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'Behold this child
is appointed for the fall
and the rising
of many in Israel ...'

Luke 2 : 34



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FEBRUARY

1st	10.30am	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion
8th	10.30am	Tracy Cooper	
	14.30	Healing service	
15th	10.30am	Penny Thorne	All Age
18th	9.30am	Rev Claire Simpson	Ash Wed. service Portchester
19th	14.30	Red House service	
22nd	10.30am	Rev Claire Simpson	
	18.00	Rev Claire Simpson	Holy Communion

MARCH

1st	10.30am	Rev Claire Simpson/Penny Thorne	Holy Communion followed by Annual meeting
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LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

1st Feb	10.30 am	Andrew Wilcock	Portchester
8th	10.30 am	Andrew Wilcock	Lee on Solent
15th	10.30 am	Fareham Team	Gosport
22nd	10.15 am	Andrew Wilcock	Stubbington

Dear friends,

I enjoy reading some modern fiction and I am currently enjoying a book called 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce. I am only part way through the book at the time of writing this, but it is the story of a man who, in response to a surprise letter from a woman he used to work with, begins a journey on foot to walk 500 miles or so to reach her bedside where she is dying of cancer. And he isn't that far into the walk before he realises that this pilgrimage is beginning to change him. As he walks he begins to realise that his awareness of his surroundings and who he is, is growing. As he walks he reflects on his life (not always happy) and relationships (not always fulfilling) and what is motivating him to keep going, especially when red and blistered feet begin to pain him. One paragraph ends with the words 'he was already different from the man who had set out.....He was beginning again'.

I have always seen Lent (and Advent) as a time of pilgrimage. As I read about Harold's exploits and my Bible through the lens of faith it seems to me there are many parallels to be had. Lent this year begins on February 18th and our Ash Wednesday service is at Portchester Methodist Church at 9.30am. This will be a fitting start to a walk that we are called to make. An unlikely pilgrimage that should heighten our awareness of our surroundings and deepen our understanding of who we are. A walk that may at times be painful as wounds of our walking make their presence felt. A pilgrimage that will ultimately end in the events of Holy Week and the suffering of Christ that we encounter there. And if I haven't sold it to you very convincingly yet, *remember* it is a walk that enables us to 'begin again' and has the power to change us for the good.

In Lent, I am beginning 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Claire Simpson' and, if you take up the challenge, you are beginning 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of ... (insert own name here)....'

May God bless you in your walking,



CHURCH NEWS

FLOWER MINISTRY

I would like to thank Lynda for bringing me the lovely flowers for my special birthday. I haven't been feeling too good and they really cheered me up. Thanks also for the cards and good wishes, it was so kind of everyone.
Brenda Bennett

Thank you for the church flowers brought to me so kindly by Marion Bright. It means a lot to be remembered at such a time.

Eric and Shirley Grant pass on thanks for church flowers.

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers Joan gave me when I had not been well. The flowers and Joan's kind chat cheered me up.

Thank you very much for the flowers which give so much pleasure, when one can't get out of doors. Also to Bobby and Patrick who delivered them.
Lilwen Watkins

Flower Ministry

Those of you who are fairly new to our church may like to know how our Flower Ministry works. The Sunday morning flowers are generously provided by our church friends. They are encouraged to arrange their own, but if housebound, or not confident enough to do their own, we have a small group of people who will do them instead. In the corridor is a calendar where people may sign up to provide flowers on a chosen date.

After Sunday service the flowers are then given by another group of volunteers to someone sick or for other circumstances, sometimes joyous, sometimes otherwise.

We are grateful to those who have already signed the calendar, but as it is still early in the year, there are many spaces for you to choose a date! Irene Russell and Mary Bailey

Thank you all for your cards, personal greetings and flowers on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Ruth would also like to say thank you for all the warm wishes that have helped her to get stronger after her recent hip operation. She hopes to be back soon when she can sit more comfortably.

Ebola Appeal

The total raised by our appeal at Christmas was £483.24. This included the collections at the Carol Service and Communion on Christmas eve, together with donations sent directly to me. Thanks to everybody who contributed to this magnificent result.

The money was sent via All We Can formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund who are responding to the Ebola crisis in West Africa through their emergency partner, the ACT Alliance.

