

FAREHAM EFOCUS APRIL 2026

HE IS NOT HERE,
FOR HE IS

Risen

HAPPY EASTER

Fareham Methodist Church
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**Services for the Month of
April 2026**

05 th Apr	8.00 am. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Communion on the Beach.
	10:30 am. Easter Sunday. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Family Holy Communion.
12 th Apr.	10:30 am. Revd. Bill Stillwell. 2 nd Sunday of Easter.
19 th Apr.	10:30 am. Mrs Celia Withers. 3 rd Sunday of Easter.
26 th Apr.	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin. 4 th Sunday of Easter.
	6:00 pm. Revd. Pauline Crispin. Reflective service. Holy Communion.
03 rd May	10:30 am. Mr Andrew Wilcock United with URC 5 th Sunday of Easter.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
April 2026**

12 th Apr.	Rach Davies and Jenny Chalmers.
19 th Apr.	Sally Bland and Denise Lanfear.
26 th Apr.	Marilyn Woodrow and Linda Woodhams.
03 rd May	Meg Cox and Brenda Bennett.

**Meet and Greet on a Sunday.
April 2026**

12 th Apr.	Christine Fielding.
19 th Apr	
26 th Apr.	Simon Potter.
03 rd May	Christine Fielding.

Flower Rota March 2026

12th Apr.

19th Apr.

26th Apr.

03rd May. Ian Bagshaw



Sunday Lunch Sunday 19th April 2026 at 12.15 approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. We ask for a donation (of at least £5 each if you are able, please) towards the cost of the meal and any profits will go to **Charity**. If you would like to make, for our lunch, a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

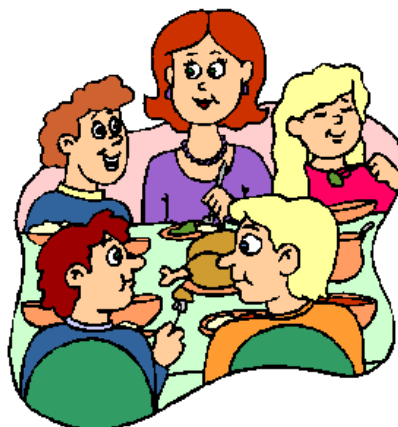
The Menu

Starter: Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

Main Course: 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.



DATES OF EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH

CRAFT DAY – 15th April

SPRING FAYRE – 2nd May (TBC)

VALUE IT – 20th June

DATE CHANGE FOR CRAFT DAY MOVED FROM

18TH March to 15th APRIL

SPRING FAYRE

Help Needed

As you know, we are considering holding a Spring Fayre this year, and we will need a team of people to help make it happen.

We would love to hear your ideas for stalls or activities, and we would also welcome anyone who is able to help on the day or with planning.

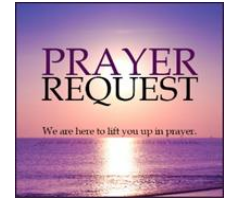
There will be a sign-up list in the Welcome Area, so please do add your name if you can help in any way.

We are hoping to hold a short meeting after the service on Sunday 12 April. It won't take long and will simply be an opportunity to share ideas and look at how we can move forward together.

Thank you – your support will make all the difference.

**Chocolate is vital for
our survival.
Dinosaurs didn't
have chocolate and
look what happened
to them...**

The Prayer Tree



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

The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to join us, for five 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.

7 th May	Bob Temple
4 th June	Rev. Pauline
2 nd July	Jill Race



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are nearing the end of our Bible study on 'The Women of the New Testament'. We have some ideas for new studies and wondered if anyone would like to join us and study some of these themes, e.g. - The sermon on the mount, the 12 disciples, Heaven, Questions God asks, Hope, Listening to God or Forgiveness. These are just a few of our ideas and would love your input, ideas or thoughts. If you'd like to study a particular book of the Bible instead of a theme all are available. We have used the Lifebuilder Bible Study Notes. Looking forward to hearing from you with lots of ideas or thoughts, all requests or ideas welcome.

