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### **SERVICES DURING JULY**

3rd	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
10th	10.30	Fareham Team	
	19.00	Stephen Oliver	Sunday Two
17th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	All Age Worship
	18.00	Revd Stephen Wright	Holy Communion Iona Style
24th	10.30	Revd Vincent Canning	Healing Service
31st	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	

### **SERVICES DURING AUGUST**

7th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
	16.00	Care Homes Summer Service	
14th	10.30	Jean Hooper	
21st	10.30	Revd Jack Jenkins	
28th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	

### **SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER**

4th 10.30      Revd Malcolm Groom    Holy Communion & Covenant Service

### **LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

10th July	Andrew Wilcock at Gosport
24th July	Andrew Wilcock at Lee on Solent
28th Aug	Andrew Wilcock at Portchester

Please remember these preachers in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in churches in the Circuit.

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**July - August 2011**

Dear Friends,

One day a lady criticised D. L. Moody, the famous evangelist of the late 1800's, for his methods of evangelism in attempting to win people to the Lord. Moody's reply was; "*I agree with you. I don't like the way I do it either. Tell me, how do you do it?*" The Lady replied, "*I don't do it.*" Moody retorted, "*Then I like my way of doing it better than your way of not doing it.*"



"*Evangelism*" is not a popular word amongst many Christians. To many of us we have visions of being accosted in the street with "*Are you saved?*" or persistent callers at the door who recite Biblical passages about "*Sin, Hell and Damnation*". However, we cannot deny that Christ called us to "*Make disciples of all nations....*" (Matt 28) Someone once said "*Evangelism is one beggar showing another where there is food to eat*" - So, how do we reach out to our brothers and sisters with the "*Bread of heaven*"?



**BackToChurchSunday**

I'd like to introduce you to "**Back to Church Sunday**". This takes place across the country on the 25<sup>th</sup> September this year. Back to Church Sunday is

now the largest single local-church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite '*back*' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed a specially warm welcome.

Back To Church Sunday has grown beyond all expectations since the first one in Greater Manchester in 2004. Last year it is estimated that 100,000 extra people were invited and came to this special Sunday worship. We don't know how many of them continued to come, but I'm sure many did. - So how does it work?

The answer is simple. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September we have our Covenant Service during which we will briefly explain what Back to Church Sunday is all about. We will issue everyone with some special invitation cards. What we ask you to do is, using the card, invite someone to our special service on 25<sup>th</sup> September. BackToChurchSunday (There's no limit to how many people you can invite - extra cards will be available!). What is important is that it's a personal invitation from you.



That's all the "Evangelism" we ask you to do - well, that and being there to make everyone welcome on the 25<sup>th</sup>! - That's not too difficult is it?

Two and a half million people are estimated to have come forward to give their lives to Christ because of Billy Graham's preaching. You all know of Billy Graham, but how many of you know of Albert McMakin? It's a fascinating story, but simply, if it hadn't been for Albert we would never have heard of Billy Graham!

I hope you will all take this opportunity to help bring someone to Christ.

God bless,

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Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

## **VESTRY JOTTINGS**

"Kids Fun Church" is now well established and will continue to run through-out the summer (ie. 4th Sunday of July & August ). These are well planned and structured with a different theme for each session. The Stewards send their best wishes and prayers for the continued success of these events for young people.

We wish a Happy Retirement to Revd Vincent and Sharon Canning. They will be retiring at the end of July after more than 40 years' service to the Methodist Church. The Circuit Stewards would like to make a presentation to them at their final service on the evening of July 31st at Gosport Church. Anyone wishing to contribute to the gift, please ensure that contributions are with Nigel Cox (01329 232990) or [cox39@btinternet.com](mailto:cox39@btinternet.com) by Sunday, 24th July. Everyone is invited to the Circuit service on 31st July at 6.00 pm at Gosport.

We extend a Warm Welcome to Revd Anna Bishop at Portchester; she joins us on the 2nd September 2011.

We are desperately in need of someone to take on the role of Church Property Steward as soon as possible. This can be a co-ordinating role: it is not essential that the person has to be able to do the practical work themselves. Is this a way that you can offer service to the church? Please give this your consideration and if you are interested and would like some more information please contact one of the Church Stewards. The main tasks are:

To be a member of the Church Property and Finance Committee (4-6 meetings per year).

To be a member of Circuit Property Committee (1 meeting a year)

To maintain the property log book for the premises.

To complete the annual schedule for presentation to the Autumn Church Council.

