

FAREHAM eFOCUS



**Fareham Methodist Church
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Services for the Month
August 2024

4 th Aug	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion. 18 th in Ordinary Time.
11 th Aug	10:30 am Mrs Alison Rice 19 th in Ordinary Time.
18 th Aug	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin 20 th in Ordinary Time. All Age Worship.
25 th Aug	10:30 am Mrs Tracy Cooper 21 st In Ordinary Time.
	6:00pm Revd Pauline Crispin Holy Communion and Reflective Service.
1 st Sept	10:30 am Revd Pauline Crispin Holy Communion. Covenant Service. 22 nd in Ordinary Time.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for August 2024

4 th Aug	Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall.
11 th Aug	Ian Bagshaw and Walter Metcalf
15 th Aug	Elizabeth Wilcock and Terry Ferguson
25 th Aug	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
1 st Sept	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers

Meet and Greet Rota
For August 2024

4 th August	Christine Fielding
11 th Aug	Helen Hill
15 th Aug	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
25 th Aug	Jenny Chalmers
1 st Sept	Julie Kettle

Distributing hymn books on Sunday
For August 2024

4th Aug Rach Davies.
11th Aug **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
15th Aug Christine Fielding
25th Aug Christine Fielding
1st Sept Heather Murphy

Flower Rota for August 2024

4th Aug Jill and Malcolm Race.
11th Aug Ian Bagshaw
15th Aug Linda Young
25th Aug Edith Livingstone
1st Sept Lin and Chris

Vestry jottings

The funeral of Pat Pickering was a lovely service and the family have sent a card thanking everyone who have rallied around Tony in recent weeks and all who helped in the practicalities of Pat's Thanksgiving Service and refreshments.

It's holiday season again and the holiday club started on the 29th July. It would be great if we can continue to pray for these 60 children and their families. And also pray that the seeds that have been sown and the relationships that have been built grow and produce fruit in Gods own time.

The family have asked us to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone involved in the funeral and thanksgiving service for Shirley Sargeant.

Audrey Mann
On behalf of the stewards

CHANGE OF DATE

Having already changed the date for the Worship Consultation because it clashed with a District event, I am now having to change the date again because the Circuit meeting date has moved!

**THE WORSHIP
CONSULTATION WILL NOW
MEET ON MONDAY 16TH
SEPTEMBER 7.30PM
AT THE MANSE.**

Pauline.

Annual Church Kitchen Clean

I am seeking, once again, volunteers to help me give the Church kitchen its annual deep clean on Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th August from 10 am
Please contact me if you feel you might be able to lend a hand, I will be very grateful
Lynda Haydon-Jones.
Tel: 01329 842646

Editor's Note

MESSAGES FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear friends,

I haven't written anything recently. But this month, I will be putting on a Breast Cancer Coffee/Tea and Cake afternoon. As you know, some members of our Church family have been or are going on this journey.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA
TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT PEOPLE
WITH BREAST CANCER
ON 21ST AUGUST FROM 1;00 PM AT
21 HEATHFIELD AVE
CATISFIELD
FAREHAM PO15 5Q**

I would love to see you anytime during the afternoon.

I will put further information on the Welcome area events board.

I am going to do the Thursday Coffee Centre during August and beginning of September so that Jill and Malcolm can have a rest which is so well deserved. Any one who could give me a hand would be very welcome. I am a novice so will need help. Would you let me know which dates you could do, if you can.

Thank you for reading.

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER EFOCUS
WILL BE 28TH AUGUST.**

Margaret Temple thanked the church for her flowers for her 80th birthday delivered by Liz.

Thank you for my lovely flowers delivered by
Linda Foster.
Lin W

As a member of Fareham Methodist Church, I would like to record my appreciation to many of its members who make me feel cherished and cared for.

The flowers that are delivered, meals that are provided, the holiday at home day and lifts that are given. You live up to your Christian calling. Thank you so much.

Marion.

I was so delighted to receive a beautiful bunch of flowers delivered to me by Irene after my two eye operations.

With grateful thanks.

Joan Moore

Change of Address

Mrs Shirley Grant
Alverstoke House
20 Somerville Close
Gosport PO12 2PZ

Please note written consent has been given for this.



We participated in the Fareham Community Showcase event in the Town centre on Saturday 20th July promoting recycling with Terracycling. We handed out a lot of flyers which were well received. Many discussions were had, and the team were incredibly happy the way the day had gone.

Outside the church, there are two bins for recycling: one blue and one yellow. Both bins accept all recyclable items.

Information from an article in Sunday Times a few weeks ago.

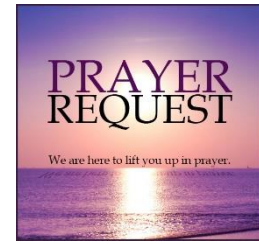
Has everyone noticed the new plastic bottles with caps permanently attached ? This is an EU requirement and because it's unproductive to make bottles for the UK, we also have them, but this is a good thing. The world produces 583 billion plastic bottles & therefore caps per year. These caps are now the 5th most common plastic debris in our seas.

These caps are difficult to recycle, not least because they get lost in the recycling process and therefore end up in landfill or worse on our beaches and seas.

These new bottles, with caps attached, are shredded, and separated in a floatation tank. That means million more bottle caps can be recycled rather than ending up strewn across our planet and often in the stomach of our wild animals. Plastic waste is a massive global problem, and every little bit helps even if they are a little irritating.

However, I would recommend reusing bottles as much as possible because sole use plastic is a scourge on God's creation.

