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SERVICES DURING JUNE

3rd	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
10th	10.30	Gerry Williams	
	18.30	MHA Circuit Service at Portchester MC	
	19.00	Stephen Oliver	Sunday Two
17th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	All Age Worship
24th	10.30	Anita Davis	
	18.00	Revd Jack Jenkins	Holy Communion Iona Style

SERVICES DURING JULY

1st 10.30 Revd Gillian Slaymaker Family Holy Communion

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

None notified this month

Please remember the preachers above in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in our Church and in the Circuit.

DIAMOND JUBILEE PRAYER

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the people of the Commonwealth. Amen

JUNE 2012

Dear Friends

It's good to be back working again and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and good wishes during my time away from work. I really felt uplifted and supported – thank you!

Having come back to work for a week, Jill and I then set out on our holiday (booked some time before!). A week or two before we went, a drought had been declared which was followed by the most continuous rain we have had for years! This led some joker to comment that it was “*the wettest drought on record!*” We left a depressing grey, overcast England for our holiday in Canada.



We had a lovely and relaxing holiday, but when we returned to the UK what struck us most was the colour! The sun was shining on a beautiful, lush green countryside. Everywhere there are the Union Jacks and the red, white and blue of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Most of the country is set to celebrate the Olympic Games as the Olympic Flame continues its journey around the country. - What a complete change! - from grey to colour! – from depression to celebration!



The country seems to have become passionate about life again!

Christian writer & pastor Rick Warren argues that God often gives us a godly passion for the people or causes that are close to His heart and will further His kingdom. These include a godly passion to champion a cause, perhaps involving something we've experienced ourselves, such as abuse, infertility, depression or addiction. Perhaps a godly passion to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves: e.g. the persecuted, the poor, the imprisoned, the mistreated, the disadvantaged, and those who are denied justice. Perhaps this is a

godly passion for supporting & strengthening family life, or funding Bible translations, or reaching out to a particular group of people with the Gospel.

How passionate are we about sharing the amazing Grace we've received with the people around us, who don't know how much they're loved by God? When was the last time someone asked you a question that you could have answered by revealing something about your faith in Jesus? And how did you answer it?

Jesus said "*your mouth speaks what our heart is full of*" (Matt 12:34), - What's your heart full of?

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark L.', is positioned above a long, thin, slightly curved horizontal line that spans most of the width of the page.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

We have received a message from Richard Tanner expressing his thanks for inviting him to lead our Church Anniversary service on 20 May and to everyone who made him and Janet so welcome. He also said that it was great to see the changes that have been made to the building and to hear about how we are developing things for community use.

Thank you to Walter and Pat Metcalf for providing the cake that was served at the end of the Anniversary service.

We would still like to hear from anyone, or a group, wishing to volunteer to co-ordinate the displays for Harvest (30 September) – both at the front of the Church and the window sills in the Church – please contact Jean Petter as soon as possible.

As there are currently now only four Stewards, we would like to establish a list of any church members who would be prepared to help out with Sunday morning Steward duties if ever we found that we needed cover. We have just managed to fill the rota for June to August between us but if anyone were to become unavailable for their planned duty at the last minute it would be useful to have a list of people that we could call upon for help if no other Steward was available. If you can assist us with this please let Jean or one of the other Stewards know.

The Stewards

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Church for the flowers that Jean delivered in the pouring rain. We were feeling very down and they really made us feel things weren't so bad Thank you again.



Janice and Vic

Thank you all for the Church flowers kindly delivered to us by Liz, and also for the recent CD's.

Shirley & Eric Grant.

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers in celebration of my 95th birthday, and a special "thank you" to Lynda Young for delaying her Sunday lunch to bring them to me.

With love from Maude Lovell

Thank you so much for the Church flowers and the very welcome visit by Joan, as Peter had just been 'released' from Hospital after suffering a heart attack 10 days previously. It is so good to be remembered .

Mavis Parish

(Mavis wrote to us on 7th May)

The Church flowers recently given to me have been beautiful and brightened up the dull days. My heartfelt thanks to Joan Padley for coming over to Wickham and spending some time with me.

