

FAREHAM eFOCUS



Picture from Cadiz Cathedral – Chapel of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Services for the Month
February 2023

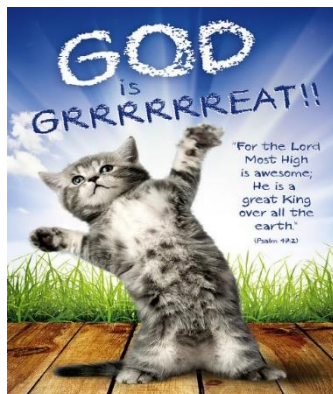
12 th Feb.	10:30 am Mr Ed Powell 6 th in Ordinary Time Good News for Everyone
19 th Feb.	10:30 am Mrs Pam Stone Sunday before Lent All Age Worship
26 th Feb.	10:30 am Revd. Penny Thorne 1 st of Lent 6:00pm Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion. Iona.
5 th Mar.	10.30am Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for February 2023

12 th Feb.	Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks
19 th Feb.	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson
26 th Feb.	Jean and Mike Petter
5 th March	Alison Humby and Pat Crocker

Meet and Greet Rota for February 2023

5 th Feb.	Sue Gibson
12 th Feb.	Bob Temple
19 th Feb.	Rae Shepherd
26 th Feb.	Simon Potter
5 th Mar.	Walter Metcalf



VESTRY JOTTINGS

This month sees the beginning of Lent. There will be various Lent groups for people to join.

A meeting was held on the 26th January to discuss a date for Revd. Claire's leaving party. We were able to come up with a date and time, **Saturday 1st July at 6.00pm**. There will be food and entertainment so put the date in your diary.

Margaret and I met up with Sheila Dyer and Rebecca. They have settled in well to life in Yorkshire and send their best wishes to the church family.

On Saturday 28th January we had a film and food evening. The film was, "Fisherman's Friends". Thank you to Jill and her team for a wonderful evening with £245 raised for church funds.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

Messages from our Church Family

Thank you for the church flowers delivered by Margaret and for all the kindness I have received during recovery from my operation.

It has been greatly appreciated.
Jean Petter

We were delighted when Liz brought a pretty pink and white bouquet from Church, which has reminded us of our friends whom we "meet" on Sunday on zoom!

From
Pat and Tony.

Thank you for the lovely flowers from church and to Irene for delivering them.

Brenda Palmer

HEALING PRAYER GROUP

This long-standing group meets on the third Monday afternoon of each month.
at 3 p.m. at 2 Archery Lane.
All are welcome.

We aim to pray regularly, together, and privately, for church members and friends who have urgent or ongoing health needs. We always try to ask people's permission before adding to our list for prayers.

Many find help in knowing that they are upheld by a group within the church.

Our next meeting is on February 20th.

Please contact Joan Padley, Bob Temple, Bobby Watson, or Una Peters.

Editor's Note

Chris and I had a great holiday but it's back to normal now, but we feel very revitalised! The picture on the front cover was taken because we have been talking about looking after God's planet and I thought that the statue was very appropriate. We visited a few Catholic churches but were so happy to be back at Fareham Methodist Church.

Thank you once again for all your articles that make up the efocus each month – please keep them coming.

Deadline next month 1st March 2023.



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 group meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am. During the winter months we will be meeting in the snug or, when the weather warms up, in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to join us, for 5 minutes or for as long as you wish. We will pray with or for you or you may prefer to just listen and pray silently. Our prayers will include any from the prayer tree left during the month.

So, if you have anyone or any situation you want us to pray for please feel free to write on the leaves and hang them on the prayer tree in the welcome area.

2023	
2 nd February	Julie Kettle
2 nd March	Bob Temple
6 th April	Jill Race
4 th May	Julie Kettle
1 st June	Revd. Claire
6 th July	Revd. Claire



“Wind-powered wings for transportation, solar-powered halos for light...why aren't they using this technology back on Earth?”

