

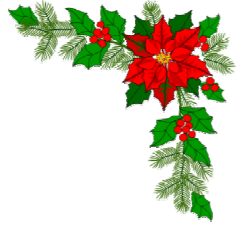
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### **SERVICES DURING DECEMBER**

1st	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Toy Service & Holy Communion
	18.00	Circuit Advent Service	Fresh Expressions
8th	10.30	Lynne Matthews	
15th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Nativity Service & All Age Worship
22nd	10.30	John Smith	
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Carol Service
23rd	15.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Christingle Service
24th	23.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion
25th	10.30	Rev Paul Bedford	Joint Service @ URC
29th	10.30	Andrew Wilcock	Café Style

### **SERVICES DURING JANUARY**

5th	10.30	Rev Malcolm Rothwell	Family Holy Communion
12th	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	
19th	10.30	Dan Bishop	All Age Worship
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Iona Holy Communion
26th	10.30	Rev Gillian Slaymaker	

### **SERVICES DURING FEBRUARY**

2nd	10.30	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion
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### **LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS**

1st Dec	10.45	Andrew Wilcock @ Havant
15th Dec	15.00	Andrew Wilcock @ Stubbington
19th Jan	10.30	Andrew Wilcock @ <sup>2</sup> Trinity (Southsea)



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

## DECEMBER

Dear Friends,

You may, or may not be aware, but it's official, I am married to 'Mr Christmas' (not to be confused with Father Christmas who is another person entirely!). No sooner has the end of November been and gone then decorations begin to appear in our house. 'Mr Christmas' tries to be subtle about this but once the Christmas trees (yes, we have more than one) are down from the loft and gaudy baubles, ornaments and metres of tinsel begin to appear then, of course, everything shouts, that **CHRISTMAS IS HERE!!!**



But is it? Is it really? The world outside tells us that Christmas is here from mid-October onwards (or even earlier in some cases), that's when things start to appear in our shops and the adverts start to appear on the television and drop through our letter boxes. But actually, in the Church year, the season of Christmas doesn't begin until that moment of midnight that sees Christmas Eve end and Christmas Day begin. All the weeks leading up to that point are a time called Advent – a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of

Jesus, so that when Christmas really begins our hearts are ready to receive the Christ child and all the love and challenge that He brings into our lives. And then after Christmas Day; the seeing in of the New Year; Twelfth Night and the taking down of all the fripperies and Christmas trimmings the Church reminds us that we are still in the season of Christmas for it lasts 40 days and ends with Candlemas on February 2<sup>nd</sup>

(actually a Sunday this year). The beauty and wonder of the coming of Jesus, the advent of which we have prepared for, stays with us and should remain in our hearts long after turkey and tinsel, for the baby in the manger grew to be the Son of Man who through dying, rising, ascending and Spirit sending, promises to be with us forever.

Now that really is worth celebrating!

With love,

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Claire



## VESTRY JOTTINGS



Please note that there is a change in the Circuit Plan for 2nd February 2014. Rev Claire Simpson has swapped with Rev Jack Jenkins so that Claire will be taking the service at Fareham on that day. Please amend your plan accordingly. Also for those who received their plans by E-mail please note that 12 January is not Holy Communion. This was already amended for those receiving printed versions. The Iona service in January has been planned for the third Sunday to allow anyone, who wishes, to attend the evening United service at Stubbington on 26 January.

A reminder that the Church Christmas Post Box will be available for posting cards to Church members and attendees on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to include the surname of recipients.

This year we asked the Guides to design the front cover of the Christmas card giving details of all the Christmas services, this editions front cover of "Fareham Focus" and the service sheet for the Carol service. The winning design was submitted by Lucy Dowie, aged 10. Well done and thank you to Lucy.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the Carol Service on 22 December and the Communion Service on 24 December. The money collected will be split between Action for Children and MRDF.

Our best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.



