

FAREHAM eFOCUS



**Fareham Methodist Church
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Services for the Month
March 2024

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| 10 th March | 10:30 am.
Dr. Mark Barton.
4 th of Lent. |
| 17 th March | 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
All Age Worship.
5 th of Lent. |
| 24 th March | 10:30 am.
Mrs Fran Jenkins.
Palm Sunday. |
| | 6:00 pm
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
Reflective Service. |
| 28 th March | 7.30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service.
Revd. Pauline Crispin |
| 31 st March | 8:00 am
Communion on Hill Head
Beach.
10:30 am.
Mr Andrew Wilcock.
Easter Day. |
| 7 th April | 10:30 am.
Revd. Dave Faulkner.
Holy Communion.
2 nd of Easter. |

Tea and Coffee Rota
for March 2024

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| 10 th March | Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd. |
| 17 th March | Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers. |
| 24 th March | Sally Bland and Margaret Temple. |
| 31 st March | Marilyn Woodrow and Lin Woodhams. |
| 7 th April | Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks. |

Meet and Greet Rota
For March 2024

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| 10 th March | Blake Webb. |
| 17 th March | Heather Murphy. |
| 24 th March | Volunteer needed. |
| 31 st March | Volunteer needed. |
| 7 th April | Simon Potter |

4th March – 7th April

4 Monday 09:30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	5 Tuesday 9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group. 19.30 Tuesday Ladies Club - Theatre	6 Wednesday	7 Thursday 9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 10:30 Prayer Circle 19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	8 Friday	9 Saturday	10 Sunday 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Dr Mark Barton
11 09:30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	12 9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group	13 15:30 Messy Church	14 9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 10:00 Bible Study Meeting 19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	15	16	17 10:30 Morning Service. All Age worship led by Revd. Pauline Crispin. 11:30 Annual Church Meeting Sunday Lunch
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Dear Friends,

Some people have been asking and are interested in my journey, so far, as a Methodist Minister. I suddenly thought that only those who were part of the stationing process would have seen this information that goes onto the Stationing profile form, which is sort of like a CV. So here we go!

Ministerial formation: January 2004 to summer 2005, full time Foundation training at Wesley College Bristol; from 2005 to 2007 full time Pre-ordination training at Wesley College Bristol, achieved BA with First Class Honours in Theology and Ministry.

Ministerial practice and experience

(Ministers are asked to list the circuits (with dates) in which they have served, going backwards in time).

Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit 2019 to date Superintendent (*Summer 2023*).

I added to my profile, that during my time as a Superintendent I have not been able to fully use my other ministerial gifts and calling therefore, after conversations and agreement with my Chair of District, I will not be a Superintendent in my next appointment. (Hence, I came to Fareham as a Circuit Minister).

West Sussex (Coast and Downs Circuit) 2016 to 2019`

West Sussex United Area 2012 to 2016 (Methodist/URC) (this United Area joined with the Worthing Circuit to create the above Circuit *(so really, I was still in the same place, it was just called a different name)*)).

Central Sussex United Area 2007-2012 (Methodist/URC)

Continuing development:

I have completed numerous Bridge Builders courses: 'Transforming Conflict level 1. A one-day workshop 'Facilitating difficult meetings; 'Leading with Emotional Maturity; 'Transforming Conflict 2' - Building Resilient Leadership - An Advanced Course for Leaders. In the past I have supervised, on placement, a student Presbyter and mentored a person preparing to candidate for the Diaconal ministry.

Training in leadership, supervision, plus training in Safeguarding, including train the trainer, Open the book, Godly Play, Puppet ministry, Messy Church, invitational Church, New Testament studies, Relationships and behaviour, and Creative art in worship. Prayer and healing ministry, Pastoral Listening skills, City Angels (similar to Street Pastors). I annually attend the Methodist District Ministers' conference. I also attend retreats and quiet days.

