

FAREHAM eFOCUS

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Services for the Month of November 2022

13th Nov. At the United Reformed Church.
10.30 am. 33rd in Ordinary time.

20th Nov. Revd. Claire Simpson.
10:30 am. Sunday before Advent.
All Age Worship.

27th Nov. Revd. David Muskett.
10:30 am. Advent Sunday.
Toy and gift service supporting
the Refuge and Food Bank.

6:00pm. Revd. Claire Simpson.
Iona. Holy Communion.

4th Dec. Revd. Claire Simpson
10:30 am Holy Communion.

Tea and Coffee Rota for November 2022

13th Nov. Alison Humby and Pat Crocker.

20th Nov. Liz Avison and TBA.

27th Nov. Cath Stevenson and Judith
Bramall.

4th Dec. Ian Bagshaw and Walter
Metcalf.

Meet and Greet November 2022

13th Nov. Edith Livingstone.

20th Nov. Liz Avison.

27th Nov. Margaret Sheppard.

4th Dec. Walter Metcalf.

In Remembrance

I have always enjoyed walking in the countryside observing seasonal changes in nature. One day I noticed, as I left the path through Spurling's Farm, Wallington, a large stone virtually covered by long grass. On exploring further, I discovered that the stone bore a plaque.

In Memory of
F/O James Tillet 33454
RAF 238 Squadron

James was killed in action on November 6th, 1940 – near the memorial.

Following this discovery, each year I visit the memorial on Remembrance Sunday, and place a cross in memory of James. Interestingly, over recent years, the area around the memorial stone has been cleared and a small garden of remembrance developed.

A few years ago, I met another gentleman, also visiting the memorial. He was able to confirm that The War Graves Commission, has now taken over responsibility for maintaining the remembrance stone and area. He also told me more about F/O James Tillett, and how his plane crash landed, resulting in his death.

James Tillett was only 22 when he was killed. So many pilots who died, protecting Britain from invasion in 1940, were also very young.

The gentleman I met also told me F/O James Tillett was buried in Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport, and that his grave is marked by a War Graves Headstone.

"We will Remember them"

Thank you, Bob Temple,

The Foundation Stones Plaque

At the back of our church is a plaque commemorating the people who laid the foundation's stones for our church 84 years ago on Wednesday 2nd November 1938. I have produced a booklet with a short biography of each person who either laid a brick or had a brick laid on their behalf. The booklet can be found under the plaque. There is only one copy so please leave it in the church.

Mark Brooks



*"For in Christ Jesus you are all
children of God through faith."*

**ALL are welcome
in God's family**



Games and Activities – Worship – Meal

Wednesday 9th November 2022
from 3:30pm – Fareham Methodist Church

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 Circle is held on the FIRST Thursday of each month at 10.30 am (unless advised of a change!).

All are welcome and as the Coffee Centre is open you are welcome to bring a drink into the Sanctuary with you. You can just drop in for 5 minutes or stay longer. Do bring any of your concerns and we will pray with and for you. Or just come and sit and listen – no pressure.

3 rd November	Revd. Claire
1 st December	Julie Kettle
2023	
5 th January	Bob Temple
2 nd February	Julie Kettle
2 nd March	Bob Temple
6 th April	Jill Race
4 th May	Revd. Claire
1 st June	Julie Kettle
6 th July	Revd. Claire



Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were left on my doorstep for my birthday and to Tony who delivered them, a lovely surprise when I returned home.
Liz Avison.

Christine Fielding would like to say thank you very much for her flowers.

Sylvia Savage would like to say thank you for the flowers from church delivered by Liz. They brightened a difficult time.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, brought by Irene Russell. It was a truly kind thought and much appreciated.
Sheila Dyer

SUNDAY LUNCH
On 20th November 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 **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 Pâté

Main Course: Baked Gammon, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

There will be a list for you to sign in the Welcome Area.
Come along and enjoy a Sunday Roast!

If you can help before or after the meal, please let me know. We particularly need help in the kitchen after the meal.

Thank you
Jill Groom



Fourth Friday Games for All Ages

*Next Games Night is
25th November 2022*

Everyone is welcome between 6.30pm and 8.30pm



*Enjoy being together to
play tabletop and/or more energetic games as you
prefer and have a relaxed chat with refreshments.*



Kevin and Linda Foster

THE FAREHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' LUNCH CLUB

The Fareham Senior Citizens' Lunch Club was initiated in 1958 and has been providing a hot two course lunch for up to 50 Senior Citizens of Fareham each Monday, except Bank Holidays, ever since. Apart from a wholesome lunch, the Club's aim is to provide a social meeting point for those elderly men and women of Fareham who otherwise find it difficult to get out and about. On special occasions, some form of party theme is adopted, and entertainment laid on with local children's school choirs, raffles and Bingo all being popular. All this is accomplished by volunteer teams of cooks, hostesses and drivers, thus keeping costs to the members to a minimum.