The Stewards

## THANK YOU

Thank you all very much for the flowers, cards, good wishes and visits whilst I have been unwell over the past few weeks. They have all been much appreciated.



Malcolm Groom

Graham and I would like to thank you all for the cards, flowers and expressions of concern that we have received during his recent illness. These have meant a lot to us and the family during this difficult time.

Sheila Dyer

Janice and I would like to express a very sincere 'thank you' for all the cards and phone calls regarding my operation. It is lovely to know so much love and friendship exists within our Church

Vic Collins

## **THANK YOU Cont. ...**

Thank you very much for the Church flowers that Liz so kindly brought us. It cheered us up and made our day. Your kind thoughts and good wishes have helped us over the last few months.

Janice & Vic



Thank you for the lovely Church flowers presented to me on Sunday by Liz Haigh. They were much appreciated.

Lynda Thomas

Shirley and I would like to thank you all for the flowers delivered 10th November. We would also like to thank you for the many prayers you have offered. I have had some good news; that is I'm having an MRI test on 16th December in Southampton. So more prayers required please.  
Best Wishes

David & Shirley Boyd

Thank you to those who supported the Stroke Clubs Autumn Sale. Despite the weather we still made £200.00 towards our funds.

Lynda Young

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



### **Happy Christmas Everyone!**

We would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. This year Tony and I will be giving a donation to NCH Action for Children in lieu of Christmas Cards.

Jenny & Tony Chalmers

Meg and Nigel wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year. We will be giving a donation to charity instead of sending cards.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We will be sending a donation to MRDF instead of sending cards.

Jill and Malcolm Groom

Harvey and Gwen wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. They will be sending a donation to their favourite charity STEPS.



## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Cont. ...**

We will not be sending Christmas cards this year but have given a donation to Action for Children. We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

Margaret & Cyril Fielder



Shirley and Eric Grant and their family wish all their Church friends at Fareham a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Instead of cards we are donating to Action for Children.

A Happy Christmas to you all. This year we are sending a donation to Save the Children in lieu of Christmas Cards.

Sheila & Graham Dyer

We would like to wish all our Church family a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year. We will be giving a donation to Action for Children this Christmas.

Janice & Vic Collins

Bobby and Patrick wish everyone a peaceful and restful time this Christmas and a healthy New Year. A donation is being made to Action for Children.



## **MICHAELMAS FAYRE**

The final total raised at the Michaelmas Fayre for Action for Children is £651.90. This also includes the Michaelmas Quiz total of £37.00. Thank you to all who supported this event and especially to the Fayre Group for their time and effort in organising the Fayre. Christmas is almost upon us again!! For those who would like to donate to Action for Children by displaying a Christmas card in the welcome area please let me know.

### **Michaelmas Quiz**

Thank you to those who supported the Autumn/Michaelmas Quiz, the proceeds of which have been added to our Autumn Fayre total in aid of Action for Children.

I was surprised that several people found the quiz difficult. Apart from a few questions which needed research by reference book or Google, it's possible that the general knowledge I acquired aeons ago is not the same as that taught more recently!! Anyway we had a winner - Lynda Young, who only got two wrong. Answers are available if required.



Mary Bailey

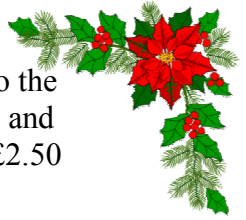
## SAMARITAN'S PURSE - CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your generous support has enabled Scott to deliver 53 boxes to the URC Locks Heath. Well done Brownies, who filled 12 boxes, and supported by 'Mother & Toddlers' also paid the £2.50 cost for each box.



Thank you also for the donations which enabled us to send a total of £132.50 for our boxes.

Una Peters



## FAMILY NEWS

### Amendment to new Church Directory

Geoff Tarvin has changed his telephone number back to his previous one. Please amend your new Directory. The correct number is now 01329 239908.



## PRAYER GROUP

The next Healing / Prayer group is on Wednesday, 4th December at 10.00 am, at the home of Joan & Jeff Padley at 2 Archery Lane, Fareham. Please note new time!

