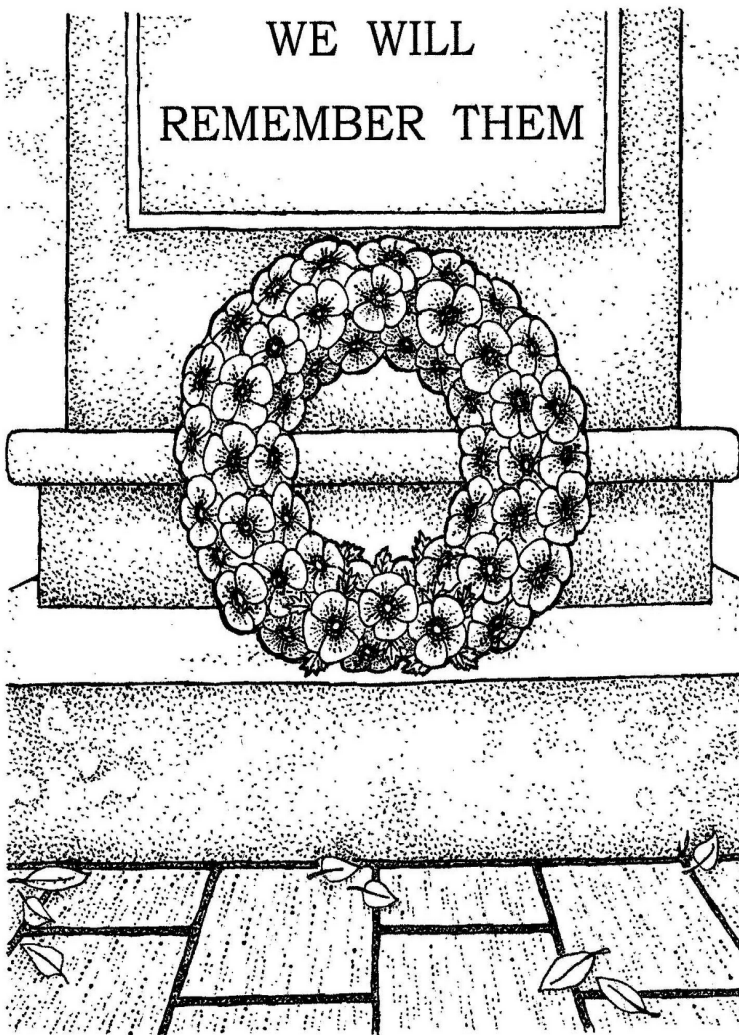


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SERVICES DURING NOVEMBER

2nd	10.30am	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion
9th	10.30am	Daniel Bishop	Remembrance
16th	10.30am	Barbara Noakes	All Age Worship
20th	14.30	Joan Padley	Red House Service
23rd	10.30am	Rev Claire Simpson	
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Iona Communion
30th	10.30am	Alex Jameson	Toy Service

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

2nd	10.15am	Stubbington	Fareham Team
	18.30	Portchester	Andrew Wilcock
30th	10.30am	Copnor	Andrew Wilcock

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

Dear Friends

The first few days of November are a time for remembering and reflection in many different ways. From the 1st Nov, All Saints' Day, we are encouraged to remember loved ones and those known to us, giving thanks for the influence that they have had on our own lives. As we reach Nov 11th our remembrances are on a bigger scale as we pause to remember all those who have died in war and conflict around the world.

Memory and remembering is part of our humanity. Our own ability to remember from a young age means that we retain facts and formulas that help us become well-rounded people. If we reflect on our own actions then there is the possibility that we learn from our mistakes and become better people in the process. Remembering our loved ones brings honour to them and lifts up those things that they have taught us so that their lives continue through the way that we live ours. It also seeks to remind us that what we do will, in turn, have an impact on others' lives. On Remembrance Sunday and the 11th Nov, we are told to not forget those catastrophes that have affected so many people throughout the last hundred years or so. Our remembering brings sorrow and pain as we reflect on how humankind has, at times, a great capacity for cruelty and violence. Our remembering should also spur us on to see the good amidst the cruel and look for better ways of peace and reconciliation to be found so that the turmoil of war and conflict and the inevitable loss of life will be no more.

