

FAREHAM EFOCUS



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**Services for the Month of
February 2025**

09th Feb. 10:30 am.
Mr Matthew Patis
5th in Ordinary Time.

16th Feb. 10:30 am.
Mrs Fran Jenkins.
All Age Service.
6th in Ordinary Time.

23rd Feb. 10:30am.
Mr Andrew Wilcock.

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

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
February 2025**

09th Feb. Lynda Haydon-Jones
and Rae Shepherd.

16th Feb. Rach. Davies and Jenny
Chalmers.

23rd Feb. Sally Bland and
Margaret Temple.

02nd Mar. Marilyn Woodcock and
Lin Woodhams.

**Distribution of Hymn Books etc at
Sunday Service.
February 2025**

09th Feb Jenny Chalmers.

16th Feb. Heather Murphy.

23rd Feb. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED.**

02nd Mar. Jenny Chalmers.

**Meet and Greet
February 2025**

09th Feb. Helen Hill.

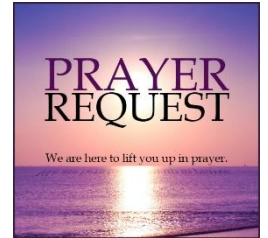
16th Feb. Christine Fielding.

23rd Feb. Heather Murphy.

02nd Mar. Christine Fielding.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY MEETING IS
6TH FEBRUARY AT 7:30 PM
IN THE WICKHAM ROOM**

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 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 February	Jill Race
6 th March	Bob
3 rd April	Pauline
1 st May	Jill Race
5 th June	Bob
3 rd July	Pauline
4 th September	Bob

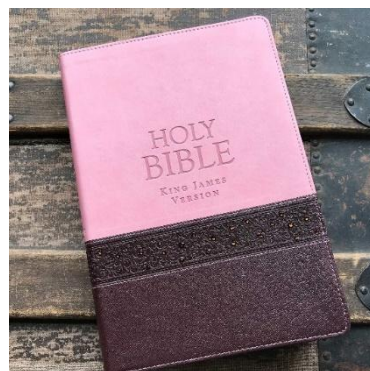


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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



SUNDAY LUNCH ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 12.15 P.M. APPROX.

This is open to all members of the congregation, 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 a **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: Gammon, Sausage, 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!

Thank you. Jill Groom



Vickie and Sarah would like to invite everyone from the congregation to attend their wedding ceremony at 3:00 pm on Saturday 1st March.



Flower Rota February 2025

- 09th Feb. **VOLUNTEER NEEDED.**
- 16th Feb. Lin Woodhams.
- 23rd Feb. Margaret Henderson.
- 02nd Mar. Vickie and Sarah's Wedding.

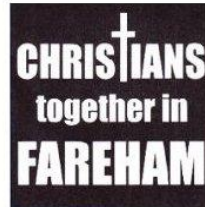
MESSAGES FROM CHURCH MEMBERS

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Margaret and Bob as we celebrate the birth of our first Grandson, Frankie. All are well.

Sally and Michael Bland.

Julie and Sylvia would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers from church. They gave us something to smile about at a difficult time.

Julie Kettle



Christians Together in Fareham

will be joining the World Day of Prayer 2025
in a service prepared by the women of Cook Islands

The Church of St Philip Howard

Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND

2.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm

Light refreshments will be available after each service

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*

INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March

More than 170 countries participate in an annual day of prayer. This year's service has been prepared by a group of Christian women in the Cook Islands. The theme is: 'I made you wonderful'.

The services are at St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road at **2.00pm** and **7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be served after each service. If you would like a lift to either service, please let me know.

Linda Foster

METHODIST HOMES ASSOCIATION

MHA at Bridgemary, Gosport needs a volunteer cook to serve meals on a Tuesday at 12 noon. We have local folk who attend, most of whom are living on their own. Without a volunteer cook this much needed weekly activity will be stopped.

