

FAREHAM EFOCUS NOVEMBER 2025



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

- 9th Nov. 10:30 am.
Remembrance Service at the
United Reform Church.
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- 16th Nov. 10.30 am.
Revd. Dr. John Illsley.
All Age Service.
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- 23rd Nov. 10:30 am.
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins Greig
Sunday before Advent.
- 6:00 pm.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
Reflective Service.
- 30th Nov. 10:30 am.
Mrs Fran Jenkins.
1st Sunday of Advent.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
November 2025**

- 9th Nov. United Reform Church.
Remembrance Service.
- 16th Nov. Meg Cox and Brenda
Bennett.
- 23rd Nov. Irene Russell and
Sue Gibson.
- 30th Nov. Jean and Mike Petter.
- 7th Dec. Jill Groom and
Liz Avison.

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

- 9th Nov. Christine Fielding.
- 16th Nov. Christine Fielding.
- 23rd Nov. Christine Fielding.
- 30th Nov. Christine Fielding.
- 7th Dec. Christine Fielding.

Deadline for next month's efocus is 27th November.

Flower Rota November 2025

9th Nov. Linda Foster
16th Nov.
23rd Nov. Una Peters
30th Nov.
7th Dec.



Sunday Lunch 2025 16th November 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 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

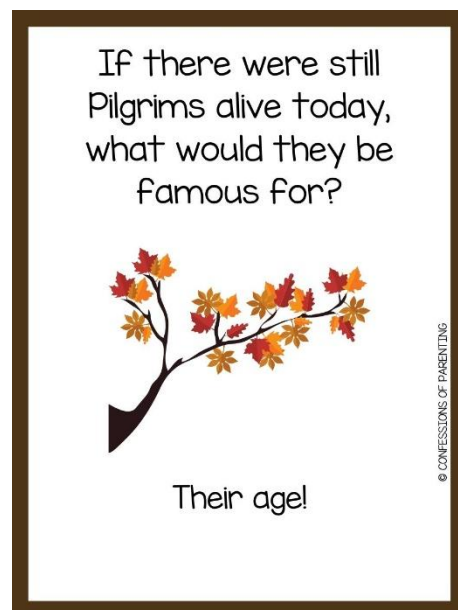
Starter: Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

Main Course: Pork, 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.





God made the light and darkness. Nine families joined us this Month to create light at Messy Church.

Lighthouses were engineered, stars were made to shine and biscuits decorated brightly. Games were played and a delicious dinner eaten.

Please join us next month we would love to see you. Next Messy Church is on 12th November at 3.30pm. Look out for the flyer on Facebook.



Teams4U



Shoe Boxes:- I am collecting things to go into shoe boxes and of completed ones to take to Teams4U; They say on their website "we work in Sierra Leone, Uganda, Romania, and Belarus. As our funding and support continue to grow, this map will expand, embodying our unwavering dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable communities worldwide. Join us on this journey of hope, compassion, and lasting change." More information can be found on their website. I have included a list of suggestions for the shoe boxes; more ideas are available online. They ask:- please don't include anything from the 'NO' list. Items should be new, however pre-loved items in good condition are acceptable.

For boys or girls:

Toothbrush and toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap and face cloth, stationery and paper, gloves, hat and scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.

The Home box:

Candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls and cups, small decorations, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

NO.... Food (only exception is sweets), medicines, military themed items, anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels. No sanitary items in shoeboxes although they can be sent out separately.

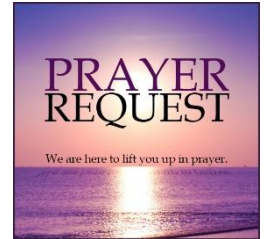
I have a good range of shoe boxes ready to be covered, or I can cover them if you'd like me to. If you have any questions or want a shoe box or two, give me a shout, 07899075133. Thank you in advance for all your support, we did fantastically well last year, and the Rev. Gill Bailey of Milton URC Portsmouth is looking forward to receiving more this year.

