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SERVICES DURING November			
4th	10:30 16:00	Revd Malcolm Groom Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Family Remembrance
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Minister's Letter October 2012

#### Dear Friends,

I don't remember who it was, but someone once said "there are only two certainties in life, death and taxes!" (I've just looked it up on the internet - apparently it was Benjamin Franklin *in a letter to Jean-Baptiste Leroy, 1789*!).



Last week I attended a Local Preachers' training day which was run by Rev. Tom Stuckey, former Southampton District Chair and past President of the Methodist Conference. Part of Tom's message to us was that we should "*get back to basics*" and not shy away from preaching about the difficult, but important fundamental parts of our Christian faith.

He asked the assembled group how many of them had preached on the topic of death and almost no-one had.

In the Victorian era sex was a taboo subject and death was easily talked about. In our age this has been reversed and we meet sexual images and language everywhere and death is a subject that we tend to shy away from. It's a difficult subject to talk about in polite society. However, we cannot ignore it or hide from it for ever - sooner or later we have to face death - whether it's the death of a loved one or our own. I am frequently faced with going into homes where a loved one has died and initiating such conversations.



I mention this, at the risk of being labelled "morbid" because I would like some feedback from you about the topics that you would like to hear preached on. Are there topics that you would like to hear about from a Christian perspective? Are there gaps in your Christian faith that you feel would benefit from being highlighted in a sermon? Please let me know. If I get a good response I shall use it to open further discussions at the Circuit Local Preachers' meeting.

Best wishes,

Mil La

#### Vestry Jottings

A reminder that last month we asked for people to enter a competition to design the front cover of our Christmas card. The competition is open to all and will be split into 3 age ranges: under 12, 12 to under 18 and all adults of any age over 18.

To enter, design your card on a sheet of A4 paper, portrait style, you can be as imaginative as you like and use colour. On the reverse please write your name and the age category you are entering.

Please hand your design to a Steward. We have extended the closing date for entries to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012, so there is still time to complete your design.

The Stewards will then choose their favorite in each age range and these will be displayed on October 14th for the congregation to pick their favorite.

Please enter - we are looking for your help. The winning design will be used for our Christmas card detailing all the Christmas services, December Focus and Orders of Service. Harvey Brosgall is giving up looking after the Church Photocopier and the Copying Machine and printing the Fareham Focus, having been doing the job for a long time. We urgently need someone to take on this important job. See separate article for details of what is involved. If you think you can help please let one of the Stewards or Harvey know.

A meeting, organised by Community Action Fareham, was held in September with a speaker from Fareham Borough Council Planning regarding the North of Fareham Development. A report on this is given by Mike Petter elsewhere in this edition of Fareham Focus.

The Stewards

#### THANK YOU!

#### Action for Children

On behalf of Action for Children a big thank you for the two hundred pound donation received from Mini Market. It is most gratifying to see continued support for this charity. I do receive thank you letters and these are on view on the church notice board. Tony Elvery



Thank you for the church flowers delivered to me on Monday August 27th. They were lovely and brightened my day when I was very low. John Ward

Thank you for all the cards and good wishes and for the lovely church flowers brought to me by Jean Petter on the occasion of my birthday. Irene Field

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers for our 67th Wedding Anniversary and for Liz who delivered them.

Cyril and Margaret

Thank you so much for the lovely church flowers so kindly brought by Joan Padley. Once again I was cheered and helped by everyone's kind thoughts. Sheila Walters

# POUNDS (lbs) GAINED AND POUNDS (£s) GAINED

<u>I</u> enable you to put on pounds and you enable me to send away pounds. So thank you for so generously buying my cakes; I was able to send £60 to water Aid,collected so far this year. H.M. Government matched this £1 for £1. Eric Wheeler

#### TIDDLER BOX

The amount raised in the tiddler box from September 2011 to August 2012was £104.21. many thanks to all who donated. Karen Ferguson JMA

#### Refreshment Rota 2013

Thank you to all the volunteers who make drinks for us after Sunday morning Service. it is now time for me to make up a new rota for the New Year. There are a few spaces on the list and offers of helping this would be very warmly welcomed and would only entail three or four duties during the year.