**PROTECT GOD'S PLANET
REUSE RECYCLE REDUCE**



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 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 Snug.

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.



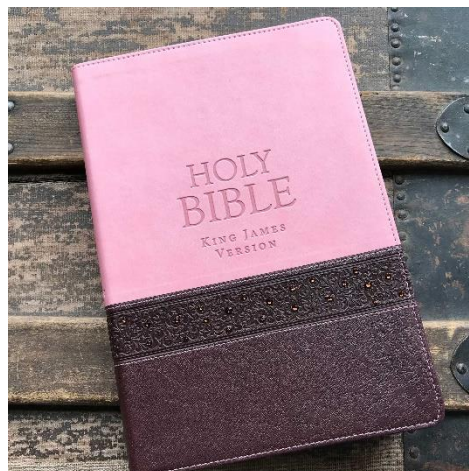
THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At our next Bible study group, we are starting to look at the women in the Old Testament. We have looked at Eve and the tempter and Sarah and grow witness.

If you would like to join our small but friendly group on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Please pop in or if you would like more information, it will be great to speak.

We are not meeting in August, but we look forward to seeing you in September.

Audrey Mann



SUNDAY LUNCH 18th August at 12.30 p.m. approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation, family, and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations . If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be appreciated – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Pâté

Main Course: Chicken, 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 lunch!

If you can stay to help until all the washing up is done, please sign the helpers list.

It then means that those who have been at church since 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!
If you have signed up to help and cannot come, please can you let me know.

Thank you. Jill Groom

**A Service for Methodist Women in Britian is to be conducted by Deacon
Glenda Siddings and Christine Stuckey at Stubbington Methodist
Church on Sunday 18th August 2024 at 10:15 am.**

**Anyone who wishes to come from Fareham Church to share in this
service is very welcome. Refreshments to follow.**

Dee

Holy Trinity Church, Fareham

Friday **KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION duo**
9th August
7pm

CONCERT for UKRAINE

free entry
with a request for a charitable donation

in aid of HIPPOKRAT society
and victims of Russian war in Ukraine

- World classics masterpieces
- Greatest examples of Ukrainian music

132 West St, Fareham PO16 0EL

Action for Children

Thank you to all who have League of Light home collection boxes. You have collected £225.07.

I know many people do not use cash as much these days. If anyone would like to support Action for Children, it is possible to arrange a standing order for regular payments. Cheques can be sent to Action for Children, 3, The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford, WD18 8AG. Card payments can be made via the website actionforchildren.org.uk/donate or over the phone 0300 123 2112.

Catherine Stevenson.

Denim Delights:

On the first Thursday of the month (and most other Thursdays), Edith and I will be making "Delights" from used denim. These will be for sale in aid of the electrical and environmental work we hope to undertake. We have many different projects that we would love anyone and everyone to help make. These include small cross badge/brooches, teddies, bracelets and many more ideas. If you would like to join us, have a play, and help please come whenever you can.

P.S. No sewing experience needed. And if you have any used denim/jeans we would love to reuse and transform it into something valuable.

Thank you, Audrey,



Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank

Thank you to Fareham Methodist Church for supporting us!

The Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank is the principal project of *Friends of the Homeless in Fareham and Gosport* which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registration number 1194360). The Basics Bank provides food support and relief to those who find themselves in a short-term crisis or emergency. Our aim is not to create dependency but to provide support until the crisis subsides. This represents an outworking of the biblical principle of 'loving your neighbour as yourself'.

This is enabled by operating two food banks which supply food parcels to last for a period of up to a week completely free of charge. We are also able to offer toiletries and nappies. We operate an on-line, cloud-based referral system which is accessed by over 150 agencies. Such pre-qualification gives some real assurance that service users are receiving help for background issues such as debt, homelessness, mental or physical illness, unemployment and benefit problems.

The agencies include a homeless direct access centre, the women's refuge, social services, health visitors, the probation service, Citizen's Advice, council housing offices, school outreach workers, health visitors, social workers and a number of other charities and others who come into contact with people in severe need or crisis.

We cover the local authority areas of Fareham and Gosport and a part of the City of Winchester area.

We have seen significant growth in demand for food support. In 2023 we handled some 3500 referrals and fed over 8500 people. It is likely that high levels of demand will continue into the foreseeable future.

The level of food and toiletry donations has declined in the recent past and continues to do so. However, we also receive generous support financially which enables us to make up any shortfall and to continue to provide fresh fruit and vegetables, together with bread, eggs and milk. Thus, the charity remains self-sufficient. Our donors include schools, churches, commercial organisations and individuals. We are grateful for all the support we receive.

We currently need - tins of peas, tins of custard, deodorants, jars of sauces for rice, small jars of coffee, corned beef, and tins of fruit

We have enough baked beans, pasta, tinned spaghetti, tinned pulses, and tea

Our volunteers are a significant asset. These are people of faith and no faith who work to achieve the common goal of trying to make a difference to the vulnerable in our community. They do this unstintingly with good humour and great commitment, with compassion, no small degree of sadness and without passing judgement on those whom they help. We are grateful for all they contribute.



“So, let us run the race that is before us and never give up. Let us look only for Jesus.”

Hebrews 12 1-2



Messy church was based on. The Olympics in Paris 2024. The children and adults could make edible medals. They could draw to make the Olympic rings. There was a messy box which the children had to guess what they were feeling whilst not seeing. Olympic torches which lit up were made. A Triathlon of sorts was a game in the large hall.

We have so much fun
An altogether game was played with children and adults.

The worship time was well received as you can see by the photos.

Look forward to seeing everyone in September.