With love,

Claire

Each year, all Methodist Ministers in appointment within the Church are required to undertake a Ministerial Development Review (MDR). This year, for Claire's MDR, a random selection of people from Fareham and Stubbington, were asked to participate in a questionnaire which formed the basis of her review of the last 12 months.

Members highlighted areas of our spiritual life which they felt had been enhanced since Claire's arrival, pointed out where changes may not have been as productive as hoped and suggested areas of potential development. All factors were discussed and plans for the 'Hopes and Goals' of Claire's second and future years made. Thank you to all those who took part in the review.

CHURCH NEWS

FLOWER MINISTRY

A thank you for flowers has been received from Lynda Thomas.

Thank you for a welcome visit and flowers are sent from Norman Clarke, and Margaret Temple. Marion Bright also received flowers on a special Birthday.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their get well cards, messages and prayers, also for all the beautiful flowers following Eric's operation back in May. It is nice to know the support is there and it helps a lot.
Eric and Shirley Grant

'Kevin and Linda Foster wish to express their sincere thanks for the church flowers, prayers, cards and messages of sympathy following the deaths of Kevin's brother and then his father a few weeks later. Thank you everyone..''

The Flower Ministry is greatly appreciated in our church. The people who provide and display flowers make our church look welcoming on a Sunday and other special occasions. The people who receive the gifts of flowers from us are always grateful and show their appreciation in their many messages of thanks. Added to this are all the people who take time to deliver flowers by visiting and being there for friends during times of need and celebration.. Thank you to you all for the loving care you display by your actions..

JMA

A big thank you to everyone who put their odd change into the JMA box at back of church. The amount collected from Sept 2013 to Aug 2014 was £104.20
Thank you
Karen Ferguson

FAREHAM STROKE CLUB

The Stroke Club wish to give their thanks to Shirley Henderson and her "customers" at the mini-market for the continued support to the club. It makes a difference to us.
Lynda Young

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Many thanks for all the contributions to Harvest Festival, the Church looked great!

We would like to congratulate all those who attended the recent Food Hygiene course, everyone passed so well done.

Advent starts at the end of November so the Christmas post box will be available from November 30th. Last posting date will be 14th December, please ensure you write the name clearly as we would not like someone to not receive their post. We can only accept 'in house' post.

We would also like to draw your attention to the Toy Service November 30th, please watch out for more information.

If we can help in any way please let us know.

I would like to add my thanks to those expressed at the end of our Harvest Festival service, to our Young People and Claire who had prepared the service for us.

It was a joyous, worshipful, and thought provoking time, and I'm sure we all came away at the end, glad that we'd been part of that act of Harvest worship.

Mary Bailey.

Thanks have been received from Fareham and Gosport Family Aid:

“I would like to thank you for your fantastic Harvest Food donation.

In some instances our families come into refuge without the basic necessities and your kind donation will enable us to offer them a starter pack to see them through their initial crisis.

Thank you for your continuing support, it is much appreciated.”

Louie Clement is now settled in to her care home. The address is:
Warren Residential Lodge, Cherque Lane, Lee-on-Solent PO13 9PF

FORTHCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



**Wednesday, 12th November
2014**

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Your body is a temple

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



4.00 to 6.00 pm

See us on Facebook

SUNDAY LUNCH 16th NOVEMBER at 12.15
p.m.approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations to MHA. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Pate

Main Course: Roast pork, sausages, Roast Potatoes,
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!

AMOS – a Bible Study.

