

FAREHAM eFOCUS



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Services for the Month
May 2023

7 th May	Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig Holy Communion.
14 th May	United Reformed Church Christian Aid.
21 st May	Revd. Claire Simpson All Age Worship. Church Anniversary.
28 th May	Andrew Wilcock. 6:00pm Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion. Iona.
4 th June	Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion

Tea and Coffee Rota
for May 2023

7 th May	Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks
14 th May	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
21 st May	Jean and Mike Petter.
28 th May	Alison Humby and Pat Croker.
4 th June	Liz Avison and Edith Livingstone.

Meet and Greet Rota for May 2023

7 th May	Linda Haydon-Jones
14 th May	Sue Gibson
21 st May	Bob Temple
28 th May	Rae Shepherd
4 th June	Simon Potter

Moses had a car even in those days, he came down the mountain in a triumph.

Walter Metcalf

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

febreze

ARIEL

FAIRY

lenor

Flash

TERRACYCLE



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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY

Press Family News

We are pleased that our daughter, Tracy, has recently been awarded a PhD in Astronomy from Hertfordshire University. Her particular interest was galaxies 10bn light years away! The time she has been studying has included Covid and having a baby. We are extremely proud of her.

Linda Press

Margaret and Bob Temple would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers they received and for Tony who delivered them.

Many thanks for the beautiful church flowers brought to us on our Golden wedding anniversary. It was a lovely surprise.

Meg and Nigel

Vestry Jottings

The Walk of Witness was very well attended on Good Friday. It was mentioned that in future we take our own chairs as some of us found standing for 45 minutes was a bit of an ordeal!!!!

The service on the beach on Easter Sunday was a great success although very cold.

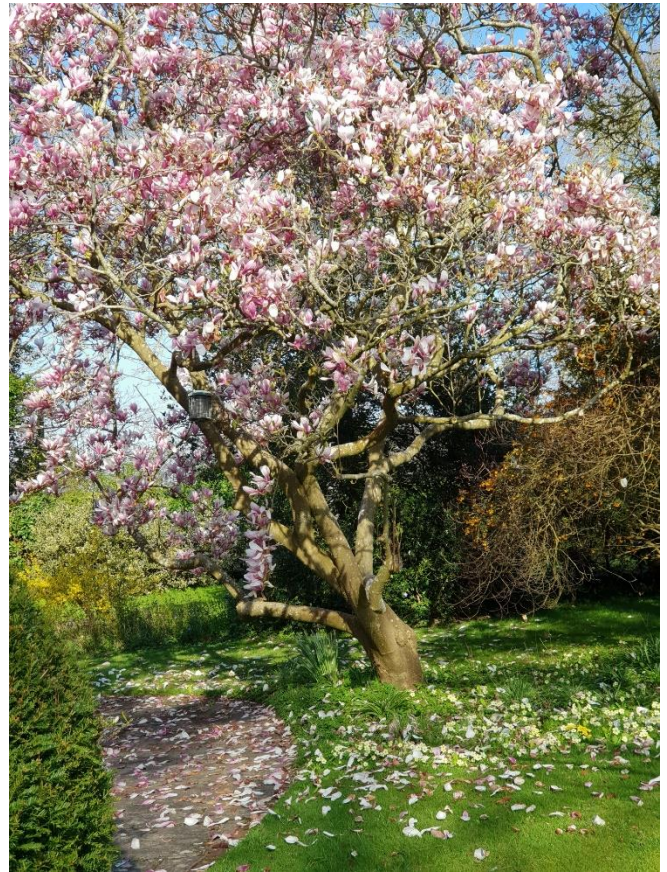
In church we had a lovely service lead by Penny and Lyn and the cross was beautifully decorated with many different flowers.

Our thanks go to Andrew Wilcock for standing in at the last minute to lead our service on Sunday as the attending minister was stuck on a train between stations.

The service was followed by the baptism of Devine Carr-Joohoo.

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards



A garden picture from Joan Padley

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study group will be restarting in September and will meet once a month on the third Thursday of the month at 10: 30am until 11:30am.

With Claire, Penny and Lyn leaving us we are looking for anyone who would like to join the group. We meet in the snug and will be using the BRF Holy Habits material on the subject of Prayer.

Please see me if you are interested. You will be most welcome.

Julie Kettle.



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. 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	
4 th May	Julie Kettle
1 st June	Revd. Claire
6 th July	Revd. Claire



Christian Aid Week 14th – 20th May

On Sunday 14th May we have a united service at the United Reformed Church. There will be an opportunity to donate at the end of the service or at our own Church the following week on 21st May.

There will also be a Christian Aid stall in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 2.00pm. Collectors are still needed. Please let me know if you can spare an hour to help with this.