During my 2017 sabbatical I took part in a 35-day silent retreat where I completed the full spiritual exercises of St Ignatius. This helped me to deepen my relationship with God and increase my own understanding of my calling. Reflecting on my own life experiences, incorporating, and contemplating on how one forms the other as well as a desire to find God in all things.

(I then had to write about the appointment I was in at the time of Stationing):

I am currently a Superintendent. There are thirteen churches in the Circuit, four Presbyters and four lay members of staff. I have pastoral charge of three churches. These churches are all quite different in size of congregation, buildings, and the areas they serve. As such I draw on my leadership experiences including working ecumenically.

I believe that people increasingly understand the use of different learning styles to help them understand new and difficult concepts. I encourage participation in the use of multisensory worship, and creative prayer ideas, bringing together, in acts of worship, engagement with all age groups and abilities.

One of my churches has a weekly group for people with cognitive disability. We have games, crafts, and other such activities. When I go along to this group it is one of the highlights of my week. I lead worship services for this group, where the whole church is invited too.

I am currently the District Probationer and under 7s Secretary. A role that I volunteered for because I felt called to support and encourage those in their early years of ministry (*I am still in this role*).

I have a passion for Methodism and value the rich heritage and legacy it has. Where the early Methodists knew how to reach the folk they engaged with people in their own context. I have a passion to work with and support churches to rediscover this, recognising that this can mean embracing change, not for change's sake, but so 'The Church' can be relevant in the 21st Century.

In all styles of worship, I aim to bring a sense of the wonder and presence of God. I try to encourage individuals to discover and use their gifts, in the church, wider neighbourhood and society.

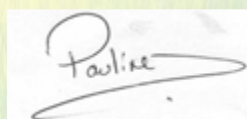
I am a visual theologian, using imaginative, artistic, and creative ways of prayer and worship. I would like to develop intergenerational church and work with families. I would like to develop working with teams of people using both established and innovative ideas.

I have particularly appreciated and valued ministering with and to those who may have been marginalised because of disabilities, their diversity, background, ethnicity, culture, or other differences.

I enjoy leading worship that is relaxed, contemporary intergenerational and informal. I also value leading quiet reflective worship, for example, using Taizé songs and meditations. I am also adept however and well-practiced, in leading more formal traditional worship.

Finally, ministers are asked if there are any requirement for living accommodation that would make your stay more comfortable? I answered: 'A good outside space/garden would be an absolute real bonus I get a great deal of enjoyment and restoration from gardening.....and yes, the garden has been hard work, on my days off, but I am getting there, and it is a great joy to see the first signs of spring!

The bottom line is that it is great to be here and getting to know all of you. Every Blessing



Distributing hymn books on Sunday
for March

10 th March	Ian Bagshaw.
17 th March	Rach. Davis.
24 th March	Blake Webb
31 st March	Rach. Davis.
7 th April	Lynda Haydon-Jones

Flower Rota for March

10 th March	Jill and Malcolm Race.
17 th March	Lin Woodhams.
24 th March	Edith Livingstone.
31 st March	Ian Bagshaw.
7 th April	Bob Temple.



RIDING LIGHTS PRESENTS "CROSSLIGHT"

a streamed performance, filmed live

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024, 7.30PM
AT FAREHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

All are welcome

The performance begins with John bringing Mary to his home in Jerusalem immediately after the crucifixion. Later that evening Peter joins them having disappeared after the denial.

The three characters discuss the death of Jesus, and remember significant incidents in Jesus' life, focusing on the impact on the disciples and the crowds.

The performance is 1 hour 7mins

Refreshments will be available after the streaming during a time of fellowship

What if we began to treat our Bibles
the way we treat our cell phones?

What if we...

...carried it with us
everywhere?

...turned back to get it if
we forgot it?

...checked it for messages
throughout the day?

...used it in case of an
emergency?

...spent an hour or more using
it each day?



Good News for St John's Church Fareham.

