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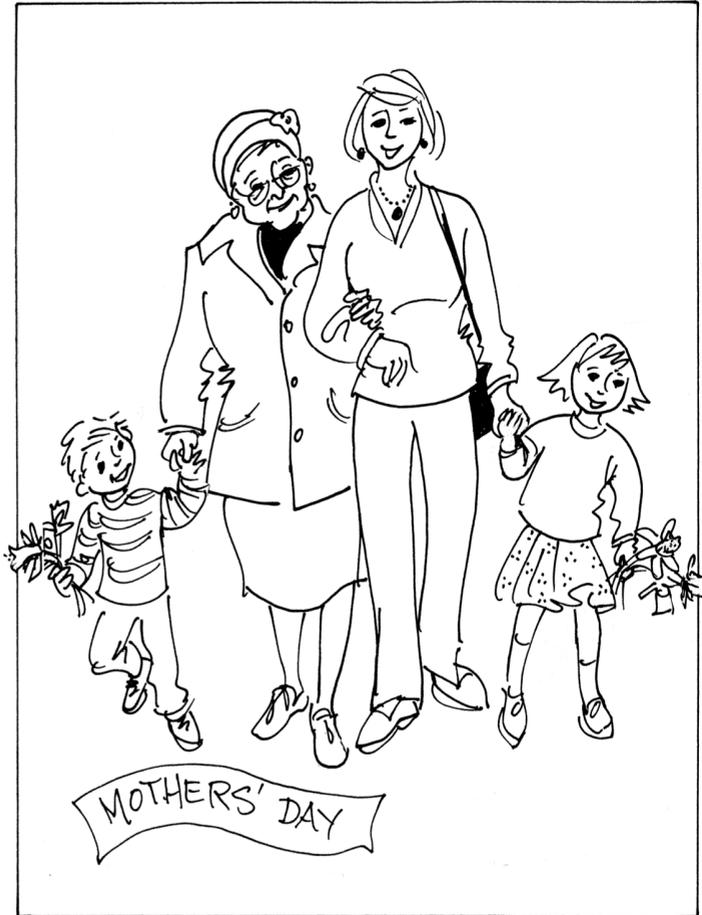
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### **SERVICES DURING MARCH**

4th	10.30	Revd Gillian Slaymaker	Holy Communion
11th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Followed by Annual Church Meeting
	19.00	Stephen Oliver	Sunday Two
18th	10.30	Alex Jameson	All Age Worship
25th	10.30	Pam Davey	
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Iona Style

### **SERVICES DURING APRIL**

1st 10.30 Revd Malcolm Groom Holy Communion

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

11th Mar Andrew Wilcock at Lee on Solent  
18th Mar Fareham Team at Stubbington

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

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## MARCH 2012

Dear Friends

Our history archive tells us that around the early 1900s Fareham Methodist Church had “.....42 members of staff, 220 children. A School library with 318 books, and 39 children collecting for J.M.A” and that was just the Sunday School!



- I think we all recognise that things have changed significantly these days and although we're a very lively and active church, our numbers have diminished and the age profile of our members has moved upwards (considerably!).

Strangely, our organisational structure hasn't diminished at all – in fact, if anything, it is larger! We've got more councils and committees now that we've ever had – and what is true of our Church is also true of our Circuits, Districts and the Connexion. The inevitable result of all this is that our administrative processes are much more complicated than we need and are clogging up the important work of Mission.

The Connexion (our national governing body) in recognising this also believes that.... *'the circuit is the primary unit in which Local Churches express and experience their interconnexion in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help.'* (SO 500 – from our constitution). Understanding this, some time ago they published a document called ***"MAPPING A WAY FORWARD: REGROUPING FOR MISSION"*** and invited circuits to enter discussions with neighbouring circuits with a view to possible closer co-operation and even merger.

For some time now, the stewards and staff of our Circuit have been in on-going discussions with our counterparts in the Southampton, Meon Valley, Portsmouth and Petersfield Circuits. Southampton and the

Meon Valley Circuits have decided that their future lies elsewhere. Further discussions are planned with the Portsmouth and Petersfield Circuits. We are continuing to talk about what things we could do and how we could do them better together – the advantages and the disadvantages of different models of organisation, and so on.

