

FAREHAM EFOCUS SEPTEMBER 2026



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Services for the Month of
September 2026

06 th Sept.	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin. Covenant Service, Holy Communion. 23 rd in Ordinary time.
13 th Sept.	10:30 am. Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig. 24 th in Ordinary Time.
20 th Sept.	10:30 am. Revd. Dr. John Illsley. All Age, HARVEST FESTIVAL 25 th in Ordinary Time
27 th Sept.	10:30 am. Miss Trish Chiwera 26 th in Ordinary Time. 6:30 pm. Revd. Pauline Crispin Holy Communion, Healing Service.
04 th Oct.	10:30 am. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Family Holy Communion.

Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
September 2026

06 th Sept.	Ian Bagshaw and Lanre Akwenuke.
13 th Sept.	Terry Ferguson and Jill Groom.
20 th Sept.	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd.
27 th Sept.	Rach Davies and Jenny Chalmers.
04 th Oct.	Sally Bland and Denise Lanfear.

Meet and Greet on a Sunday.
September 2026

06 th Sept.	Christine Fielding
13 th Sept.	Christine Fielding.
20 th Sept.	Christine Fielding.
27 th Sept.	Christine Fielding.
04 th Oct.	Christine Fielding

FLOWER ROTAS

It will soon be time to prepare the Flower rota sheets for 2027 on behalf of the Ministry of Flowers.

Please consider joining the rota either to provide the flowers or to deliver after the Sunday service. If you are unable to put flowers in yourself, I am happy to put them in on your behalf. If you are unable to access the church building and would like to put the flowers in yourself, please contact me.

Some people who have been delivering flowers for several years are no longer able to continue so I would be very grateful for any new helpers.

Thank you to those who have provided flowers during the past year and to those who help to deliver flowers each week, it is greatly appreciated.

The 2027 Provider and Delivery rota sheets should be on the notice board at the beginning of December.

Many thanks

Irene Russell

Flower Rota September 2026

06th Sept. Lin/Chris Woodhams.

13th Sept.

20th Sept. Bob/Margaret Temple.

27th Sept.

04th Oct.

Social Day

Thank you to all of you who came and joined in our social day. It was good to see so many of you there, which included our friends from the URC church, and two ladies from Linda's Friday monthly lunch.

We are proposing to hold another one on Wednesday 04 November.

Look out for the poster with more details

Jenny Chalmers

The Prayer Tree

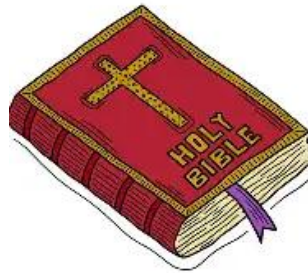


The Prayer Tree is in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on a leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

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.

Date	Led by
03 rd Sept.	Jill Race.
01 st Oct.	Bob Temple.
05 th Nov.	TBA.
03 rd Dec.	Revd. Pauline
07 th Jan	Bob Temple



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

We are now studying the Ten Commandments based in part based on J John's study. If you're interested, please come along and join us.

Thank you, Audrey.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

As we enter another liturgical year let's all give thanks for our church family and its part in our life. As John Wesley reminded us, 'The best of all is, God is with us.' Let us step into this new year with expectant hearts, ready to worship deeply, serve passionately, and spread love in our communities."

Thank you to everyone who helped at the church clean, and the kitchen clean in August - you've done an amazing job x

On 1st November Local Arrangements have been planned across the Circuit churches. At Fareham, Revd. Pauline Crispin will conduct the Holy Communion part of the service. To prepare for these Local Arrangement services there will be a Circuit Worship Workshop on Saturday 3rd October at Stubbington Methodist Church from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We would like as many people as possible from the Fareham congregation to attend this workshop.

The session aims to explore ways to offer creative and meaningful worship without having a planned preacher for the day. Attending the workshop will not commit you to taking part in the LA but will give you the opportunity to consider if it is something you may be interested in doing, either for this one or in the future. A poster is included in this issue of Focus. Please put the date in your diary now. If you can attend, please sign up on the list in the welcome area by Sunday 20th September so that we can inform the Circuit office how many people from Fareham will be attending the workshop.

Thankyou everyone, have a good September.
Rach - on behalf of the Stewards



"We found you!!"
Not a good place to hide.

