

FAREHAM

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BUT I AM LIKE A GREEN OLIVE TREE
IN THE HOUSE OF GOD
I TRUST IN THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD
FOREVER AND EVER.
I WILL THANK YOU FOREVER
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

PSALM 52: 8-9

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Services for the Month of August **2022**

7 th August	Revd Claire Simpson Holy Communion 19 th in Ordinary Time
14 th August	Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray 20 th in Ordinary Time
21 st August	Gathering for Worship 21 st in Ordinary Time
28 th August	At the United Reformed Church 22 nd in Ordinary Time 6.30 pm Iona Holy Communion

Tea and Coffee Rota for August 2022

7 th August	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson
14 th August	Jean and Mike Petter
21 st August	Alison Humby and Pat Croker
28 th August	Liz Avison and TBA
4 th Sept.	Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall

Meet and Greet August 2022

7 th August	Lin Woodhams
14 th August	Liz Avison
21 st August	Lynda Haydon-Jones
28 th August	Walter Metcalf
4 th September	Bob Temple





The Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday Prayer Circle is held on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 10.30 am (unless advised of a change!).

All are welcome and as the Coffee Centre is open you are welcome to bring a drink into the Sanctuary with you. You can just drop in for 5 minutes or stay longer. Do bring any of your concerns and we will pray with and for you. Or just come and sit and listen – no pressure.

1 st September	Bob Temple
6 th October	Jill Race
3 rd November	Revd. Claire
1 st December	Julie Kettle
2023	
5 th January	Bob Temple
2 nd February	Julie Kettle
2 nd March	Bob Temple
6 th April	Jill Race
4 th May	Revd. Claire
1 st June	Julie Kettle
6 th July	Revd. Claire

Preloved Fashion Sale coming soon to Fareham Methodist Church

Have you got any clothes you no longer need? Why not give them to the church for our Preloved Fashion Sale. It's a recycle event so you may no longer want the item, but it might be just what someone else is looking for. You may be able to pick up that dress for a Christmas get together.

The clothes will be displayed in an appealing way, and you can even try them on – maybe get a friend's opinion.

Keep a look out for the date in next month's focus, notices in church and of course the Early Birds email each week. It's coming very soon.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers brought to me so kindly by Margaret – they brightened my day.

Love Lynda Young



WANTED for Mini-Market

“Nice, preloved items, please!”

Any items even if utterly **unloved** and **spurned**, if they are in good condition and likely to appeal to others, Mini-Market would still welcome them...!

Coffee Centre opens on Thursday 1st September.

Don't forget that date

REMEMBER: WE DON'T WORSHIP THE LORD ON SUNDAYS ONLY!



WE WORSHIP HIM EVERYDAY!

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hope everyone is coping with the hot weather.

July has been a busy month. Congratulations to Peter and Frances on the birth of their granddaughter Tilly, and congratulations to Kevin and Linda on the birth of Laura's son.

We celebrated Amy's 21st, drummer Bob's and Frank's 90th birthdays all in the same week.

Yesterday, the 29th July, saw the end of a very successful Holiday Club. Thanks to all who took part. No doubt photographs will appear somewhere in this month's Focus.

We need to update the Church Welcome booklet and the website. Please let us know if you can help with either of these.

We also need to know which groups have started, those that intend to start and those that have folded for whatever reason.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

The International Bible Reading Association (the IBRA) has a daily reading scheme called "Fresh from The Word". If you would like to order a book for 2023 please let me know. The cost is £10.99 which may come down if multi-copies are ordered. You are more than welcome to look at this year's scheme to see if you would like a copy.

Jill Race.

Fresh from The Word

**daily Bible reading notes from the
International Bible Reading Association**



£10.99
for 365 sets of
Bible notes

**FRESH
from the
WORD**

the Bible for a change

Foreword by Revd Dr Ash Barker
Edited by David Painting

2022 2023

What's inside?

- Weekly theme
 - Daily reading
 - Daily prayer
 - Daily action
- to bring God into
your everyday life**

Fresh from The Word 2022 brings you daily thoughts and meditations from theologians, scholars, creative writers, church leaders, and activists from around the world.

Each writer brings their own experience of God and His Word, refined through the reality of their world view, to shed new light on familiar circumstances.

