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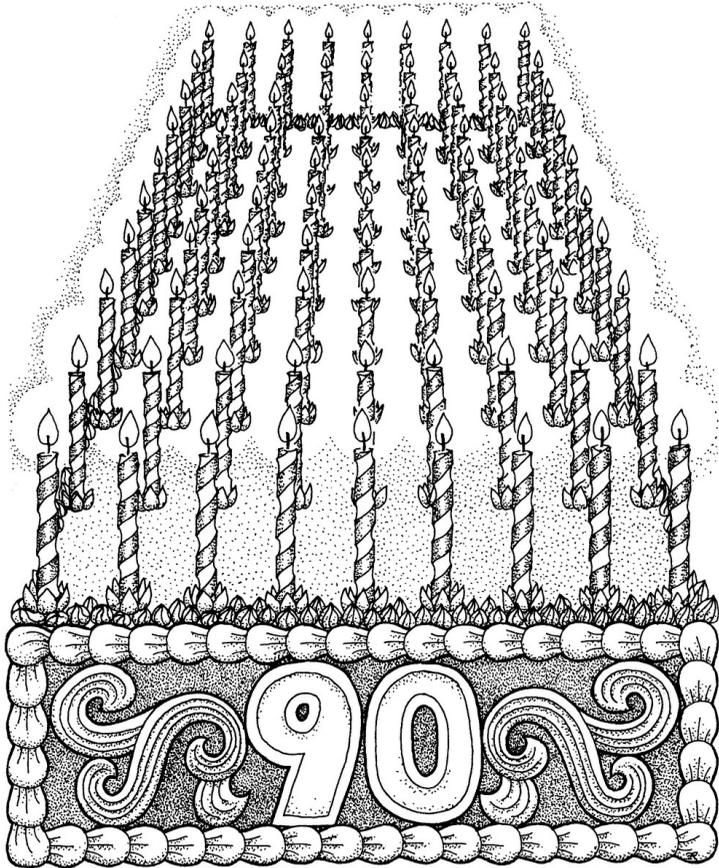


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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

JUNE

5th	10.30	Rev Andrew de Ville Holy Communion
12th	10.30	Mr Andrew Wilcock
19th	10.30	Junior Church All age
26th	10.30	Mr Gerry Williams
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson Healing and Holy Communion

JULY

3rd	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson Family Holy Communion
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LOCAL PREACHER'S AND TEAM APPOINTMENTS

12th June	10.00	Tracy Cooper	Drayton
3rd July	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	Copnor
	10.30	Fareham Team	Gosport

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

Dear friends,

So, to leave or to remain? That is the question that we are faced with towards the end of this month when the culmination of campaigning on the EU referendum comes to its head in the vote that can go only one of two ways. Many of us will have reached saturation point with the news and current affairs programmes that have attended to all aspects of the decision that lies before us.



Some people have asked ‘What is the ‘right’ decision for Christian people to make?’ If only that were an easy question to answer! The reality is that, just as in any other elective process, we prayerfully consider the issues and we then make a decision consistent with our interpretation of the facts and comments made, our beliefs and our own integrity.

More people have said to me (including my parents) that they are aware that they are not necessarily making a decision for themselves but on behalf of their children, grandchildren and the generations to come. This decision is about taking the long view - beyond our own lifetime even - and it is not just a short term fix or answer to the issues that face us now.

In this, I am reminded of the meditation attributed to the liberation theologian from El Salvador, Oscar Romero (1917- 1980) called ‘A Future not our Own’. In that meditation he draws on the idea that the work of building God’s kingdom is beyond us and we may plant seeds and lay foundations that we never see come to their full potential, but we are called to be faithful in our time and trust that what we do as ‘individual workers’ will be blessed by the ‘master builder’ because we are aware that we are prophets of a future that is not our own.

Whatever the outcome on the 23rd June, we trust that God will bless our endeavours and honour our decision making

CHURCH NEWS



Action for Children

Tuesday, 26th July is my birthday.

Why not come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake in my garden and give Action for Children a donation?

16 Southampton Road.

between 10 am and 1 pm.

I don't know what I am going to do if it rains!

Recording of Church Services

As some of you may remember, two recordings are made of every Morning Service. They are stored in a box on the bookcase containing the Worship Books at the back of the church. The initial idea of doing this was that they were available for anyone not able to attend Church but would like to feel part of the Church Family. However, there may be those who would like to hear a sermon again or pass them on to someone who is interested in the Church.. The CDs used for the recording are not re-useable so there is no need to return them.

