# FAREHAM eFOCUS



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# Services for the Month August 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Gathering for Worship.

Songs of Praise.

19th in Ordinary Time.

20th Aug. All Age Worship led by the

Brooks family.

20th in Ordinary Time.

27<sup>th</sup> Aug. Revd. Les Judd United

Reformed Church at Methodist.

21st in Ordinary Time.

6.00 pm

Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig. Holy Communion. Iona.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Revd. Pauline Crispin.

Holy Communion.
Covenant Service.

# Tea and Coffee Rota for August 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Jean and Mike Petter.

20<sup>th</sup> Aug. Alison Humby and Pat

Croker.

27th Aug. Liz Avison and Edith

Livingstone.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Cath Stevenson and Judith

Bramall.

# Meet and Greet Rota for August 2023

13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Lynda Haydon-Jones.

20<sup>th</sup> Aug. Sue Gibson.

27<sup>th</sup> Aug. Bob Temple.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Rae Shepherd



# Waste Not Accepted.

- Aerosols
- Glass Air Freshener cartridges
- Transparent plastic bottles and caps.
- Tumble dryer sheets that are not Lenor
- Caps from home cleaning and dishwasher products.
- Flexible plastic packaging not used for dishwasher tablets as well as washing capsules and pods.
- Flexible wipe packaging not used for home cleaning (such as baby and beauty wipes packaging)

The bin for the recycling is situated in the Welcome Area; let's start recycling these products. You can now recycle Water Filter Cartridges. More recycling converts to more money for the church.

# **VESTRY JOTTINGS**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Revd. Claire's farewell party a success. We had some wonderful entertainment, and the evening came to a close with a Barn dance specially requested by Claire. We mustn't forget the catering team who did us proud.

We wish Revd. Claire and her family all the best for their new adventure in Basingstoke.

As we are now using hymn books once again, we need volunteers to hand them out. Please see a steward.

Please see one of the stewards if you would like to be added to our readers' list and also prayers of intercession list.

We will be updating the car park list. Please see one of the stewards if you have changed your car since lockdown.

Brenda

On behalf of the Stewards.

# WELCOME SERVICE

Penny's welcome service as the new minister at Trinity Church, Totton, is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 3pm. All are welcome and we have been assured that there are refreshments afterwards!

Rev. Andrew de Ville will be preaching. The church address is Trinity Church, Hazel Farm Rd, Totton, Southampton SO40 8WU.

Every Blessing, Penny & Lynne.

# Coffee Centre Dates.

Our Coffee Centre is closed during the school holidays but will re-open on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, when we hope to see you all then,

Jill.

### Kitchen Clean

August is the month I usually organise the deep clean of the main Church Kitchen; so are there any volunteers willing to help me during the morning of Tuesday 15th or Thursday 17th August?

Many helpers make light work.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Lynda Haydon-Jones 01329842646

# Dear friends,

I am writing these few lines amidst piles of paperwork, boxes and packing as we are preparing to move out of the Fareham manse and make our way over to Basingstoke to make a home over there. It still feels a little surreal to be calling time on our ministry amongst you and to be making way for Rev Pauline and her husband Richard who will be moving into your community in the coming weeks.

'Thank you' is a phrase that doesn't really convey fully our heartfelt gratitude for you all. We have had an amazing time sharing with you over ten years. The send-off you gave us was truly special and John and the boys also send their thanks for all that you have shared with them over the years too.

For those who want to keep in touch our new address is:

4 Camberry Close, Basingstoke RG21 3AG.



The Basingstoke and Reading Circuit extends an invitation to anyone who wants to attend my welcome service which will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm at St Andrews Church, Western Way (on the corner of Pinkerton Road) RG22 6ER, though I appreciate that you have a significant morning service at Fareham on that day!