Any decisions for change will, of course, have to be agreed by our Circuit Meeting, on which all our churches are represented. I would very much like to sound you out as to your views on this matter. Perhaps we could open up a public discussion forum through Focus and the website? Please let me have your comments in written form (letter, email, etc.), indicating if you would be prepared for them to be published or not (you must be prepared to put your name to them – anonymous comments won't be considered!)

Look forward to hearing from you!


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## VESTRY JOTTINGS

This year for Lent we are using slightly different Lenten Liturgies. A booklet has been produced that we will be using for the six Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday. Each week there are responses and prayers for the congregation to join in with, as symbols are placed under the Lenten Cross.

We hope that you will be able to attend the General Church Meeting on **Sunday 11 March** at approx 11.45. The meeting will only last for about half an hour. After the required business, including appointment of new Church Stewards, has been conducted there will be a discussion regarding the North Fareham Plan. We are desperately in need of one more person to offer to become a new Steward. Please consider this and if you think you

can help us please contact Jean Petter (01329 287062, [jean@5dm.co.uk](mailto:jean@5dm.co.uk) or in person) before 11 March.

This year's Easter morning service at 10.30 in the Church will take the form of an Easter Carol service. There will be a Circuit Communion service on the beach at Hill Head at 8am and a Sunday 2 Communion service at 7.00pm.

The Stewards

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## **CHURCH CAR PARKING - 18 MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY**

The Masonic Car Park will **NOT** be available for Church use on Sunday, 18 March. Street parking in the vicinity of the Church is available in Kings Road and Western Road. Parking is free on Sundays in the LONG STAY car parks, the nearest of which are at the end of Western Road, behind Holy Trinity Church, and the Youth Centre in Osborn Road. Thank you

Jean Petter

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## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank you for the Church flowers which Mary Bailey kindly gave me while I was worried about Gordon.

Rita Jackson



Many thanks for the pretty flowers given to me on Sunday by Margaret Temple. I am feeling much better now and appreciate the kind thoughts of the Church family.

Gwen Brosgall

A huge thank you to all the many friends who have visited, phoned and sent lovely cards and flowers including the church flowers. I have felt very humbled by the love and prayers which have surrounded both myself and Tony through what has been a very difficult time. I also cannot speak highly enough of the wonderful care I received beginning with the ambulance crew and during the time I was at Queen Alexandra hospital.

Ruth Elvery

Please could you give my belated thanks to Lynda who delivered a bunch of lovely Church Flowers on the occasion of my Birthday.

Janice

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers, delivered by Margaret and Bob. They were much appreciated.

Eric & Shirley Grant

## **THANK YOU cont....**

Many thanks once again for the flowers sent to me after the last Sunday service. They cheered me up on a dull miserable Monday morning when Mr Emberson kindly delivered them.



Lilwen Watkins

Dear friends, thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that Liz brought round, they brightened my day.

Peggy Long

Thank you for the flowers brought round following the funeral of my sister.

Margaret Boyd

To Sheila Dyer and all at Fareham Methodist Church.

Thank you so much for the donation of £38.70 from the Christmas Tree Festival. It is very kind of you to do this and we are extremely grateful.

We received 800 referrals this year to help over 1600 people going through a period of crisis. It is only with the support of people like you that we are able to continue to do what we do. On behalf of those that we support, Thank You. With love from all of us at

The Friends and The Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

We are so thankful to receive your generous donation of £50.00, received at the Christmas Tree Festival to The Leprosy Mission.

I can tell you that there are exciting new developments in the fight against the causes and consequences of Leprosy. Last year we expanded funding of projects in China, to bring healing and hope to impoverished and marginalised communities. We supported research into new diagnostic tests in Nepal, and as part of a renewed focus of raising awareness we were able to influence the development of United Nations guidelines to eliminate leprosy-affected discrimination.

Peter Walker  
National Director Leprosy Mission

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## **PASTORAL MEETING**

Just a reminder to you all that the next Pastoral meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th March at church at 7.30pm.

Jenny

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## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to supply flowers to enhance Sunday Worship during this year. The flower diary in the corridor is nearly full now. There are a few spaces to be filled if anyone else would like to contribute. Remember that we are able to arrange your flowers for you if you are unable to do this yourself.



Mary & Irene

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## FAMILY NEWS



Catherine and David Stevenson have a new grandson, Edward Thomas Robert, born on 21st February. He is the son of Thomas and Charlotte Stevenson and a brother for Joy.

