

FAREHAM eFOCUS



**Fareham Methodist Church
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Services for the Month
July 2024

7 th July	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin. 14 th in Ordinary Time. Holy Communion.
14 th July	10:30 am Local Arrangement. 15 th in Ordinary Time.
21 st July	10:30 am Mrs Fran Jenkins. All Age Worship. 16 th in Ordinary Time.
28 th July	10:30 am Revd. Mark Noakes. 17 th in Ordinary Time.
	6:00 pm Revd. Canon Richard Atkins- Greig. Holy Communion, Reflective Service.
4 th Aug	10:30 am Revd. Pauline Crispin. Holy Communion. 18 th in Ordinary Time.

Tea and Coffee Rota
for July 2024

7 th July	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
14 th July	Jean and Mike Petter.
21 st July	Alison Humby and Pat Crocker.
28 th July	Edith Livingston and Liz Avison.
4 th Aug	Cath Stevenson and Judith Bramall.

Meet and Greet Rota
For July 2024

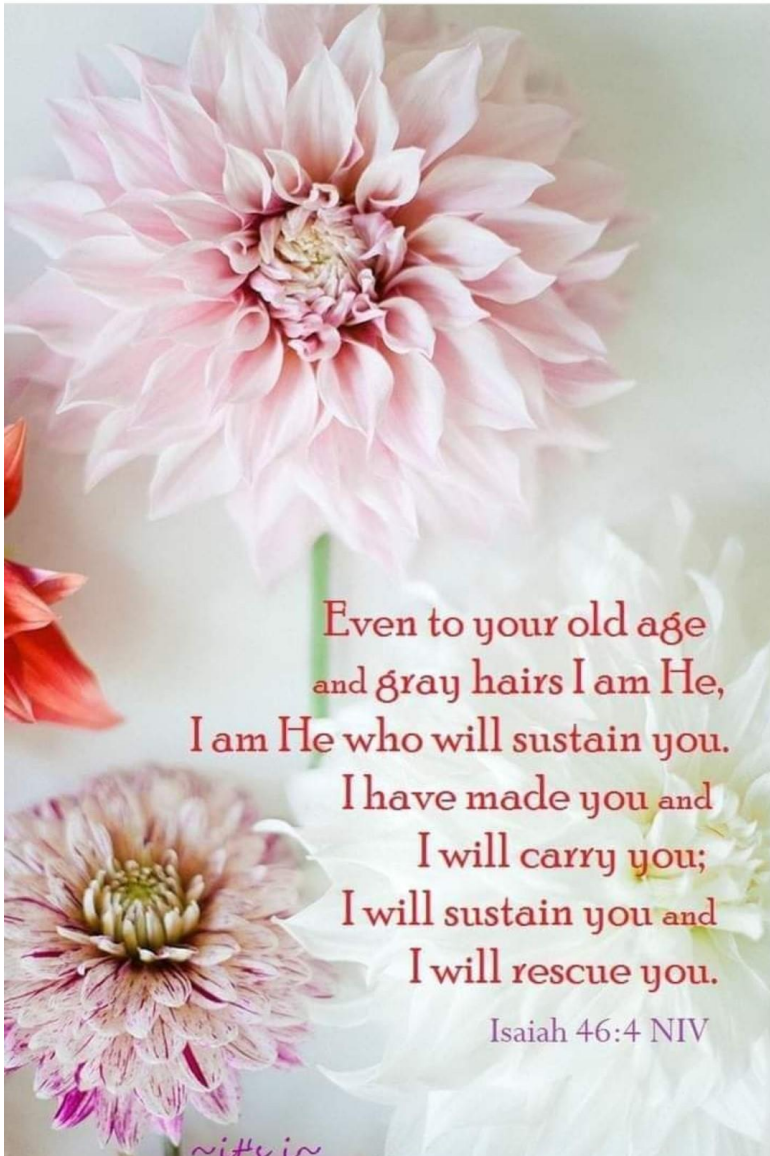
7 th July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED.
14 th July	Christine Fielding.
21 st July	Heather Murphy.
28 th July	Christine Fielding.
4 th August	Christine Fielding

Distributing hymn books on Sunday
for July 2024

7 th July	Jenny Chalmers.
14 th July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED.
21 st July	Rach Davies.
28 th July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
4 th Aug	Rach Davies.