Malcolm Race

Tuesday (Snug) Housegroup: Our next meeting will be on 14th June at 10.30am when we will be considering 'Making room for what really matters' looking at Luke 10:38-42. Linda Press

East Fareham Housegroup will be meeting at our home at 7.30pm on June 22nd and July 27th Joan Padley

A time to be messy

On Monday, May 16th, I set off with some trepidation for Hertfordshire, praying that the M25 would be running smoothly. I was off to the first Messy Church International Conference. Two hundred Messy Church leaders, workers, and supporters gathered at High Leigh Conference Centre, some from many far flung parts of the world – Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and USA as well as the places closer to home in Europe – Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Germany. After lunch we gathered to hear a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury and to start to get to know each other. It wasn't long before the Messy ethos surfaced with ice-breaking games and activities. Do have a look at the Facebook page for Messy Church International Conference to see some of our activities! The next two days were spent listening to presentations from George Lings from the Church Army on the progress of Messy Church as a Fresh Expression, hearing about messy Church in different countries as well as working in small groups to look at the values of the Messy Church. We had time to be quiet and reflect on everything we had heard, to get covered in paint and glue etc, to sing new songs, to talk and to make new friends.

So what about our Messy Church? Well, we are doing alright according to George Lings statistics. However, we cannot afford to be complacent. New families arrive each month and it's good to have time to talk to them. However, work schedules, sickness and holidays often change how we have to work. It happened in May. If you are good at talking to people, able to do things with your hands or good at preparing the hall for the meal, we would love to hear from you – you don't have to come each month but you can become part of the team. Come along to our next session on June 8th and experience the buzz of this exciting new way of worship. This is our church's outreach in action. Please help us with your presence or your prayers.

Garry Bagshaw
On behalf of the Messy Church Team.

PROGRESS

The history of the church in keys. The large key was an original 1938 key which opened the back door and the stokehole door. The boiler for heating was coke fired; the shoot for delivery is the raised bit under the bins in Kings Road. The main front doors onto Queens Road could only be opened from inside. Even when a new porch was built in 1988 (I think) the doors were opened from inside. Then when the present porch was built in 2005, the back door was permanently closed and new locks fitted to the porch door and several interior doors (central key). Now we have electronic fobs (right) for the entry; the central key still operates the interior doors.



Eric Wheeler (former property steward)

Fareham Methodist Church
MEAL and FILM EVENING
Friday 15th July at 6 p.m.



See page 7 for more information

BIG SUNDAY LUNCH TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90th
BIRTHDAY
12th JUNE at 12.15 p.m.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 to a charity. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.
Please sign the list if you can help either before or after the meal.
Thank you!

The Menu

Starter: Vegetable soup or prawn cocktail

*Main Course: Roast turkey, sausages, Roast Potatoes,
Selection of Vegetables.*

Puddings: Variety

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

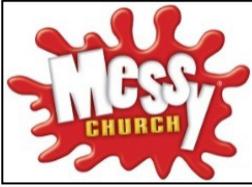
Lady in the Van cont. from page 6

Based on the true story of Margaret Shepherd who spent 15 years on Alan Bennett's driveway!

We will be serving a special meal—menu to follow!

Donations for the meal will go to: 2 Saints

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area or contact Jill Groom or Garry Bagshaw



Wednesday, June 8th 2016
Fareham Methodist Church, Kings
Road, Fareham PO16 0NU
3.30pm – 6.00pm

Handling our worries



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

See us on Facebook

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The final fund raising effort of Wednesday Fellowship towards the £50,000 which MWIB has raised over three years for the partnership with the Church of North India to support Dalits, by educating Dalit girls and funding self-help groups for adult women, will be our garden party on 15th June at 3.30 at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley.

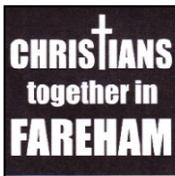
All are welcome to come and enjoy the strawberries and cream and endless goodies and find bargains on the plant and book stalls. tickets are £3.50 from Eric Wheeler or Pat Croker.

If holidays or work prevent you coming, please bake, or turn out something for the stalls.

Joan Padley. <tel:284801>.

No more meetings at church until September

Shirley Henderson



CTiF Holiday Club
8th – 12th August 2016



Based at Fareham Methodist Church from 8th-12th August, there is a great opportunity for children aged 5-11 to enjoy a range of fun activities from 9.45 to 1pm (including lunch).

