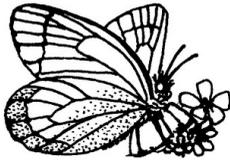


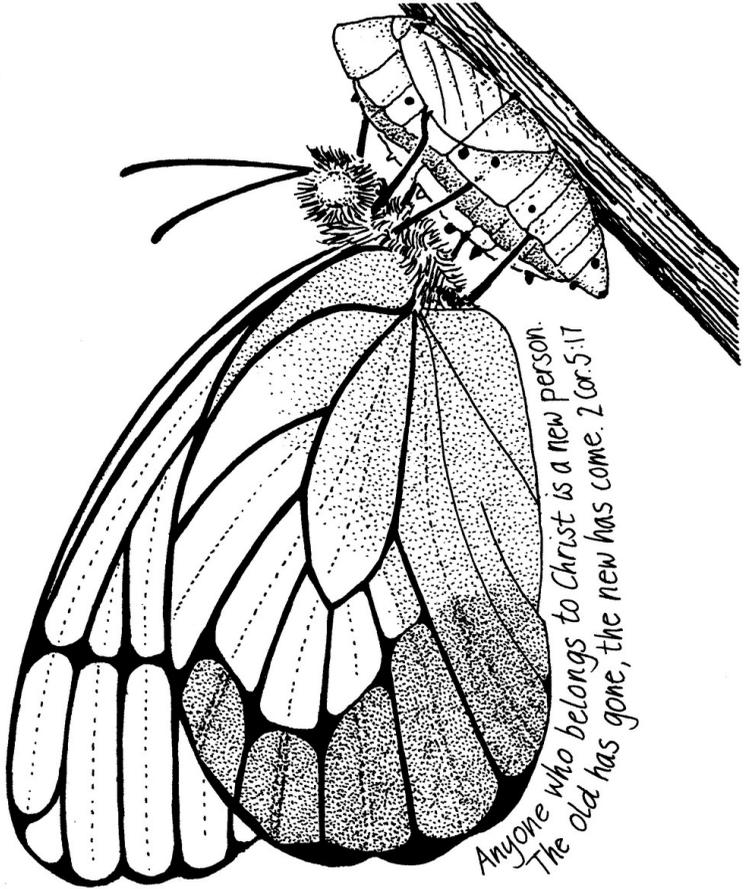
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*Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person.
The old has gone, the new has come. 2 Cor. 5:17*

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JUNE

7TH	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson Holy Communion
14th	10.30	Fareham Team
21st	10.30	Ms George Wheeler All age
28th	10.30	Mrs Millie Aquilina-Gray
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson Iona Holy Communion

JULY

5TH	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson Family Holy Communion
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LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

7th June	10.30	Tracy Cooper Lee-on-Solent
14th June	10.30	Andrew Wilcock Gosport
21st June	10.30	Andrew Wilcock Horndean

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

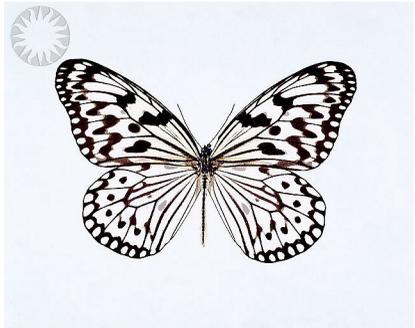
Dear Friends,

The end of May saw a crescendo in the church year as we celebrated Pentecost and then Trinity Sunday. The former a reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit after Jesus had ascended into heaven and the latter a celebration of how God is revealed to us as creator, redeemer and sustainer. And now, after all that, we take a deep breath and enter a long period of what the church calls ‘ordinary time’ (it officially begins on Trinity Sunday) until we enter Advent at the end of November. The phrase ‘ordinary time’ makes me smile. It seems such a banal title to use to describe what is the majority of the church year (between 33 and 34 weeks in all). Of course the term ‘ordinary’ comes from the fact that it isn’t Advent or Lent; Christmas or Epiphany; Easter or Pentecost for these are the high days and high times of the year. In some ways it can be easier to find God in the high days and special celebrations. But the challenge for us now is to find God in the ordinary and everyday.

