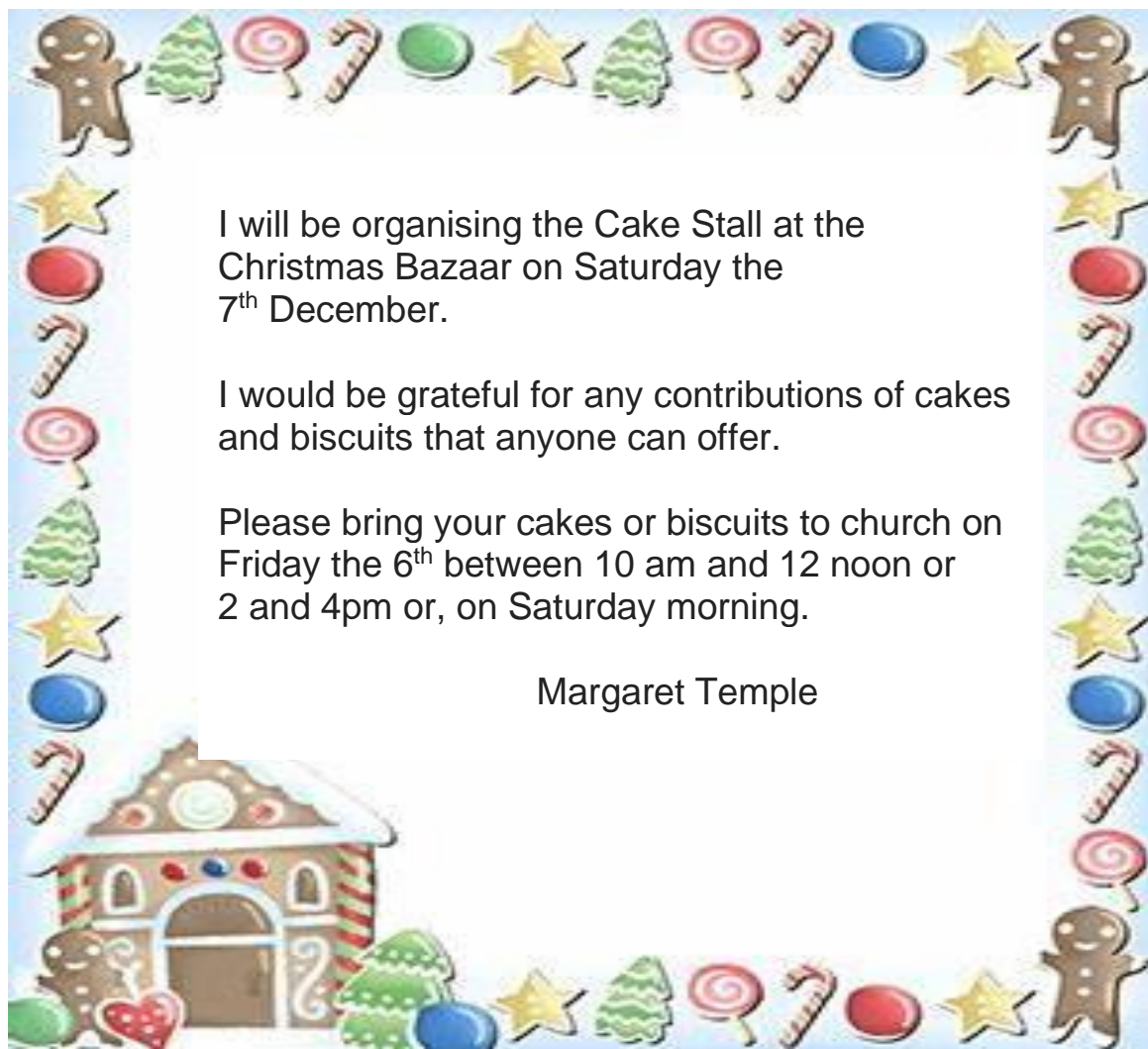
At last month's church council, we heard that synod will be meeting at our church in early April next year. Watch this space for information about what help will be needed.

We also had a fabulous talk about quilts and quilting last month from Jenny. It was great to see how many non-Church people were there and we raised about £200 towards our eco-Church fund.

