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SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

3 rd	10.30	Revd. Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
10 th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	
	19.00	Stephen Oliver	Sunday 2
17 th	10.30	Kathy Elvy	All Age Worship
	18.00	Revd. Gillian Slaymaker	Holy Communion Iona Style
24 th	10.30	Revd. Malcolm Groom	Healing Service
31 st	10.30	Gerry Williams	

SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

7 th	10.30	Revd. Vincent Canning	Holy Communion
	16.00	Revd. Malcolm Groom	Family Remembrance Service

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

None from our Church notified for October

Please remember these preachers in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in churches in the Circuit.

October 2010



Dear Friends,

The eighteenth century atheist Voltaire said that Christianity would die out within a hundred years. Today his house belongs to the French Bible Society, which sends out tens of thousands of Bibles all over the world every year.

At the Southampton District Synod, which we hosted at Bay House School, two items grabbed my attention to the point where I felt I had to follow them up in our Church and Circuit.

The first was an address by Rev. Dr. Mark Wakelin (a member of the Connexional Team). He was invited to speak about a new Methodist publication called "*Discipleship... and the people called Methodists*" by Rev Martyn Atkins (General Secretary of the Methodist Church in Britain). The one thing that came over to me, as clear as a bell, from what Mark said was; "*Discipleship starts with the deepening of spirituality*".

The second item from Synod, seemed to dovetail in with the first. It was yet another initiative from the Methodist Connexion which is supported by most of the other mainstream denominations, called "**Biblefresh**". Now I get a bit irritated by the number of "initiatives" that our church constantly throws at us (that's another story!), but I think we should sit up and listen to this one. If you go to the website; www.deepeningdiscipleship.org.uk you can sign up to receive email information. On the website there is further information that I have printed below...



"Throughout 2011 the Methodist Church is encouraging churches and individuals to deepen their discipleship by focusing on the Bible. This particular year marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible which brought the Scripture to people in English and, when read aloud, had a dramatic effect on church attendance and people's lives.

*What better opportunity then to **celebrate** Scripture as a gift from God and take up the challenge of encouraging people to engaging with it in fresh, life-changing ways to become effective disciples of Jesus Christ in the 21st century. We want people to live Bible lives with confidence and compassion in their relationships, workplaces and communities.*

This focus on the Bible is a starting point for becoming more serious about our discipleship and reminding us of our roots as a disciple-

making movement. John Wesley said we were raised up by God to bring 'Scriptural Holiness' to the land. We want to learn how to do this in ways that deepen our love of God and neighbour and make the Bible more accessible to others."

I have ordered 50 copies of Martyn Atkins booklet from MPH – so please ask me for a copy! (they're free but you will need to pay £2.50 postage if you want to order more)

How about taking up the challenge for 2011

- To get every member and adherent into a regular Bible Study group.
- To encourage new ways using our Bibles every day, eg – as a focus for our prayer – how about our own bible/prayer leaflet / handbook ?).
- To offer courses in Bible study.
- To encourage a Biblical focus to our creative skills – in art, music, dance, drama, computer presentations, photography, video, etc..



God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Mark Lewis'. Below the signature is a long, horizontal, slightly curved line.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

A lady asked her Sunday School class to draw picture of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Jayden's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to Represent.

"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, the teacher said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Harvest Festival was a marvellous success, the Morning Service was enjoyed by all and we would like to show our appreciation to Rosemarie and Joan. It was very pleasing to see so many Brownies at the Service and how well they, and the children performed. We would also like to say a very sincere 'Thank You' to all the people who organized and set up the Display and to all of you who supplied the very brilliant ideas for the Window Ledges.

'The Sunday Roast' received so many kind comments and we also offer a very big 'Thank You' to Jill and her band of 'Willing Helpers'.

On Monday Morning we opened the dividing doors so people could go and see the Display in the Sanctuary and the Window Ledges and again compliments were made and several people said how talented people were with their ideas.