Catherine

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## BOOKINGS AND LIAISON

If any group wish to hire/book a room on the Church premises please use the following email: [bookings-liaison@farehammethodist.org.uk](mailto:bookings-liaison@farehammethodist.org.uk)

Alternatively, the hall hire number is 07770 539402.

Linda Foster

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## FOOD & DRINK QUIZ

Nigel Cox is selling a quiz, devised by Jim Bradley from Stubbington, in support of the MHA Gosport Live at Home scheme. They cost £1 each and the closing date for completed answers is 18<sup>th</sup> March with the result being declared on 1<sup>st</sup> April

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## MOTHERING SUNDAY - 4th SUNDAY IN LENT

There is an old Jewish saying:

God could not be everywhere and therefore He made mothers.

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## ANGELS

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - Dan (8)

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## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

14th Mar Fund Raising Afternoon Tea party in aid of this year's MWiB Project which is the Hamlin Fistula Hospital UK supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia at 2.00 pm

Tickets: £3.00 available from Eric Wheeler Raffle

28th Mar Easter Service at 2.00 pm led by Bob Temple and followed by Tea and Hot Cross Buns in the Wickham Room.

Shirley Henderson

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## **MESSY CHURCH**

The first 'Messy Church' here at Fareham Methodist took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

It was with a mix of anticipation and anxiety that the team of church members awaited 4.00 pm to see if any families arrived. First one and then another and soon there was a buzz of activity as children and adults moved around a variety of craft, play and story areas.

At 5.00 pm everyone moved into the sanctuary for a short informal time of worship involving all the children. Concluding with a lovely, relaxed meal together, one child said 'Can we do this every week?'

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March and will be the second Wednesday of every month – whenever possible. Spread the word!

Linda Foster

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## **FILM EVENING 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Thank you to all those who supported this event. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening. The sum of £170 was raised which will be split between the MHA LIVE-at-HOME Scheme and CENTREPOINT.

Jill and Garry

What a wonderful evening - many dressed in their finery, even a King and Queen! We had a delicious meal and, although we'd seen "The King's Speech" before it was excellent to see it again. Well done to Jill, Garry, Barbara and helpers. Roll on the next film and supper.

Gwen & Harvey

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## ARE YOU GOING FOR GOLD

The District FX team have arranged an event on **Saturday, March 10th** at Chandlers Ford Methodist Church from 10.00 until 16.00. The Rev Dr Andrew Wood will start the day by talking about Fresh Expressions. You will have the chance to be inspired by the projects being undertaken across the District or, perhaps, suggest a solution to those experiencing problems!

There will be the opportunity to explore worship with a difference, the Orison Project in Andover which introduces schoolchildren to prayer, working with children etc. It will be an excellent time for networking and exchanging ideas. If you want to know more about the day please speak to me and if you are coming along please let me know as I am organising the lunch!

Garry Bagshaw 01329 845978

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## SUNDAY LUNCH 11th MARCH at 12.45 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

<b>Starter:</b>	Soup or Pate
<b>Main Course:</b>	Gammon, Chipolatas Parsley or Cheese sauce, Roast Potatoes, Selection of Vegetables
<b>Puddings:</b>	Variety



There will be a list in the Welcome Area for you to sign.  
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast lunch!  
Please note the time change because the lunch will follow the  
**Annual Church Meeting**

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# Next Meeting of....



4:00 - 6:00pm

on Wednesday 14th March 2012

(then 2nd Wednesday in the month - whenever possible)

at Fareham Methodist Church

**Everyone Welcome!**

Theme - **“Love your Neighbour!”**

Life doesn't make it  
easy to answer  
some of the big  
questions your  
children want to  
ask! - So we offer  
you the opportunity  
to do just that! -  
Messy Church!

- It's Church for everyone! - Young and Old (Children must bring an adult with them!)
- It's informal! - Noisy! Messy! Boisterous! "No Shushing"!
- We focus on crafts & games for the whole family.
- We share a meal together!
- We share a short time of worship!

## INVITATION TO HOUSEGROUP

At a recent meeting of our house-group, we discussed a service we could give as a church to our community. We commented on the Dads who have weekend access to their children, who can be seen in MacDonald's, at a loss to know where to take them.

We recalled that Gosport church has opened their doors for separated parents in this situation, providing games and activities to be enjoyed together.

