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Services For the Month

July

7th Revd. Claire Simpson FHC / HS

6 p.m. Revd. Malcolm Groom
1st Sunday

14th Mr Gerry Williams

21st Cdr Mark Barton

28th To Be Confirmed

August

4th Revd. Les Judd HC

11th Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray

18th LA

25th Mrs Pam Davey

6pm Revd. Claire Simpson
I / HC

Dear friends,

Around a month ago John and I were able to go to Winchester Cathedral on a Sunday afternoon for Choral Evensong. The service on this particular Sunday was very busy as it was celebrating the 20th anniversary of the forming of the girls' choir and so girls past and present led the worship and many of their families came to support them on this special occasion. John and I have been to Evensong before and so we knew to get there early and join the queues of people waiting to be led through to the service. Oh, that all our churches experienced queues of people waiting to be let in!

Statistics show that the numbers attending Cathedral worship are on the increase. Interestingly, it's also suggested that numbers are slowly beginning to increase in terms of those who are considering the contemplative life. Maybe the very noisy and busy world in which we live means that more and more people crave peace and silence and the opportunity to be 'set aside' - whether that is for the whole of one's life or just for the hour or so of worship that folk attend each week.

Opportunities for quiet and reflection, prayer and meditation can be, in my experience, tricky to find in the daily bustle of life. However, when one does make the time one always feels better for it in body, mind and spirit. Some people who may not pray as such, will make time for mindfulness and meditation that draws them away from the noise of life and helps them focus on the present with techniques to shape the quietness and stillness that they know they will benefit from.

One of the resources that I find helpful to shape some of my quiet time is the Methodist Prayer Handbook (there are further details of how to order your 2019 / 20 copy in this magazine). For each day of the month there are prayers old and new with illustrations that connect us with God but also with each other in the worldwide Methodist Church.

Each year there is a theme and for the coming year, which begins in September, the chosen theme is 'Responding to the Gospel'. I would really recommend it as a great resource which has something for everyone.

If we are to respond to the gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ, then we need to live a balanced life of being and doing, of thought and action, of word and deed. Times of prayer, quiet and reflection give us the energy to live out our faith and make God's love known in our community and in the world.

May God richly bless each one of us as we seek to follow Jesus Christ.

With love,
Claire

Vestry Jottings

Our Birthday Celebrations went well. The party was a great success and was well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the games, music and food.

On the Sunday of our Church Anniversary we had a lovely cake provided by Elizabeth Wilcock. It was cut initially between Bob Temple, one of our longest serving congregation and Jean and Mike Petter's grandson, being the youngest member.

During August, the Holiday Club will take place. We wish the team every success. It will be a busy month too for Jill, Sarah and their team as once again they take to the skies for their trip to the Ukraine. Good luck to you all.

Finally, we will be having a concert on Friday 13th of September for Harvest, and on Sunday 15th it will be our Harvest festival. All donations will once again be given to the Women's refuge.

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards

A Quick Note From the Editor

Apologies for the last edition of Fareham Focus coming out late. Between work, family and life there didn't seem to be enough hours in the day to find the time to sit in front of the computer and get it completed in time.

However, I appear to have got the balance right this month so I hope that you enjoy this edition and please remember that our next edition won't be out until September.

Thank you

Rox Garrett

Our Church and Extended Family

Ian, James, Charles and their families and Ian's sister, Brynda, would like to extend their grateful thanks for the very many cards, e-mails and letters of sympathy following Garry's sudden and unexpected death. I would also like to give thanks for the continuing offers of practical support for me now that the 'boys' are back in their respective homes.

By all accounts the 'Celebration of Life Service' for Garry was well received by everyone who was able to attend. I was really pleased to see so many people in our church, afterwards, whom I hadn't seen for a long time and who, in many cases, had travelled long distances to be present.

Roll on the implementation of Garry's next intended project - 'Cooking for Beginners' - I hope to be there at the front of the queue!

Ian Bagshaw

The day of Graham's Cremation and Service of Thanksgiving for his Life was a day of mixed emotions, sadness and pride. Thank you Claire for leading both services, and to all our friends who shared with the family in celebrating Graham's life. Following the services the refreshments prepared by Lynda and her team was a very special time where we were able to chat with many friends from far and near. The family were all touched by the love we received especially on that day.

