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SERVICES DURING APRIL

7th	10.30	Kathy Elvy	
14th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	
	18.30	Revd Anna Bishop	Sunday 2
21st	10.30	Stephen Oliver	All Age Worship
28th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	
	18.00	Revd Malcolm Groom	Iona Holy Communion

SERVICES DURING MAY

5th	10.30	Revd Malcolm Groom	Holy Communion
	18.00	Revd Gillian Slaymaker	Circuit Service @ Gosport

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

APRIL

14th 10.30 Andrew Wilcock at Fareham

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

APRIL 2013

Dear Friends,

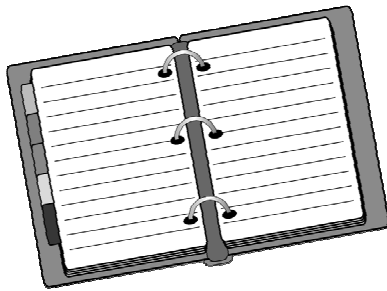
A psychiatrist was receptionist's so he said to her, answer the phone, just say, "*We're terribly busy just now*" instead of "*It's like a madhouse here!*"



worried about his office procedure, "When you instead of "*It's like*

In the Church we're often not very good at communication with each other and with the public in general. Sometimes messages don't get through and sometimes, like the illustration above, the message may get distorted. - Judith does a great job with our notices and Focus keeps us well informed as well, but still information sometimes goes astray.

The Outreach Committee have been thinking about this and have decided what we need is a central focus for our communications. If the Church diary and all notices about important events were directed to a central point then we would all know where to go to check and find out that information.



Bobby Watson looks after all the diary information for Focus and she has agreed to hold a comprehensive Church diary for us.

The idea is straightforward - if everyone who helps run a Committee (eg secretary), regular meetings (like Mini-market, Wednesday Fellowship and Ladies Night) or one-off events would communicate the programme to Bobby, she will put this information into the Church diary. Bobby will then put it into a form which can be accessed by any Church member who needs to know.

This means that the website calendar can be up-to-date and accurate and Focus and the Notices will be the same. With luck we will then all be better informed about what's going on.

If you need publicity to go out to other churches, or through the press and radio and TV, then you will need to contact Edith Livingstone as well. She has contacts with these organisations and will be able to tell you of what is available (and how much it may cost) and send the information out for you.

Please can we put a real effort into keeping everyone better informed of all the amazing things that go on within our church.

Best wishes,



VESTRY JOTTINGS

Several people have approached us regarding the Syria Crisis Appeal. This has had much media attention recently. We have decided at this time not to have a retiring collection for this appeal, but anyone who wishes to donate to this cause can do so through the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). Donations can be made on-line, by phone or by post or you can pay into any Bank or Building Society except Nationwide or Britannia. Ask to pay into the '**DEC Syria Crisis Appeal**'. If you wish to donate and are a tax payer please remember to use Gift Aid to increase the value of your donation. More information can be found on the DEC Syria Crisis Appeal website.

Another opportunity to donate to this and other needs around the world will be to support Christian Aid week in May.

At the General Church Meeting on 17 March five Stewards were appointed for the coming year, starting in May – Jean Petter, Ian Bagshaw, Maggie Wheeler, Jenny Chalmers and Andrew Wilcock.

Our thanks to all those who have been involved in the Easter services.

The Stewards

PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing / Prayer group is on Wednesday,
29th May at 19.30, at the home of Joan & Jeff Padley at
2 Archery Lane, Fareham