If you'd like to join us on the 3rd Thursday (10-11am) of the month (usually) please pop along.

Thank you, Audrey

messy CHURCH

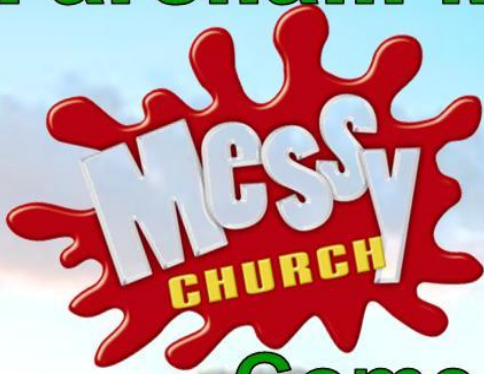


It was a great Messy Church. The Easter message was well and truly sent out to the children. The church was overflowing with children's laughter and adults' chatter. Wow we all feel so energised over what is happening with our outreach. All the children went home with an Easter Egg.

Happy Easter
from Messy Church



Fareham Methodist Church



Come along during
the Summer Half-term

Tuesday 26th May 2026

10am – 12:30

including Lunch



Games and Activities and All Together Time

at



Messages from Church Members

I would like to say thank you for the get-well cards. For quite a few years while waiting for the operation, I was unable to talk. I'm on the other side now, there is nothing to stop me; sorry, and Colin is delighted!

Beautiful flowers delivered by Irene. My daughter Clare was with me and having a group of nurses under the one roof was fun, organising the NHS how it is now, and what it was in the olden days.

Thank you Edith

A thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and flowers after the recent death of my father Frank.

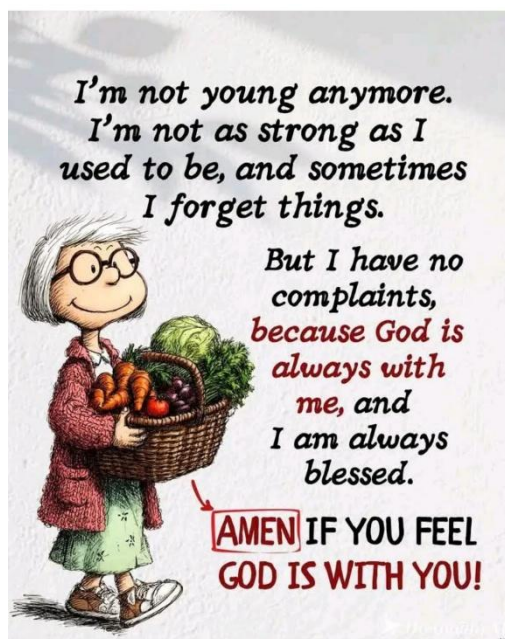
Mike Shepherd.

Many many thanks for my flowers it was very special to receive them on Mothering Sunday . We are very happy in our retirement apartment . Pleased to report that we are both well especially me.

Thanks again Pam and Laurie Mullins

Thank you for all your prayers and the flowers delivered by Jean. They meant so much to me at a difficult time.

Julie



Bev, daughter of Vic Collins, has just texted as she has seen the "beautiful flowers" delivered by Irene to Vic in Hartwell Lodge. She said "thank you so very much, it all means so much".

Sylvia would like to say thank you so much for the flowers from church and to Liz for delivering them and staying for a lovely chat. It is so good to be remembered xx

Christmas Angels

Calling all knitters.

Will you knit some angels as part of an outreach programme we plan to run in December?

We need lots of angels, as many as you can knit between now and 10th December.

Each Angel will then be labelled with a Christmas message of hope for the world. A team will then place the Angels in a chosen area of Fareham where they will be left for the public to find.

Knitting patterns are available in the Welcome Area or from Maggie or Pauline please take one and, Happy Knitting.