Please see me or Tony as soon as possible if you are able to assist so that we can add your name to the list. Pat Pickering

#### Change of Address

Doreen Phillips has moved from Lee to.....

The Avenue Rest Home, 36 The Avenue, Fareham, PO14 1 NY Tel: 01329 2356557

Jean & Mike Petter are delighted to announce the birth of their Grandson. Chris & Kelly's son, Dominic William, was born on Wednesday 12 September weighing 9lb 4oz. Thank you from us all for the cards and good wishes.

#### MINI MARKET

We are still in urgent need for items including Books, Chinaware, Crockery, Jewellery, Kitchenware, Haberdashery, etc. in good condition. We cannot accept Clothes, Magazines and Electrical Items and if you could mark items for the mini market we would be very grateful.

Thank You Lilian and Janice

# JOB VACANCY

At the end of September I shall give up the job of looking after the Church Photocopier and the Copying Machine and printing the Fareham Focus.



Would you like or be willing to take

over? Looking after these machines is not difficult and needs NO technical knowledge. It is not difficult or time consuming.

All you have to do is:-

## Photocopier -

- (1) Once every 3 months send the latest figure for machine use to Copyrite.
- (2) Report to Copyrite if the machine is not working properly and arrange for one of their engineers to visit the Church to put the machine right..

## **Copying Machine**

- (1) Replace Copying Roll when necessary.
- (2) Help with replacing lnk in machine if needed.
- (3) Print off Fareham Focus.

You also order Paper when necessary and keep checking supply of paper in Paper Cupboard. Keep a record of all machine usage re paper, ink and copy rolls. I would be very willing to discuss anything re the machines and printing off etc.

Please consider this very carefully. I realise that this is short notice but will help in any way I can.—Thank you, Harvey Brosgall

# Milly's Special Service!

I am delighted to inform you that Milly Aquilina-Gray has completed all her training to become an accredited Local Preacher! The special service to acknowledge her 'Admission' as a Local Preacher' in this circuit will be at Gosport Methodist Church on: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30 p.m

You are all invited to come and join in this special occasion with Milly. - Lynne Matthews (Local Preachers' Secretary)

# Coffee Morning !

Please support a coffee morning in aid of Naomi House on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 – 12.00 in the Church Hall.



The Portchester Methodist Church Christmas Fayre will be on **November 10th 2012** instead of November 24th 2012 as stated in the plan (arrangements have changed since printing the plan). The time is 10.00 - 13.30.

#### Methodist Women in Britain



The District Celebration day is to be held at Highcliffe Methodist Church on Friday 12th October 2012 from 10 for 10.30a.m. until 3.30 p.m. the speaker is Revd Nicola Vidamour, a retired Mission Partner who served in Russia, and the theme for the day is "hospitality". Bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided and the cost for the day will be £3.

Pat Crocker

#### Wednesday Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month. meetings are held in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.00 p.m. Tea is available from 1.45 p.m.

**10th October** Jill Groom - Ukraine Mission

- News of her latest trip

**24th October** Yvonne Jameson - Talk about her recent trip to Bulgaria with other MWiB representatives.

# Christian Aid

service to celebrate the successful completion of the



Church Partnership Scheme. This will be held at the URC Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October: 4.30pm tea 6.00pm service. This service will also mark the beginning of One World Week. There will also be the opportunity to view art work from local schools and a flower display as it is the final day of a Flower and Art Festival.

Linda Foster

# SHOEBOX APPEAL

We will, with your help, be involved again with the "Shoe-



box Appeal". Covered boxes will be available in Octoberempty of course. Just a reminder. The ages are: 2-5/6 years, 7-11 years, 10-14 years. Suggestions for things to fill the boxes are:

- 1) something to do (games, stationery, creative activities etc)
- 2) gloves, hats or scarves
- 3) sweets appropriate to age
- toiletries soap, toothbrush and paste, flannel, comb. We also for donations to help fill the boxes.

Grateful thanks Marilyn and Una.