Not long ago I was called out to visit a lady in a nursing home who was filled with despair at the bleak future that lay ahead of her. My prayer for her was that God would break through her pain and bring some love and joy into her situation. The next time I visited her I was greeted by a lady with a smile on her face and thankfulness in her heart. She had just taken delivery of a special chair that meant she was no longer confined to her bed. With support she was able to sit in her chair and be wheeled out of the four walls of her room and into the spacious lounge where she could interact with other people. Who would have thought that something as ordinary and everyday as a chair would be the answer to that prayer! Sometimes God chooses the everyday things and the most ordinary of people to break through into our ordinary and everyday lives with his extraordinary presence and remind us again of his interest in **all** of our living.

May this ‘ordinary time’ be special time for us as we wait upon a God of extraordinary things.

With Love,
Claire



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CHURCH NEWS

Vestry Jottings

Please note the Church Lunch this month will be on the SECOND Sunday of the month not the usual third, I am sure Jill will have advertised this later in the magazine.

This months jottings are short but please contact us if we can help in any way

Maggie
on behalf of the team

Transport Enthusiasts

The next meeting of the Transport Enthusiasts Group will take place during Coffee Morning on the 18th of June at 10.30 am. If you are interested in having a “yarn” about any form of transport: railways, road transport, maritime, air, then do join us for coffee and cake and an hour of exchanging views and experiences. Earlier in April some of us attended the model railway exhibition, Rotarail, at Fareham College where we experienced the many working model layouts and marvelled at the skill and dedication of the exhibitors. On 19th July some of us hope to visit the Alton bus rally and view classic buses, coaches, cars, trucks and motorbikes. This a major event and a really good day out for enthusiasts and families.

Tony Elvery

Tuesday (Snug) Housegroup

The next meetings will be on June 23rd (please note change of week) and July 21st

Linda Press

Healing Group

The next healing group is on Wednesday 24th June at 10am at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley. All welcome

BIBLE SOCIETY

Thank you so much for the stamps that the congregation at Fareham Methodist Church took the time to collect and send to the Bible Society.

We are very grateful for your support, which helps us as we seek to make the Bible heard by people everywhere. Whilst we continue to make the Bible available where there are none through Bible translation and distribution projects around the world, we also recognise a new challenge to make the biblical message more relevant and credible to the millions of people in our own society who are seeking a sense of purpose and direction in life. To find out more about Bible Society's important work, please visit www.biblesociety.org.uk.

Stamp corner began in 1906, and thanks to people like you it continues to generate funds for Bible work worldwide. Please keep sending stamps and postcards to support this vital work!

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Yours sincerely Neil Boulton—Postal Administrator

PS A special thanks to Linda Thomas and her son who have donated two huge bags of used stamps to the charity.

Jill Race

Good Neighbours.

The next Annual General Meeting of Good Neighbours will take place on Wednesday 10th June from 7p.m. at the United Reformed Church.

We will be discussing the theme of Food and Nutrition for the elderly

Anyone interested in the work of FGN is most welcome to attend.



Wednesday, 10th June 2015

**Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road,
Fareham PO16 0NU**

Sharing the story

4.00pm – 6.00pm

**Everyone is welcome to join us for games,
craft, worship and a meal.**



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUMMER PROGRAMME

June 10th Visit to Warsash Common. Fareham Bus Station No. X5 Bus at 1.38pm.

June 24th Visit to Petworth House & Gardens. Minibus from Church at 10.30am Must be booked in advance as numbers limited.

July 8th Garden Party at the Home of Joan & Jeff Padley at 2.00pm.
Garden Stalls, usual sandwiches, savouries, cakes and strawberries & cream. Tickets £3.50

Shirley Henderson

Prayer Meeting

During Coffee mornings on selected Thursdays a group of us hold a prayer meeting in the Sanctuary. Here we bring to our Lord our concerns and aspirations for our church, our nation, our world and individuals known to us who need prayerful support, as well as groups and organisations who are involved in the many areas of care and support both nationally and in our local community. The prayers can be vocal or silent, written and confidential, and you may like to light a candle to highlight your contribution. This is an opportunity for caring Christians to spend some dedicated and focussed time in representing our world in prayerful contemplation and meditation. You are most welcome to join our number and the next meeting will be on the 18th June at 10.15 am. Come a little early and grab some coffee and cake!