The Stewards

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely flowers brought to us by Marion and Dennis Bright. They were very much appreciated especially as they lasted almost 3 weeks.



David & Sylvia Savage

Thank you so much for the Church flowers kindly delivered to me by Joan Padley. They are beautiful and have given me so much pleasure. God Bless

Maude Lovell

Thank you so much for all the flowers, prayers and kind wishes for my speedy recovery from surgery. As you have seen, with God's will and the skill of the surgeon I am making very good progress and have been virtually pain free. Hopefully, I shall only have to wear the boot for a few more weeks and then I can soak both feet!!

Bobby Watson

Cont. ...

THANK YOU cont.

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers, brought to me by Pat Grigg. The lilies scented the whole house. I am very much up and down health-wise.

Dorothy Freemantle

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers brought to me by Joan Padley on the occasion of my birthday.

Irene Field

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers so kindly delivered by Jean Petter. Grateful thanks to all the kind friends who have taken me to and from Queen Alexandra Hospital so generously and the cards and kind thoughts from the Church family. Ken is gradually improving but it will be a while yet before he is home.

Sheila Walters

Thank you so much for the lovely Church flowers kindly delivered to my house by Liz Haigh. Also for the phone messages following Christopher's accident at College.

Liz, Graham Avison & family

Tiddler Box

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Tiddler box. From September 2009 to August 2010 the amount collected was £104.52.

Karen Ferguson

Used Stamps

Thank you very much to everyone who has donated their used stamps for the Bible Society. I have just received a reply from them, which is put up in the corridor above the Used Stamp Box. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Jill Race

PASTORAL MEETING

The next Pastoral Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th October at 7.30 pm in the Sanctuary.



Jenny Chalmers

HEALING GROUP

The next Healing Group will be held on Wednesday,
3rd November 2010. All are welcome at 7.30 pm .

Rita Jackson



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There is only one meeting in October, due to the Half Term holiday.

13th October Shoe box Appeal. A return visit by Mrs Meatcher, the Area Supervisor, with an illustrated talk, to tell us about this year's appeal



There is also a Committee Meeting on 21st October in the Snug at 10.15 am

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2.15 pm. (Tea available from 2.00 pm).

Shirley Henderson

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Our people have been so generous already with gifts for the boxes and with filling some of the boxes but we **do still need** help. There will be decorated empty boxes in the Welcome Area on Sunday, which you can take away to fill and return . There will also be a box to collect further gifts and donations towards the cost of delivering the boxes. (approximately £2.50 per box).

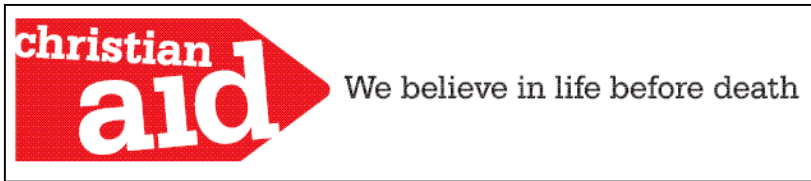
Una Peters

POINT TO PONDER

Have you ever thought you might like to join a House Group but you were not sure how to go about it? Well now is your chance!

The members of North Fareham House Group are looking to increase their numbers and would welcome anyone who would care to join them in regular Bible Study. At present they are looking at and comparing the synoptic Gospels. They meet once a month on a Wednesday evening at the home of Margaret and Cyril Fielder. If you think you might be interested, or would like more information, please speak to Margaret, Cyril, Jill Race or Lynda Haydon-Jones, preferably by the end of the month.

Lynda Haydon-Jones



You are invited to a Celebration tea
and the launch of our new
'Church Partnership Project'
On
Sunday 17th October 2010 at 4pm
At
St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
Upper St Michael's Grove, Fareham

Josianne Kielweiser from Burkina Faso will share some of her
experience of Christian Aid's work;
Max Khanna will introduce the Church Partnership Scheme and we will
meet Charlotte Page, our new Regional Coordinator.