Primary aged children in Years R to 6 in the school year 2015-16 are eligible to attend. Further details, information and registration forms can be obtained from Kevin Foster, email kscfoster@tiscali.co.uk

Initial registration of interest has been EXTENDED to Friday 10th June.

Growing up as a Dalit

Usho, a young Dalit woman currently in the UK for further study, shares something of her life story:

1. When did you first realize that being a Dalit girl meant you were discriminated against by some people?

Since my childhood. I was born in a remote village, where feelings of untouchability against Dalits are much stronger; my home village is like a symbol of the Dalit community. But still now today in my home town, high caste people make us live in the backside of the town.

2. What forms did this discrimination take?

When I was studying 6th standard (13 years old), I went along with one of my classmates to her house, they made me stand outside their house. Her parents and grandparents did not allow me to come inside their house. And then when I asked water for drink they gave me one kind of cheap metal glass to drink water. In my village some high caste people did not call us to their houses and one of my other friends took me to her home and gave me food to eat in the banana leaf and made me sit in the veranda.

As for me mainly poverty, because high caste people are rich and land owners (100 & 1000 acres) and land lords, Dalits are just daily wages workers in their fields, still today.

3. Can you describe how this made you feel, what sort of impact it had on your life?

First of all this kind of attitude made me feel inferior a lot. I was always questioning myself, sometimes I asked God, "Why is it like this, God?"

4. How have you overcome the discrimination and prejudice of others?

The impact made me study well to study higher studies. By studying I can overcome this discrimination. Now, through the influence of the modern days, in urban situations we do not find so much discrimination, but still in the villages. Education takes out all these prejudices.

5. What can other people do to help the Dalit struggle for justice?

Where there are Dalit communities, we must recognize them and provide the education, as well as better hygiene and living standards. Uplifting the poor, poverty elimination. These things have to take place in order to change things for the Dalits. Education must be provided in all ages. As for me these things can help the Dalits to have value in society.



Fareham Methodist Church

Quiz Evening

Friday June 24th

7 for 7.30pm

Please pre book Tickets £7.00

Fish & Chips or Sausage & Chips
(Gluten free option available)
Vegetarian option
with hot drinks

Profits to Church Funds

Come as a team or join a team when you arrive

Tickets are available on Sundays from
Andrew Wilcock
or Janice Sargent
or on (01329) 289741

TOPICS OF INTEREST

A printed copy of the Think, Pray, Vote: EU referendum resource for churches, will be available to read in the Welcome Area from Sunday 22nd May. It is a series of briefing notes produced by the Joint Public Issues Team, which includes the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church with the support of the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office.

It covers different topics and includes background information, issues for debate and questions related to the referendum, and can be used for conversations with groups or for personal reflection.

It is also available to read online using this link:

<http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Think-Pray-Vote-EU-Referendum-resource.pdf>

I am very encouraged by the contributions I have received this month. This is your magazine and it will always be as good as the articles that are sent in. from you my reporters. So let us hear what you are doing this Summer interesting places you have visited and experiences that you have had. Thank you

Ruth Elvery Editor



Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to everyone who supported Christian Aid Week. We have raised a fantastic £924.73 to date which includes £185 from the Sunday Lunch in April; £195 from Retiring Church Collections and £544.73. £439 was gift aided so we should raise over a thousand pounds once the tax has been added.

As well as many of the other churches in Fareham having their own fund raising, £1,088.46 was collected in the Shopping Centre; £388.00 at Fareham Station and £336.33 at the Christians Together in Fareham Pentecost Praise.

Thank you!

Linda Foster

FAREHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS



**General Meeting
Wednesday 8th June 2016**

**Fareham Methodist Church
Kings Road**

7.15 for 7.30pm

Refreshments provided

After a short general meeting there will be a talk by the Fareham Macular Society about their work and what it means to suffer from Age-related Macular Degeneration.

This will be followed by the presentation of long service certificates to Fareham volunteers who have befriended for 10 or more years.