We all felt that our first step in exploring this possibility was to ask Gerry Williams, who has led this activity in Gosport, to speak to us, and he will be attending our next house-group meeting at:-

**10 A.M. on 21<sup>st</sup> March** at 5 Peacock Close Fareham, the home of Ruth and Antony Hollinghurst.

We are very aware that if after listening to Gerry we feel we should take this idea further we shall need support and help beyond our house-group members. If you would like to hear Gerry speak please come along on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March. A word to Ruth or Antony would be useful if you will be able to come.

Joan Padley - For East Fareham House-group

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## METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

The Eastern Area Day is to be held on **Saturday, 24th March** 2012 at Portchester Methodist Church. Coffee will be served from 10.00 am and the meeting will close at 3.30 pm.

There is to be a morning Communion Service followed by a Bible Study led by Glenda Sidding. There will be various workshops in the afternoon.

Please bring a packed lunch if attending. Drinks will be provided and there will be a cost for the day.

Pat Croker

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## JEWELLERY STALL - see also overleaf

My friend Jenny has agreed to bring her used jewellery stall to the Spring Fayre on April 21st. She normally runs this in aid of The Rowans but will pay all the takings of the day into the total Fayre pot. She has asked me to collect on her behalf any unwanted jewellery items to replenish her stocks. Any remaining items will then be sold in the future in aid of the Rowans. Please pass any items to me Ruth Elvery - thank you.

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## SPRING FAYRE 21ST APRIL 2012

As we mentioned in Last Month's Edition we need items for the following stalls :

- Bric a Brac ( Sorry Not Electrical )
- Books (Hard Backs and Paper Backs )
- Toys including Jigsaw Puzzles
- Toiletries
- Collectables

Please ensure they are in good condition, the items can be brought to Church during the next few weeks and please mark Spring Fayre, or on Friday 20th April between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm or we will accept on the day before 9.00 clock.

Home Made Cakes Jams and Marmalade - we would like to have them on Friday 20th April between 5.00 and 7.00pm. we will accept on Saturday 21st April before 9.00am there will be the usual plates for you to collect to put your Home Made Cakes on.

There will be a Photographic Competition  
SUBJECT - SIGNS OF SPRING  
Size - 6ins by 4ins Maximum

There will be a FRESH SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENT Competition. Please do not make these too Large.

Entries for Both Competitions will have TWO Sections.

SECTIONS : Adults

Children up to 16 years of age.

Please ensure Both Competitions have a card stating:

NAME  
TELEPHONE NUMBER  
CHILDREN - THEIR AGE

We will need help during the day in one way or another. We will place a form in the Welcome Area for you to sign if you can contribute part or all of your time, Please come and bring your friends.

Sheila D, Vic & Tony



## The way I see it: MAKE WAY FOR MUM



It's possible to make a few fairly specific forecasts about **Sunday, March 18th**. The most certain is that all over Britain mothers will receive cards, the best ones being home-made with crayons or felt-tip pens and featuring hearts and smiley faces. There may well be presents, too, carefully if clumsily packaged and containing one or more of the following: chocolate (in various forms), cosmetics, handkerchiefs or funny aprons.

From a more senior source (if the recipient is lucky) might come some flowers, a book, some half-decent perfume, or a subscription to a fashion magazine. If, however, he's got it wrong (as he usually does) she might find herself with a toaster, a new iron or even a season ticket for the local football club. It's Mothers' Day!

Of course, as far as the Church is concerned it's nothing of the kind. It's 'Mothering Sunday', which sounds quite menacing, really - too near 'smother' for comfort. Yet it did all start in Church long ago, with a Lesson for the fourth Sunday of Lent which included the phrase 'Jerusalem which is above, the mother of us all' and a tradition of welcoming apprentices home halfway through the Lenten fast, bearing Simnel cakes for their mothers.

But then the greeting card industry got interested, the occasion spread to America and bingo - it was suddenly big business. Of course it's more than that. It's also a very welcome opportunity to recognise that mothers tend to play a rather big role in everyone's life and to say 'thanks' to them. On the whole, Mothering Sunday / Mothers' Day is definitely a 'good thing'.

It's also quite a good thing for the Church, because families like to come together on this particular day, and by tradition (fairly recent, I suspect) posies of flowers are provided for the children to give to their mums - and sometimes grandmas, too. Because the following weekend is the feast of the Annunciation (the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she was going to have a baby), preachers may justifiably point out how crucial the role of motherhood is in the whole Christian story. All those paintings and stained glass windows of the Madonna and Child remind us that, just like all the rest of us, Jesus had a mother who fed and nurtured him, guided him through the years of childhood and stood by him later on when things were dark and dreadful.

