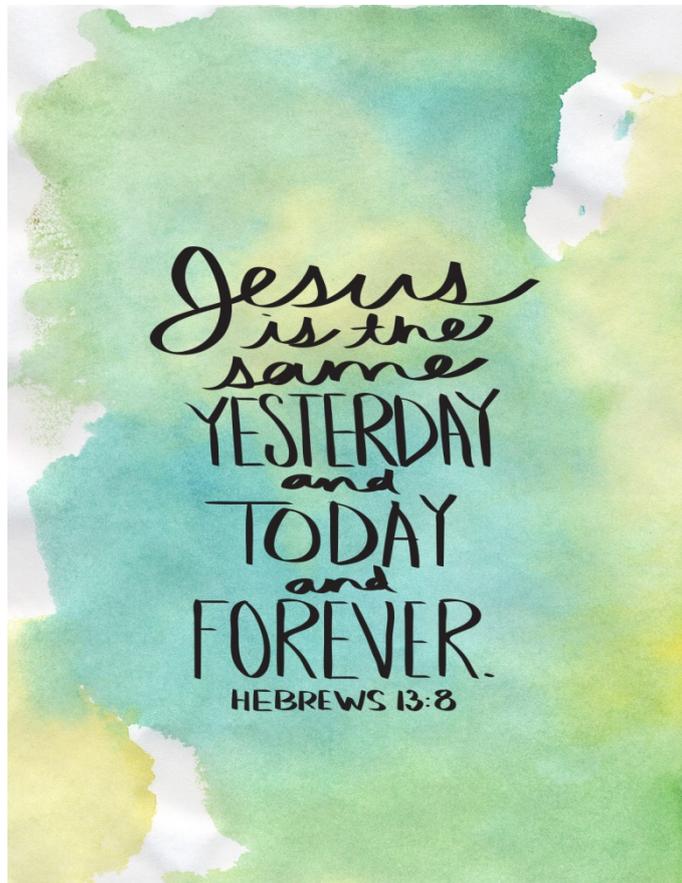


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Services for the Month of May

6 th June	Revd. Claire Simpson (Holy Communion)
13 th June	Gathering for Worship MHA Sunday
20 th June	Andrew Wilcock
27 th June	Revd. Leslie Judd

Hello everyone

Nice to know that we are out of lockdown (sort of!) We can meet indoors and go out for coffee and meals.

Church is open, although no singing, it would be nice to try and build up our congregation gradually in preparation for things getting back to normal. Lifts are allowed, with driver's permission and when numbers rise the car park will be available.

We have some good news to share!

Samuel Brooks has a teaching assistant post at PQA Portsmouth (Pauline Quirke Academy) At last something to cheer about.

Most of us will have received notification from Lin Woodhams informing us of the shortfall at Acts of Kindness. I know from previous experience how generous you will be on the 12th June.

More good news. I met Carl and Anna at Locks Heath yesterday and Carl was looking great. I'm sure that's because Anna is taking good care of him!
Best wishes

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards.



Last Month's Quiz

1. What is the last word in the Old Testament?
2. By which previous name was Paul of Tarsus known as?
3. Whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back?
4. In the bible, who is said to have lived on a diet of locusts and wild honey?
5. How many years did Noah live for after the flood?
6. There are only three angels named in the bible, Michael and Lucifer are two, name the other?
7. The book of Esther is unique because it does not mention which word?
8. The Bible was written in three languages - Hebrew, Koine Greek and which other language?
9. Who made the first translation of the Bible into English in 1382?
10. Name the longest book of the Bible with 150 chapters?

As promised the answer's to the above quiz.

- 1. Curse**
- 2. Saul**
- 3. Lot's**
- 4. John the Baptist**
- 5. 350 years**
- 6. Gabriel**
- 7. The word 'God'**
- 8. Aramaic**
- 9. John Wycliffe**
- 10. Psalms**

How many did you get right? (Just a bit of fun)



We are looking for someone with enthusiasm and ideas to join our small friendly team of volunteers as we seek to take the love of Jesus out to young people and their families in our community.