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 10.00 to 11.45 am

SUNDAY LUNCH 14th JUNE at 12.15 p.m.approx.

Please note this is the SECOND Sunday of the month as I am not around on the 21st.

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 UKRAINE CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or pate

Main Course: Baked Gammon

Puddings: Variety

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

The Fareham Stroke Club Members wish to thank the “Anonymous Donor” for their generous donation—given via Shirley Henderson—We are most grateful.

A very big THANK YOU from the Fareham Stroke Club to Garry and all the members of the Singing Group and their accompanists as well as to the Master of Ceremonies. It is not just the evening, but the rehearsals leading up to the performance that takes so much time. Thank you also to Lynda Haydon-Jones for her sterling work in the preparation of the food. Again it is not just the day, but the planning. Thanks to her band of helpers. Very well done! Lastly Thank you to all who attended the evening and your generous contributions to the two charities.

Church entrance access control

You will have noticed recently some additional cables and switches have been installed adjacent to the Welcome area and Scout Shop entrances. This is in preparation for a new access system being installed.

At their January meeting, the Church Council agreed to the installation of a new locking system for the Church, this will do away with the current keys, and all key holders will be issued with a key-fob.

There has been questions from our insurance company for some time regarding the number of keys we have, and as the current key locks have been in place for some 15 – 20 years, it was decided that time had come to review the whole access system. Introducing the new system will also help us with compliance for safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

Currently everyone with a key can access the building 24 hours a day, whether they need to or not. With the new system we can restrict access as appropriate, e.g. if you only have a meeting on a Wednesday between 2 & 4pm, you will only have access at that time. Obviously we will discuss individual requirements when the time comes.

Phase one of the work is now complete, and a magnetic lock has been installed on the Scout Shop entrance. This is initially for the Trinity Pre-School's use only, and complies with a requirement from the Fire officer.

The next job is to install new entrance doors in the Welcome area, and once this is complete we will then start the change-over process to key fobs.

Don't hesitate to contact me or one of the Property Group if you have any questions.



COFFEE CENTRE

*Relax with a newspaper/
magazine*

OPEN

Have a meeting

THURSDAYS

Chat with friends

10.00AM – 11.30 AM

Play a board game

All very welcome

Thank you for your support

May I, on behalf of the Singing Group, thank everyone who came to our concert on May 8th. Your support was much appreciated. The donations reached over £480 which will be divided between the Fareham Stroke Club and 'All We Can' (formerly MRDF). I would also like to thank everyone who worked to make the evening so successful - those who prepared the food and served us, those who helped to arrange the hall and lay the tables, our compere and, of course, the Singing Group.

Publicity

At the recent meeting of the Church and Community Group, Alan Sargent agreed to become part of the publicity team as he has many established contacts with the press and the media. So if you wish to promote your event please ensure that you use Sheila Dyer for the notice boards, Malcolm Race for the church website, Ruth Elvery for the Fareham Focus, Judith Bramall for the weekly notices and Alan if you wish to advertise outside the church. You still need to prepare your publicity but they will ensure that it is displayed on notice boards, websites and in the press.

Garry Bagshaw

TIME FOR A FEW SMILE LINES FROM PARISH PUMP!!

Descriptions

Dust: mud with the juice squeezed out.

Inflation: cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Raisin: grape with a sunburn.

Mosquito: an insect that makes you like flies better.



SUPPORT THE VULNERABLE

Leaders from four major UK Churches (including the Methodist Church) have signed an open letter to the re-appointed Prime Minister, David Cameron, encouraging him to hold ‘truth, justice, peace and wellbeing’ at the heart of the government.



With a focus on ‘loving our neighbour’, the letter reminds the Prime Minister that a wholesome society should be concerned for the weakest and most vulnerable, both locally and globally.

The letter, signed by leaders of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, highlights several of the key concerns that the Churches believe should be high on the agenda of the new government, calling for:

- a full review of the impact of the benefits sanctions system;
- a postponement of further spending on Trident and a serious re-assessment of the need for nuclear weapons;
- assertive international action to uphold human rights and deliver humanitarian assistance in Syria;
- action to make freedom of religion a human rights priority in all aspects of foreign policy.

