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SERVICES DURING November

4th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
	16.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Family Remembrance Service
11th	10.30	Christine Hargrave	
	18.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Sunday 2
18th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	All Age Worship
25th	10.30	Stephen Oliver	
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion Iona Style

SERVICES DURING December

2nd	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Toy Service & Holy Communion
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Circuit Advent Service

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

NOVEMBER

4th 10.30 Andrew Wilcock at Lee on Solent

DECEMBER

2nd 10.15 Andrew Wilcock at Stubbington

Please remember the preachers above in your prayers, as they prepare and conduct their services in our Church and in the Circuit.

NOVEMBER 2012

Dear Friends

I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on the discussions that have been taking place with regard to the possibility of the three circuits; Gosport & Fareham, Petersfield Liphook & Haslemere (PLH) and Portsmouth, joining together in a new circuit.

Superintendents, Circuit Staff and Circuit Leadership Teams have been meeting together in various formations for some time. About 6 months ago we set up a Joint Circuits Working Party made up of 1 ordained and 1 lay person from each circuit to look more closely at the implications and process. Rev. Stephen Wright and Nigel Cox have been representing our circuit.

In September, all three Circuit Leadership Teams were in agreement that we should move on to the next stage in the process where we informed the District and requested their participation. On the same day, all three circuits sent emails (with the prescribed wording) to Andrew Wood, our District Chair.

"The Circuit Leadership Team of the Gosport & Fareham Circuit invites the District Policy Executive to start a consultation under Standing Order 501(3) regarding the formation of a new circuit comprising of the present Portsmouth; Petersfield, Liphook & Haslemere; and Gosport & Fareham Circuits in September 2013".

Since then, the Circuit Leadership Teams have been in negotiations with Matthew Read (District Development Enabler) to develop a programme of information and discussion around the circuits. The key points are as follows....

January 2013	Various Information/discussion meetings held around the circuit to ascertain opinion.
14th February 2013	NB—NEW date for Circuit Meeting Decision about joining circuits to be made.
5th March 2013	District Policy Executive meet to consider and circuit requests.
4th –11th July 2013	Methodist Conference meets in London to consider any District Requests.

I would ask you all to think and pray about the future developments for our circuit and be prepared to take an active part in the process we have set before us.

Best wishes,




VESTRY JOTTINGS

The result of the Christmas card competition will be announced during the morning service on 18 November.

A reminder that a replacement for Harvey Brosgall is still urgently needed to look after the Church Photocopier and the Copying Machine and to print Fareham Focus. If you think you can help please let one of the Stewards or Harvey know.

The Church pastoral committee is also still looking for a new pastoral visitor.

Looking ahead to advent, the Church Christmas post box will be available for posting cards to Church members and attendees on Sunday 2nd, 9th and 16th December.

A Circuit advent service is being held in Fareham Church on 2nd December and we hope that you will be able to attend.

The Stewards

OBSERVATIONS ON GROWING AS A CHRISTIAN

God isn't looking for perfect people. He is looking to perfect people.

I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my guide

Martin Luther



"It's funny the way you always decide to get down and pray whenever the vicar scans the congregation for volunteers."

THANK YOU

Betty Harris sends thanks to the Church for flowers received in Bedhampton and on her return home from hospital. Also, on behalf of Gordon; - thanks for flowers and Communion given to him in Tudor Lodge. Betty and her family appreciate the kindness of our Church.



Gwen Brosgall

Many thanks for the lovely flowers the Church gave me for my new home. They lasted well over 2 weeks. Much appreciated.

Tracy Cooper

Thank you for the Church flowers on Sunday, 7th October, to celebrate my 85th birthday.

John Ward

Thank you once again for the Church flowers, handed to me after the service on 7th October. A pleasant surprise.

Lilwen Watkins

Very many thanks for the beautiful flowers from Harvest Sunday. It is now a week later and they still look lovely. I did not see the person who delivered the flowers—but thank you very much.

Maude Lovell

THANK YOU cont.

From Fareham & Gosport Family Aid

Thank you so much from all the families in our two Refuges for the fantastic Harvest Festival Produce that you very kindly donated this week.