WHEN: Friday 7th November

TIME: 10am coffee for a 10:30 start

WHERE: The Manse

Penny Thorne will be leading a ‘one off’ bible study from the book of Amos. This will enable her to complete one of her assignments at Theological College. If you are able to come along and support her by attending the bible study, that would be great. It would be helpful if you could read Amos before the meeting.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

4th 5th and 6th December 2014

From 10am to 6pm

4pm on Saturday



At Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road

All are welcome—Entry free to all children

Adult entry £2 to include a drink and mince pie.

Other light refreshments are available, plus stalls with a seasonal theme.

Funds will be raised for a number of charities which will be listed in advance.

Volunteers needed

An opportunity to volunteer to make the Christmas Tree Festival the success it always is, whether by stewarding, welcoming our visitors at the door, baking cakes and preparing and serving refreshments for the duration and the logistics of the setting up and tidying away. So from the beginning of November there will be a Sign Up Board in the Welcome area, if you haven't been involved before, please take this opportunity to join in and make this a wonderful event and help raise much needed funds for the named Charities.

CAKE STALL AT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

As in recent years we will be organising a cake stall during the festival. Thanks to the wonderful response from church members and friends providing cakes, this has proved to be a popular stall.

We will need sufficient cakes for sale over the three days of the festival.. Can you help by baking a cake for the stall? If you can, could you please bring your cake to the church on Wednesday afternoon 3rd December or, Thursday morning 4th December.

Thank you

Margaret Temple

MONDAY MINI-MARKET

I will be glad to receive any books or items of bric-a-brac for the Church Stall. Newly received items always seem to sell well.

As Christmas is approaching we have decided to recycle Christmas decorations. So why not search your cupboards for any decorations that have not seen the light of day for a few years and let us dust them up ready for resale.

Tony Elvery will be happy to collect any items from your home or I am happy to receive items on Monday Mornings at the Market.

I also wonder if there is someone who would like to help on the Church Stall on a regular basis. We sell books and bric-a-brac on three or four tables so more help would be appreciated.

Janice Collins

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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 9.30 to 11.45 am

Badminton will be held on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in November. No badminton in December.

Mark Brooks

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in each month.

Our meetings start at 2.00pm in the Wickham Room. Tea is available from 1.45pm:

12th November A representative from the British Legion will talk about the Organisation.

28th November Christmas Tree Festival preparations.

Shirley Henderson



Following on from the excellent Harvest service at which some of the “All We Can” material was used, we have received information about “Extraordinary Gifts” this year. “Practical presents that help people in some of the world’s poorest communities to become all that they can.”

Information about how to purchase these gifts is available in the Welcome Area or visit their website : www.allwecan.org.uk.

Also did you know that “All We Can “is participating in the Big Give again this Christmas. Donate online via the Big Give website at 10am on 4,5, and 6 December and your gift can be matched. All donations raised through the Challenge will go to our local partners in Burundi who are providing seeds, goats, tools and training, equipping families to feed themselves, keep animals again and work their land. Find out more at www.allwecan.org.uk/biggive or telephone 02074675132

CIRCUIT NEWS

East Solent and Downs Circuit

Mission Day: 'Remembering'

Saturday, 8th November 2014 10.00 – 15.00

Portchester Methodist Church, Castle Street, Portchester PO16 9PS

The chance for you to explore all aspects of remembering and memories with the help of guest speakers and activities. The day will conclude with a simple communion service. Home-made soup, rolls, cakes and fruit will be provided at lunch time.

Please complete and return the slip or email by Monday, November 3rd to help us with the planning and catering.



Name(s):.....Church:.....

Contact details:

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Any dietary requirements:

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FAREHAM

November 17th - The next CTiF meeting - Pat Gilhooley will invite Dilys and Dave Harrison from Transition Fareham. All are invited to attend.

November 19th - **Riding Lights Theatre Company** – ‘Fantastic Acts’ will be performed at Fareham URC on 19th November, tickets are £10 each, there is one free ticket for a party of 10. The company run a central booking office, information will be circulated soon. URC members will host the cast and technician.

