

FAREHAM EFOCUS SEPTEMBER 2025

**FAREHAM METHODIST
CHURCH
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Come and join us on 21st
September at 10:30 am.**

**PLEASE ADD TO YOUR
SHOPPING LIST**

- Tinned beef (minced, casserole, chilli con carne, Irish stew)
- Tinned chicken
- Ham/Spam
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned tuna
- Deodorants (men and women)
- Chocolate bars
- Washing powder/liquid

Thank you

FAREHAM AND GODFORTH BASICS BANK
Local people supporting local people

**Please bring
along food
donations
for the
Basics Food
Bank.**



**Toiletries will be
gratefully
received for
those in need.**



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**Services for the Month of
September 2025**

07th Sept. 10:30 am
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig.
Holy Communion. Covenant Service.
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

14th Sept. 10:30 am.
Mrs Wendy Corney.
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

21st Sept. 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
All Age Worship.
Harvest Festival.
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

28th Sept. 10:30 am.
Andrew Wilcock
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

6:00 pm.
Revd. Pauline Crispin
Holy Communion.
Reflection Service.

05th Oct. 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Family Holy Communion.
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
September 2025**

07th Sept. Jean and Mike Petter

14th Sept. Helen Hill and

21st Sept. Edith Livingstone and
Liz Avison.

28th Sept. Cath Stevenson and
Margaret Boyd.

05th Oct. Ian Bagshaw and Lanre
Akwenke.

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

07th Sept. Cristine Fielding.

14th Sept, Heather Murphy.

21st Sept. Christine Fielding.

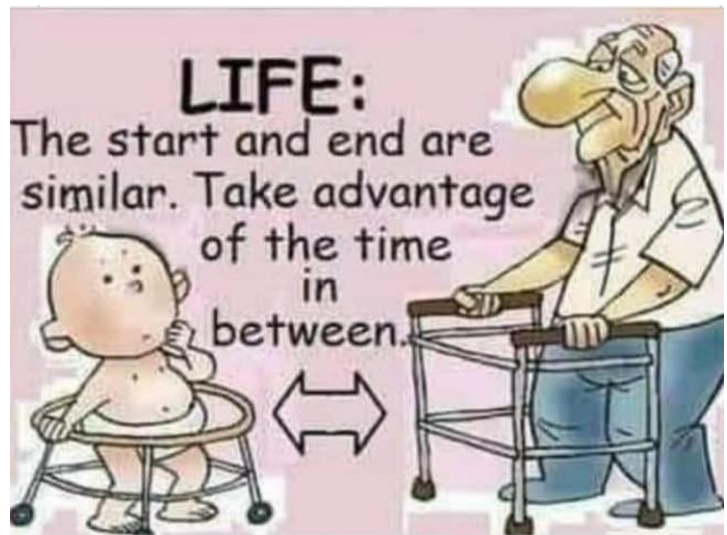
28th Sept. Christine Fielding.

05th Oct Christine Fielding.

Deadline for next month's efocus is 30th September.

Flower Rota September 2025

07 th Sept.	Magaret Henderson.
14 th Sept.	Lin and Chris Woodhams.
21 st Sept.	Bob and Margaret.
28 th Sept.	Maggie Wheeler.
05 th Oct.	Linda Foster



Harvest Sunday Lunch 21st September 2025 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 Greek salad

Main Course: Gammon, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

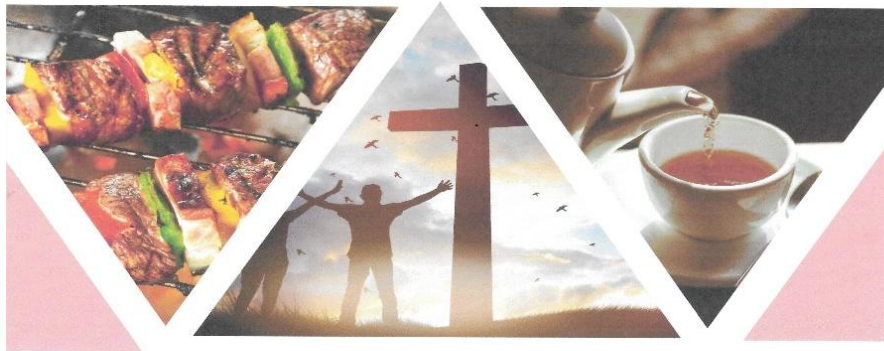
There will be a list in the Welcome area for you to sign.
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday roast.