Shoe Boxes: THANK YOU to everyone who has so kindly donated goodies, monies and or filled shoe boxes. I spoke to Rev. Gill Bailey this week and she asked me to pass on her grateful thanks for all your hard work. I must take all our donations to her on the 17th November, so the last Sunday to bring any donations/shoe boxes to church will be the 16th Nov.

Thank you, Audrey,

The Prayer Tree

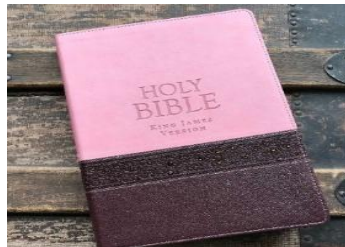
The Prayer Tree is in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.



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.

06 th November	Jill
04 th December	Revd. Pauline



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible study: we are continuing to look at the women of the New Testament, how they lived and how this can help us in today's world.

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

Thank you, Audrey,



Christmas Afternoon Tea Saturday December 6th

There will be a Raffle and a Christmas Stall (decorations, gifts etc) at the Afternoon Tea and we would be grateful for donations of new or 'as new' items, please. Items may be given to Liz Haigh, Penny, or Edith from now on, or we can arrange to collect them. Margaret Temple will also be running a Cake Stall on the day and would be grateful for any contributions of cakes, cookies and biscuits. Details about arrangements for dropping these off will be given nearer the date.

Thank you.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN



If you would like to help some of the children in poverty (more this year than last) Action for Children has a Secret Santa scheme. If you are happy with online shopping go to iamsanta.org.uk where a selection of different gifts at a range of prices can be chosen and paid for online.

I will also collect cash and cheques if you wish to donate in this way this Christmas.

Catherine Stevenson

THANK YOU, MESSAGES

Brenda Palmer would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers received on the 12th of October and for all the kind thoughts and prayers.



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers delivered to me from the church.

Also, the kind messages from church members.

I do appreciate them all. I am slowly improving but it takes time. I miss coming to church and being with everyone.

With regards Elizabeth Wilcock

St Mary with St Francis and St Faith Alverstoke Parish



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Green Road, Alverstoke PO1 2 2ET
Office telephone 02392 580551
parishadmin@alverstoke.church
Charity Number: -1130178

07.10.2025

Dear Fareham Methodist Church

Thank you for your continued toiletries collections for St Faith's Hub. We are very grateful to receive these items in the shed. This year we will be distributing the items in the food bags at the hub and or families needing a Christmas Hamper. It is support such as yours that enable St Faith's Hub operations to continue.

Thank you once again.

Kind regards

Mrs Kate Warstone
St Faith's Hub Leader
Parish Administrator 02392 580551



Christian Aid Quiz

The Christian Aid Quiz held at St John's at the beginning of October raised £669. It was a fun evening and a very enjoyable way of raising money! Thanks to everyone who came along and took part. Next year the quiz will be on Saturday 14th November 2026.

Linda Foster

Community Pantry

This Pantry has just opened in Fareham Mall where the travel agents used to be.

This is open to anyone who is in need or struggling to cope with the increase in food prices. Please pass the message on.



ONLY £6 Weekly Shop

GCS COMMUNITY PANTRY

MORE FOR LESS

We are here to help anyone, without bias, who wants to stretch their pound or prevent food waste.

You can choose:

2 BLUE items & **10 RED items**
 e.g. Meat, Fish, Cheese e.g. Tins, Pizza, Fruit, veg
 All items marked clearly inside. You may shop once a week.