Dear friends

It has been announced this morning that the Rev Henry Kendal will be the new vicar of St John's Church in Fareham.

Henry was previously vicar of St Barnabas Church, Woodside Park in north London. He comes with a reputation as a church planter.

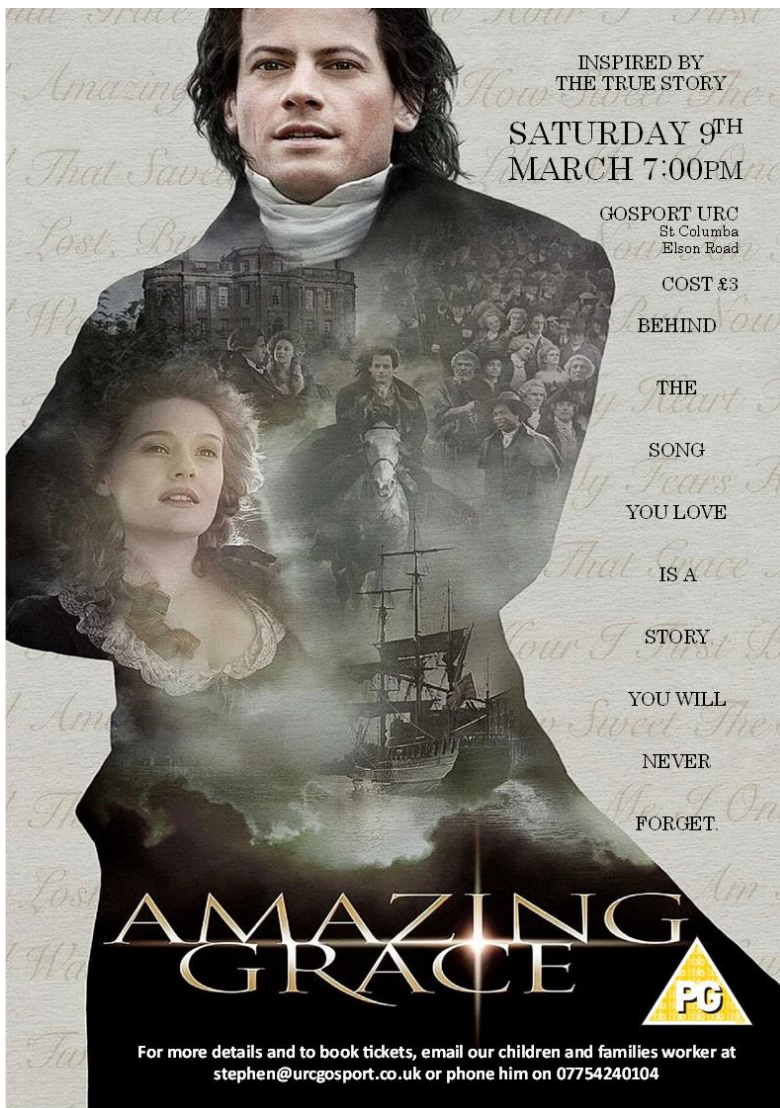
You can read more about him
here: <https://bit.ly/3OI3w7a>

Ian Corless

Secretary, Christians Together in Fareham
Email: secretary@farehamchristians.org.uk

Tel: 07940 912564 farehamchristians.org.uk





Messages from Church members .


I would like to say thank you so much for the flowers from the church. Liz Haigh delivered them. It was a lovely surprise and lifted my spirits which have been rather low lately.

Many thanks.
Penny Garrett.





A big "thank you" for the beautiful flowers so kindly delivered by Irene (Russell) , who also stayed for a chat. May I also thank both Lin and Judith for the focus and emails for Sunday Services. It is so helpful to keep up to date with the church family events, while unable to get to Church.