There will be free samples of Fairtrade chocolate to taste and, of course,
tea, scones and cake!

For more details, or to let us know you are coming,
please contact: LINDA FOSTER

MRDF

The Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) makes small miracles possible for people living in the world's poorest communities through long term development, emergency relief and campaigning against the causes of poverty. MRDF works in partnership with local organisations in 22 of the world's poorest countries, helping individuals and communities to transform their lives and become more self-sufficient. MRDF's partner organisations work with people on the basis of greatest need, not religion or race. For more information, visit www.mrdf.org.uk

Antony Hollinghurst

HAITI: Update

It is now over four months since a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, causing unprecedented amounts of destruction, leaving some 230,000 people dead and over a million homeless.

The days (and indeed the months) following the earthquake were a very busy time for Tom Quenet, partnership coordinator for the Caribbean and the Americas. *“For the last three and a half months, it has felt as if I’ve had to do one and half jobs with extra administration and coordinating the support for Haiti”* Tom says.

Tom recently visited Haiti, and his assessment of the situation there is that it is chaotic, although a lot is being done. *“They are slowly trying to recover the education and health services, and the infrastructure,”* he says. *“There are sanitation issues because the water is muddy and dirty. Working out how best to make use of the aid sent can be very difficult, especially in a society that does not work well.”*

SO FAR THE METHODIST APPEAL FOR HAITI HAS RAISED MORE THAN £850,000.

£100,000 of that was used immediately for First Aid, medicine and food. Some of it went towards the purchase of six marquee tents which are now serving as temporary classrooms and towards paying teachers’ and pastors salaries.

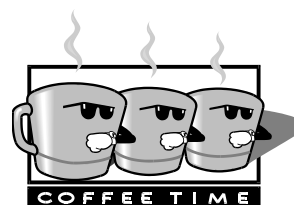
THERE IS STILL A LOT MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO RESTORE LIFE IN HAITI TO NORMAL.

Donations to *“The Methodist Church World Mission Fund” (Haiti Appeal)* will be gratefully received.

THURSDAY COFFEE CENTRE

We are trying to advertise Thursday mornings Coffee Centre around Fareham.

We have lots of A5 posters, so please if you know of anywhere that could put them up on walls or windows, please take some. They will be available on Sundays. Thank you.



Jill Race

**THE NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH - 17th OCTOBER 2010
12.15 PM approx**

This is open to all members of the congregation, and all family, and friends. There is no set price for the meal, we just ask for donations for MHA please

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: Harvest Soup, Pate with salad

Main Course: Roast Pork, Apple sauce,
Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,
Vegetables



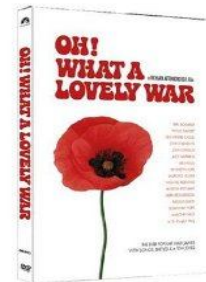
Puddings: Variety

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

Jill Groom

**MEAL & FILM EVENING 19 NOVEMBER
18.30 approx.**

There will be an Edwardian meal, during which Malcolm will talk about his Sabbatical project. He will have some of the diary booklets that he produced for you to see.



After the meal we will watch the satirical film about the 1st World War,. Do come along for this interesting evening. Donations for the meal will go towards "Help the Heroes" and "Cancer Research UK".

Jill Groom



Please support our Arts, Craft, and Hobbies Exhibition

See Poster Overleaf

All in aid of Action for Children.

Set up times for those exhibiting will be from

8.00 pm on Friday 8th or
8.00 am until 10.00 am on the Saturday.

All offers of help gratefully received.

