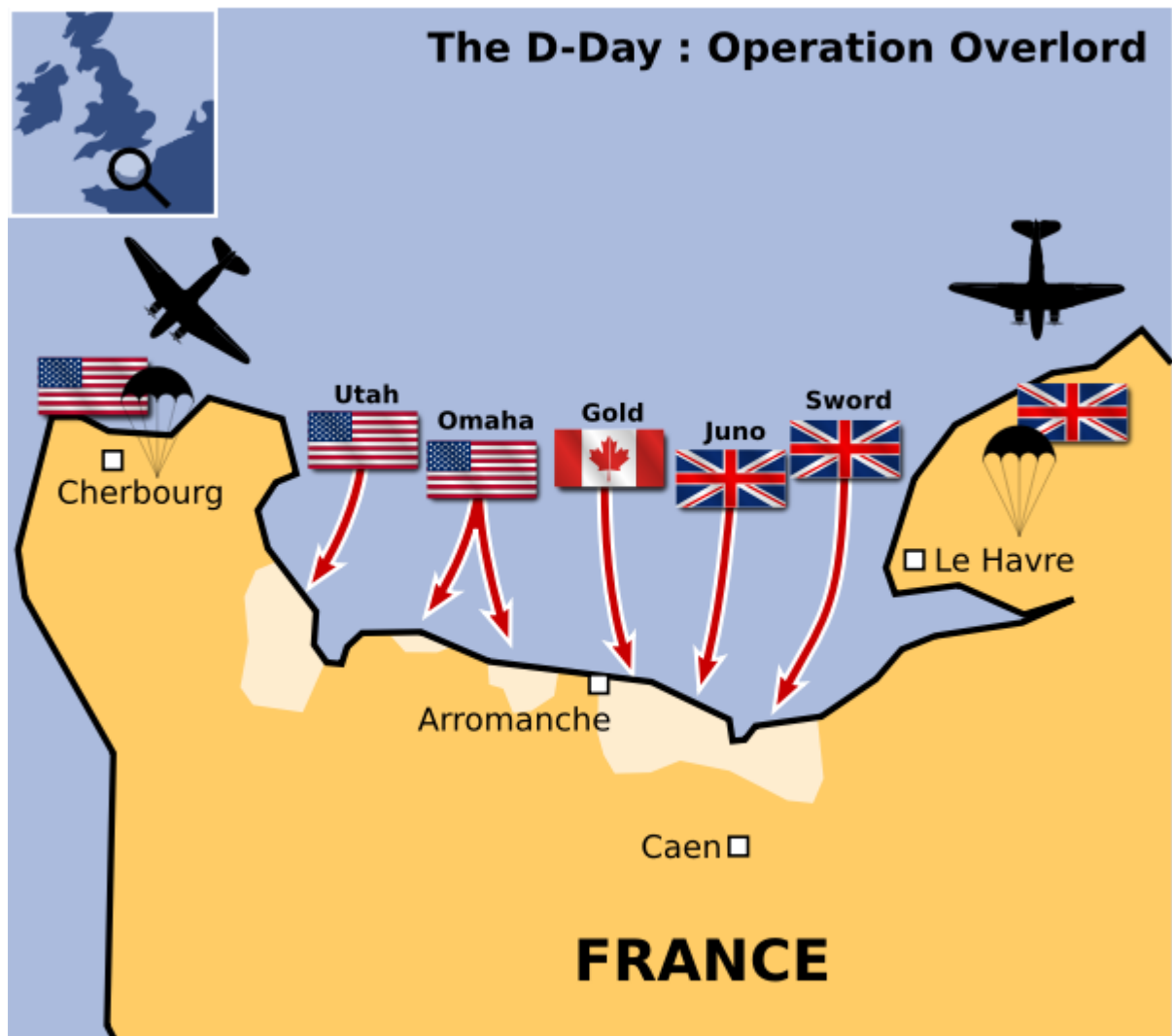


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Services for the Month
June 2024

09th June 10:30 am
Mr Matthew Patis.
10th in Ordinary Time.