To co-ordinate the maintenance requirements of the building and to arrange that repairs are carried out within the delegated budget.

To ensure that the annual servicing of the boilers and fire extinguishers is completed and that the annual gas safety certificate is obtained.

To liaise with the caretaker and cleaner as required (not line manage).

To accompany the inspector at the 5 yearly building inspection, to receive the report of that inspection and advise the Property Committee of its contents.

### The Stewards

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## THANK YOU



Thank you all so very much indeed for your prayers, good wishes, for all the lovely get well cards, and the Church flowers following the operations on my feet. I must say a particular thank you to Betty for lending me the wheelchair. It has made such a difference, and I have been far safer using the chair than trying to balance on crutches!! As most of you have seen I am making very good progress and hope to be fully discharged by the hospital by the end of July.

### Bobby



Many thanks for the beautiful Church flowers delivered first by Joan Padley and then by Liz Haigh. The flowers helped to cheer me up at a difficult time. Also Ken would like to thank you for the lovely flowers delivered to Merry Hall. He is very pleased at being remembered in this way.

### Sheila Walters

Grateful thanks to the cake makers, helpers and the people who supported our coffee morning in aid of Action for Children. In spite of the dismal weather we had a pleasant time and raised over £300; with more to come from the sale of the quizzes.



### Gwen & Harvey

## Ukraine Mission

Thank you to everyone who has kindly contributed items for me to take to the Ukraine to use in the summer school. Also many thanks for the gifts of money for the mission. You have all been very generous.

### Jill

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**Gwen**

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## **QUIZZES**

Look out for, our now customary, Summer Holiday Quiz! This soon to be available quiz will support Action for Children.

**Mary Bailey**

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## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Our final visit of the Summer Programme is on:

13th July              Visit to 82 Osborne Road, Warsash.  
                        No 57 Bus  
                        Depart Fareham Bus Station at 1.53 pm

**Shirley Henderson**

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## **OUTREACH GROUP**

We are inviting Care Home Residents—and any of our own Church Members who would like to join us, to an afternoon service followed by tea and cakes on Sunday 7th August.



We would be grateful for any help in the making of cakes, help on the afternoon to serve the tea and/or with transport. Please look for a list in the middle of July on the Notice Board and sign if you are able to help in some way. Many thanks on behalf of the group.

**Lynda Young**

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## **KITCHEN CLEAN!**

I am planning the annual ‘deep’ clean of the main kitchen during the week beginning 8th August. If anyone has a couple of hours free during that week and would be willing to lend a hand I would be very grateful. As the old proverb says “Many hands make light work”.

Any volunteers please contact me to arrange convenient times

## **BIBLEFRESH - Bridgemary Church 5th June**

This was a successful afternoon spent doing various activities focusing on Psalm 23, as part of the year long celebrations to make the 400th year of the King James Bible. One of the activities was to rewrite the psalm. Here are 2 samples of this task!

### **FOR CHILDREN**

### **Psalm 23**

I shall have everything that I need. He will lead me to beautiful places of trees, flowers and grass, where there is safe water to play in and lovely places to rest. When I am tired He helps me to find energy and he cares for me.

He shows me how to behave in the right way and the world will see that God is good. Even when life is scary and I am afraid, he will look after me. I will be brave because God is with me, helping me to understand.

When I have troubles all around me God will show me happy things, so that I will know that I am special to him.

His goodness and love will be with me all my life.

**Jill Groom**

And with Holidays in mind - - -



### **FOR THE TRAVELLER**

### **23rd Psalm**

The Lord is my excellent tour guide

He looks after my every need and I want for nothing.

He takes me to restful country venues and places with beautiful rippling water. The cool breezes wash over me, the sunshine warms me.

And I feel refreshed.

Because he is concerned for me he shows me the right path. Even though we go through difficult terrain and narrow paths I need not fear. He is there, re-assuring me, showing me the footholds, lending me a hand and letting me use his special walking stick.

He anticipates all my needs and provides for them. In a foreign land he translates for me so I have no fear about being misunderstood. He enables me to enjoy this travel to the uttermost.

His reputation is such that I know I can travel with him again and again and will always be cared for in the same way. To travel with him is heavenly.

