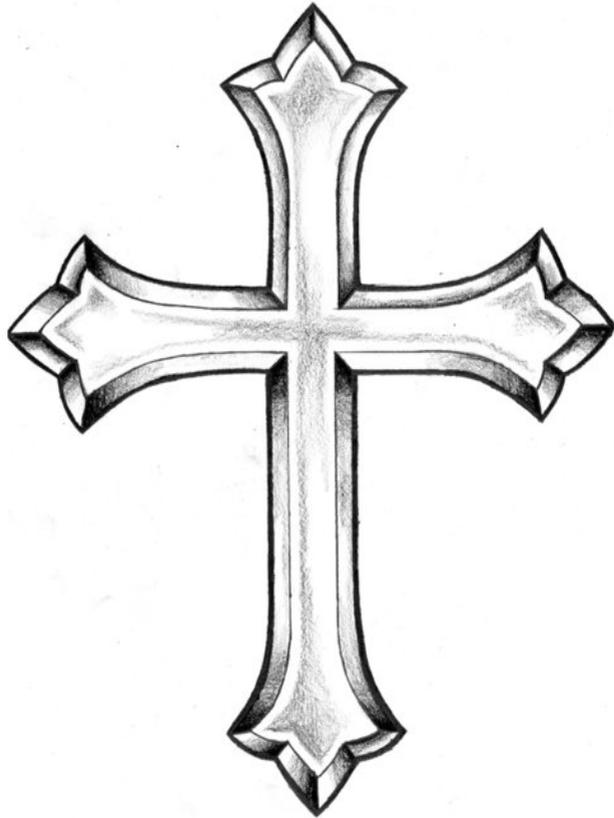


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This month's services

6th May Revd. Dr. Malcolm Rothwell

6 p.m. Revd. Andrew de Ville

13th May Andrew Wilcock

20th May Revd. Bill Prince

27th May PAX

6 p.m. Revd. Andrew de Ville

Please note:

While Claire is on her sabbatical, from the 9th April
until the 9th July, you won't be able to contact her.

Any queries please see a church steward who will do
their best to help.

Many thanks.

Minister's Letter

May 2018

Dear Friends,

I don't know if you are aware of this or not, but I'm a Sudoku addict! I know that there are some of you out there who will sympathise with my plight, because I've seen your Sudoku puzzle books in your own homes!

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In my home I have a calendar pad on my desk with a new Sudoku puzzle every day. On the back of the loo door there hangs a pad of Sudoku puzzles for passing the time when I'm hiding from doing the washing up (as my daughter will tell you!). I also enjoy doing the Times Sudoku (because I'm not clever enough to do the crossword!).

Completing anything in life, but particularly a Sudoku puzzle, is very satisfying. When completing something you often feel a real sense of achievement. I am then ready and eager for the next challenge.

Everyone needs to feel a sense of achievement from time to time. That's why, in my previous life as a Special Needs teacher, part of my job was to break down large and difficult tasks into smaller achievable steps, so that even my special students who found things the most difficult could achieve and make progress - and that achievement fuelled further progress.

It was always a great privilege when one of my little group reached a "*breakthrough*" moment when they suddenly realized what it was all about.- that "*penny-dropping*" moment when real achievement was reached.

At the end of this month we celebrate Pentecost – fifty days after Easter and the birthday of the church. I suppose that time in the Upper Room at Pentecost was such a “*penny-dropping*” moment for the disciples. For several years Jesus had been doing his best to teach them his gospel message, yet they didn’t understand and hid themselves away in the Upper Room after his torture and death on the cross.

The gift of the Holy Spirit was to Jesus’ disciples a huge “*breakthrough*” moment. From there they went on out into all corners of the known world to spread that gospel message that they had earlier not really understood themselves.