Rita Jackson

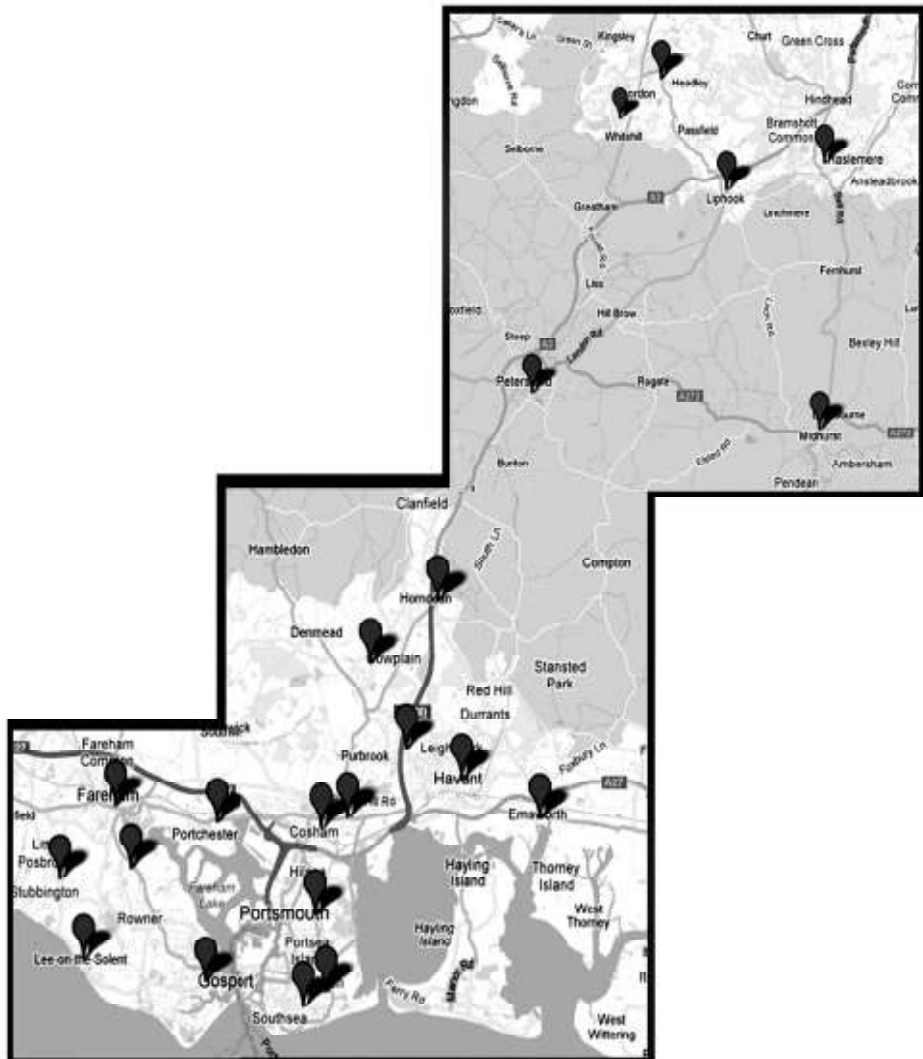
Our proposed new Circuit

Comprising the old.....

Gosport & Fareham Circuit

Portsmouth Circuit

Petersfield, Haslemere & Liss Circuit.



AT THE CROSS

I see Jesus crucified still – today:
where the hungry cry for food, die for food,
though there's plenty.
Where people are yelled at, jeered at –
bricks through their windows
because their skin isn't white, isn't right.
Where abuse and rape occur,
where lust kills love –
I see him crucified still.



I see Christ crucified still – today:
where wars scar people, lands, God's hands –
the endless, killing politics of hate.
Where the cry for justice
is unheard, oppressed, beaten down
by cold, world systems.
Where power comes first,
where religion twists faith,
where fear kills trust –
I see him crucified still.

I see Christ crucified still – today:
where creation's fabric shreds, is bled,
by 'must have now', 'must use'.
Where earth's beauty is destroyed.
Where trees burn, where water poisons,
where greed kills need –
I see him crucified still.

And I try – a little –
to stem the deadly tide, as I give – a little,
write to those in power – a little,
take my bottles to the bottle bank,
and try to love as he said; try to love – a little.

O God, for all these crucifixions
May there one day be resurrection.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers brought to me by Bob Temple.
Irene Field



Thank you for the flowers which followed me back to the Avenue Rest Home on Sunday, 24th February with Irene Russell. They were very much admired by the other residents also.