Gosport URC St Columba is seeking to appoint a part time.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER

Salary: £10k – £12k pa depending on experience

Hours: 18.5 hrs. Per week- (Flexible)

Closing date: Midday 9th July 2021

Interviews: Friday 23rd July 2021

For more information and an application pack please e-mail Chris at secstcolumbas.gosport@gmail.com

An update from Alison Humby

Great news is that Parent and Toddlers will resume, government willing, for Tuesday, 29th June until 20th July with a slightly earlier finish of 11.30 am. Booking must be made in advance via me on 01329 609921. Limit will be 10 adults to start plus toddlers.



Brownies have been back at church since 6th May apart from one Zoom meeting for a visiting line dancing instructor. The eight girls are thrilled to be back to some kind of normality.

A new brownie starts on 10th June with the possibility of another one soon and one more in October so our numbers are starting to build up again. We are planning lots of outside activities as well as indoor games and craft.



Brownies ends on 22nd July and resumes on 2nd September.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Jean Petter. They were very welcome at a difficult time.



Sylvia Savage

Christian Aid Week

Thank you so much to all who have supported Christian Aid in recent months. The District Appeal towards the worldwide vaccination programme has already raised over £12,000.



During Christian Aid Week our church raised £385 plus £45 Gift Aided. This contributed to the Fareham and Portchester Group total of £2364.09 (plus a further £237.53 in Gift Aid). Additional donations are still being made since the official count.

The next planned local activity is a Quiz night on Saturday 23rd October.

Linda Foster

Talents and Treasures

Hard Word Search

Can you find all 14 words hidden in the grid?

C	D	M	U	S	I	C	A	L	R	H	M
Y	O	H	T	G	I	F	T	E	D	V	B
T	B	I	W	J	H	O	Q	W	V	N	U
N	B	Z	N	E	W	S	I	N	G	E	R
A	N	E	V	A	E	H	F	E	C	P	I
V	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	E	R	E
R	Q	N	T	Z	I	U	A	Q	N	J	D
E	B	R	U	T	P	A	I	N	T	E	R
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H	U	Y	Z	E	L	B	A	U	L	A	V
L	F	X	S	P	E	C	I	A	L	Z	I

COIN
TALENT
BURIED
MUSICAL
VALUABLE
PAINTER
SERVANT
SINGER
FAITHFUL
HEAVEN
GIFTED
FOOTBALLER
SPECIAL
PARABLE

This month's theme for Messy Church is based on the Parable from Matthew 25:14-30 (CEB).

A rich man entrusts his workers with his money while he goes on a trip. Two of the workers put the money to work and earn twice what they were given. When the rich man returns and sees they have doubled the money they were responsible for the rich man deems them 'good and faithful servants', but the third worker buried the money in the ground because he feared the man. The rich man calls him a lazy man.

God give us talents that are unique to us, it doesn't matter if we have one or ten or if they are large or small – all gifts are important.

A great message to give our young people of Messy Church.

How quickly can you do the word search?



Thank you Ian Bagshaw.

An Obituary printed in the
London Times.....Absolutely
Dead Brilliant!!

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;
- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing

Notes from the Editor

Dear Everyone

Wow what amazing weather we have had over the weekend. Great for the children to enjoy their half term break from school. Let's hope the weather continues and we have a great summer. I am very grateful the church is opening their doors for food contributions for the Charity Act of Kindness. Chris and I look forward to meeting you on the 12th June between 10 – 12 pm.

The charity at present offers other support to families, not only food but cleaning/gardening and help with children. We have a Welfare Co-ordinator and an army of volunteers who carry out these tasks.

News just in on the 2nd June: - The charity has been notified that we have won **The Queen's Award for Volunteers** the highest award in the UK. Which is absolutely amazing and as you can imagine we have all been so happy today celebrating with each other as well as continuing to provide food parcels and other services.



Acts of Kindness Community (Solent)
Contact Lin Woodhams 07840778063 with any queries.

**FOOD NEEDED ON REGULAR BASIS
PLEASE NO FRESH ITEMS**

**Small sugar
Small coffee
UHT milk semi skinned
Meals in a tin – Chicken curry,
Chilli Con Carne,
Spaghetti Bolognaise,
Irish stew, Fray Bentos tinned pies.
Tinned fruit
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Corned Beef
Tinned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Jam
Toilet Rolls
Men's Deodorant
Hair Shampoo
Laundry Powder**

We will be very appreciative of any food donations but the above items are always in demand.

Thank you.