Joan W Law

Christian Aid

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in collecting house to house and in the town or helping at the count. This year we collected £807.16 door to door which should gain another £56.91 through gift aid. £400 was collected over two days at the Christian Aid Stall in town.

Thank you to all who contributed to the sponsored walk – another £106 can be added to our grand total of nearly £1000. The total for Fareham on Saturday 19th May was £5955.94 – the final total will be reported in next month's Fareham Focus



Grateful thanks also go to Lynda Haydon Jones and Garry Bagshaw and all the singers and helpers for the sell out concert in aid of Christian Aid Partnership Scheme; 'By Request' This raised another £415.10.

A fantastic couple of weeks of fundraising that it so important to helping some of the poorest people in the world. Thank you!

There is an exciting opportunity coming up on 24th June at Winchester Cathedral. Loretta Minghella OBE, Director of Christian Aid will be sharing some of her stories of hope and inspiration from this role. She is speaking at the 11.00am Eucharist service at the Cathedral and then at 12.30 there will be a picnic hosted by the Dean of Winchester in the Deanery garden with another chance to hear from Loretta. Please bring your own picnic and something to sit on. The picnic will be held in the Cathedral if the weather is less than favourable! All are welcome to attend the picnic, the service or both.

Linda Foster

Fareham Church Anniversary

Thank you for inviting us and thank you to everyone who made us so welcome.

I wasn't sure how many people I would remember from Fareham, but it was remarkable how quickly the memories came flooding back. A lot of people didn't look any older, but I won't go into specifics.

It was great to see the changes you have made to the building and to hear about how you are developing things for community use.

Love to everyone, God bless,

Richard & Janet

Methodist Women in Britain

I would like to thank everyone who knitted blankets for the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa. They were taken to Chandlers Ford on 5th May, to be added to the other contributions from the District, and the total was a staggering 500.

The representative from Hamlin Fistula UK who came to speak and show two short DVD's of the work, was overwhelmed and was unable to take all of them back with him. As a consequence we can still keep knitting until the final date of 12th October when we visit Highcliffe Methodist Church for the District Celebration Day.

Pat Croker

FAMILY NEWS

Doreen Phillips has received a letter from Margaret Down, now living in Cambridgeshire. Doreen is happy to share this letter with all of us who remember Margaret and the family. The letter is full of news and she is very happy in her pretty little town of St Ives by the river Ouse.

Grandchild number five.



David and Catherine Stevenson are pleased to announce the arrival of Joseph Arthur Stevenson (Joe) on 8th May 2012. His parents are James and Louise of Leeds and his sister is Rebecca aged 2.

Grandchild number one

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Kayleigh Marie Hulland, born on Wednesday, May 23rd, 6lbs 9ozs.

Thank you for the flowers, and all the cards and good wishes!

Anna & Mark and Dave & Liz (the proud parents & grandparents)

PRAYER GROUP

The next healing prayer group is on **MONDAY**, July 2nd at 7.30 pm at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley, 2 Archer Lane, Fareham.

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Rita Jackson

YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Many of you will be aware that in the year 2010-11 the numbers at Youth Club were regularly in excess of 25 each Friday night. I think the record attendance was 42!

In September, the majority of our regular members had been attending for four years and had entered their final year at secondary school. In the past, younger members had successively come along and so the club was self-perpetuating. This has not happened this year and so Youth Club has concluded.

Although this appears on the surface rather sad, we prefer to look back on well over 10 and 20 years of Youth Club leadership respectively, as a cause for celebration.

The privilege of providing a safe environment for teenagers to relax and enjoy themselves at the end of a busy week is something we have enjoyed and Fareham Methodist Church should be proud of. To sustain this kind of opportunity for so long into the 21st century is no mean feat and for that we would like to extend our appreciation to all the helpers who have supported us through the years.

Highlights include the occasional sponsored 'Stay Awake' with night walks in the New Forest, at the beach and at Old Winchester Hill. Theatre visits, sports competitions and activities with other youth clubs in the district were great fun for all. Youth Club members' involvement in Young People's Christmas services were always special.

Most of all however, we found the youngsters attending Youth Club to be polite, appreciative, enthusiastic, exuding vitality and potential. Thanks to them, it's been our pleasure!

