

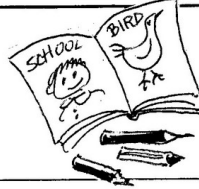
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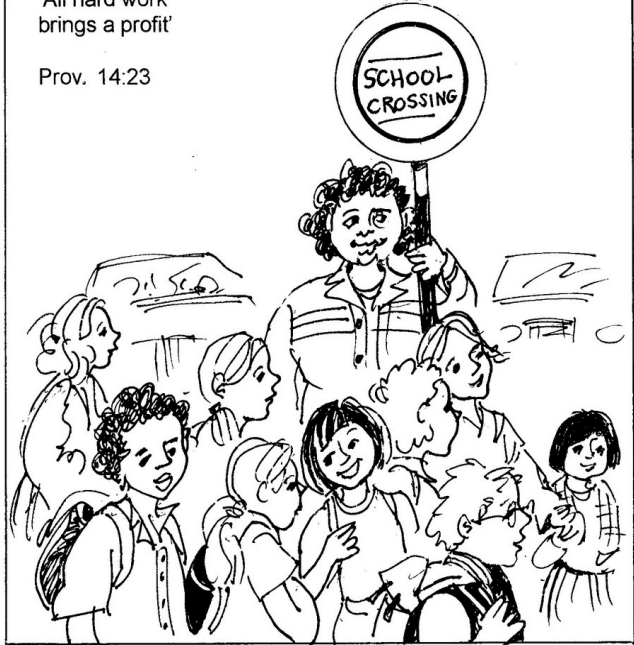
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'All hard work
brings a profit'

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SEPT

6th 10.30 Revd Claire Simpson Communion and Covenant
15.00 Worship in the Woods a Circuit picnic at
Q.E .Country Park
13th 10.30 Miss Jean Hooper
17th 14.30 Red House Service
20th 10.30 Revd Ernie Grimshaw Harvest and All Age
27th 10.30 Mr John Dowdell
18.00 Rev Claire Simpson Iona Communion

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4th 10.30 Revd Claire Simpson Family Communion

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

6th Sept	Andrew Wilcock	10.30	Trinity
20th Sept	Tracy Cooper	10.30	Gosport
27th Sept	Andrew Wilcock	10.00	Bridgemary
4th Oct	Andrew Wilcock	10.30	Copnor

Dear friends

I hope that you have had an opportunity for a change of routine and some relaxation over the summer months. As some of you know, this year we spent part of our holiday in London seeing some of the tourist attractions and sights of the capital. One of the places that we visited was the Imperial War Museum. We spent many hours there and still only saw about half of the exhibitions on offer. The most moving experience was to walk around the exhibition that detailed the dreadful events of the Holocaust in which a staggering 11 million people died. Six million were Jews but other groups were targeted too by Hitler and his Nazi regime such as Jehovah's witnesses, homosexuals, people with disabilities and Roma communities.

The exhibition included many first-hand experiences of Jews who had suffered so terribly. One reflection spoken by a Jewish survivor of Auschwitz said 'We need to learn tolerance, celebrate difference and learn to live alongside people of all faiths and none'. And secondly, a quote from Edmund Burke (1729-1797, an Irish political theorist and philosopher) which read 'for evil to triumph it's only necessary for good men to do nothing'. Neither quote really needs much explanation. Both are just as true today as they were at the time they were first expressed and are as relevant to the world in which we live now as they were then. Both also remind us that we have an individual responsibility to work for good and to lead by example. One of the most chilling things about the Holocaust is that, in many ways, it was one man's ideology that began it all. So the reverse is true too. One person's act of kindness; demonstration of tolerance; standing up against an evil can be the catalyst for others to do the same and an inspiration to others to always work for good. The words of Matthew's gospel Ch.25 v31-40 make it very clear that small acts of goodness, kindness and understanding between fellow human beings do not go unnoticed by God because he feels the goodness, kindness and understanding Himself: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me'.

CHURCH NEWS

Vestry Jottings

We wish you all a Happy New Methodist Year! As we all settle in after the summer season we thank everyone who has made the summer events so successful.

This month we celebrate Harvest during All Age Worship, the service will be led by Rev Ernie Grimshaw and I am sure it will be interesting and enjoyable. Please read Sheila's note in this magazine as to who will receive our gifts and how we can help with what we bring.

Finally please can I remind everyone to take extreme care when using the parking area adjacent to the Church. There are protocols for entering and exiting the space, if you are unsure of these please ask a member of the property team.

If we can help in any way please contact a member of the team

Brownies

Thanks to Kate and Roxanne for all their help and leadership during the day out at Southsea and the sleepover on 13th August..

