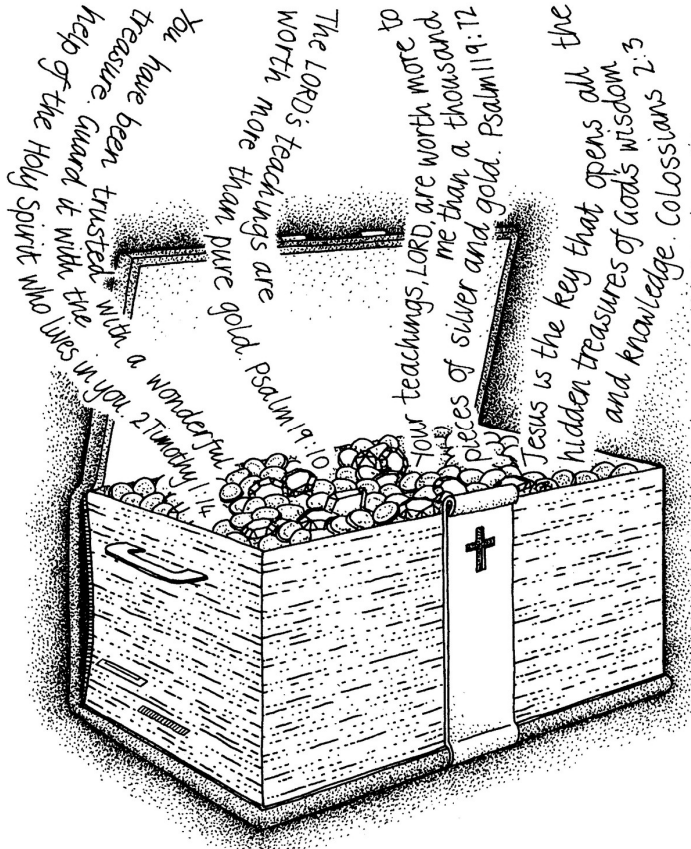


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OCT

4th	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson	Family Communion
11th	10.30	Mr Geoff Paffett	
	15.00	Revd Bill Stillwell	Healing & wholeness
15th	14.30	Red House Service	
18th	10.30	Mrs Christine Hargrave	All age
25th	10.30	Cathy Elvy	
	18.00	Revd Claire Simpson	Iona Communion

NOV

1st	10.30	Revd Jeanette Richardson	Holy Communion
	15.00	Revd Claire Simpson	Remembrance of loved ones

LOCAL PREACHERS' & TEAM APPOINTMENTS

4th Oct	Andrew Wilcock	10.30	Copnor
11th Oct	Fareham Team	10.45	Lee on Solent
18th Oct	Andrew Wilcock	10.00	Drayton
1st Nov	Fareham Team	10.15	Stubbington

Dear friends,

The season of harvest and autumn is upon us and as Mr Kipling would say it is a ‘season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ (or was that Keats?!). Harvest is a season and not just one celebratory day. In Doncaster, we have friends who are farmers who often claim that the church celebrates harvest a little early so, invariably, not ‘all is safely gathered in’ by the time we put our harvest displays away for another year! I love this time of year: beautifully decorated churches; a time for thanksgiving and generosity in equal measure; harvest hymns all wrapped up in a sense that the world is God’s gift to us and that the season is changing - after the work of sowing, ploughing and reaping comes the time when the land is allowed to rest a little and replenish itself.

Despite all this, I have to confess that this year I have found the harvest celebrations very bittersweet as we continue to see the suffering in our world and the most pressing issue of refugees and migrants making hazardous journeys from the Middle East and North Africa across Europe. Who can fail to be moved by the plight of so many? The faces of the young and the old reminding us of the vulnerability of all humankind when confronted by war, turmoil and hardship. It is a serious political problem that needs long term, sustainable solutions to be found. But it is also a humanitarian crisis that needs care and attention.

We cannot turn away from this need. We have a duty to help the poor and the oppressed in whatever situation they find themselves. I know that many of us have given in different ways and will continue to do so in the coming weeks and months. Can I encourage you if you have not already done so and are able, to look at the Methodist Church website (www.methodist.org.uk) as they have up-to-date pages dedicated to the migrant crisis and very helpful content under the headings ‘Pray, Reflect, Act’.

Our season of harvest reminds us that we have so much to be thankful for. Let us share what we have so that others too may know something of the abundant life that we have in Christ.
With love, Claire

CHURCH NEWS

Vestry Jottings

On behalf of the stewards, many thanks for all the contributions for harvest. I would also like to thank Sheila and her team for all their hard work.