Some chocolate, some flowers, a phone call, a nice lunch out - only a gesture, perhaps, but they are ways of saying 'thank you, mum'. She deserves it, doesn't she?



## LENT - A TIME TO THINK ABOUT SINNING

Lent is a month to think about sinning. When people sin against us, we get hurt. (Have you ever been lied to? Been robbed? It hurts.) When we sin against others, we also get hurt: we feel guilty before God, we lose our self-respect, and we feel isolated.

The little book of 1 John, in the New Testament, talks a lot about sin. John did not write in anger, but out of deep pastoral concern. His desire was that those who name Jesus as their Lord face the reality of sin in their lives. He wanted them to learn to avoid it as a pattern that ruled their lives.

John reminded his readers that God is perfect light, holy, and the source of all life, truth and beauty. Christ, his son, the Light of the World, came to redeem us from our separation from him caused by sin, which has marred the world since the fall of Adam and Eve.

So what is sin? The Bible says that sin includes not only physical indulgences of our selfish appetites, but also our lustful, angry and hateful thoughts, as well as our self-righteousness, selfish ambition, divisive spirit, and pride.

All of the Law of God, Jesus said, is summarized in the Great Commandment to love God with our entire being and our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34), and not one of us in light of these commands can claim to be without sin (Luke 10:25-37).

As John makes clear in his short epistle, even God's being-saved, true believers will be guilty, perhaps even daily, of single acts of sin. Even though true believers have been released from the dominance of the habitual patterns of sinful behaviour, and have access to the liberating, victorious power of the Spirit for new life in Christ, we still, as long as we remain in these sin-prone bodies, will commit sin.

Yet this is not to discourage us, but to encourage us to take action. Our Father in heaven is a loving Father, waiting for us to come back to him, confessing each sinful failure, each hour of each day, if necessary. There's no sin so great as to separate you from the Father's mercy, grace, forgiveness and love. And through the Holy Spirit, we can become more Christ-like in our nature. It is a growth process, and we need to start growing now. This month is the perfect time for you to return to the Father's house, and receive and celebrate his complete forgiveness.<sup>14</sup>

Parish Pump

# **What a sad picture this creates – but this is life for many children throughout the world!**

## **QUESTIONS**

The child sits alone,

    a bowl beside her  
        empty of food.

        Feet, weary with walking  
                bleed into the dust.

Eyes devoid of tears,

    and plagued with flies,  
        stare at the bare earth –  
                at the cruel nothingness  
                        of sterile sand,

                        stones, and the whitened  
                                sepulchres of snails.

Where is the mother to feed her?

    Where is the father to keep her from harm?

        Where is the doctor to tend to her pain?

**Where am I?**

*By Megan Smith*

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## **CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA TARGETED IN SERIES OF KIDNAPPINGS AND KILLINGS: 100 DEAD**

The Christian community in Syria has been hit by a series of kidnappings and brutal murders; 100 Christians have now been killed since the anti-government unrest began.

A reliable source in the country, who cannot be identified for their own safety, told Barnabas Fund that children were being especially targeted by the kidnappers, who, if they do not receive the ransom demanded, kill the victim.

In early January two Christian men, one aged 28, the other a 37-year-old father with a pregnant wife, were kidnapped by the rebels in separate incidents and later found dead; the first was found hanged with numerous injuries, the second was cut into pieces and thrown in a river. Four more have been abducted, and their captors are threatening to kill them too. On 15 January two Christians were killed as they waited for bread at a bakery. Another Christian, aged 40 with two young children, was shot dead by three armed attackers while he was driving a vehicle.

These recent reports are reminiscent of the anti-Christian attacks that have become commonplace in Iraq since the 2003 US-led invasion, and heighten concerns about the future for Christians in Syria as the anti-government protests there continue.

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## DIAMOND JUBILEE: ELIZABETH



### Not Majesty, but Service

Elizabeth was 13 when the Second World War began, and 18 when it ended - five years that undoubtedly influenced in profound ways the rest of her life. Her father and mother, the King and Queen, decided to remain in London or at Windsor throughout the War, and were conspicuously present through the years of the blitz - not only in London, but visiting other cities which suffered from bombing, usually on the morning after the attacks.