Best wishes
Lynda Young



LAST
SATURDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH





CTiF WORSHIP & OUTREACH

**Fareham Bandstand
10am - 11am**

Join us for some worship and outreach at Fareham Bandstand on the last Saturday of every month. Let's proclaim the Gospel and show people His goodness.

NEXT WORSHIP - SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Join **Christians Together in Fareham** for monthly worship and outreach at the Bandstand Podium in West Street - the last Saturday of the month from 10.00am to 11.00am.

Please find attached a poster and photo file to publicise within your churches.

Yours in Christ's services

Ian

THE FAREHAM WELL

The Fareham Well (the charity established by CTiF which once ran the Christian café and bookshop in West Street, Fareham) now leases its ground floor property to **The Rainbow Centre** as a charity shop with the rental income going to a new grant-awarding initiative which will be launched in 2024.

A local charity, The Rainbow Centre provides a rehabilitation centre for children and adults with neurological conditions (e.g. cerebral palsy) and relies on donations to keep its shop stocked. Giving to the Rainbow shop also helps the Well Charity – so if you have any saleable “pre-loved” items that you no longer need, please donate them to the Rainbow Centre where they can be given a second life.

You can drop your donations at the shop (116 West Street, PO16 0EP - a brief stop on the pavement to unload between 9.00am and 4.00pm is allowed) or the charity’s main centre (Palmerston Drive, PO14 1RH).

If you are unable to deliver your items, you can contact Vince Stevens on 07999 451316 who will arrange for them to be collected.

Yours in Christ’s service

Ian

When this is over,
May we never again?
Take for granted.
A handshake with a stranger.
Full shelves at the store.
Conversations with neighbours.
A crowded theatre.
Friday night out.
The taste of communion.
A routine checkup.
The school rush each morning.
Coffee with a friend.
The stadium roaring.
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday.
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be.
We were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way – better
for each other
because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

A reminder of what was happening in the world in 2020 and we mustn't forget to be the people we wanted to be.

Thank you, Judith.

Coming soon to a street near you!

Street golf





Learning to live together

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 12 Years of Messy Church.

Over and over again at every Messy Church meeting, we have fun and learn so much from each other whatever age we are.

One of the highlights in February was a game of being all together, everyone joining in, it was a lot of fun.

Look at the noticeboard in the Welcome Area for the crafts we made and ate!!

Come and join us.

Editor's Note

Where did February go? and when will the rain stop! The Daffodils are flowering and looking lovely in the gardens.

March will be busy in the Church with Easter coming early but such a great time to celebrate.

Thursday Coffee morning knit, and chat is going well. Really chatting is the order of the day. Great way to meet other members of the church and get to know them.

I am away at the end of March into April so I am sorry, but the deadline is very early.

Deadline is **20th March**



CHRISTIANS
together in
FAREHAM

GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH SERVICE

29th MARCH

10:20am

Fareham Town Centre

PODIUM

FREE HOT CROSS BUNS

SUNDAY LUNCH at 17th March 12.15 p.m. approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation, family, and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations to **charity**. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be appreciated – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Greek Salad

Main Course: Chicken in gravy, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables,

Puddings: Variety

If you can help before the meal in the kitchen and with serving that will be good. We really need people to stay after the meal please until about 2.30 to help Colin with the dishwasher. We would really appreciate your help.

There will be a list in the welcome area for you to sign. Please come along and enjoy a lunch!

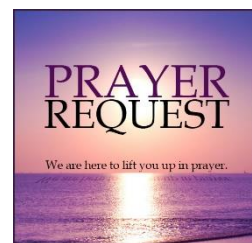
Thank you.

As Jill will be recovering from her hip operation please ring: Lin 07840778063

Friday Night games are on the 22nd March.

Everyone is welcome between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. 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



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.

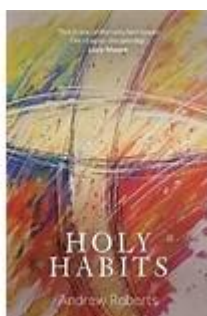
THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to join us, for five 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.