We have 3 Community Pantries available to use for all members

Romsey		Eastleigh		Fareham	
Unit 7 Duke's Mill, Romsey, SO51 8PJ		101 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DR		Unit 28, Fareham Shopping Centre, Fareham, PO16 0PQ	
M	9:30-12:00	M	9:30-12:00	M	9:00-12:00
T	CLOSED	T	16:00-18:00	T	CLOSED
W	16:00-18:00	W	CLOSED	W	15:00-18:00
T	CLOSED	T	CLOSED	T	CLOSED
F	9:30-12:00	F	9:30-12:00	F	9:00-12:00

We are open 3 times during the week Closed on Weekends and Bank Holidays

Simply SIGN UP and become a member today

For updates, check our **FACEBOOK PAGES**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to inform you that Churches Together in Gosport (CTiG) have invited Patrick Regan OBE (of Brighter Days) to bring his presentation of '*silencing the chatter – conversation with my inner critic*'

We believe this may be of interest to you and/or your member churches (the event is open to the wider public)

Combining comedy, storytelling, psychological and theological insights. His show explores the impact of self-doubt and anxiety, and how negative thoughts can overshadow progress and achievements. Many of us struggle with a lack of self-compassion in our daily lives, often fixating on criticism rather than recognising growth. As these themes unfold in the play, the hope is to inspire greater compassion toward ourselves, reminding us to doubt our doubts and recognise our inherent worth.

The event will feature a musical contribution by gifted violinist Natasha Petrovic.

The event will happen on Sunday 23rd November at Thorngate Halls Ballroom. From 3-5pm

The event costs £5 – Cornerstone Christian Bookshop 9 Bemister Lane Gosport has tickets to sell, or order your ticket online at stfaithslee.org/silencing-the-chatter/

Thank you - have a blessed day

Pierre Robinson, secretary to CTiG, secretary.ctig@hotmail.com



Brighter Days
in association with



Silencing The Chatter

My conversation with my inner critic



Patrick Regan OBE

Award winning author, activist, speaker



An inspirational afternoon of
live music, theatre, and interviews.

Sunday 23rd November, 3pm - 5pm incl. Q & A

Thorngate Halls, Bury Road, Gosport, PO12 3PX

Tickets available at **Tickets £5 each**
stfaithslee.org/silencing-the-chatter/
and in person at **Cornerstone Christian**
Bookshop, 9 Bemisters Lane, Gosport



Annual Petersfield Church Coach Holiday

Greetings to various Churches and Circuit Offices from Petersfield Methodist Church, a Church within the East Solent and Downs Circuit of the Methodist Church.

For many years I have organised a coach holiday for members and friends of various local Churches. Some of the friends live some distance away from our local pick-up points so travel by car or train to the hotel. We are always very keen to welcome new folk on the holiday.

Many thanks. *Gordon Churchill*



Petersfield Area Churches Annual Coach Holiday

Tour to Paignton

Friday 10th July – Friday 17th July 2026

Hotel: Esplanade Hotel, Paignton

Nestled on the beautiful Paignton beachfront in the heart of the English Riviera. All rooms have ensuite facilities, free Wi-Fi, phone, flat screen TV, tea and coffee tray and hairdryer. The hotel has a lift.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Travel to Paignton, arriving late afternoon at the Esplanade Hotel.

DAY 2 Morning visit to Sidmouth. Afternoon visit to the Donkey Sanctuary.

DAY 3 Free day

DAY 4 Dartmouth Steam Railway / ferry across the harbour to Dartmouth / 1-hour River Dart cruise / return ferry to Kingswear / train ride back to Paignton.

DAY 5 Guided tour of Exeter cathedral / Afternoon free to explore Exeter.

DAY 6 Visit to Buckfast Abbey followed by scenic drive through Dartmoor National Park to Tavistock for lunchtime stop. Afternoon stop in Princetown.

DAY 7 Journey to Coleton Fishacre / afternoon visit to Brixham.

DAY 8 Travel home.