I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a few extra services that are taking place at Fareham in the coming weeks. We have a service of healing and wholeness on the 11th Oct at 3pm to which everyone is invited.

We send all our best wishes to Rox McLean and Chris Garrett (Penny and Malcolm's son) on the occasion of their wedding on Sunday 25th Oct at 2.30pm. They and their children, Evelyn and Alyssa, are a big part of our Messy Church congregation, as well as attending and helping at Brownies.

On Sunday Nov 1st at 3.00pm there will be a Service to Remember Loved Ones. On All Saints Day we take the opportunity to remember those who we have loved and lost and pay tribute to the impact they have had on our lives. Everyone is welcome along with families that Claire has had contact with through taking funerals in this past year.

If we can help in any way please contact us

Worship Consultation.

The next meeting of the Consultation on Worship will be held at the Manse on Monday October 12th at 7.30pm. when we shall review the past 3 months services at Fareham and look at services planned until the end of the year, together with any other relevant issues.

This meeting is open to all and is your chance to have your ideas discussed. If you are unable to come, please let me have your thoughts by Oct 11th.

Rosemarie Jackson Convenor



**SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING
FOR 'ALL WE CAN'**

**IN AID OF THE REFUGEES
(INCLUDING A RAFFLE)
THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER
10.00 AM - 11.45 AM**

**FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH
KINGS ROAD FAREHAM PO16 0NU**



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

Coffee Centre every Thursday 10.00 to 11.45 am



Wednesday, October 14th 2015

Fareham Methodist Church, Kings Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Escape!

4.00pm – 6.00pm



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

See us on Facebook

A Leap of Faith - FMC Holiday at Home, Thursday, August 13th.

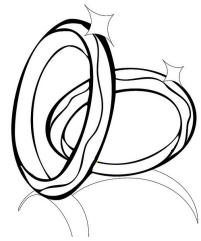
A small group of us sat in my lounge on a cold January afternoon thinking about how we could reach out to the healthy lonely and the isolated. I told them about “away days”, an idea from a Fresh Expressions Conference, and they decided to run with the concept. The idea was to promote the day via our own members who lived in sheltered housing in the town centre. Plans were made for decorating the church, activities, food and drinks etc. In the end we could only use the two halls. The large hall was transformed with garden chairs, parasols, beach towels and bunting. There were also plenty of brightly coloured balloons about the place.

Quizzes were prepared, board games dug out of cupboards, song sheets printed, films selected, pies, crumbles, biscuits and scones baked and we were ready to face the day. And then it rained! It was great to see so many people coming into the church. A few were put off by the weather but those who braved the elements soon began to relax especially when they were served with a hot drink and home-made biscuits. Most of them tackled the quiz and some went on to play “Shut the box” or “Connect 4”. Everyone enjoyed the lunch - chicken, ham and courgette bake with new potatoes and green beans followed by fruit pie or crumble.

In the afternoon we showed the film “Miss Potter” and served choc ices! This was followed by a sing song and then some more to eat – scones, home-made jam and a cup of tea. The day was enjoyed by everyone – the participants as well as the workers – and we are looking forward to planning another one, possibly after Christmas, with a pantomime rather than a film!

Garry Bagshaw

*Held over from last month due to space issues.
However it is always good to know how events are
planned and organised.*



A Golden Wedding : Many congratulations to Margaret and Michael Salkeld on the occasion of their Golden Wedding whilst on a cruise.



Wednesday Fellowship

I give below details of Wednesday Fellowship meetings for the rest of the year. Our meetings commence at 2.00pm with Tea available from 1.45pm unless otherwise stated.

Oct. 14th Margaret Salkeld will talk on Poetry

Oct. 28th Andrew Wilcock - A musical afternoon

Nov. 11th Christmas Tree Decorations

Nov. 25th Eric Wheeler will talk about his holiday in France

Dec. 9th Advent Service at 2.00pm followed by Tea and Mince Pies in the Wickham Room

New Church Access system

As you have been previously informed, we are changing our system of access into the Church, from a key to a fob system. It has been 15 years since we reviewed our access policy, and this gives us greater control on access to the premises, and helps us comply with our safeguarding requirements for young people and vulnerable adults.

Phase 1 of the Project was to install the new door in the entrance to the Welcome area, which is now complete, and the Pre School are already using the maglock to secure the Scout Shop entrance door. Phase 2 is now to set up and issue all required key holders with new fobs.