*24th February is the next Friday Night Games
Everyone is welcome between 6.30pm and 8.30pm*



*Enjoy being together to
play tabletop and/or more energetic games as you prefer and have a relaxed
chat with refreshments.*

Kevin and Linda Foster

A message from Claire

After our service on New Year's Day some folk asked me for a copy of the words of one of the hymns that we sang that morning. They are reprinted below. You may remember that I introduced the hymn with a personal connection to the hymn writer: Rev Steve Clark was our minister in Doncaster when I candidated for the Methodist ministry. I hope that they still feel appropriate as February begins.

Claire

Lord God, we stand at the start of a new year,
none of us knows what the future will bring,
but we do know that you'll always be with us,
so it's with joy that your praises we sing.

*Father, we worship you, bow to your majesty.
Jesus, we love you, our Saviour and friend.
Spirit, we open our hearts to your presence,
grace without measure and love without end.*

Jesus you call us to follow and trust you,
empty our lives of all selfish desire.
we give ourselves to bear fruit of the Kingdom,
filled with your Spirit and hearts set on fire.

Father, we worship you....

So as we take the next steps on our journey,
guard us from worry, from doubt and from fear,
help us to trust you and fix our eyes on you,
walk hand in hand with you through this new year.

Father, we worship you....

Words: Steve Clark
Sung to the tune of 'Great is thy faithfulness'.
Singing the Faith Plus

Lent Groups 2023

The Mystery of God



Christians Together in Fareham will host Lent Study Groups from the week commencing 27 February 2022

'The Mystery of God' is a resource published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The Lent course delves more deeply into the mystery of God, seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for God. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation

Groups will be hosted at home and church venues

All are welcome

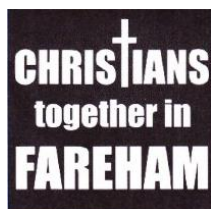
If you would like to join one of the groups then please complete a registration form available from your church representative or secretary@farehamchristians.org.uk and return by Friday 10 February 2023

The cost of the study booklet is £4.00

farehamchristians.org.uk

Groups will meet on:

- Monday at 10.00am
- Tuesday at 10.00am and 7.30pm
- Wednesday at 10.30am and 2.00pm



Lent Study Groups 2023

Christians Together in Fareham are pleased to be able to offer five study groups during Lent using 'The Mystery of God', a resource published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The Lent course delves more deeply into the mystery of God, seeking to rediscover what it is that draws us so deeply in our search for God. We will follow Jesus through the Lenten readings, allowing him to draw us, in love and wonder, into the mystery of God's plan of salvation.

The course starts in the week beginning 27th February and runs for 5 weeks, each attendee will receive the course book at the first session – please bring £4.00 with you to cover this.

If you wish to join with Christians from across the town, please fill in the form below and return it to Liz Dunning, 8 Frosthole Crescent, Fareham, PO15 6AD or by email elizdunning@ntlworld.com by Friday 10th February please.

Name _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Church attended _____

Any special needs or requirements? _____

Please tick all the session/sessions that you are able to attend – you will be notified by the host for your session in the week commencing 20th February at the latest.

Monday	10.00 am	Methodist Church	
Tuesday	10.00 am	Frosthole Crescent	
	7.30 pm	Odell Close	
Wednesday	10.30 am	Southampton Road	
	2.00 pm	Bentley Crescent	

Will you share a course book with spouse/partner?

If you have any questions or require more information please call Liz on 01329 237127.

Messy Church 11th January 2023

CARING FOR EVERYONE

“Be Kind and compassionate to one another”

Eph.4:32

Come and view our Messy Church board in the Welcome Area to find out what we did in January 2023





Everyone's Welcome at Our Party

"Tell the people to come" – Luke 14:23



YEARS

Games and Activities – Worship – Meal

Wednesday 8th February 2023

from 3:30pm – Fareham Methodist Church

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!