**Nigel Cox**

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## **SUNDAY LUNCH 24th JULY at 12.15 pm Approx.**

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal, we just ask for donations for MHA. 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:** Vegetable Soup or Melon

**Main Course:** Chicken Breast in BBQ  
Sauce or Gravy  
Chipolatas, Roast Potatoes  
Selection of Vegetables

**Puddings:** Variety



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

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### **GREETINGS FROM CANADA**

There is a postal strike in Canada so I cannot send the usual postcards to my Fareham friends. Could you please tell them that all is well with me. I am in Jasper at the moment but off to Vancouver tomorrow. Weather a mixture of sun, cloud and rain, but I am enjoying the marvellous scenery. I sing "O Lord my God . . ." Best wishes to all in Fareham.

**Eric Wheeler**

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### **SUPPER CLUB**

I am thinking of having the next Supper Club on Saturday, 10th September. As usual I am hoping that someone will kindly offer to prepare the main meal, others, the dessert; and if anyone has an idea for an activity, that too would be most welcome. 9

**Eric Wheeler**

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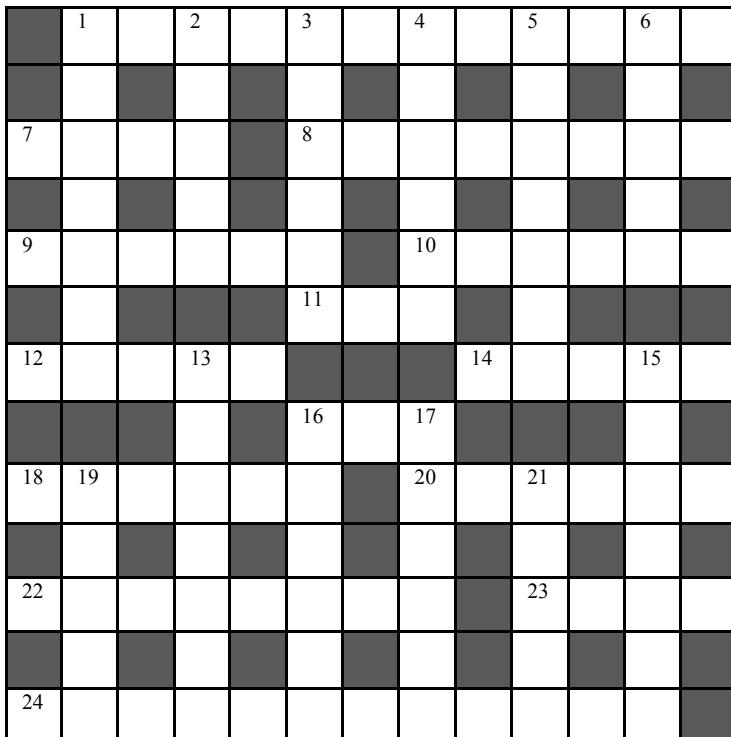
## HEALING PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing Group will be held on Wednesday,  
7th September 2011 at the home of Joan and Jeff  
Padley. All are welcome at 7.30 pm at 2 Archery  
Lane, Fareham.

Rita Jackson



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| 1 | Films with soundtrack (7) | 13 | Naval personnel (7)             |
| 2 | Biggest antelope (5)      | 15 | Late riser (3,4)                |
| 3 | Response (6)              | 16 | Stop it, desist! (3,3)          |
| 4 | Excitingly foreign (6)    | 17 | Tot's name for a locomotive (6) |
| 5 | Mythic Greek huntress (7) | 19 | Someone beyond help (5)         |
| 6 | Special occasion (5)      | 21 | Shinbone (5)                    |

### ACROSS

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|----|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Harold Pinter drama (3,9) | 7  | Biting insect (4)               |
| 8  | Footwear support (6)      | 9  | Golfer's one under par (6)      |
| 10 | Asylum resident (6)       | 11 | Mythical giant bird (3)         |
| 12 | River of Grenoble (5)     | 14 | Holy tune (5)                   |
| 16 | Drink like a cat (3)      | 18 | Poirot's creator's forename (6) |
| 20 | Freed from rope (6)       | 22 | Intermittent (2,3,3)            |
| 23 | Infant (4)                | 24 | Continue energetically (5,7)    |

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## **THE METHODIST WORLD MISSION FUND: Supporting Education in Haiti**

A print shop in Haiti is to be kitted out with new equipment, thanks to grants from the United Church of Canada and the Methodist Church in Britain.

The Methodist Church in Britain and the United Church of Canada are both giving \$50,000 (£30,000) towards the purchase of a second-hand Heidelberg two-colour printer, to replace one that had become damaged following the 2010 earthquake.

The Eglise Metodiste d' Haiti (EMH) ran the print shop in its Frères Campus for many years. It produced curriculum material for the EMH's 100 schools, as well as other administrative printed resources, and was one of the ways in which the EMH received an income in order to maintain its long term mission.