Access via this system will be available when required and not at all times of the day or night, and the property group will be working over the next few weeks with all key holders to understand their access requirements. A key will still be required for certain internal doors, such as the vestry.

It is important to understand that groups and organizations will not just be able to “pop in” to the Church at all times in the future.

A date for the change has not been confirmed, but we will give everyone plenty of notice.

Can all key holders please pick up a letter with information form from the table in the welcome area,

Penny & Lynne's News from Nuneaton!

So much has happened in the past few weeks. Our move into the Manse in Nuneaton went smoothly, with boxes unpacked within the first week! We have been overwhelmed by the cards and best wishes from family, friends and both our 'old' and our 'new' Church families! It is good to know that we are supported by the prayers of so many. Thank you!

Our 'settling in' period passed very quickly as we became familiar with our surroundings and the local area. The first challenge was to learn how to negotiate the Nuneaton Ring Road.

1st September marked the beginning of Penny's new ministry. Her welcome service at the Nuneaton Methodist Church was a wonderful celebration with great singing, and a challenging and encouraging word from the Chair of the Birmingham District.

The first few weeks have been hectic for Penny. Getting to know folk from her three churches, preaching twice each Sunday, pastoral visits and lots of meetings - plus Synod!

Then there is all the exercise – walking the dogs!

Yes, dogs!

Two days before Penny's welcome service, we became the new owners of **two** dogs! Two terriers – Duke, an 11 year old Jack Russell and Paddy, a 3 year old terrier cross (fluffball!)

So – as you can imagine – we are both kept pretty busy – and hopefully fit!

Healing Prayer Group

The next healing prayer group is on Wednesday 7th October at 10am at the home of Joan And Jeff Padley.

Rita Jackson

Tracy Cooper has moved house

She can be contacted on her new tel. no. 01489 880120

Children and Young People

Over the past few years thanks to the energy, creativity and commitment of Linda Brooks and Edith Livingstone, the 4th Sunday in the month has become known as KFC i.e. 'Kids' Fun Church'. This originated as a way of encouraging regular attenders to bring along friends and there would be a range of arty, crafty, culinary and sporty activities incorporated into a theme for the week which was then often explained to the congregation at the end of the service in such an informative way by Linda with the help of the youngsters who had come along. On behalf of the church, I would like to extend grateful thanks to Linda and Edith for their dedication to KFC over the past years and all that their efforts have brought to the youngsters who have benefited from this.

In reflecting on the success of KFC we are moving forward with a new venture called 'JFC' or Junior Fun Church! This will happen each week apart from once a month when children and young people are part of All Age Worship. Essentially we are going to continue having fun every week not just one week in four!

In term time there are a lot of children and young people who use our church premises: our own Junior Church, Messy Church, Parents and Toddlers; Trinity Pre-School; Brownies and Guides and the Scout Shop. Please hold each one and their families in your prayers as we move through the new church and educational year.

Finally, I would like to express thanks on behalf of the church community to Linda Brooks for her tireless efforts as the Children and Young People's Co-ordinator, a role that she has carried out so effectively over the past few years.

Linda Brooks and Alison Humby will continue working in Junior Fun Church with the younger children up to the age of 7. Linda Foster will lead the Seniors (secondary school age), I will continue with the 7-11 years old children. We are also grateful to our regular helpers, Liz Avison, Jill Groom and Pat Metcalf. Bob Temple and Judith Bramall who also help on occasions. We are grateful to all of you for your willingness to continue. Kevin Foster
Children and Young People's Co-ordinator 2015-16

Fareham Methodist Church MEAL and FILM EVENING Friday 30th October 6pm



We will be serving a 60's style meal.

The Theory of Everything is the extraordinary and uplifting story of one of the world's greatest living minds, the renowned astrophysicist Stephen Hawking, and of two people defying the steepest of odds through love.

Donations towards the cost of the meal will go to MND (Motor Neurone Disease) Association

Please sign the list in the Welcome Area
or contact Jill Groom or Garry Bagshaw

Have you ever thought about going on a retreat? Now is your big chance. Below are some details:

Man Overboard: offers time out to slow down and to re-balance whilst relaxing in a stunning setting in Chichester Harbour. You will enjoy a reflective weekend on board TS Resolute, a newly converted barge moored in a superb waterside location.

A variety of contemplative experiences on offer include a night walk through the woods, solitude in the dunes at East Head and a bonfire under the stars.

In the Christian tradition men, who have risked the ‘desert experience’ – Moses, Elijah and Jesus himself – have discovered they then encounter God in a deeper way. What an adventure to share! Not to be missed.