# **STEWARDSHIP**

On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, collection envelopes for the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Trust were distributed in error and then withdrawn. The short explanation for this was "*because we are a stewardship church*". Fareham has been a stewardship church for about thirty years.

Christian Stewardship is about responsible use of all our resources (time, talents and money). John Wesley summarised his sermon on The Use of Money with what he called "three plain rules", namely "Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." In clarification of the third rule, he said that the priorities in distributing what you have gained should be firstly to provide for your own needs, secondly for the needs of your dependents, thirdly to "do good to them that are of the household of faith", and finally "as you have opportunity, do good unto all men". At Fareham, we implement this by asking our members to make just one contribution to the regular running costs of the Methodist Church rather than having a number of separate collections for the various national Methodist Church funds. In 2012, we made the following contributions from local church funds:

World Missions	£1,310
Mission in Britain (formerly Home Missions)	£775
Property Fund (makes grants for building schemes)	£572
Ministers' Housing Fund	
(for retired presbyters and deacons)	£312
Fund for the Support of Presbyters and Deacons	
(formerly Auxiliary Fund; for ministers with exceptional need	s) £156
Leaders of Worship and Preachers' Trust (formerly LPMA; for	or
local preachers and worship leaders with exceptional need	ds) £156
Methodist Women in Britain (formerly Network)	£416

We raise money separately for disaster appeals and for bodies that are separate charities from the Methodist Church, such as Action for Children and Methodist Homes.

# Fareham Methodist Church MEAL and FILM EVENING Friday 9th November at 6 p.m.

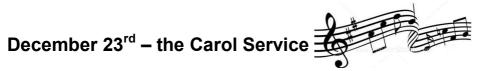


A group of British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel!

## We will be serving a meal of Curry or Cottage Pie with delicious deserts.

## Donations for the meal will go to: "Help the Heroes"

## Please sign the list in the Welcome Area or leave a message at the Circuit Office



Last year, the stewards requested your choice of carols for this special Christmas service and the carols with the most votes were sung. This year, we have a new hymnbook for you to choose from and again the stewards are looking for **seven carols**. So, have a look through the hymnbook and let me have your choice of carols by October 31<sup>st</sup>. I am merely collating the returns and I will be passing the results on to the stewards. Garry Bagshaw

<u>New Community North of Fareham</u> - some notes following the presentation by Fareham Strategic Planners in September 2012



The development is planned to be built between 2016 and 2031.

The core strategy for the New Community North of Fareham, adopted in August 2011, is to provide 6500 - 7000 homes and up to  $90,700 \text{ m}^2$ of employment floorspace. The housing will be of mixed tenure including private ownership, shared ownership and affordable housing. The strategy is for the community to be self contained. This means that the community will have the facilities it requires located within the development area to try and minimise the number of vehicle journeys in and out. The land that will be used for the development is in private ownership. Prior to any planning permission the value of the land was dictated by agricultural land values. Clearly with the granting of planning permission the value will increase significantly. This increase in value will mean that the private owners will be able to sell 'parcels' to developers at a profit. This profit will be used to build the infrastructure – roads, schools, community facilities etc.

Through the planning process the local Authority are able to place conditions on the granting of planning permission. If the costs of these conditions get too high the whole development will become unfeasible and the landowners will not be able to get their business case to work. The sorts of items that may be imposed as conditions are things like the improvement of the road network, a new junction on the motorway, schools, doctor's facilities and community facilities.

Having adopted the Core Strategy the L.A. planners are now developing an Area Action Plan, this process will run until 2014 and includes gathering of evidence through specific studies and the development of a preferred option. There will be a period of public consultation and involvement over the next 12-15months. The draft Area Action Plan is due to be published early in 2013.

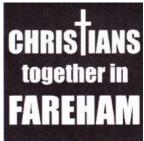
There is plenty of opportunity for the public to express their views on the various plans. The Planning Application which will include information on the infrastructure is expected to be considered at the end of 2014 or perhaps in early 2015. Fareham planners are keen to hear from the public and you can contact them by email (planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk) or write to Strategic Planning at the Civic Offices.