The damage to its printing machine was the consequence of refugees from nearby homes that had been destroyed moving into the school campus, pitching tents, being housed in undamaged buildings and the consequential use of an educational campus being transformed into a refugee camp for displaced people. Toilets blocks, classrooms, staff homes, perimeter boundaries and business within the campus were also damaged.

"When I visited the print shop in November 2010, work constantly had to be stopped and paper was being spoiled by the breakdown of the machine for which the earthquake had been one shock too much," said Tom Quenet, the Methodist Church in Britain's partnership coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"These grants will make the EMH more efficient and make more secure the employment it offers to the present 20 people that work at the shop. This is part of the 'building back better' response to the disaster; it will enable the EMH to produce, more, cheaper and better quality educational materials that will not only make its products to its own student better but enable the EMH to offer more and better printing services to the Haitian educational and church communities."

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## **NEW PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE**

Our new President Revd Leo Osborn gave an interview to a reporter from Parish Pump prior to Conference meeting in Southport to be held on Saturday, 3 July. Below is part of that interview when he was asked various questions beginning with “How and when did you discover faith in God?”

“I was privileged to be brought up in a Christian home and going to church was second nature to me. But it was at the age of 13 that I made a commitment to Christ in response to an invitation made by David Sheppard, then test cricketer and later Bishop of Liverpool. I recognise now that all that had happened up to that point was preparing me for that time and was hugely significant.”

“Who has most inspired you on your Christian journey?”

“I wish I had a whole page for this one! Of course saints with a capital ‘S’ come to mind and Barnabas is a special favourite for his gift of encouragement and Cuthbert, too, from Lindisfarne in my own district. But saints with a small ‘s’ have been hugely important too: my mother and aunt who both showed me Jesus; Mary who prayed for me each day; George who didn’t despair of me as a trainee local preacher and Herbert who lived everything he believed. I have been immensely privileged to have known them and so many others.”

“Why have you chosen your theme – “Caring as Disciples of Jesus”?”

It really springs from the words in Colossians 1:17 where Paul tells us that “In Christ all things hold together”. One of the best ways in which we can model that to a fragmented world is through the quality and breadth of our care. But it will only ring true when, within the church, we are holding on to each other and being held together by Christ in our discipleship.”

“What are your hopes and dreams for the Methodist Church?”

“There is so much that excites me about being a Methodist Christian. Sometimes I think we tend to be envious of other Churches who we think excel in worship, preaching, evangelism, concern for the poor and marginalised and so on. But often a Church may be strong in one of these areas and weak or unconcerned in another. Yet we want to say that all these things and more besides are important, and although we don’t always get it right I value so much a Church that has helped to shape me as I hope a ‘rounded’ Christian. I wish we could celebrate this ‘roundedness’ a bit more!”

“What do you think are the greatest challenges facing the Methodist Church today?”

“We are still sometimes afraid to take risks lest we get things wrong and are not always ready to trust those whom God through the Church has called to lead us to do so! But perhaps the greatest challenge is how to proclaim the gospel we sing that ‘we have ... to proclaim’ in a world that is changing more rapidly than many of us care to admit. Because I still believe this gospel is worth proclaiming, I hope this year to learn from those who are doing so in new and creative ways.”

“What book (apart from the Bible) has been a source of inspiration to you?

“Pilgrim’s Progress would probably be top of the list but Three Men in a Boat reminds me that it is good to laugh at oneself (and of course okay to laugh at the Church too!) More recently I’ve been both challenged and helped by the writings of Brian McLaren.”

“As 2011 is the Year of the Bible what is your favourite Bible verse and passage? Why?”

“Hebrews 11-13 are wonderful chapters and I think I could preach from them forever! Faith, women and men of faith, perseverance, worship, practical Christianity – it’s all there! When I was in Crusaders as a teenager it took as its motto Hebrews 12:2 “Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (AV). If I’m allowed to place alongside it Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” then I will be content!”

“What do you do to relax?”

“The obvious answer would be watching Aston Villa (mostly on television) but it’s not been at all relaxing this season! Warwickshire cricket is in the same category! So walking, listening to The Archers and J S Bach will have to do. (And an occasional break at our cottage in Norfolk doesn’t come amiss either!)”

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## **OBSERVATION**

Experience is something you don’t get until just after you need it.

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## **WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN YOU PRAY?**

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was deputised to show me around.