The families in both Refuges are very grateful indeed and they are busy making soup and stews for the week ahead. Life in a Refuge is never easy but kindness such as yours helps so much. Thank you.

Best wishes from the families and staff at Fareham and Gosport Family Aid.

Barbara Cass, Support Worker

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A warm thank you to all those who came and supported the cause on Friday, 18th September. We made a grand total of £115.15 and also £10.00 from raffle ticket sales.

Special thanks to Janice, Gwen, Pat, Una and Jill for serving the teas and coffees and tidying up afterwards. This event would not have been possible without everyone's input.

Tracy Cooper

Church Flowers

We would like to thank you all once more for providing flowers to enhance your Sunday Worship, which are then shared with folk who cannot attend worship, are ill, or have some particular reason for celebration.



The diary for next year, where you can choose your date/dates for providing flowers, can be found on the notice board in the corridor.

May we remind you that arranging your own flowers is very acceptable, but we do have a few volunteers who would arrange them for you if you feel you really cannot do so yourself.

We look forward to having a (nearly) full diary, as we have had this year.

Mary & Irene

Thanksgiving Service

I was so touched by having some of our Church family attending my father's thanksgiving service back on 19th September. Special thanks to Malcolm, our Minister, for helping me plan and then for conducting the service. Thank you to Jill Race for playing the music for the hymns. Finally for those who wanted to attend but were with me 'in Spirit' on the day. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Tracy Cooper

Harvest

Have you ever thought of doing something, and let it slide? Perhaps even hoping that someone else would make a better job of it!

My tardiness came home to me when I found no reference to our wonderful Harvest Festival in the October Focus. I knew I had to say Thank you.

What a "stroke of genius" to plan the entire decorating theme around the Rainbow. I applaud the work put in to the striking displays (Church and welcome area) by Sheila Dyer and her team. It must have taken hours of dedicated labour.

Thanks too for the church window decorations by the Brownies, Guides, Messy Church, Kids Fun Church, and Playschool. Other groups too, for incorporating the primary idea in their arrangements.

Malcolm's service also drew our attention to the Rainbow and God's care. Jill and her helpers putting on an "extra supa" lunch rounded off a day to remember. In gratitude.

Una Peters

ERRATUM!!.

The phone number for Doreen Philips Care home is 01329 235557. Sorry!!

THOUGHT TO PONDER

A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So he rang the minister who had just retired from that church. The retiring minister hesitated a moment and then replied: "Some of them are wise; some are otherwise."

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month. Most of our meetings are in the Wickham Room and begin at 2.00 pm. Tea is available from 1.45 pm (Please note timings change from previous meetings).

Autumn Programme

- 14th Nov A relaxing afternoon to complete plans for our Christmas Tree Festival entry and general discussion on our future programme
- 28th Nov Lynda Young will tell us about the Fareham Branch of the Stroke Club
- 12th Dec Christmas Service in the Worship area with Lynne Matthews followed by Tea and Mince Pies
In the Wickham Room

Shirley Henderson

COPYING CHARGES

The Church Council has agreed the following revised charges for use of the copying equipment for non-church purposes. For the photocopier, the charge remains at 6p per copy page (11p for double-sided copies). For the duplicator, the charges will be

	Single-sided	Double-sided
First thirty copies	£1.80	£3.30
Each additional two copies	3p	4p

For both machines, the charges are reduced by 1p per sheet for users who provide their own paper. Please do not use the duplicator to make fewer than thirty copies.

Anthony Hollinghurst

MAGNET

November is the time when I place the annual order for Magnet magazine. Please contact me soon if you wish to subscribe, or cancel your subscription. The annual subscription is still £10, a bargain compared to similar quality magazines. Sample copies are on shelf in corridor under notice boards.

Joan Padley F284801

PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing Prayer Group will be held on Wednesday, 7th November, at the home of Joan and Jeff Padley. All are welcome at 2.30 pm at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham.



Rita Jackson

SHARING SPACE

The uptake on this venture has been disappointing so far, but we shall press on with our commitment until the end of November. Thanks to all who have offered to give up a Sunday afternoon.

