

FAREHAM eFOCUS



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Services for the Month
July 2023

9 th July	Mrs Wendy Corney 14 th in Ordinary Time.
16 th July	Gathering for Worship All Age Worship 15 th in Ordinary Time.
23 rd July	Speaker from Leprosy Mission. 16 th in Ordinary Time. 6.00pm Revd. Canon Richard Atkins- Greig. Holy Communion. Iona.
30 th July	Revd. Ray Goddess. 17 th in Ordinary Time.
6 th August	Revd. David Rice 18 th in Ordinary Time.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for July 2023

9 th July	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers.
16 th July	Sally Bland and Margaret Temple.
23 rd July	Marilyn Woodrow and Lin Woodhams.
30 th July	Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks.
6 th August	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.

Meet and Greet Rota for July 2023

9 th July	Bob Temple
16 th July	Rae Shepperd.
23 rd July	Simon Potter
30 th July	Walter Metcalf.
6 th August	Julie Kettle.

WE ARE RECYCLING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF AIR, HOME AND LAUNDRY CARE PRODUCTS

- ✓ Flexible wipe packaging (used for home cleaning products)
- ✓ Tinted fabric conditioner bottles and caps
- ✓ Flexible washing capsules and pods packaging
- ✓ Flexible dishwasher tablets packaging
- ✓ Plastic air freshener packaging (please remove any cardboard and recycle these with your household collections)
- ✓ Plastic air fresheners and air freshener cartridges
- ✓ Tinted rigid plastic tubs used for home cleaning

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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 money for the church.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

We have had the longest day and we are now coming to the end of one of the hottest and driest Junes on record. I hope everyone has survived!!!!

On the 21st June we had our Holiday at Home where we visited Wales. A good time was had by everyone. We have had some wonderful feedback, folk wondering where we could visit next.

Well, the time has come. Sunday is Revd. Claire's last service with us before she and the family depart for pastures new. We wish them well.

As you can imagine between then and September when Revd. Pauline joins us we will be needing help or ideas for Gathering for Worship.

We have a Songs of Praise in August, let us know your favourite hymn.

Brenda
On behalf of the Stewards.



Rowner Christian Gathering

A relevant, lively all age service of Christian worship
and teaching for all the family.

 **1st Sunday of each month**
commencing 4th June 2023
3:30 pm
for about 45mins
followed by refreshments




Nimrod Community Centre

Falcon Meadows Way, Gosport, PO13 8AA

An outreach of **Fareham Baptist New Life Church**
for more details:

Telephone: 01329 230659 Web: farehambaptist.org.uk

 facebook.com/farehambaptistnewlife

WELCOME SERVICE

Penny's welcome service as the new minister at Trinity Church, Totton, is on **Saturday 2nd 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.

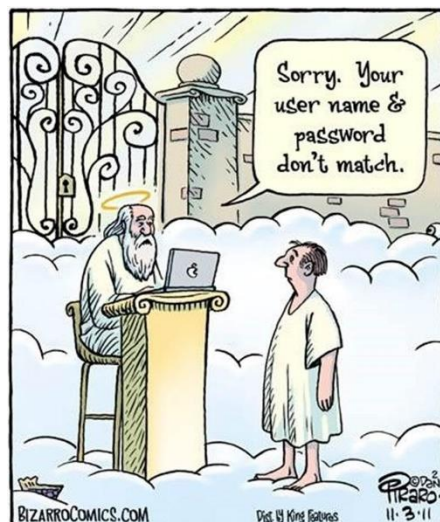
FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH SWEET CHESTNUT TREE

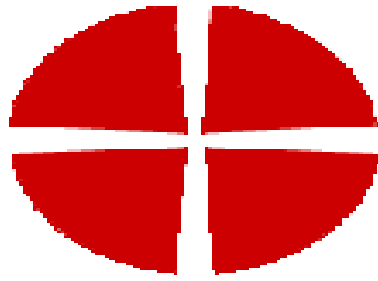
Here is the Church's tree! Bobby and Patrick went to the Open Day on Saturday and Becca kindly took this photo to show everyone how well it is doing. Some trees are suffering from the heat but ours is coping well.

The next Open Day will be in May 2024!!!! I do hope some others managed to find it - the grass around the trees was up to my waist! But some paths had been cut through to make it a little easier to get closer.



Thank you, Brenda, and Bobby, for the photos.





**East Solent & Downs Circuit
Farewell Service
For**

**Rev Claire Simpson and
Rev Stephen Wright**

To be held on Sunday 16th July 2023

at 3 pm

At Drayton United Church,

282 Havant Road

PO6 1PA

Everyone Welcome



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 meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am. We are meeting in the Church 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	
6 th July	Revd. Claire

Messages from our church family

Lynda Young would like to say.

"Thank you" for the lovely Church flowers delivered to me by Jean Petter. Jean also stayed for a lovely chat – which made my day!"

Thank you very much for bringing those lovely flowers to me. With every bunch of flowers that I receive I feel the kindness; it helps a lot.

Janice Collins



A NOTE FROM NIGEL COX ON BEHALF OF CIRCUIT STEWARDS

On 16th July we are saying farewell to Stephen Wright who will be retiring in August after 41 years in ministry and nearly 20 years in our Circuit. As is custom for ministers who retire we will be making a presentation to him on 16th, and you are invited to make a donation towards this.

Cheques, payable to East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit, can be sent to the Circuit Office or payment can be made direct into the Circuit bank account.