In Liberia, ACT partner the Lutheran Church in Liberia is providing food for quarantined communities and families of victims of Ebola and hygiene supplies including soap and chlorine for hand washing to help prevent infection. They are also raising awareness to help communities understand how Ebola is contracted and prevent infection and providing psychosocial support for Ebola survivors, their families, community members, and service providers, to help people cope with very challenging situations.

In Sierra Leone, ACT partner the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone is also providing hand washing materials to prevent infection and supporting awareness-raising activities in communities.

2014 Christmas Tree Festival

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival so successful. Without the help from all the volunteers of the Church who put in such long hours it would not be possible for it to take place. The judges and The Mayor and Mayoress all had a wonderful time viewing the trees. A big thank you to Claire for her support and enthusiasm.

Judges choice:

1st Place Nutty Knitters. - £50 2nd Place. Rotary Club of Fareham - £25

Peoples choice: Nutty Knitters - £25

WI class 1st Place Fareham Town 2nd Place Wallington 3rd. Place Morning-tide

All the charities also received £56.48p for their trees.

We hope to hold our 15th Festival on Dec 3rd, 4th & 5th

Alan & Janice Sargent

VESTRY JOTTINGS

From your stewards an urgent request, Annual Church meeting is Sunday March 1st, and at this meeting your steward team for the next 12 months will be voted in. Ian having served his 6 years will be standing down, we are therefore seeking your help. Would you like to be a steward? It is not onerous and can be fun, the only need is that you have to be a Church member, if you would like more information please come and ask us, we are friendly and would love your support.

Antony Hollinghurst has made us aware that his six years of office as treasurer will be up in September 2015 and though he is willing to carry on for a short while and see a new person into the role, he would like to step down from this important job . We need to look for someone interested in taking on this role. Does this interest you? For more information either ask Antony or a steward for the job description produced by Antony.

Please come to the Annual church meeting to find out more about 'church life'

We look forward to Easter now. If we can help in any way please ask.

Maggie

Lent

We will be running a Lent Course this year on Thursday mornings 26th February to 26th March starting at 10.30. We could meet at Coffee Centre for a drink first.

We will be using the York Courses material "Praise Him" exploring 5 different Songs of Praise in the New Testament - what they tell us about God and Jesus and reflecting on what they tell us about ourselves and our faith. It may be possible to offer an evening session if there is sufficient demand. If you would like a copy of the course booklet the cost is £3.49.

I will put a sheet in the Welcome Area if you are hoping to come, to give us an idea of numbers.

Linda Press

A message from Kwadwo Forson who worshipped with us while training at HMS Collingwood Summer 2013 (I think)

I thank God all the Fareham church members are doing very well. Myself, my wife and our lovely baby girl are doing great too. My baby girl is called NICOLE POKUA FORSON-ADABOH and her current weight is 5 kg. My regards to every one.



Healing Ministry at Fareham Methodist Church

For many years there has been a Healing Prayer Group at Fareham and many of you have used the group when you, your family or friends have experienced illness, bereavement or other difficulties. In addition to this we have recently reintroduced healing services that provide the space to particularly focus on the subject of Christian healing and wholeness and the opportunity to offer prayer for those in need of God's healing touch. The next of these will be on Sunday 8th February at 2.30pm. (It is hoped that in due course we shall share some services with friends at Stubbington and Portchester Methodist Churches.)

Building on this, the Healing Prayer Group would like to make themselves more available to serve you each Sunday at Fareham when we meet for worshipping in our morning services. You may have already noticed Joan Padley, Una Peters, Bob Temple and John Smith wearing badges that identify them as members of the Healing Prayer Group. Each week after the service, at least one of them will be available in church in the area just in front of the pulpit, to be a listening ear and willing to pray with you if you so wish. Please be assured that they will hold any conversation in confidence and will only share any information with others in the prayer group, or myself, with your express permission.

We hope that this will meet some of the ongoing needs of our church community and support our life together as we seek to continue to love and care for one another.

Rev Claire

User Group AGM

The annual meeting for all groups who meet on the premises is at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th March in the Wickham Room. Can all group leaders please ensure that every group is represented at the meeting.