7 th March	Revd. Pauline Crispin
4 th April	Jill Race
2 nd May	Bob Temple
6 th June	Julie Kettle
4 th July	Revd. Pauline Crispin

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETING



We are continuing with our theme of Holy Habits:- Prayer. We meet on the 3rd Thursday morning of the month at 10.00 am and will be thinking about the following areas this quarter. We will be very pleased to see anyone who is thinking about joining us.

If you'd like any more information, please come and have a chat with Audrey Mann.

We shall meet on the following dates:

21 st March	Focus on God.
19 th April	Shining testimony.

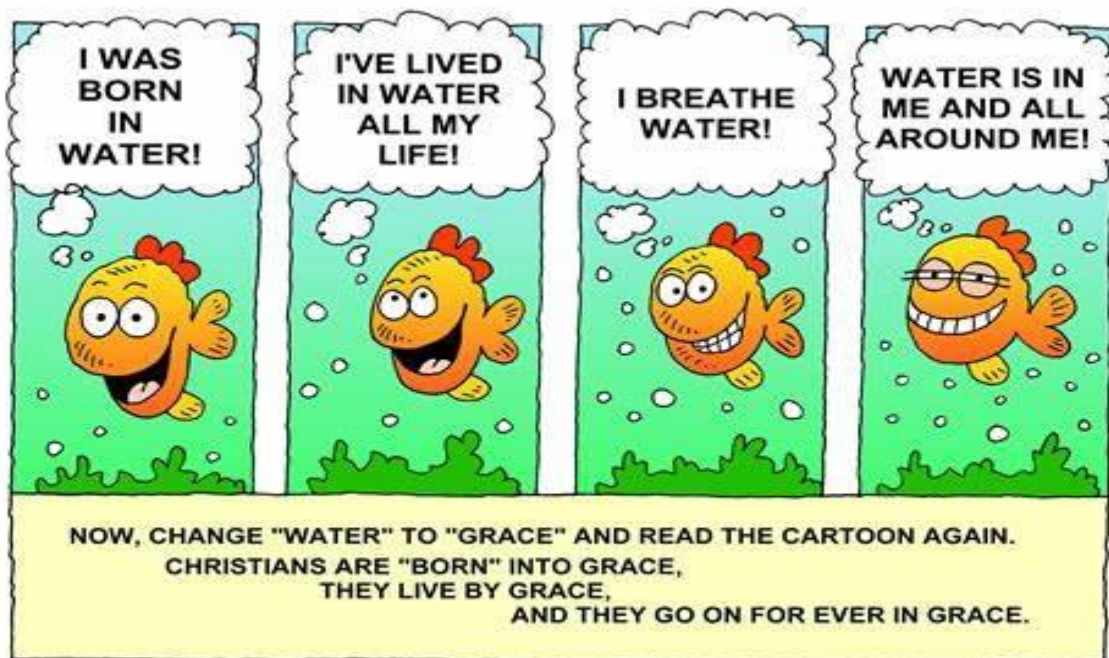


Fareham Good Neighbours urgently needs new volunteers to join our befriending team. All we ask is that volunteers agree to a DBS check and read a few short documents to ensure that they understand their safeguarding and other responsibilities when visiting lonely, and often vulnerable people.

“Loneliness is like being on a desert island. You feel there’s only you ...” said Michael in a recent survey after he hadn’t seen anyone else for over a week. Could **you** spare an hour or two each week to visit someone like Michael in their home? Could **you** offer companionship to a lonely person?

Supported by Christians Together in Fareham, **Fareham Good Neighbours** arranges for befrienders to make regular visits to lonely people in their homes – and make a huge difference to their lives If you would like to know more about how you can help, call for more details on 07512 078420 – or email volunteercoordinator@farehamgoodneighbours.org.uk

Yours in Christ’s service Ian



VESTRY JOTTINGS

We are now in the season of Lent which means Easter is on its way.

