

FAREHAM eFOCUS



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Services for the Month
January 2024

- 14th Jan. 10:30 a.m.
Mr M Noakes.
2nd in Ordinary Time.
- 21st Jan. 10:30 a.m.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
All Age Worship.
3rd in Ordinary Time.
- 4:00 p.m.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity.
- 28th Jan. 10:30 a.m.
Mrs Lorraine Valler.
4th in Ordinary Time.
- 6:00 p.m.
Revd. Pauline Crispin.
Reflective Service.
- 4th Feb. 10:30 a.m.
Revd. Andrew de Ville.
Holy Communion.
5th in Ordinary Time.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for January 2024

- 14th Jan. Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks.
- 21st Jan. Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
- 28th Jan. Jean and Mike Petter.
- 4th Feb. Alison Humby and Pat Croker.



Update from Parents and Toddlers Group

We had a great Christmas Party on Tuesday, 12th December and fifteen attended. Santa was lovely. The children enjoyed all the activities, especially the food. The parents were very appreciative too.

Thank you to Linda, Meg, Pat, Jill, and Terry for being such a great support.

We're hoping to boost the numbers now that some mums have to go back to work.

Thank you for the toddlers who attended the Nativity, especially Edward who was a shepherd.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Alison, Linda, Meg, Pat, Jill and Terry



What the Brownies have achieved in 2023.

I have eleven Brownies and one will be leaving, sadly, as she is nearly eleven years old and a new one starting in January. For the time being, there will be no Junior church children in Brownies.

I was so proud of all their achievements and badges earned especially as I have a very young unit. Kate (Penguin) is such an amazing support, and it is very special to work alongside my daughter. The girls worked so hard with their singing rehearsals and were wonderful at the Christmas Bazaar, finishing the window decoration and all the singing. Thank you to Jill Race and Joseph for supporting us.

The girls and families have been very supportive over church events as could be seen at the Nativity. One very shy Brownie stepped into the role of Mary with five minutes preparation. Her mum helped her change from shepherd to Mary at the last minute. Our original Mary was poorly.

Lastly, the girls were great at the sleepover and had a good time. There were 12 brownies including some of 3rd Fareham Brownies. They made reindeer puppets, gingerbread houses, had lots of games and chocolate hunts and ate lots! Most of them slept!

Happy New Year from the Brownies, Brown Owl and Penguin. xx



8th January – 4th February 2024

8 Monday 09:30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	9 Tuesday 9:45 – 11:45 Parent and Toddler Group. 14:00 Tuesday Ladies Club	10 Wednesday	11 Thursday 9:30 Thursday Coffee Centre 10:30 Prayer Circle 19:30 Singing group Rehearsal Brownies	12 Friday	13 Saturday	14 Sunday 10:30 Junior Fun Church Morning worship led by Mr M Noakes.
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GOD SPEAKS

Meditation

My child, it is not necessary to know much to please me; it is sufficient to love much. Speak to me as thou wouldst to a father if he drew near.

Are there any for whom thou wouldst pray to me? Repeat to me the names of thy relations, thy friends; after each name add what thou wouldst have me do for them. Ask much, ask much; I love generous souls who forget themselves for others.

Tell me of the poor thou wouldst relieve, the sick whom thou hast seen suffer, the sinners thou wouldst have converted, those who are alienated from thee, whose affection thou wouldst regain.

Are there graces thou wouldst ask for thyself? Write, if thou wilt, a long list of what thou desirest of all the needs of thy soul and come and read it to me.

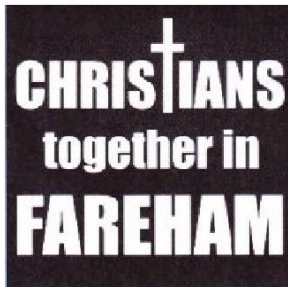
Tell me simply how proud thou art, how sensitive, egotistical, mean, and indolent. Poor child do not blush, there are in heaven many saints who had their faults; they prayed to me, and little by little their faults were corrected.

This only part of a prayer from a book "God of a Hundred Names" Prayers and meditations from many faiths and cultures. Collected and arranged by Barbara Greene and Victor Gollancz.

Reference: The writer cannot remember where she found the above: but she had a note that it was written by a medieval saint and rendered later from the Latin by a Brahmin converted to Christianity.