December 18th - In partnership with Holy Trinity and the URC, Collingwood band will be playing Carols at the podium on 18th December between 5 and 7pm. In the break from 6 to 6.25pm church folk will be singing carols and maybe inviting shoppers to join in too.

Edith Livingstone

The Quakers (Friday Friends) will be meeting every Friday until 12 December at Café Ethos. We have moved to different premises and a larger room due to the growing number of attendees. The situation will be reviewed again at the end of November.

The doors will be open from 7pm and Silent Worship will start at 7.15 until 8pm. There will then be time for Notices and Discussion and refreshment before we leave promptly at 9pm.

Maggie Francis

With regret, there is no Shoe Box appeal this year (2014) due to circumstances beyond our control. Storage space and transport has also become a problem.

We can but hope the future will improve the prospects, enabling us to restart again with this worthwhile project.

Thank you all for your past interest and support.

Una Peters

TOPICS OF INTEREST

The Methodist Church

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Ebola

The current outbreak in West Africa is the worst Ebola outbreak since the virus was discovered in 1976, with more cases and deaths than in all the previous outbreaks combined.

The Methodist Church in Sierra Leone (MCSL) has been at the fore-front of the fight against Ebola. To date, the Methodist Church in Britain has sent two grants totalling £22,500 to Sierra Leone to aid with the epidemic.

The Ebola virus was also the focus of thoughts of the General Secretary, the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins when he led the Morning Service on BBC Radio 4 on Friday (10 October)..

There is also a prayer for people to use as they pray for all the people whose lives are being affected by the virus:

O Lord, God of our salvation,

we have cried out day and night before you.

Let our prayers come before you; incline your ear to our cry.

For our souls are full of troubles

and our lives draw near to the grave.

We are counted with those who go down to the pit;

like people with no strength,

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers

and attend to the voice of our supplications.

In the day of trouble we will call upon you, for you will answer us.

Preserve our lives, for you are our God;

save your servants who trust in you!

Be merciful to us, O Lord, for you are good and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you.



MHA Gosport Live at Home Scheme

Dear Friends

Lots of people have been and still are enjoying watching “The Great British Bake Off” on television. But, did you know that MHA held its own Grand Bake Off Competition in 2013, to celebrate 70 years of happy memories of their own charity?

To mark this occasion they have published a book of 70 Recipes, from the competition,

This little gem of a book is available to local MHA Schemes to sell for their funds. Our own circuit scheme “Gosport Live at Home Scheme” only have 15 copies of the publication available for sale, at £6 (inc postage) or £5 if collected, on a first come basis. (we are unsure at this stage whether we can obtain further copies).

If you or any members of your church family are interested in obtaining a copy please apply to Gosport Live at Home Scheme, Bridgemary Methodist Church, Gregson Avenue, Bridgemary, Gosport PO13 0PJ. Cheques should be made payable to “Gosport Live at Home Scheme”. Cheques will only be cashed if we have a copy available but we will endeavour to meet all orders.

Lucy Rothwell

Scheme Manager

RETIRED MEN

There is an opportunity for retired men to lunch together on the last Wednesday of every month at the Sailmakers on the Gosport Road. Three of our congregation enjoyed the lunch last time. They meet at 13.00 and enjoy a lunch at a slightly reduced rate. The next opportunity to meet together is on Wednesday 26th Nov. This is organised by the Gosport Live at Home Scheme but is being enjoyed by younger retired men too.