We will be knitting the angels at the Thursday Coffee Centre from the 16th April. Come and join us

Vestry Jottings



Hello everyone,

A date for your diaries: There will be a Circuit Service on 10th May at 3pm at Portsmouth Methodist Church Eastney site. This will include accreditation of Local Preacher Trish Chiwera who led our service at Fareham on 15th March. The preacher at this Circuit service will be Rev. John Illsley. As we are the largest congregation in the Circuit it is hoped that as many of you, who can, attend the service. A sign-up sheet will be put in the Welcome Area from mid-April so that if anyone requires transport or anyone can offer transport this can be arranged.

Audrey Mann – On behalf of the Stewards



Prayer for when conflict is escalating

God of peace,
as tensions rise and violence spreads,
we bring you a world that feels too easily set alight.

We pray for all who are caught in the crossfire –
for children woken by fear,
for families holding one another through the night,
for those grieving, injured, displaced,
and for all whose fear is growing
because of what may come next,
as the future feels increasingly unsafe.

Break the cycle of retaliation,
disarm the hands that reach for vengeance.
Silence the voices that profit from hatred.

Give wisdom and courage to those with power to pause this –
to choose restraint, protection, and dialogue,
to seek justice without crushing the vulnerable.

Make us people who do not look away,
teach us to pray with honesty,
to act with compassion,
and to keep refusing despair. Amen.

Thank you Bobby.

HOW TO PRESERVE CHILDREN.

Take on large grassy field, half a dozen children, two or three small dogs, a pinch of stream and some pebbles. Mix the children and dogs well and put them in the field, stirring constantly. Pour the stream over the pebbles, sprinkle the field with flowers. Spread over all a deep blue sky and bake in the hot sun. When brown, remove and set to cool in a bathtub. Pack between sheets and enfold all in love.

The above was in an Ela Beach cookbook which was put together by parents from my son's school when we lived in Papua New Guinea in the '80s. There was no processed food, 1 supermarket (loosely termed) which sometimes brought tins of food from England "Bake Beans". You can imagine the queue!! We made everything from scratch. When reading this cookbook again after many years it brought back many memories. Lin

HOLIDAY AT HOME

WE ALL WENT TO GUERNSEY

Just to say "Thank you" for a lovely day in Guernsey, very much appreciated.
Gill, Harvey, Diane, Gloria and Judy



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for providing us with such a lovely meal, film and ice cream but most of all a friendly welcome.
Sheila, Pam, Ann, Jenny, Roz and Angela.

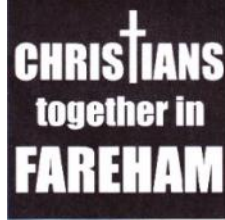
I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to the team behind Holiday at Home. I really enjoyed myself. The food was great and the film was very enjoyable.
Brenda.



To all the volunteers that helped to make Friday's Holiday at Home in Guernsey such an interesting and enjoyable day. I am really pleased that I came and appreciate everyone's hard work and contribution that helped make it what it was. A huge success. Thank you so much.
Christine Fielding.

Your catering through the year has been STUPENDOUS! And very much appreciated by all the recipients.
Not only very good meals! But a social gathering – not only for church members. Actually, we have several new members because of the hospitality which they found at such events.
With gratitude, Una.





Bishop Jonathan has announced today the appointment of the Rev Mack Deptula as the new church-planter in Fareham, subject to DBS. He will create a new congregation based at St Peter and St Paul, Fareham, while also cherishing its existing congregation. Then he will develop that church further, so it can plant another new worshipping community within the development at Welborne.

Mack is currently a curate and church-planter in Exeter. You can read more about him here: <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2026/03/24/church-planter-will-create-two-new-congregations/>

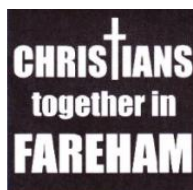


Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May

There will be a Christian Aid stall in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm. Collectors are needed! Many of those who have helped in the past are no longer able to do this. So, please think about helping and let me know if you can spare an hour or two during the week.

There will be an opportunity to donate at the end of the service on 10th May or the following week on 17th May.