More details on the website: www.cye.org.uk

Or phone Christine on 01243 573375

Green Pastures is a lovely retreat house very near to Poole in Dorset. Silent retreats are planned there on the following dates:-

Friday – Sunday 20-22 Nov. 2015

Friday – Sunday 11-13 March 2016

Monday-Friday 20-24 June 2016

A silent retreat is a wonderful opportunity to press the pause button in the hustle and bustle of daily life, to take time out and create a space for reflection. Above all else it affords the opportunity to get in touch with God.

‘Be still and know that I am God’, writes the Psalmist. Elijah finds God in the ‘still small voice’.

We don’t need to be afraid of silence. God delights in our presence so what is there to be afraid of?

There is a gentle way into silence, with conversation during the first meal, a briefing and the chance to meet fellow retreatants.

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The team member is there to listen, to help make sense of what might emerge in the silence, and to offer resources to assist retreatants in their spiritual journey e.g. scripture passages, poems, pictures, meditations.

The whole retreat is surrounded by love, care and prayer in lovely peaceful surroundings, concluding with a shared Communion celebration.

More information from:-

Green Pastures:

17, Burton Road, Poole, Dorset, BH13 6DT

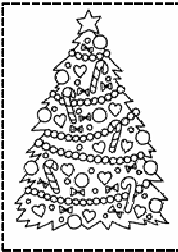
Tel: 01202 764776

Email: info@green-pastures.org

Website: www.green-pastures.org

If you would like a more informal conversation about any of these retreats please contact Rev. Malcolm Rothwell. Details on the

Christmas Tree Festival 3,4 and 5 December



Christmas is around the corner so thank you to those who have replied. Our small committee have set the organising in motion, Christmas Gifts and Cake Stalls will be in the Welcome Area, so please offer contributions. Judges are invited and the Mayor and Mayoress have accepted our invitation for Friday morning, so we are hoping you will join us at about 10.30. Tony

Elvery has refurbished the street display boards advertising the Festival. The Signing up board for helping set up, stewarding and tidying up, will be out in the Welcome Area early November. Please offer to help; we are show casing our Church and raising funds for worthy charities.

Janice and Alan

Please note this is the second Sunday of the month as several of us will be unable to prepare the meal on the third.

SUNDAY LUNCH 11th October 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 “All We Can”(MRDF) 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 egg mayonnaise

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

Puddings: Variety

There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign.
Please come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast!

Bridgemary Tuesday Lunches

At the moment we are a little short of volunteers to help with the Tuesday MHA lunches sometimes. If you would be prepared to help out occasionally, if we are short of helpers, please let me know. Thank you Jill Groom



Stop lowering the level of immigration debate, Churches tell government

Leaders of the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church have issued a statement on the situation in Calais.

They call on the government to adopt language which better reflects the British values of compassion, hospitality and respect for human dignity and to promote a more informed and higher level of debate.



"The language in which the Calais situation is being discussed tends too often to demonise, denigrate or dehumanise the individuals seeking refuge in Britain. To talk of those gathering at Calais as a 'swarm', or 'marauding around the area' encourages people to see those in desperation as less than human, and so less deserving of sympathy, respect or dignity.

The death of the Revd David Gamble

It was with great sadness that the sudden death of the Revd David Gamble was announced. He was a former President of the Conference, a much-loved colleague and friend to many. Please keep his family in your prayers.

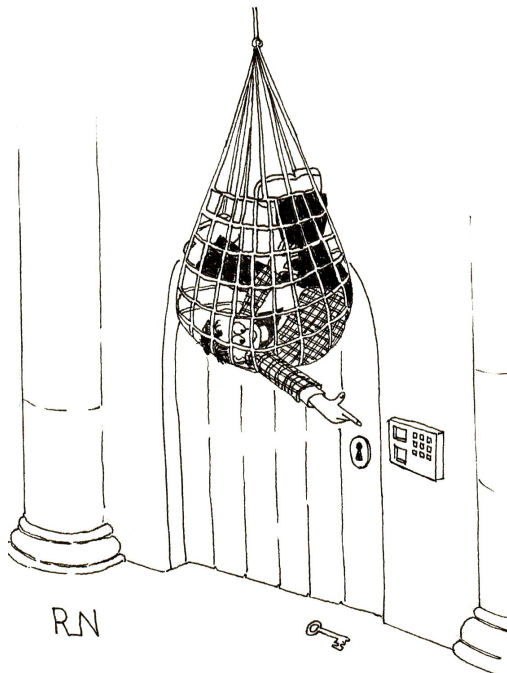


Methodist Women in Britain

The District Celebration Day is to be held at Highcliff Methodist Church (near Bournemouth) on Saturday 10th October 2015 from 10.00 to 15.30. The day will include the Commissioning of Mrs Christine Stuckey as District President and the speaker will be Rev Tom Stuckey.