Cathy Tarvin and Kevin Foster

SINGING THE FAITH

Singing the Faith - come and explore it with the Singing Group. Over the next few weeks, starting on June 7th, the Singing Group will be exploring our new hymn book. We will be looking at some of the new hymns as well as familiar words to different tunes and vice versa. You are welcome to join us on our journey of exploration at 19.30 on Thursday nights throughout June.



Garry Bagshaw

PROPERTY MATTERS

We will be undertaking two significant painting and decorating projects in the Church this summer, the corridor and the Wickham Room.

There will be notices put up advising exactly when we will be starting the corridor, we will try and time this work to cause the minimum disruption.

The decorating of the Wickham Room will start on Monday 23rd July and will last a week. During this time access to The Wickham Room will not be possible. During the work the painters will be moving the steel cabinets in order to get to the walls behind and you are requested to ensure that you have removed any fragile items from the cupboards in advance so that there is no risk of breakages during the moving process. We would also recommend that you take out any items that you think you might need during this period.

If you have any items stored on top of cupboards in The Wickham Room can you please remove them in advance of the work. Any items stored without the agreement of the Property Committee will be disposed of during the painting works.

Many thanks

The Property Management Committee

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WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

27th June Garden Party at Joan & Jeff Padley's Home
2 Archery Lane, Fareham from 2.30 pm

Bring and Buy and Garden Stalls.

Tickets £3.50

Proceeds for the MWiB Project supporting the Addis Ababa
Fistula Hospital in

Ethiopia.





4.00 – 6.00pm
Wednesday, 13th June 2012
at Fareham Methodist Church

Everyone Welcome

Jubilee

Theme

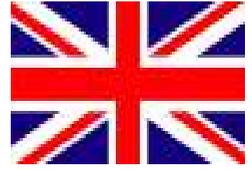
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Party Food





Come on and celebrate,
celebrate and sing
for our Queen



Please come along and join us at
**Bridgemary Methodist Church on
Wednesday 6th June for Afternoon Tea**
Please arrive at 3pm to celebrate 60 years
of OUR QUEEN'S REIGN

Wear your posh hats ladies

Wear your best ties gents

Please bring an unwrapped gift
'Fit for The Queen'

which will be part of a silent auction.

There will be a Royal Raffle & Royal Quiz
with High Tea being served at
approx. 3.30 pm

rounding off with a sing-song!

Need any further details? Then please call Anne Ford or

Jean Plummer,

Bridgemary
Church



DIAMOND JUBILEE: ELIZABETH

The New Queen and the New World

The reign of Elizabeth II began in the last shadows of post-War austerity - food rationing finally ended in 1954. But it quickly moved into a new world, largely born out of the traumas of the previous decades. The Commonwealth, of which she became Head, numbered among its 54 members many nations that now felt ready for independence from the old colonial relationship. The fifties and sixties were a major era of change everywhere in the so-called 'developing' world.

Indeed, things 'developed' very fast - too fast, it sometimes seemed, for the Foreign and Colonial Office to keep up with them.



Queen Elizabeth stood, for the most part, carefully distanced from the more controversial developments. Her role, as she presently saw it, was to provide mortar to hold things together. She and Prince Philip set out with youthful energy to visit many parts of the Commonwealth, as well as the United States and other friendly countries, seeing themselves as ambassadors of a renewed and forward looking United Kingdom. The 'Wind of Change' was blowing through Africa, as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan memorably put it, and the Queen was at pains to present herself not as the bastion of the old order but as a symbol of the new one.

At home, the nation became accustomed to its new Head of State. She followed her father's practice of broadcasting to the nation on Christmas Day, a task which she approached with some trepidation - her nervousness was palpable - but quickly mastered. In those distant days many a family Christmas lunch was put on hold to listen to 'the Queen's speech' - my father ordered silence during it! Truthfully, the speeches usually said very little of consequence, and at that time the Queen's accent was almost painfully 'royal', but it was an annual opportunity for the people to see and hear her, and for the Queen herself to speak to her people not only in Britain but across the world.

The actual broadcasts were, of course, 'live' in those days, which placed a considerable responsibility on the speaker - and on the engineers, whose task it was to ensure that the royal words were not interrupted by technical problems. I once read with astonishment the lengthy brief given to them and the details of the back-up required in those days to ensure a trouble-free broadcast.