NEW FLOWER SECRETARY NEEDED

I feel that I have to clarify the "Urgent need for a Flower Secretary" as reported in the last bulletin. I have not taken the decision to step down without a lot of thought, but as I explained to Church Council in a letter on 5 July 2010, I will continue until someone is appointed. I also said that having been flower secretary, which I have enjoyed, for over 25 years, and the fact that I shall be out of the country for 3 months at the end of the year (from December), and various other circumstances, now is the time to give someone else the opportunity to take over the mission of flowers. I will, however, be happy to help to arrange flowers for weddings and special occasions etc if needed.



ART
CRAFT & HOBBIES
EXHIBITION
9th OCTOBER

FAREHAM
METHODIST CHURCH
KINGS ROAD
10AM – 4PM

ENTRANCE £1
CHILDREN FREE

CHILDREN'S ART CORNER

TEA

COFFEE

SOFT DRINKS

THE LONG WALK – ACHIEVED!

Finale to the July / August and September articles

Well, those of you who were in Church last Sunday will know that, like the proverbial bad penny, I've turned up. The rest of you will realise on reading this.



Apart from the Satellite Navigation receiver packing up on the third day in horrendous wet weather conditions, never to display a map again, and me overbalancing face down into a beck just below a waterfall (very refreshing) taking out permanently my camera, mobile 'phone and spectacles, on the fourth day, the journey was relatively uneventful.

Garry did her best to sabotage the event by badly spraining her ankle and pulling ankle ligaments whilst on a short walk around Ullswater on the fourth day. As she and Barbara were the backup team it was essential that she could at least drive the car from place to place and she struggled on bravely. Selfish me, I didn't want her to go to a hospital in case they found something broken and insisted on us abandoning: there was too much at stake. After the best part of another week it was checked, in Harrogate, and I breathed a sigh of relief.

There were no easy days, just varying degrees of difficulty whether steep ascents, with or without rain water cascading down what was thought to be the path or, worse, descents, walking from boulder to boulder, sliding on scree, scrambling up and down muddy and rock strewn uneven paths barely the width of one's foot and howling winds doing their utmost to blow us off the narrow paths and down the steep gorges into more becks..... However, the worst conditions were mile after mile of peat bog at 'Nine Standards Rigg' where it was common-place to find ourselves up to our calves in bog and occasionally above our knees. With poor indications of where the paths were, particularly in Cumbria, there was much potential danger particularly without the reassurance of knowing our position. When the visibility is good the navigation is less important; when it's bad it is important but there are no features to observe and we had to rely on estimation of speed based on previous experience.

The above is just a 'taster', I'll not bore you with more detail; I've yet to write up my notes. Suffice to say that we completed the journey at 1600 on Tuesday 21 September, on schedule, and were greeted by Garry, Barbara and John's brother, Pete, who had driven over from Harrogate.

After the ceremonial 'walking into the North Sea' and 'throwing in the pebble from the Irish Sea', Garry broke open the champagne which we shared with another John, whom we'd met up with on a few days of the walk, and his wife, Carol.

I thought of you all on several occasions, particularly on Sundays and Thursdays, though the concentration required left little prolonged thinking time. I know that your thoughts and prayers were with us and would like to take this formal opportunity to thank you for all your support for which I am very grateful.

I now have the task of collecting the donations pledged, so will then have the opportunity to try to answer any questions.

Ian Bagshaw

A HANDBOOK OF PRAYER FOR YOU God's Open Word 2010 - 2011

If you would like to pray in a more organised and informed way, you might like to try the latest issue of The Methodist Prayer Handbook. It is an excellent companion and guide that will encourage you in your prayer life. The Handbook's prayers of praise, thanksgiving, confession and intercession provide a daily focus throughout the year, as well as a source of inspiration when you need it. The handbook includes a 31-day prayer cycle (with prayers from the districts and Methodist Partner Churches around the world) as well as daily hymn and lectionary readings.

This year's edition is inspired by scripture: the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011 has become a springboard for the celebration of Scripture.

If you would like a copy please contact Joan Padley or contact Methodist Publishing at: www.methodistpublishing.org.uk . There is 10% discount for orders of ten or more.