We believe in life before death

You are invited to a
Quiz and ploughman's supper

On
Saturday 8th November 2014 at 6.30pm

At
St John's Church Hall
Upper St Michael's Grove, Fareham

Either gather your own team together (up to eight
people)

or just come along and join in with others

Ham or cheese ploughman's

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets - £5 per person

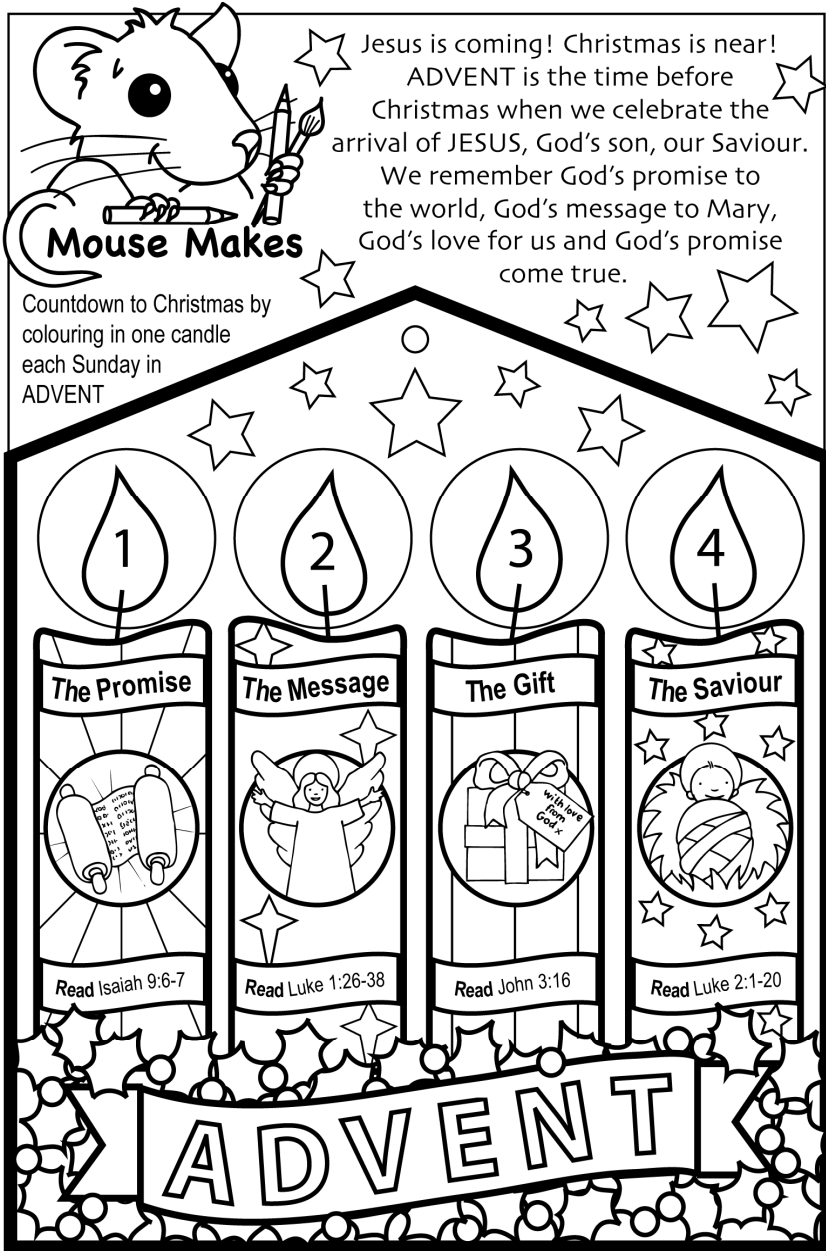
For more details and tickets, please contact Rachel Hicks
(01329 312895)

or your church rep:

There is a Cancer Research Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.00 on
Wednesday 19th November in the Church Hall.

Linda Foster

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COVENTRY'S CROSS

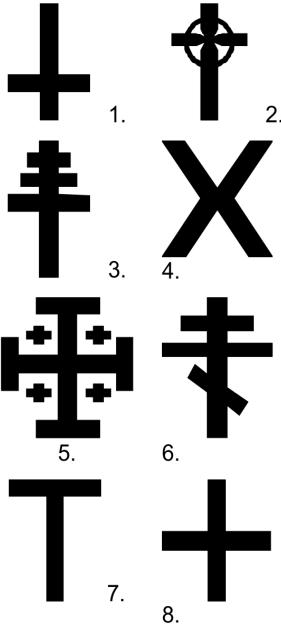
The people of Coventry will always remember the dreadfully long night of 14th November 1940. It was the longest air raid of the World War II and when the light dawned the next morning, Coventry was in ruins. So many people were dead, injured or homeless; there wasn't a person who had not suffered during that night.

