

FAREHAM EFOCUS



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**Services for the Month of
January 2025**

05th Jan. 10:30 am.
Revd. Bill Stillwell.
Holy Communion.
2nd of Christmas.

12th Jan. 10:30 am.
Mrs Christine Hargrave.
1st in Ordinary time.

19th Jan. 10:30 am.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
2nd in Ordinary Time.

26th Jan. 10:30 am.
Revd. Dr. John Illsley.
3rd in Ordinary Time.

6:00 pm.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion. Taizé.

2nd Feb. Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Holy Communion.
Healing Service.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota
January 2025**

12th Jan. Edith Livingston and
Liz Avison.

19th Jan. Cath Stevenson and
Judith Bramall.

26th Jan. Ian Bagshaw and
Walter Metcalf.

02nd Feb. Elizabeth Wilcock and
Terry Ferguson.

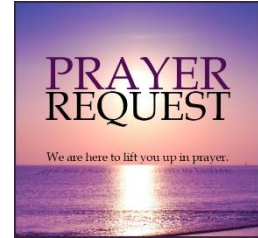
PLEASE NOTE.

The Rotas for greeting people or distributing hymn books on Sunday mornings are available in the Welcome Area. If you can assist with these tasks, please sign up for the dates you are available.

Flower Rota

Please sign up if you can provide flowers on Sundays which are then distributed. If you wish to fund flowers, please see Irene Russell.

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

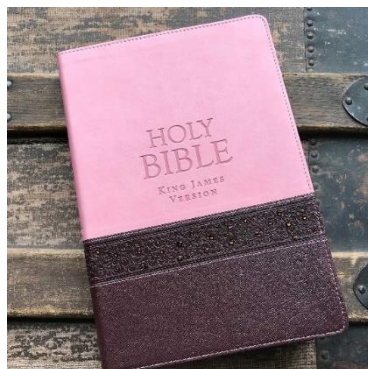


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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 19TH JANUARY 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 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 Egg Mayonnaise.

Main Course: Pork, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Apple Sauce.

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

MESSAGES FROM CHURCH MEMBERS

Wishing all, good health and happiness for 2025
A donation to 'Action for Children .
From Colin and Edith.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and best wishes for
my birthday. They were very much appreciated.
Brenda

The next Church Council
meeting will be held on
January 23rd at 7.30pm.

Could any reports please be
sent to Heather by January
15th.

Heather Murphy.

HMS Prince of Wales **The Still And
West, Old Portsmouth Royal Navy**



HAPPY NEW YEAR – DEADLINE
FOR FEBRUARY EFOCUS – 29TH
JANUARY



Christmas Bazaar Update

A huge, 'Thank You' to everyone who helped in any way with our Christmas Bazaar on December 7th . Despite the wind and rain from storm Darragh, the Bazaar was again a successful community event with people commenting on the warm and welcoming atmosphere (some customers actually stayed all day!).

The total money raised was over £890! Thank you.

Liz Haigh

On behalf of Southern Domestic Abuse Service I would like to thank you for the wonderful donations that you have given to us. They will really help our ladies and children especially at this difficult time.

The generosity from Fareham Methodist church is always amazing, overwhelming and truly heartfelt and you always make us feel so welcome.

We are extremely busy in the house and in the wider community and are so appreciative of the support we get from organisations and individuals such as yourselves. If you or anyone else, you know would like more information about us you can look at our website www.stopobusemesticuse.uk

I would like to take this opportunity again for thinking of us and how thankful we are for your donations.

Kind Regards

Anne-Marie Todd

Woman and Children's Refuge Project Worker

Pre-Loved Clothing Sale

Ladies, Gents & Childrens' Clothes & Accessories

Saturday 1st February 2025
10:00am to 12:00pm

FREE ENTRY
Cash & Card Payments accepted.
Refreshments Available

Fareham Methodist Church,
Kings Road,
Fareham.
PO16 ONU

Proceeds from sale will go towards making us
a more "environmentally friendly" church

Donations of clothing can be brought
to the church from Sunday 26th January please!

www.farehammethodist.org.uk
Reg. Charity No: 1127814

Clothes can be brought to church on Sunday **January 26th**, please. If you would like to help, there is a **planning meeting this coming Thursday (9th)** at 11am in the Coffee Centre. Please come along!

DECEMBER MESSY CHURCH



Christmas Celebrations

We had a lot of jolly fun. The children made a stable with a working light, Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus in a crib were made, to take home and have the true message of Christmas.

They made 'stained glass' biscuits, had game challenges and a great worship. Not to forget the delicious roast dinner.

Happy New Year to all our Messy Church family.



I grew up with Steve Jobs, Johnny Cash, and Bob Hope. Now there's no jobs, no cash, and no hope. Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon.





**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

Learning for Success in Life by Bill Gates - sourced from:
'A Box of Delights' by J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books - 2010.

The following are eleven rules that students do not learn in High School or College; but should. Mr. Gates argues that our feel good, politically correct teachings have created a generation of children with no concept of reality who are set up for failure in the real world...

1. Life is not fair; get used to it.
2. The world won't care about your self-esteem.
The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.
3. You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of High School.
You won't be a Vice President with a car 'phone until you earn both.
4. If you think that your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
(S)he doesn't have a tenure.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.
Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping; they called it opportunity.
6. If you mess up it's not your parents' fault so don't whine about your mistakes; learn from them.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So, before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try 'delousing the closet' in your own room.
8. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not.
In some schools failing grades have been abolished; you'll be given as many times as you want to get the right answer.
This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to *anything* in real life.
9. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you to find yourself. You do that in your own time.
10. Television is not real life.
In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are that you'll end up working for one. (See Rule numbered 4.)

Submitted by Ian Bagshaw