Many thanks,
Linda Foster

Christian Aid Week – 14-20 May 2023



Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help people around the world **to** secure a safer, happier future for their children and grandchildren.

We are united by hope. And together, we hope **that** every family will have the joy of living a dignified life, free from poverty.

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can make dreams come true.

Join us:

Give:

- ☐ At your church - there will be envelopes and a collecting bucket
- ☐ Scan the QR code on this poster.
- ☐ On-line - through our e-envelope:

[Fareham & Portchester CA Group - Christian Aid Envelope](#)



Pray:

We absolutely believe in the power of prayer, so pray for the work of Christian Aid

Get involved:

If you would like to get involved locally email ca@thehickses.org.uk

If you would like to know more about Christian Aid, go to www.christinaid.org.uk



QUIZ AID

held for Christian Aid Week

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, GET A TEAM TOGETHER
OR COME ALONG ON YOUR OWN TO**

**BRIDGEMARY
METHODIST CHURCH**

**GREGSON AVE
PO13 0PP**

SATURDAY 13th MAY

2 PM.

TEA AND CAKE, RAFFLE AND LOTS OF FUN

COST £5

CONTACT JEAN 02392 342301



We would like to invite you all to our Christian aid quiz for Christian aid week.

This is our 14th year.

Although we Methodists don't worship at Bridgemary any more the hall is still open for many activities during the week.

We have a good time, lots of fun and raise money for a good cause at the same time.

Hope to see you all on the 13th.

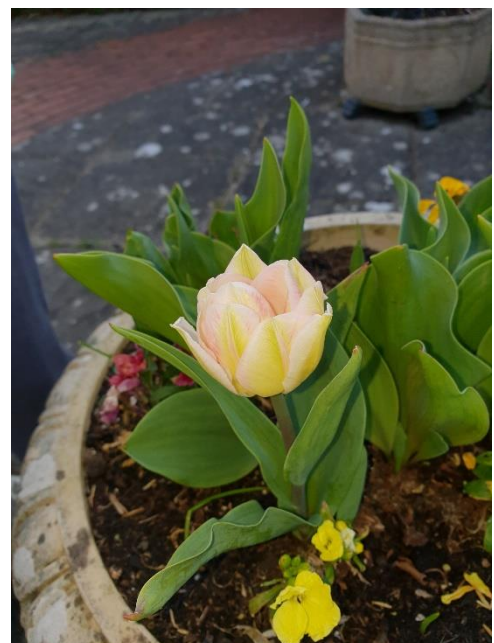
Many thanks
Take care.

Jean



Garden Photos from
Joan Padley.

So beautiful. Thank you, Joan.



SUNDAY LUNCH

21st May 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/Pâté

Main Course: Roast Pork, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, 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 are unable to come, please let me know asap, even if it is early on the Sunday, so we can adjust the numbers for which we cater and lay up.

We need about 3 or 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 for all the delicious puddings last time and for all the help with clearing up afterwards.

Jill Groom

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY LUNCH IN JULY AS THIS COINCIDES WITH REVD. CLAIRE'S LEAVING SERVICE. THERE WILL BE A SUNDAY LUNCH IN AUGUST.

Organ and Instrumental Fund.

It's amazing to realize that the Organ and Instrumental Fund began five years ago in May 2018. Time seems to have slipped by so quickly.

Many thanks for your all your generous donations to this Fund, which at the end of March stood at £7,674, (as Mike P. has confirmed).

Please do continue to support this very worthwhile venture. You can do this by a regular monthly donation or a gift every now and again.

Jill.

May – June 4th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	2 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Baby/Toddler Group 14:00 Tuesday Ladies' Club	3	4 9.30 Coffee Centre Prayer Circle – Church Sanctuary led by J. Kettle 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	5	6	7 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning Worship led by Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greg Holy Communion
8	9 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Baby/Toddler Group	10 3:30 Messy Church	11 9.30 Coffee Centre 19:30 Singing group Rehearsal	12	13	14 10:30 am United Reformed Church Christian Aid
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Young People. Hard Times. Bright Futures.

James' Story: Homeless to Trustee

My parents divorced when I was four years old, and I lived with my dad. He was strict but loving, although his partner was incredibly controlling. I felt suffocated, and at 12-years-old, I ran away to live with my mum.

It wasn't long into living with her that I realised she was an alcoholic. Her new husband also had drinking problems and they would drink a box of wine or two in the evening. My personality changed from a well-mannered child to someone who was angry, upset and felt abandoned. I experimented with cannabis at 13-years-old and my mum didn't try to stop me. My mum's relationship with her husband deteriorated. Arguments would escalate and she became a victim of domestic violence. On numerous occasions she left to live in refuges, but she would return, and the cycle of violence would continue. Eventually, we were housed in a 'mother and baby' unit when I was 14.