Please contact Andrew Dixon, Locality Manager on
07483 112137

Many thanks,
Liz Hodges

Editor's Notes

Spring is just around the corner, bringing with it a sense of renewal and fresh beginnings. However, the knitted flower display that has adorned our church entrance for the past two years is starting to show its age. We have decided that it's time for a refresh. Our new design will feature a radiant yellow cross at its centre, surrounded by an array of beautifully knitted flowers in vibrant colours. While some flowers from the old display will be reused after a good wash, we are particularly in need of new yellow flowers and other bright hues to bring our vision to life.

We gather every Thursday morning at the coffee centre, and we will love for you to join us. Whether you're a seasoned knitter or a complete novice, your presence would be greatly appreciated. I can provide all the materials that you need, and even if you don't knit, your company will be warmly welcomed. Let's come together to create something truly special for our church.

Deadline for next month's focus – 27th February 2025



**URGENT NEEDS!
PRIORITY ORDER**



1. Tins of corned beef, ham, spam
2. Jars of jam
3. Small jars of coffee
4. Tins of fruit
5. Tins or cartons of custard
6. Deodorant for men and women
7. Shampoo
8. Tins of minced beef, stewed steak
9. Tins of peas, carrots, sweetcorn
10. Tins of baked beans
11. Tins of soup
12. Chocolate, sweets and crisps
13. UHT milk (semi skimmed and full fat)
14. Toilet rolls

THANK YOU

Service of Remembrance for Ukraine



Friday 21st February 2025

2.30pm

***Fareham United Reformed Church
(Osborn Road South, Fareham, PO16 7DG)***

Please join us for a Service of Remembrance for Ukraine.

This will be followed by an Afternoon Tea



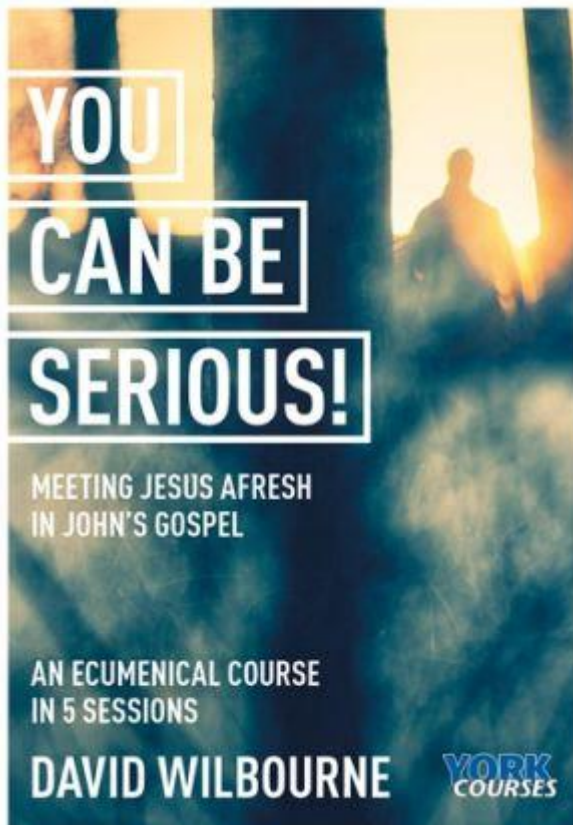
Vestry Jottings

Hello everyone. The Church's Eco. Projects are well under way. During the last Church Council, we were shown some drone footage, but we are still needing to keep the fundraising going.

Also don't forget the Ecumenical Study Groups during Lent; the course is "You can be serious!" by Bishop David Wilbourne. There are several groups, at different times. If you're interested, please email

Liz Dunning at elizdunning@ntlworld.com.

Audrey, on behalf of the Stewards.



Come and Sing.
A Date for Your Diary.

We are having a Come and Sing Event on Thursday 27th March from 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Do come and enjoy singing together hymns old and new, featuring music by Stuart Townend.

We look forward to seeing you, Jill.