Many thanks, Linda Foster

The members of the Fareham Stroke Club wish to thank everyone for the kind welcome to the Christmas Tree Festival and for the superb tea organised for us by Sheila and Margaret during a very busy time of the Festival. It was a lovely afternoon.

Lynda Young



Wednesday, 11th February 2015

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Temptation!

4.00pm – 6.00pm

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



See us on Facebook

It only seems like last month!

It is hard to believe that Messy Church will be celebrating its 3rd birthday this month. After months of planning the first session was held on February 8th 2012 using the theme “Love God” based on the parable of the two sons. At 15.30, most of us were silently praying that some families would



walk through the door. 7 adults and 14 children arrived much to our relief. Over the last three years, families have come and gone but we still have a nucleus of familiar faces. Our team has grown from nine helpers to twenty-one regulars plus two teenage girls working for their Duke of Edinburgh’s award. Some of the older children are also helping with the activities and setting the tables for our meal. We regularly have between 75 and 95 people attending the session - this includes the helpers!

Our next session, on Wednesday, February 11th, is about “Temptation” and the theme will be used for All Age Worship the following Sunday, February 15th. This will give you an opportunity to see and experience Messy Church. All of us in the Messy Church Team are looking forward to greeting you as you arrive for the service.

Garry Bagshaw, on behalf of the Messy Church Team

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

Our meetings commence at 2.00pm in the Wickham Room unless otherwise stated.

Tea is available from 1.45pm.

February 11th YHA with Andrew Wilcock

February 25th Fund Raising Afternoon Tea in the Church at 3.00pm
 Proceeds to the Bulgarian Partnership

Annual Church Meeting – the life of our church

Our Annual Church Meeting (ACM) this year will take place after a shorter morning service of Holy Communion on March 1st. Along with the usual reports, we will elect stewards for the coming year and representatives from the congregation to Church Council. We currently have at least two vacancies (there may yet be more) for folk from our congregation to be part of Church Council. If you are a church member and interested in this role then please contact myself or one of the church stewards. We shall also be seeing a video presentation put together by Malcolm Groom that will show the vibrancy and diversity of our church life together. Lastly, there will be an opportunity to share in discussion about Holy Communion and the different ways we experience this sacrament in our services.

We have seen some changes in our church life throughout the year. The Outreach Group has been replaced by the Church and Community Group and a small number of people from that newly formed group have met together to think about how we might reach out to the elderly in our community. See Garry Bagshaw for more details if you are interested in developing these ideas further. We are also looking at different ways in which we can develop the prayer life of our church. Bobby Watson has been looking at this and, again, speak to her if you are interested in developing ideas in this area of our church life and ministry.

For the last 40 years or so Thursday mornings have been Coffee Centre at Fareham led by Jill Race and a team of helpers. Jill now feels that the time has come to finish her involvement with this initiative and move on to other things.

Her last morning on duty will be the 19th March. Church Council agreed that the Thursday coffee morning was not something that we wanted to end. Linda Foster has kindly agreed to work with others to see how it can continue on a regular basis (though not necessarily with the same structure). Please get in touch with her if you are interested in being part of this.

There are lots of opportunities to get involved. Your church needs YOU.

Rev. Claire



Food Allergies and Intolerances

As from last December it has become law that ALL food served or sold to the general public must have all ingredients, and especially any ALLERGENS, listed & easily identifiable. This affects all food producers, but especially those, for Mini Market, Thursday Coffee, Messy Church, Lunches and makers of breads, cakes, jams, preserves to be sold at fund raising events or fairs.

The 14 ALLERGENS are:

CELERY includes celery stalks, leaves & seeds and celeriac

CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN includes wheat (such as spelt & Khorasan wheat/ Kamut) rye, barley & oats

CRUSTACEANS includes crabs, lobster, prawns, shrimps & scampi

EGGS

FISH (found in Worcester sauce and some stock cubes)

LUPIN includes lupin seeds & flour

MILK (found in butter ,cheese, cream, milk powders and yoghurt)

MOLLUSCS includes mussels, land snails, squid & whelks

MUSTARD includes liquid mustard, mustard powder& mustard seeds

NUTS includes almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashews, pecan nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio nuts, macadamia or Queensland nuts

PEANUTS (found in groundnut oil & peanut flour)

SESAME SEEDS

SOYA (found in bean-curd, edamame beans, miso paste, textured soya protein, soya flour & tofu)

