

FAREHAM

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*May all your prayers be answered
and may you feel the Lord's
presence near you...
not only for Easter,
but always.*

Happy Easter!

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Services for the Month of April

10 th Apr.	Mrs Tracy Cooper Palm Sunday
14 th Apr.	Revd. Claire Simpson Maundy Thursday @ 7.30pm
17 th Apr.	Gathering for Worship All Age Worship Easter Sunday
24 th Apr.	Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray 2 nd of Easter
1 st May	Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion 3 rd of Easter

The Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf in the basket and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday Prayer Circle is held on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 10.30 am (unless advised of a change!).

All are welcome and as the Coffee Centre is open you are welcome to bring a drink into the Sanctuary with you. You can just drop in for 5 minutes or stay longer. Do bring any of your concerns and we will pray with and for you. Or just come and sit and listen – no pressure.

Tea and Coffee Rota for April 2022

10 th Apr.	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
17 th Apr.	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers
24 th Apr.	Sally Bland and Margaret Temple
1 st May	Marilyn Woodrow and Lin Woodhams

5th May Bob Temple
Please note change of date

9th June Rev Claire

7th July Jill Race

Bobby

Coffee Centre

Coffee Centre is now open every Thursday, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Coffee Centre will be closed during the Easter School Holidays. So, in April the Coffee Centre will be open only on the 7th and then the 28th.

It's an ideal centre to meet with friends, to share hobbies or to have group meetings.

Why not drop in for a cuppa.

Any questions or suggestions about Thursday mornings please contact Jill R.

Meet and Greet April 2022

10th Apr. Walter Metcalf
17th Apr. Liz Avison
24th Apr. Bob Temple.
1st May. Lynda Haydon-Jones

VESTRY JOTTINGS

We are coming to the end of Lent, next stop Easter.

Thank you to Lin for taking on the Welcome Area window from Sheila.

On the 27th March we had a lovely Mothering Sunday service. The children handed out the posies. Thank you to everyone who turned up on Saturday to put them together.

Richard did the service via Zoom as he didn't want to catch the dreaded Covid one week before his marriage to Dee.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

Thank you all for the wishes for my recent birthday. I'm now well past 3 score years and ten! Thank you for the flowers brought by Jean. It's lovely to be remembered by all my church friends.

I regret that I'm unable to attend church due to poor mobility, but I think of you all, especially on Sunday mornings.

Best wishes
Mary.

Thank you for the flowers from church after my recent cataract operation they were a lovely surprise and many thanks to Jean for delivering them.

From Sylvia Savage

Hello. I would like to thank you all for the flowers we received. Laurie and I are enjoying our new home and making friends. Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes to you all.

Pam and Laurie Mullins

Pat and Tony Pickering would like to say thank you for the Church Flowers which we were delighted to receive recently.

The lovely pink and white bouquet was brought to us one beautiful sunny afternoon by Margaret and Bob Temple and lifted our spirits at a difficult time.

MESSY CHURCH MARCH 2022

The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the biggest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that birds come and perch in its branches.

Children making seed pictures – thinking of something or somewhere which makes them happy.



Yum, yum, making chocolate bird nests.



Mums having fun, colouring, and having a chat.



Flick painting – very professional looking trees were flicked!



Painting a stone to look like an insect and decorating a box for a home. The mustard seed becomes a tree where insects live.



Brenda has some card making paraphernalia looking for a new home, all she asks is for a donation to Mini Market. The pieces are especially good for beginners. Grandchildren would have some fun making cards. Get in touch with Brenda via her number in the church directory.

SUNDAY LUNCH 24th April 2022 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 towards **Christian Aid**. 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 Melon

Main Course: Roast Chicken Breasts, Stuffing, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Selection of Vegetables.

Puddings - Variety

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

Please note that at the lunch on April 15th the donations will go to Christian Aid

Thank you. Jill Groom



Easter Sunday Communion on April 17th at 8am on the beach at Hillhead. (The first time since 2019!)

If you are hoping to come, please sign the list in the Welcome area so that we can make sure that we have enough Communion booklets and sufficient breakfast food for everyone.

Hope to see you there.