Many of us have longed for that “*breakthrough*” moment and have been troubled when our faith is difficult to fully understand. Maybe those are the times when we’re called upon to continue to work gently and faithfully on the small things - our prayer-time; our bible reading; our sharing of worship and fellowship. For I am certain that for all of us - sooner or later - the “*Penny will Drop*”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lee", with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

God
bless,



A quick little note from the Editor:

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for the positive responses and support that I have received following the first edition of the New Focus. It’s always good to know that I am on the right track.

Sargent, thank you for returning to the role of Chief Copier; Meg and Nigel Cox, thank you for the time you spent putting everything together and, of course, a huge, huge thank you to Ian Bagshaw for making sure that all the content (spelling, grammar and the like) was perfect, without you it would have made no sense!

Now on to the future:

I have been with Fareham Methodist Church for about five to six years now and one thing that sticks in my mind most about FMC is that almost everything we do involves food in some way!! Now, anyone who knows me will know that food is a very big part of my life, especially when I get to share it with friends and family, and I am never more happy than when preparing or eating food, especially when others are enjoying themselves too.

As a family dinner time is very important, being the time of day when everyone is together in the same room at the same time, without distractions, we can talk about our day. As a church community, it gives us a chance to do the same with friends, to talk and share things about our own little worlds, or sometimes even the big wide world outside Fareham. I, personally, have had many a great conversation and got to know people better while tucking into some wonderful food.

I am always looking for new ways to bring something different to the dinner table (and hide the veg) without causing too much waste and I recently became aware that our church made a recipe book, many, many moons ago, which got me thinking, dangerous I know, and I thought it might be nice to share some of our favourite recipes, tips, tricks and ideas. With this in mind I ask that if you have anything you would like to share please do get in touch and from next month I will include these little gems of wisdom in each issue. I will start with one of my own recipes; **Chicken, Bacon and Stuffing Pie**. It is a firm favourite in our house so please keep a look out for it and I am excited to see what you all have to offer. I know that there are one or two from Sunday Lunches and Messy Church I would love to get my hands on. The recipes can be anything from dinners and lunches to cakes, biscuits and puddings (always a winner in our house), and everything in between. I hope that you enjoy this issue and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for reading,

Rox Garrett

Grave Talk

The truth is that we are all going to die. We don't like to talk about this and leave important questions unanswered until it is, literally, too late. But the practicalities and the emotions around death do need to be dealt with and GraveTalk provides a safe, relaxed and friendly setting where that can happen.

People can drink coffee, eat biscuits and talk about death. They can ask questions, share worries or just air their thoughts and break down the taboos surrounding death. Caring and compassionate conversations can happen no matter where we are on life's journey. This is not only for the old.

A successful GraveTalk pilot has recently been held in Fareham. Three café style meetings, featuring coffee, biscuits and conversation took place in three different venues. Members of the public came to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences in small groups supported by a facilitator and prompted by questions on a set of conversation cards. These helped start conversations that became wide-ranging. Sometimes it is easier to have 'deep' conversations with strangers whom one might never see again, than with friends or family.

Feedback from the participants said that they found it enjoyable, an interesting experience and valuable because it was not, in general, an easy subject to discuss. Humour and laughter were part of the atmosphere. The simple ground rules ensure that everyone's opinions are respected and valued and a facilitator on each table ensures that no one person can dominate. This is a really 'safe place'.

The GraveTalk format was developed by the Anglican church and officially launched at Portsmouth Cathedral in May 2015. It is for people of all faiths and none. It is not a bereavement counselling or grief group. The organisers do not claim to be experts.

The impetus for the Fareham project came from members of the Fareham Quaker Worship Group, supported by the Reverend Carol Gully, Spiritual Care Chaplain for the Rowans Hospice, and Rachel Hicks, chairperson of Christians Together in Fareham.

Three further sessions of GraveTalk are now planned at Westbury Manor Museum Fareham on the second Monday of the month. The dates are 14 May, 11 June and 9 July between 2 and 4p.m.. Contact Maggie on 07932 354055 if you would like more information or email farehamdp@gmail.com. There is no need to book, just turn up and you will be warmly welcomed by the host and facilitators.



