

FAREHAM eFOCUS



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Services for the Month
April 2023

9th Apr. Revd. Penny Thorne
All Age Worship
Easter Day.

16th Apr. Mrs Imelda Temple
2nd of Easter.

23rd Apr. Don. Stephen Richardson
3rd of Easter.

6:00 pm
Revd. Claire Simpson
Iona Holy Communion

30th Apr. Mrs Tracy Cooper
4th of Easter.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for April 2023

9th Apr. Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae
Shepherd.

16th Apr. Margaret Boyd and Jenny
Chalmers.

23rd Apr. Sally Bland and Margaret
Temple.

30th Apr. Marilyn Woodrow and Lin
Woodhams.

7th May Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks.



Meet and Greet Rota for April 2023

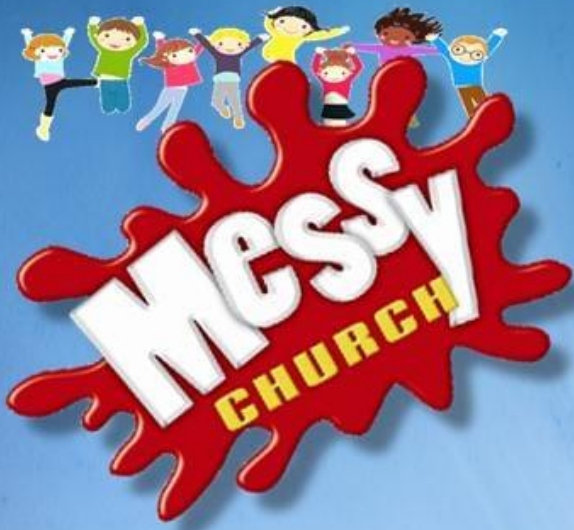
9th Apr. Rae Shepherd.

16th Apr. Simon Potter.

23rd Apr. Walter Metcalf.

30th Apr. Julie Kettle

7th May Lynda Haydon-Jones



Date - Wednesday 12th April 2023

Time - from 3:30pm

Venue - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities

Worship

Meal

Easter celebrations !

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!

Peace in Ukraine

A couple of weeks ago we had the privilege of welcoming a lovely Ukrainian family into our home and many of you have made them very welcome at the church (as you have with a number of other refugee families recently).

Sadly, Viacheslav (Slava), the husband and father of the family was unable to come with them and hasn't seen them for over a year.

Slava, among his many talents, is a poet who has been writing to raise awareness of the war and to encourage peace.

Below is an offering of one of Slava's poems written from the heart in the middle of the war

Jill and Malcolm Groom

You opened your heart
You opened your home
When drums of the war
Started beating

You couldn't stand by
Watching somebody die
And innocent nation
Start bleeding

You went through the same
Generations ago
When nazis bombarded
Your island

You lost many lives
To remember the price
Of freedom to live
Without fear

Viacheslav Tsatskin

If you would like to read more of Slava's poetry please see the "Peace in Ukraine" page on the church website.



Thank you message from our Church Family

Carmen would like to thank the Church for the lovely bunch of flowers she received.

Many thanks for the lovely church flowers that I received. They have given me pleasure all week.

Marion

I would like to thank Liz Haigh for braving the awful weather to deliver a lovely bunch of flowers for me. They were just what I needed.

Brenda Bennett

Editor's Notes.

A wonderful time is about to unfold. When Jesus died for us all and rose again. New life is beginning all around us for which we give thanks.

Call out for all the knitters in church.

As you all know I do the welcome area windows. This is very early but I would like to put together a knitted Nativity scene. Are there any knitters who would like to help me to do this. I will supply the pattern, wool and, if you need them, needles. If you are interested, please let me know. We can knit together on Thursday Coffee mornings if you would like to, or just do it at home.

Lin Fareham.focus@gmail.com

Deadline for May efocus is 26th April.



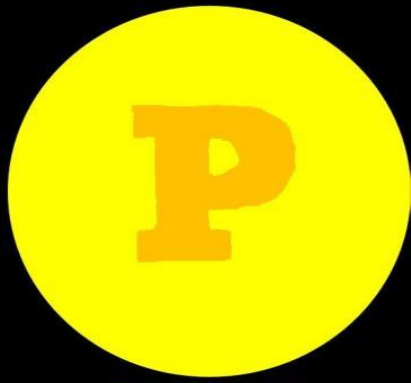
PFZ (Parent Free Zone) is a great ministry and mission opportunity for our young people, supported by Christians Together in Fareham. It is well established, hosted at Fareham URC and it would be great if some of us can support them. Now and over many years it attracts and has attracted children and young people from across many churches in our town as well as those who have attended our Holiday Club or who have no church affiliation.