There were many press and newsreel pictures of them standing in the ruins of bombed streets talking to those made homeless or to the tireless volunteer air raid wardens and the members of the emergency services. When eventually a bomb struck Buckingham Palace, the King remarked that his family was now truly one with his people, because they too had experienced their home being attacked.

The two young sisters shared all these experiences. They were not sent to safe hide-outs in the country, but endured the full horror of night after night of incessant air raids. Doubtless Elizabeth, knowing that she was heir to the throne, noted her parents' total identification with their people and learnt that royalty was primarily about service, not majesty.

Towards the end of the War she joined the Women's Royal Army Corps, training as a driver, and was also appointed Counsellor of State, which would mean that she could assume public responsibilities in the event of her father being absent or incapacitated for any reason. She had undertaken her first public appearance in 1943, visiting the Grenadier Guards and being appointed their Colonel in Chief. All of this happened while she was still in her teens - a fast track to adulthood, indeed.

Her childhood and adolescence were in any case hardly 'normal', not only because of the way royal children were brought up in those days, but also because of the impact of the war. Those were strange times in which to be young. Bombs, food shortages, air raid shelters, evacuation and conscription for National Service at eighteen were simply part of the growing up process. Even those not directly involved knew that these were day to day experiences for millions of young people.

Eventually the War in Europe came to an end, with massive celebrations all over the country, but especially in London. The princesses were given

permission to slip out of Buckingham Palace anonymously and join the crowds in Trafalgar Square and the Mall. It was a memorable experience - as Elizabeth recalled, "linking arms and walking down Whitehall, swept along on a tide of happiness and relief". Somehow the two royal teenagers went unrecognised, and were able to share in that extraordinary display of joy and thankfulness. Hostilities would continue in the Far East for a while, until the dark shadows of atomic bombs brought that conflict to an end as well.

When Elizabeth was 13 she had met for the first time a tall and handsome distant relative, Philip, the son of a Greek prince and princess, who was serving as a young officer in the Royal Navy. She was deeply smitten, we later learnt, and the seeds were perhaps sown in her thoughts of an alliance that would eventually prove one of the most enduring love stories of modern times.

For now, though, it was a new life of increasing responsibility. Her father did not enjoy robust health and his elder daughter, an attractive young woman who became the spotlight of what we would now call media attention, was quietly learning a role in life with which she would one day become totally familiar.

*By David Winter*

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## **THE DAY THE KING DIED - 6th February 1952**

Here are some memories from some of our church members – thank you

### **Where Was I When the King Died?**

I empathise totally with the writer of the feature in the February Fareham Focus, being one of those not only raised to stand to attention for the National Anthem, but made to do so even when I was alone with just my family in our living room! The King was always spoken of to me with enormous respect, in something verging on hushed tones, leaving me with the impression of a superhuman being, far more important than any of us lesser mortals, as omnipotent and indestructible, surely, as a god. So when, as I stood in the playground that February morning, a child came up to me and announced "The King's dead", the words could mean only one thing, as far as I was concerned. "What, Peter King?" I asked, referring to an absent fellow ten-year-old in our class. "No, the King." "Do you mean PETER King?" I repeated. "No - THE King!!" That is a measure of how constant a fixture in my universe George VI had always felt - that it seemed far more likely that a child of my own age would have suddenly died rather than this terminally-ill man in his fifties.

Judith

## **Where was I cont....**

We were preparing to move into a new home on 7th February. On the 6th I went into Reading for some essential supplies and saw the placards announcing the Kings death.

Margaret Fielder

I was in a History lesson (my favourite subject ) when the teacher told us that the King had died. We went on with the normal lesson and I don't remember any other talk about it as we didn't listen to the radio at boarding school! I was thirteen!

Gwen

I was sitting with my class, at Torquay Grammar School for Girls, waiting for the French teacher to arrive. She was late which was unusual for Miss Southcombe. She duly arrived and stood in front of the class with tears rolling down her plump cheeks. 'Girls' she said 'I have dreadful news. The King has died.' Looking out across the Quad, we saw the Union Flag being raised to the top of the flag pole and then slowly lowered to half mast. We were sent home for the rest of the day.