16th June 10:30 am
Mr Andrew Wilcock.
11th in Ordinary Time.
All Age Worship.

23rd June 10:30 am
12th in Ordinary Time.
Revd. David Rice.

6:00 pm
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion/Reflection
Service.

30th June 10:30 am
Revd. Canon Richard
Atkins-Greig.
13th in Ordinary Time.

07th July 10:30 am
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
14th in Ordinary Time.
Holy Communion.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for June 2024

09th June Joan Boyd and Jenny
Chalmers.

16th June Sally Bland and Joan Temple.

23rd June Marilyn Woodrow and Lin
Woodhams.

30th June Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks.

07th July Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.

Meet and Greet Rota
For June 2024

09th June Brenda Bennett.

16th June Simon Potter.

23rd June **Volunteer Needed.**

30th June Heather Murphy.

07th July **Volunteer Needed.**

3rd June to 7th July 2024

3 Monday	4 Tuesday	5 Wednesday	6 Thursday	7 Friday	8 Saturday	9 Sunday
9:30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group. 2:00 Tuesday Ladies Club	3:30 Messy Church	9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 7:30 Singing group Rehearsal			10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Mr Matthew Patis
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**Time to recharge your inner battery
at Ammerdown Retreat Centre
Led by The Rev'd Pauline Crispin
Tuesday June 24th to Wednesday 25th 2025.**

This retreat, which is just over 24 hours, is an invitation to take time out to be refreshed, be still, breathe in God's beauty in nature, to rest and allow yourself to draw closer to God.

We take our example of Jesus himself, who often went to a solitary place to pray and rest.

This retreat will provide opportunity for gentle spiritual reflection through Biblical teaching, worship, and simply having space to 'just be.'

There will also be opportunity for fellowship together.



Ammerdown is set in the heart of beautiful Somerset countryside, just 12 miles south of Bath and 16 miles from Bristol. Offering space and time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, in this peaceful, tranquil setting. The centre has beautiful gardens which include a prayer walk, labyrinth and Chapel.

The rooms are either single or twin (*for couples*) and are all ensuite.

The Retreat is full board, which includes lunch on arrival, afternoon tea and cake, evening dinner, breakfast and then lunch on the second day before we

leave. The cost is £145 per person. It does not include transport, but car sharing might be an option. Places are limited, so to book your place ask Pauline for a booking form. Plus, a non-refundable deposit of £30 per person is required. Full payment by June 10th, 2025.



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£4578.55

was raised from Fareham and Gosport District.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Distributing hymn books on Sunday
for June 2024

9th June Rach Davies.
16th June **Volunteer Needed.**
23rd June **Volunteer Needed.**
30th June Christine Fielding.
7th July Jenny Chalmers

Flower Rota for June 2024

9th June Lin Woodhams.
16th June **Volunteer Needed.**
23rd June **Volunteer Needed.**
30th June **Volunteer Needed.**
7th July Linda Foster

SUNDAY LUNCH

16th June at 12.15 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 for **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 Greek salad

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.

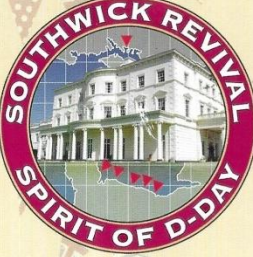
It then means that those of us who have been at church since 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!

Thank you.


Jill Groom

OK - LET'S GO!

General Dwight D Eisenhower
Southwick House, June 1944




8TH-9TH JUNE 2024



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WELBORNE



A life transformed thanks to kind churchgoers and local charity'
An article abbreviated from Portsmouth News.

Local churchgoers are working with Hope into Action Portsmouth to provide proper homes for those in need. Alison Cairns' story shows how this is transforming the lives of addicts and the homeless.

Alison was homeless and addicted to hard drugs. She turned her life around with the help of staff and volunteers from Hope into Action Portsmouth.