Thank you, Marion,





The Fareham Well (the charity established by CTiF and which once ran the Christian café and bookshop in West Street, Fareham) now leases its ground floor property to “The Rainbow Centre” as a charity shop with the rental income going to a new grant-awarding initiative which will be launched in 2024.

A local charity, The Rainbow Centre provides a rehabilitation centre for children and adults with neurological conditions (e.g. cerebral palsy) and relies on donations to keep its shop stocked. Giving to the Rainbow shop also helps the Well Charity – so if you have any saleable “pre-loved” items that you no longer need, please donate them to the Rainbow Centre where they can be given a second life.

You can drop your donations at the shop (116 West Street, PO16 0EP - a brief stop on the pavement to unload between 9.00am and 4.00pm is allowed) or the charity’s main centre (Palmerston Drive, PO14 1RH). If you are unable to deliver your items, you can contact Vince Stevens on 07999 451316 who will arrange for them to be collected.

Paul Docherty

Chair of Trustees, The Well

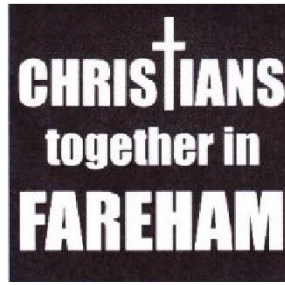
Happy New Year

Editor’s Note

HAPPY NEW YEAR. – 2023 was an amazing year for the church; so much happened. Saying goodbye to Rev Claire and welcoming Rev Pauline. Many get togethers within the church, lots of food and laughter whilst spreading out our ministry in the best way we know how. I wish to thank everyone who supported me with, first the flower wall and then the Poppy display. Also getting together and knitting our Nativity scene – perhaps we will make more scenes for next year!

We will continue to meet on a Thursday morning at the Coffee Centre at church – at the moment it’s knitting hats for premature babies for the hospital. Come along, you don’t have to knit; you can knit what you want or not at all. It’s a chat and time to stop.

Deadline for next month’s efocus will be 31st January.



A few items taken from the minutes of the last Ctif meeting, for information.

Fareham Community Showcase (30 September)

Fareham Community Showcase took place on Saturday 30 September at Fareham Leisure Centre, with over 50 stalls from local community groups present, sharing an overview of their activities and outlining opportunities for volunteers. Christians Together in Fareham had a stall, with a display board, presentation, and bookmarks to hand out. While this provided an excellent networking opportunity for CTiF and other local groups, the numbers attending over and above the stallholders present was limited. It is hoped that a town centre location can be used for future events.

Several members of our church attended the stall to spread the word - great working with our church partners.

World Day of Prayer

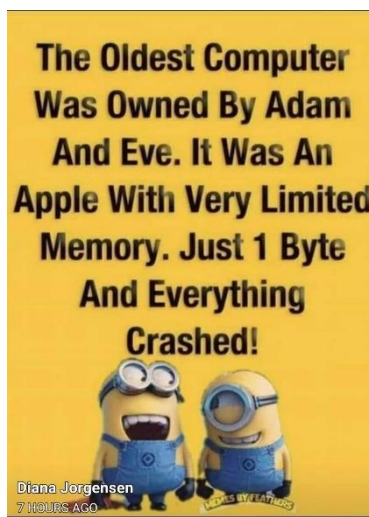
The World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 1st March 2024, hosted by Holy Trinity and St Columba (Theme: Palestine 'I beg you, bear with one another in love'). Sue Hall reported that materials have been ordered and the planning group will meet shortly.

Walk of Witness

This will take place on Friday 29th March 2024, hosted by Gateway Church. The Podium has been booked and planning details shared with Gateway Church.

Family Matters

The refugee family has settled in well to life in Hampshire, with all three sons in employment. Requests for support are now intermittent. Future plans are being explored now that they have been housed for two years.



SOME PICTURES FROM OUR CHRISTINGLE/CAROL SERVICE



SUNDAY LUNCH 21st January 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 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 Greek Salad

Main Course: Roast Pork, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, apple sauce

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

New Assistant Caretaker

As many people are aware Samuel Brooks is now working in Brighton, and standing down as our Assistant Caretaker, primarily setting up for Sunday worship and Minimarket each week. We thank Samuel for his help and support over the last 21 months since Steve Mils retired.