Doreen Phillips

Lilian Tildesley wishes to thank everyone for the Church flowers delivered to her following her return home from hospital and for the cards and visits that she has received

Very many thanks for the lovely Church flowers delivered to me by Mary Bailey and for the cards and good wishes people have kindly sent after my hip replacement operation. They have certainly helped me on the road to recovery

Gerald Everitt

Thank you for the delightful flowers. Both Mary Bailey's visit and the blooms were much appreciated.

Marion Bright

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Joan Padley. What a surprise!

Jill Groom

Thank you to all the Church Members who have supported me with Flowers, Cards, Prayers and the spoken words of sympathy after the death of my younger brother Michael. It is good to be to be supported so much by our Church and friends.

Patrick Watson

FUND RAISING SALE

Fareham Stroke Club will be holding a Book and Bric-a-Brac sale on Saturday, 20th April, from 9.30 am in the Church Hall at our Fareham Methodist Church, in aid of our Stroke Club. If anyone is able to help for an hour to sell items we would be very grateful but mainly we would like you to tell your friends and neighbours about our sale, For further details you can phone me on 01329 234205. Many thanks

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Lynda Young

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of our congregation who Gift Aid their giving by Standing Order, or by the Churches Envelope Scheme and especially for completing the new Declaration Forms over the last two weeks.

I would also like to advise those who make their offering by **cash** through the collection bags that we are now able to Gift Aid the **cash**. This is a new way for our Church to claim Gift Aid without the need for you to complete a Declaration Form or to provide your details to myself as Gift Aid Secretary.

I must also thank the Government Ministers who initiated and then approved the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS) as a new and fresh way for our Church to claim extra funding!

Patrick Watson ~ Gift Aid Secretary

ST GEORGE'S AFTERNOON TEA

24th April 2013 at 3.00 pm

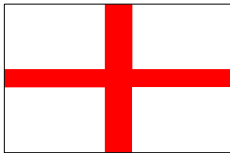
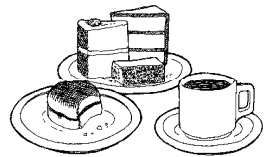
Tickets £3.50

Available from Eric Wheeler

There will be a raffle and a quiz

The tea is hosted by
Wednesday Fellowship

And all proceeds will be for the
Fareham Stroke Club



ENGLAND: CROSS of ST GEORGE

Do come along and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea.

A PRAYER FOR EASTER-TIDE by Daphne Kitching

Dear Father, Life can be difficult. Sometimes it feels as though the sun has stopped shining, just as it did on that first Good Friday. Sometimes it can feel as though we are stuck in the darkness and it seems impossible that the light will ever shine again. And yet the reality is that Friday did move on, into the most glorious Sunday. The Son did rise - and his light shines on, transforming the darkest of times, holding out hope and peace and life to all who will turn and look into his face.

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He is alive. He will help us. Thank you Father, for Jesus. Amen.

WALK OF WITNESS

The Walk of Witness took place on Friday, 29th March 2013.

It was a bright but cold start however many still gathered outside the Vanguard.



The Service was well thought out and excellently delivered by the Fareham Team. The Singing Group rounded off the morning with the Blessing in their usual professional style.

The Vanguard as a venue worked very well and Jill and her team were kept cosy and warm under the heating. Thanks also to Kerren Hoad for providing the sound equipment.

Thanks to the Community Church for distributing of the Hot Cross buns to all and sundry. They were appreciated.

It was great to see so many coming back to our Church for tea and coffee and thanks to the Petter family and Margaret Temple for their help.

All in All a very successful event! Thank you to everyone who took part.

WE MADE THE NEWS!!

Saturday, 30 March 2013 “The News” printed the following item with a picture that sadly we cannot reproduce.

“Scores of Christians marched through the streets of Fareham yesterday to celebrate Good Friday.

Groups set off from churches all over Fareham carrying banners and crosses and then congregated in the town centre for an Easter service.

The walk happens every year in Fareham and is called the Walk of Witness. This year the service was led by Fareham Methodist Church. Ruth Elvery gave a sermon encouraging people to do more to spread the Christian message. Linda Press also spoke about doing more to help others.

The service is usually held at the bandstand in West Street, but because of a farmers’ market, the service had to be relocated to the forecourt of the nearby Vanguard pub.