Please respond to: jean.antcliffe@outlook.com) if you can help in any way, or if you know someone else who might be able to help.

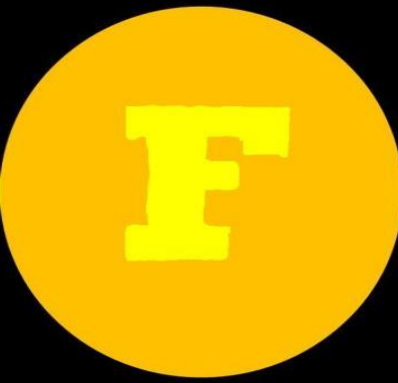
It's once a month, on a Sunday, and it would only be occasionally, but would make so much difference. Of course, for those working with children we will require them to show, and to have recorded, their DBS certificate number, in line with church safeguarding policy and how CTiF operates with volunteers at the Holiday club.

Thank you.

Rachel and Ian



PARENT



FREE



ZONE

YOUTH GROUP

BADMINTON TABLE TENNIS SNOOKER
BOARD GAMES QUIET AREA
SAFE AND SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENT
FOOD FRIENDSHIP

Second Sunday of the month at
Fareham United Reformed Church,
Osborn Road South
between 5pm and 7 pm.

The minimum age is 8 years old
but there is no upper limit.

The young people enjoy games and other activities
as well as a meal and time to chat.

INTERESTED OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

JEAN ANTCLIFFE

Text: 0748 4727777  jean.antcliffe@outlook.com



PART OF CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN FAREHAM

No PFZ meeting on Easter Sunday.

What is an emergency alert?

An emergency alert is a free service being launched by the UK Government that will warn you about serious nearby threats to life through your mobile 'phone or device. There will be a National Test Message of the system on Sunday 23 April 2023.

What will an emergency alert look like?

Emergency Alerts will appear on your device, and you will hear a loud siren-like sound for up to 10 seconds. It will appear on your device's home screen, and you must acknowledge it before you can use other features.

They appear as a notification and may include telephone numbers or website links containing further information. A loud, siren-like sound and vibration will accompany the message to raise awareness of the hazard or threat.

What shall I do when I receive the National Test Message on 23 April?

When you receive the Welcome Message, you do not need to take any action. The siren will stop automatically after ten seconds. A welcome message will stay on screen until you acknowledge it, just like a 'low battery' warning.

For what will emergency alerts be used?

Emergency alerts will be used to inform people about severe threats to life in particular areas, such as flooding or wildfires.

Are emergency alerts free?

Emergency alerts are a free service provided by the UK Government.

Will people living in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland receive emergency alerts?

People living in all parts of the UK will be able to receive emergency alerts.

What should I do if I receive a real emergency alert?

When you get an alert, stop what you're doing (when it is safe to do so) and follow the instructions in the alert. If you are driving, as when receiving any 'phone call or message, do not look at or touch your 'phone until it is safe to do so.

Will the Government use emergency alerts to spam me?

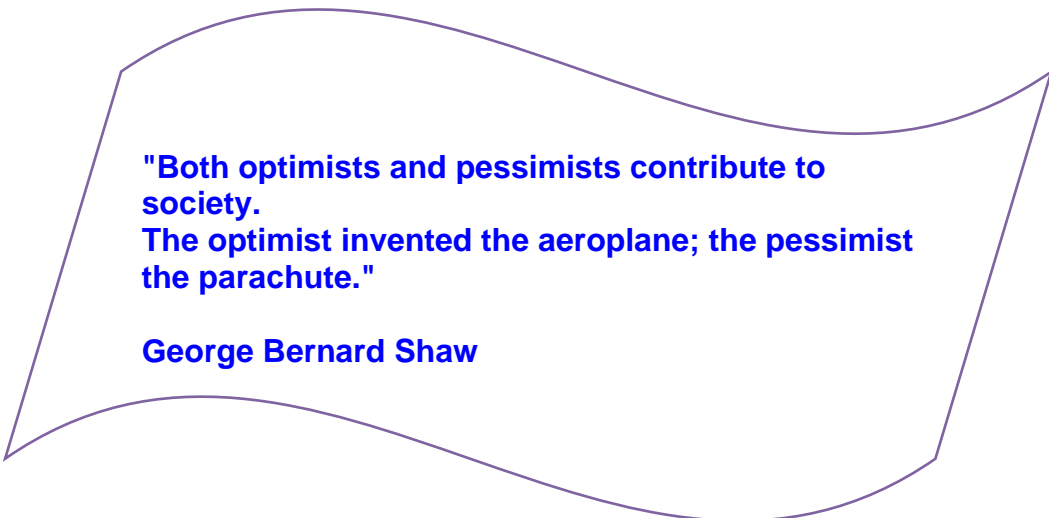
No. Emergency alerts will only be used to warn you about an immediate threat to life.