On 1st December we'll be having our 'Toy service'. Donated toys will be passed to the women's refuge; I'm sure you will remember that we don't wrap the gifts.

On 15th December we are having our Christingle and Nativity service, and the 'Carols by Candlelight' service is on 22nd December at 6 pm.

Audrey - on behalf of the stewards

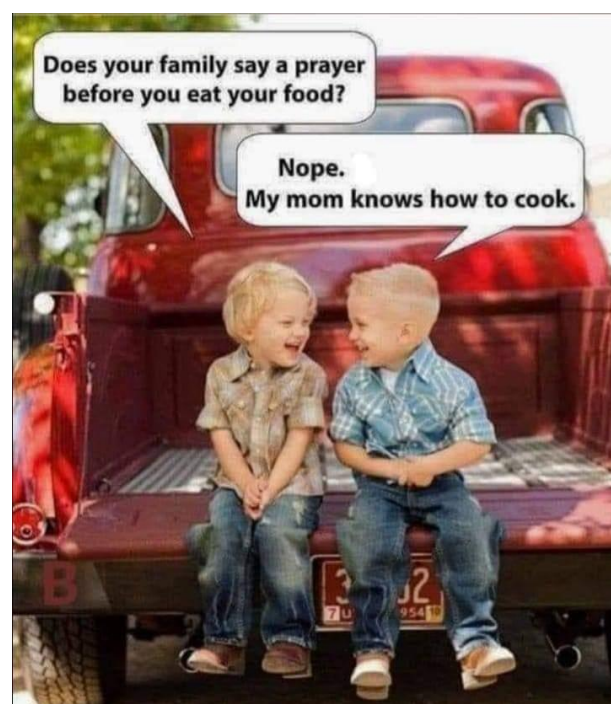


I will be organising the Cake Stall at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday the 7th December.

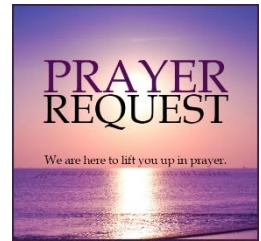
I would be grateful for any contributions of cakes and biscuits that anyone can offer.

Please bring your cakes or biscuits to church on Friday the 6th between 10 am and 12 noon or 2 and 4pm or, on Saturday morning.

Margaret Temple



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.

November	Julie Kettle
December	Bob Temple

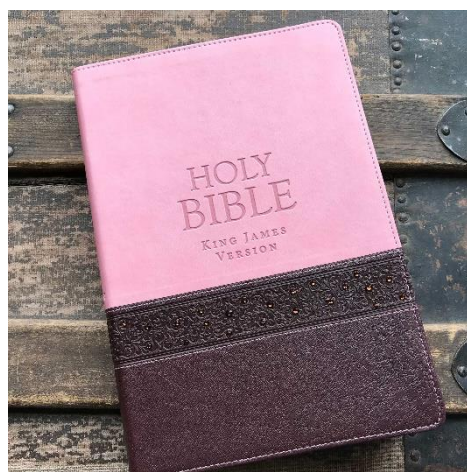


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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 17TH NOVEMBER 2024 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 “**Youth Actions**” 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!

A big “Thank you” to all the volunteers who help to make this event possible.

We have had some very complimentary comments from our guests saying how much they appreciate the meal and how well it is all set out.

Thank you. Jill Groom

SHOE BOX APPEAL

If anyone is interested in building a shoe box for vulnerable children in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia or Romania I have links with a local co-ordinator for Teams4U. They work with country partners, like the RedCross, to help find children and families that are most in need.