“Remembering our neighbours is vital for a healthy society,” said Rachel Lampard, leader of the Joint Public Issues Team, which works on behalf of the Churches. “Whilst policies protecting the most weak and vulnerable of society may not always be the most popular, they are necessary to live out the common good, regardless

UKRAINE 2015

I am joining the Mission to the 3 villages in the Ukraine again this year and will be helping with the Summer School for a week. We are flying to Budapest on 24th July and then travelling all day on the 25th to the villages which are 20/30 miles



over the border in the West. I believe the people are poorer than ever owing to a great rise in inflation and money from the government is not getting through!! If anyone would like to help with donations or items for school use I would be very grateful. I will need these by the end of June please as the lorry travels out at the beginning of July.



We are in need of stickers, felt tip pens, old clean blankets, toy tea sets, toy cars, construction toys, games, playdoh and dressing up clothes please. I will place a box in the Welcome Area for any contributions.

Many thanks,
Jill Groom

TOPICS OF INTEREST

REFLECT

JUNE RETREAT

Once again we will be gathering for our yearly retreat in Ladywell Convent, near to Godalming in Surrey over the weekend of the 12/14th June.

Our leader will be the Rev Alison Tomlin a former president of the Methodist conference and during the weekend Alison will be sharing with us some thoughts on Prophecy & Contemplation.

During the weekend there will be lots of time to think about what Alison has shared as well as the opportunity to find lots of free time for yourself.

The convent also has a number of rooms where one can find personal space, as well as the chance to enjoy the beautiful grounds.

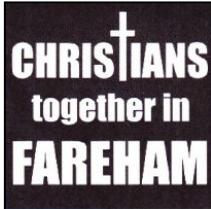
The cost of the weekend is £164 fully catered; we do observe silence after Friday night prayers until the Sunday communion service.

If you have any questions or would like a booking form please contact on

Brian-car@hotmail.co.uk

Or 01883 370945

Brian Sherrell



An extract from the Notes of Christians Together in Fareham Annual General Meeting Wednesday, 6th May, 2015 held at St Johns, Fareham

CTiF Holiday Club:

The club will run from 8th-12th August 2016, morning sessions for key stages 1 and 2 and possibly teenagers too. There is a taster session on 23rd July 2015. Scripture Union material (On Your Marks to coincide with the Olympics) will be used. Unfortunately the cost of having a leader from Scripture Union is great so hopefully local experienced leaders will be used. Sally will talk to the Community Church who have a Young Person worker. The event will be based at the Methodist Church and using Holy Trinity if necessary.

Christmas:

Sally and Paul have met with the shopping centre management who have agreed to:

- Sheep trail, to be launched on 29th November, sheep to be in shop windows in the centre and along West Street, details will be included in the Council publication that goes out to the borough. There will be a sheet to record the sheep's names available from leaflet holders in the centre, on the reverse will be the Christmas story.
- Christingle Stall, this is booked for 5th December between 11am and 2pm in one of the community areas in the shopping centre. Children will make a Christingle to take away along with a leaflet about Christingle.
- Christmas Present wrapping service is booked for 21st December, from 4pm – 8pm in the centre, Paul is liaising with Sheikh Faizle on this.

Sally will enquire as to whether the crib scene can be displayed this year.

CELEBRATING THE 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MAYC

Picnic and Praise!

St James Road Methodist Church SOUTHAMPTON

MAYC was founded in June 1945 with a special event held in the Royal Albert Hall. The Christian influence at the heart of MAYC changed the lives of many young people.

ON SATURDAY 11TH JULY

11.30 am The celebration starts with worship and continues with the sharing of memories and hearing about present day Methodist Youth Work. A bring and share lunch will be followed by yellow and green themed games for all ageswith prizes for the best dressed in MAYC colours!

4.00 pm Cake cutting ceremony, prayer and close.

For more information or to register your interest please contact:
Nicola Briggs on 07858 192996 nicola@briggsworld.co.uk or
Revd Claire Simpson at: revclaire72@btinternet.com

Please send any photographs or memorabilia to Nicola Briggs in advance, to be included in a memory board on the day.