What is 'Fourth Friday Games Night' and Who is it for?

We have met since September from 6.30 - 8.30p.m. and so far over 20 people have come each time with ages spanning 85 years! Many have come on their own, some families have come in part or the whole clan! Friends have come along too and come back for more!

The Welcome Area is set up with a variety of table games and refreshments. There is pool, table-tennis and table football in the Church Hall with badminton, volleyball, basketball and other games in the Large Hall.

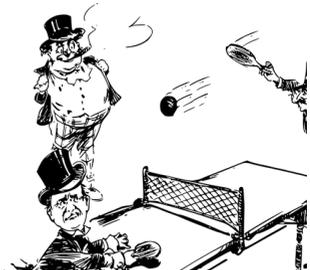
Table games have included Scrabble, Pictionary, Monopoly, Chess, Draughts, Cribbage, Canasta and many more. A game of 'round the table' table tennis to conclude some evenings has proved popular.

It has been great to share together with lots of relaxed chat, laughter and fun while joining in with whatever appeals and enjoying, tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

Everyone is most welcome to join us!

We look forward to seeing you if you can make the next FFGN on 25th May.

Kevin and Linda Foster and Rox Garrett



SUNDAY LUNCH 20th May 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 **The children's holiday club.** 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: Baked Gammon, Sausages,
 Roast Potatoes, Assorted Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

Please help before or after the meal if you are able to as we will be short of help this month. Also Sarah Brooks and I have to be at Claygate for a meeting about the Ukraine so will have to leave at 1.30 p.m. If you can help at the end of the meal in the kitchen that would be good.

Thank you.

Jill Groom



Wednesday, May
9th 2018

God 24/7



**Join us for games, craft,
worship and a meal**

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

3.30p.m. – 6.00p.m.

See us on Facebook!

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First Sunday

The next First Sunday Service is at 6.00p.m. on 6th May. This will be led by the young people with Revd. Andrew de Ville. The theme of the service is 'Communication'. Please come along!

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Christian Aid Week: 13th - 19th May

Collectors are still needed to help in the Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. Many thanks, Linda Foster.

A REMINDER

The next meeting of the **Church and Community Group** will be held on Wednesday 16th May in Church at 7:30p.m.

Apologies to Lynda Young on 01329 505466 or 07771964314

Church Flower Ministry

Because new friends have joined us recently, we thought it useful to explain how our Sunday flower ministry works. It has three aspects: 1. provision of flowers 2. arranging them where necessary and 3. delivering them to folk afterwards for example for health or celebratory reasons.

If you care to provide flowers on a certain Sunday there is a calendar in the corridor to sign. Hopefully the giver arranges their own but if this is not possible a volunteer will do it and be reimbursed.