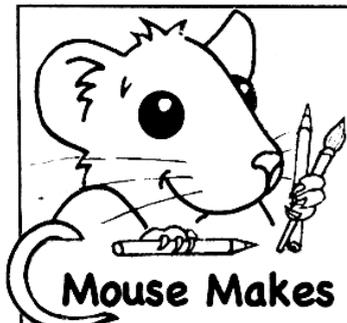
Later my brother came home from Junior School somewhat upset because everywhere people were sad. It was John's seventh birthday.

Rosemarie Jackson

My memory is very brief, but very vivid. I was in the second term of my first teaching post after leaving college and only two months away from my wedding. My school was a three class village school in Buckinghamshire. I can see very clearly in my mind's eye my small classroom with its high windows and close together rows of desks (tabletop joined to bench seat type). My lower junior classroom was separated from the top junior classroom by a sliding partition. I can't remember which lesson was taking place, except that it was a quiet one - - - most lessons were in those days! The sliding partition door opened at an unexpected time and the Headmaster Mr Kilby came through with a very serious face to announce that the King was dead. I can only assume that his wife had come from the adjoining school house with the message, for I do not recall our using the wireless very much at that time. I have no recollection as to what happened after that, only this very vivid picture of my time and place when the King died.

Mary Bailey

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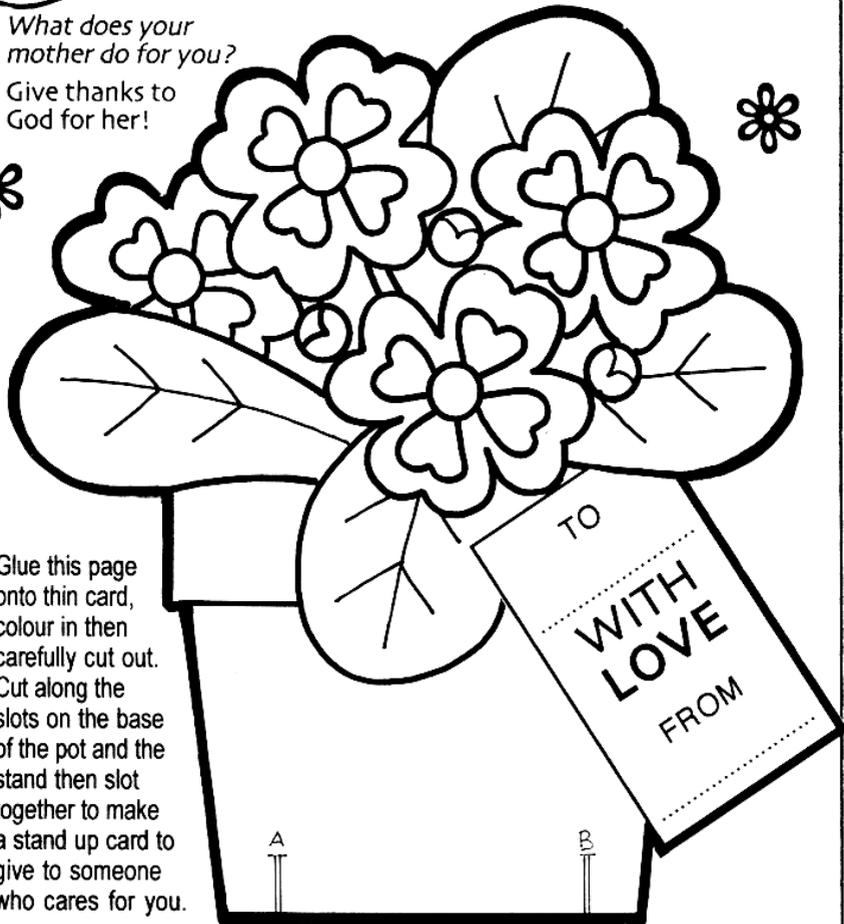


Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...  
...she **cared** for him, **worried**  
about him and **prayed** for him,  
she washed his clothes,  
cooked his food and  
**hugged** him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was  
born, cried when he died and rejoiced  
when he rose from the dead.

*What does your  
mother do for you?*

Give thanks to  
God for her!



Glue this page  
onto thin card,  
colour in then  
carefully cut out.  
Cut along the  
slots on the base  
of the pot and the  
stand then slot  
together to make  
a stand up card to  
give to someone  
who cares for you.

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THANK YOU

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## WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

## JUMBLED BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

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**Doctor, Doctor my son has  
swallowed my pen, what  
should I do?**

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

**Doctor, doctor, I feel like a  
dictionary.**

I'll have a word with you later.