I have heard
about your faith



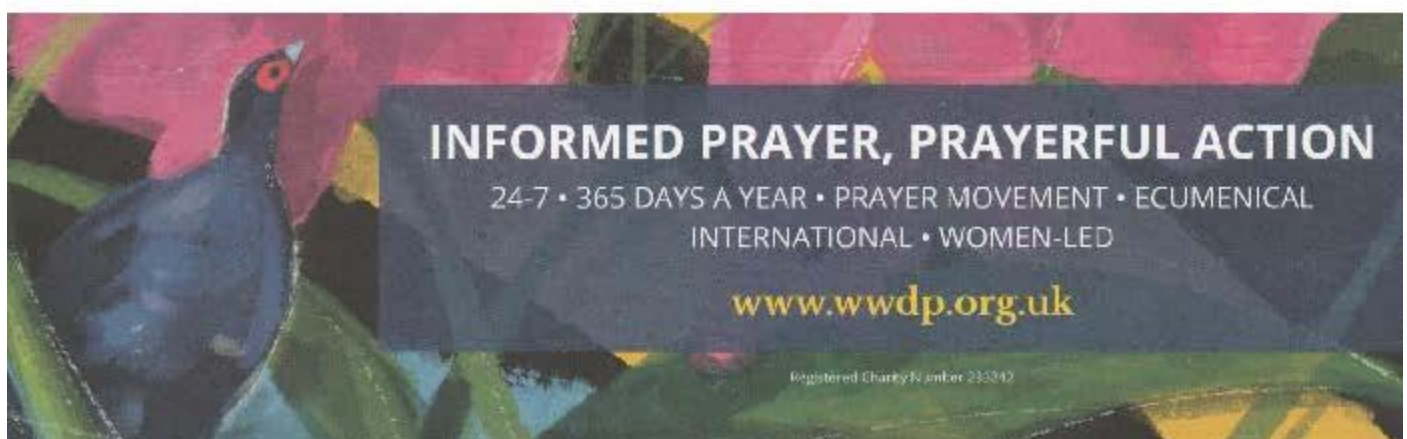
Christians Together in Fareham
will be joining the **World Day of Prayer 2023** at

Fareham Methodist Church

Kings Road, Fareham, Hants, PO16 0NU

2pm and repeated at **7pm**

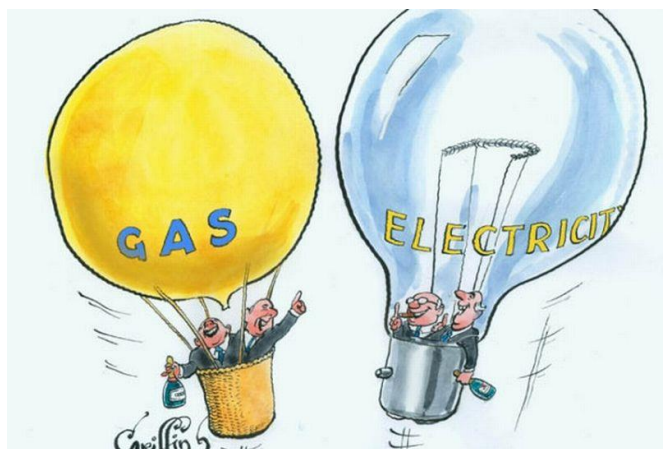
Refreshments available after each service



Just a reminder from Bobby for the mature members of our community.

You can sign up to the Priority Services Register if you meet any of the following criteria:

- You are over 60.
- You have a disability or chronic illness.
- You are deaf or hard of hearing.
- You are blind or partially sighted.
- You rely on medical equipment that needs a continuous electricity supply.
- You are the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 5 who lives with you.



If you are on the register, you can access it for helpful hints should there be a power cut which is highly unlikely i.e., ensure that you have torches to hand etc. Mind you, we have all been through power cuts in the past!!

19/01/2023.



Jill and Malcolm Race received a lovely thank you from the Bible Society in respect of the church collection of postage stamps.

Dear MRS RACE & MEMBERS OF FAREHAM
METHODIST CHURCH.

Thank you for the used stamps you have collected and sent to us.

At such a difficult time in the world, it is more important than ever to spread Gods words of comfort and kind donations like yours, help us to do this.

With every blessing from
Jude in the post room.