The 54-year-old had been taking drugs for 30 years and was hooked on heroin and crack. She was homeless and had been sleeping at Hope House, a hostel in Portsmouth. Her partner for the past 40 years tragically died on Fathers' Day last year.

Someone told her about Hope into Action, the charity that enables local churches to provide real homes and genuine friendship to those homeless. Alison stopped taking drugs exactly a year ago and moved into a house supported by worshippers at St Mary's Church in Fratton.

If you would like to read the full story I do have the newspaper article. This is a wonderful story of God's love and how we can help others who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Thank you, Andrew, for this feel-good article.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello everyone, I'd like to start by thanking Brenda who has done a fabulous job for the last few years, Thank you 😊

I don't have a great deal to tell you except how pleased we are to welcome Helen into membership and that it was wonderful to see so many people in church on Sunday for our anniversary service; 85 years ago, our great band of people started to meet in this building.

The joint service with the URC was a lovely service that our URC friends reported as being 'uplifting'.

We are also thinking hard about how we can "do" fund raising for the re-wiring and for important works such as solar panels, to improve our environmental footing which is crucial for the earth and our financial future; if you have any ideas, please share them with any of the stewards

Audrey
on behalf of the stewards



Messages from Church Members

Thank you for the lovely church flowers delivered kindly by Jean Petter on the Sunday following Malcolm's admission into hospital. Thank you also for all your prayers, love and kind thoughts during his stay. Hopefully he will be home very soon complete with a pacemaker!
Love Jill G



Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers kindly delivered to me today by Liz. It was a lovely surprise!

Sue P

Deadline for July efocus is early, June 20th, as we are away.

Stories Food
Messy
 CHURCH
 Crafts Fun




"When I think of your magnificent Creation - what are we that you care about us?"
 - Psalm 8:3-5

God in Creation

Wednesday 12th June 2024
 from 3:30pm - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities - Worship - Meal



Children need to be accompanied by an adult

This month we learned what it means by knowing that God is with us always.

As usual lots of fun was had by children, parents and volunteers.

A happy Messy Church family.



Jill Groom received this letter from the above charity.

To Jill,

I hope you are well.

I would just like to thank you as we have received a donation of £208.26 from the Church. With your donation we are able to continue to provide vital support to young people in the local area, so on behalf of everyone at Step By Step, thank you!

Here is our latest young people story of Luke: who came to us as he was sleeping in a tent. After contacting Step By Step, we were able to support Luke in finding a suitable stable environment for him to live in, and he is now attending University. You can read more of his story here: [Luke's Story: Back from Rock Bottom \(stepbystep.org.uk\)](http://stepbystep.org.uk). Your donations allow us to help young people like Luke to transform their life so they can live independently and have a bright future, thank you.

Best Wishes,

Thomasin Dutt

Fundraising Assistant - 07771260658

Working Days: Monday – Friday

stepbystep.org.uk



CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF D-DAY – 80 YEARS AGO

I remember the tanks arriving and parking all the way up Trinity Street, and in any available space.

I remember Gordon and Hacker two very young Canadian Medics. and their Army Ambulance parked alongside our cottage.

I remember the friendship which developed between Gordon, Hacker and our family. Sometimes when the siren sounded a warning of an air-raid, they even shared our Anderson shelter as a safe refuge.

I remember the darkness, the noise and the overpowering smell of Diesel, as they all left for France.

I remember the quiet, the flattened front gardens and fences following their departure.

I remember, sometime later, my mother reading a letter with tears rolling down her face. It was a letter from Gordon's mother thanking my mother for the love and friendship shown to her son. Both Gordon and Hacker were shot and killed on Normandy Beach, seeking to help their wounded comrades.

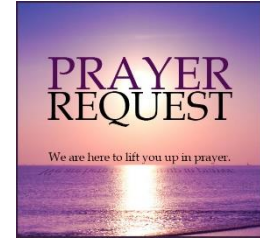
Perhaps most of all, I remember my first experience of grief, as I shed my own tears.

Bob Temple.