After the service, churchgoers went to Fareham Methodist Church for hot cross buns. Mrs Elvery said: ‘It’s lovely to see so many turn up’.”

SUMMARY OF USER GROUP AGM 7th MARCH 2013

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults must be our top priority - the following was read from last year's minutes:

“The aim of the Methodist Church Safeguarding policy is to create Christian communities of love and care, where good practice in this area becomes a way of life.”

Use of premises including facilities and access

This year there have been several occasions when outside **doors** and **windows** have been left open and the **heaters** in the snug and kitchen have been left on all night.

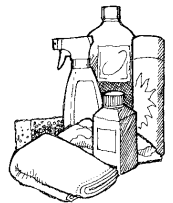
This may be that on some occasions one group follows on from another or the person opening a window or turning on a heater is not the same person as the one checking the premises at the end.

Group leaders need to encourage **all members** of groups to be responsible for checking that the premises are secure at all times. For example, when the doors are locked whilst evening meetings are taking place any member leaving the premises should check that the door remains locked.

Any group using the **Kitchen or Coffee Bar** for food preparation should complete all opening/closing checks; note any problems and complete the health and hygiene log located in each area.

Could all users of these areas please make a note in the folder or on the notice board of any problems or breakages. Lots of different groups use the kitchen and coffee area and rely on there being a full set of equipment.

Everyone should be aware of the correct colour coding of cloths and mops and buckets for cleaning if there are any spillages etc: Yellow - kitchen only; Blue - general; Red - toilet areas.



We want to maintain our top 5* rating for Health and Hygiene that was given following a spot check in July 2012!

In the event of a fire in the kitchen there is a fire blanket which should be used for the oven - the fire extinguisher is only for electrical appliances.

User groups should continue to take rubbish off site whenever possible.

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The system of using the **red ring binder** in the 'Property' pigeon hole to make a note of anything that is in need of repair or replacement seems to be working well.

Anyone **parking** at the side of the Church should:

- be aware of pedestrians as well as other road users when parking and exiting the area
- not block the **Front Entrance** as this is a **Fire Exit**
- park facing the front entrance of the Church

Wickham Room was decorated in July 2012, the corridor in August 2012, one set of toilets in February 2013 and the Large Hall is planned to be decorated in July 2013. Please do not use blue tack, sellotape etc on any emulsion walls.

Rent

There will be a slight rise of 5 pence per unit in the rent levels from September 2013 to try to keep them in line with inflation.

Communication Links

The Church has a Welcome Booklet for visitors and tries to include a contact for each group where appropriate. If any user group wants to let everyone know about their activities there is a: **Church website:**

www.farehammethodist.org.uk

Please contact the Minister Revd Malcolm Groom or Linda Foster

Monthly magazine: 'Fareham Focus' Please contact Jill Groom

Notice boards: Please contact Linda Foster or Sheila Dyer

Would all groups regularly check the pigeon holes for messages and post

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 6th March 2014 7.30pm Welcome for 7.45pm meeting

LINDA FOSTER
bookings-liaison@farehammethodist.org.uk

POINT TO PONDER

Why is it that no word in the English language rhymes with month, orange silver, or purple.

TRUTH AND LIES

“Truth and Lies about Poverty” has been a major item in the news today. It’s a report from the Methodist Church, Baptist Church, URC and the Church of Scotland about myths that politicians and press have been promulgating about the poor. Many church members (together with the public in general) have been found to believe these myths and the **Methodist Church** (always at the forefront of social issues) are keen to enlighten their members and the general public.



Truth and Lies about Poverty

Posted on 1 March 2013 by Joint Public Issues. In 1753 John Wesley said, “So wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, ‘They are poor, only because they are idle’.” Yet today church-goers and the general public alike are willing to believe that the key factors driving poverty in the UK are the personal failings of the poor – especially ‘idleness’.

The lies we tell ourselves: ending comfortable myths about poverty

This report from the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church, the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church lays bare six myths about the poor which enable the majority to live with the comfortable assumption that both poverty and wealth are deserved.

Truth and Lies about Poverty | a pocket guide

1. ‘They’ are lazy and don’t want to work

The most commonly cited cause of child poverty by churchgoers and the general public alike is that “*their parents don’t want to work*”. Yet the majority of children in poverty are from working households.