**YEOVIL AND BLACKMORE VALE CIRCUIT OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH (26/5)
CHARITY NUMBER 1158290**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER
APPOINTMENT**

Based in Yeovil and surrounding area
Working with children from 0 – 18
toddler groups, youth clubs, messy church, families

(45 WEEKS PER ANNUM)

25 HOURS PER WEEK AT £8.50/hr

For an application pack with further details please contact

The Circuit Office, Vicarage Street Methodist Church,
Middle Street, Yeovil. BA20 1JZ

01935 432173 email: yandbvcircuit@gmail.com

Closing date for applications:

Friday 12 June 2015

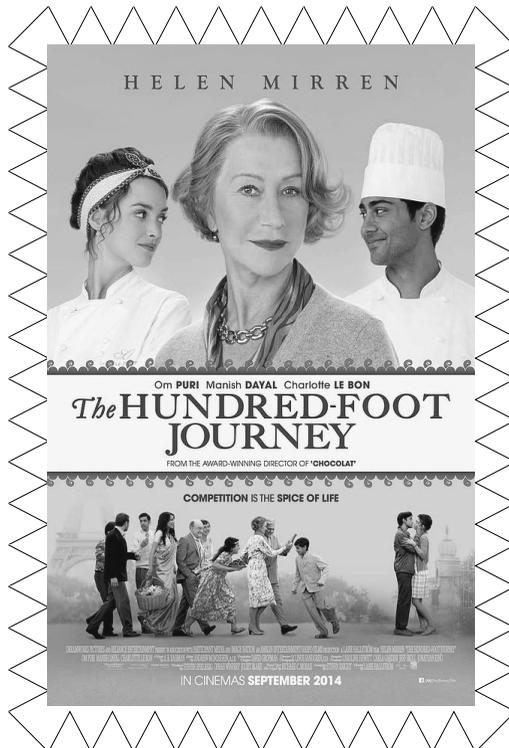
It is an occupational requirement that the post holder is a
committed Christian

A satisfactory enhanced DBS disclosure will be required
for this post

Fareham Methodist Church

MEAL and FILM EVENING

6:00 pm - Friday 10th July



The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery! Then

We will be serving an Indian/French Meal
- details to follow.

Donations towards the cost of the meal will go to:
Nepal Earthquake Disaster Fund - through "All we Can"

Please sign the list in the Welcome area
or contact Jill or Garry - jill.groom@btinternet.com

1 YEAR PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE SEPT 2015 TO JULY 2016

**We're looking for people who are passionate
About sharing God's love with children and families
To join the brand new Wave Kids Team
A joint initiative of
The local churches in Swanage**

Your work with children (aged 11 and under) will include:

Work in primary schools (at least 1 day per week)

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Children's clubs

Toddler groups

Messy Church and Fun Clubs

Time to develop in your own walk with God

Training: Your work will run alongside a year-long course called "Be Transformed" which focuses on discipleship and practical children's ministry. The course is delivered by SWYM (South West Youth Ministries), and can lead onto other training including a degree.

As well as this fantastic training, you will receive:

Weekly pocket money (£30 per week),

Meals and accommodation,

A mentor,

Full support from your team leader and charity trustees

The knowledge that you are playing a key role in the lives of local children and families.

Full **job description** can be found at [swym.org.uk/join-swym/
placement-details/7172](http://swym.org.uk/join-swym/placement-details/7172)

If you are interested in visiting or want a chat to find out more, please contact Tom Bullock, our Children's Ministry Leader on 01929 421767 or email tom@waveministry.org.uk.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



DADDY?

You know how sometimes we mishear things? A little boy that I know said that they had sung 'Away in a Manger' in the Nativity play at his preschool. He was convinced from singing this carol that Jesus had another name because he had heard it as 'little George Jesus asleep in the hay'.

In the same way a little girl said that she knew God's name because every time people said the Lord's Prayer she heard it as 'Harold be thy name'.

When Jesus gave us the prayer we call The Lord's Prayer he told us what to call God – you can read about it in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6, verses 5-15.

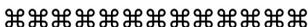
The word that Jesus used for 'Our Father' was 'Abba' which is the way that children then spoke to their father, like we use the word Daddy now. Every time we say the prayer we remember that God is our loving father.



FOUR OF A KIND



Can you find a common English word of 8 letters which contains 4 Gs? Here is a clue... it's a laughing matter. Answer at the bottom of the page.



