

FAREHAM

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Services for the Month of March

13 th Mar.	Revd. David Muskett Holy Communion
20 th Mar.	Revd. Claire Simpson Annual Church Meeting
27 th Mar.	Revd. Canon Richard Atkins
3 rd April	Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion.

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 in the basket and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meet.

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!).

Tea and Coffee Rota for March 2022

6 th Mar.	Alison Humby and Pat Croker.
13 th Mar.	Liz Avison and TBA.
20 th Mar.	Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramwell.
27 th Mar.	Ian Bagshaw and Walter Metcalf.
3 rd April	Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock.

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.

7th April	Revd. Claire Simpson
5th May	Bob Temple

Please note change of date

9th June	Revd. Claire Simpson
7th July	Jill Race

Bobby

Meet and Greet - March 2022

6 th Mar.	Walter Metcalf.
13 th Mar.	Lynda Haydon-Jones.
20 th Mar.	Julie Kettle.
27 th Mar.	Edith Livingstone.
3 rd April	Margaret Shepherd.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello everyone,

Hope you all survived the storm.

We said farewell to the Fareham team on Sunday 20th February after 38 years of ministry. They did us proud with a wonderful service supported by the band. I'm sure that some members of the Fareham team will help us out with readings and prayers of intercession!!

We are short of names on the flower rota. If you are unable to supply the flowers yourself a donation to the flower fund would be appreciated. The ACM is approaching, and we are in need of people to join the Stewards' Team. We are a great bunch working hard to keep things going. (If I say so myself!!!!)

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards



Coffee Centre

Coffee Centre is now open every Thursday (apart from the school holidays), from 9.30am to 11.30am.

It's an ideal centre to meet with friends, to share hobbies or to have group meetings.

Why not drop in for a cuppa.
Any questions or suggestions about Thursday mornings please contact Jill R.



I would like to thank the Fareham team for the services they have led over the years. My thanks go to all those who have been involved past and present.

Your worship has always been thought provoking and inspiring. No more so than your last service. Great hymns, clear and well explained readings and thoughtful reflections.

Your services on the plan were always looked forward to and will be greatly missed. God bless you all and again many thanks.

Julie Kettle



Annual Church Coach Holiday 2022

The holiday in July 2021 to the Lincolnshire area using the services of Angela Coach Holidays was a great success, attracting 36 people. This year from Saturday 9th July to Saturday 16th July we will stay at The Queen Hotel, Chester.

Built in the 1850s in homage to Queen Victoria, this was the country's first grand railway station hotel. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, and tea/coffee making facilities. There is also a lift. Over the years, this annual coach holiday has attracted people from other parts of the UK with many "regulars" now travelling direct to the hotel by car or by train.

The price includes travel by Angela coach and the following excursions:

Sunday – Morning free in Chester and afternoon guided coach tour of the city.

Monday – Arley Hall and gardens.

Tuesday – Day at leisure in Chester.

Wednesday – Anderton Boat Lift and river cruise.

Thursday – Quarry Bank Mill.

Friday – Guided tour of Port Sunlight and entrance to the museum.

Price per person £545 (single supplement £175) includes 7 nights dinner, bed & breakfast. Discount at time of booking will apply for National Trust members visiting Quarry Bank.

Bookings must be made directly with Angela Coach Holidays.

Please phone 02380 404536 and quote reference PR851.

Coach pick-up points:

Fareham, Petersfield, Liss, Alton, & Basingstoke.

The Church coach holiday has been arranged for the last 14 years by Gordon Churchill, a lifelong member of Petersfield Methodist Church. Please call him on 01730 260454 or email at gordonachurchill@gmail.com for further information.

He would love to hear from you and welcome you on board the coach in 2022.

MUM

I'm still your Mum.... When you no longer listen or care what I say.
I'm still your Mum... When you decide I'm old fashioned and want to go your own way.
I'm still your Mum... When you talk back, complain, and argue.
I'm still your Mum... When you figure you know more than I do.
I'm still your Mum... When you move away and take a piece of my heart with you.
I'm still your Mum... And I will love you still as much as the first day I held you in my arms.
I'm still your Mum... And I will pray for you and make sure your wings are strong enough to soar.
I'm still your Mum.... I'll want what's best and will sacrifice my plans for yours.
I'm still your Mum.... I'll always have room for you and a hug to welcome you.
I'm still your Mum.... And until my last breath, I'll keep carrying your love with me.

And thank God every day for the privilege and joy it's been to be called your Mum.

HUGGING MUM

*When an adult child hugs their mum
It's so much more to her.
It opens up a memory box
To times of yesteryear.
It takes her back to your childhood
When you sat upon her lap,
When she'd settle you after the scariest dream
Or put you down for a nap.
If she holds you a little tighter,
She's keeping those days alive,
Remembering how she hugged you
When you were only four or five.
So when you hug your mother,
Don't be quick to break her embrace,
Let her hold you a little longer,
And live those days she'll never replace,*



Dear friends

St. John's, Church, Fareham is looking to recruit a new Youth and Children's Worker for St. John's, Church, Fareham. Please see further details below

The closing date for applications is 24th March. All enquiries should be directed to Revd Bruce Deans - bruceatstjohns@btinternet.com



Jesus in the heart of our community

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORKER *

10 HOURS PER WEEK, CIRCA £5K/YEAR

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BE :

- CARING
- A GREAT COMMUNICATOR
- PASSIONATE ABOUT JESUS & HIS WORD
- FUN!