I am very aware that some may be put off by this new regulation but I promise you it is not so difficult. To make this as easy as possible I am putting in place the following actions which have been endorsed by the Church Council:

All meal producing teams will nominate one person to be responsible for collecting and having knowledge of ingredients and allergens in the food being served

Ingredient/Allergen check lists available and to be completed for ALL HOME produced foods and handed to the responsible person

Any breads, cakes, jams, chutneys for sale to be labelled with all ingredients and allergens identified

Lists of the 14 allergens to be displayed in both kitchens

Notice to Public kept in both kitchens and displayed by hatches during meal times / open hours

If you require any further information please contact me at church or by phone on 01329 842646 or visit the Food Standards Agency web site

www.food.gov.uk/allergy

Lynda Haydon-Jones

SUNDAY LUNCH 15th FEBRUARY 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 Cedar Oak Charity. 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: Chicken breast in gravy or Canadian lemon Chicken, sausages, Roast Potatoes, Selection of Vegetables.

Puddings: Variety



Whilst stewarding at the Christmas Tree Festival I met and spoke to Jessica Greenwood a fundraiser for the Rainbow Centre. She explained to me how this year will be 25 years since the centre began and how

they are aiming to organize 25 different fundraising activities to celebrate this milestone. One of these is to be coffee mornings and I offered to host one at our church.

It is planned to hold this on Thursday 12th March from 9.30am, on a usual coffee morning but there will be a raffle and some information on the work of the Rainbow Centre.

Please bring your friends and support this event. Also if you have an item to contribute to the raffle then that would be good..

www.rainbowcentre.org

Ruth Elvery

MONDAY MARKET

Thank you to all those who regularly support the Church Monday Market stall, those who purchase and those who contribute items of china/bri-a-brac for sale.

We are doing well at the moment and therefore will appreciate any items that you no-longer have a use for. Maybe it is time to 'de-clutter'!.

Thank you for your support.

Janice Collins

The Rainbow Centre celebrates New Year

The New Year marks a strong start for The [Rainbow Centre](#), as it begins celebrations and activities, which will continue throughout the year to commemorate our 25 year anniversary. The centre, which has a long-standing legacy of helping children and adults to gain greater independence and mobility, despite many being advised that this would not be possible, is pleased to continue to offer this support through a unique form of learning called [Conductive Education](#).

In March of last year, the centre found itself at crisis point and launched an appeal to ensure that its vital service, which spans from Surrey to the Isle of Wight and Poole across to Chichester, would continue to help vulnerable children and adults. Thanks to the generosity of the public and business community, the centre raised a final total of £200,000 and also increased its attendee numbers. Centre Director, Lara Bull comments: “The success of our appeal was incredible and it has meant that we are entering our anniversary year in a far stronger position financially than we have seen for quite some time.”

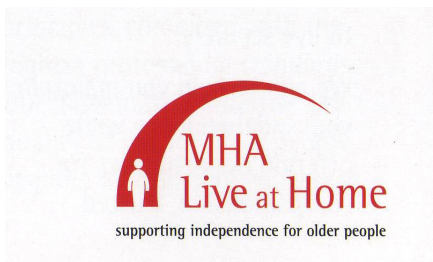
“The demand for our service is continuing to grow and through raised awareness, fundraising support, the recent introduction of the SEND Local Offer, and our link with [Action Cerebral Palsy](#), we believe that with time, the centre could expand its service to the wider community via an outreach programme for both children and adults. We are also researching whether a holiday club during school holidays would be useful to parents, as there appears to be a shortage of this type of support for disabled children in the region.”

Rainbow has so many wonderful plans lined up for this year – from our [Burns Night Supper](#) on 30th January to “25” challenges such as coffee mornings, sponsored slims and sky dives, to a centre open day and end of year ball; we are determined to make this a truly memorable 25 year anniversary.

We are delighted that our numbers of adult and children attendees have grown since the appeal, but would stress that we do still have capacity to take more attendees from as young as 6 months to 70+, so if you are struggling with one of the disabilities we support or know someone who has just been diagnosed, please put them in contact with the centre for an initial conversation on how we might be able to support them.