The date for the meeting in January will be 8th January at 10.00 am as above.

Rita Jackson



## TUESDAY HOUSE GROUP

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.15 in the Snug, starting with coffee & biscuits, and we would welcome new members.

Our December meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, 10th December, due to a clash of dates. If you are interested in joining us, please come and talk to one of us, or just come along.

Graham Dyer & Linda Press

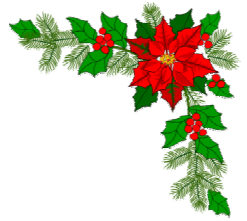


## ADVENT HAS BEGUN

Lord Jesus, from the repetitive muzak carols heard in every shop and supermarket to the frantic shopping for glitzy gifts, may we, your disciples, be ready to grasp every opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with others. Amen.



## 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 unless otherwise stated.

11th Dec Christmas Service in the Worship area followed by Tea and mince pies in the Wickham Room

8th Jan Social afternoon with a quiz and time to chat about our Summer Programme

22nd Jan Bob Shailor will talk about his work as a PCSO.

Please remember we have a Bring and Buy (1 item only) for our charity - the Fareham Stroke Club.

Shirley Henderson



## BADMINTON ETC GROUP

Friday 6th December Badminton - Table Tennis - Table Football

Friday 20th December Badminton - Table Tennis - Table Football  
[Christmas Special]

Friday 3rd January Badminton - Table Tennis - Table Football

Friday 17th January Badminton - Table Tennis - Table Football

Friday 31st January Badminton - Table Tennis - Table Football  
[includes a Church Mystery]

All meetings start at 18.00 hours . Why not come along and see how it works.



Mark Brooks

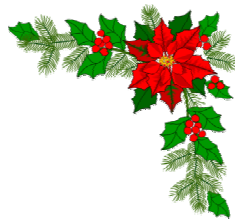
## A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus, as we await your coming, help us to look for you in the hoodie on our estate, the beggar on the street, the outcasts in our society and open our hearts to love others as you do. Amen





## RUSTY MUSICIANS



On 3rd November I spent a day, along with about 100 other amateur (or rusty) musicians playing with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

We will be playing with the Orchestra in a concert at the Portsmouth Guildhall on 8th December.

If you would like to come to this concert, it starts at 7pm and admission is free.

Linda Press



## WORSHIP CONSULTATION - 8th January

The next Worship Consultation takes place on Jan 8th at the Manse at 7.30pm

This is an open meeting for anyone. Please give any items for the agenda to me by Sunday Jan 5th.

Rosemarie Jackson (convenor)



## CHRISTMAS PRAYER TREES

There is now a tree in the Welcome Area for your prayers. Last year around 40 cards were placed on the tree and the prayer requests formed part of the Christmas Eve service. Your prayers will be part of the Christmas Eve service this year (23.30). Christmas is a time of joy but also of sadness and our thoughts turn to prayer.

There will also be a tree in the shopping precinct as part of our outreach project. The prayers on this tree will form part of the Christingle Service on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 15.00.

Garry Bagshaw



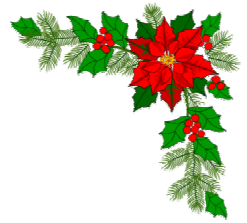
## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Trinity Pre School Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 12.00.

Linda Foster

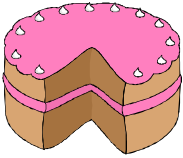


# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2013



## Cake Appeal

We are again this year going to sell cakes and biscuits during the Festival, Last year, thanks to the generous support from members of our Church family, to supply cakes and biscuits; we had a very successful cake stall.



To enable us to continue to support this years Christmas Tree Festival, I would be most grateful if you could make a cake and or, biscuits to support the cake stall.

Should anyone require further information I would be pleased to help.