The Venue that we hire for this activity is the Holy Trinity Church Hall with members arriving any time after 10.30 and staying until 2.00 pm. All potential members are interviewed and assessed prior to acceptance, and the only qualification that we require of our members is that they have reasonable physical mobility. If requiring us to provide transport, they must be able to get in and out of an average-sized family car, but if a wheeled walker is required, then Dial-a-Ride will need to be used.

Our volunteer hostesses are not qualified or able to look after those with any form of Dementia or requiring assistance to use the lavatory. Food allergies can usually be accommodated.

Cost: £5 per week

Contact:

Carol Cheesmore 01329 232900

Liz Wright 01329 512185

Flower Ministry

A list of dates for flower providers can be found on the notice board in the corridor, the present list runs until the end of December. A list for 2023 will be added from early December.

Please add your name to supply church flowers on a chosen date, this may be a date near a special occasion regarding your family or friends. If you are able to put in flowers yourself, we can arrange a suitable time on the Saturday for you to get access to the church or I can organise to arrange the flowers on your behalf.

If you wish to donate any money to the flower fund, please pass it to one of the Stewards or to myself. Should you feel you are able to help with flower delivery please let me know and I can add you to the list.

Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to the Ministry of Flowers during the past year, it is greatly appreciated.

Irene Russell

Dear All,

Christians Together in Fareham have been invited to run our Christingle-making stand again at the Fareham Christmas lights switch on. This year it is on Saturday 19th November between 10am and 7pm (with the actual light switch-on at 5.30pm)

I am looking for volunteers to help with the Christingle making. We will run our stall from 10.30am till 5pm (or until the oranges run out!). Volunteers will be helping children to make their own Christingle while chatting with them and their parents about the meaning of Christmas. We will divide the day up into one-hour slots.

If you can help, please contact me at rachel@thehickses.org.uk or on 01329 312895.

Many thanks,

Rachel Hicks

rachel@thehickses.org.uk



GOD'S LOVE FOR THE PLANET

God said "Let's make people to be like us, so that they look after all the living things in the world"

Creating a mobile around a globe showing what our world provides.



Making sun catchers showing our planet.



Hand printing and decorating our world.



Cooking up a storm with Jam tarts.



Christmas Bazaar

Sat 3rd Dec 10:00am - 3:00pm

Fareham Methodist Church

King's Road, Fareham PO16 0NU

Admission FREE

Seasonal Gifts * Cake Stall * Competitions

Craft activities * Carol singing 2pm

Refreshments served all day

Light lunches served 12:00am – 1:30pm

Everyone welcome

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

Thank you to all for the lovely cards and church flowers I received on our return from a few days away. They were a lovely surprise and very welcome. Included with one card was the following poem which had us chuckling. I hope you see the funny side of it too especially the "**Maybe**" in the last line!

A Prayer

Today Dear Lord I am eighty and there's much I haven't done
I hope Dear Lord, you let me live until I am eighty-one
But then. If I haven't finished all I want to do
Would you let me stay awhile until I'm eighty-two?
So many places I want to go, so very much to see
Do you think that you could manage to make it eighty-three?
The world's is changing very fast, there is so much in store
I'd like it very much to live until I'm eighty-four.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till eighty-five.
More planes will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world when I'm eighty-six
I know Dear Lord it's a lot to ask, and it must be nice in heaven
But I really would like to stay until I'm eighty-seven
I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes will be late
But it would be pleasant to be around at eighty-eight
I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time
So, I'm sure that I'd be willing to leave at eighty-nine-

Maybe

Bobby

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Here we are only four weeks until the beginning of Advent.

Our Christmas bazaar on the 3rd of December is something to look forward to and we need donations for the Tombola and the Gift stall.

Our clothes sale was a great success. Hard work, but our thanks go to all the helpers, some of whom were in church both days. So far, we have raised more than £600.

We need to update our car registration list for the Masonic Hall car park. Please see one of the stewards to notify us of any changes.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

November – December 4th 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	1 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group. 14.00 Tuesday Ladies Club. At Catisfield Scout hut.	2	3 9.30 Coffee Centre. 10.30 Prayer Circle in Church Sanctuary led by Revd. Claire. 17.30 Brownies.	4	5	6 10.30 Junior Fun Church. 10:30 Morning Worship led by Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion.
7 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	8 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group	9 3.30 Messy Church	10 9.30 Coffee Centre 10:30 Bible Study Group in Sanctuary. 17.30 Brownies	11	12	13 10.30 Morning worship at URC.
14 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	15 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group. Tuesday Ladies Club at Catisfield Scout hut.	16	17 9.30 Coffee Centre. 14:30 Red House Care Home Service. 17:30 Brownies.	18	19	20 10.30 Junior Fun Church. 10.30 All Age Worship Led by Revd. Claire Simpson.
21 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	22 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group.	23	24 9.30 Coffee Centre 10:30 Bible Study Group in the Sanctuary 17.30 Brownies	25 18.30 Fourth Friday Games	26	27 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 Gift service led by Revd. David Muskett.
28 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	29 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group. 14:00 Tues. Ladies Club	30	1 9.30 Coffee Centre 10.30 Prayer Circle in Sanctuary led by Julie Kettle .	2 1:00 Friday Lunch	3 10:00 Christmas Bazaar	4 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 Morning worship led by Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion

Christian Aid Quiz

We entered two teams for this year's Quiz on 20th October and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The money raised was a fantastic total of £944.10:

- ☐ Tickets - £380
- ☐ Raffle - £160
- ☐ Donations - £404.10

Next year's Quiz will be held on Saturday 30th October 2023 – Linda Foster



**I know it's too early to be
organising Christmas yet, but . . .**

**If any of our Church congregation
are going to be alone on Christmas Day
and would like to share
Christmas Day Dinner
with us, then please get in touch!**

Malcolm & Jill Groom

07999 558524

CAKES WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Margaret Temple will be organising the cake stall for the Christmas Bazaar and would be grateful for any contributions. Cakes can be brought to the Church on Friday 2nd December, and times for this will be confirmed nearer to the date, other arrangements can be made by talking to Margaret or any of the team.

Many Thanks

BROWNIE UPDATE

Just wanted to update everyone on how the girls are getting on.

The girls generously donated gifts for the shoe boxes.

We went to Segensworth miniature steam trains which was great fun.

At half term, we took them on the train to Chichester to see the Famous Five Musical. It was a great day out and we even managed to eat lunch outside and play on the assault course before the show.

Jill Race is going to join us for rehearsals soon for our Christmas concert singing including the Christmas Bazaar and at Acacia Lodge with some of the Brownies playing instruments.

I would also like to thank Malcolm Groom for printing off some great leaflets to hand around at schools to encourage more girls to join us and a big thank you to Kate (Penguin), my daughter, for being my great support.

We're looking forward to taking the girls on a sleepover in the New Year.

Alison Humby (Brown Owl)

Update on the Church Tree from Fareham Borough Council

Following your kind sponsorship of a tree at either The Queen's Copse or The Platinum Copse earlier in the year, I just wanted to update you about where we are at with the process.

The team has been busy preparing the ground for both areas and are waiting for the trees to arrive. The trees will begin to be planted from late November and will take a couple of months to complete, depending on the great British weather!

You will start to receive your certificates from November and your name, or the name for whom you sponsored the tree, will be added to the website on the roll of honour.

Once all the planting is complete, we will hold an open day where you will be invited to come and visit your tree, which is likely to be around Spring next year. We will, of course, keep you updated about this.

Kind regards

Becca Bennett
Leisure and Community Officer
Fareham Borough Council

Thank you, Bobby.

Think it has changed!!!!!!



FUTURE DATES FOR DECEMBER AND CHRISTMAS

- Nov 27th** **10:30 am**
Toy and Gift Service supporting
the Refuge and Food Bank.
- Dec 3rd** **10:00 am – 3:00 pm**
Christmas Bazaar
- Dec 11th** **10:30 am**
All Age Worship and
Christingle
- Dec 18th** **6:00 pm**
Carol Service
- Christmas Eve** Service at the United
Reformed Church.
Time to be confirmed.
- Christmas Day** **10:30 am**
Morning Worship led by
Rev. Claire Simpson
URC and Methodist.
- Jan 1st** **10:30 am**
Morning Worship led by
Rev. Claire Simpson.

For further information please see the Church website.

Editor's Notes

The month of October has flown by – the leaves are falling fast now as winter approaches.

What an amazing amount of money raised in the pre-loved fashion show. There was an amazing team who worked so hard. Their efforts really paid off. Thank you.

Thank you for all your contributions and keep them coming.

December efocus deadline 1st December 2022



GRANDMOTHERS

(by an eight year old school boy)

A grandmother is a woman,
who has no children of her own,
so she loves the boys and
girls of other people.

Grandmothers have nothing to do, they
only have to be there.

If they take you for a walk, they go
slowly past beautiful leaves and caterpillars.

They never say, "Come along quickly",
or "Hurry up for goodness sake".

They are usually fat, but not too fat
to tie up my shoelaces.

They wear spectacles and sometimes
take out their teeth.

They can answer any question, for instance
why dogs hate cats,
and why God is not married.

When they read to us,
they never leave anything out.

They do not mind if it is always
the same story.

Everyone should have a grandmother,
especially those who do not have a television.

Grandmothers are the only grown ups
who have plenty of time.

Elizabeth Wilcock found this in the
Parish Church in St Ives, Cornwall.