We have lots to look forward to in March with Mothering Sunday, a Baptism and Easter Sunday on the beach.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7.30pm at Fareham.

The Walk of Witness will once again take place with churches meeting at the Podium Fareham. If you are able, I suggest that you take some form of seating as there is a lot of waiting around!

In May Mike and I will be stepping down as stewards. If you are a church member and you feel you could help us out by volunteering it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, the ACM is on Sunday 17th March following the morning service with lunch afterwards.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards.

COFFEE CENTRE

The Thursday Coffee Centre will be closed on the 28th March, 4th April and 11th April



**FEEL LIKE RUNNING
AWAY ON MOTHER'S DAY?**
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
IT'S OKAY TO GRIEVE.
YOUR STORY MATTERS.

MOTHER'S DAY RUNAWAYS

A safe space to meet with God and be reminded that you're not alone.

SUNDAY 10th MARCH @ 4PM

ST JOHN'S, 1A UPPER ST MICHAEL'S GROVE FAREHAM, PO14 1DN

@stjohnsfareham

This year at **St John's Fareham** we will have an extra service on **Mothers' Day** for those who may find the day difficult for any reason.

We'd be very grateful if you would be able to let your church family know about this in case they, or someone they know, would benefit from a safe space to meet with God and process the day.

God Bless,
Vicky Duboc (Churchwarden, St John's)

FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR TALENTS

PLEASE VOLUNTEER WHEN YOU CAN

WE NEED STEWARDS – OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS, TRAINING PROVIDED.

**A FEW SUGGESTIONS WHERE YOU CAN HELP:
SUNDAY LUNCH, HYMN BOOK/FLOWER/MEET AND GREET
ROTAS.**

THERE ARE MANY MORE AREAS WHICH NEED VOLUNTEERS.

PLEASE CONTACT MAGGIE WHEELER SENIOR STEWARD

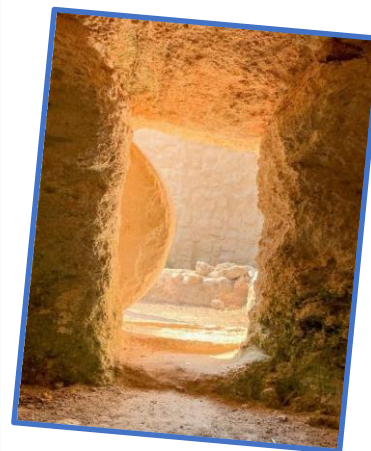


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HAVANT PASSION PLAY

Newsletter

THE PASSION



We're very nearly there!

THE PASSION

Everyone's pulling out all the stops preparing cast, crew, costumes, staging, precinct users, and so on, for our performances in central Havant. The performances will be focussed on the stage which will appear next door to the phone box on West Street at St Faith's north wall. Just to remind you, performances will be:

Easter Eve, 30th March 11am 12.30pm 2pm Easter Day, 31st March 3.30pm Followed by
a brief act of worship in St Faith's

Please pray for all those involved in this production and for all those who see it, that they may meet Jesus more clearly than they've ever done before – or, even, for the first time. And, of course, we'll be delighted to see you there!

The Passion needs YOU.....to be a Steward.

We need stewards during the performances to make sure that both HPP members and the audience remain safe and receive support if they need it. The periods stewards will be needed are:

Saturday 10am to midday OR midday to 3pm OR Sunday 3pm to 5pm

If you think you might be able to help in one or more of those periods we'd be really pleased if you'd contact Jan on:

02392 480150

OR

havantpassionplay@gmail.com *Do you have a gazebo we could*

borrow?

We're in need of a gazebo, about 3 metres square with sides, to house props and costumes during the performances. If you have something that might fit the bill, please contact Jan on:

02392 480150

OR

havantpassionplay@gmail.com

www.havantpassionplay.org.uk

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