The presentation was very informative and brought home to me that we should not just be 'demanding' that a Christian Facility be provided in the new development but that we should perhaps be considering our vision for Methodism within the Borough in 5-10 years' time.

The new community will not spring up overnight. We have time to plan and be clear about where and how we should be shaping our Mission in the future. It would be good to hear people's views – perhaps through the pages of our monthly magazine, or through discussion within our house groups or larger Church meetings. What will be our legacy to the future Methodists of Fareham?

## From Christians Together in Fareham

The Lunch on Sunday project is aimed at providing a hot lunch to people who are homeless or in crisis. Could you help? There will be a "Coffee and Cake" event at the Youth Centre in Trinity Street, Fareham at 2:30pm on Sunday 21st October where you



can find out more. Please contact Steve Dent on 01329 237098 for more details.

# SUNDAY LUNCH 21<sup>st</sup> October 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 donations for MHA. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

# The Menu

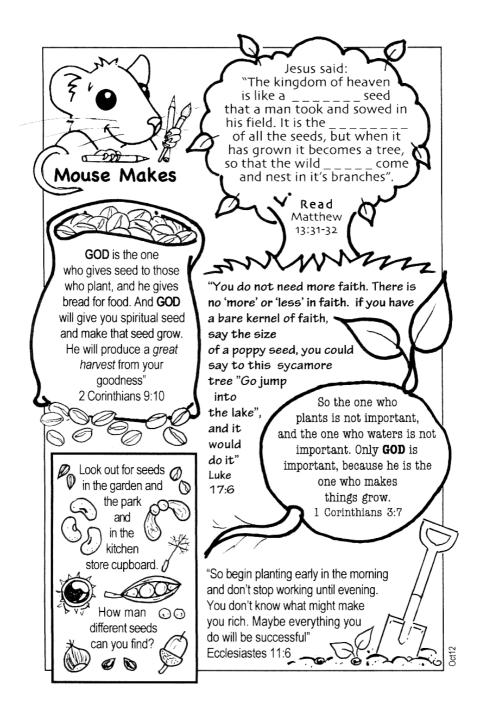
Starter: Vegetable Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

Main Course: Roast Pork, chipolatas, apple sauce, Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips, Vegetables.

Puddings: Variety



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





## **GUARDIAN ANGELS**

2<sup>nd</sup> October is the feast day or celebration of guardian angels. A guardian angel is an angel who protects and guides a person. Angels are mentioned in 34 books of the Bible: they protect people from danger and are a bridge between God and the world.

Acts (chapter 12) tells how Peter was put into prison by King Herod, but the night before his trial an angel appeared to him, and told him to leave. Peter's chains fell off, the prison doors opened of their own accord, and the angel led him out.

Even little children have a guardian angel: Jesus said "See that you despise not one of these little ones; for l



say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew, chapter 18).

Guardian angels cannot change what we do but they will lead us, if we wish it, to the Kingdom of Heaven.

# WHICH ANGEL?

Write the first letter of the answer to each of these questions in the boxes below. Then rearrange the letters to make the name of an angel who delivered a special message....

- 1. The first man
- A book of the Old Testament is named after this queen
- A giant killed by David
- He was Ruth's second husband
- Son of Abraham, father of Jacob and Esau
- A doctor who wrote the third Gospel and Acts
- Another book of the Old Testament named after a woman.



How do you help a donkey? Give assistance.

Where's spaghetti junction? Just pasta Birmingham.



With a coffee porkulator.



1.Adam 2.Esther 3.Goliath 4.Boaz 5.Isaac 6.Luke 7.Ruth Rearranged the letters give you Gabriel.

## Bible Sunday – 28th October

The theme for this year's Bible Sunday is 'Count on It'. It is taken from Isaiah 55.1-11, which encourages us to rely on God in times of trouble. Here are some verses which encourage us to '*count on God*'....



