

FAREHAM eFOCUS



He has made
every thing
beautiful
in its time

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Services for the Month
February 2024

11th Feb. 10:30 am.
Nigel Cox
Sunday before Lent.

18th Feb. 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin
1st of Lent.
All Age Worship.

25th Feb. 10:30 am.
Revd. Canon Richard
Atkins-Greig.
2nd of Lent.

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

Tea and Coffee Rota
for February 2024

11th Feb. Jean and Mike Petter.

18th Feb. Cath Stevenson and Judith
Bramall.

25th Feb. Ian Bagshaw and Walter
Metcalf.

3rd Mar. Elizabeth Wilcock and Terry
Ferguson.

Meet and Greet Rota
For February 2024

4th Feb. Blake Webb.

11th Feb. Lin Woodhams.

18th Feb. Julie Kettle.

25th Feb. Jenny Chalmers.

3rd March Blake Webb.

Distributing Hymn Books
For February 2024

4th Feb. Rachel Davies.

11th Feb. Lynda Haydon-Jones.

18th Feb. Sue Barnes.

25th Feb. Heather Murphy.

3rd Mar. Jenny Chalmers.

Flower Rota

4th Feb. Edith Livingstone

11th Feb. Joan Padley

18th Feb. Margaret Henderson

25th Feb. Liz Haigh

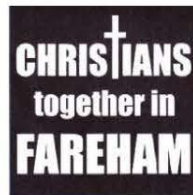
3rd Mar. Jean and Gerald Everitt

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!

I beg you, bear with
one another in love



Christians Together in Fareham

will be joining the **World Day of Prayer 2024**
in a service prepared by the women of Palestine

Holy Trinity, Fareham

West Street, Fareham, Hants, PO16 0EL

2pm and repeated at **7pm**

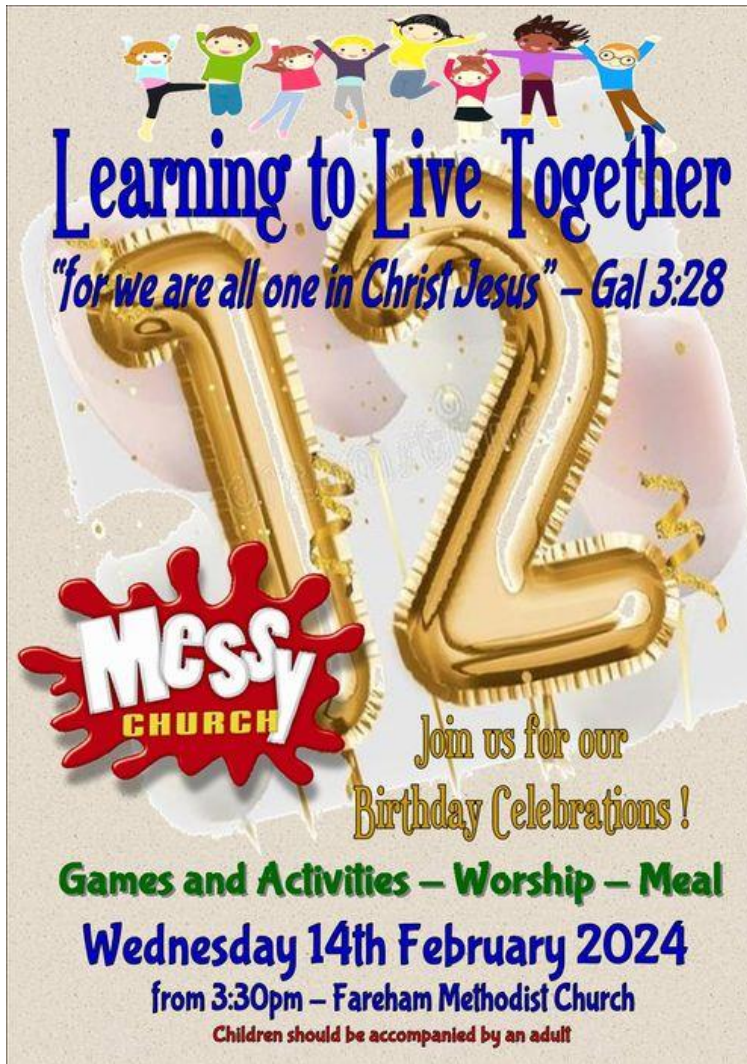
Light refreshments will be available after each service

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Happy 12th Birthday to Messy Church.

**Come and celebrate.
We always have fun.**

ALL ABOARD

As usual a great afternoon at Messy Church.

Friendship – Friends

Fellowship – Being with others whom you like.

Discipleship – People following Jesus.

Stewardship – Keeping people safe.

Flags were made to wave when everyone gathered together on the ship at worship time.

A challenge game – keep on the ship or fall in the water! Making fish keyrings and artwork to make a cross.

Decorating gingerbread fish and eating them...

Have a look at the notice board for the some of the craft carried out.