In work poverty is now more common than out of work poverty. It is readily believed that across the country there are families in which three generations have never worked, and this is used as the argument behind welfare policies. However the report shows that examples of such families have not been found, and the evidence suggests it is unlikely they ever will be.

2. ‘They’ are addicted to drink and drugs

Churchgoers and the wider public cite addiction as the second most common cause of child poverty.

While addiction is devastating for the families and communities touched by it, fewer than 4% of benefit claimants report any form of addiction.

3. ‘They’ are not really poor – they just don’t manage their money properly

Nearly 60% of the UK population agrees that the poor could cope if only they handled their money properly. The experience of living on a low income is one of constant struggle to manage limited resources, with small events having serious consequences. Statistics show that the poorest spend their money carefully, limiting themselves to the essentials.

4. They’ are on the fiddle

Over 80% of the UK population believe that “large numbers falsely claim benefits”. Benefit fraud has decreased to historically low levels - the kind of levels that the tax system can only dream of. Less than 0.9% of the welfare budget is lost to fraud. In fact if everyone claimed and was paid correctly, the welfare system would cost around £18 billion more than it presently does.

5. “They’ have an easy life

Over half the British public believes benefits are too high and churchgoers tend to agree. Government ministers speak of families opting for benefits as a lifestyle choice. Yet we know that benefits do not meet minimum income standards. They have halved in value relative to average incomes over the last 30 years. We know the ill and the unemployed are the people least satisfied and happy with life.

6. ‘They’ caused the deficit

The proportion of our tax bills spent on welfare has remained stable for the last 20 years. It is ridiculous to argue, as some have, that increasing welfare spending is responsible for the current deficit. Public debt is a problem but why is it being laid at the feet of the poorest?

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Further information can be obtained through the Methodist Church of GB website. The Benefit Changes came into effect on Monday, 1st April 2013

PASTORAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th March 2013

Margaret Temple has become a new Pastoral Visitor to take over from John Field. We would like to thank John for all his pastoral work over the past years.

Pastoral Visitors Training to be held at Portchester Methodist Church during April/May 2013, afternoon and evening sessions available, led by Rev. Anna Bishop. If you are interested and require further information please contact Sally Bland or Karen Ferguson.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Sally Bland and Karen Ferguson
Pastoral Secretaries

METHODIST MERRY MAKERS

I have a lot! People have a lot! What's that? I'm talking about, a stash of wool or material, odd bits or special bits that you think will have a use for, but never do. Why not come to our Thursday coffee mornings and "up-cycle" your old material into something new that we can use in our social group for fund raising. Starting from Thursday, 11 April 2013. I will be there making something so why not come and join me. If you don't have any materials or don't know what to make, give me a call. Lets get our heads together and create.



Hope to see you there



Edith

MORE HELPERS PLEASE!

Messy Church is going really well. There were 65/70 people at the March session and we seem to have new families every month. We could really do with some more helpers to assist with the activities and help put up tables etc (men especially for this!). So if you have a couple of hours to spare on the second Wednesday of every month we would welcome your help.

Many Thanks

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Jill and Garry



Wednesday, 10th April 2013

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

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

MESSY EASTER

**Everyone is welcome to
join us for games, craft,
Worship and a meal.**

See us on Facebook



SUNDAY LUNCH 21st APRIL

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 for M H A. 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 Greek Salad
Main Course:	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips Selection of Vegetables
Puddings:	Variety



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

Jill Groom

NB The donations at the lunch on 19th **May** will go to Christian Aid.

MELODIES, HARMONIES, AND SUPPER

Friday, April 26th at 19.00

The Singing Group and friends invite you to an evening of music and food in aid of the Circuit MHA Live at Home Scheme. The menu is Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread followed by Trifles and Coffee or Tea. A vegetarian option will be available.



The music will include some old favourites by Goodall and Rutter plus some new music and a medley of songs from Les Miserables so come along and join us.

Tickets are available from Lynda Haydon-Jones, Jill Groom and Garry Bagshaw. Please can you let us know if you require the vegetarian option. No charge is made for the tickets but a collection will be taken during the evening.