Does the Government use my personal data to send an emergency alert?

No. The system uses the cell tower to which your 'phone is connected. When an alert is triggered, all towers in the area will broadcast the alert. To do this the Government does not need to know the specific location or personal data on your device.

Will I still receive emergency alerts if I don't have a smartphone?

Emergency alerts work on all 4G and 5G 'phone networks widely used by smartphones. This will not include older 'non-smart' phones but the 3G technology that they use is being switched off next year. If you do not have a compatible device, you'll still be informed about an emergency as the emergency services have other ways to warn you when there is a threat to life.



**"Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society.
The optimist invented the aeroplane; the pessimist the parachute."**

George Bernard Shaw



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 and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

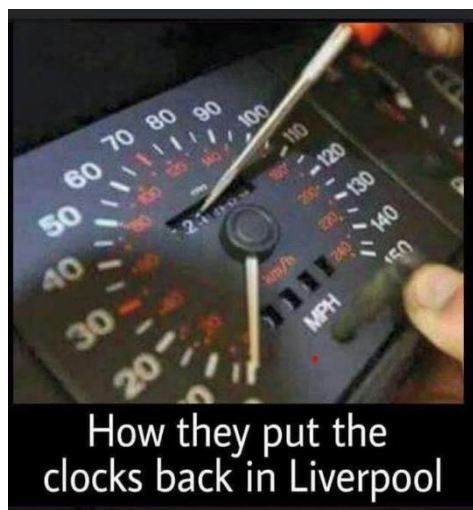
THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am. During the winter months we will be meeting in the snug or, when the weather warms up, in the sanctuary.

All are welcome to join us, for 5 minutes or for as long as you wish. We will pray with or for you or you may prefer to just listen and pray silently. Our prayers will include any from the prayer tree left during the month.

So, if you have anyone or any situation you want us to pray for, please feel free to write on the leaves and hang them on the prayer tree in the welcome area.

2023	
6 th April	Jill Race
4 th May	Julie Kettle
1 st June	Revd. Claire
6 th July	Revd. Claire



Editor takes no responsibility for the wording

East Solent and Downs Methodist Circuit

Easter Morning Worship

8:00am Sunday 9th April 2023

Holy Communion on the Beach
(followed by Breakfast)

by The Wheelhouse,
Hill Head.
(PO14 3LR)

The **Methodist** Church 

Please sign list in Church if you think you will be coming!

SUNDAY LUNCH

16th April 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 a donation to Charity. 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, Vegetables.*

Puddings: *Variety*

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

If you are unable to come, please let me know asap, even if it is early on the Sunday, so that we can adjust the numbers for which we cater and lay up.

We need about 3/4 people to stay after the meal until about 2.30 to help with the dishwasher or to wash up. We would really appreciate your help.

Thank you for all the delicious puddings last time and for all the help with clearing up afterwards.

Jill Groom

St Mary's JSOC

St Mary's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church usually meet at St John's but are unable to do so during Holy Week as St John's are having building works.

They will be having the exclusive use of our premises on the following days and times:

Wednesday 5 th April	St Mary's JSOC 5.00 – 9.00pm
Friday 7 th April	St Mary's JSOC 9.00am – 4.00pm
Saturday 8 th April	St Mary's JSOC 5.00 – 10.00pm

Please do not 'just pop in' to church at these times.

We will be having our own Maundy Thursday Service 7.30 – 8.30pm on 6th April.

Many thanks
Linda Foster



Fareham Good Neighbours needs volunteers!

Could you spend an hour or two every week / fortnight to make a difference in someone's life?

Fareham Good Neighbours [FGN]

– www.farehamgoodneighbours.org.uk – is a small group which offers a befriending service to help reduce the loneliness of local people who live on their own or who can't leave their homes for social contact.

Our volunteers visit people in their homes to offer companionship by talking, providing company and, most importantly, by listening. We normally receive three referrals each week about people who might benefit from what we offer but we don't have enough volunteers to meet this demand and some people have to wait a long time before we can match them with a suitable volunteer. If you have a listening ear and time to give, we would love to hear from you.

Please call us on 07512-078420.