Alison

Thanks should also go to Alison -Brown Owl who leads not only Brownies but Parent and Toddlers as well. She has devoted so much time and energy for many years and has been unfailing in her dedication. Well done Alison.. We wish you all a good year as you start back after the Summer break..

The Holiday at Home

We would like to express our thanks to Garry and her team and to Linda Haydon-Jones and all who helped her for organising the "Holiday at Home day". All who attended had an enjoyable day, full of good food, fun and laughter. It truly was a mini-holiday. Garry hinted that a similar day may be forthcoming in the New Year, and many of us are already looking forward to it. So on behalf of all who attended from Faregrove Court, a very big

Action for Children

Thanks to all who contribute, donate, or fund-raise for Action for Children. So far this year we have raised:



£95.20 from the coffee morning

£31.40 from Eric's cards and pictures

£159.49 from League of Light home collection boxes.

We also have had donations from Mini-market, Wednesday Fellowship and Sunday lunches.

Keep up the good work and if anyone has any ideas to raise money let me know.

We still have some home collection boxes if anyone would like one.

Catherine Stevenson

At the Jubilee 77 Football Presentation Evening held on Saturday 04 July, Ben and Sam (Smith) were each awarded 'Players' Player of the Year' prize in their respective teams. Well done Ben and Sam.



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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 10.00 to 11.45 am



Wednesday, 9th September 2015
Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road,
Fareham PO16 0NU
The biggest party ever!
4.00pm – 6.00pm



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

SUNDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS ROTA

We shall shortly be preparing the new rota for 2016. This is a good opportunity to thank our loyal team which has served us so well during the past year. Some of our helpers have had to resign owing to other commitments and so far we have been fortunate in finding replacements. Even so, it would be great to welcome extra volunteers to take a turn in the welcome-area kitchen- it would mean only 3 or at most 4 duties each year and if a date proves to be difficult, it is always possible to swap with another person on the list. So, if you think that you might be able to help in this way, please have a word with me or Tony as soon as you are able. .Incidentally, it is a good way of getting to meet people whom you don't already know! Thank you.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

I give below details of Wednesday Fellowship for September. Unfortunately the full Autumn Programme is not yet complete.

Sept. 9th Open Meeting. To discuss ideas for future programmes and the Christmas Tree Festival

Sept. 23rd Annual General Meeting.

Shirley Henderson

A Platinum Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Cyril and Margaret Fielder who will celebrate their 70 th Wedding Anniversary on 22 September 2015. What an achievement! We send you our love.

When we moved to Havant four years ago, we knew that at some time in the future we would need to give up the car. Sadly that time has arrived and we need to find a local church. You can imagine how upset we are for we have worshipped with you for fifty years. We have wonderful memories of Fareham Methodist, the spiritual guidance, the fellowship, the friendship and the fun. So many thanks for all we have shared with you. Thank you also to Eric for bringing us flowers and for staying to have a chat.

SUNDAY LUNCH 20th September 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 for **MHA** this month. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Greek salad

Main Course: Baked Gammon, Cheese and onion pie, Roast Potatoes, , Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

Healing Study Group

The next healing study group will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 10 am at Joan and Jeff's house.

Rita Jackson

Stroke Club

The Stroke Club members say 'thank you' once again to Shirley Henderson for her latest donation to the club. We thank you for time you give each Monday to run your stall at Mini-Market, on our behalf. Thank you too to everyone who supports your stall.

Lynda Young

Reporters Wanted

Reporters for Focus. If you have been anywhere interesting, or have had an interesting experience, then please write it down and email it or post it to the Editor. Your contributions are welcomed.

Havant Passion Play

Tony and I visited Havant Park on 16th August to see the Passion Play, that had been planned over a period of two years by local churches and Christians.

It was a lovely sunny afternoon and the park was a perfect setting amongst the trees. There were several stage areas and the actors also moved among the audience at times, creating a very real atmosphere.

It was explained at the beginning that the events that would take

place were, as described in Luke's Gospel and it was lovely to hear familiar words so movingly presented. The costumes were amazing and Jesus especially, was just as I imagined him to be.



One of the most moving points of the afternoon for me, was the fact that a huge cloud

came over and just at the point of the crucifixion, the sky was really black and the light level had dropped. Now how did they manage that?

Garry visited on the Saturday and she says "At the end of the play, many of the cast and the crew came into the audience to share the peace with us with tears streaming down their faces. It was an amazing experience. I really don't know how to express my thanks to everyone who was involved in staging the play.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

The Basics Bank in Fareham will be receiving the gifts from our Harvest Festival this year. Any fresh produce will be sold at Mini-Market on Monday 21st September and the proceeds will also go to the Basics Bank:

Small chocolate bars; biscuits; jam; squash; coffee; toiletries including shampoo and conditioner, together with the usual basic necessities will be very welcome.