Jill Groom



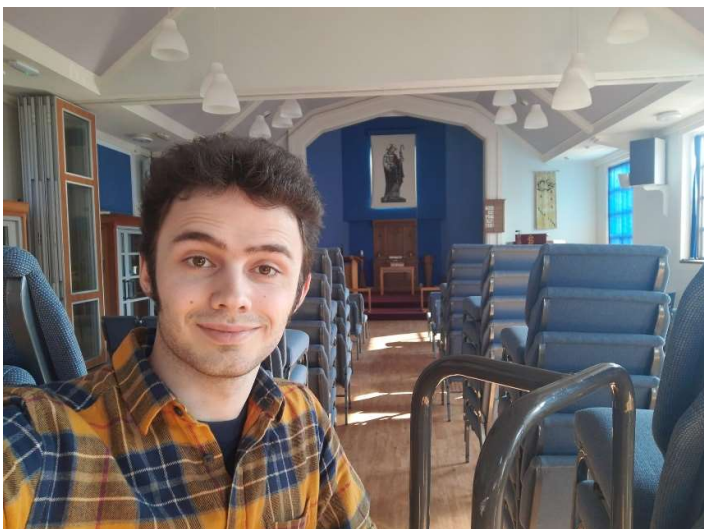
Family Matters (formerly Refugee Matters)

Today, after three and a half years, the day finally arrived where Family Matters went to Heathrow Airport and met the family of five that we will be supporting over the next one to two years. It was a very exciting occasion. The family are a truly wonderful family, Mum, Dad and three grown up sons. As soon as they came out the Arrivals doors they recognised our faces from the photos they had been shown. Their faces lit up with pleasure and it felt more like meeting a family of old friends rather than a completely unknown group of people. When we got to Fareham, saw their new home and they heard about the work and prayers that had brought them here they were blown away. As we left the father gave a short speech in which he expressed on behalf of the family their huge thanks for what you have all done for them.

The next few weeks will be very busy for them and for Family Matters as we sort out the many important tasks that are required to enable the family to start their journey into a new life here in the UK. So please continue to pray for the success of our work and continue to pray for the Family as they cope with such a huge change in their life

My apologies for this being quite a short message but it has been a very long and emotional day. We will continue to give you news over the coming weeks.

Paul Tomlinson
Leader of Family Matters
paultomlinson@ntlworld.com



We welcome Samuel as our Assistant Caretaker at the Church.

CHRISTIANS
together in
FAREHAM

Good Friday
15th April

Service of Witness

at The Podium

West Street, Fareham

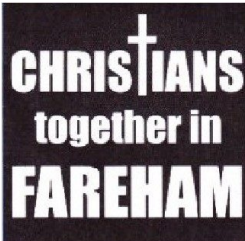
Assemble 10:30am for 10:40 start



You may wish to walk from your church to the Podium carrying your church's banner or a Cross.

Hot Cross buns will be distributed at the end of the service.

Alternative venue if weather really bad: Holy Trinity, West Street.



Dear Friends

The news is continually providing us with updates on the situation in Ukraine, and it is encouraging to see that so many people, organisations, agencies, and churches are providing personal, financial, practical and prayerful support.

Christians Together in Fareham has a track record of working with agencies through the Refugee Matters project (now known as Family Matters). As you will be aware, a refugee family from the Middle East will be arriving in our area later this month.

This week the Government launched the campaign to enable our population to provide a home for displaced peoples and refugees from Ukraine. Further details on the process can be found at <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

If you are thinking of expressing your interest in taking in Ukrainian refugees but are not sure how to get linked up with a named Ukrainian, the following are a few of the organisations who are helping to match people with named individuals:

Sanctuary Foundation

<https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

Refugees at home

<https://www.refugeesathome.org/>

Room for Refugees

<https://www.roomforrefugees.com/>

RESET

<https://resetuk.org/about/ukraine>

Note - RESET is the organisation Family Matters (formerly Refugee Matters) gets a great deal of help from and we know they are excellent

We hope that this is helpful.

Yours in Christ's service.

Ian Corless

Secretary, Christians Together in Fareham

07940 912564



At Hub4Stuff we

- Supply low-income people with good quality furniture and household goods at no cost
- Provide a donation-based van removal service
- Upcycle furniture for sale
- Provide training and volunteering opportunities to help those in the local community develop practical skills
- Encourage everyone to re-use, recycle and upcycle

Contact Info

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Bridgemaury
Gosport
PO13 0PP

You can email us at: thehub4stuff@gmail.com

Telephone: 07387 364240

Things perhaps we shouldn't have said.....

The pedestrian light on the corner beeps when it's safe to cross the street.

I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-worker of mine.

She asked if I knew what the beeper was for.

I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red.

Appalled, she responded, 'what on earth are blind people doing driving?!'

She is a government employee.....

