

# FAREHAM EFOCUS 2026



A photograph taken at the “Light up Trail” Hillier Gardens Romsey.  
Let us pray that Peace comes to all war-torn areas of the world.

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**Services for the Month of**  
**January 2026**

04<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 am  
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-Greig.  
Holy Communion.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Christmas/The Epiphany.

11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 am.  
Andrew Wilcock.  
Sunday after Epiphany.  
1<sup>st</sup> in Ordinary Time.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 am.  
Revd. Dr. John Illsley.  
All Age.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 am.  
Revd. Pauline Crispin.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

6:00 pm.  
Revd. David Rice.

01<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10:30am.  
Revd. Bill Stillwell.  
Holy Communion.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

**Sunday Coffee and Tea Rota**  
**January 2026**

04<sup>th</sup> Jan. Terry Ferguson and Jill Groom.

11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Lynda Hayden-Jones and Rae Shepherd.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Rach Davis and Jenny Chalmers.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Sally Bland and Denise Lanfear.

01<sup>st</sup> Feb. Marilyn Woodrow and Linda Woodhams.

**Meet and Greet on a Sunday.**  
**January 2026**

04<sup>th</sup> Jan. Christine Fielding.

11<sup>th</sup> Jan. Christine Fielding.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Christine Fielding.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Simon Potter.

01<sup>st</sup> Feb. Christine Fielding.

### **Flower Rota December 2025**

04<sup>th</sup> Jan. Lynda Haydon-Jones  
11<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ian Bagshaw  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
01<sup>st</sup> Feb. Lynda Haydon- Jones

### **UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS**

**12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Church and Community Meeting 7:15 pm in Wickham Room.**

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Worship Consultation Meeting 7:30 pm at the church.**

**Please attend as your input is valuable.**

## **Sunday Lunch 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 12.15 approx.**

This is open to all members of the congregation and all 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, for our lunch, a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

### **The Menu**

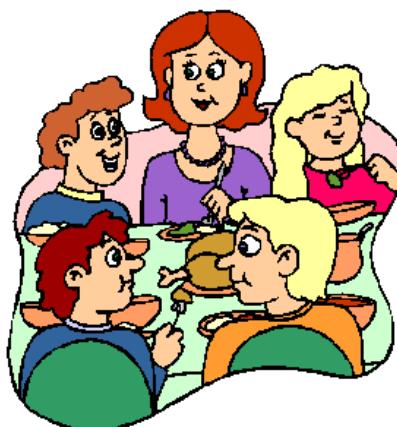
**Starter:** Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

**Main Course:** Gammon, 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 roast.



## New Year Wishes

Wishing everyone a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year.

I have been a Christians together in Fareham representative for our Church for a long time. I enjoy being with other people from different churches.

Holiday Club was born from Christians Together in Fareham. Each church takes a turn in organising the annual Walk of Witness in March. I am asking if anyone would like to join me. The next date is 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

I would like to say a big thank you for dropping off all the plastic that Teracycle has given me permission to collect.

### Aluminium

John and Esme have been involved for many years with the aluminium bin at Palmerston Road which has now been removed. All churches are being asked to take this on. I feel that putting another bin beside the Terra Cycling blue and yellow bins outside our church may be a bit much. However, there are bins for aluminium at Sacred Heart, it's at the parking side at the back (there could be a car parked and you may not see it at first.) Our own Margaret Boyd has been emptying the Palmerston Road bin. Margaret and Jeremy Hicks from St Johns sorted the foil and delivered it to Manor Farm.

Edith

## THANK YOU, MESSAGES FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

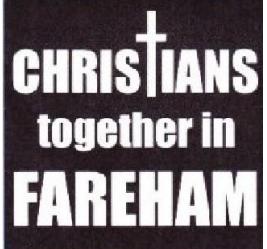
I would like to thank my church family for all the lovely birthday cards. My dining table is full of cards with lots of kind words and wishes.

God bless everyone.

Brenda.

Chris and Lin would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers we received, delivered by Irene. We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful Church family.

Many thanks to everyone who supported my moustache growing efforts for Movember. Our efforts raised £600 towards Men's health. Mike



A thank you for the Christmas Afternoon Tea.

The picture below is of all the helpers having a well-earned lunch break.



Brownies came and  
sang carols to  
everyone at the  
Christmas Tea Party.  
Thank you to the  
Brownies and their  
parents who brought  
them along.