Slowly the aura of seclusion which had for centuries surrounded the monarch began to give way to a new accessibility. The British people felt comfortable with their Queen and her ever-attentive consort. As her children were born, there were informal family photographs - a million miles from the carefully posed portraits of earlier years. As Britain entered the Swinging Sixties the monarchy may not have been rocking and rolling, but it was dipping the royal toes into the waters of the incoming tide of change.



June: Queen’s Diamond Jubilee/ Prince

William turns 30

It seems that the month of June this year is a month of several anniversaries for the British Royal Family. Consider the following:

175 years ago, on 20 June 1837, King William IV died, and was succeeded by his niece, Victoria, in the UK.

125 years ago, on 20 June 1887, Queen Victoria celebrated her golden jubilee.

30 years ago, on 21 June 1982, Prince William of Wales, second in line to the British throne, son of Charles and Diana, was born.

Parish Pump



Sixty Years our Queen

A dozen tenants of Number Ten
And twelve the White House has seen
Since fifty-two, for that was when
Began the reign of our Queen.

And so they come, and so they go
The Dame, or titled Knight,
Some shone, it seems, an age ago
Short as a mayfly’s flight.

Some were good, and some were poor
It seems she’s met all sorts!
The Queen smiles on, but to be sure –
You’ll never guess her thoughts!

“My Government shall this enact”,
The Queen’s Speech – sixty times!
At Christmas, too, she’s never lacked
Encouraging seasonal lines.

Through times of peace and times of strife
She’s stood there at the helm,
For she has lived her whole long life
For the peoples of her realm.

Of this one fact we may depend
That few would be the tears
If God should choose her life to extend
To reign for lots more years!
Well, you can't but admire her.

¹³ God save the Queen!

By Nigel Beeton

Penny Thorne invites you to a morning about:

A Christian Perspective On Depression

Saturday 23rd June at 10:00am

Bridgemaury Methodist Church



The structure of the morning will be:

- 10:00am DVD: “What is Depression?”
Part 1 by Dr John Lockley.
- 10:30am Coffee and sharing thoughts on DVD.
- 11:00am DVD: “What is Depression?” Part 2.
- 11:30am Discussion on how we as church and as individuals
can support people who have depression.
- 12:15pm End.

DO YOU WANT TO LIVE LONGER? STAY FIT

If you want to stay alive, keep moving. That is the simple message from a recent study by the World Health Organisation. It found that people who keep themselves fit are almost twice as likely to live longer than those who hardly exercise.

Just two and a half hours of moderate exercise a week can cut chronic disease by 10 per cent. Five hours of moderate exercise a week can reduce the risk of early death by up to a staggering 40 per cent – especially in women. Even housework, gardening and walking can help. It is thought that changes in female hormone levels and body fat distribution may be a factor.

Parish Pump

DID NOAH FISH?

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The Junior Church teacher asked the children if they thought Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark.

One lad replied “How could he? He only had two worms”.

PEOPLE UNDER PRESSURE: Churches supporting healthcare workers

Working in the medical and caring professions is hard work. Helping people to deal with distressing problems, and caring for people at the most difficult and traumatic moments in their lives, has never been easy.

Currently health workers of all kinds face even more pressure: coping with cuts in services as funding for the NHS becomes tighter; dealing with uncertainty in the face of legislative changes to the NHS; managing with pay freezes and changes to pension arrangements.

For Christians there are additional pressures. As the recent 'Clearing the Ground' report found, there is a 'narrowing of the space for the articulation, expression and demonstration of Christian belief' in society, and even more so in the health service. With the on-going debates about legalising assisted suicide and other ethical questions, it can be hard to know how to be an effective Christian in the caring and medical professions today.

Healthcare Sunday, 21 October, is a chance for churches to express their support for health workers in their congregations and the wider local community, to acknowledge the vital role that they play, and to support and pray for them in the midst of all these pressures.

Healthcare Sunday was set up over a decade ago as a way to help churches re-engage with health and medicine. For one Sunday every year we pray for, encourage and support those in the church who work in healthcare, and remember all those working in local health institutions.