Margaret Temple



## MAKING US THE WELCOMING CHURCH

As you may know one of my duties is to prepare the Rota for the twenty or so volunteers who carry out the role of Door Duty Stewards in our Church.

The duties involved are quite simple; to collect the Offertory Plate, the Offertory Bags and the Weekly Notices from the Vestry. To place the Offertory plate at the front of the Church. Door Stewards need to find a couple or at least two children who can assist in taking the collection. Then stand at the little table and hand out 'Singing the Faith' hymn books, the weekly notices, and the Large Print hymn books, and Bibles. During the Service they take up the Collection along with the others. Finally, of course they need to clear up all the books handed in and collect up all the books and weekly notices left around the Church at the end of the Service and stack neatly on the bookcases. Full detailed list of duties can be supplied.

What these wonderful people cannot do during all of this activity is to welcome people as they enter Our Church Door .

What has been requested is for a small group to become our 'Welcome to our Church Team' These are individuals who would enjoy being near the front door regularly in the Welcome Area to be the first to great people as they enter, not just our own Church folk but especially the people we do not know.

Any Offers



Contact Patrick Watson



**Please come and bring a friend**

**FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH**  
Kings Road

# **Christmas Tree Festival**

Thursday Dec 5th 10.30am – 6pm

Friday Dec 6th 10.30am – 6pm.

Saturday Dec 7th 10.30am - 4pm.

Admission £2.00 inc. refreshments  
Accompanied Children Free Entry  
Christmas stall

Carol singing around the crib  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm.

**Supporting National and Local Charities**



**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

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

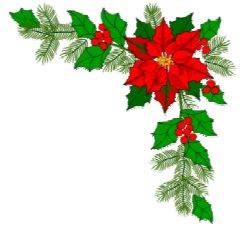
**4.00 pm – 6.00 pm  
“CHRISTMAS”**

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

**See us on Facebook**



## MESSY CHURCH - the best ever home



November is a time for remembering, sometimes with joy, often with sadness and at Messy Church we turned our thoughts to remembering the people we love – our family, our friends, our neighbours, our Messy Church friends and many more. Many of our activities involved remembering others or thinking about changes in our lives. The house biscuits were beautifully decorated although one was without a chimney as the “decorator” lives in a flat. The children had the opportunity to light a candle with Bob and to think or remember a special person. Bob spent some time in prayer with one child whose mother had left home and not returned. Many of the children decorated a star to go on our tree for the upcoming Christmas Tree festival. Apart from wanting rabbits or puppies, some decided that to tell someone about your wish meant that it wouldn’t come true. This wasn’t the case for the child with the missing Mum.

Messy Church is always busy, noisy and full of fun but has its moments of poignancy. Some of the comments passed onto us by the mothers are quite revealing. One child told his mother that he is now not afraid of being on his own as God is always with him. Another was overheard telling a friend that our Messy Church is the best...because we serve dinner!

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Christmas session with camel racing, stand up angels, cotton bud sheep and more. There will also be an impromptu nativity. Come along and see all our activities and share in our worship. You will always be welcome.

Our first session in the New Year will be on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 16.00.

Garry Bagshaw

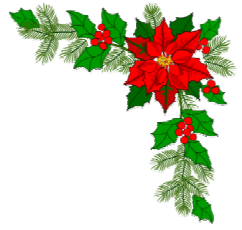


### A PRAYER

Jesus, our Prince of Peace, we pray that every time a carol is sung, a Christmas greeting spoken, a nativity play performed, that your name be honoured and glorified and that hard hearts be melted to receive you afresh.



## CHURCHES JOIN TO MAKE FUN AND MESS



The combined churches in Gingin (West Australia, above Perth) have recently commenced Messy Church which they hold every two months on a weekday after school. They have had some spectacular results, attracting over 30 children and adults each time. Below is a report printed in REVIVE a magazine distributed to Uniting Churches in West Australia.