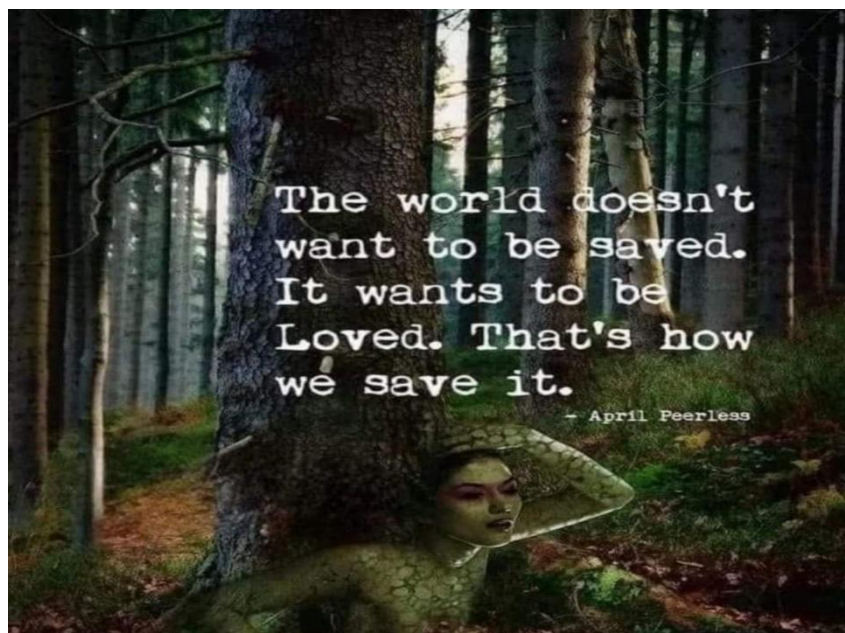
The shoe boxes need to be “built” by **10TH NOVEMBER** with a £3 donation towards the transport costs.

For more information, please see me or the website <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Thank you, Audrey.

**Service of
Thanksgiving and Remembrance
Stubbington Methodist Church
On November 10th at 4pm.**

This is an annual service held for those who have lost loved ones. Whether you have lost someone recently or sometime ago this service offers a time to reflect and prayers of comfort and support .
Light refreshments will follow the service.
All are warmly welcome.





**URGENT NEEDS
PRIORITY**

As of end of September 2024



- Tins of minced beef, stewed steak
- Tins of peas, carrots, sweetcorn
- Tins of corned beef, ham, spam
- Tins of baked beans
- Tins of fruit
- Tins of soup
- Tins or cartons of custard
- Chocolate, sweets and crisps (small packs)
- UHT milk (semi skimmed and full fat)
- Shampoo
- Toilet Rolls

THANK YOU

Creative Journey Talk

Thank you so very much to everyone who came to my talk, as I was grateful for your support.

My thanks also to those who provided the delicious cakes for us to enjoy.

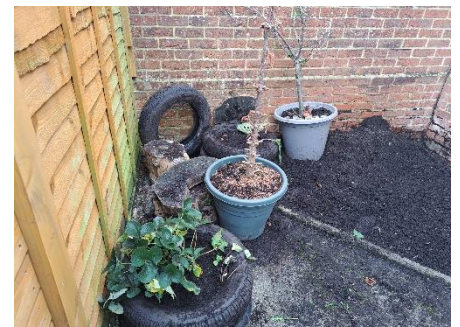
I'm very pleased to advise you that £200 was raised for our ECO church fund.

If you would like me to, I could give another talk next year, as I have lots of friends whose items I could display, showing different aspects of patchwork and quilting.

Jenny Chalmers



Maggie and Audrey are moving on with our green project outside. There is more work to do. Thank you for your efforts.



THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM A SERVICE ON A CRUISE WITH P & O CRUISES.

1 I've read about soldiers and sailors,
Of infantry, airmen and tanks,
Of battleships, corvettes, and cruisers,
Of Anzacs, and Froggies, and Yanks:
But there's one other man to remember
Who was present at many a fray.
He wears neither medals or ribbons
And derides any show or display.

2 I'm talking of A.B.'s and firemen,
Of stewards and greasers and cooks
Who manned the big steamers in convoy
(You won't read about them in books).
No uniform gay were they dressed in,
Nor marched with their colours unfurled:
They steamed out across the wide oceans
And travelled all over the world.

3. And now that the turmoil is ended,
Our enemies vanquished and fled;
We'll pray that the living will foster
The spirit of those who are dead.
When the next generation takes
over,
This country we now hold in lease
Will be theirs - may they cherish its
freedom
And walk down the pathways of
peace.