East Fareham Housegroup

BANNERS

Thank you to all who voted for their favourite banner, it was a very close call between The Sunset and The Family. The Sunset won by 2, we have listened to your comments and we shall slightly adapt the foreground of the Sunset, production is under way.

The Banner Group

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Donations to Action for Children for Christmas this year will be very much appreciated. Anyone who wishes to donate can pin their Christmas card on the display board in the Welcome Area under the AFC heading. For those folk unfamiliar with this method it enables you to send one card to the Church family and to donate to the charity. Please do look on the Church notice board where you will find the latest information and thank you letters from AFC. I also have information on activities in our area.



Tony Elvery

PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

Please note that Tracy Cooper has moved to:
29 Grevillea Avenue, (which is in Titchfield Park)
Fareham, PO15 5LN. Her new phone number is
01329 845281



NOTES FROM PASTORAL MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2012

New Pastoral Visitors appointed as Rebecca Dyer and Vic Collins.
John Field wishes to stand down as a Pastoral Visitor by March 2013.
Anyone interested in becoming a Pastoral Visitor please contact Karen Ferguson or Sally Bland.

The Christmas Service for the Elderly will **NOT** be happening this year due to various issues eg. weather, care home issues etc.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th March
2013 at 7.30 pm

Karen & Sally



PASTORAL CARE AT FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Within the life of the Church the role of the Pastoral Visitor is one of the most significant. Its importance has several facets, because the visitor is part of the structure of the Church which enables members and adherents to sense that they belong to a Christian community. Hence, part of the responsibility is to be a channel of communication, linking people together and keeping them in touch with what is happening in the life of the Church.

The Pastoral Visitor is also significant in providing pastoral care to one or more individuals (their pastoral group), by demonstrating an interest in their lives and providing support and encouragement at particular times of need. As a member of a wider team, visitors can offer not just their own time, skills and resources, but those of the Church as a body. The visitor also has a role to play in assisting others to grow in their faith and discipleship, through listening to their experience, discussing concerns and providing encouragement.

With a Church the size of Fareham Methodist Church, the pastoral care can only be effective if there is a strong sense of teamwork and appropriate support for the work. To enable this to happen Pastoral Visitors are seen as a team. It is expected that the team will meet together every six months to share experiences and information and to support each other. The Pastoral Secretary is the first line of support for the Pastoral Visitors, the one from whom they should request assistance and to whom they should report any changes in the circumstances of the members of their pastoral group. However, the Minister is also available to assist visitors.

The Pastoral Visitors, Pastoral Secretary and the Minister together form the Church's Pastoral Committee, which is responsible to the Church Council for the provision of pastoral care within Fareham Methodist Church. The committee's role is to organize the members and adherents into pastoral groups and allocate visitors, provide appropriate support and training for all those involved in pastoral care and develop strategies for the work. All the Pastoral Visitors should meet together with the Minister and Pastoral Secretary twice a year.

The Role of Pastoral Visitors

- To keep in contact with the members of their pastoral group through home visits and telephone conversations, ensuring that their personal details on the Church's data base are kept up-to-date, and informing the Pastoral Secretary of any changes.
- To distribute the annual Methodist Church Membership Tickets to the members in their pastoral group.
- To distribute Church Newsletters and other information to those in their group unable to attend worship regularly.
- To offer support and encouragement to the members and adherents in their pastoral group, particularly in times of special need.
- To supply news about those in their pastoral group for inclusion in the Church Newsletters.
- To advise their Pastoral Secretary or Minister when additional support might be appropriately provided by the Church or the Minister

FAREHAM ROAD CLOSURES ON SUNDAY, 11th NOVEMBER

The annual Remembrance Sunday Parade will be held on Sunday, 11th November at Holy Trinity Church. The following roads will be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles from 9.45 am to 12.00 noon on Sunday 11 November: -

Queens Road, Hartlands Road (except for buses and taxis), Western Road, Kings Road and West Street - from the junction with Hartlands Road to the roundabout at Fareham Station

REMEMBRANCE

On 10th November from 10.00am till 1.00pm The United Reformed Church would like to invite anyone to come and share in a time of quiet reflection and remembrance.



We will lay tables in the sanctuary with things that will help us recall and reflect on some things that have happened in our world over the years and to us personally.