All are welcome to attend

David Cockshoot – Hon Secretary

Email dauidcockshoot@btinternet.com



Part of the Good
Neighbours Network

*Coordinator: Lucy Docherty, Referrals: Avril Cockshoot, Volunteer coordinator: Rosemary Gill,
Secretary: David Cockshoot, Treasurer: Judith Stapleton*

UKRAINE 2016

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 22nd July and then travelling all day on the 23rd to the



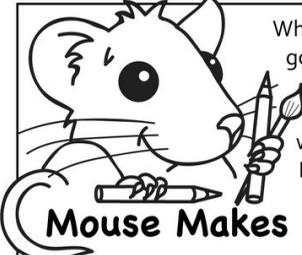
villages which are 20/30 miles over the border in the West. I believe the people are poorer than ever owing to a great rise in inflation and money from the government is not getting through!! If anyone would like to help with donations or items for school use I would be very grateful. I will need these by end of June please as the lorry travels out at the beginning of July. We are in need of stickers, felt tip pens, toothpaste and



toothbrushes, playdoh and dressing up clothes please.(We have plenty of pencils) I will place a box in the Welcome Area for any contributions.

Many thanks,
Jill Groom

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



Mouse Makes

When **Pharoah**, the King of **Egypt**, let the **Israelites** go free, God led them across the desert to the **sea**. But Pharoah changed his mind and came after them with his **army**. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the **Lord** for help. **Moses** told them, "*Do not be afraid*". He held his hand out over the sea and the **water divided** to leave dry land.

Read **Exodus** chapters 14-15



Unscramble the letters in the pebbles to find the words in **bold** from the story

FLOWER MINISTRY



I would like to say a very big “Thank you” to all who sent me gifts, cards and flowers for my 99th birthday. I appreciate it very much. I was in QA Hospital, but determined to make it as happy a day as possible. My family put silver ‘99’ balloons swinging over my bed. They brought me a delicious birthday cake made of sponge cake, jam, cream and marzipan. We shared this with the other patients and the nurse. There was lots of laughter, and it was a day to be remembered.

After being in hospital for three weeks it is very good to be at home again.

Maude Lovell

Thank you so much for the lovely Church flowers delivered by Jean Petter who also spared time to stay for a while. Very much appreciated. Lynda Thomas

Mavis Parish says thank you for the flowers given to her on her Birthday and she is grateful to be remembered by church friends.

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
6 9.30 Mini-Market	7 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	8 Messy Church 15.30 19.30 Good Neighbours' AGM	9 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	10	11
13 9.30 Mini-Market	14 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 10.30 Snug House Grp	15 15.30 Wed Fellowship Garden Party at Padley's	16 9.30 Coffee am 10.15 Prayer Group 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	17	18
20 9.30 Mini-Market	21 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	22 19.30 East Fareham House grp. At Padley's	23 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	24 19.00 Quiz Evening	25
27 9.30 Mini-Market	28 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	29	30 9.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing grp.	JULY 1	2
4 9.30 Mini-Market	5 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	6	7 9.30 Coffee am 10.00 Transport enthusiasts 10.15 Prayer group 17.30 Brownies	8	9

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..

Yes I thought I knew my Bible
Reading piecemeal, hit or miss
Now a part of John or Matthew
Then a bit of Genesis

Certain chapters of Isaiah
Certain psalms, the twenty-third.
First of Proverbs, twelfth of Romans
Yes, I thought I knew the Word

But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read my Bible through.

You who like to play at Bible
Dip and dabble here and there
Just before you kneel all weary
Yawning through a hurried prayer.

You who treat this crown of writings
As you treat no other book
Just a paragraph disjointed
Just a crude impatient look.

Try a worthier procedure
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in awesome wonder
When you read the Bible through.

Author unknown

DOOR STEWARDS

JUNE 5th Rosemarie and Tony Jackson
 12th Liz Haigh and Lynda Hayden-Jones
 19th Bessie and Daniel Taabu
 26th Sally Bland and Janice Collins
 18.00 Eric Wheeler and Bobby and Patrick Watson
JULY 3rd Liz Avison and Irene Russell

(This is correct at time of publication but does not take account of changes made by individuals)

REFRESHMENT ROTA

JUNE 5th Margaret Temple, Sally Bland and Brenda Bennett
 12th Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall
 19th Pat Croker and Mary Bailey
 26th Liz Haigh and Liz Avison
JULY 3rd Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long

FLOWER ROTA

June 5th Marion Bright
 12th Flower fund
 19th Shirley Sargeant
 26th Flower fund
July 3rd Gary Bagshaw

PRESS DATE

All items for the JULY/AUG Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk by noon of 23rd June. If this is not possible items can be placed in the box at church which will be emptied by the previous Sunday the 19th.

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website