East Solent & Downs
Circuit

12TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

BBQ and Celebration Service



BBQ at 1pm with service starting at 3pm on
Sunday 14 September, 2025, at Hart Plain
Church, Cowplain, Waterloooville, PO8 8RG

Book your free ticket by RSVP-ing to
your Church Stewards - Including any
dietary needs - by Sunday 7 September

The **Methodist Church** 

East Solent & Downs Circuit 12th Anniversary party BBQ and Celebration Service

Attached is a flyer for the Celebration of East Solent & Downs 12-year Anniversary, being held on Sunday 14th September at Hart Plain Methodist Church with a BBQ at 1pm and a Celebration Service at 3pm. Everyone is invited and the Circuit would like as many people as possible to attend. Various Mayors, including the Mayor of Fareham, will be attending and the Chair of District, Rev Rachel Bending, will be leading the service.

The Service will also give thanks for David Muskett's ministry as Circuit Co-Superintendent and welcome Elize Goddess as Circuit Superintendent from September.

The flyer asks for RSVP to church stewards, including any dietary needs, by Sunday 7th September to book your free tickets but in Fareham there will also be a list in the Welcome Area on Sunday 31st August and Sunday 7th September to add your name and any dietary needs if you would like to attend. If you are not in church to sign up on the list, you can still let one of the Stewards know if you would like to attend.

Fareham Prayer Safari

The Circuit Prayer Safari is coming to Fareham on Thursday 18th September from 7.00pm – 8.30pm, led by Deacon Janice Haycon.

Everyone is invited to attend. This will include a time of prayer and reflection focusing on 'Our Calling'. This is very closely linked to the work already in progress with formulating church Mission Action Plans. For Fareham Church this began in April with a meeting with Rev John Illsley in Stubbington and we hope to arrange a follow up meeting with John at Fareham as soon as possible after the Prayer Safari.

At the Prayer Safari we will be given the opportunity to think about the calling of the Methodist Church in relation to worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism within our own community. The four prayer stations are quite thought provoking. Mike and I have visited two other churches in the Circuit for their Prayer Safari, and I strongly encourage as many of the Fareham Congregation as possible to attend the Fareham session on 18th September and to attend the meeting with John when we have a date for that. We want as many as possible, who can, to attend these meetings to be involved with having the opportunity to think about what we want to include in our mission for the future in Fareham.

Please put the date in your diary NOW – Thursday 18th September 7.00pm – 8.30 pm. If transport is a problem, I am sure there will be others attending who can give lifts. We are the largest church in the Circuit, and it would be great to have a good turn out to support this venture. Tea and coffee and biscuits will be served at the end of the session.

Jean Petter

Happy New Year everyone,

We're looking forward to welcoming Rev. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig who will be leading our Holy Communion and Covenant Service on 7th September. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our Harvest Festival Service is on 21st September. If you have anything you wish to bring, it can be brought either on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until 11:30 am, or your gifts can be brought on Sunday for the morning service. The gifts will be going to the Basics Food Bank & Toiletries for those in need.

The prayer walks continue, look out for more information.

The Ecumenical Holiday Club was very successful, spreading the Love of God to 60 primary aged children, some who don't know Jesus yet. Please continue to pray for them and all our children.

Film night is 27th September. The film is "Peace by Chocolate". Funds raised will go to the church and the Eco fund. See the poster on page 9 of the efocus.

Blessings Audrey on behalf of the stewards.