The cost for the day is £3 to include tea and coffee. Please bring a packed lunch. There is free parking at the cliff top car park.

Pat Croker



*The security code was not
immediately memorable*



We believe in life before death

You are invited to a
Quiz and ploughman's supper

On
Saturday 7th November 2015 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 buy a ticket in advance, 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:

Solent Sounds Ladies Chorus

We are a fun-loving group of 37 who sing unaccompanied four-part harmony, with some choreography thrown in to enhance the songs, and we'd love to be able to pass on our skills and knowledge to others – hence the Open Evening.

I give below the essential details about our event, but I'd be very pleased to provide more information, if you would like.

What is it? An opportunity to have a go at harmony (a-capella) singing. By the end of the evening, you'll be singing a harmony part with the full Chorus!

Date: Tuesday, 6th October

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Where: Methodist Church Hall, King's Road, Fareham
PO16 0NU

Who is it for? Women aged 16 to infinity!
No experience necessary.

How to book: Just turn up on the evening. If you'd like to know more, call Fiona on 07748 545180 or check out Solent Sounds' website
www.solentsoundschorus.org

Lorraine Orridge

Publicity Co-ordinator, Solent Sounds Chorus

Definitions from Parish Pump

CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Congregation to lip-sync.

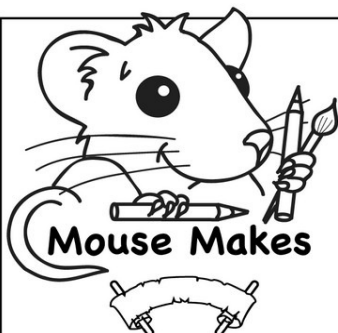
HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at a church service, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



The Lord's teachings are perfect.

*They give **strength** to his people.*

The Lord's rules can be **trusted**.

*They help even the foolish become **wise**.*

The Lord's laws are **right**.
*They make people **happy**.*

The Lord's commands are **good**.

*They show people the **right way** to live.*

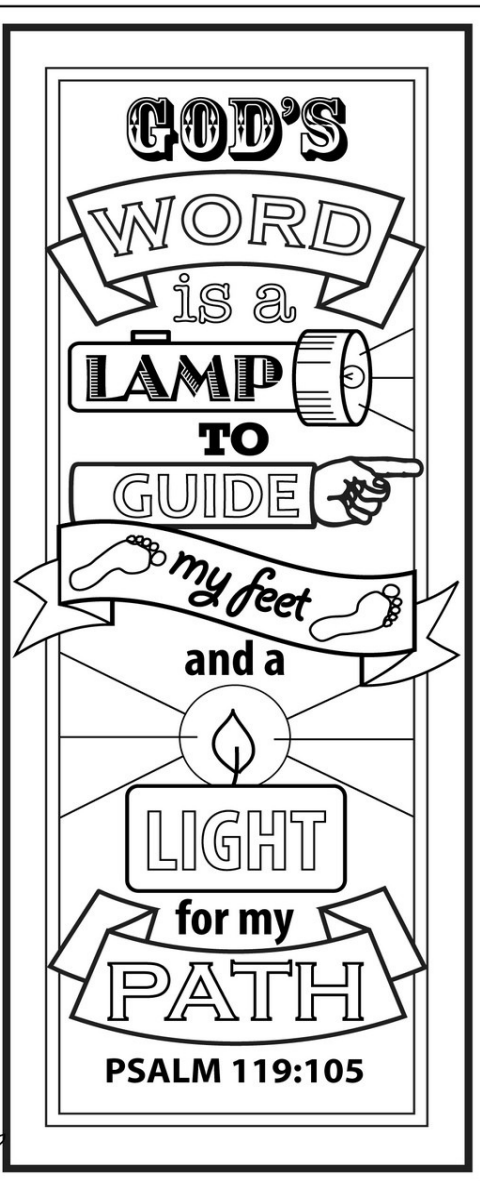


from Psalm 19:7--8

Do you have a favourite bible verse? Write it here:

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Colour in the illustrated bible verse, cut out and use as a bookmark in your bible.