Thank you to you all.

Sheila, Alison, Helen and Rebecca

A Service of Readings and Hymns

Memories

On 28th July I am organising a Service of Readings and Hymns on the theme of Memories for which I would like your contributions.

If you would like to suggest a Reading and / or hymn for this Service, please send it to me at vicandlinda.press@btinternet.com or speak to me at Church or put a note in the appropriate pigeonhole.

You may read the reading yourself or we can get someone to read it for you. If you would like to introduce and explain your choice, this would be really helpful and make it more personal.

Starting on September 26th and then on the 4th Thursday of each month at Coffee Morning between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. the Banner Group will be meeting. Anyone interested in restoring and making new banners will be most welcome. Interested? Have a chat with Edith Livingstone.

We would like to say thank you again for donating flowers for church on a Sunday morning. Also thank you to those who arrange them when necessary, and who deliver them to our church family to show our concern for them. If anyone else is interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact Mary Bailey and Irene Russell.

August is the month when the main church kitchen has its annual big clean.
If you think you might have a morning free to help, after 11th August, please contact me so that we can arrange a convenient day to suit all volunteers.
Lynda Haydon-Jones - Tel. 01329 842646

Methodist Prayer Handbook

It is time to order the Prayer Handbook for the next connexional year 2019/20. The theme is 'Responding to the Gospel' (taken from a line in *Our Calling*). The cost is £3.95 (large print copies are available at no extra cost).

Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the welcome area.

The last day to order will be the 28th July.

Many thanks, Joan Padley

Families, Friendship, Fun, Food and Faith in Fareham



Theme: Together with God

Wednesday 10th July 2019

3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

There is no charge for Messy Church, although donations are always gratefully received.

New faces are always very welcome, come and give us a try!

Supported by Fareham Methodist Church.

For more details about this once a month event for the whole family, find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/farehammessychurch/>

or email: fareham.methodist.messy@gmail.com

Messy Church logo © The Bible Reading Fellowship 2018

SUNDAY LUNCH 21st July 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 CTIF 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

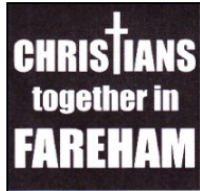
Starter: Soup or Greek Salad

*Main Course: Roast Pork, Sausages,
Roast Potatoes, Vegetables*

Puddings: Variety

OCTOBER SUNDAY LUNCH

Advance notice: Please note that the October Sunday lunch will be on the second Sunday of the month, 13 October, not the third Sunday of the month.



PFZ

Parent Free Zone

What chat?

Who? Young people aged 8 years and over

Where? Fareham United Reformed Church,
Osborn Road South

When? Second Sunday in the month, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

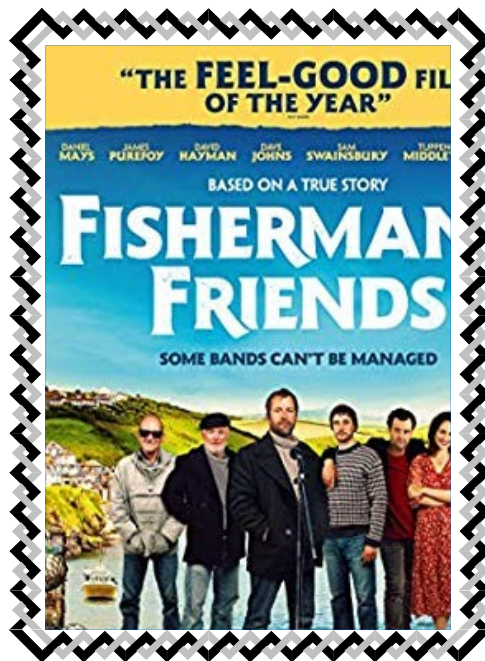
Dates 14th July 2019
08th September 2019
13th October 2019
10th November 2019
08th December 2019
12th January 2020
09th February 2020
08th March 2020

Contact Rox or Kevin for more information

Friday games is taking a break for the summer
and will resume on 27th September.