(The I is not me)



Services to keep you safe.

A new 'phone service by banks and telephone companies is being piloted across the UK to combat increasing levels of fraud.

This includes Barclays, Lloyds (including Halifax and Bank of Scotland). Nat. West (including Royal Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank) as well as Santander and Starling Bank. This service allows you to contact your participating bank directly if you think you are being scammed.

The number is **159** and works in a similar way to 101 with the police and 111 for the NHS – it ensures that you are protected against possible fraudsters attempting to gain access to personal information or financial information such as bank details.

You should call **159** (they will never call you) if:

- Someone contacts you saying they're from your bank – even if they are not suspicious.
- You receive a call asking you to transfer money or make a payment even if it seems genuine.
- You receive a call about a financial matter, and it seems suspicious.

Register for priority services

The Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks, which repairs the networks and fixes power cuts, is inviting people to register for priority services. If you or anyone you know:

- Are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Have a disability.
- Live with children under five.
- Are blind or partially sighted,
- Have a chronic illness.
- Use medical equipment / aids reliant on electricity.
- Are over 60.
- Then you can register for free by calling **0800 294 3259** or visit the website, ssen.co.uk. Once registered, SSE will be able to offer support.

You can contact me. Swanmore's Age Concern Hampshire Community Information Volunteer, on 07790845944 or by emailing: enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk.



Date - Wednesday 6th April 2022

Time - from 3:30pm

Venue - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities

Worship

Meal

The Greatest Love Story

God loved the world so much that
he gave his only Son, Jesus, to die
for us.

But

Jesus has risen from death to
make us free!



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 40 D I T W
40 days in the wilderness.
2. W 3 K O O A
We Three Kings. (Anyone with the rest?)
3. G I 3 P B T
God in Three persons blessed Trinity.
4. 5 L A 2 S F
5 loaves and 2 small fishes.
5. T C 1 F
The Churches 1 foundation.
6. B 2 O E S
Bring 2 of every sort.
7. S T A 12 O U
Sir there are 12 of us.
8. 1 T I A A O
One there is above all others.
9. I S 3 S C S I
I saw 3 ships come sailing in.
10. N M C S 2 M
No man can serve 2 masters.
11. Y W D M 3 T
You will deny me 3 times.
12. 3 W M
Three wise men.
13. O F A 1,000 T T S
Oh for 1,000 tongues to sing.
14. T I T 10 C
That is the 10 Commandments.
15. 40 D A 40 N
40 days and 40 nights.
16. R U T E 40 D
Rained upon the earth 40 days.

Thank you, Tony.

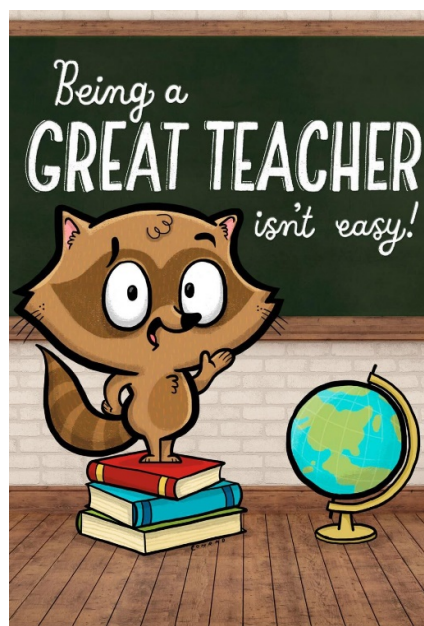
The School Teacher

When God created Teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand his world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So, we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong
To lead us, so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

(Poem by John Tremaine)



JACOBS WELL – DONATED SUPPLIES BEING LOADED ONTO LORRIES.



Note from Editor

Thank you everyone who were so generous for the collection to the Ukrainian people. The first three pictures are from the Jacobs Well Facebook page showing the trucks being loaded with your donations. The lower three pictures show the collection we had from the church. We dropped the first collection to Jacobs Well and then two more drops to Portchester Library. I also gave the lovely, knitted items shawls, cardigans, and knitted dolls to Stubbington library where a collection for these items were being collected by a lady for Ukraine. You were all marvellous, we are such a community in faith.

I am sending Dee and Richard best wishes on their wedding day. It's great that they chose our church in which to worship. Congratulations and much love.

As you probably are aware I am going to decorate the Welcome Area windows. I have ideas going forward but if anyone has any please let me know.

The next deadline for the May eFocus is the 1st May.

Love Lin x