Methodist Publishing

TIME FOR A SMILE

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now John, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook!. John replied!

WE ARE SURVIVORS
(For those born before 1940 . . .)

We were born before television, before penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, videos and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes And before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together (how quaint can you be?) We thought 'fast food' was what you ate on Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, artificial hearts, word processors, or young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker bus to the terminus. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coalhouse, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock Music' was a fond mother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice-cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder there is a generation gap today

BUT By the grace of God We have survived!

Mr Bridge

CHURCH NOTICES

Mrs Jones remains in hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy"

MORE MEMORIES . . . ACCESS TO CHURCH HALLS

So many alterations have been made to the Church buildings over the past 30 years that it is difficult for me to recall fully what the layout of the buildings were when I arrived in Fareham in 1965. But my memory was jogged the other day when I was asked about the original access to our halls.

Then, as now, the only door for key holders was the “back door”, originally in King’s Road roughly opposite the entry from vestry to Church. To the left was the vestry, (long since removed) to the right the choir vestry (now the Ministers’s vestry), ahead the door into Church. There was no access to the halls except through the choir vestry into the present passage. The main door to the Church in Queen’s was of the push-bar emergency exit type; to the right was the ladies toilet, ahead 2 doors to the Church, to the left the gentlemen’s toilet. Again, no access to the halls, except through the Church.

It would thus appear that the halls (there were 3 then) were for Church use only. When Margaret Outten began Mini Market the public were admitted to the large hall via the emergency exit, where the play school entrance is now. We have certainly become more aware of our place in the community over these past 30 years. Is my memory correct?

Eric Wheeler

CAR STICKERS

At my age . . . Everything I buy comes with a lifetime guarantee!

I was always taught to respect my elders.... Now there is no one older than me to respect!

It’s nice to be here. At my age it’s nice to be anywhere!

Be nice to your children. They will choose your nursing home

Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

www.pmcaregivers.com

Editor: Colin Hammacott, who used to hold a senior nursing position in the NHS, is concerned by the recent survey which has revealed that Britons are lonelier, less neighbourly and have fewer friends than they did in 1980.

A Helping Hand

There is much we can do just to brighten
This world of all take and no give,
There's a great deal that we can contribute
Through the everyday lives that we live.

By supporting one's elderly neighbours
Or through lending a hand in some way
It's by taking a bunch of spring flowers
To someone to brighten their day.

It's by sparing a few precious hours
In the service of those most in need
It's all about setting a standard
And trying to give others a lead.

It's the way that we tend to treat others
And help and aid folks in distress
In the care and assistance we offer
That will set us apart from the rest.

The choice that we face is quite simple
The rewards plain for all men to see
As you did all of this to my brother
Then said Jesus, you did it to me.

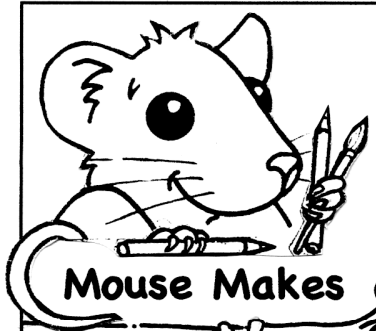
By Colin Hammacott

GROWING POPULARITY OF GRANDPARENTS

Eight out of ten families now rely on grandparents to help with child care, a survey has found. Many grandparents look after their grand children at least once a week, and a third of families want to live closer to grandparents, according to the website FindaProperty.

On average, people want to live 28 miles away from their parents.

Parish Pump



"O LORD my GOD how great you are!
 Lord, you have made many things!
 How wisely you made them all!
 The earth is filled with your creatures.
 All of them depend on you to give
 them food when they need it.
 You give it to them, and they eat it;
 you provide food,
 and they are satisfied."

