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Services For the Month

5th May: Revd. Claire Simpson - HC

6pm: 1st Sunday

12th May: Revd. Les Judd

19th May: Revd. Claire Simpson

26th May: Mrs. Fran Jenkins

6pm: Revd. Stephen Wright

A Quick Note From the Editor

Apologies from Rev. Claire for not having a Minister letter this month.

I'm keeping all my fingers crossed this month that I haven't left anything out and all the information is correct. I've had some computer issues and lost quite a lot of things (everything will be backed up on memory sticks from now on) and have had to hunt through six months worth of e-mails to find what I needed.

However, with the sun shining so brightly outside and spending a long weekend with the family I'm finding myself very optimistic that it will all be fine.

Thank you

Rox Garrett

Vestry Jottings

First of all we thank Andrew Wilcock for the last six years of stewardship and we can now officially welcome Jill Groom as she joins the team.

Christian Aid week begins on Sunday 12th May with a combined service with the URC in our church.

Everyone is invited to the Church's 80th Birthday party on Friday 17th May. There will be an American supper with a list in the welcome area for people to sign and say what they will be supplying.

Christian Aid Week
12th - 19th May



There are a few tickets remaining for the Big Brekkie Quiz - Family Quiz and Breakfast 10am - 12pm on Saturday 11th May at the Fareham United Reformed Church. Book in advance: £4 adults and £1 children. Please see me for your tickets.

Our morning worship on Sunday 12th May will be led by Les Judd using some of the CA Resource materials.

Gift envelopes will be available for this service. These need to be returned on or before 19th May.

This is a united service with the URC.

If you are able to assist with House to House collections or in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Action for Children Home Collection boxes

It is time to collect these again so if you have a box at home please give it to Pat Croker before the end of May. We still have some more boxes so if anybody would like somewhere to put their small change please ask one of us.

Pat Croker and Catherine Stevenson

**THE COFFEE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN ON THURSDAY
30TH MAY - NOT CLOSED AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.
SORRY FOR ANY CONFUSION.**

Diary Date

The Next "Church and Community" meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30p.m. in Church. Apologies to Lynda Young on 01329 505466

Thankyou Lynda

The Organ and Instrumental Fund

The Organ and Instrumental Fund began a year ago on May 1st 2018. The Fund now stands at £3,096 (at the beginning of April) and so huge thanks to everyone who has contributed and is contributing. Donations have come from Church members, from Church groups, the saving on the Organ insurance, a Concert given by Linda Press and Carol Rogers and one Standing Order. By the time you read this, a further Concert with music from the Gondoliers on 27th April will have taken place in support of this Fund.

If you would like to donate then please put your contribution in Eric's box which you will find on the book-case at the back of the Church on a Sunday morning, as you leave. If you would like to write a cheque please make it payable to Fareham Methodist Church and on the back write Organ Fund. Please Gift Aid if you pay tax. If you would like to make a monthly Standing Order please speak to our treasurer, Mike Petter.

Again many many thanks to everyone who has supported and is supporting this very important and necessary Fund.

Jill Race.

**Families, Friendship, Fun,
Food
and Faith in Fareham**



**DAZZLING
DISCIPLES**



Wednesday May 8th 2019

3.30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

There is no charge for Messy Church, which is supported by Fareham Methodist Church, although donations are always gratefully received.

For more details about this once a month event for the whole family, find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/farehammessychurch/>

Messy Church logo © The Bible Reading Fellowship 2018

SUNDAY LUNCH

17th March at 12.15 p.m. / 12.30 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 for **the church funds** this month. 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 paté

*Main Course: Chicken breasts in gravy or
BBQ sauce, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables*

Puddings: Variety

There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign.

Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast!

If you can stay to help until all the washing up is done please sign the helpers list. It then means that those of us who have been at church since 8.45 a.m. can slip away before 3 p.m.!

Thank you. Jill Groom



What do you do with your tiddlers?

The Messy Church team is very appreciative of all the support given by the church. This enables us to reach out to so many families in our community. Each year a donation of £100 is sent to the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) which oversees and co-ordinates all the work of Messy Church around the world. It is estimated that 500,000 people of all ages attend Messy Church each month! The aim of BRF is to transform lives and communities. It runs the 'Barnabas in Schools' scheme providing RE days to over 25,000 children each year. There is also a section of BRF that works with older people - usually about 10,000 each month. There is also 'Vintage Messy Church' and 'Who let the Dads out?'. BRF provides support to each section to enable them to work within our communities here in the UK and further afield. This year they have launched 'Transforming lives with spare change' and I have a number of collecting boxes if you would like to support them.

Garry Bagshaw



Friday, May 17th 2019

Marking 80 years

of

**Fareham Methodist Church on this
site**

80th Anniversary Party

starting at 17.30

with an American Supper at 18.45

Come and join the celebrations

**Please add your name to the list in the Welcome
Area.**

**There is also a list for contributions to
the American Supper.**

THE GARDENERS' HYMN By Barbara Robinson

**All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.**

**But what we never mention though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies He made the baddies too.**

**All things spray and swattable
Disasters great and small
All things paraquatable
The Lord God made them all.**

**The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these.**

All things spray and swattable, etc.

**The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines**

All things spray and swattable, etc.

**The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the
spuds.**

All things spray and swattable, etc

**The midges and mosquitoes the nettles and the weeds.
The pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.**

All things spray and swattable, etc.

**The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his
thumbs.**

All things spray and swattable, etc.

**But still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and flowers
And pray what hits our neighbours will somehow bypass ours.**

All things spray and swattable, etc.

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:45 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	3 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	4
6 9:30 Mini Market	7 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	8 16:00 Messy Church	9 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	10	11
13 9:30 Mini Market	14 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night	15	16 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	17	18
20 9:30 Mini Market	21 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	22	23 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	24 18:30 Family Friday Games	25
27 9:30 Mini Market	28 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night	29	30 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	31	

Door Stewards

- 05th May Bessie and Daniel Taabu
12th May Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant
19th May Liz Avison and Irene Russell
26th May Lynda Haydon-Jones and Lynda Young

Refreshments

- 5th May Sally Bland, Margaret Temple and Brenda Bennett
12th May Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall
19th May Pat Croker and Mary Bailey
26th May Liz Haigh and Liz Avison

Flowers

	Providers	Deliverers
05th May	Tony and Pat Pickering	Tony Emberson
12th May	Marilyn Woodrow	Liz Avison
19th May	Lynda Haydon-Jones	Margaret Temple
26th May	Marion Bright	Irene Russell

PRESS DATE All items for the June Focus should be emailed to

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by noon of **Thursday 16th MAY**

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