The Prayer Tree

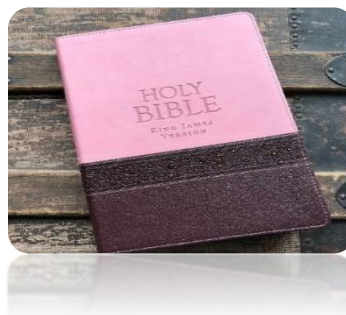
The Prayer Tree is in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.



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.

04 th September	Bob
02 nd October	TBA
06 th November	Jill
04 th December	Revd. Pauline



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday morning bible study which meets at 10:00 am in the snug will be on the second Thursday (11th) this month not the 4th as we're away.

We will be looking at Elisabeth starting our New Testament study.

I know this may be awkward for some but if you join us, it would be great to see you.

We're a friendly bunch.

Blessings Audrey

Next Church and Community meeting at Church in the Wickham Room.

Monday 8th September at 7:15 pm

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Rach's grandson, Hayden, turned 2 in Disney Paris on 21st Aug

Rach & Olive visited Buckingham Palace & Lego World



I was taken to sample the new coffee shop that has recently opened in Haslar and was amazed at the size of the site. The story goes back to the seventeen hundreds when Gosport or God's port was a town known for its press gangs. These young men were reluctant to crew the sailing boats, and many fell from the rigging breaking limbs and put ashore to recover. However as soon as they were fit, they legged it. The idea was to build a secure hospital, so the Navy did not lose its sailors – hence Haslar with its high walls.

Marion Bright

Very interesting thank you Marion.

Fourth Friday Games for All Ages resumes on 26th September!

Everyone is welcome between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.



Enjoy being together to play tabletop and/or more energetic games as you prefer and have a relaxed chat with refreshments.

Kevin and Linda Foster



We believe in life before death

You are invited to our annual Christian Aid

Quiz

On

Saturday 4th October 2025 at 7pm

At

St John's Church Hall

Upper St Michael's Grove, Fareham

Spaces are limited so you need to get tickets in advance.
Either gather your own team together (up to eight people)
or just buy a ticket, come along and join in with others.

Bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses

Tickets - £5.00 per person

For more details and tickets, please contact
Linda Foster (01329 665755) or your church rep:

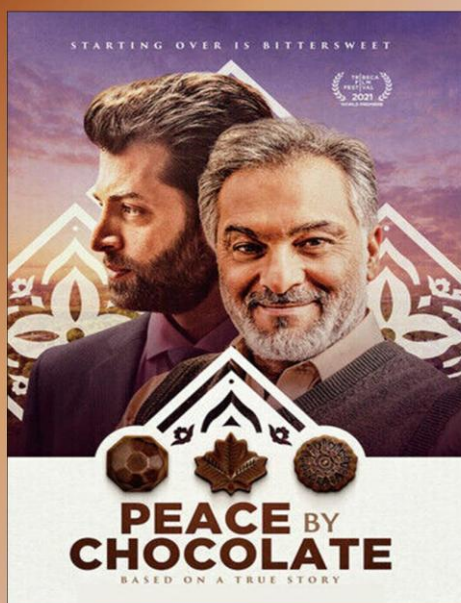
The Thanksgiving service on the 21st August for Pat did her proud.
She was a little lady who achieved a great amount for God !
Thank you to Pauline who drew a wonderful service together
and to all who contributed in any way to make this a fitting tribute to Pat
as a truly caring person.

Linda Brooks

Fareham Methodist Church

MEAL and FILM EVENING

6:00 pm - Saturday 27th September



After the bombing of his father's chocolate factory, a charming young Syrian refugee struggles to settle into his new Canadian small-town life, caught between following his dream to become a doctor and preserving his family's chocolate-making legacy.

We will be serving a delicious meal with chocolate! before the film!
Please sign the list in the Welcome Area if you would like to come.

Call out for Jigsaw Puzzles

Jigsaw Puzzles needed for
mini market stall.

Please donate if you have
any you no longer want.

See Rach or Brenda

**Join us
for more...**

**Games and Activities
Meal
All-Together Time**

**from 3:30pm
Wednesday 10th September 2025
Fareham Methodist Church
PO16 0NU**