I will sing to the LORD all my life;
 as long as I live I will sing
 praises to my GOD."
 ... from Psalm 104

Although God provides
 food for all his creatures,
 it is fun to leave food out
 for the birds and then watch
 to see how many different
 birds come
 to feed.



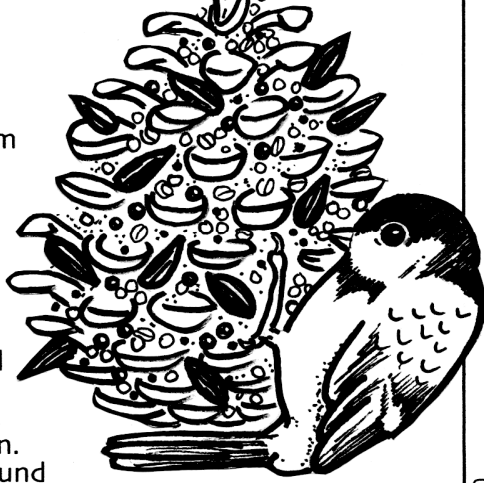
Spread unsalted
 crunchy peanut
 butter over and
 in between the
 spines of an
 open pine cone.
 Press wild bird
 seed into the
 sticky peanut
 butter then hang
 outside.

Buy a bag of **wild bird seed** from
 a pet shop. Ask an **adult** to help
 you to melt a block of **lard** in a
 saucepan over a low heat.
 Take the pan off the heat
 and stir in several
 handfuls of the



bird seed. Leave to cool a little until the lard
 mix is mouldable, then using your
 hands make into apple sized balls.

Leave to harden.
 Wind string around
 each ball and hang
 outside for the birds.



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SOMEONES ELSE'S SHOES

One of the many stories that Jesus told was about a shepherd separating his flock into different herds of sheep and goats. Jesus explained that there would be a time when he would sit upon his heavenly throne and, like the shepherd, he would separate people into 2 groups, those who had been selfish and those who had cared for others. You can read about this in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verses 34 to 40.

There is an old American Indian saying 'Do not judge a person until you have walked a mile in their moccasins' (shoes). Only when we begin to see as others see, feel as they feel, will we be able to understand them and help them.



When Jesus told us the story about the sheep and the goats he was teaching us to care for others. Whatever we do to help someone else we are doing for Jesus – and to do that we have to put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

WHOSE SHOE?

The answers to this quiz are all things that are also the name of a type of footwear. So can you say which shoe is...

1. A backwards somersault?
2. A line on a ship?
3. A type of snake?
4. An animal used to carry heavy loads?
5. A dagger?
6. An Irish way of speaking?
7. Part of a car?
8. Where you find a judge?
9. Someone who teaches fitness?
10. Used to move water?



Who was the smallest person in the Bible?

He can be found in the Book of Job (more easily if you use a magnifying glass):- Job 2:11 - Bildad the Shuhite (shoe height).



You've got your boots on the wrong feet.

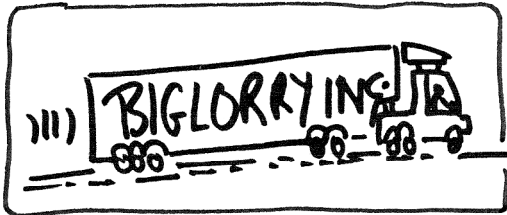
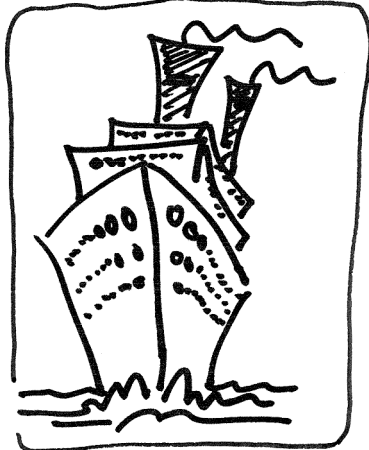
No, these are the only feet I've got.