Contributors this year include:

- Theologian and pastoral counsellor in Samoa Alesana Fosi Pala'amo on a new heaven and a new earth
- New Testament scholar Catrin Harland-Davies on love for one another
- Chaplain of Sheffield United FC Delroy Hall on facing the darkness
- Aid and development worker Mark Mitchell on rain, storm, and sunshine
- Entrepreneur, author, and speaker Bola Iduoze on readings from Luke

Introducing our NEW Editor – David Painting

Author and a theological adviser, David exercises a wide range of roles, all underpinned by a passion to see people understand who they are, and whose they are in Christ. David is excited about joining our amazing worldwide IBRA team to extend the teaching opportunity of Fresh from The Word to our existing readers and reach out to many new readers across the globe.





UKRAINE
CHRISTIAN
PARTNERSHIP

Dear Jill

Over the last month, life in Kherson and the region has become much more difficult for the civilians as the Russian occupation has been consolidated.

Some villages are still getting bombed and heavily damaged, but mostly the region is having to get used to Russian occupation with daily random checks from soldiers and a complete change of regime.

People are also suffering from loss of Ukrainian internet and mobile communication networks forcing them to use Russian networks. Pensions have again not been paid and there is a lack of money (or access to it) all around.

Our group has managed to continue working, successfully deploying funds for the last month to disadvantaged families, family orphanages, the Cooks Project and hospitals.





In the past month - the funds donated by UCP have also managed to purchase ingredients to provide a further 457 meals to feed patients in Kherson hospitals.

Thanks to your donations, the minister in Kherson has been able to extend help to 54 individual families in his area. This is despite the increasingly dangerous situation, where volunteers who are driving around and taking support to where it is needed are under increasing threat.

We continue to work closely with The Kherson Initiative and also our trusted contacts in the Transcarpathian Villages to ensure your donations are getting to those who are in great need of support.

Please visit our [website](#) for our latest updates and ways to give. Please also **share our website** with your family, friends and anyone else that you feel would be interested in the work we are doing.

With our very best wishes
The UCP Trustees

Dear friends,

I am sat writing this after what has felt like one of the busiest weeks of the year. Last week, Christians Together in Fareham hosted nearly 50 children at a Holiday Club. Many folk from this church and from churches across Fareham were involved in the planning, preparation and running of the club. It was a fantastic week. The weather was kind to us, dry and not too hot, as we worked across 3 different sites – the Gateway Church (formerly the Community Church); the URC; and here at the Methodist Church. For those of us who were involved it was great fun, very busy and pretty tiring! The children had a fantastic time, and it was lovely to see them and meet some of their families as well.

One of the best things about Holiday Club is the working together with other people from across Fareham throughout the week. It is a great example of how we are 'one body, many parts' as we seek to share something of God's love through the activities and stories that made up this year's theme of 'An Island Adventure'. We truly are better together, and Holiday Club is only possible because we come together as one group and work as a team throughout the week.

Talking of teams, we have just seen the Lionesses bring football home after their amazing achievement in winning the European Championships. I couldn't resist mentioning this! I know that many of you have watched the Championships and it was a really uplifting occasion to see England win the trophy. Some England flags even made their way onto our adventure island at Holiday Club last week!

I hope that as we journey through August, each one of us will have the opportunity for some rest and relaxation.

Stay safe and well,

Love Claire

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied, "Well every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or feel unhappy, one of my hairs turns white".

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Thank you, Ian,

MESSY CHURCH 13TH July 2022

Zacchaeus, the wealthy tax collector, was a short man so he climbed a tree so that he could see Jesus as He walked by. The local people did not like Zacchaeus because he worked for the Roman rulers.

Jesus stopped at his tree and said, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately, I must stay at your house today." Jesus stayed with Zacchaeus for a meal.