**Doctor, doctor, I've been stung  
by a bee. Shall I put some  
ointment on it?**

Don't be silly - it must be miles  
away by now.

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Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah  
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews  
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges  
9.Peter 10.Psalms

# Fairtrade Fortnight

27th February – 11th March 2012



The co-operative membership



## Fairtrade Stall

West Street, Fareham  
Saturday 3rd March  
9am to 4pm

## Fairtrade Displays

Fareham library  
Portchester library and  
health centre  
28th February – 11th March

## Prayers for Justice and Peace

Holy Trinity Church,  
West Street, Fareham  
Thursday 23rd February  
at 1pm

## Fairtrade Banquet

Chequers Restaurant  
Fareham College  
Bishopsfield Road, Fareham  
8th March (by ticket only)

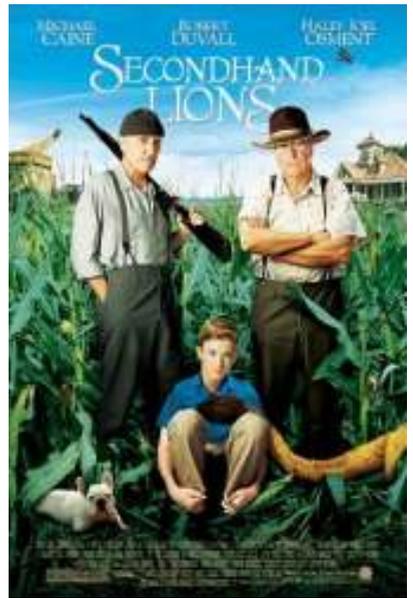
For more details about Fairtrade in  
Fareham Borough and  
events further afield visit

[www.fft.org.uk](http://www.fft.org.uk)

# Bridgemaury Methodist Church

Movie afternoon

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at  
2.30 pm (NB time)



£3 including pop corn and ice cream.

Please come along. Need transport? Ring  
Anne on 01329 237090

**Review:** A family drama/comedy with  
Michael Caine. A coming-of-age story about a shy  
young boy sent by his irresponsible mother to spend the  
summer with his wealthy eccentric uncles in Texas!

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## A PRESENT

For the elderly minister's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. He was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, and said: "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit".

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

### **MARCH**

2nd	Friday Lunch		13.00
7th	Healing /Prayer Group at Archery Lane, Fareham		14.00
	Pastoral Meeting		19.30
8th	Ministerial Synod at Bournemouth		10.00
	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00
11th	<b>Annual Church Meeting</b>	<b>Approx</b>	<b>11.45</b>
	<b>Sunday Lunch</b>	<b>Approx</b>	<b>12.30</b>
14th	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00
	Messy Church		16.00
21st	Invitation at 5 Peacock Close		10.00
24th	Methodist Women in Britain at Portchester MC		10.00
25th	3 Circuits Meeting @ Portchester		14.30
28th	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00

### **APRIL**

2nd—6th	Holy Week Labyrinth	10.00 - 14.00	
5th	Maundy Thursday Communion Service		19.30
6th	Good Friday Walk of Witness		10.00
8th	Easter Morning Communion on the beach at Hill Head		8.00
11th	Messy Church		16.00
18th	Church Council		19.30
21st	Spring Fayre	9.00 - 13.00	

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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

## DOOR STEWARDS

### MARCH

4th	10.30	Linda & Kevin Foster
11th	10.30	Shirley & Keith Sargeant
	19.00	A N Other
18th	10.30	Margaret & Bob Temple
25th	10.30	Lynda Young & Geoff Tarvin
	18.00	Eric Wheeler

### APRIL

1st	10.30	Brenda & Peter Taylor
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## FLOWER ROTA

### MARCH

4th	Tony Emberson
11th	Bobby & Patrick Watson
18th	Mavis Parish
25th	Karen Ferguson

### APRIL

1st	Brenda Taylor
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## REFRESHMENT ROTA

### MARCH

4th	Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters, Jill Groom
11th	Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow
18th	Shirley & Keith Sargeant, Peggy Long
25th	Brownies, Guides

### APRIL

1st	Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
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## PRESS DATE

All items for the **APRIL** Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Area or handed to the editor - **Jill Groom** - by **Lunchtime** on **Friday 23rd March 2012 please.**

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