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MEAL and FILM EVENING



A fast-living, cynical London music executive, Danny Mays, heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he is pranked by his boss, Noel Clarke, into trying to sign a

We will be serving a Cornish meal and donations will be in aid of Cancer Research (UK)

(Please sign the list in the Welcome area
or contact Jill on 07999558524 or at
jill.groom@outlook.com)

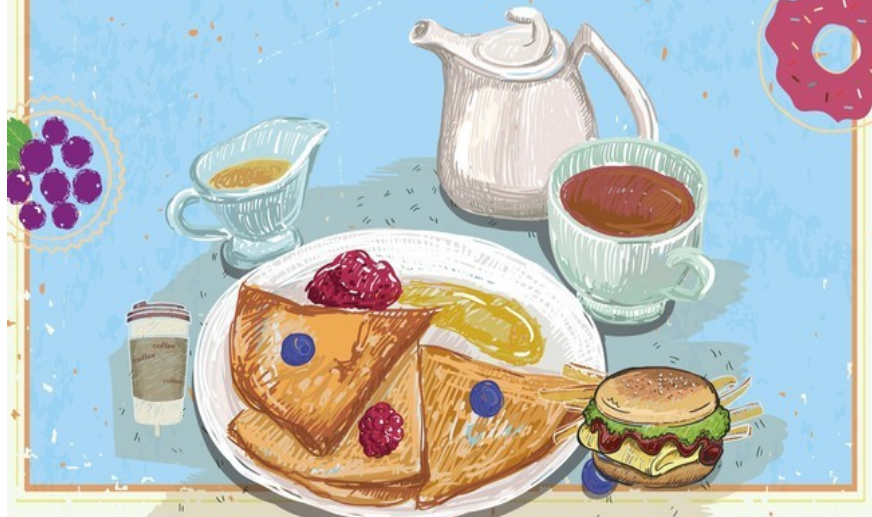
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Afternoon Tea

Saturday 27th July
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Donations requested for
Fareham Methodist Messy Church.





Yoga For All Abilities

Tuesdays **17:30** to **19:00**

Friendly and welcoming

Book 6 sessions for £50 or £10
weekly

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

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MARMITE SOLDIERS

AUTHOR

LEONARD REEVE

A jar of Marmite landed on the table in front of me, placed there by Mrs White. "What is that for?" I asked, "is Marmite one of John's favourites?"

"It's not just his favourite, it is *all* he will eat, spread on buttered fingers of bread, usually called soldiers." said Mrs White.

"How long has this been going on," I asked, "has he always just eaten Marmite Soldiers?"

"I know it sounds stupid," continued Mrs White, "We have tried everything we can to get him to eat other foods, even at school meals, and he would only eat Marmite Soldiers."

"Well I never," I commented, "I have never come across this before."

"I thought that I could leave you to provide the bread and butter, but you might not have provisioned for Marmite. Please don't try to force him to eat anything other than Marmite Soldiers."

"Well thank you very much Mrs White, we will see that his Marmite Soldiers are available to him at each mealtime," I said, "I assume that he is not to be restricted to Marmite Soldiers, should he in the unlikely event change his mind."

Mrs White paid the final instalment for John's camp fees, handed in his pocket money and his parents' consent form.

Later that evening, when all the camp staff were gathered together for their final staff meeting, I handed to Peter, the camp quartermaster, the jar of Marmite.

"What's this for?" asked Peter.

“That’s for John White, his mother brought it in tonight. Apparently he only eats Marmite Soldiers.”

There followed quite a lively debate between the various staff members. Nobody had ever heard of an eleven-year-old boy existing solely on Marmite Soldiers. Eventually it was agreed that John’s Marmite Soldiers would be prepared and placed on the serving table for each meal,. However, it was also agreed that John would not be encouraged to eat other meals, neither was he to be pressed to eat the soldiers. He was to be given whatever he asked for without any comment.

On the journey to camp, I found a quiet time to speak to John. I explained that his Marmite Soldiers would be on the serving table each day. John could choose which meal he wanted; he could even take both if he wanted to try out what the other boys were eating.