Dear Friends

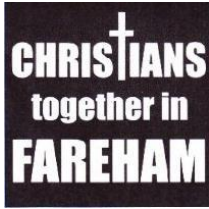
A Service of Remembrance for Ukraine will take place at Fareham United Reformed Church on Friday 21st February 2025 at 2.30pm.

This has been organised by the Fareham Ukrainian Community, with support from Fareham Borough Council.

All are welcome to the service, but please be aware that the refreshments have been provided mainly for the Fareham Ukrainian Community.

Yours in Christ's service.

Ian Corless
Christians Together in Fareham
secretary@farehamchristians.org.uk



Lent Study Groups 2025

CTiF are pleased to offer six study groups during Lent using the York Course 'You can be serious – meeting Jesus afresh in John's Gospel' by David Wilbourn.

Serious yet full of life and humour, the course covers:

- **Session 1: Temptation . . .**
On checking every word that comes out of the mouth of God
- **Session 2: Strangers in the night . . .**
Nicodemus came to Jesus under cover of darkness: finding God in surprising places
- **Session 3: The winner takes it all**
'You worship what you do not know': upping our game with worship
- **Session 4: I was blind but now I see**
'A god who can be understood is no god'
- **Session 5: Them bones, them bones, them dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!** Contrasting events in John with parables in the Synoptics

The course starts in the **week beginning 10th March** and runs for **5 weeks**. Each attendee will receive the course book at the first session – please bring £5.00 with you to cover this.

If you wish to join with Christians from across the town, please fill in the form below and return it to Liz Dunning, 8 Frosthole Crescent, Fareham, PO15 6AD or by email elizdunning@ntlworld.com by Friday 28th February.

Name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____ (please print)

Church attended _____

Any special needs or requirements? _____

Please tick all the session/sessions that you can attend – you will be notified by the host for your session in the week commencing 3rd March at the latest.

Tuesday	10.00am	Frosthole Crescent	
Tuesday	7.00pm	Odell Close	
Wednesday	2.00pm	St John's Church	
Wednesday	2.00pm	Bentley Crescent	
Thursday	10.00am	Purbeck Drive	
Thursday	10.00am	Methodist Church	

Will you share a course book with spouse/partner?

If you have any questions or require information, please call Liz on 01329 237127

Come and Join our



13th



BIRTHDAY
PARTY

Games and Activities
All-Together Time
Meal

Wednesday

12th February 2025

from 3:30pm

Fareham Methodist Church

Are you prepared for an emergency?

Do you care for someone? If something happened to you, who would step in to care for your loved one?

Discover how to gain peace of mind with an emergency plan, thanks to our partnership with the Princess Royal Trust for Carers in Hampshire.

[Watch the video](#) to find out more. (just use the ctrl key and click with the mouse and it will take you to the video).

You can also find information on the [Princess Royal Trust for Carers](#) website.

The Princess Royal Trust provides 48-hour care in the event of an emergency – time to allow family or friends to sort something out if you end up in hospital.



Help us to help others

Do you have any unused medical equipment from our Hampshire Equipment Services with a bright yellow sticker? Please return it now to support those in need this winter.

At this time of year, the demand for this equipment is extremely high. By returning your unused items, you ensure that many more people in Hampshire can remain at home or be discharged from hospital.

To arrange collection, please call us on **01256 476800**.

AN UPCOMING DATE: HELP NEEDED!

"We are pleased to host the District Representative Synod on Saturday April 5th. We are seeking help on the day and we are also asking for help from other churches in the circuit so that it's not just down to us.

There will be a list at the back of the church for folk to sign up to help on the day. There will be 3 time slots where we will be serving drinks and are looking to set up teams: 09.00 to 10.30, 12.30 to 14.00 and 15.30 to 16.30. We do not expect anyone to stay all day, just for a slot. In the first slot we will also be signing folk in as they arrive.

We will also be possibly asking for help during the preceding few days to set up.

If you like to bake, we will also be looking for names of folk we can ask to bake cakes.

Please sign up if you would like to help before February 16th."

Maggie Wheeler

Can you guess what part of the efocus was generated by AI. (it's not fake news)