O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man that

*trusts in you*' (Psalm 84:12); 'You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you' (Isaih 26:3); '*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding*'. (Proverbs 3:5)

Do you have a verse that has helped you in times of trouble or trial? Would you be willing to share your story, in just a few words, with our readers? If so, please contact the editor....

Testimony, which is simply sharing with others an experience which you have had of God, is one of the most powerful ways of sharing the Christian faith. (*Parish Pump*)

#### Where is God

Famine. Storms. War. Terrorism. Financial crisis. Divorce. Unemployment. Homelessness. We live in a world of turmoil. One of the best-selling books in recent years, written by a psychiatrist, put it very well with his opening statement: "Life is difficult.

All manner of tragic, harmful things haunt our time. It can be easy to wonder at times: "Where is God in all this?" And perhaps, even more urgently: "Where is God concerning the adversities in my private life?"

The Bible never ignores the problem of evil. Throughout the Old and New Testament wars, disease, famine, and social breakdown run their course. The Bible explains that the problem lies in the fact that sin and evil are very real indeed. This world really is under the dominion of evil. So bad things WILL happen. But the Bible also says that another law is in operation: that God still loves this world, and will respond to any one of us who turn to him for help. He does not promise to take us OUT of the problems of this world, but to protect us IN the problems of daily life Jesus said that his kingdom is in another world, a world that is open to anyone who turns to him, who believes that he is who he said he was: the Son of God, who came to earth to die for their sins. Jesus promised us that if we turn to him, he will never turn us away. Instead, we can know that the evil we have done, and which haunts us, has been forgiven. We can have his spirit within us, and know that he will guard us for the rest of our lives through every mishap, and one day we shall inherit eternal life, in his presence.

Psalm 23 expresses it very well. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. .... Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Ps 23: 4,6) (Parish Pump)

# How you might prevent yourself falling

Stand on one leg. Seriously. Simple home exercises such as this could help you to keep your muscles toned and your balance in good shape. For while one in three people over 65 suffer a fall at least once a year, a study in Australia has found that simple exercises at home can really improve balance and strength. The findings were published in the British Medical Journal.

# No newspaper

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night and asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "*This is the 21st century, dad*," he said. "*We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPhone*."

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it!

FAREHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

PRESENTS

ROGER JONES' MUSICAL



# (The Story of Stephen)

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012

# AT 7.30pm

## FAREHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH OSBORN ROAD SOUTH FAREHAM

There will be a retiring offering in aid of the Westminster College Appeal.

11th Christmas Tree Festival Dec 5th,6th,7th.

It is that time again.... Entries are arriving for this year's festival (the first arrived on Aug 4th, on my computer in the South of France, where the temp was in the mid 30's.!) A few have dropped out, but we have new faces to look forward to meeting. There is still time to make an entry, but we shall appreciate it if you make it soon, so that our planning is clearer.

If you are interested, please pick up an entry from the Welcome area.

We need to expand the gift table which covers the cost of putting the festival. If you are able to provide items (not bric a brac) please think about it, and give them to Shirley Henderson.

Rosemarie Jackson

## New forms of church attracting thousands each month

The Methodist Church is encouraged by the growth of new forms of church, especially those under the banners of Venture FX and Fresh Expressions. Recent statistics show that over 40,000 people attend some



form of fresh expression church at least monthly. Fresh Expressions, a joint venture with the Church of England, also works alongside a large number of Christian organisations, denominations and streams - both in the UK and overseas.

The Venture FX project of the Methodist Church has helped create 13 projects around the country since its launch in 2009, with six more launching in the last year. Ian Bell, Venture FX Coordinator, says, "From Bermondsey to Colwyn Bay, from Plymouth to Edinburgh, pioneers both lay and ordained are grasping the opportunity to share the gospel where people are."

The Fresh Expressions statistics show steady growth in all forms of fresh expressions, including cafe church and messychurch.

Recent figures from the Church of England show about 30,000 people attending fresh expressions of church who are not otherwise counted in church attendance figures. For most Methodist forms of fresh expressions, a clear majority of those taking part do not otherwise attend church.