INTERESTED? PLEASE EMAIL VICAR@STJOHNSFAREHAM.ORG.UK OR VISIT WWW.STJOHNSFAREHAM.ORG.UK/YOUTH&CHILDRENSWORKER FOR MORE INFORMATION!

* IT IS A GEUNIUNE OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE POST HOLDER IS A COMMITTED CHRISTIAN.

This is what we, who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, can look forward to.

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything



was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

FEBRUARY MESSY CHURCH

We celebrated Messy Church's 10th Anniversary with the theme of the 11th commandment

Love one another as I have loved you,



Messy Church had a cake – one of the girls was chosen, as she had her 10th birthday (later in the month) to blow out the candles.

Some children making use of the quiet tent when things can get too noisy.



Colouring handprints within a church which is within a heart. This represents love in the church and in the wider community.



Making photo frames to put a picture of a loved one in which can be given to someone to show their love.





Weaving hearts in various ways once again showing love.

Making hearts with cheerios cereal or with beads. The cheerios were eaten so became the favourite activity.



Having fun making the tea/coffee a very important way of giving love.

SUNDAY LUNCH 20th March 2022 at 12.15/12.30 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 **All We Can Ukraine Emergency Appeal** this month. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very welcome – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or pate
Main Course: Roast Pork, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, apple sauce
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 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 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!

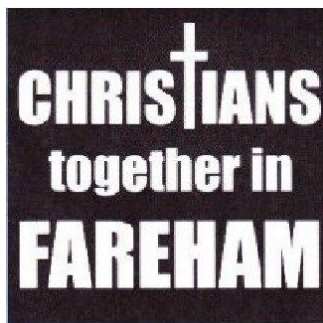
Thank you. Jill Groom



The following appeared in church bulletins.

The sermon this morning 'Jesus Walks on Water'
The sermon tonight 'Searching for Jesus'

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?'
Come early and listen to the choir practice.



Christians Together in Fareham - Minutes of the meeting Minutes of the meeting held at St John's Church on Thursday 3rd February 2022

I have picked up a few items of interest from **Matters Arising**:

Gateway Church launch: Martin Doyle explained that Fareham Community Church has partnered with another church, which is based in Marchwood, to form a single church with two sites. A launch service planned for 9th January was moved online. An open day is planned for Wednesday 23rd March, 10am-1pm – please publicise this.

Youth Together: It was proposed that at a future meeting we should have a substantive focus on this. Martin Doyle reflected that what we had before the pandemic was excellent, and it would be good to breathe new life into it.

One new initiative is High Tide, a travelling event for 11-18-year-olds, originating in Portsmouth, which is now launched across Fareham and Gosport. Martin will circulate some information about it via Ian. The next two events are on 18th February at Gateway Church, and 18th March at Holy Rood in Stubbington.

It was suggested that reps from each church should identify a contact person for youth work, and that we have a fuller focus on youth work at our meeting in May.

It was confirmed that PFZ is still active.

Reports and updates: Refugee Matters: David Cockshoot reported that a family of five is scheduled to arrive on 31st March. Work is well advanced to ensure that the house will be ready to welcome them. A speaker of Arabic is still urgently needed!

Editor's Note

We are certainly seeing signs of Spring with the Daffodils, Snowdrops, Crocuses coming through and showing their beautiful colours. Nature continues despite what is happening to Ukraine by Russia. We must pray for peace.

On the 6th February we had 90 people attending the worship, either on zoom or in church how wonderful. Dee became a member of our church on that day and what a big welcome it was.

I love the contributions you all provide for the efocus – please keep them coming.

Lin

April deadline is 1st April.



As you know the church has special links with people in the Ukraine. There will be a Retiring Collection on March 20th for the Ukrainians together with the Sunday Lunch charitable donations that day. All monies will be given to ALL WE CAN which will use this money in the best possible way.

As a church we have decided to collect items for the people of Ukraine. Whilst we are also remembering them in our prayers and hoping for peace as soon as possible. They need provisions whether they have moved to neighbouring countries as refugees or have stayed in their homes.

FOOD:

Instant meals
Dried Fruit
Nuts
Canned Food
Cereals
Dog/Cat food

HYGIENE

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Nappies
Sanitary Pads
Nappies
Paper Towels
New underwear
Microfiber Towels
Reusable plates, cups, cutlery
Disinfectant
Hand Gel
Combs

MISCELLANEOUS

Thermal Blankets
Sleeping bags
Foam camping mats
Plasters, Dressings
Pain Killers
Baby Bottles
Dummies

There will be boxes in the Welcome area of the Church from Sunday.

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia, for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.
We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.
Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.
Lord have mercy.

Amen

QUIZ

You will probably have seen this type of quiz before. Each answer contains a number in the position shown – you have to work out what the other initial letter stands for. All the questions are from well-known hymns and carols or have a biblical theme. The answers will be in April efocus.

For example: S T A 12 O U (Sir There Are 12 Of Us)

(OT) – Old Testament (NT) – New Testament

1. 40 D I T W (NT)

2. W 3 K O O A

3. G I 3 P B T

4. 5 I a 2 S F (NT)

5. T C 1 F

6. B 2 O E S

7. (OT)

8. S T A 12 O U

9. 1 T I A A O

10. I S 3 S C S I

11. N M C S 2 M (NT)

12. Y W D M 3 T (NT)

13. 3 W M

14. O F A 1,000 T T S

15. T I T 10 C (OT)

16. 40 D A 40 N

17. R U T E 40 D



Date - Wednesday 9th March 2022

Time - From 3.30pm

Venue - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities

Worship

Meal

**Every
Little
Helps!**

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that birds come and perch in its branches.