With our love and every good wish for the future,

Claire, John, Ben and Sam xxxx

# Peoms which was read out at Claire's Leaving Party.

From Doncaster came this girl Claire,
Intelligent, helpful and fair,
To gain some more knowledge,
She went off to college,
And found her true calling whilst there.

So next she pursued a career,
Teaching English and Drama we hear,
She likes a good mystery,
Think Agatha Christie,
But what does she make of King Lear?

So now we have Reverend Claire, She's still got that lovely fair hair, Surrounded by men, John, Samuel and Ben, Which doesn't feel totally fair.

To East Downs and Solent she came,
At first she was only a name,
But soon, I contend,
She became a good friend,
Without her it won't be the same.

So what next for Reverend Claire,
With all of that lovely fair hair,
She'd travel afar,
For a chocolate bar!
But no, it's a chapel in ... BASINGSTOKE.

Angela and Pat.

Once upon a time there was a Reverend, From the town of Doncaster she came, Loving, sharing, caring for her members, Showing us the way to God's domain.

Those were the days, my friend,
We thought they'd never end,
We'd sing and pray for ever and a day,
We'd live the life she chose,
We'd tell her our various woes,
She'd listen well in every special way.

La la la la la la la la la la, Those were the days, oh yes those were the days.

In twenty thirteen she came to Fareham,
Together with her tribe, John, Ben and Sam,
Very soon we all began to love her,
And appreciate her sense of calm.

Now our friend called Claire must onward travel,
But in our hearts she will forever dwell,
Basingstoke are fortunate to have her,
And tonight we all will wish her well.



# 7<sup>th</sup> August – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	8	9	19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	11	12	10.30 Junior Fun Church.  Morning Worship Gathering for Worship, Songs of Praise.
14	15	16	14.30 Red House Care Home Service  19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	18	19	10.30 Morning Service. All Age Worship
21		23	19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	25	26	10.30 Junior Fun Church  Morning worship - led by Revd. Les Judd. United at Methodist.  6:00 Revd. Canon Richard Atkins- Greig Holy Communion. Jona
9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.		30	19.30 Singing group rehearsal	1 Friday Lunch	2	3 10.30 Junior Fun Church Morning Worship Led by Revd. Pauline Crispin. Covenant Service Holy Communion

# Sunday Worship Tech Changes

Things are changing from a technical perspective for Sunday morning worship, and we wanted to keep everyone up to date with what is happening.

Since lockdown the amount of work put in by a few people in producing hymn words and content weekly to display on the screen at the front of the Church has been significant, averaging 1.5-2 hours each week, and this has restricted the number of people able to support the Tech. It has therefore been decided to make some changes to the way we worship.

Firstly, we will be returning to the use of Hymn Books and only use the screen for Hymn words where the song is not in Singing the Faith.

Also, we will not be providing Zoom access on a regular basis, but streaming the services through Facebook.



We have been carrying out some trials and are aware that we still have teething issues, but we have been reaching between 40 and 50 people watching the service, either live or via the recording. These are members who have not attended the service but also many people from outside the Church. Gaining access for Facebook Live is easy, and you don't need an account. Go to the Fareham Methodist Church Facebook page and look for the service within the posts. You can still do this even if you don't have a Facebook account.

We are also aware of sound issues with the microphone system, and we are working with a supplier to make improvements.

The changes are taking place to try to improve everyone's enjoyment of Sunday worship, but also reduce the workload and technical capability required allowing more people to get involved and support the small tech team.

If you have any questions or want to know more about helping with the tech for Sunday worship, please do come and see us.



# **SUNDAY LUNCH 6th August 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 a donation to Charity.

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 Egg Mayonnaise

Main Course: Baked Ham, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables.

Puddings: Variety

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

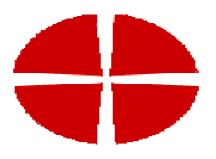
If you have put your name down and then unable to come, please let me know asap, even if it is early on the Sunday, so that we can adjust the numbers that we cater and lay up for.