The Church Council confirmed this should continue as a paid role, and we are pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Corless, who is joining us from 1st January. Joe and his family are involved with the URC Church and CTIF.

It will take a few weeks for Joe to get into the routine of how things are done, but do please welcome him onto the team, and say hi when you see him.

If you have any requests for help from Joe, this should be discussed in the first instance with Linda Foster or myself

Thanks

Peter Moody

Why English is so hard to learn by Marlene Davis

"You think English is easy? Check out the following:

1. "The bandage was wound around his wound.
2. "The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. "The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. "We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. "He could lead if he could get the lead out.
6. "The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. "Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. "A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. "When shot at, the dove it dove into the bushes.
10. "I did not object to the object which he showed me.
11. "The insurance was invalid for the invalid in his hospital bed.
12. "There was a row among the oarsmen about who would row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. "The buck does many things when the does (females) are present.
15. "A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. "To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. "The wind was too strong to wind the sail around the mast.
18. "Upon seeing the tear in her painting, she shed a tear.
19. "I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. "How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?"

Heteronyms

These are brilliant. Homonyms or homographs are words of like spelling, but with more than one meaning and sound. When pronounced differently, they are known as heteronyms."

Got that? Your lesson for today, lol.

Thanks to the Facebook note from English Professor June Gillam (JuneGillam.com), it is shared.





Wednesday 10th January 2024
from 3:30pm – Fareham Methodist Church

All Aboard!

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations
– Matthew 28:19"*

Games and Activities – Worship – Meal



Christmas Celebrations



Come and Sing Event. At Fareham Methodist Church

On Thursday 8th February from 7,30pm there is going to be a Come and Sing Event. 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 R.

VESTRY JOTTING

We are now in 2024; what a wonderful ending we had to 2023. At the beginning of December, we had our Christmas Bazaar which went very well. There was a wonderful atmosphere, everyone enjoying themselves. We raised around £700 for church funds. A big thank you to Liz, Penny, Lin, Edith, and the rest of the team.

On the 17th of December we had a really busy day. We began with our morning service which started with the Nativity tableau. The children were brilliant, thank you to Alison, Linda, and their team for putting it all together. This was followed by the making of the Christingles. Children and adults had great fun putting them together. In the evening we had our Carol service by candlelight. This was well attended, and a good time was had by all.

From the stewards all the best for 2024.

As we embark into a New Year there are plenty of positions that need to be filled. If you can help with any of the following. Please either sign the lists which will be in the welcome area of the church from Sunday 7th January or speak to a steward.

Steward

Meet and Greet person on a Sunday.

Handing out Hymn books etc for Sunday service.

Signing up to do flowers for the service or to deliver the flowers. The list will also be in the welcome area.

These are necessary jobs so we need people to help if they can.

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards.

Messages from our Church family.

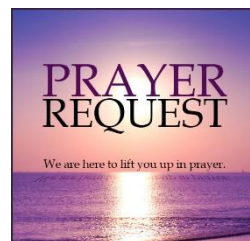
Thank you so much for the flowers given to me on the anniversary of my husband Alan's death. I was feeling sad, and the flowers did cheer me up.

Joan Moore



Collection of Toiletries

As you know we collect the above for the college. It has been decided that as a church we will share these between The Refuge and Fareham College. The need is great at the Refuge as you can imagine. Please donate any unwanted gifts. Men and women's items are appreciated.



The Prayer Tree

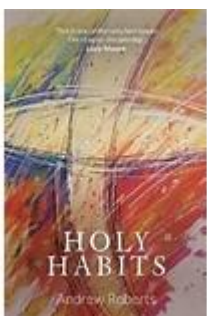
The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

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.

1 st February	Julie Kettle
7 th March	Rev Pauline Crispin
4 th April	Jill Race
2 nd May	Bob Temple
6 th June	Julie Kettle
4 th July	Rev 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.

In the January meeting we will also be thinking about where and what we might like to study when we have finished this course. If you'd like any more information please come and have a chat, Audrey Mann

We shall meet on the following dates:

18 th Jan	Houses of power.
15 th Feb.	Change the World.
21 st Mar.	Focus on God.
19 th April	Shining testimony.

TERRACYCLE

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 WIPE, 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

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ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED

THE WARBURTOS 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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