Flower Rota for July 2024

7 th July	Linda Foster.
14 th July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED.
21 st July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED.
28 th July	VOLUNTEER NEEDED.
4 th Aug	Jill and Malcolm Race.



CHANGE OF DATE

The next date for Worship Consultation has been moved from the 10th to the 9th September. It is being held at the Manse.

On the 10th September there is a Circuit service at Portchester at 7:30 pm, to welcome the new Chair of District and also to launch a new project in Portsmouth.

Pauline.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Hello Everyone,

Just a few jottings this month. The first is very important. Please note that there is the allergen **Potassium metabisulphites** in the Communion wine. (this is commonly added to wines and ciders as a preservative to keep the wine fresh and extend the shelf life) If anyone is worried about this please see one of the stewards.

It's so good to see so many people enjoying coffee and bacon butties at the Thursday Coffee Centre. Come along and enjoy a coffee and chat.

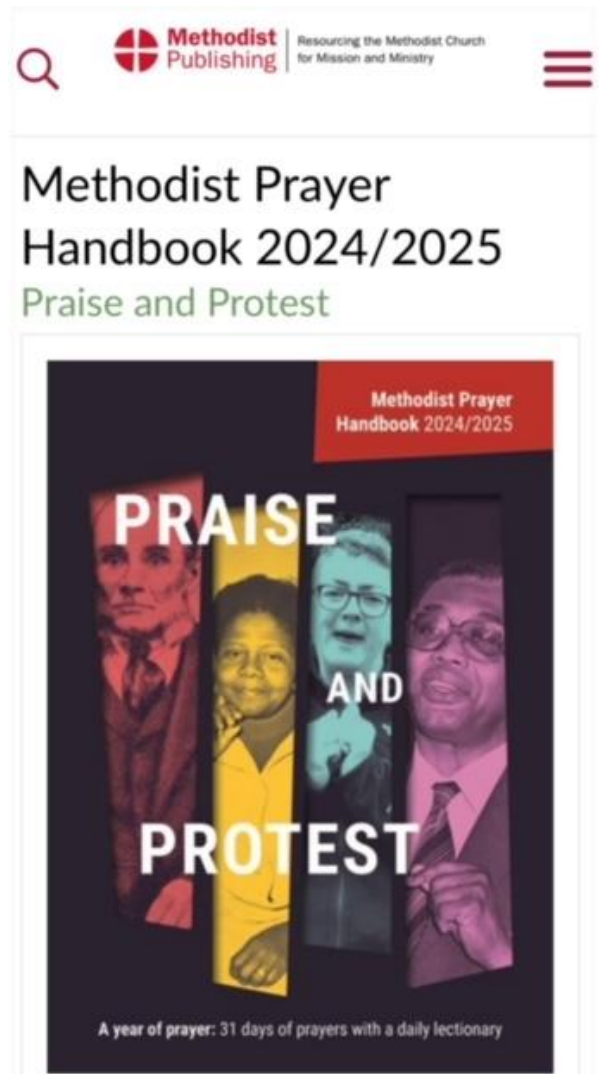
Audrey
on behalf of the stewards

Hello folks,

I would like to highlight all the great work Edith and Lin are doing for us and the community on the recycling front. However, we could be doing so much more to care for God's wonderful creation, Earth.

Did you know that the UN think a million species are at risk of extinction. The EU has tree cover of 35% landmass but here in the UK we have only 13% tree cover. Only 5% of used clothing is recycled and more than 50% of year old clothing is sent to landfill every year. If you're interested in finding out more or helping to reduce our impact on God's Earth, which is in crisis, please **have a word** with me. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Audrey



As you have probably seen, I have taken over the collecting of numbers for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2024/2025. It is hard to say an exact price as it goes down with higher numbers of books ordered, but I expect the price to be around £4.50. If you are interested, please let me know before the end of July.

Audrey Mann



Messages from Church Members

Thank you to my church family for the lovely flowers and wishes. Thank you to Irene who kindly delivered them and stayed for a chat.

Best Wishes from Lynda.

Thank you for the lovely flowers I received.

Maggie

Sylvia Savage wishes to say thank you for the lovely flowers kindly delivered by Tony. She was delighted to be remembered.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2024

This year's Holiday Club was fully booked in less than 3 weeks! There are 60 children aged 5 – 11 attending from **Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August**. It will follow the same pattern each day: group craft, cooking, science and sports activities; with altogether worship and lunch.

This will be hosted at Gateway, URC and our Church, supported with helpers from many local churches.