Although since it is the remembrance weekend, there will be some things associated with war there will be other things too.

Loss is still loss whether it occurs through war and violence, or through sickness or accident.

REMEMBRANCE

The Rev Paul Hardingham considers war

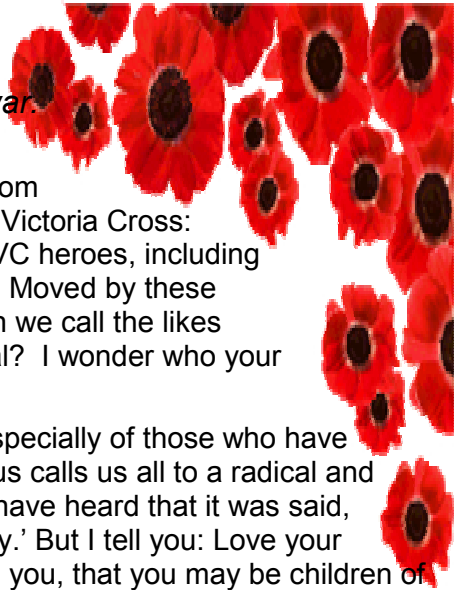
Remembrance

A number of years ago Jeremy Clarkson from Top Gear, presented a documentary, 'The Victoria Cross: For Valour'. This told the stories of some VC heroes, including his own father-in-law, who he never knew. Moved by these stories, Clarkson went on to ask, 'How can we call the likes of David Beckham a hero for scoring a goal? I wonder who your heroes are today?'

In this season of remembrance we think especially of those who have sacrificed their lives in war. However, Jesus calls us all to a radical and supernatural heroism when he says, 'You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.' (Matt 5:43-45).

God calls us to love even those we regard as our enemies. It's easy to love those we get on with or find attractive. The love of which Jesus speaks, as throughout the New Testament, is agape love. This quality of love seeks and works only for the good of the other person. When we can pray for someone we don't get on with, God begins to answer your prayer by softening our attitude toward them. We love them because they are individuals created in the image of God and in need of God's forgiveness and grace, just like us.

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the Enniskillen bombing in Northern Ireland on 8th November 1987. An IRA bomb exploded during a Remembrance Day service, resulting in 11 people being killed and 63 injured. What is remembered most from this day is the interview Gordon Wilson gave only hours after the bombing. It brought him to international prominence, as he described the conversation with his dying daughter Marie, as they lay buried in rubble. To the astonishment of listeners, Wilson went on to say, 'But I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge... She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' The impact of his words lay in his willingness to forgive the bombers, and as a result Wilson went on to dedicate his life as a campaigner for peace and reconciliation. He perfectly models Jesus words for us. 'No words in more than twenty-five years of violence in Northern Ireland had such a powerful, emotional impact.' (Jonathan Bardon).



Prayer for Remembrance Time

Lord, You are our loving Father and we come to you for comfort.

Hearts are breaking at this time, as we remember the effects of war throughout the years and still today. Help us Lord, to comfort those who have lost loved ones, those whose loved ones are in danger and those who feel bereft in any way. We know Lord, that there are many kinds of loss, many kinds of bereavement, many kinds of grief.

Help us to be comforters and peacemakers in all our relationships.

And when we feel lost and the pain seems too much to bear, help us to remember Jesus, who suffered and knows all about pain and loss. Help us to remember his promise that he will never leave us or forsake us. Thank you that whatever our situation today, he is right in the middle of it with us, holding us close, wiping our tears, giving us hope.

Thank you Father for Jesus, who lights our way forward.

In his name, Amen.

A prayer by Daphne Kitching

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR

A very sick man visited his doctor in a small rural village. As he was leaving, he suddenly blurted out: "Doctor, I am afraid to die. You go to church on Sundays. Tell me what lies on the other side."

The doctor thought a moment. Then he said simply: "I don't know."