Our first stop was at a large room filled with angels. They were unfolding, reading and stacking thousands of bits of paper, of all sizes. My angel guide explained, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received. I looked around the area, and it was terribly busy. Angels were sorting out petitions from all over the world. Some were long and involved and weighty, others merely a sigh on a scrap of paper.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings that have been asked for are processed and delivered to the people who need them. I noticed again how busy it was there. The angels were working hard to package and send back to earth all the blessings that had been requested.

Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor, we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, doing nothing much. "This is the Acknowledgement Section, my angel friend said quietly. He seemed a bit embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here? I asked.

The angel sighed. "Well, after people receive the blessings that they ask for, it seems very few think to send back any acknowledgement."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings? I asked..

"Simple," the angel answered. "Just say, 'Thank you, Lord.' And mean it."

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### **SMILE LINES**

I was thinking of becoming a doctor. I have the handwriting for it!

God may have made our relatives—but thank God we can choose our friends!

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## LIFE'S LESSON EXPLAINED - FINALLY!!

On the first day, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years".

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God saw it was good.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span".

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

On the third day, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good

On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Cont. ...

Life has now been explained to you.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service. If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch

Anon

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## **INVALUABLE THINGS YOU CAN GIVE YOUR CHILDREN**

What will really help your son and daughter succeed in life? When one day they leave home to search for jobs and perhaps a stable relationship, they will need more than head knowledge of the word: they will need social skills.

So says a leading head teacher, John Fairhurst, head of Shenfield High School, Essex, speaking at a recent conference on education. He stresses the difference it can make to a child's life if they learn even the basics: to turn up for meetings on time, to talk easily with colleagues, and to present themselves neatly and clearly in various situations.

Dependability, teamwork and communication should be taught alongside traditional subjects in order to prepare them for the world of work. John Fairhurst stresses: "The notion that there is a simplistic binary choice between knowledge and skills is false. Successful people have both".

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## **MORE SMILES**

Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available.

Jim Beggs

Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it. Anon

Everyone smiles in the same language. Anon

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles.

George Eliot

Smile - sunshine is good for your teeth!

Anon

A laugh is a smile that bursts.

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Mary H Waldrip

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## A LITTLE CHRISTIAN HUMOUR

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, **THAT'S IT !** I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments.

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets.

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports.

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightening suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and , of course, the power went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally, the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming It's gone ! It's all GONE ! I lost everything when the power went out. Meanwhile Jesus quietly started printing out all his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. Wait, he screamed. That's not fair. He cheated. How come he has all his work and I don't have any? God just shrugged and said,

**JESUS SAVES**

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## AN E-MAIL SENT TO ME

This is a tribute to all Grandmas and Grandpas who have been fearless  
and . . . Learned to use the Computer . . . They are the greatest!!!  
(eg Cyril & Margaret!)

The computer swallowed grandma,  
Yes, honestly its true!  
She pressed 'control and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.



It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her

**It's Surfer Grandma !**



And send her back to me.

We do not stop playing because we grow old  
We grow old because we stop playing!

## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

### **Y o u t h**

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind. . . . .

It is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. . . .

Whether sixty or sixteen, every human being may experience wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing, the childlike appetite for the future, the joy in living.

For you are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your despair.

As long as your heart receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage, and power from God and from your fellowmen, you are young.

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**Trinity Pre-school**

### **SUMMER FAYRE**

Please come along and support the Pre-School Summer Fayre which is taking place at the Church on Saturday, 16th July 2011 from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Linda Foster

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### **LAWS OF PROBABILITY**

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you do<sup>19</sup> not want to be seen with!

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## Mouse Makes

It was Jesus who taught us to call God our '**Heavenly Father**'. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray he said:

"When you pray, go to your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. And your Father who sees what you do in private, will reward you."

READ Matthew 6:9-15



To make a praying hand bookmark, carefully cut out around the hands, fold back along the centre dotted line and glue together.

Use the words on the hands and fingers to help you as you pray.



## ANOTHER CHANCE

The Bible gives us some lovely pictures of how God is always willing to give us another chance. One story you may not know is of Jeremiah and the potter...

Jeremiah was a prophet, a person who gave God's message to the people. One day he watched a potter using a simple wheel to make cooking pots. One of the pots wasn't quite right, but the potter didn't throw it away and start another one. He just squashed it down and started again, this time turning it into a perfect pot. The clay had a second chance to be beautiful and useful.

Jeremiah realised that God was showing him that all of us are in God's hands. God, like the potter, gives us another chance to what we should be.