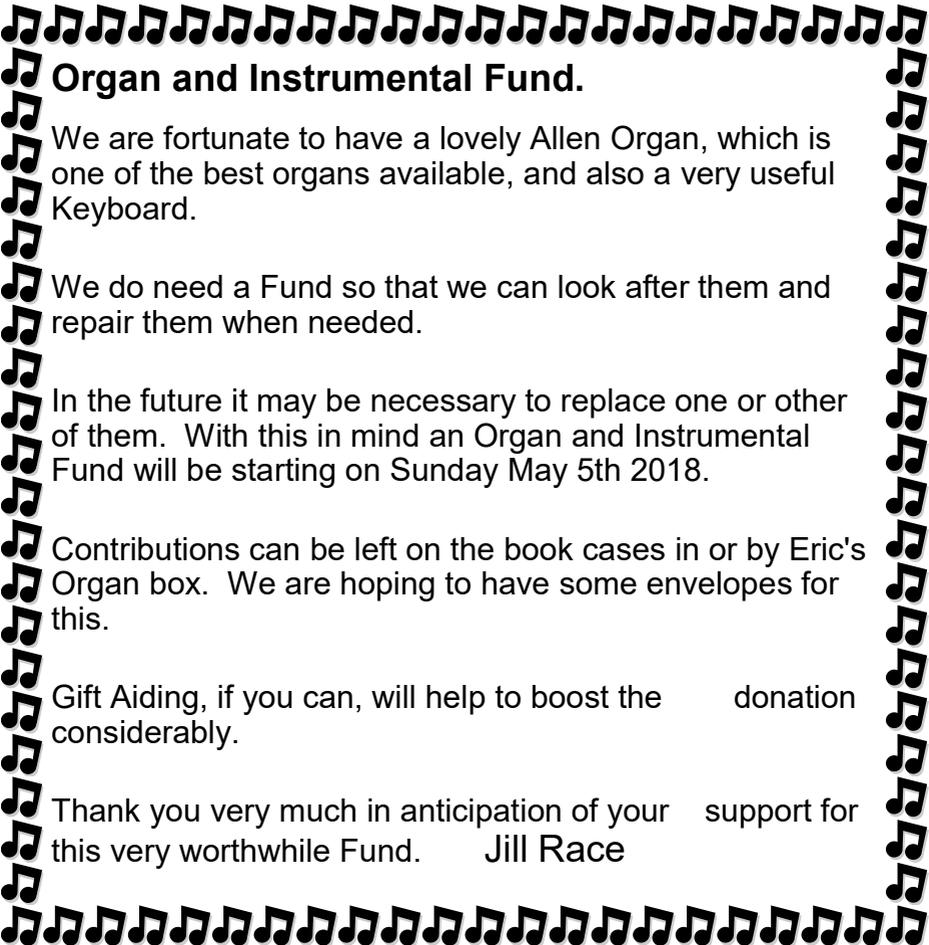
After the service the flowers are delivered to people confined to home for various reasons or to those celebrating a special occasion or to someone who merits special thanks for all that they are doing.

All three of these areas are becoming short of volunteers due to various circumstances - age, relocation, no longer having transport and so on.

We would be very grateful if you think you could be part of our church ministry in any of these ways.

Please contact Mary Bailey or Irene Russell.

This month only the Transport Group will meet on the 2nd Thursday, May 10th NOT May 3rd.



Organ and Instrumental Fund.

We are fortunate to have a lovely Allen Organ, which is one of the best organs available, and also a very useful Keyboard.

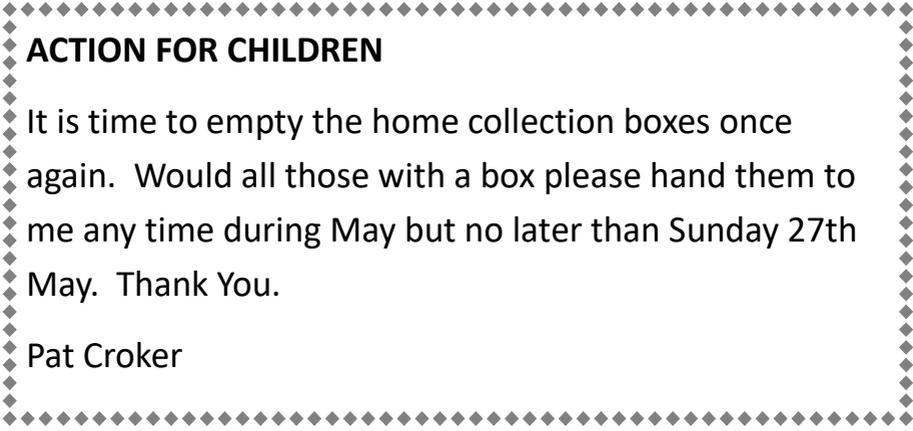
We do need a Fund so that we can look after them and repair them when needed.

In the future it may be necessary to replace one or other of them. With this in mind an Organ and Instrumental Fund will be starting on Sunday May 5th 2018.