Says Ian Bell, "Both our figures and those for the Church of England clearly show the success of reaching out to people in new forms of church, alongside the traditional forms that still attract hundreds of thousands of participants each week. The next step, in the words of Martyn Atkins, is to make the exotic and exceptional become normal and natural. The future of the Church does not lie in any one expression of it, but in living and sharing God's love in all parts of our lives. As Venture FX and Fresh Expressions grow and develop further, what we learn from them is a gift to the whole church."

Bishop Graham Cray, Archbishops' Missioner and leader of the Fresh Expressions team, adds, "It's inspiring to think that we have seen the development of some 2,000 fresh expressions of church in the Church of England and Methodist Church since the publication of the 2004 Mission-shaped Church report.

"The Holy Spirit has been at work in reaching thousands of people through these fresh expressions and we are all running to keep up. This is hugely encouraging but it is just a beginning and there is much more to do. Fresh expressions of church are one vital factor but there is a long haul ahead of us."

From Methodist news online

# Oh what a perfect day!

I am sure that many of you will remember the song produced for Children in Need a few years ago – Oh what a prefect day when a variety of people sang a couple of lines each. The Circuit FX Team is trying to do something similar BUT with the spoken word, for the Circuit Advent Service on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Consequently, we are looking for readers. We are proposing to record the chosen poem on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Fareham church at 19.30. Do come along and add your voice to our recording.

Circuit FX Enabler

# **Helping Hands**

When we started Messy Church last February, it was a leap of faith. We now have around 40-50 parents and children at each session and are getting to know some of our "regulars". New families continue to arrive. If



you could lend us your hands for an hour or more on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month, occasionally or regularly, and share a meal with all of us, we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Linda Foster,

Jill Groom or Garry Bagshaw



#### <u>GOSPORT Methodist Church</u> <u>- Saturday Open Door Coffee Mornings</u>

6th October and 3rd November have been cancelled. Event due to be held on 1st December is now being held on 8th December from 9.30 - 12 noon.—Includes Book and Cake Sales in the church Foyer, held bi monthly—Why not come along

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

# OCTOBER

5th	Friday Lunch	13:00
10th	Coffee Morning for Naomi House	10:30
	Wednesday Fellowship	14:00
	Messy Church	16:00
	Mission Action Meeting @ Manse	19:30
12th	MWIB District Celebration Day @ Highcliffe	10:00
	Stewards Meeting @ Manse	19:00
13th	Musical "Wildfire" @ URC	19:30
16th	Church Council	19:30
17th	Local Preachers' Meeting @ Portchester	19:00
	Recording of Advent Poem	19:30
21st	Sunday Lunch	12:15
24th	Wednesday Fellowship	14:00
NOVI	EMBER	
4th	Family Remembrance Service	16:00
9th	Film & Food Evening	18:00
15th	Fresh Expressions Meeting	10:00
20th	Outreach Meeting @ Manse	19:30
24th	Accreditation Service for Milly Aqualina-Gray	
	@ Gosport	14:30

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#### Mini Market every Monday 9:30 to 11:45am (Not Bank Holidays)

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9:30 to 11:45am

# DOOR STEWARDS

#### October

7th	10:30	Rosemary & Tony Jackson
14th	10:30	Bessie & Daniel Tarbu
21st	10:30	Lynda Young & Mary Bailey
28th	10:30	Gwen & Harvey Brosgall
	18:00	Eric Wheeler

#### November

4th	10:30	Linda & Kevin Foster

# **FLOWER ROTA**

#### October

7th	Flower Fund
14th	Flower Fund
21st	Eric Wheeler
28th	Margaret Fielder

#### November

4th	Mary Bailey
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# **REFRESHMENT ROTA**

#### October

7th	Linda & Kevin Foster & Marilyn Woodrow
14th	Keith & Shirley Sargeant & Peggy Long
21st	Brownies & Guides
28th	Lynda Young & Elizabeth Wilcock

#### November

4th	Jean & Mike Petter & Anne Isom
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#### PRESS DATE

All items for the **November Magazine** should be placed in the box in the Welcome area or handed/emailed to the editor—Jill Groom—by **26th October 2012 please**