SUNDAY LUNCH 19th February 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 for 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 Greek Salad

Main Course: Pork, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

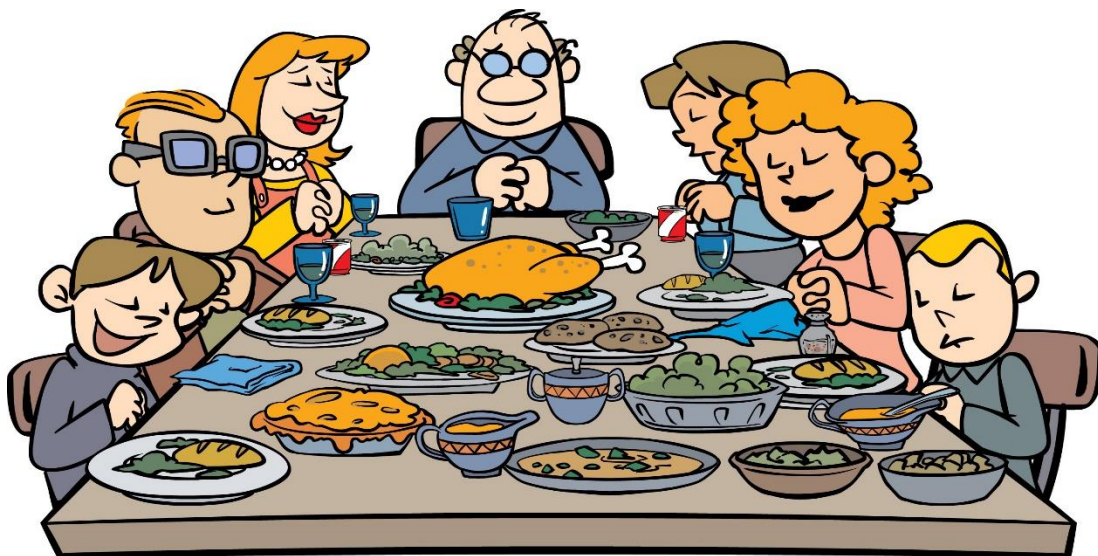
Puddings: Variety

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

Please help before or after the meal if you can.

Thank you.

Jill Groom



February – March 5th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	31 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group	1	2 9.30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Prayer Circle in the snug led by Julie Kettle 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	3 11.00 Friday Lunch	4	5 10.30 Junior Fun Church. 10:30 Morning Worship led by Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion.
6 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	7 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group 14:00 Tuesday Ladies' Club	8 3.30 pm Messy Church	9 9.30 Coffee Centre 19.30 Singing group Rehearsal	10	11	12 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 am Morning Led by Mr Ed Powell Good News for Everyone.
13 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	14 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group.	15	16 9.30 Coffee Centre. 14.30 Red House Care Home Service 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	17	18	19 10.30 All Age Worship led by Pam Stone. 12:15 Sunday Lunch
20 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	21 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group. 14:00 Tuesday Ladies' Club	22	23 9.30 Coffee Centre 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	24 18:30 Friday Night Games	25	26 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 Morning Worship led by Revd. Penny Thorne
27 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	28 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group.	1 Deadline for efocus	2 9.30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Prayer Circle in Sanctuary led by Bob Temple 19:30 Singing Group Rehearsal	3	4	5 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 Morning worship

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Thank you for sponsoring a Sweet Chestnut at The Platinum Copse within Abbey Meadows, Titchfield.

Your tree has been planted to commemorate Her late Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This specially created copse will offer a secluded and protected wildlife habitat to encourage biodiversity within Fareham for years to come.

Mike

Mayor of Fareham
Cllr Mike Ford JP

FAREHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bobby obtained a brilliant leaflet where the Recycling Banks were now in our area but unfortunately, I was unable to transpose it correctly.
Recycling is now vital to help save our planet.

All Recycling Banks

Anjou Crescent, Blackbrook Road - Glass banks

ASDA Store, Newgate Lane, Fareham - Glass, textiles, books & CDs banks

Barry's Meadow car park, Titchfield - Textiles bank.