## GINGERBREAD SHAPES

100 g (4 oz) margarine  
100 g (4 oz) sugar  
275g (10 oz) plain flour  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
3 teaspoons ground ginger  
golden syrup  
(warmed, about 2 tablespoons)

Heat the oven to 180C (350F, Gas 4) and line a baking tray.

Cream together the margarine. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Add enough syrup to make a dough.

Now all you have to do is roll out the dough on a floured board and cut it into shapes. You can make gingerbread people or anything. If you are not happy with how they look you can, like Jeremiah's potter, squash it and start again.

Put the shapes on the baking tray and cook for 15 minutes. Cool on the tray. Finish with icing, chocolate drops etc.



What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?  
A baking sheet.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

### **JULY**

1st	Monthly Lunch	12.30
5th	Faith & Worship at the Manse	19.30
12th	Circuit Leadership Team at the Manse	10.00
	Fareham Church Council	19.30
13th	Wednesday Fellowship to Warsash Bus 57	13.53
	Local Preachers Meeting, at Portchester MC	19.30
	Christians Together in Fareham	19.30
16th	Trinity Pre-School Summer Fayre	10.00 - 12.00
17th	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15
19th	Faith & Worship at 2 Archery Lane	19.30

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### **AUGUST**

2nd	Fellowship BBQ at Fareham Manse for LP & WL's	19.00
5th	Monthly Lunch	12.30
7th	Summer Care Home Service	16.00

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### **SEPTEMBER**

2nd	Monthly Lunch	12.30
6th	Faith & Worship at Fareham Manse	19.30
7th	Healing Group at 2 Archery Lane	19.30
11th	MHA Circuit Service to launch the “Live at Home” Scheme	18.30
14th	Circuit Meeting at Fareham MC	19.30
18th	Sunday Lunch	approx 12.15

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## **REFRESHMENT ROTA**

### **JULY**

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|------|--|
| 3rd  | Margaret Temple, Sally Bland, Brenda Bennett |
| 10th | Cath Stevenson, Vic Collins                  |
| 17th | Pat Croker, Mary Bailey                      |
| 24th | Liz Haigh, Liz Avison                        |
| 31st | Ruth & Tony Elvery                           |

### **AUGUST**

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|------|--|
| 7th  | Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters, Jill Groom |
| 14th | Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow    |
| 21st | Keith & Shirley Sargeant, Peggy Long     |
| 28th | Brownies & Guides                        |

### **SEPTEMBER**

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| 4th | Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock |
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Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am  
(Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

**Fareham Focus is now available to be read on Fareham Church Website**

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### **FOCUS CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

#### **ACROSS**

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|-----|---------------|
| 1.  | The Caretaker |
| 7.  | Flea          |
| 8.  | Shoetree      |
| 9.  | Birdie        |
| 10. | Inmate        |
| 11. | Roc           |
| 12. | Isere         |
| 14. | Psalm         |
| 16. | Lap           |
| 18. | Agatha        |
| 20. | Untied        |
| 22. | On and Off    |
| 23. | Baby          |
| 24. | Press Forward |

#### **DOWN**

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| 1.  | Talkies  |
| 2.  | Eland    |
| 3.  | Answer   |
| 4.  | Exotic   |
| 5.  | Artemis  |
| 6.  | Event    |
| 13. | Ratings  |
| 15. | Lie abed |
| 16. | Lay off  |
| 17. | Puffer   |
| 19. | Goner    |
| 21. | Tibia    |
| 23. |          |

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## **DOOR STEWARDS**

### **JULY**

3rd	10.30	Sheila & Graham Dyer, Lynda Young
10th	10.30	Shirley & Keith Sargeant
	19.00	A N Other
17th	10.30	Linda & Kevin Foster
	18.00	Eric Wheeler
24th	10.30	Meg & Nigel Cox
31st	10.30	Garry Bagshaw, Lynda Hayden-Jones

### **AUGUST**

7th	10.30	Bobby & Patrick Watson
	16.00	A N Other
14th	10.30	To Be Notified
21st	10.30	"
28th	10.30	"

### **SEPT**

4th	10.30	"
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## **FLOWER ROTA**

### **JULY**

3rd	Garry Bagshaw
10th	Linda & Kevin Foster
17th	Shirley & Keith Sargeant
24th	Jill & Malcolm Race
31st	Marion Bright

### **AUGUST**

7th	Eric Wheeler
14th	Betty Phillips
21st	Mary Bailey
28th	Irene Russell

### **SEPTEMBER**

4th	Lynda Thomas
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## **PRESS DATE**

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