MESSAGES FROM OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The boys and I want to thank you all so much for the care shown to us these past few weeks. For the numerous cards, your prayers and thoughts that have been so up lifting for us. We also need to thank very much for those who donated to the two charities that have helped Patrick and I over the past 4-5 years. We do not have a total yet as some monies are still arriving from places further afield. But we are very grateful for what has been received to date. Thank you.

Bobby, Andy and Mike

Mum asked if I could send a picture of the flowers she received after Patrick's memorial service, in case you wanted to include them in the church magazine. She was very touched that Bobby had gone to such lengths to deliver beautiful posies after the service. Mum also found the service well planned and very moving. She was also very impressed by Patrick's lifetime achievements.

On behalf of Una Peters.



I would like to thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Jean in respect of my cousin's prognosis of terminal cancer. She is well supported by her church and knows the love of our Lord who is always by her side. Lin xx

The funeral of Vic Collins will take place at Portchester Crematorium on Thursday 24th September at 12.00 noon followed at Cams Mill Fareham.



Fourth Friday Games

September 25th, 2026

Come and join us.

Games, refreshments and fun.

Daily Bible Reading Notes from the International Bible Reading Association IBRA.

It is time to order a copy of the IBRA reading scheme for 2027.

This year the cost will be £16. The books contain a weekly theme; a daily Bible reading; thoughts on the reading and a daily prayer.

Please let me know if you would like a copy.

Jill Race. 01329 516213 or e-mail jmrace1@sky.com

Terracycling

When I started recycling, I had 11 programs. I had to apply for permission to collect a program, each program had to be separated, and I had a minimum amount to send e.g. Bread wrappers 3 kg.

Over the time Terracycling started to cancel programs. Household cleaning products, dental products, coffee bags, cheese wrappers, pens and pringle tubes.

Bread wrappers was my most collected program and with that I also had plastic trays from the bakery, this was something the supermarket didn't take, however Terracycling has now cancelled the bread wrapper program, the bread with wax wrappers will finish on Saturday 19th September.

What I can continue to collect is Ferrero Rocher, and Kinder, Marigold gloves, Spontex disposable gloves and biscuit wrappers although how things are going, I expect biscuit wrappers will soon finish.

From the beginning until now we have recycled 90 kilograms.

Thank you for your participation.
Edith.



Jeremy Hicks - Christians Together in Fareham

<secretary@farehamchristians.org.uk>

Accommodation and sponsorship enquiry – Fareham area resident

Dear St John's Fareham Church team,

I hope you do not mind me contacting you.

My name is Svitlana, and I am a Ukrainian woman currently living in the Fareham area under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Unfortunately, my current hosting arrangement is coming to an end sooner than expected, and I am looking for a new safe and stable housing solution.

I wondered whether your church community might be willing to help by sharing my appeal with your members or local contacts.

Ideally, I am looking for a new Homes for Ukraine sponsor in the Fareham, Portchester or Locks Heath/Park Gate areas. However, I would also be grateful to hear about any affordable local accommodation (a room, annexe or small studio) where rent could potentially be covered through Universal Credit housing support.

To tell you a little about myself, I am 61 years old, independent, a non-smoker, quiet and tidy. I have a background in tourism and international humanitarian work (including my previous role with the Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine). Since arriving in the UK, I have been doing my best to become a part of the local community. I am currently completing my onboarding to volunteer with SSAFA charity.

I completely understand that finding accommodation is not the role of the church, but even sharing my message could make a real difference and help me to reach the right person.

If you know any local Christian organisations, charities, or community groups that specialize in housing support, I would be deeply grateful if you could share their details with me.

Thank you very much for your kindness and for any support you may be able to offer.

Kind regards,

Svitlana

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HARVEST SUNDAY LUNCH

20th September 2026 at 12.15 p.m. approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. Please sign the list in the Welcome Area. 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 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: Gammon, Cheese and Onion Pie,(hopefully!)
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.

[Teams4u.com](https://teams4u.com)

I don't like to mention this, but Christmas is coming soon and we're thinking about getting the shoe boxes for teams4U.
If you'd like a shoe box to cover, (I have a few), or a list of what to put in please see me.

The final date for collection will be Sunday 7th November

Thank you

Audrey



One fine afternoon a man climbed a tall hill and looked down on the beautiful, wooded countryside below. The sun shone and the man rested, sitting and leaning against an old oak tree. The air was heavy with the scent of the wildflowers growing on the hillside so much so that he became tired, closing his eyes as he fell into a trance. The man dreamed a dream, and this was his dream...