## Shoeboxes



# THANK YOU

Contact us  
[info@teams4u.com](mailto:info@teams4u.com)

I received a thank you email this week from Teams4U.  
Our shoe boxes went to Bosnia.  
Many thanks for changing the lives of so many children this Christmas.  
Audrey (written mid Dec)



## The Prayer Tree



The Prayer Tree is 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.

8 January	Bob Temple
5 February	Bobby
5 March	Jill Race
2 April	Rev Pauline
7 May	Bob Temple
4 June	Rev Pauline
2 July	Jill Race



## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible study: we are continuing to look at the women of the New Testament, how they lived and how this can help us in today's world.

If you'd like to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday {10-11am} of the month (usually) please pop along.

Thank you, Audrey.

## A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM WHITEOAKS REST HOME

Dearest Jill and Bob and the wonderful people at Fareham Methodist Church. Thank you for always bringing such joyful and uplifting warmth, music, and services to our residents. Wishing you all a blessed festive season and a happy, healthy New Year!

With love from Nande, Maddie and Angelino.



A heartfelt thank you to Fareham Methodist Church 

Today we were delighted to welcome Fareham Methodist Church into our home for their final monthly visit of the year, and what a truly beautiful visit it was. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the church for the time, care and dedication they give each month in delivering a meaningful church service for our residents.

Today's service was especially special, filled with much-loved hymns and accompanied by a stunning knitted nativity display, which completely wowed our residents. Many enjoyed spending time afterwards looking closely at the nativity and admiring the wonderful craftsmanship, sparking lovely conversations and festive memories.

A huge thank you to David, Audrey, Anna and Heather for your continued kindness, commitment and warm presence throughout the year. Your visits mean so much to our residents and staff alike.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year 

I copied this from their Facebook page. We are tagged whenever our Facebook page is mentioned. (Lin)

# Fareham Methodist Church

**Come along at**

**Spring Half Term**

**Tuesday 17th Feb 2026**

**10am – 12:30**

**including Lunch**



**Games and Activities and All Together Time**

**at**

**messy  
CHURCH**

## DECEMBER MESSY CHURCH



Pictures coloured and a window nativity made to hang and let the light bring it to life.



Angels created using an ice cream cone and icing.



A star moulded from clay and decorated



Nativity scenes crafted to hang onto a Christmas tree.



What a Christingle represents explained and then put together.



All together time.



## NEW YEAR, NEW MESSY CHURCH!

We can be proud that for over 13 years our Messy Church has met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:30 pm until 6:00 pm.

Our 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations will be a new look Messy Church, at a new time., with (we hope!) new families joining us on the TUESDAY MORNING of the FEBRUARY HALF-TERM. From 10:00 am to 12.30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February come along for fun, food and Altogether Time.

### Editor's Notes

Happy New Year to Everyone.

Thank you for your continuing support with the Efocus. This is your magazine so keep sending items that you would like to share.

Chris and I visited (St Magdalene's Church) Brugge. It was a unique church and inspiring. Outside was a statue of Jesus on a bench depicting "Jesus as Homeless." Below there are few pictures from our visit. There was a swing in the middle to sit and contemplate. It was inspiring.

Love Lin and Chris.

Deadline for the Efocus  
is 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## VESTRY JOTTINGS

Happy New Year everyone

Just a quick reminder that the important **Church and Community meeting is on Monday 12th January at 7:15 pm.**

We look forward to seeing **you** there.

Audrey on behalf of the stewards

## Guidance for Life?

My grandson's parents have asked family and close friends to offer 'wise guidance for life ahead' so that they can compile a booklet to give to him on the occasion of his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. This reminded me of an autograph that my best friend's mother put into my book when I was about 11 years old. I did not understand it for years but remembered it word for word as follows:

"We can never learn the lesson too deeply that our actions in the common places of life are deciding our destiny" - F. B. Meyer.

This was the Chat GPT interpretation:

1. In summary, this statement means that:

We should never underestimate how much our everyday choices and behaviours - the small, ordinary things that we do when no one is watching - shape the course of our lives and who we become.

2. Here is a breakdown:

"We can never learn the lesson too deeply" → it is a truth so important that no matter how well we think that we understand it, we can always take it to heart more fully.

3. "Our actions in the common places of life" → not the dramatic moments or big decisions, but the routine, ordinary, often unnoticed moments: how we treat others, the effort that we put into work, our honesty, discipline, and habits.

4. "Are deciding our destiny" → these small, repeated choices accumulate to determine the direction and outcome of our lives - our character, opportunities, and ultimate success or failure.

5. In short:

Destiny is not decided in grand moments but built quietly through our daily actions and habits.

Ian Bagshaw