Many thanks,
Linda Foster



Dear All,

A huge thank you to all who were involved in the CTiF Lent Lunches this year - to the people who prepared and served the soup and those who came and shared the meal and fellowship together.

We raised about £800 for Christian Aid - a magnificent amount that will make a transforming difference to people's lives.

With many thanks and blessings,

Rachel



🔧 We're Hiring: Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator
📍 Fareham ⌚ 37.5 hrs (part-time considered)

Gateway Church Fareham is looking for a proactive, practical, and organised person to help care for our building and support the life of our church and community.

This key role involves:

- Overseeing building maintenance and repairs
- Ensuring high standards of presentation and safety
- Supporting building hire and community use
- Working alongside staff, volunteers, and contractors

We're looking for someone with strong organisational skills and a heart to support the vision and values of our church to be part of our team.

📅 12-month fixed term (with potential to become permanent)

☀️ Friendly team, central location, paid overtime opportunities

Interested or know someone who might be?

Get in touch for more details or email your CV with a covering letter to martin.doyle@gatewayfareham.org.uk

Gateway Church Fareham is excited to be running an Alpha course starting on Wednesday 15th April. The course will run for 11 weeks, finishing on 1st July (there will be no session on 27th May due to the school holiday).

Alpha is a welcoming and relaxed space where people can explore life, faith, and meaning, ask questions, and share thoughts openly. So many people first encounter Jesus through the honest and encouraging conversations that happen around the Alpha table.

For more details see <https://www.gatewayfareham.org.uk/alpha>.

Please email alpha@gatewayfareham.org.uk if you have any questions.

CRAFT DAY

AT FAREHAM METHODIST CHURCH,

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

OPEN TO EVERYONE

COME ALONG AND TRY SOMETHING NEW

STAY AS LONG AS YOU WISH.

TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE AVAILABLE.

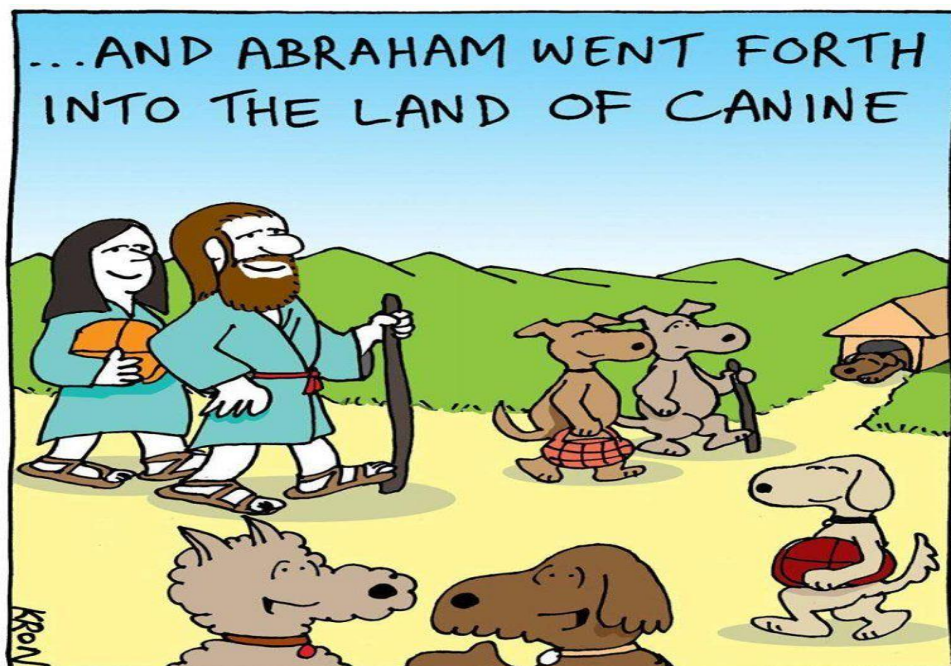
QUILTING

CROCHET

KNITTING

CARDMAKING

Lunch is not provided – please
join us with your own if you are
intending to be there at that time



The CARTOON KRONICLES