To follow the [Rainbow Centre](#) and keep up to date on events, progress and the children and adults please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

CIRCUIT NEWS



**SKITTLES NIGHT
AT
BRIDGEMARY METHODIST CHURCH
GREGSON AVE
PO13 0PP**



**SATURDAY 21st. FEBRUARY 2015
6PM.
EVERYONE WELCOME
£3**

**THE SKITTLE ALLEY IS AVAILIABLE FOR HIRE.
FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

e mail jeanplummer47@ntlworld.com

PHONEJEAN PLUMMER 02392 430657

TOPICS OF INTEREST



E News

Paris terrorist attack

The Methodist Church fully supports the statement below, issued by the [Council of Christians and Jews](#) concerning the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack on 7 January 2015.

"The Council of Christians and Jews wishes to express its horror at the terrorist attack on the offices of the Parisian magazine Charlie Hebdo, and joins with those organisations of all faiths which have offered deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those murdered. In these unstable times, we offer our prayers for all victims of terror throughout the world and look with hope to those working for peace and justice."

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I am writing to let you know about a new magazine called *the connexion*. This new venture aims to improve communications across the Connexion, by letting people know what is going on, sharing ideas and inspiring us all.

Previous connexional magazines have always struggled with the question of distribution, so we are trying something different this time. We are sending three copies to a variety of office holders drawn from the connexional database, and I ask you to keep one copy for your home and pass the other two on to friends at church.

If you want to find out more, [please check out the website](#). We are committed to producing three editions this connexional year: the next will be in April, and then a third in September. We will then decide its future, so please let me know what you think: the-connexitor@methodistchurch.org.uk

A reflection from this new magazine can be read on the inside back cover Page 23.

Women's World Day Of Prayer



On **Friday 6th March** an estimated 3 million people, in over 170 countries, will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from The Bahamas and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects. In the British Isles alone over 5,000 services will be held. The day will begin when the sun rises over the island of Samoa, and continue until it sets off the coast of American Samoa some 35 hours later.

The theme of the service is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 13 verse 17, 'Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?"' and it challenges us to demonstrate the same radical, unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples. The Bahamas consists of over 700 islands, scattered over 100,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean, only a small proportion of which are inhabited. It refers to itself as a 'family of islands' and in the service the needs of the smallest islands are given as much prominence as those of the larger ones.

This year the services in Fareham are being held at **St Peter & St Paul at 3pm and 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend the service, men, women - people of all ages.

Linda Foster

Transport

I propose a meeting on Thursday 12th February, 10.30am, at the church coffee morning for any like minded people who are interested in the many aspects of transport. The aim of the meeting would be to discuss the various areas of interest such as rail, road, air and sea transport with a view to forming a group to share and experience the subject together. So if you like vehicle rallies, rail festivals or air pageants come and have a chat on the 12th February. Tony Elvery



HIGH TIME



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+ RAFFLE**

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**COMPLIMENTARY
DRINK**

**15 FEBRUARY 2015, 7PM
THE SLUG AND LETTUCE**

West Street Fareham

In aid of Holy Trinity
Church High Time
Restoration Appeal

TICKETS The Slug and Lettuce, Fareham
Holy Trinity: office@htscf.org.uk/01329 232688
Community Action Fareham, 163 West Street
Tourist Information, Westbury Manor, 84 West Street



ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



SEEING AND UNDERSTANDING

Many people had seen the steam lift the lid of a kettle, but it took a James Watt to see it and go on to think of that power becoming a steam engine. It is all a matter of how we see things. We could see something a thousand times and not make the connection.

Jesus explained why he taught with parables, stories that explain some-thing in simple ways to do with everyday life that people of the time would recognise. He explained that it was because people look without seeing, and listen without understanding (Matthew chapter 13, verses 13-14).

We all do this, and that is why we need other people to help us learn more about what the stories in the Bible mean. People who can explain and help us to see with 'new eyes'.

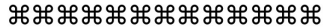


SEEING THE WORDS

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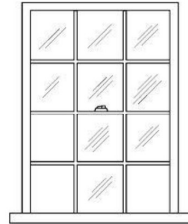
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 S C O O S T G G R W
 A H L O I U O G E E
 G A M E N E U G O V

* clock * eyes * game * glasses *
goggles * lens * picture * scene
* spectacles * television * video *
view * watch



What gadget do we use to see through a wall?