Price includes:

7 nights dinner, bed and breakfast

4 Nights Hotel Entertainment

Dartmouth Steam Railway / Kingswear Ferry / River Dart Cruise

Visit to the Donkey Sanctuary

Buckfast Abbey, Gardens and Exhibition Centre

Exeter Cathedral Guided tour

Price per person:

£865.00 per person – based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers, sharing twin / double rooms

£799.00 per person – based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers, sharing twin / double rooms

£782.00 per person – based on a minimum of 44 paying passengers, sharing twin / double rooms

10 x single rooms – NO SUPPLEMENT

5 x additional single rooms @ £105.00 supplement

Insurance is available – rates to be advised in November 2025

Pick up points:

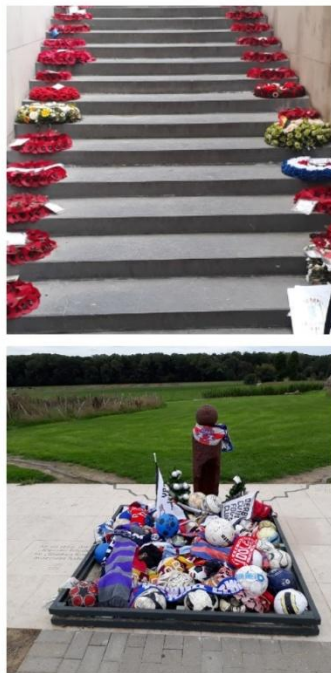
Fareham, Petersfield, Liss, Alton, Basingstoke

For further information please contact Gordon Churchill by email gordonachurchill@gmail.com or by phone on 01730 260454.

TO BOOK: Call Angela Holidays on 02380 404536. **Please quote reference – MP1007**



Woodhams visit to Ypres and Passchendaele in 2018



Chris and I visited Ypres and stayed just outside the town. In the grounds of the hotel, we discovered a WW1 trench, preserved much as it would have been—a stark reminder of history, with scattered shell casings and rusted barbed wire. The hotel has preserved it. We were fortunate to find it, thanks to staying at the hotel.



CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
2025

1.45pm to 4pm

At FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH
KINGS ROAD

Cake Stall
Christmas Stall
Raffle
Carol Singing
And more!

Min. donation of £7.50

Contact Lin Woodhams
fareham.focus@gmail.com

Charity Number
1127814

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FAREHAM
CHRISTINGLE MAKING IN THE FAREHAM SHOPPING PRECINCT

We will be running our Christians Together in Fareham Christingle-making stand in West Street on Saturday 22nd November as part of the Big Light Switch-on event in Fareham.

As usual, we would like a good number of volunteers to help with this please. It is a great opportunity to have fun and engage with the general public, to talk about the real meaning of Christmas, and to witness to our Christian presence and unity in Fareham.

As a volunteer, your role will be to help children make their own Christingle (everything will be supplied and ready to make) and to engage with the children with whom you are working to encourage them (in a simple way) to understand what the Christingle represents and to think about the real meaning of Christmas.

We are looking for people to sign up for an hour or two on that day, starting at 10am and finishing at about 4pm (or when the 200 oranges run out!).

Please contact me (rachel@thehickses.org.uk) if you would like to help.

Many thanks,

Rachel Hicks (Chair of CTiF)

Vestry jottings

Hi Everyone,

Just a few notices this month.

On **Remembrance Sunday, 9th November** we are joining our friends at the URC, for our joint Remembrance service. We look forward to seeing you there.

The annual Gift service this year is **7th December** when toys, food and toiletries will be collected. Please don't wrap anything as the refuge doesn't necessarily give all the gifts out over Christmas, but rather as the need arises.

It's that time of year again for Christmas cards! Where does time go to? The post box will be out ready for your cards, Addressed to:- first and last names, please. Dates for the Posting Box are **30th Nov to 14th December**.

On **28th December**, we'll be holding another Local Arrangement, with Maggie and Mark organising a special **Carol Service**. If you'd like to suggest a carol or a piece of music that holds personal significance for you, please let them know. Could you try to avoid choosing any carols we've already sung during this Christmas season.

Blessings

Audrey, on behalf of the Stewards.