The sort code is 40-52-40 and the account number 00023531. Please reference any payment with Stephen's name. For direct payments your bank may say that it cannot verify our account, this is because CAF bank is yet to join the scheme but be assured that the details given above are correct. It would be helpful to receive donations by 3rd July.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Nigel Cox, on behalf of Circuit Stewards

Editor's Notes

Well, we did it, the flower wall is up, and it makes such a difference to the look of the entrance, so colourful. I wish to thank Chris for helping me put the display on the wall and the time he spent helping me think it through. I thank all the ladies of the church who knitted flowers and in so many designs. Well, it's poppies next!!

As Brenda mentioned in her Vestry Jottings, we are thinking and praying for Claire and her family as they move to Basingstoke. We will miss her and the family but send her all the best wishes for their future. We know that Claire always gives so much to others and will continue to do so. Good luck in your new ministry Claire.

Deadline for the August efocus will be 31st July.



3rd July - 6th August

3 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	4 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Baby/Toddler Group	5	6 9.30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Prayer Circle in the Church Sanctuary led by Rev. Claire Simpson 19.30 Singing group Rehearsal	7	8	9 10.30 Junior Fun Church. Morning Worship led by Mrs Wendy Corney
10 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar 19.30 Church Council Meeting	11 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Baby/Toddler Group 18.30 Ladies' Group BBQ at Jills	12 3.30 Messy Church	13 9.30 Coffee Centre 19.30 Singing group Rehearsal	14	15	16 10.30 Morning Service. Gathering for Worship. All Age Worship
17 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar 19.30 Steward's Meeting at Jean's	18 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Baby/Toddler Group	19	20 9.30 Coffee Centre 14.30 Red House Care Home Service 19.30 Singing group Rehearsal	21	22	23 10.30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship - Speaker from The Leprosy Mission. 6:00 Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig Holy Communion. Iona.
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We have just passed the first anniversary of the Family's arrival in the UK.

Both the mother and father continue to make progress with their English and attend E.S.O.L. classes at Highbury College.

The father has just started part time work at a local marina and boat yard whose owner has been very co-operative in fitting the hours around his E.S.O.L. classes. Our great thanks to him! The mother is about to start as a volunteer at a local Primary School. This work could be immensely useful to further her prospects of gaining some sort of paid work in the education sector in the future.

The three boys continue with the same work that they started back in May last year. A great tribute to their work ethic and their determination to help support the Family as much as possible. Their progress in English speaking continues apace without the need to attend E.S.O.L. classes.

Through hard work and the help of a family relation the family now own two electric bikes and two cars. All three boys have passed their driving tests whilst the father and mother are still to take their theory and practical tests.

As with so many people in the UK it has not been possible to register any of the family with an NHS dentist. Thankfully we think they may just have secured consultations with an NHS dentist in May. We hope this will progress into them being accepted as NHS patients.

There have been no issues with the house. The willingness of the Investment Trust to rent the property at well below market rate does a great deal to help the Family budget their income.

I don't think a year ago we could have possibly predicted how far the family would have come in terms of operating independently in their new life in the UK. This is not typical of families in the Community Sponsorship programme.

The fundraising by the group before the Family arrived along with the donations made by members of CTiF means our funds are still healthy. This has meant we have been able to offer financial support to the Family in achieving even greater independence (e.g., passing driving tests and private dental appointments).

The passing of a year since they arrived marks the end of our formal contract to support the family. In discussion with the family, we will now draw up an 'exit plan' which details any further things the family would like to achieve before our support ends. However, the support will continue until the family consider it is no longer needed or we feel we can do no more for them.

MESSY CHURCH 14TH June 2023

TIME FOR GOD.

I will find my rest in God alone. He is the One who gives me hope.

Psalm 62.5

Lots of pictures of everyone eating. This time we made a fidget toy, a watch, a paper snail, and baked jam tarts. Come into church and have a look at the Messy Church board.





Date - Wednesday 12th July 2023
Time - from 3:30pm
Venue - Fareham Methodist Church
Games and Activities
Worship
Meal



CREATION - Caring for God's Planet

In the beginning God created the heavens and
the earth. Genesis 1:1

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HOLIDAY CLUB

24TH-28TH JULY 2023

9:45AM-1:15PM

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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.

We won't be having a lunch in July owing to other events taking place at that time, so we hope that you will be able to come in August instead.

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



Circuit Pilgrimage

*A time to meet together,
journey together and pray together.*

Midhurst

Stubbington

Wymering

Lee on the Solent

Bordon

Hart Plain

Lip hook

Portchester

Gosport

Petersfield

Emsworth

Lindford

Havant

Fareham

Bedhampton

Headley Down

Portsmouth

Haslemere

Drayton

Between Mid-July and Mid-October, a pilgrimage will be taking place visiting each church/chapel that is a valuable part of the East Solent and Downs Circuit.



Circuit Pilgrimage

The pilgrimage will offer an opportunity for us all to meet new people from different worshipping communities, to share in fellowship and explore varied styles of worship, and over the weeks to walk (or drive) from church to church so linking the Circuit together. .

There are various ways in which you are invited to be involved:

- continue to pray for the life of our Circuit.
- provide a welcome and offer hospitality when your own church/chapel is visited.
- serve refreshments (bake a cake!)
- encourage people to come along to the times of worship.
- provide transport for those who need a lift.
- if you are able, take part in one or more of the walks.
- share any thoughts or ideas from our time together, as we continue to seek God's way forward.
- be challenged to visit a church/chapel that you have not previously visited! .

If you are unable to join with us, please pray for each specific community wherever you are on that day.

A programme of the walks and times of worship will be available soon. Thank you.

Further information from Deacon Janice 01420 473246