In his dream he saw God sitting on a high rock and God said to the man “I believe that you are a good and ordinary man, but I am a curious God and this day I have three questions for you. The first question is, if I give you great power to pass to the leaders of the earth to do good, who would you choose?”

The man was much amazed but nevertheless thought long and hard and eventually replied to God. “I have no power myself and no wish to use the power that you may give me, for if I gave such power, even to a good man, he might become corrupted. How would I know? I could be wrong. How can I judge? You alone have the power, Lord, and will know who cannot be corrupted. I cannot do as you have asked for, I might not choose wisely.”

God said, “But you have answered wisely my son!”

Now I have a second question to ask you. “To whom would you give great wisdom?” The man thought again for a long time. Finally, he said to God, “I think that I have some common sense but I, myself, do not have great wisdom. How can I confer such a gift wisely on others?” God smiled once more and said, “You have answered well, my son!”

Then God asked his third question, “If I give you, one wish my son, what will you choose to do with my benefaction?” Once again, the man considered this great gift from God and replied, “If I take up this gift that you wish to bestow upon me, I shall be a selfish man. I might do selfish things for my own benefit and not think of others. This is a most difficult decision, Lord, but this gift I must again pass back to you for you only are all knowing, you only have great wisdom, and you only are all powerful in this world!”

Then God smiled again and said, “You are the good man my son, my curiosity has been answered and I am greatly pleased. Go in peace and happiness, for you will use your wisdom that I give you this day.” Then God vanished up into a cloud.

Then the man awoke from his dream and wondered long before he walked down from the hill and back to his home.

(Submitted by Ian Bagshaw with permission from the author - a friend and former colleague.)

Deadline for October efocus is Monday 28 th September.



FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come along and join us

On the 20th September

at 10:30am

PLEASE BRING
ALONG
DONATIONS FOR
THE
BASICS FOOD
BANK

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 GOSPORT BASICS BANK
Local people supporting local people

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

As part of our **Harvest Weekend celebrations**, we will be holding a **Social Fun and Games Evening** suitable for all ages, starting at **6:00 PM**.

This will be a **bring-and-share supper**, so please bring a dish to share.



Messy Church 4th August 2026

We had lots of fun at Messy Church. Making clay pots like the woman of the well-used back in the day. Figures created to represent the people around the well. Cookies decorated in shape always go down well. Outside we had bubbles blowing and water pistols shooting water at pin pong balls in a paddling pool. Lunch went down well and choc ices just the thing in the hot weather.

Come and join us on the 27th October for more fun.



Got a couple of hours to spare?

FGN Volunteer Befrienders offer comfort, kindness and support to people in Fareham, so why not join our team and make a difference?

Sometimes you'll be a listening ear; sometimes you'll share a laugh. Each visit is different, but all are appreciated.

If you have

- ✓ a caring nature
- ✓ a willingness to listen
- ✓ a small amount of time to make a difference

then this could be for you.

Interested? Contact us today for a friendly chat.

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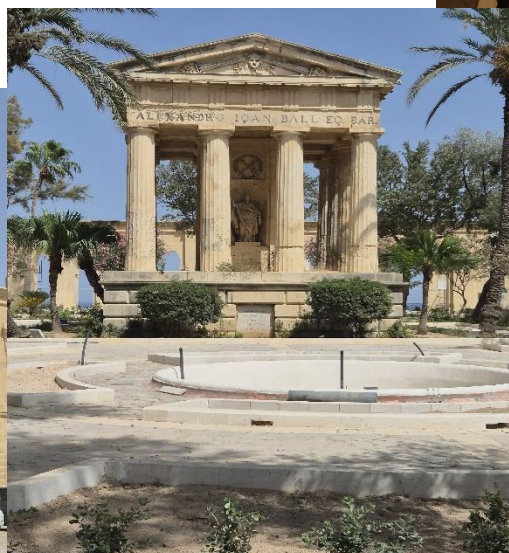
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HOLIDAY SNAPS FROM CHURCH MEMBERS

The picturesque buildings were
In Rennes.



The picture of Edith and me was by
the walls of San Malo and, on the
left, Edith and Clare going toward
the entrance into San Malo.



Thank you, Rach, for your photos from Malta.