We need about 3/4 people to stay after the meal until about 2.30 to help with the dishwasher or to wash up.

# We would really appreciate your help.

Thank you. Jill Groom





# East Solent & Downs Circuit Welcome Service

# Rev Pauline Crispin, Rev Dave Faulkner and Rev Ray Goddess

To be held on 4th September 2023
at 7:30 pm
At Petersfield Methodist Church,
Station Road,
GU32 3EB
Everyone Welcome

# JULY MESSY CHURCH

Revd. Claire's last Messy Church with us. CREATION CARING FOR GOD'S PLANET.





# **Petersfield Area Churches Annual Coach Holiday**

### **Tour to York**

# Saturday 6th July - Saturday 13th July 2024

### Queens Hotel, York

Centrally located on the south bank of the River Ouse, just a short walk to the city centre. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities. Lift, restaurant with views, and bar. There are ground floor rooms available on request.

#### **Itinerary**

Day 1 Travel to York

Day 2 Free morning in York / Afternoon boat trip

Day 3 Morning visit to Whitby / Journey on North Yorkshire Moors Railway from Whitby to Pickering

Day 4 Day visit to Castle Howard

Day 5 Free day in York

Day 6 Morning visit to Harrogate / Afternoon visit to Harlow Carr Gardens

Day 7 Guided tour of the Yorkshire Dales with visit to Wensleydale Creamery

Day 8 Travel home

### Price includes:

- 7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- York Boat trip
- Single journey on North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- Entrance to Castle Howard
- Entrance to Harlow Carr Gardens \*\*
- Guided tour of Yorkshire Dales
- Visit to Wensleydale Creamery

(\*\*Discount will apply for RHS Members at Harlow Carr, please advise at the time of booking)

### Price per person -

£694.00 per person – based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers, sharing twin / double rooms £634.00 per person – based on a minimum of 40 paying passengers, sharing twin / double rooms £162.00 per room - Single room supplement – MAX 24 singles available

### Insurance is available at the following rates:

£27.50 per person up to 69 years / £49.50 per person for 70 years and over.

### Pick up points:

Fareham, Petersfield, Liss, Alton and Basingstoke, Northampton Services, Doncaster Railway Station.

For further information please contact Gordon Churchill by email <a href="mailto:gordonachurchill@gmail.com">gordonachurchill@gmail.com</a> or by phone on 01730 260454.

TO BOOK: Call Angela Holidays on 02380 404536. Please quote reference – MP009



# THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETING

On September 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday morning Bible Study will start meeting again. We are starting a new study: - '*Prayer*', looking at different aspects of Prayer within the '*Holy Habits*' series.

We shall meet on the following dates:

21st Sept.	Looking at emotional
	outpouring.
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	The Solomon process.
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Raw and Raging
	prayer.
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Praying when we get it
	wrong.

If you'd like to get more information, please ask Julie or Audrey. We're looking forward to seeing you on the 21st September.

# **Church Directory**

I am planning on producing a new church directory during September.

If your details have changed in any way since March 2021 and you have not already told me, please do so as soon as possible and at least by 25 August. If you wish to have any details or the entry removed, please let me know. Otherwise, it will be included as before.

If you are new to the church since March 2021 and wish to be included in the directory, you need to have completed a data consent form. If you have already completed a form and have given your permission, you will be included in the directory. If you have not completed a data consent form and wish to be included, please let me know that you need a form.

Best wishes Jean Petter

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# THANK YOU, MESSAGE.

Mike and I would like to say thank you so much for the lovely flowers and card that Linda Foster gave to us on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July in celebration of our Pearl Wedding Anniversary.

It was a very thoughtful gesture and we both really appreciated it, thank you".

Rae.

# MINI MARKET NOTICE.

14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August the mini market is closed due to well-deserved holiday.

Look forward to seeing everyone, on the 28<sup>th</sup> August.