Garry Bagshaw

MAKING HAMPSHIRE A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COUNTY

The Ageing Well programme was launched by the Government in 2010, and was designed to support local councils to prepare for an ageing society.

Hampshire County Council was commissioned to explore what developing a “dementia –friendly community” might mean in practice. As part of this work, the MHA scheme which we launched 18 months ago in Bridgemyary was invited to set up a new venture in Gosport, under the leadership of the current manager, Lucy Rothwell, supported by a new appointment as assistant manager, both roles very part-time! We welcomed Vickie Williams into the post from early March, and she will lead the new project which is a pilot scheme with funding for up to two years initially; it will be based at Gosport Methodist Church in Stoke Road. Vickie is a very experienced community nurse, and has a young family, so the post will fit in well with her domestic responsibilities.

The Tuesday scheme at Bridgemyary is centred around lunch followed by activity; the new scheme will run on Thursdays and will be centred on an afternoon gathering followed by high tea. Each scheme offers befriending, regular visiting, and quarterly newsletters among other services. They are entirely supported by volunteers, primarily from the local communities.

Each of the churches in the Circuit have committed themselves to supporting the service with fundraising, on which there is dependence for the activities, outing etc.

The aim is to reduce social isolation, offering opportunities for older people to meet and share, even develop new interests, whilst mixing with adult volunteers and younger people from local colleges and schools. Those attending the Stoke Road service will have better access to information, support and guidance through links to the Dementia Advisory Service which has been set up, and the Community Independence Teams.

As Chairman of the MHA Local Team I wish to express our thanks to Lucy for the enormous amount of work she has put into making our scheme so successful, that we should be invited to be part of the major Hampshire County Council initiative.

“ENCIRCLED IN CARE” - A Training Resource for Pastoral Visitors and All Who Offer Care in the Church and Community

Background. The quality of our caring within the church is a sign of God’s love, and a witness to others that Christians have something special to offer a broken world that needs healing and reconciliation.

This is a resource which offers practical up-to-date ideas and resources that can help pastoral carers to seek “life in all its fullness” for the body of Christ. It is a course, not only for pastoral visitors, but all those within our church who share in Christ’s caring ministry.

This paper brings with it an invitation to anyone who is interested in following the programme, under the leadership of the Rev. Anna Bishop.

Each session is planned to take up to two hours. It involves prayer time, bible study, small group discussion; the ideas, reflections and exercises explore Bible stories which offer pointers to caring in today’s world.

The programme begins with three foundation sessions, at the end of which individuals can choose to follow 2 hour modules according to their interests; these are listed at the end. Each session is supported by handouts- no note taking necessary! Sessions will be offered in the afternoon and evenings to allow wider participation.

Foundation Session One

Aims to explore the values of Christian caring; to reflect on a Bible passage to help inform our pastoral practice; to understand basis principles of good practice within our caring.

Foundation Session Two

Aims to explore the value of Christian caring; to reflect on a Bible passage; to consider and develop our skills as empathic listeners.

Foundation Session Three

Aims to explore issues of good practice in pastoral care and encourage participants to apply the principles described; to increase awareness of issues around safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Course planning

VENUE. Portchester Methodist Church.

TIME. Afternoon sessions- 1.30-3.30pm followed by light refreshment.

Evening sessions- 6.30pm- light refreshment followed by meeting from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

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DATES Afternoon- 23rd April; 7th and 21st May.

Evening- 29th April; 13th and 20th May

Optional additional sessions would commence in June, according to interests of course members. For more information, or to register for the Foundation courses, please speak to Margaret Hooper or contact her on 01329 232069; or email - jeanhooper@btinternet.com

Optional ISSUE BASED SESSIONS

Prayer in Pastoral Visiting.

Connecting care and discipleship

Extended Communions.

Across the generations

Children, young people and pastoral care. Health, Healing and Well Being

Mental Health Issues. Loss and bereavement.