A window.



Optician: What can you see out of the window?

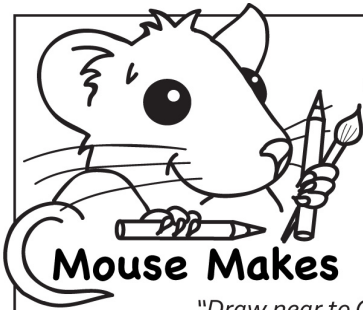
Patient: Only the sun.

Optician: How far do you want to see, then?

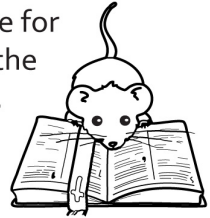
Optician: You need glasses.

Patient: But I'm wearing glasses.

Optician: Then I need glasses.



The 40 days before Easter are called **LENT**. Lent is a time for Christians to pray, read the bible and turn to God.



"Draw near to God"
James 4:8

During Lent read
Matthew's Gospel



The first day of Lent is **ASH WEDNESDAY**

It is a day of **repentance**, a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

"Love God with all your heart, mind and soul"
Matthew 22:37



LENT CALENDAR
Colour in a square each day to Easter

JESUS IS RISEN



ALLELUIA!

		1 ASH WEDNESDAY	2			
		5	4	3		
20	19	6	7	8	9	10
21	18	17	16	15	14	11
22	23	24	25	26	13	12
		29	28	27		
		30	31	32		
		35	34	33		
		36	37	38		
		40 PALM SUNDAY	39			



During Lent **pray** for someone, **encourage** someone and **tell** someone about Jesus

Tuesday	Monday		
Wednesday			
Thursday			

The Lord is here,
His spirit is with us



Saturday



DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 9.30 M Market	3 9.45 Parent and Toddlers 20.00 Ladies Night	4 19.00 Guides	5 9,30 Coffee Centre 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing Grp	6	7
9 9.30 M Market	10 9.45 Parent and Toddlers	11 14.00 Wed Fellowship 16.00 Messy Church 19.00 Guides 19.30 PAX H Grp.	12 9,30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Transport grp 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing Grp	13	14
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MARCH 2 9.30 M Market	3 9.45 Parent and Toddlers 20.00 Ladies Night	4 19.00 Guides	5 9,30 Coffee 10.30 Lent Grp. 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing Grp 19.30 User grp AGM	6 Women's World day of Prayer St Peter&Paul Church 13.00 Fri.lunch	7

The diary dates as provided on these pages 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 Weaver, The Word and Wisdom

In the beginning, The Weaver, The Word and Wisdom
moving in relationship together,
caught a vision of potential,
a glimpse of possibility, and,
with tentative steps, creation's dance began.

Creation was shot through with the generosity of the Weaver's grace.
The rhythm of life's passion played loudly
as a constant beat at the heart of myriad universes.

Against this universal backdrop the Word moved
and became free, small and intimate..
In the cry of a child, the song of a woman
and the shout of a dying man.
The Word's voice added melody to the Weaver's song.

In the midst of confusion, absence and loss,
Wisdom found her way.
She had danced with the Weaver's threads, throughout all time,
weaving a maypole dance of energetic passion.
She added harmony to the beat and the melody
and composed a symphony of colour.

If creation for a single moment fails to hear The Weaver's rhythm,
or misses The Word's intimate melody.
then Wisdom will dance through the silence
Until all that is joins in love's rejoicing..

An extract from the connexion magazine Winter 2015

By Revd Michaela Youngson, Chair of the London District of the Methodist Church

DOOR STEWARDS

FEBRUARY

1st 10.30 Janice Collins and Brenda Bennett
8th 10.30 Liz Avison and Irene Russell
15th 10.30 Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
22nd 10.30 Sue and Bob Metcalf

MARCH

1st 10.30 Judith Bramall and Keith Sargeant

REFRESHMENT ROTA

FEBRUARY

1st Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long
8th Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock
15th Brownies and Guides
22nd Una Peters, Pat and Tony Pickering

MARCH

1st Jean and Mike Petter & Anne Isom

FLOWER ROTA

FEBRUARY

1st Irene Russell
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15th Mary Bailey
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