Decorating gingerbread to look like Zacchaeus



Zacchaeus climbing a tree



Playing games



Chefs preparing dinner Yum. Yum



Colouring a picture of Zacchaeus



Making an All-Inclusive people paper chain

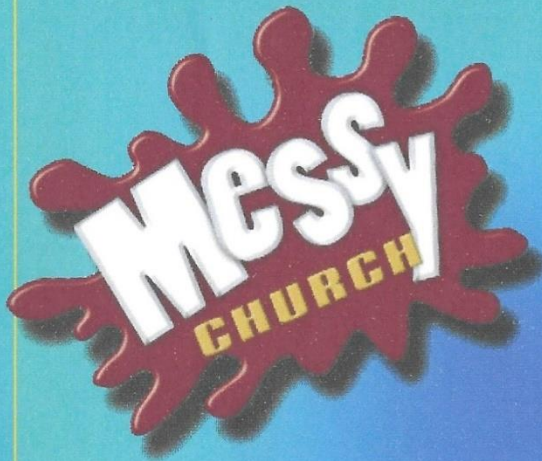


Making a pair of binoculars



Colouring a placemat for our plate at dinner

SAVE THE DATE OF OUR NEXT MESSY CHURCH



at Fareham
Methodist
Church
Kings Road

Date - Wednesday 14th September 2022

Time - from 3:30pm - 6:00pm



The Queen's Green Canopy

The Church Council decided to purchase a tree to commemorate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee following the article from Fareham Borough Council in 'Fareham Today', Spring Edition.

At the time the article stated that various people or organisations could purchase a tree from a selection which would then possibly be planted in an area referred to as Daedalus Common. This area would be renamed Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Park at a formal opening of the open space later this year. Names of purchasers would be listed on a Role of Honour on the FBC website.

Following this article I was led to believe there was considerable demand and **another area** was earmarked for the commemorative trees to be planted.

Our tree will be included in an area called "**The Queen's Copse**" in Abbey Meadow in Titchfield. A Sweet Chestnut tree was chosen from the selection and should be planted in November of this year. It was chosen because it would have all year-round appeal for birds, animals, insects and of course, people. Flowers in the Spring for the birds, bees, and insects, and for our delight. Nuts in the Autumn for the squirrels and other animals and the colour of the leaves at the change of season for people to enjoy.

The Church will receive a certificate and notification on completion of planting. Annually an invitation will be given for purchasers to attend an Open Day to view their tree (and others of course.) The area will be protected and not open to the public for a few years until the trees are established; to limit vandalism.

Below is some information from the council.

This is great – thank you Bobby for organising this for the church.

The Queen's Copse

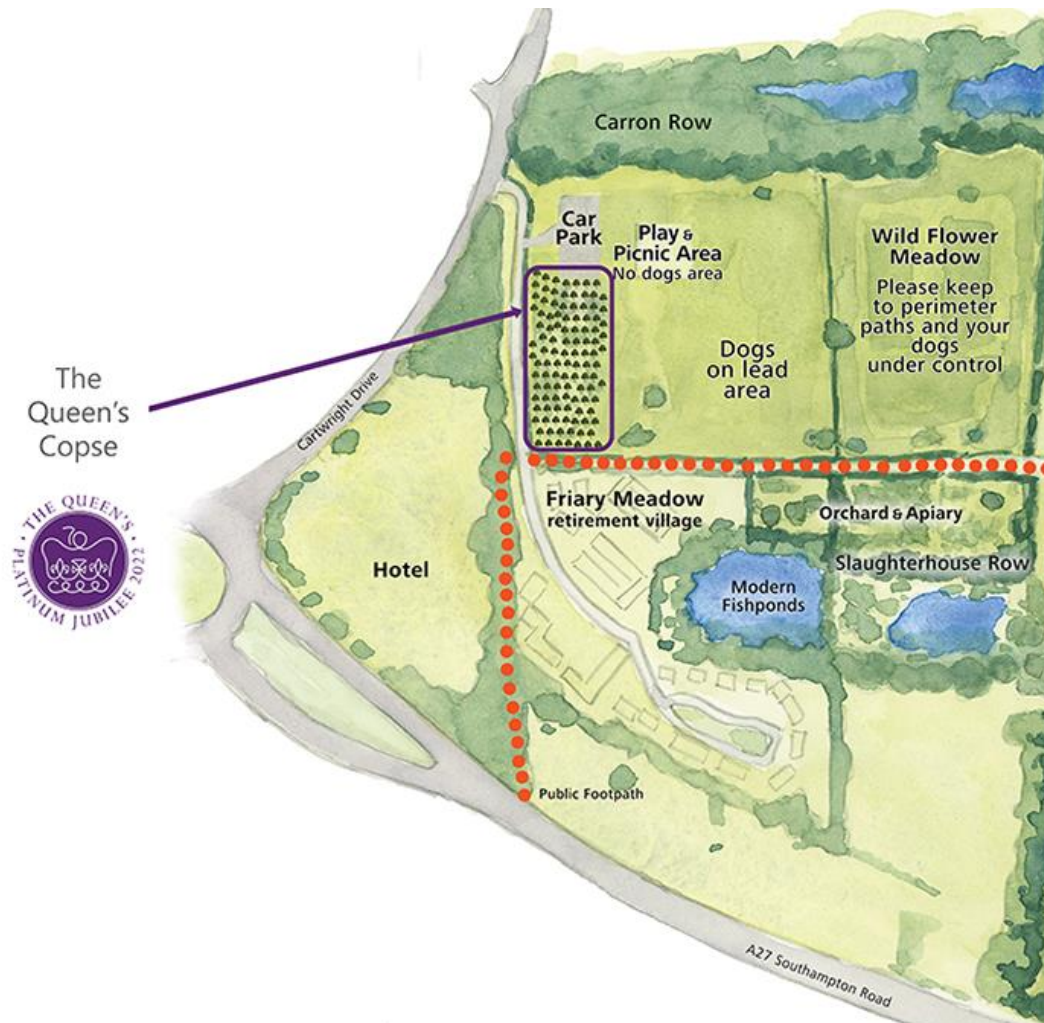
In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, having acceded to the throne on the 6th February 1952 when she was just 25 years old.