We will be setting up the Harvest Display on Saturday the 19th from 9.30 to 12 noon and would be pleased to receive your contributions during that time.

Coffee and biscuits will be available! Sheila Dyer

What have the Sermons of John Wesley ever done for us?

East Fareham Housegroup, inspired by the above title of an article, in the Methodist Recorder, have decided to spend the next few months looking at some of these sermons. Our first attempt will be on Wednesday 30th September when we will have looked at "**The Means of Grace**" before the meeting. The sermons are available on the internet via the link <http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/the-sermons-of-john-wesley-1872-edition/> where it is numbered 16. (In the book of Wesley's Sermons it is numbered 12.)

As you read it may help if you highlight passages you find inspiring! passages you do not understand! passages you disagree with!



CIRCUIT NEWS

Drayton United Church are hosting a ‘**Singing the Faith**’ weekend on **September 26th/27th**. We are privileged to have Rev. Ian Worsfold and Rev. Paul Wood to lead the weekend, both of whom helped to compile the new hymn book and have also contributed to it. We do hope that people from around the Circuit will want to take the opportunity to be part of the event.



This is an opportunity to learn more about our hymn book, which many of our churches are already using and others are considering purchasing. Come and learn some hymns and songs that may be new to you. Find out how the hymn book came about and how it has been put together. Ask questions about the book or about individual hymns and find out about the most useful way to use the hymn book.

The programme will be:

Saturday 26th September: Workshops from **2.30pm - 6.30pm** with a break for tea and fellowship.

Sunday 27th September: Ian and Paul will lead morning worship at Drayton

We do hope that people from your church will want to join us for the workshops on the Saturday afternoon – to sing or just to listen. There is no charge but we would like to know how many people from your church wish to come so that we have an idea of numbers for tea.

Please could you either phone Helen de Ville on (023)9237 6057 or email her at:- helende-ville@yahoo.co.uk

Please could you let us know at the latest by Monday 14th September.



**East Solent and Downs Circuit
2nd Anniversary**

Worship in the Woods

Sunday, September 6th 2015

**The Meadow, Queen Elizabeth Country Park
Horndean PO8 0QE
(off the A3 just before Petersfield)
15.00 – 18.00**

A number of activities will be available for all ages.
Bring your picnic tea and chairs.
The afternoon will conclude with worship.

If wet, the event will be held at Hart Plain Church, Hart Plain Ave,
Waterlooville PO8 8RG.

The Meadow has been booked for our use but is not a contained area.
A road runs along the western perimeter and there is a gravel path-
way passing through the area.

The Meadow is accessible from the main car park and café via a
gravel path, which is flat. It takes about 3 minutes to reach the
Meadow and has been tested by three people with walking difficul-
ties.

Toilets are available at the Visitor Centre.

There will be no on-field car parking unless by prior arrangement -
contact Garry Bagshaw (01329 845978).

The Children's Playground will be unsupervised.

An area will be set aside for games.

Please remember to bring sun hats and sun cream if it is a warm day.



Steve Wild - President of the Conference

In his inaugural address at the Conference in Southport, the Revd Steve Wild challenged each Methodist church in Britain to aim to bring just one person to faith in the coming year, saying: "Let's take God seriously. I want to help us in the task of evangelism, to put mission on the agenda and give our churches an aim to win a person for Christ."

"We cannot sit back in complacency," he added. "We have a massive kingdom of God task. I'm wanting this year to challenge each church to bring one person to faith - to make one new member this next year, let's make bringing people to faith the main point, we don't do it alone. The unconditional love of Jesus is our motivation."

He told those gathered at the Conference that John Wesley only had ten guineas to his name when he died. Wesley's will directed that four of these guineas should pay four unemployed men to carry his coffin and the remainder be distributed among his poorest preachers.

"What else did he leave behind?" Steve asked. "Changed lives hundreds of them, Christian communities dotted all over this country and in other parts of the world, fellowships seeking to take God seriously. Oh that we may all draw to the foot of the cross and experience this powerful love and make this our legacy one of trans-

Poverty is personal. So is the solution.



Methodist
relief and
development

All We Can (formerly MRDF) exists to help people in the world's poorest communities become all that they can.

It works with talented local partners - community organisations, churches, and individuals - people rooted in poor communities, who understand local problems and are passionate about solving them. Its activities include:

- long-term development
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- campaigning against the causes of poverty
- education and advocacy

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Receive the latest news from All We Can's partners working in some of the world's poorest communities, campaign actions and new resources to inspire you and your church.

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ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



St GILES

St Giles was a hermit, someone who lived a quiet life of prayer away from other people. His special day is 1st September and he lived in a forest near Arles in France, sometime in the 9th century.