Hospitals as well as churches mark Healthcare Sunday. The Christian healthcare staff in one hospital in Northern Ireland have organised a Healthcare Sunday Service there for several years. Resources to help us to plan a Healthcare Sunday service in your church are available on the Healthcare Sunday website www.healthcaresunday.org.uk

VISIONS OF HOPE

An exhibition of stunning and thought provoking pictures by Southampton artist Anne House is being held at Holy Trinity Church from 30th June to 8th July, 10.00 am to 8.00 pm

Volunteers are needed to help during this time. See poster in corridor or contact June Hays on 01329 231449.

TRINITY SUNDAY - HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT?

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space – unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4 ‘Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one..’

Isaiah 45:22 ‘Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other’

Genesis 1:1-2 ‘In the beginning God created.... And the Spirit of God was hovering...’

Judges 14:6 etc ‘The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...’

John 1:1-3 ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.’

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells his disciples: ‘I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.’

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.

Parish Pump

JESUS - NO ORDINARY MAN

In biology, he was born without normal conception.

In chemistry, he turned water to wine.

In physics, he disproved the law of gravity when he walked on water.

In economics, he fed 5,000 with two fishes and five loaves of bread.

In medicine, he cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In history, he is the beginning and the end.

In government, he is the Prince of Peace.¹⁶

In religion, no one comes to the Father except through him.

Jesus is Lord. **Of all things.**

BARNABAS - PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY COMPANION

Are you going to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the early church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

Parish Pump

SMILE LINE

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

METHODIST HOMES SUNDAY

Your support so far this Year (2011) has raised £212,568 added to which Gift Aid totalling £13,593 brings our current total to **£226,161**. The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.



Despite the current financial difficulties and the challenging changes in the Methodist Church you continue to be very generous. Your kindness enhances the lives of the 15,000 individuals cared for in MHA homes, housing and community schemes as well as helping us to develop new projects and offer person-centred care to many more. We have recently acquired the Hampton Lodge in Southampton. We have 91 Care Homes, 51 Live at Home schemes, 53 Housing schemes, and 4 Day Care Centres.

As well as extending our residential services we aim to support a greater number of older people in their own communities. Amongst other things, Live at Home schemes provide lunch clubs, assisted shopping, exercise, outings, holidays, advocacy and befriending. Company and friendship are the major benefits according to members, who might otherwise feel lonely and isolated from their local community. Our Live at Home scheme at Bridgemary provides a lunch club, befriending, company and friendship. This will be extended in the future.

Joan Cheer Circuit MHA Rep

Children's Society are appealing for your help **Help a poor child in the UK to get a meal**

Children's Society is trying to help 1.2 million extremely poor children in England who aren't getting free school meals. These children - who make up half of all school-age children living in poverty - may not be eating a single nutritious meal all day. With your help, the Society wants to change that.

Of these 1.2 million children in poverty, 700,000 are not even eligible for the free school meals scheme - because their parents have some sort of job. A further half a million schoolchildren are entitled to free school meals but they don't take them, often because they worry about being singled out for teasing and bullying.

A free school meal that can be claimed without embarrassment would make a real difference to the lives of these 1.2 million children. Giving them at least one proper meal a day would make them healthier, enable them to concentrate at school, and ultimately give them the chance to escape the poverty into which they were born. The Children's Society is asking: "Please help us make this happen. Sign our petition now by visiting www.action.childrenssociety.org.uk/fair-and-square

FATHER'S DAY – time to celebrate male role models

In the UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How will you celebrate it this year? If your own father cannot be with you, is there a 'spare' father somewhere in our Church or your circle of friends whose children cannot be with him, and who would welcome some special treat on the day?

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well, Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.

Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

Today, Father's Day is a great time to celebrate any sort of male role models, like uncles or grandfathers, as well as dads. Certainly Father's Day has become a day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of all, though, is how children continue to see their fathers: in America, for example, more 'collect calls' to home are recorded on Father's Day than on any other day of the year!





THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

MONSTER MUNCHIES

75 g (3 oz) margarine
3 normal size Mars Bars
(thinly sliced)
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake
covering (melted)
Grease and line a swiss roll tin.