“Our committee is very active and enthusiastic and we follow the programmes as set out in Lucy Moore’s Messy Church books. We commence with afternoon tea, followed by up to eight different activities in one hour, based on the chosen theme. We then have a short worship time and re-enactment of the Biblical story. This is followed by a delicious meal.

It is such fun. Our first session held in June was on the Good Shepherd which included creative activities involving sheep, and even a demonstration of spinning by Dulcie Read. Then in the Church we built a sheep pen out of sticks and made a sheep collage.

The August session and theme of ‘love your neighbour’ and story of the good Samaritan, offered plenty of scope from the fun of bandit masks and a bandit cave, to a ‘love your neighbour’ collage and Friendship Inn and many other activities. The creativity of some of the projects is quite amazing. We are getting ready to move into the Advent programmes and nativity presentations for Christmas”.

We wish them well in their endeavours. This shows Messy Church is certainly spreading world wide.



## THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

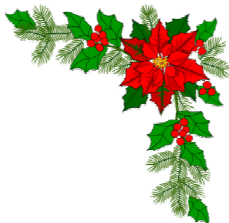
As this is my last edition of “Focus” I should like to thank everyone for the articles and information provided for the magazine. Also a very big “thanks” to Bobby for the typing and formatting, to Harvey and now Alan for photocopying and to Meg and Nigel for collating and stapling the magazine. Also thank you to Malcolm for helping me when the computer “played up”! I do hope that there is someone waiting in the wings to take over as Editor.

Jill Groom



## SUNDAY LUNCH

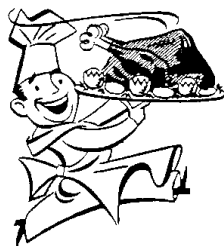
### 15th December at 12.15 pm



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 Prawn Cocktail
- Main Course:** Roast Turkey, Chipolatas  
Stuffing, Yorkshire Puddings  
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!  
Everyone is welcome even at the last minute!!

Jill Groom



## SUNDAY LUNCH

### 19th January at 12.15 pm

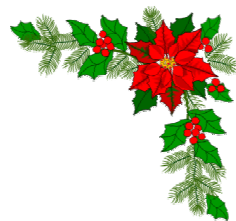
### The Menu

- Starter:** Soup or Melon
- Main Course:** Roast Pork, Sausages  
Roast Potatoes, Roast Parsnips  
Selection of Vegetables
- Puddings:** Variety



Donations from both meals will go to MRDF





Dear Mrs Race

Thank you once again for the stamps that you and the people of Fareham Methodist Church sent into Bible Society and please forgive the lateness of my reply.

We are very grateful for your support, which helps us as we seek to make the Bible heard by people everywhere. Whilst we continue to make Bibles available where there are none through Bible translations and distribution projects around the world, we also recognise a new challenge to make the biblical message more relevant and credible to the millions of people in our own society who are seeking a sense of purpose and direction in life. To find out more about Bible Society's important work, please visit [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)

Stamp Corner began in 1906, and thanks to people like you it continue to generate funds for Bible work worldwide. Please keep sending stamps and postcards to support this vital work!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Yours sincerely

Killian Sheppard  
Postal Administrator



**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH by CTiF**  
**25th December @ St Johns Church Hall, St Michaels Grove, Fareham**  
**11.30 am to 16.00 - Free - Transport can be provided**

Please see poster in the corridor and tickets may be obtained from Community Action, Fareham (opposite Holy Trinity Church). Application **must** be made by **Monday 2nd December**.

### **Volunteers Needed**

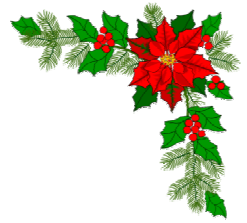
If anyone can spare a few hours on Christmas Day to look after or entertain our guests or perhaps come later and help with the clearing up at the end of the lunch. Raffle prizes, and or money donations would be very welcome. Please contact Jennie on 01329 223140 or email

[jromicheva@farehamaction.org.uk](mailto:jromicheva@farehamaction.org.uk).