I wasn't born until 1949 so I don't remember the war although as a young child I remember people talking about it.

My father would make passing remarks about when he was in Egypt or Iraq. However, when the 40th anniversary of D-Day came around and they opened the D-Day Museum in Southsea I asked my dad where he was on D-Day. He said he was camped in the New Forest waiting. He was in the REME, only 24 and in charge of a lorry full of wireless equipment and the men to run it. He wasn't really sure, but he thought that he went on a F plus 6. He remembered all the fields around Arromanche and Bayeux being full of stores. It didn't dawn on me at the time, but I knew my parents were married in April 1944 with special license and permission from the CO. They must have known that something was coming, and I wonder how many other couples got married that Spring at short notice.

Catherine Stevenson.



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.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

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.

6 th June	Rev. Pauline Crispin
4 th July	Julie Kettle

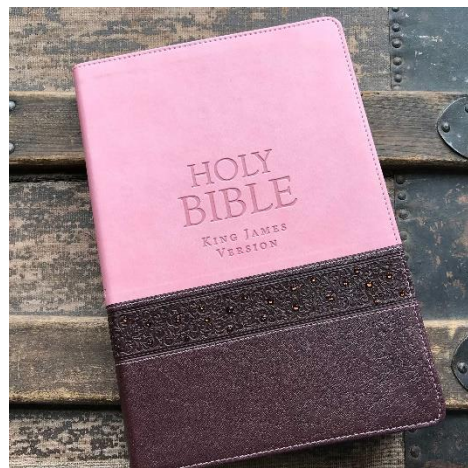


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

At our next Bible study group, we are starting to look at the women in the Old Testament.

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.

Audrey Mann



CELEBRATING MY ONE THOUSANDTH SERVICE!



Welcome to morning worship
at Liphook Methodist Church
Sunday March 10th, 2024

Wow! what an achievement Andrew.
Andrew has sent the order of service to the Methodist Recorder,
who emailed him to invite him to write a small article, which he has
done; although he has no idea if it will be used.

Well done, Andrew.

**Fundraising
For Electrical Work and Solar Panels**

The ideas put forward so far are listed on a form in the Welcome Area.

Could you please add your name to any that you would be willing and able to lead.

Please add any new ideas you have together with your name.

Fareham Methodist Church

Holiday at Home

WELCOME TO FRANCE

BIENVENUE EN FRANCE
(À L'ÉGLISE METHODISTE DE FAREHAM)

10:30–4:30pm
Wednesday 26th June

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits
Quiz and Craft Activities
Lunch
Film—“The Great Escaper”
Music and Singalong
Afternoon Tea

Tickets £8
(to cover food)

METHODIST PRAYER BOOK

This booklet is produced each September. For every day of the month there is news and prayers from a group of overseas connections where there are Methodists preaching, teaching or supporting medical services.

On the opposite page there is similar news and prayers from one of the British districts of the Methodist Church.

This provides interesting and challenging news of the wider Methodist Church. It is updated and revised each September and costs around £5.00.

Joan has collected names, with the minister's support of those who have given it a try and have usually continued in the following years. Joan now feels it would be better if someone more able was to take on the job and Audrey Mann has agreed to do this. She will be collecting names, probably next month, when the theme for the year and the exact price has been announced.

Joan, has personally valued the news and prayers for some years, giving her a wider insight into those following Christ through the Methodist Church in different circumstances from Fareham Methodist Church. Below is a prayer for today.

Joan Padley.

God, you made us in your wonderful image,
You tasked us with caring for your
precious creation -
The world, ours to care for.

At times, we gasp with the beauty of it all –
The trees that give us air to breathe,
The plants that feed us,
Wonders all around.
Sometimes hidden, but always there.

We haven't always acted with strength.
At times, we have been selfish,
Your wonder neglected,
Ignored for our greed.

God, you see us at our darkest,
We pray that you guide us and give us strength.
Direct us to the right path, so we do your bidding.
Your creation always cared for. Amen.
LH, Year 6 Emmanuel Junior Academy.