Answers: 1.flip flop 2.plimsoll
3.moccasin 4.mule 5.stiletto 6.brogue
7.boot 8.court 9.trainer 10.pump

Bible Sketchbook

Watch your tongue!



Our tongues are far more powerful than we imagine. They are like the steering wheels of huge trucks or massive ships. Tiny as they are they can make huge things happen. They reveal the sin and dirt in our hearts causing massive damage if left unchecked. Only Jesus can bring lasting change. If we turn to him and are "joined" to him we become "new" people. Have you done this? If so your body is a "temple" for the Holy Spirit and can be used for God's glory! Read more in James 3 and Mark 7.



William Mather©

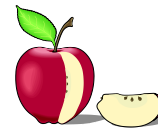
ALL HALLOWS EVE

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.



Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.



When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.



Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

Parish Pump

QUILT EXHIBITION

The Scrap Happy Quilters are holding a Quilt Exhibition in St Mary's Church & Parish Centre in Green Road Alverstoke from October 29th to the 31st. A whole lot of great quilts and wall hanging will be on view along with a quilt raffle, traders and a sales table. Full details can be found on their poster pinned up on the notice boards in our Church Corridor.



POSTERS

A new book has been published that could assist you in creating posters that attract and inspire. Its author is Yvonne Coppock and is published by Gazelle Books. The book covers everything you need to know from finding an original idea to displaying the finished product with the right words, a memorable image and design with clear and attractive lettering. Full details can be found on one of Yvonne's posters pinned up on the notice board in our Church Corridor.



Circuit Meeting

HOW A CHILD'S MIND WORKS!

A little boy was attending his first wedding.

After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" he asked.

"Easy," the little boy said.

"All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said,

4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

OCTOBER

1st	Monthly Lunch	12.30
5th	Faith & Worship (10a) at Fareham Manse	19.30
6th	Circuit Mission Action Team at Fareham Manse	19.30
9th	Art, Craft and Hobbies Exhibition	10.00 - 16.00
	District Study Day for LP's & WL's at Drayton Methodist Church	10.00
16th	Songs of Praise in aid of "Harmony Gambia" At Bridgemary Church	19.30
17th	Sunday Lunch at Fareham	approx 12.15
	Christian Aid Celebration tea At St John's Church, St Michaels Grove, Fareham	16.00
19th	Fareham Church Council	19.30
26th	Faith & Worship (10b) at 2 Archery Lane	19.30

NOVEMBER

3rd	Healing/Prayer Group At 36 Maylings Farm Road	19.30
5th	Monthly Lunch	12.30
9th	Faith & Worship (11a) at Fareham Manse	19.30

Mini-Market every Monday 9.30 to 11.45 am
(Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

DOOR STEWARDS

OCTOBER

- 3rd 10.30 Gwen & Harvey Brosgall, Judith Bramall
- 10th 10.30 Lynda Haydon-Jones, Mary Bailey
19.00 A N Other
- 17th 10.30 Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
18.00 Eric Wheeler
- 24th 10.30 Shirley & Keith Sargeant
- 31st 10.30 Vic Collins, Lilian Tildesley

NOVEMBER

- 7th 10.30 Bobby & Patrick Watson, Eric Wheeler

FLOWER ROTA

OCTOBER

- 3rd Rosemarie & Tony Jackson
- 10th Joan & Jeff Padley
- 17th Garry Bagshaw
- 24th Christine Hillam
- 31st

NOVEMBER

- 7th Margaret Fielder

REFRESHMENT ROTA

OCTOBER

- 3rd Linda & Kevin Foster, Marilyn Woodrow
- 10th Keith & Shirley Sargeant. Peggy Long
- 17th Brownies & Guides
- 24th Lynda Young, Elizabeth Wilcock
- 31st Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom

NOVEMBER

- 7th Liz Haigh, Liz Avison

PRESS DATE

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