"You don't know?" protested the man. "You, a Christian, can't say more than that?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door into the waiting room of the surgery. On the other side, there was a sound of eager scratching and whining. He opened the door and the patient's spaniel sprang into the room, leaping on his owner with an eager happiness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Here's your dog. He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and so when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. It is the same for me. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens for me one day, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

Parish pump



Wednesday, 14th November 2012

**Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road,
Fareham PO16 0NU**

I am the light for the world

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Everyone

Welcome

**Come along and
enjoy the games, craft,
worship and a
meal with us**



SUNDAY LUNCH 18th NOVEMBER

at 12.15 pm 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. 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 or Prawn Cocktail

Main Course: Roast Beef or
Chicken Breast
Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips
Selection of Vegetables



Puddings: Variety

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

Jill Groom

PLAGUE OF PLASTIC BAGS

A total of eight billion plastic bags were given out by supermarkets in the UK last year. That was nearly 400 million more carrier bags than in 2010, despite promises from retailers to cut down. At present, the average number of plastic bags in every home in England stands at 17. Nine out of ten of us reuse the bags, either for shopping or for bin bags.

Research from Wrap, a waste reduction agency, and Which? Magazine, suggests that more than half of us would be happy to pay 5p per bag, as they do in Wales, where some retailers have been able to cut the number of bags they give out by up to 80 per cent.

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Please come and bring a friend

FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH
Kings Road

Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday Dec 6th 10.30am – 6pm

Friday Dec 7th 10.30am – 6pm.

Saturday Dec 8th 10.30am - 4pm.

Admission £1.50 inc. refreshments

Accompanied Children Free Entry

Christmas stall

Carol singing around the crib

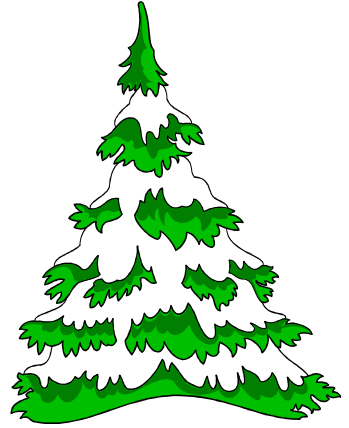
Saturday 4th 3.30pm.

Supporting National and Local Charities

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - DECEMBER 6th- 7th- 8th

We have 22 entries at present for this year's Festival, supporting 20 charities, There is space for further entries.

Unfortunately Avril Tillman (the wool lady) is unable to help this year. Avril and her family have been great supporters since we began (can you forget Denis's sock tree?) quickly stepping in to help where needed. Thank you to the Tillman family, we shall miss you



This will leave a gap in our finances and to try to make up the shortfall, we have decided to have the usual Christmas gift stall plus a Christmas craft stall. This will be for any type of craft, not just involving a needle and cotton. Note- men are not excluded! Whilst we shall accept any craft, we need smaller items to sell between £1- 2. whilst items of greater value will be priced accordingly.

It would be good if you decide to make one of these, you may like to make more - say 10, although there is nothing to prevent you from making more!

I shall be at the Coffee Centre on Thursday Nov. 8th with some ideas etc. We have already had suggested : Tree decorations, table decoration, Christmas biscuits, tiny Christmas cakes, plants in small pots, gift tags.....

Rosemarie Jackson

FROM A BANK!

Roses are red, violets are blue; please¹⁷ come and talk to us - you overdrew

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY

One year ago, *Singing the Faith* was published: a collection of 840 hymns and songs, that would take an estimated forty hours to sing from beginning to end.

The collection was published by Hymns Ancient and Modern on behalf of the Methodist Church, after seven years of deliberation, theological scrutiny, musical collaboration and editing. To date, nearly 98,000 copies have been sold across all the published editions.



Peter Brophy, who was Editor-in-Chief of *Singing the Faith*, said: "Having completed the editorial tasks for '*Singing the Faith*' it was first of all a delight to handle the published book - all those scraps of paper, urgent emails and even more urgent phone calls now transformed into a hymnbook - a physical testament to the dedicated volunteers who worked for a Biblical seven years to bring it to fruition.

"But it has been even more of a delight to visit Methodist churches from Cornwall to Berwick-on-Tweed and from London to Lancashire during the last twelve months and be handed a copy of 'our new hymnbook' by the steward at the entrance, and then to join in worship, whether traditional or modern, using what I truly believe is a precious resource given to us by God."