# NEARLY TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

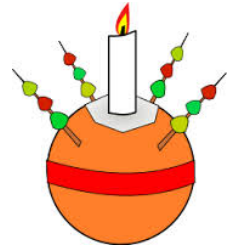


This year, we will be holding our Christingle service on Monday, 23rd December at 3.00 pm. We all know Christingle celebrations - with their oranges and candles and ribbons, they are a fun family event at most churches. Lets make it so at our Church this year.

Christingle is also a good way to help our local families with young children to think about the story of Jesus. Each part of the Christingle orange symbolises the various elements of the story of Jesus, from the love of Christ to the fruits of God's creation. Piecing it together helps people understand the gospel. As Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14-15, NIV).



So please support our Christingle this year, and please try and bring some of your friends and neighbours with small children along! We are inviting all our parents and children from Messy Church to come, along with the Brownies and Guides. Come and join us and share the



love, joy and wonder with some who have not heard of Christingles before.



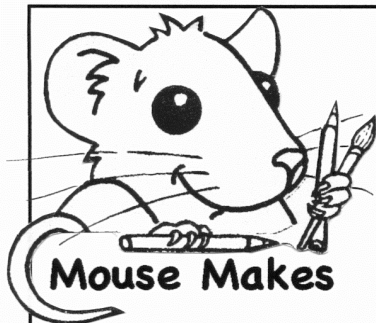
## TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CTiF CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH (See page 16)

Titchfield Festival Theatre Productions are staging the family Pantomime - Aladdin, at the theatre in St Margaret's lane, Titchfield on Tuesday, 10th December.

Arrangements have been made with CTiF to offer 50 tickets at the special price of £6.00 each to raise funds for the lunch so that it may offer food, and festive companionship to people who would otherwise be alone.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Community Action Office in Fareham: 163 West Street, Fareham (opp Holy Trinity Church).





## Mouse Makes

- Make this crib box to hang from the Christmas tree.

- Glue onto thin card then carefully cut around the outside. Fold back the sides along the dotted lines.



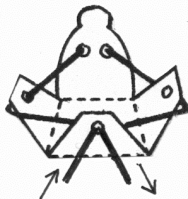
A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN!  
 "Good news! - **wonderful, joyous**  
 news for **all** people.  
 A Saviour has been born.  
 He is **Christ the Lord.**"

"Glory to God in the heavenly heights,  
**Peace** to all men and women on earth who please him."

Read about the birth of Jesus in Luke chapters 1 and 2

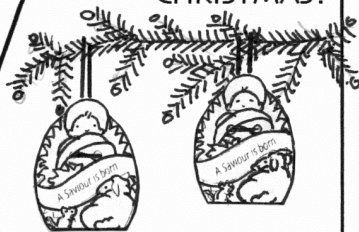


- Punch out the ⊗ holes then cut 30cm of thin ribbon and thread through the holes.



- Pull together and knot to form a box. Hide small sweets inside.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



- Photocopy this page onto card to make lots of crib boxes.



## St NICHOLAS

**Feast Day 6 December**

St Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. Lots of stories are told of his kindness and generosity. He is the patron saint of Russia, children, scholars, merchants and sailors.

One legend tells of his secret gifts to three daughters from a poor family. It is said that he threw 3 purses of gold down the chimney where they landed in the girls' stockings which they had hung up to dry in front of the fire. This is supposed to be the origin of hanging up Christmas stockings.



Over time the name of St Nicholas changed to Sinterklass and thus to Santa Claus in the Christmas celebrations.

## STOCKING DECORATIONS



You will need some Christmas-coloured felt, a needle and thread, fabric glue, ribbon and sequins or buttons for decoration.

Fold the felt in half and cut out two simple stocking shapes. Sew these together with a simple running stitch, leaving the top edge open. Sew a loop of ribbon to the top of the stocking.