EDITH CAVELL

Edith Cavell was a British nurse in charge of a hospital in Belgium during the First World War. She saved the lives of soldiers from both sides and helped Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the First World War, for which she was arrested.

Her strong Christian beliefs led her to help all those who needed it: she said, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."

Despite international pleas for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. The night before her execution, she told the Revd. Gahan, the Anglican chaplain who gave her Holy Communion: "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone."

In the Anglican Church, 12th October is her commemoration day. This year Nurse Cavell is featured on a special £5 coin to mark the centenary of the war.



PROPER POORLY

In the Middle Ages certain saints were associated with particular ailments, and became known as patron saints for people suffering from those illnesses. Can you guess who you might have asked to pray for you...

If you had toothache?

Dentista Apollonia Peter

If you had a migraine?

Aspren Aspirin Anthony

If you had a sore throat?

Blaise Flannel Godelina

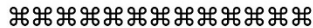
If you had sore knees?

Neale Gangulphus Sebalus

Worst of all, if you got the plague...

Agricola Adrian Quirinius

Answers at the bottom of the page.



Doctor, Doctor I feel like I'm biscuits!

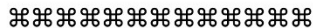
You mean the square ones?

Yes!

The ones you put butter on?

Yes!

Oh, you're crackers!



Answers: 1. Apollonia 2. Aspren (honestly!) 3. Both Blaise and Godelina 4. Gangulphus 5. all of them

A big THANK YOU from the Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank for the generous contributions from our Harvest Festival. Sheila

Shoebox Scheme

Una is collecting Shoeboxes again this year. She is arranging collection by Rotary which involves different guidelines.

Please see Una to collect a leaflet. Boxes will need to be ready by early November as the final date for receipt is 9th November.

Thank you for participating in this worthwhile cause.



FLOWER MINISTRY

Thank you very much for the flowers you sent me, they were beautiful and lasted a long time. They were much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Betty Bonage

Thank you very much for the lovely cards and good wishes you sent to us. They helped to make our special day a very happy one. Love Cyril and Margaret

Thank you for the Churchflowers given to me after the Harvest Service. They were very much appreciated.

Thank you very much for the lovely church flowers brought to me by Lynda Young in remembrance of my husband, Stanley.

With love

Maude Lovell

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28 9.30 Mini-Market	29 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	30 19.30 E Fareham House Grp At Padley's 19.45 North F House group	OCT1 10.00Coffee Centre 10.00 Transport Enthusiasts 10.15 Prayer Circle 17.30Brownies 19.30 Singing	2 13.00 Lunch	3
5 9.30 Mini-Market	6 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 19.45 Youth Council	7 10.00 Healing prayer grp at Padley's	8 10.00Coffee Centre 17.30Brownies 19.30 Singing	9	10
12 9.30 Mini-Market 19.30 Worship consult.at Manse	13 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	14 14.00 Wed fellowship 16.00 Messy Church	15 10.00Coffee Centre 10.15 Prayer circle 14.30 Red House Service 17.30Brownies 19.30 Singing	16	17
19 9.30 Mini-Market	20 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 10.15 Snug HG 19.30 Church Council	21	22 10.00Coffee Centre 17.30Brownies 19.30 Singing	23	24
26 9.30 Mini-Market	27	28 14.00 Wed fellowship	29 10.00Coffee Centre 19.30 Singing	30 18.00 Film and Food eve.	31
NOV 2 9.30 Mini-Market	3 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	4	5 10.00Coffee 10.00 Transport Enthusiasts 10.15 Prayer C. 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	6	7 18.30 Quiz at St John's

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..

To Autumn by John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drowsed with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,-
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble sort
The redbreast whistles from a garden croft;

DOOR STEWARDS

OCT	4th	Amber and James Terry
	11th	Sue and Bob Metcalf
	18th	Judith Bramall and Alan Sargent
	25th	Eric Wheeler and Bobby & Patrick Watson
NOV	1st	Margaret and Bob Temple

REFRESHMENT ROTA

OCT	4th	Una Peters, Pat and Tony Pickering
	11th	Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom
	18th	Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
	25th	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
NOV	1st	Sheila Dyer and Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox

FLOWER ROTA

OCT	4th	Joan and Jeff Padley
	11th	Pam Mullins
	18th	Garry Bagshaw
	25th	Flower Fund
NOV	1st	Margaret Fielder

PRESS DATE

All items for the Nov. 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 22nd Oct.**

Fareham Focus is available on the Fareham Church Website