Sunday breakfast, the first full day of camp, John came to the serving table, looked at his soldiers, and then at the fried egg and sausage that the other boys were eating, then quietly took his soldiers back to his table. At the staff supper, after all the boys were in bed, John’s indecision was reported and his final decision noted. Alan, the quartermaster, said, “I think that John is having great difficulty in coming to a decision each mealtime.” After a short discussion, it was agreed that they would continue along the present lines and watch developments.

During Monday’s meals, it was noted that John was becoming more undecided over which meal to take.

Late on Wednesday evening, John was found crying round the back of the canteen tent. Alan brought him into the staff evening meeting to find out what was the matter. “I am very unhappy and want to go home.” He said.

“Can you tell us why you are unhappy, maybe we can make changes to make you feel happy again.” I said.

Very reluctantly, John said, "The boys keep teasing me, because I only eat Marmite Soldiers, baby food they say."

I then asked John, "Are you happy to eat Marmite Soldiers, or would you rather eat something else?"

"I don't really know," answered John, "I haven't ever tried other things."

"I said to you on the journey here that your Marmite Soldiers would be placed on the serving table at each meal. You could choose which meal you wanted. If you choose what the boys are having, that's fine"

"I know, and sometimes it is hard to choose." answered John.

"It has to be your choice; we can't make it for you. Your soldiers will be there on the table each meal until you come to me and say that you don't want them any more."

"I'll come with you to your tent and speak with your Tent Commander," said Alan, "he really is the best person to see that you aren't teased anymore, he is closer to you than we can be".

At breakfast on Thursday morning, it was noted that John collected his soldiers, and a plate of cereals. He also came up to the table for a plate of scrambled egg and toast. After the boys had left the marquee, John's soldiers were still on the table. By suppertime that day, John had not eaten a single soldier, and had told me that he did not want any more soldiers.

When we arrived home again John must have told his mother about his decision to try other food. "How did you manage to get John to eat food other than marmite soldiers?" she asked.

"It was nothing to do with the staff", I said. "It was his tent mates. He wanted to try what the other boys were eating." I said to her. "I rather think that God was with us in camp, just as He always is. He put the words into John's tent companions' mouths, which gave John the courage to try what everybody else was eating".

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Mini Market	2 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	3	4 9:30 Coffee Centre 10:45 Prayer Circle 17:30 Brownies	5 13:00 Monthly Lunch Club	6
8 9:30 Mini Market	9 9:45 Parent and Toddlers 20:00 Ladies Night	10 16:00 Messy Church	11 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies	12	13
15 9:30 Mini Market	16 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	17 19:30 Church Council	18 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies	19	20
22 9:30 Mini Market	23 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	24	25 9:30 Coffee Centre 17:30 Brownies	26	27 15:00 Afternoon Tea in Aid of Messy Church
29	30 9:45 Parent and Toddlers	31			

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 13:00 Monthly Lunch	3
5 9:00 Holiday Club	6 9:00 Holiday Club	7 9:00 Holiday Club	8 9:00 Holiday Club	9 9:00 Holiday Club	10
12 9:30 Mini Market	13	14	15	16	17
19 9:30 Mini Market	20	21	22	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	31

Door Stewards

07th July Liz Avison and Irene Russell
14th July Mary Bailey and Tony Jackson
21st July Judith Bramall and Brian Cooper
28th July Bessie and Daniel Taabu

Refreshments

07th July Jean and Mike Petter
14th July Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
21st July Brownies and Guides
28th July Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd

Flowers

	Providers	Deliverers
07th July	Flower Fund	Tony Emberson
14th July	Flower Fund	Liz Avison
21st July	Barbara Wilson	Margaret Temple
28th July	Jill and Malcolm Race	Irene Russell

Door Stewards

04th August	Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
11th August	Liz Haigh and Marilyn Woodrow
18th August	Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant
25th August	Janice Collins and Sally Bland

Refreshments

04th August	Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox
11th August	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers
18th August	Margaret Temple, Sally Bland and Brenda Bennet
25th August	Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall

Flowers

	Providers	Deliverers
04th August	Linda Foster	Mary Bailey
11th August	Flower Fund	Joan Padley
18th August	Eric Wheeler	Jean Petter
25th August	Joan Moore	Lynda Young

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

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by noon of **Thursday 16th August**

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