5th February – 3rd March 2024

5 Monday 09:30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	6 Tuesday 9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group. 14:00 Tuesday Ladies Club	7 Wednesday	8 Thursday 9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 19:30 Singing group Rehearsal Brownies	9 Friday	10 Saturday	11 Sunday 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Mr Nigel Cox.
12 No Mini Market. (funeral)	13 9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group	14 15:30 Messy Church	15 9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 10:00 Bible Study Meeting 19:30 pm Come and Sing evening. Brownies	16	17	18 10:30 Morning Service. All Age worship led by Revd. Pauline Crispin. Sunday Lunch
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SUNDAY LUNCH at 18th January 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 to charity. 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: Gammon, Sausages, Roast Potatoes,
Vegetables,

Puddings: Variety

If you can help before the meal in the kitchen and with serving that will be good. We really need people to stay after the meal please until about 2.30 to help Colin with the dishwasher. We would really appreciate your help.

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

Thank you. Jill Groom Phone: 07999558524

Friday Night games are on the 23rd February.

Everyone is welcome between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Enjoy being together to play tabletop and/or more energetic games as you prefer and have a relaxed chat with refreshments.

Kevin and Linda Foster



SILENT RETREAT.

People often feel called to silence in response to God. When we find it hard to fully articulate what we want to express, silence can often liberate us from feeling bound by words, especially for those who feel over busy, or have recently experienced change.

A silent retreat is a good opportunity to press the pause button in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, and to reflect on changing circumstances in our lives. Above all else a silent retreat can give us the opportunity to encounter God's unfailing presence more deeply.

The day will start with some meditation and will explain the resources available throughout the day. These will include the labyrinth and creative prayer spaces.

The rest of the day will continue in silence, including the sharing of lunch.

Saturday 27th April. 10.00am to 4.00pm

Tea and coffee available from 09.30am

Suggested offering £35 to include refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea.

Venue: Wisdom House, Romsey, Hants. SO51 8EL

For more information: Tel. 01794 830206 or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

www.wisdomhouseromsey.org.uk

Editor's Note

Gosh! Where has the time gone, it is nearly Spring? Bulbs are beginning to pop up. Easter will soon be upon us - such a joyful time of year.

We are still gathering at Thursday Coffee Centre for a knit and natter. We don't all knit but we do natter!!! It's about getting to know each other in a warm place and with cheap coffee...

Thank you for keeping the articles coming for the efocus.

Deadline for March efocus is the 29th February.

Lin

Letter from Janice and Vic Collins
from December 2023.

Thank you all for the lovely flowers that I have received, Vic and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Thank you so much; it is lovely to be remembered.

(This was received after last month's efocus but I (Ed) wanted to put it in for this month).

Margaret Henderson is very grateful and wishes to thank all her friends for their prayers, cards, good wishes and flowers that were delivered to her.

She was so sorry that a nurse came at the same time as Liz delivered the flowers so she could not chat.

She is recovering well and hopes to be back in the congregation before too long but must take things slowly for now.

Dear Friends,

If you ask most people to name their favourite month, some people choose the month they were born in, or when a special event took place. I suspect however, few people would suggest February, as a favourite. Unless, of course, the above applied. In February, the days are still short, the temperature cold and, traditionally, back in 'the day,' the larder would be bare as it would have been plundered throughout the earlier months of winter. All the Christmas goodies have been eaten! Therefore, particularly for generations before us, February was a tough month. For some folk it still is. Hence, it is a jolly good job that it is the shortest month of the year! Yet, February does have some useful redeeming features. Firstly, it is unique. It is the only month that gets an extra day every four years and of course this year is one such year. That must make it feel special.

Secondly, it is the month of love. Card shops, florists, chocolate manufacturers (or are they called chocolatiers these days?), delight in reminding us that 14th February is Valentine's Day – a foretaste of romance amongst the northern hemisphere gloom, wet and cold of winter. It is a day to say to a loved one that they are special. However, wouldn't it be better if we demonstrated to people every day of the year that they are special, not by giving silly un-necessary gifts but just by our everyday actions?and yes, before you ask, I do not expect any cards or gifts on Valentine's Day, because my husband and I know each day that we love each other!

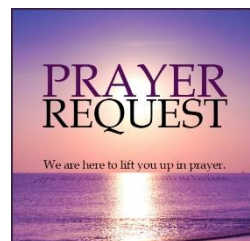
Thirdly, it is a gateway to spring. Yes, February can be a very tough month for many, and we are glad that it is over quicker than other months, although it doesn't always seem like it, but at least I know that when my calendar turns to February, March and springtime are waiting 'just around the corner'. Life does seem to pick up pace during February and by the end of the month even the most unenthusiastic and negative people might notice that the number of daylight hours is increasing. I notice changes in the garden by the end of the month which gives me hope that before long it will be time to clean off the garden furniture.