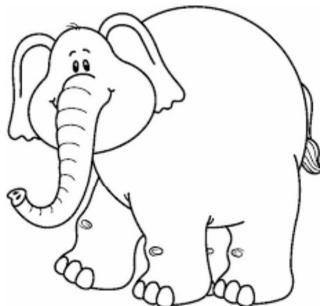
What do they call ministers in Germany?

German Shepherds.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Samson. He brought the house down.

Who was the first person in the Bible?
Chap One.



Why does an elephant use his trunk as a bookmark?

That way he always nose where he stopped reading.

What do you call someone with an elephant on their head?

Squashed!



Answer: giggling

FLOWER MINISTRY

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers .

Many thanks to Joan Padley for bringing me the church flowers in celebration of my 98th Birthday. They are especially beautiful, such lovely bright colours and after being in the vase for a week they still look fresh.

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers in recognition of the anniversary of Robin's death. Also to Liz for bringing them and staying to chat.

Pat Croker

Thank you for the love and flowers sent from the church, and the pleasure of a visit from Joan.

Mavis Parish

SITUATION VACANT

Solent Diabetes Association: Vacancy for Weekly Collector for Fareham Shop

SDA are looking for a Mobile Collector to collect and deliver loaded charity bags to the Fareham shop.

The work involves:

Once a week, delivering SDA charity collection bags to approximately 200 houses in the Fareham area then returning a few days later to collect the loaded bags and take to the shop.

Delivery of bags takes approximately one hour and collection approximately two hours.

Pay is £35 per one delivery and collection and £5 to cover petrol and mileage.

Individual must

- have own vehicle and clean driving licence
- be fit enough to lift loaded bags
- be presentable and friendly and happy to represent SDA to the public.

Further information can be obtained from Gayle Nash, Shop Manager, West St., Fareham – Closing date for applications is the end of June

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JUNE 1 9.30 Mini-Market 19.30 Worship Consultation	2 9.45 Parent and Toddlers 2000 Ladies' Night	3	4 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	5	6
8	9 9.45 Parent and Toddlers	10 16.00 Messy Church 1900 Good Neighbours Meeting at URC	11 10.00 Coffee Centre 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	12 Retreat Ladywell Convent	13 Retreat Ladywell Convent
15	16 9.45 Parent and Toddlers 2000 Ladies' Night	17	18 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle 10.30 Transport Enthusiasts 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	19	20
22	23 9.45 Parent and Toddlers 10,15 Snug House group	24 10,00 Healing Group at Padley's	25 10.00 Coffee Centre 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	26	27
29	30 9.45 Parent and Toddlers Ladies' Night 1500 Summer tea party	JULY 1	2 10.00 Coffee Centre 17.30 Brownies 22	3	4

The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

The Glory of the Garden by Rudyard Kipling

OUR England is a garden that is full of stately views,
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.
For where the old thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,
You'll find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the heart of all
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dung-pits and the tanks,
The rollers, carts, and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the planks.

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice boys
Told off to do as they are bid and do it without noise ;
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare the birds,
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.
And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,
And some are hardly fit to trust with anything that grows ;
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and loam,
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing:-" Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade
While better men than we go out and start their working lives
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.
There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thick,
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so sick
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further orders,
If it's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders;
And when your back stops aching and your hands begin to harden,
You will find yourself a partner In the Glory of the Garden.
Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
And the Glory of the Garden it shall never pass away !

DOOR STEWARDS

June

7th 10.30 Brenda Bennett and Sally Bland

14th 10.30 Liz Avison and Irene Russell

21st 10.30 Margaret and Bob Temple

28th 10.30 Lynda Young and Mary Bailey

28th 18.00 Eric Wheeler or Watsons

July

5th 10.30 Bobby and Patrick Watson

REFRESHMENT ROTA

June

7th Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock

14th Una Peters, Pat and Tony Pickering

21st Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom

28th Irene Russell and Tony Emberson

July

5th Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd

FLOWER ROTA

June

7th - Maud Lovell

14th - Ruth Elvery

21st - Irene Russell

28th - Flower Fund

July.

PRESS DATE

All items for the **JUL/AUG 2015** Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by noon of **Thurs 26th JUNE**

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website