Can everyone please make a note of the dates to remember all the children, their families and the volunteers in your prayers.

Only those involved in the Holiday Club to enter the building between 9.00am – 1.30pm during that week.

Thank you.





God's Creation



"So let us run the race that is before us
 and never give up.
 Let us look only to Jesus."

Hebrews 12:1-2



Wednesday 10th July 2024
 from 3:30pm - Fareham Methodist Church

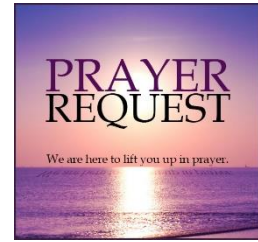
Games and Activities - Worship - Meal

Running the Race



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Children need to be accompanied by an adult



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.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday prayer group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 am in the Snug.

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.

4 th July	Julie Kettle
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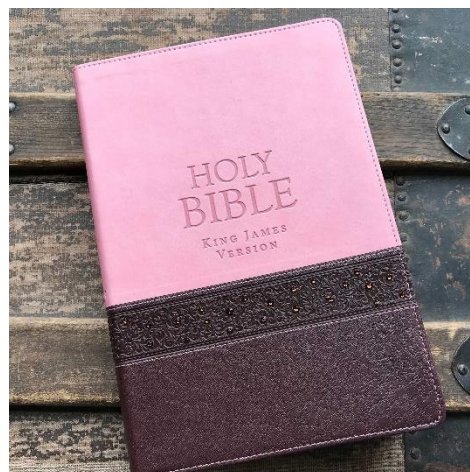


THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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





Following the recent cycle ride for Christian Aid I am both delighted with, and grateful for the sponsorship support from friends here at FMC and beyond. Together we raised the fantastic sum of £320.00. My thanks to you all for your generosity, and a particular thanks to all who were able to Gift Aid their support, for which Christian Aid will be able to claim a further 25% of your sponsorship amount from HMRC.

God bless you all. Richard Crispin.

Christian Aid Week



Thank you so much to all who supported Christian Aid Week.

Thanks to those for, preparing the Church Lunch in April; participating in the united service at the beginning of the week; collecting at the stall in the precinct and giving so generously at these events. Much of this was gift aided. Thank you.

A special thank you to Richard and his fellow cyclists for doing the 70K in May challenge. This year we raised, before Gift Aid:

- April Monthly Church Lunch: £185.00
- Retiring Collection on 12th May and envelopes returned on 19th May: £197.50
- The stall in the shopping precinct collected: £1030.55
- The e-envelope which includes much of the bike ride sponsor money: £1454.25

The current total for Fareham and Portchester, before gift aid is: £4578.55

This is over £1000 higher than this time last year!

Please make a note in your diary that the next planned local activity is a Quiz Night on Saturday 5th October.

The Blue bin for the TerraCycle is getting filled and needs a weekly empty.

I'm sorry to say that I am unable to recycle the following

No thank you to

Plastic trays and bags for fresh and frozen meat and fish

and fresh and frozen vegetables and fruit.

TERRACYCLE

Plastic containers from yoghurt tubs, bio drinks and ice cream containers.

Thank you for your participation.

Edith

SUNDAY LUNCH 21st July 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 for **Action for children**. 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 Egg mayonnaise

Main Course: Roast pork, Apple sauce 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 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

FOOTPRINTS

THE LATEST NEWS

FROM STEP BY STEP

Welcome to your Step-by-Step Newsletter

June is Pride Month in the UK. Even in a progressive society such as ours, members of the LGBTQ+ community are far more likely to find themselves homeless than other groups. A shocking 77% believe that coming out to their parents was the main factor that led to them becoming homeless.

We support every young person we are able to, regardless of how they identify or who they choose to love.



Luke's Story

Before coming to Step by Step, Luke had been **living in tent** a in a park. It was an unimaginable situation for a young man to find himself in.

Our **Launch team** was able to help him, giving him a dedicated Support Worker to get him back on his feet.

We are delighted to report that Luke is now attending University and **thriving in his new life**.

Step by step is a charity that we are supporting, and this is just a snippet from their newsletter. If you would like a copy of the whole newsletter, please let me know. Lin.



Editor's note

I successfully completed the July edition prior to breaking my wrist. While I aspire to produce an August edition, it may not be feasible if my cast remains. However, rest assured that Chris will compile a newsletter in that event.

Deadline for August efocus is 31st July