The medieval cathedral was a burnt out shell. Two of the burnt roof beams were tied together to make a cross and this makeshift symbol was set up where the altar had been. A cross was also made from the 14th century iron nails that had held the roof together and this Cross of Nails still remains today as a symbol of sympathy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Copies of the Cross of Nails have been presented to countries round the globe as a reminder that love and understanding bind us together and that we need to remember the horrors that happen when people forget that.



CROSS PURPOSES

There are many different types of cross in pictures. Do you know what these are called?



What's green and hairy and drinks from the wrong side of the glass?

A gooseberry with hiccups.

What's the most common owl in this country?

The Tea Towl (ouch!)



Answers: 1.St Peter's 2.Celtic 3.Papal
 4.St Andrew's 5.Jerusalem 6.Russian
 Orthodox 7.St Anthony's 8.Greek

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
3 9.30 M.Market	4 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 20.00 La- dies Night I Russell's	5 19.00 Guides 19.30	6 09.30 Coffee am 17.30 Brown- ies	7 10.00 Amos Bi- ble Study	8 10.00 Circuit Mission day— Remembering 18.30 Christian Aid quiz at St John's
10 9.30 M Market	11 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	12 10.00 Healing Grp Joan & Jeff's 14.00 Wed.Fellows hip 16.00 Messy Chruch 19.00 Guides 19.30 Pax HG	13 9.30 Cof- fee am 10.00 Messy church wash up 17.30 Brownies. 19.30 Singing Gp	14 18.00Bad minton	15
17 9.30 M.Market CTiF meet St Johns	18 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 10.00 Tues am HG 19.00 La- dies Night- Meal TBA	19 10.30 Cancer Re- search coffee am 19.00 Guides 19.30 E Fare- ham H.G.	20 9.30 Coffee am 14.30 Serv. Red House 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing Gp	21	22
24 9.30 M.Market	25 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 10.00 West Fare HG. 20.00 La- dies Night at Mary Bailey's	26 13.00 Lunch for retired men At Sailmak- ers, Gosport 1400 Wed.Fell. 19.00 Guides	27 9.30 Cof- fee am 17.30 Brown- ies 19.30 Singing Gp	28 18.00 Badminton	29
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The diary dates as provided on previous page are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information held at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

“The Inquisitive mind of a child”

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today?
The poppies child, are flowers of love,
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppy grows.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood my child
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black , Mummy,
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy, are you crying so?
Your tears are giving me pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child
For the world is forgetting again.

Please note that the December issue of Focus will cover December and January as far as information received allows. So please think ahead and give dates of events to the Editor so that this bumper issue con-

DOOR STEWARDS

NOVEMBER

2nd 10.30 Bessie and Daniel Taabu
9th 10.30 Janice Collins and Brenda Bennett
16th 10.30 Liz Avison and Irene Russell
23rd 10.30 Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
18.00 Eric Wheeler
30th 10.30 Bobby and Patrick Watson

DECEMBER

7TH 10.30 Liz Haigh and Lynda Haydon-Jones

FLOWER ROTA

NOVEMBER

2nd Margaret Fielder
9th Una Peters
16th Phyllis Spencer
23rd Maggie Allingham and Bill Batchelor
30th Lynda Young

DECEMBER

7th Flower Fund

REFRESHMENT ROTA

NOVEMBER

2nd Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock
9th Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom
16th Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
23rd Pat and Tony Pickering and Lynda Haydon-Jones
30th Rosemarie Jackson and Margaret Boyd

DECEMBER

7th Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox

PRESS DATE

All items for the **DEC/JAN** Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by **Thursday, 27th Nov 2014 please.**