The Revd Barbara Bircumshaw, Chair of the Music Resources Group which was responsible for producing the collection, said: "I am thrilled by the success of *Singing the Faith*. It's great that it is being widely used by congregations around the Connexion - more than I ever dreamed possible. And it's very humbling to have played a part in bringing *Singing the Faith* to birth! I pray that it will be a valuable tool for worship and witness, for glorifying God and sharing the Gospel in the twenty first century."

In response to huge demand, a special one-off printing of an organ edition was organised, and a Braille version of the collection is being developed in partnership with the Torch Trust.

CHRISTMAS

Don't cry because its over, smile and be happy that it happened.

THE BUZZARD, THE BAT, AND THE BUMBLE BEE

If you put a **BUZZARD** in a pen 6 feet by 8 feet entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.



The ordinary **BAT** that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, it takes off like a flash.

The **BUMBLE BEE**, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

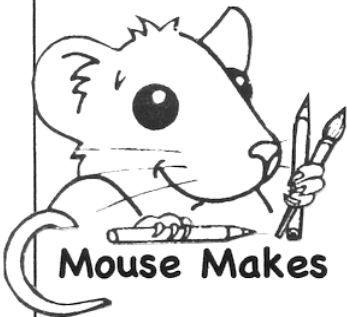


In many ways, we **PEOPLE** are like the Buzzard, the Bat, and the Bumble Bee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route, the solution to any problem.

Author Unknown

GUY FAWKES—AN EARLY TERRORIST

If modern security at the Houses of Parliament seems a bit weak to you, take heart, it's never been much better. Back in 1605 Guy Fawkes managed to stow a good few barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords without anybody noticing. He wasn't a member of Al-Qaeda, he was part of a Roman Catholic plot to murder James 1 of England and his parliament at the state opening. Fortunately, Guy Fawkes was found - and stopped - in time.



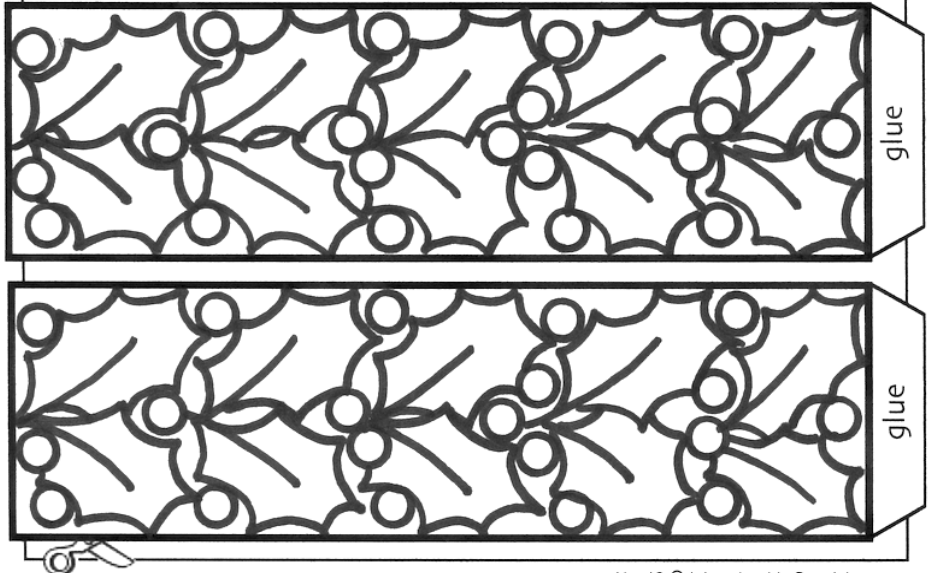
★ JESUS IS COMING! ★

ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children.

To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.



On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.





St HILDA

St Hilda was born a princess on November 17th 614 and was christened at the age of 13 with her uncle, King Edwin of Northumbria. When she was 33 she became a nun and in time she became the abbess (or leader) of a double monastery (where both monks and nuns lived) at Whitby in Yorkshire. And it was at Whitby, under St Hilda's leadership, that a famous conference was held to decide the date of Easter.