However, the fourth and most telling redeeming features of February are the special days and events that are celebrated during the month: The 2nd of February is World Ukulele Day (who knew!) The 7th Charles Dickens Day, 10th Chinese New Year, 11th International Day of Women and Girls in Science, 12th Darwin Day, 13th Shrove Tuesday and then of course the 14th, which is not just St. Valentine's Day, but this year it is also Ash Wednesday. The start of Lent and our journey to the cross and the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity to share in two very different types of worship on that day. At Stubbington Methodist Church at 10.30am I will be leading a service of Ashing and Holy Communion. Then at Fareham Methodist Church there will be 'Messy Church' at 3.30pm. All are welcome to either or both events.

I have not forgotten Guide/Brownie 'Thinking Day' on the 22nd. So, for me, February is not so bad after all. But I do thank God for the signs of growth and new life, to make it that much more bearable!

Every Blessing

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



The Prayer Tree

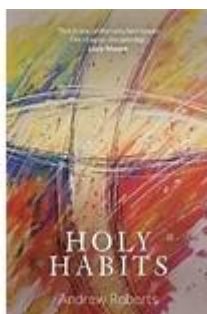
The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am 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 March	Revd. Pauline Crispin
4 th April	Jill Race
2 nd May	Bob Temple
6 th June	Julie Kettle
4 th July	Revd. Pauline Crispin



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETING

We are continuing with our theme of Holy Habits:- Prayer. We meet on the 3rd Thursday morning of the month at 10.00 am and will be thinking about the following areas this quarter. We will be very pleased to see anyone who is thinking about joining us.

If you'd like any more information please come and have a chat with Audrey Mann.

We shall meet on the following dates:

15 th Feb.	Change the World.
21 st Mar.	Focus on God.
19 th April	Shining testimony.

Come and Sing Event.
At Fareham Methodist Church
On 15th February 2024

On Thursday 15th February from 7.30pm there is going to be a Come and Sing evening and this is open to everyone who enjoys singing. We will be singing some favourite songs and hymns. It should be a fun occasion, so please come and join in. Jill.

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ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED

THE CAREX FREE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

HAND WASH

Any brand of hand wash pumps. Any brand of hand wash refill pouches and caps



THE PLADIS BISCUITS AND SNACKS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

All brands

Of non-savoury biscuit wrappers. All brands of Cracker wrappers. All brands of cake wrappers

THE TAYLORS OF HARROGATE RECYCLING PROGRAMME.

COFFEE

All brands of coffee bean pouches. All brands of individual coffee bag sachets, All brands of ground coffee pouches.



THE FLASH WIPES, CLOTHS AND PADS RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Flash Power mop Absorbing Pads
Flash Speedmop Wet Cloths.
Flash hand and floor wipes.
Flash Dry Pads.
Flash Dust Magnet (excluding handle)

THE KP SNACKS, NUTS, POPCORN, CRISPS AND PRETZELS PACKET RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Crisp, nut, popcorn, Ffand pretzel packets. Crisp, popcorn, and pretzel multi-packs.
All brands accepted.

THE HAIR CARE PACKAGING

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Aussie, Head & Shoulders, Herbal Essences and Pantene shampoo Refill pouches

THE MARIGOLD GLOVES

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Marigold durable gloves. Marigold disposable gloves. Marigold gloves plastic packaging

THE PRINGLES TUBE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Only Pringle tubes.



RECYCLE YOUR FERRERO ROCHER ALUMINIUM WRAPPERS & PACKAGING.

All Ferrero Rocher aluminium wrappers. Ferrero Rocher transparent plastic box & outer plastic wrappers including gold plastic tray. Any Ferrero Rocher chocolate bar aluminium wrappers & Ferrero Rocher ice cream plastic packaging

TERRACYCLE

ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED

THE WARBURTONS BAKERY RECYCLING PROGRAMME

BREAD, BAGELS, CRUMPETS, WRAPS

Any brand of plastic bags and closure tags. Bakery plastic packaging (e.g., Plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs etc.)



CATHEDRAL CITY

CHEESE PACKAGING

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging, nets, and pouches. Any brand of sliced cheese in protective plastic film. Individual plastic cheese wrappers.



BIC

THE WRITING INSTRUMENTS

RECYCLING PROGRAMME.

WRITING PENS ETC.,

Ballpoint, gel, and fountain pens. Pencils, refills, cartridges. Highlighters, correction bottles, tape,



CONFECTIONERY

RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags.

Individual chocolate bar wrappers.

Plastic chocolate block wrappers, multipack outer plastic packaging.

CARE FREE

AIR, HOME AND LAUNDRY CARE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

Plastic air freshener containers, cartridge car air fresheners.

Flexible washing capsules & pods packaging.

Flexible wipe packaging and tinted rigid plastic tubs used for home cleaning.

Tinted fabric conditioners bottles & caps.

Lenor tumble dryer sheets.

COLGATE AND 'HELLO' CARE FREE RECYCLING PROGRAMME

ORAL CARE

Toothpaste tubes, caps. Plastic toothbrush outer packaging.

Plastic toothbrushes, Toothbrush heads. Floss containers and outer packaging.

Electric and battery toothbrush heads, toothpaste cartons.



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