Bath Lane car park, Fareham - Glass & textiles bank

Bishopsfield Road, near junction with Longfield Avenue, Fareham - Glass & textiles banks

The Bold Forester, Bridge Road, Sarisbury - Glass banks

British Legion Club, Brook Lane, Park Gate - Glass banks

Burridge Village Hall, Botley Road, Burridge - Glass and textile banks

Cams Alders Recreation Ground, Fareham - Glass banks

Civic Way car park, Fareham - Textiles bank

Crofton Club, Stubbington - Glass banks

The Elm Tree, Swanwick Lane - Glass banks

Fareham Social Club, 8 Mill Road, Fareham - Glass banks.

Ferneham Hall car park - Textiles bank

Harper Way, Fareham - Textiles bank

The Heathfield Arms, Blackbrook Road, Fareham - Glass banks

Highlands Road shops - Glass & textiles banks

Hill Park Working Men's Club, Highlands Road, Fareham - Glass & textiles banks.

Holly Hill Car Park, Barnes Lane, Sarisbury - Glass, textiles and book, CD & DVD banks

Household Waste Recycling Centre, Barnes Wallis Road, Segensworth - Glass, textiles & paper banks

Leisure Centre, Park Lane, Fareham - Glass & textiles banks

Locks Heath District Centre - Glass, textiles, book & CD banks. The banks are at the end of the car park behind Waitrose.

Lysses car park, Fareham - Textiles bank

Malthouse Lane car park, Fareham - Glass banks

Market Quay car park - Textiles bank

Middle Road car park, Park Gate - Glass & textile banks


Osborn Road (behind Fareham Youth Centre), Fareham - Textiles and book, CD & DVD banks

Palmerston Avenue car park, off Osborn Road, Fareham - Glass banks

Passage Lane Car Park, Warsash - Glass and textiles banks

Portchester Precinct car park - Glass, textiles, and book, CD & DVD banks

Priory Park Community Centre, Upper Brook Drive, Locks Heath - Glass & textiles banks



Queen's Road (Opposite Royal British Legion, Duke of Connaught's Club), Fareham
- Textiles bank

Sainsbury's Store, Broadcut, Wallington, Fareham - Glass, textiles, paper, cans, and mixed plastics banks

St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham - Textiles bank

Salt Cafe, Wicor Marine Yacht Haven, Portchester - Glass banks

Salterns Club, Newtown Road, Warsash - Glass banks

Sarisbury Social Club, Addison Road, Sarisbury - Glass banks

Sir Joseph Paxton, Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common - Textiles bank

Solent Breezes Caravan Park, Chilling Lane, Hook - Glass banks

Stubbington Community Centre car park, Stubbington - Glass and textiles banks

Swanwick Marina, Bridge Road, Lower Swanwick - Glass banks

Titchfield Community Centre, Mill Street - Glass and textiles banks

Wallington Village Hall, Broadcut, Wallington, Fareham - Textiles bank

Warsash Road car park, Warsash - Glass, textiles and book, CD & DVD banks

Welcome Store, 1 Upper Old Street, Stubbington - Glass & textile banks.

Wicor Recreation Ground car park, Portchester - Glass and textiles banks

Another Time, Another Place by Peggy Long

As I walk along a country lane with the fresh breeze in my face,
My mind wanders back to another time, to another place.
Dusty streets and terraced houses, and little boys in short baggy trousers.

The sun peeping over the chimney pots
And little girls skipping and playing hopscotch.

I remember the time, long gone by,
For one of those little girls skipping was I.
But the sun disappeared behind skies of grey.

'Twas time for all to weep and pray.

No children coming out to play.

I remember the time, long gone by,
For one of those little girls praying was I.

Our days were short and the nights were so long,
But we drew closer together to keep ourselves strong.

"It will soon be over ..." someone said

"... and we will soon be able to sleep in our beds."

And they were right, it came to pass,
The sun came out to chase the grey skies away.
And the children came back out to play.

I remember that time, long gone by,
For one of those little girls playing was I.