Over the next couple of years, my mum's drinking got even worse. She dated various alcoholics and again suffered domestic violence. When I was 16, a bailiff knocked on our door one morning. Mum hadn't been paying the rent on our flat and we were thrown out immediately. I sat outside the block of flats waiting but my mum never returned.

I had been banned from my father's house by his partner, so I had nowhere to go. I slept rough for a few nights before social services pointed me towards Step by Step (then called Emmaus Project). That was 10 years ago now.

I don't think I can ever put into words how much Step by Step supported me. They gave me structure, care, and a sense of belonging. I had regular one-to-ones with keyworkers which were pivotal in growing my confidence. At first, I was going through every emotion on a daily basis – feeling alone, betrayed, shocked, numb, sad, helpless, angry. But now I felt like I was being supported and coached by people who cared.

I started to develop confidence. I got a job and a sense of independence. I used that feeling of achievement and empowerment to fuel me and keep me going in the right direction. That has stayed with me ever since.

Today, I am an Associate Director for a global recruitment company.

I am extremely proud to have joined the board of trustees at Step by Step, meaning I am involved in deciding how the charity is run. It is very rare for someone helped by a charity to then become a trustee.

I have the opportunity to shape our services to help young people in a similar position to I was when Step by Step helped me."



Step by Step is a charity The Ladies' Club is now supporting with its charity giving this year. Charles Sloper, General Fundraiser for the charity, came to one of our meetings and gave a very informative talk. We are hoping to keep links with this organisation as the work that it is doing with our young people in Hampshire is very worthwhile. We will continue to put snippets of its work in the efocus.

Editor's Note

Another month has passed and once again the efocus is jam packed with lots of interesting articles. Thank you, Joan, for the lovely pictures of your garden. Very envious.

I wrote last month about knitting a Nativity Scene for the Church Welcome Area windows which is still going ahead. We are knitting flowers to adorn the outside of the church for the Summer. We hope to have it in place for Claire's leaving party – and then it will be up for the Summer. People may notice it from the main road and walk down to see what it is. It will be taken down if it starts to look tired etc. I will be at the Thursday Coffee Centre on 4th May knitting and will have patterns, wool and needles if needed. I was thinking of starting a Knit and Natter group at the Thursday Coffee Centre. As after this will be poppies for remembrance and then the Nativity. Please drop in on a Thursday.



Ministry of Flowers list

Church members there are quite a few gaps on the list which is pinned on the noticeboard in the corridor.

We need more people to sign up if possible. We understand the cost-of-living crisis has probably impacted on this. If you have flowers in your garden these can be used.

Getting into the church to arrange them may also be a problem, the co-ordinators involved in this are going to come up with a solution.

You can also donate to the Flower fund.

Thank you.

Claire's Leaving Party

If you are attending the above, please don't forget to put your name on the list situated in the Welcome Area.

If you wish to donate, please put your cash/cheque into an envelope and mark it "Claire's leaving party" and hand it to a steward. Should you wish to do a transfer from your bank in the pay reference box, please type "Claire's leaving party."

A FEW DATES FOR INFORMATION

14 TH May	Christian Aid Service at the URC.
21 st June	Holiday at Home
1 st July	Claire's leaving party.
2 nd July	Claire's last service with Fareham Methodist Church.
16 TH July	Drayton United Church at 3:00 pm – Leaving Service for Revd. Stephen Wright who is retiring and Revd. Claire Simpson who is moving on...
4 th Sept.	Welcome service for the Revd. Pauline Crispin at Petersfield. More details to follow.
15 th Oct.	Harvest Festival – Revd. Pauline Crispin to lead.

Holiday at Home Wednesday June 21st, 2023

This is the proposed date for a “Holiday at Home” day. The last one was in October 2019, and we “went” to Scotland! As it is a while since then I will give you an idea of the schedule for the day and hope that there are volunteers who are willing to help with the day.

10.30 - 11.00 People arrive for coffee/tea and biscuits.

11.00 - There will be a quiz and craft activities. (Church hall).

12.00 - Lunch in the large hall.

1.00/1.15 - Film in the church hall.

3.00 - Community Singing in the church hall.

3.45 - Tea and cakes/scones.

4.30 - Time to go home!

We usually publicise this in the local retirement homes and it is open to all members of the congregation, the cost of the ticket for the day was £5 in 2019.

I had an idea that this time we could use for our theme “Let’s go to Wales” but that can be discussed later.

Please let me know if you would be able to help with the day and what you would be willing to do. Then I can arrange a meeting to discuss the event.

Many thanks

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