Now you can decorate the stocking with scraps of felt, lace, buttons or sequins. Glue them on carefully and leave to dry. You could even try writing a name in glue and sprinkling on glitter to cover it.

This would be nice to give as a present with a little present or sweet inside or to hang on the Christmas tree as a



decoration. You can make them any size you like.



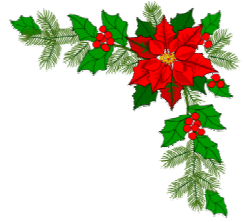
**How many presents can Santa fit into an empty stocking?**

Only one, after that it is not empty any more.

**Why is a foot a good Christmas present?**

Because it's a stocking filler.

## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS



After the joy of celebrating the birth of our saviour at that first Christmas, what happens then? For many people, having worked hard, the following days may seem a bit of a let down. But Christmas in the church's calendar does not end on December 25th, for it is a whole season. In recognition of this, we are holding a somewhat different kind of service on the 29th December.

To start with we invite you to our Café Church, which will start at 9.45 am, where you can enjoy hot bacon rolls, a hot drink and other goodies.

Our morning service will depend **on you**. We would like as many of you as possible to take part in **Joe Carpenter and Son, an English Nativity**, which is a long narrative poem by Graham Clarke, which looks at the Christmas Story from the viewpoint of the characters who were involved, based on some of the mystery plays that our forefathers enjoyed. So for example, Joe Carpenter and his wife Mary, are surprised by the Archangel Gabriel otherwise familiar as the village postman:

Have you ever seen the like,  
An angel on a postman's bike!  
It passes all imagining,  
A blessed postman on the wing.

You can come with a costume to wear, or a prop to represent your part, or just a hat to wear, if you wish. **No one will have to learn any lines—you will have the script in front of you.**

So what part could you volunteer to read? Here they are:

Playmaster	The man in charge
Young Jack Shepherd	A Shepherd
Old Jack Shepherd	Another
Landlady	Landlady of the 'Royal Star'
Joseph	A Journeyman Carpenter
Mary	A Country Girl
Gabriel	A Postman Extraordinary
Host of Angels	<sup>20</sup> At least 4 children

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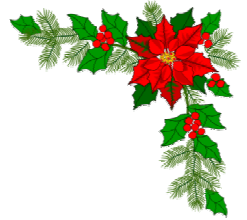
## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS Cont. ...

Melchior, Caspar, Balthazar

3 Really Wise Men

Plus a Camel Driver, an Egyptian

And the Landlord of the Royal Star



So we hope you will come along, enjoy the fellowship of sharing a nice breakfast and participate or enjoy watching this alternative way of telling the most important birth in human history.

Andrew Wilcock



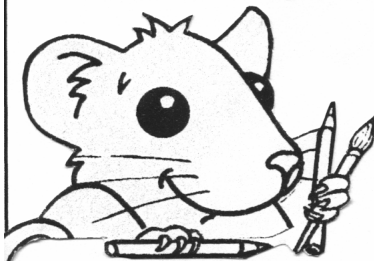
## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2014

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity always comes 'hot on the heels' of the very busy Christmas and New Year period and so it can take us by surprise a little. However, this year, our Christians Together in Fareham (CTinF) group of which we are a part, are marking the week 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January with a 24/7 prayer event at The Community Church (above Café Imbizo) on West Street.

Just like last year, it is hoped that all the churches that are part of the CTinF organisation will play a part in ensuring that there is continuous prayer for one week beginning with a short act of worship on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm and concluding with a service of celebration on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm. Churches have signed up for 'slots' of time and our 'slot' at Fareham Methodist is on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 am to 2.00pm.

The Community Church who host the event, do a great job in providing refreshments, quiet music, written articles, candles, and other stimulus to aid us in our thoughts and prayers. In the new year there will be an opportunity to sign up for a 20 minute period (or more if you choose) so that we know that at least one person will be praying in our allotted time. Of course, the prayer room at the Community Church is open all of the week, day and night, so there is nothing to stop you popping in any day or time that is convenient for you. It is hoped that as many of us as possible will be able to attend the opening and closing acts of worship as we join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ across Fareham to pray for our church communities and the people of our town and surrounding area.