4. When the Master of Masters holds
judgment
And the Devil's dark angels have
flown,
When the dark of the heavenly
council Decrees that the names
shall be shown,
They will stand out in glittering
letters Inscribed with the blood
they have shed:
Names of ships - and the seamen
who manned them:
Then the ocean can give up its
dead.

In Flanders Fields

1 . In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

2. We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

3. Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Please Wear A Poppy

1. ' "Please wear a poppy", the lady said
And held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered
them there,
And her face was old and lined with care.
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

2. A boy came whistling down the
street,
Bouncing along on care-free feet.
His smile was full of joy and fun,
"Lady," said he, "may I have one?"
When she's pinned it on, he turned to say,
"Why do we wear a poppy today?"

3. The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered, "This is Remembrance Day."
And the poppy there is the symbol for
The gallant men who died in war,
And because they did, you and I are free
_That's why we wear a poppy, you see.

4. I had a boy about your size,
With golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
Free as a bird he would race about,
As the years went by, he learned and
grew and became a man - as you will,
too.

5. He was fine and strong, with a boyish
smile,
But he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away.
I still remember his face that day
When he smiled at me and said, Goodbye,
I'll be back soon, Mom, so please don't cry.

6. But the war went on and he had to stay,
And all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the awful fight,
(I can see it still in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed
wire, And the mines and bullets, the bombs
and fire.

7. Till at last, at last, the war was won
And that's why we wear a poppy son."
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said, "Thanks, lady, I'm glad to know,
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son - did he come back all right?"

8. A tear rolled down each faded cheek.
She shook her head, but didn't speak,
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were me, you'd have done the
same.
For our thanks, in giving, are oft
delayed,
Though our freedom was bought - and
thousands paid!

9. And so, when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne,
By those who gave their very all When
asked to answer their country's call That
we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy! Remember - and give!

Thank you, Sally. Great Poems.



MESSY CHURCH FOR OCTOBER HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Once again, we had fun. Lots of craft. Some examples are on the notice board in the Welcome Area. The light up jars were a favourite as you can image. The jigsaw crosses went down well. Malcolm had a difficulty level for all children and adults!! There were shortbread crosses with a tower of Maltesers. Children ate more than they built. Boxes were made to represent bricks and as usual the gems went down well. The children as usual loved the games challenge.

Food was scrumptious. As you can see who would not have enjoyed their time with Fareham Methodist Church.

Editor's notes

It's that time of year when we start gearing up for the festivities and church is buzzing with events that will be happening. The fund raising is getting off to a great start. We will be greener by this time next year. As we have seen with Valencia and the awful flooding they have experienced, we must all do our bit.

Deadline next month will be 28th November. Thank you, my friends. Lin.



Building Bricks



Christmas Bazaar

Sat 7th Dec, 10am - 3pm

Plans are well under way for our Christmas Bazaar which we hope will be the successful community event it has been in previous years. To this end, the planning team would be very grateful for your help with contributions of **new** or '**as new**' items for the stalls please, including:

- Items suitable for the Gift stall and raffle
- Games, books & jigsaws (*no missing pieces, please*)

Items may be given to Liz Haigh, Penny, Brenda, Edith or Lin Woodhams. Alternatively, please speak to one of the team if you would like us to collect any items.

Many thanks, the Planning team.

Please see the separate notice regarding cakes for the Cake Stall.

www.PageBorders.net

Dear Friends

Greetings from the PEG Recycling Team at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fareham.

We have a problem and need your help if you can. Recently we have had large numbers of Plastic Bottle tops delivered to us at the Sacred Heart and just dumped outside the top bin and left in the rain making a difficult job for our mainly ladies in the team recycling.

We are grateful the message has gone out that we are doing this important work, but we would like our friends to sort them at the place where they collect the tops (we have bags from GH Recycling which can be used for this job).

We would be grateful if you could ask your parishes and friends if they know who is making the deliveries so we can contact them and ask them to contact us so we can make arrangements with them, so we don't just have them dumped outside the church wall especially with the large amount of wet weather we have had recently.

Our Contact details are Esme and John Vivian on
01329 9301 or franciscansolent@outlook.com.
yours in peace John and Esme
Sacred Heart Church, Fareham.