We'll ask you to attend a short online presentation and Q&A session about what we do and, if you decide to apply, you will need to undergo a DBS check and complete a simple safeguarding training course. Then you are all set to meet someone who will be really pleased to meet you.



Riding Lights: "Crosslight", a streamed performance. Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm at Fareham United Reformed Church.

All welcome.

The performance begins with John bringing Mary to his home in Jerusalem immediately after the crucifixion.

Later that evening Peter joins them having disappeared after the denial.

The three characters discuss the death of Jesus, and remember significant incidents in Jesus' life, focusing on the impact on the disciples and the crowds.

The performance is 1hour 7mins. Coffee will be available after the "streaming".

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Lent season is coming to an end, and we can now look forward to Easter.

We have the Walk of Witness on Good Friday with churches meeting at the bandstand in Fareham.

Easter Sunday, we have early morning communion on the beach followed by bacon rolls.

At the ACM we welcomed two new stewards to the team, Jean and Audrey.

I would like to thank everyone who kept in touch with me via 'phone and email as I self-isolated due to Covid. I also received flowers and a chocolate orange which really cheered me up. Thank goodness I am now feeling much better.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards



MESSY CHURCH ON 8TH MARCH 2023 REJOICE AND BE GLAD

The smiles on the children's faces shows how much fun we all have at Messy Church.



April – May 7th, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	28 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group	29	30 9.30 Coffee Centre 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	31 11:00 Friday Lunch	1	2 10:30 Palm Sunday Morning Worship by Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion
3 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	4 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group 14:00 Tuesday Ladies' Club	5	6 9.30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Prayer Circle – Church Sanctuary led by Jill Race 18.45 Singing group Rehearsal	7	8	9 8.00am Easter Morning Holy Communion at Hill Head 10:30 am Morning Worship Revd. Penny Thorne All Age Worship
10	11 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group	12 3.30 pm Messy Church 19.30 Church Council Meeting	13 9.30 Coffee Centre	14	15	16 10.30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Mrs M Imelda Temple
17 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar. 19.30 Stewards' Meeting at Brenda B	18 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group 14:00 Tuesday Ladies' Club	19	20 9.30 Coffee Centre 14.30 Red House Care Home Service 19.30 Singing group rehearsal	21	22	23 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning Worship Don Stephen Richardson 12:15 Monthly Sunday Lunch 6:00pm Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Comm. Iona
24 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	25 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group.	26 Deadline for May efocus	27 9.30 Coffee Centre 19:30 Singing Group Rehearsal	28 11:00 Friday Lunch 18.30 Friday night games	29	30 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Mrs Tracy Cooper
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WOLF CAMP



WOLF Camp is an opportunity for guys and their kids to come camping with us over Fathers Day weekend at the Tile Barn Outdoor Centre in the New Forest. With BBQ's on both nights, sports activities, games, crafts, a fire pit and optional climbing, it is a great opportunity to just come and hang out with other guys connected to local churches in the Gosport, Fareham and Stubbington area.

INFO:

Cost: £30 per adult, £20 for Under 16's (Bookings close: Friday 2nd June)
(Plus £10 per person for optional climbing)

Dates: Friday 16th - Sunday 18th June

For more info please contact Dom DeBoo on youth@rbe-gosport.church

For booking link:



More information on the Welcome Notice Board

ROWANS DISCOVERY DAY

Claire is involved with this day as part of her work at the Rowans Hospice - it's open to anyone and everyone in the local community so do come along and find out a bit more about the work of the hospice - the in-patient unit and the Living Well Centre.

If there is anyone who could bake something for the cake stall it would be gratefully received - please let Claire know if you can.

Come and see us at the...

Rowans Discovery Day

Saturday, 29 April 2023 from 10:00 - 15:00 hrs

Fareham Methodist Church
Kings Road, Fareham, PO16 0NU

Please note: there is no car parking available at the church.
You can park either on Western Road or in the Holy Trinity Pay and Display car park.

All day:

Drop-in café and chat, coloured glass stall, cake stall,
card making/pebble painting, poetry writing,
sewing, Rowans information table

Taster Sessions - no booking required:

11:00 hrs - Mindfulness

11:00 hrs - Expressive Painting

13:00 hrs - Exploring the Big Questions

13:00 hrs - Singing for Wellbeing

14:30 hrs - A Time to Remember



Tel: 023 9225 0001 • Email: carol.gully@rowanshospice.co.uk

Service of Witness

Good Friday 7th April 2023

Assemble 10.15am for 10.30am start

The Podium, West Street, Fareham



CHRISTIANS
together in
FAREHAM

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

Hot Cross Buns will be shared with visitors to the town centre at the end of the service