The story goes that he had a pet deer. One day the King was hunting in the forest and shot an arrow at this deer.

When the huntsmen found the deer it was in a woodland clearing with St Giles. The saint himself was wounded by the arrow and held the deer in his arms - and all around them were the hunting dogs, silent and still as if held by an invisible power.

St Giles is the patron saint of cripples and beggars. His emblem is an arrow and in the United Kingdom there are over 150 churches dedicated to him.

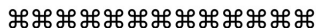


WOODLAND WORDS

Can you find all these words from the forest? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

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

* ant * badger * butterfly * deer *
fox * grass * holly * ivy * moss *
mushrooms * oak * snake *
sycamore * toadstools * worm *



**Did you hear about the car
with the wooden wheels and
wooden engine?**

It wooden go.

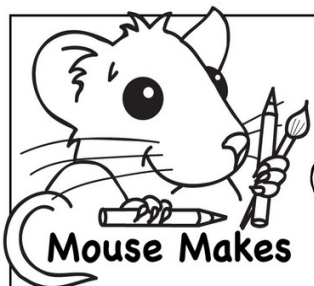
**What is the smallest ant in the
world?**

An infant.

**What do
ants take
when
they're ill?**

Antibiotics.





HARVEST PRAISE

"Shout out praises to the Lord all the earth!
 Worship the Lord with joy! ...
 Acknowledge that the Lord is God ...
 ... Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**
 and His courts with praise!
 Give Him thanks! **Praise** His name.
 For the Lord is good, His loyal love endures
 and He is faithful through
 all generations."
 - from Psalm 100

Use the picture clues to solve the harvest
 crossword puzzle, then using the words
 in **bold** from the Bible quotes,
 fill in the remaining squares

"May the people praise you God...
 The land yields its harvest,
 God, our God blesses us"
 - from Psalm 67

FLOWER MINISTRY

Thank you to Joan for bringing the lovely flowers and cheering us up and for all your thoughts and prayers.

Eric and Shirley Grant

Thank you for the beautiful flowers brought to me on our “Diamond Anniversary” and to Liz for taking the time to stop and chat.

Mavis Parish

Thank you for the flowers and to Joan for staying to chat. It was really uplifting to receive such good wishes following Marion’s accident.

Dennis and Marion Bright

Gerald and Jean Everitt wish to thank Fareham Methodist Church for the lovely flowers delivered last week by Mary Bailey following the death of Jean's brother on the 15th June. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for the lovely church flowers-red roses and lilies-they were such a joy to me. A special thanks to Mary Bailey for bringing them to me, and staying for a chat.

With love Maude

Vic Collins says thank you for all the cards and good wishes and for the lovely flowers delivered by Liz

Shortly the 2016 flower providers rota will appear on the display board in the corridor. If you are willing to donate flowers for Sunday morning worship, please sign on the calendar date of your choice. Many thanks again to those who have provided flowers for 2015, and to those who arranged them. In fact there are still a few gaps left for this year, especially in December.

Mary and Irene.

DIARY DATES FOR SEPT

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31 Bank Holiday	SEPT 1 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 19.30 Church & Community meeting	2	3 10.00 Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer Circle 10.30 Transport enthusiasts 17.30 Brownies	4	5
7 9.30 Mini-Market	8 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	9 14.00 Wed Fellowship 16.00 Messy Church	10 10.00 Coffee Centre 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	11	12
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The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided 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..

I Live Alone

I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side
In all my daily needs be Thou my guide
Grant me good health for that I pray
To carry on my work from day to day
Keep close my heart my every deed
Let me be caring in my neighbours' need
I live alone dear Lord, yet have no fear
As I feel your presence ever near.

Thank you Brenda for finding this poem!

Beneath the Boughs

What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight, Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance, And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

DOOR STEWARDS

SEPT 6th Brenda Bennett and Janice Collins
 13th Bessie and Daniel Taabu
 20th Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
 27th Bobby and Patrick Watson
 18.00 Eric Wheeler or Bobby or Patrick
OCT 4th Amber and James Terry

REFRESHMENT ROTA

SEPT 6th Ruth and Tony Elvery
 13th Shirley and Keith Sargeant and Peggy Long
 20th Brownies and Guides
 27th Marilyn Woodrow and Elizabeth Wilcock
OCT 4th Una Peters, Pat and Tony Pickering

FLOWER ROTA

SEPT 6th Marion Bright
 13th Jose Barnes
 20th Bob and Margaret Temple
 27th Shirley Sargeant
OCT 4th Joan and Jeff Padley

PRESS DATE

All items for the Oct. Focus should be emailed to ruthelvery@yahoo.co.uk or if this is not possible placed in the box in the Welcome Area by noon of **Thurs 24th Sept.**

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