## Mouse Makes

### BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

- ABRAHAM =father of many
- ADAM =man
- ANDREW =strong man
- AMOS =burden bearer
- ANNA =gracious
- BENJAMIN =son of the  
right hand
- EVE =to breathe
- ELIZABETH =fullness of God
- ESAU =hairy
- DEBORAH =bee
- DANIEL =God my judge
- DAVID =beloved
- GABRIEL = man of God
- GAD =fortune
- HANNAH =gracious
- ISAAC =laughter
- JESUS = God is saviour
- JOSEPH = increase
- JOSHUA = saviour
- MATTHEW =gift of God
- MOSES =deliverer
- NAOMI =beautiful
- NATHANIEL =gift of God
- PAUL =small, humble
- PETER =a rock
- PHOEBE =bright, pure
- JOHN =God is gracious
- PRICILLA =ancient
- RUTH =friend
- SARAH =princess
- SHEM =name
- STEPHEN =crowned
- TAMAR =palm tree
- THOMAS =twin
- TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born,  
Mary and Joseph named their  
baby with the name the angel  
Gabriel had given them.

It was a special name  
for a very special baby..  
the name **JESUS**  
which means  
**GOD IS SAVIOUR**

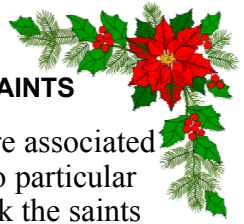
Read: *Matthew 1:21*  
and *Luke 2:25-38*



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Can you find all these  
bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?



## CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some Cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saints with the Cathedral?



**St WULFSTAN**  
19<sup>th</sup> January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

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| St Giles      | Lichfield  |
| St Mungo      | Ely        |
| St Chad       | Durham     |
| St Etheldreda | Edinburgh  |
| St Cuthbert   | Winchester |
| St Swithin    | Glasgow    |



Did you hear about the man who took his car in for a service?

It got stuck in the church doors.

What's green, curly & religious?

Lettuce pray.



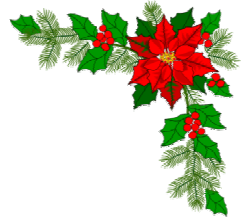
What lives in a sack and hangs around in French cathedrals?

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh,  
St Mungo at Glasgow,  
St Chad at Lichfield,  
St Etheldreda at Ely,  
St Cuthbert at Durham,  
St Swithin at Winchester.

## THE WELL & THE RAINBOW CENTRE



The building owned by 'The Well' in West Street is now rented to a local charity, the Rainbow Centre. After a difficult few years the Well hopes that its rental income will soon allow it to start making grants to local causes and projects on behalf of the Christian Community of Fareham.

Like all charity shops the Rainbow shop relies on donations of stock from the public. It is therefore in the interest of the Christian community to ensure the success of the Rainbow shop, because not only does it support the fantastic work that the Centre undertakes with people suffering from neurological impairment (of children with cerebral palsy and adults with strokes or head injuries), but the rent that they pay provides the investment income from which The Well makes its grants. The trustees of The Well are therefore appealing on behalf of the Rainbow Centre for congregations in Fareham to support the Rainbow Centre with donations of stock to help give them a bumper Christmas. And when you drop off your goods for sale why not double your support by buying a Christmas present or two as well.

Paul Docherty & June Haye



## THE OLD AND NEW

The old has gone, the new has come,  
What difference will it make?  
Same old me, muddling on,  
Searching for meaning  
In the mess that is life.  
Always tired,  
Always aware that something,  
Something is missing.

And Jesus says, Come to me,  
I will refresh you,  
Come to me,  
This year - today,  
Become a new creation  
And live!

The old has gone,  
The new has come

**Jesus makes the difference**



*By Daphne Kitching*