Contributions can be left on the book cases in or by Eric's Organ box. We are hoping to have some envelopes for this.

Gift Aiding, if you can, will help to boost the donation considerably.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support for this very worthwhile Fund. Jill Race



ACTION FOR CHILDREN

It is time to empty the home collection boxes once again. Would all those with a box please hand them to me any time during May but no later than Sunday 27th May. Thank You.

Pat Croker

everyone of the folly and horrors of war. Two hundred designs were submitted and judged by their number, without the names of the architects. The decision was unanimous and Sir Basil Spence started to build the new Cathedral. He certainly was a man of great faith and vision and commissioned work from various other artists such as Graham Sutherland, John Piper, Jacob Epstein and Elizabeth Frink. We spent nearly two hours with our guide hearing about the reason why saints and angels were engraved on the south window through which the ruined cathedral can be seen, the significance of the curved wall of coloured glass around the font, which is a boulder from Bethlehem, the 'thorns' decorating the choir stalls and other parts of the Cathedral together with the huge tapestry behind the high altar. This is only a fraction of what we learnt that day. All I can say is that if you have a chance to go to Coventry to visit these places and learn something of this fascinating city as well as its Cathedrals and if you get a guide, called Michael, I hope you will be as inspired as we were by the work of these men and women of faith. Yes, I will go again to Coventry.

Garry Bagshaw



Jill Groom & Sarah Brooks are

Fun Quiz Even

Friday 18th May at 7:00pm

At Fareham Methodist church

In aid of the Ukraine Christian Partnership—to
expenses for the young people who are part of t



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Laura and Iain's Wedding

Kevin and Linda Foster extend a warm welcome to those who wish to come and share in the marriage service for their daughter Laura to Iain Richardson. This will take place at 12.30p.m. on Saturday 9th June.

Come on and celebrate!

'Share the Journey'

is a joint CAFOD and Caritas Conference on our response to the Refugees and Migrants

on

Saturday 12th May

at St Edward the Confessor Church

from 10a.m. – 4p.m.

Please book on Eventbrite

or

email: Portsmouth@cafod.org.yk

or

Call 01252 329385

Bring a packed lunch - tea / coffee will be provided

Please see the poster on the notice board in the church for more information



Coffee Centre will be holding a fundraising
morning in aid of the CTIF Children's Activity
Week this Summer
on Thursday 31st May
9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.

There will be a cake stall so if anyone would
like to donate any cakes / biscuits please
speak to Rox or Penny Garrett
Please come along to support us!!!

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	2	3 09:30 Coffee Centre 10:15 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing	4 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	5
7 09:30 Mini-Market	8 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	9 15:30 Messy Church	10 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	11	12
14 09:30 Mini-Market	15 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	16	17 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	18 19:00 Quiz Evening for Ukraine Mission	19
21 09:30 Mini-Market	22 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	23	24 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group	25 18:30 Fourth Friday Games Night	26
28 09:30 Mini-Market	29 09:45 Parent & Toddlers Group	30 10:00 Healing Prayer Group	31 09:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies 19:30 Singing Group		

Door Stewards for May

6th; Liz Haigh and Marilyn Woodrow.

13th; Tony Jackson and Ian Bagshaw.

20th; Janice Collins and Sally Bland.

27th; Matthew and Amy Shepherd.

Refreshment Rota for May

6th Pat & Tony Pickering

13th Jean & Mike Petter & Anne Isom

20th Irene Russell & Tony Emberson

27th Lynda Hayden-Jones & Rae Shepherd

Flower Rota for May

Provider	Deliverer
6th Janice and Vic Collins	6th Margaret Temple
13th Flower Fund	13th Irene Russell
20th Lynda Hayden-Jones	20th Mary Bailey
27th Flower Fund	27th Joan Padley

PRESS DATE: All items for the June Focus should be emailed to

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by noon of **18th May**.

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