Domestic abuse



Locally, the week will begin with a sponsored walk at Holly Hill Woodland Park on Sunday 12th May 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

As well as the usual house to house collections there will also be a stand in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday 13th to Friday 17th May. It will run from 9am to 3pm on Monday, and 10am to 3pm on the other days. If you are able to help with any of these activities it would be greatly appreciated. I need volunteers to: run the stand in the centre of Fareham; to deliver and collect the envelopes and to walk or sponsor a walker.

Christian Aid continues to work with the world's poorest people. The money that is raised during Christian Aid Week supports projects all over the world to help people to help themselves. Its aim is to empower people, to help them to determine their own futures and destinies.

Linda Foster

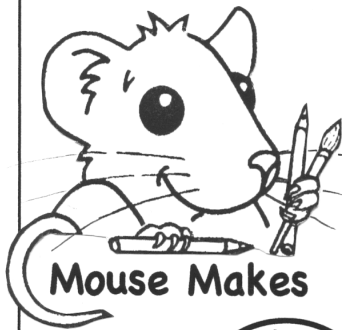
Bridgemaury Methodist Church

Skittles Night ~ FRIDAY 12th April 2013 ~ 6.00pm



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Please come and join us - For further details contact - Anne on 01329 237090



What is your most valuable treasure?

The bible tells us that the most valuable thing you can ever have is something that can **NEVER** be lost, broken or stolen.

The most **valuable** thing you can have is to be **friends with God** through Jesus.

Read: *Matthew 6:19-21*

Keep my words,
treasure up my commands
Prov 7:1

Do not store up treasures on earth
Matt 6:19

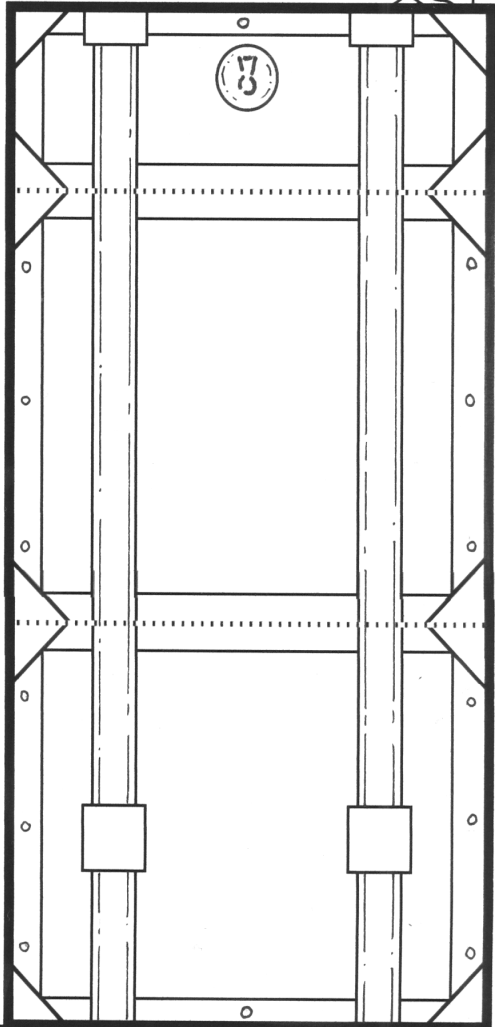
Your **HEART** will be where your riches are
Matt 6:21

In **Christ** are hidden all the **treasures of wisdom and understanding**
Col 2:3

Be **RICH** in good deeds
1 Tim 6:18

Be **generous givers**
1 Tim 6:18

Cut out these coins. Cut out the treasure box and fold along the dotted lines. Glue the coins inside the box





SIGN OF THE FISH

In the early days of Christianity it could be very dangerous to admit that you were one of Jesus' followers. You could be arrested, imprisoned and killed, simply for your beliefs. Christians had to meet in secret - but how could you tell if a stranger was a Christian or not? Who could you trust? Christians used secret signs to recognise one another. And one of these was the sign of the fish which could easily be scratched on a wall or drawn in the dust of the road. If the other person wasn't a Christian they'd just think you were doodling.

The fish was used as sign because, in Greek, the first letters of the words 'Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour' spell 'ichthus', the Greek word for fish.

How can you show other people today that you are a Christian? If you have the joy of knowing Jesus in your heart then it should show on your face!