You know that Easter falls on a different day each year, but do you know that at that time the Celtic churches (in Ireland, Scotland and some of England) used a different way to the Roman Church (in the rest of England and Rome) to work out the date. This meant that in some kingdoms one group of Christians were still keeping the fast of Lent while others were celebrating Easter. The debate went on until finally it was decided that everyone would follow the Roman pattern.

CELEBRATION DAYS

The words hidden in this word search are names of holidays and seasons in the Church's calendar. The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

C H R I S T M A S T
A Y A F A R L L R N
N N D E S I A N O O
D A V S T N E L G I
L H E T E I T S A S
E P N I A T U E T N
M I T V S Y V I E
A P E A T E H V O C
S E S L E W S E N S
H Y A D R E B M E A

Advent Ascension Candlemas
Christmas Easter Ember Day
Epiphany Eve Festival Lent
Rogation Trinity Whit



Whose parrot said 'Pieces of four, pieces of four'?

Short John Silver.

What is a ghost proof bicycle?

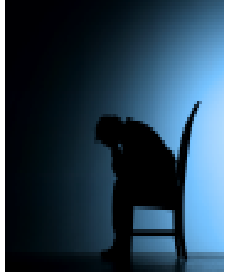
One with no spooks in it.

How does a boat show its affection?

It hugs the shore.

Penny Thorne invites you to the last morning on:

A Christian Perspective On Depression



Part 4: Saturday 17th November Healing & Help

At Bridgemary Methodist Church

- 10:00am DVD by Dr John Lockley.
10:30am Coffee and sharing thoughts on DVD.
11:00am DVD Part 2.
11:30am Sharing & Discussion.
12:15pm End

NOTICE BOARDS

There are a couple of notices from and about the Police that are on the corridor notice boards that are worth some thought and consideration.

“Your Voice Counts” is one leaflet which explains how you can bring certain issues to the attention of the Police. Many people have requested the portable speed cameras to operate in roads close to where they live. These roads are now being monitored on a regular basis. Areas of vandalism have been identified following requests from the public and now these are also being monitored regularly by the Police. Maybe you have a concern that they could help with. Do look at the form.

We all are being requested to vote for the new Police and Crime Commissioner on 15th November. Details of the 6 candidates can be found on the web site [www,choosemypcc.org.uk](http://www.choosemypcc.org.uk). Not everyone has access to a computer so paper copies of the information can be obtained by post by telephoning **0800 1 070708**.

Bobby

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

NOVEMBER

2nd	Friday Lunch		13.00
6th	Leadership Team Meeting at Circuit Office		10.00
7th	Healing Prayer group @ 2 Archery Lane		14.30
9th	Film & Food evening		18.00
10th	Christmas Fair at Portchester MC		10.00
14th	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00
	Messy Church		16.00
15th	Messy Church meeting		10.00
18th	Sunday Lunch	approx	12.15
20th	Outreach meeting at Manse		19.30
24th	Milly Aquilina-Gray 's Accreditation Service as a Local Preacher at Gosport MC		14.30
28th	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00

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2nd	Circuit Advent Service		18.00
6 - 8th	Christmas Tree Festival	Th & Fr Sat	10.30 - 18.00 10.30 - 16.00
7th	Friday Lunch		13.00
12th	Wednesday Fellowship		14.00
	Messy Church		16.00
21st	Carol Singing at Knowle Village		

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

NOVEMBER

4th 10.30 Linda & Kevin Foster
16.00 A N Other
11th 10.30 Brenda & Peter Taylor
18.30 A N Other
18th 10.30 Garry Bagshaw, Judith Bramall
25th 10.30 Shirley & Keith Sargeant
18.00 Eric Wheeler

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2nd 10.30 Liz Haigh, Lynda Haydon-Jones, Eric Wheeler

FLOWER ROTA

NOVEMBER

4th Mary Bailey
11th Una Peters
18th Maggie Allingham, Bill Batchelor
25th Phyllis Spencer

DECEMBER

2nd Lynda Young

REFRESHMENT ROTA

NOVEMBER

4th Irene Russell, Tony Emberson
11th Jean & Mike Petter, Anne Isom
18th Pat & Tony Pickering, Lynda Haydon-Jones
25th Rosemarie Jackson, Margaret Boyd

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2nd Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks, Meg Cox

PRESS DATE

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