Fareham has a history of recognising significant Royal milestones so, to commemorate Her Majesty's 70 years of service, the Council is creating a sponsored tree planting scheme to create 'The Queen's Copse' within Abbey Meadows, Titchfield.

This specially created copse will offer a secluded and protected wildlife habitat to encourage biodiversity in the area, and Fareham residents, community groups, organisations, clubs, and businesses can sponsor trees either for themselves, in memory of a loved one or on behalf of somebody.

While all the trees at The Queen's Copse have now sold out, due to the popularity and high demand, we are delighted to announce that a second area has been identified to provide even more residents, community groups, organisations, clubs and businesses with the opportunity to sponsor a commemorative tree. Applications for The Platinum Copse have now closed.

A further 80 trees have been made available in 'The Platinum Copse' which will be situated in the south of the Abbey Meadows site. This site will provide a second area of protected wildlife habitat to encourage biodiversity.



July 2022

Dear Friends,

In the context of extreme temperatures in Europe and now in the UK, [last week's Global Divestment Announcement by 35 faith institutions](#) feels particularly powerful and significant.

While politicians and governments are failing to do what is required to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions at the pace required – and while oil and gas companies have expansion plans that would shatter the goal of limiting global heating to 1.5°C – Churches are choosing a different path, showing what a prophetic witness looks like by getting out of fossil fuels.

Our partners Laudato Si' Movement estimate that this latest divestment announcement represents institutions with over \$1.25 billion in combined assets, [as reported by Vatican News](#).

This includes five Church of England dioceses, two Catholic dioceses in the UK, and the Methodist Church in Ireland. All told, 19 of the 35 faith institutions that divested were from the UK. Some of these institutions had made divestment commitments in the months leading up to our announcement, while others publicly announced their divestment for the first time, including the Diocese of Leicester, Leicester Cathedral and the Catholic Archdiocese of Armagh.

Just days before last week's divestment announcement, Most Revd William Nolan, Archbishop of Glasgow and Lead Bishop on the Environment for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland, which divested from fossil fuel companies in 2021, [said](#): 'I think it's going to get to the stage (where) it will be an embarrassment for any Catholic institution that hasn't divested. This has gone from a purely symbolic gesture to something much, much more than that.'

The Operation Noah Team



Methodist Church of Great Britain endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

At its 2022 Conference in June, the Methodist Church of Great Britain unanimously endorsed the [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty](#), becoming the largest denomination in the UK to join the movement calling for an end to all new oil and gas exploration around the world and a fair, just transition for the support workers and communities in the transition to renewable energy.

Proposed by Revd Ian Rutherford, City Centre Minister at Methodist Central Hall in Manchester and a member of the Methodist Church's Zero Carbon Group, [the motion](#) noted that the treaty was already supported by over 2,900 scientists, academics and researchers, as well as by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and Christian Aid.

'We knew that we wanted to say something about climate this year so, as a Church, we wanted to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty,' Rutherford said. 'If cities can do it, if countries can do it, why can't national churches do it? We want to phase out fossil fuels.'



If you want to know more pop over to Operation Noah website.

Editor Notes

As Claire mentioned, the Holiday Club, which was a great success, has just finished. I am sure **t** the children enjoyed themselves, I know Chris and I did. Below are just a few pictures of our wonderful Brooks family production which entertained the children at the start and end of each session. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated family at our church.



Deadline for eFocus Sept 1st.