SECRET WRITING

The fish was a secret sign. If you would like to send someone a secret message, you can do it with 'invisible ink'.

You need a lemon or an onion. Squeeze the juice of either into a small bowl. Using the juice as ink, with a clean nib in a proper pen, write your message on a piece of paper. Leave it to dry and as it dries the message will disappear.



To make it reappear, hold the paper over a lamp or radiator. This is a very easy way of sending secret messages ... but you have to be sure that the person you are writing to knows the secret of how to make the message reappear!



Where does seaweed look for a job?

In the 'Kelp-wanted' ads!



What game do fish like playing the most?

Name that tuna.



FOOD BANKS - A Sign of the Times?

The rising cost of food and fuel, combined with static income, unemployment and changes in benefits have seen increasing numbers of people turn to food banks in the UK recently. Recognising the value of these banks, retired Archbishop Rowan Williams has become patron of one in his new home town, Cambridge.

The Trussell Trust, a Christian charity, now oversees over 250 local food banks on a franchise basis. Banks typically provide boxes of three days' emergency food to tide people over whilst putting them in touch with other agencies which might be able to help in the longer term.

Many of the banks are located in or around church premises. Thousands of people are giving time and money to fund premises, gather supplies of food and make it available to those in great need. It's good for the helpers, too – many are rubbing shoulders with, and hearing stories from, people they've never come across before.

The trust that has had a leading role in the food bank movement was founded in 1997 by Carol and Paddy Henderson and was based on a legacy left by Carol's mother, Betty Trussell. The work had begun when Carol and Paddy were working for a UN feeding programme in Bulgaria and rescued a street baby, Boris. Paddy and Carol vowed to keep him alive and eventually he was taken into an orphanage.

The work started in Bulgaria soon spread to Britain. The Trust's network fed over 128,000 people in a recent 12-month period, distributing 1,225 tonnes of food donated by the public, schools and businesses.

Parish Pump

*Everything put into the labelled box in the Welcome Area is taken to **Fareham's Food Bank** and is very gratefully received. We can place non perishable food in the box at any time.*

FILM SHOW

On Saturday, 27th April at 2.00 pm the folk at Stubbington Church will be showing the film WAR HORSE. Donations towards refreshments would be appreciated. All are welcome.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(All meetings at Church unless otherwise stated)

APRIL

3rd	Healing Prayer group @ 2 Archery Lane	19.30
5th	Friday Lunch	13.00
6th	Val Jenkins Service @ Stubbington	15.00
10th	Messy Church	16.00
11th	Messy Church Wash-up meeting	10.00
	Merry Makers	10.00
16th	Local Preachers Meeting @ Bridgemyary MC	19.30
17th	Church Council	19.30
18th	Circuit Fresh Expressions @ 2 The Cloisters,	14.30
21st	Sunday Lunch approx	12.15
24th	Wednesday Fellowship	14.00
26th	Melodies, Harmonies and Supper	19.00
27th	District Rep Synod @ Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit	9.30
30th	Circuit Leadership Team Meeting @ the Manse	10.00

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7th	Circuit Meeting @ Bridgemyary	19.30
8th	Messy Church	16.00
9th	Messy Church Wash-Up and planning meeting	10.00
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29th	Healing Prayer group @ 2 Archery Lane	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

APRIL

7th 10.30 Garry Bagshaw & Judith Bramall
14th 10.30 Gwen & Harvey Brosgall
18.30 A N Other
21st 10.30 Brenda & Peter Taylor
28th 10.30 Janice & Vic Collins
18.00 Eric Wheeler

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5th 10.30 Lynda Young & Mary Bailey

FLOWER ROTA

APRIL

7th Eric Wheeler
14th Margaret & Bob Temple
21st Garry Bagshaw
28th Jean Petter

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5th Marion Bright

REFRESHMENT ROTA

APRIL

7th Pat Croker, Mary Bailey
14th Liz Haigh & Liz Avison
21st Ruth & Tony Elvery
28th Lilian Tildesley, Una Peters & Jill Groom

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5th Linda & Kevin Foster & Marilyn Woodrow

PRESS DATE

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