In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

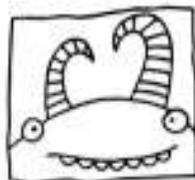
Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

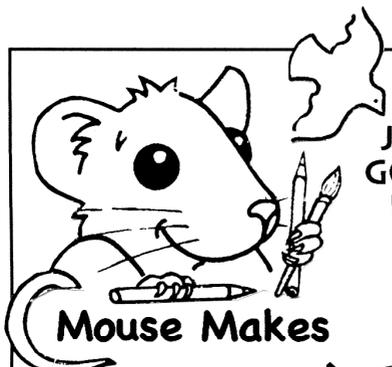
Cover with the melted chocolate and leave to set. Cut into 24 bars when cold – or cut into less bars if you are feeding a very greedy monster!



How does a
monster count
to 17?

On it's fingers.





Mouse Makes

"May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS** Christ and the *love* of **GOD** and the *fellowship* of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you"

2 Corinthians 13 verse 13

The Bible teaches us that **GOD** is three persons in one:

GOD = **FATHER**
= **SON (JESUS)**
= **HOLY SPIRIT**

Look out for symbols of **THE TRINITY** in your church

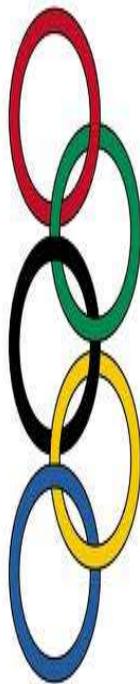
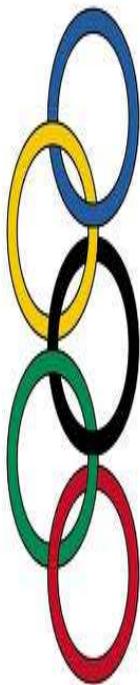


Christians have symbol to picture **THE TRINITY**. Find out what it is by colouring in **BLACK** all the shapes with a dot  in them. Then colour all the other shapes with bright colours like a stained glass window.

Fareham Methodist Church

MEAL and FILM EVENING

Friday 29th June at 6 pm



**We will be serving a special OLYMPIC MEAL
followed by the film CHARIOTS OF FIRE**

The film is the story of two British track athletes, one a determined Jew,
and the other a devout Christian who compete in the 1924 Olympics

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area or leave a message at the
Circuit Office

Donations for the meal will go to Action for Children

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

JUNE

1st	Friday Lunch		13.00
3rd	Jubilee Sunday Lunch	approx	12.15
6th	Jubilee Tea @ Bridgemary MC		15.00
10th	Circuit Service for MHA at Portchester MC		18.30
13th	Messy Church		16.00
27th	Wednesday Fellowship Garden Party @ 2 Archery Lane, Fareham		14.30
29th	Food & Film Evening @ Fareham MC		18.00
30th - 8th July	Visions of Hope exhibition at Holy Trinity Church by Anne House	10.00 - 20.00	

JULY

7th	Friday Lunch		13.00
3rd	Circuit Leadership Team @ Circuit Office		10.00
10th	Fareham Church Council Meeting		19.30
11th	Messy Church		16.00

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The July/August magazine will be ready for **8th** not **1st** July.
Please note the following one will not be available until
September 2nd.

Thank You

Jill

Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am
(Not Bank Holidays)

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Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

DOOR STEWARDS

JUNE

3rd 10.30 Margaret & Bob Temple
10th 10.30 Sheila & Graham Dyer
19.00 A N Other
17th 10.30 Bobby & Patrick Watson
24th 10.30 Janice & Vic Collins
18.00 Eric Wheeler

JULY

1st 10.30 Gwen & Harvey Brosgall

FLOWER ROTA

JUNE

3rd Shirley Sargeant
10th Lilian Tildesley
17th Irene Russell
24th Flower Fund

JULY

1st Maude Lovell

REFRESHMENT ROTA

JUNE

3rd Liz Haigh, Liz Avison
10th Ruth & Tony Elvery
17th Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters, Jill Groom
24th Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow

JULY

1st Keith & Shirley Sargeant, Peggy Long

PRESS DATE

All items for the **JULY** Magazine should be placed in the box in the Welcome Area or handed to the editor - **Jill Groom** - by **Lunchtime on Friday 29th June 2012 please.** 24

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