

# FAREHAM eFOCUS



**Fareham Methodist Church**  
**eFocus November 2023**  
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**Services for the Month**  
**November 2023**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10:30 a.m.  
Revd. Less Judd.  
31<sup>st</sup> in Ordinary Time.  
Holy Communion.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10:30 a.m.  
United Reformed Church.  
Remembrance Service.  
32<sup>nd</sup> in Ordinary Time.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10:30 a.m.  
Revd. Canon Richard Atkins-  
Greig.  
All Age Worship.  
33<sup>rd</sup> in Ordinary Time.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10:30 a.m.  
Revd. Dave Faulkner.  
Sunday before Advent.
- 6:00 p.m.  
Revd. Pauline Crispin.  
Holy Communion/ Taizé.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10:30 a.m.  
Toy Service.

**Tea and Coffee Rota**  
**for November 2023**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Alison Humby and Pat Croker.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Liz Avison and Edith  
Livingstone.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Cath Stevenson and Judith  
Bramall.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Ian Bagshaw and Walter  
Metcalf.

**Meet and Greet Rota for November 2023**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Linda Haydon-Jones.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Sue Gibson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Lin Woodhams.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Rae Shepherd.

**The Flower Rota**

The flower rota is pinned on the notice board in the corridor. This year we have had quite a lot of gaps. If you feel you could provide flowers for the Sunday Service, please add your name against a date. These are then delivered to a member of the Church Community. If you are unable to purchase flowers a donation can be given to Irene Russell or a Steward.

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov. Una Peters 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Lin Woodhams – we have 12<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> Nov. vacant.**

## **MESSAGES FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Julie Kettle's Mum would like to thank the church for the flowers delivered by Tony, they were very much appreciated.

Judith Bramall would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers she received which were delivered by Liz. Really cheered her up. Thank you.

Margaret Temple would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers she received which were delivered by Jean. They were lovely.



At the recent Christian Aid Quiz, we entered two teams of eight and as well as having a fun evening we raised a total of £622.33:

- ☐ Tickets - £315.00
- ☐ Raffle - £155.00
- ☐ Donations - £152.33

**The Quiz next year will be on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – a date for your  
diaries!**



## **COMMUNION STEWARDS REQUIRED.**

Request for more Communion Stewards please. Due to some of the current Communion Stewards standing down there is a need for more people to join the team. This is an interesting and important role and full training, and induction will be given.

Communion at FMC takes place twice a month, once in the morning at the beginning of the month and once in the evening at the end of the month.

Please contact Rae Shepherd on 01489 564813 or via email; [margaretshepherd141@btinternet.com](mailto:margaretshepherd141@btinternet.com) if you are interested in finding out more about this role. Thank you.

## **VESTRY JOTTINGS**

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival service followed by lunch. Malcolm and Jill Race took two carloads of goods to the Basic Food Bank for which they were very grateful.

Our film and food night was much appreciated by all. The meal was delicious, thanks to Jill and her team. We raised over £330 to go to a worthwhile charity called "Step by Step" which supports homeless young people.

A big thank you to Lin, Chris, and our knitters for the brilliant poppy display outside church.

Next on the list for our knitters is the Nativity scene which will be going on the Welcome Area windows.

Brenda  
On behalf of the Stewards





# **Christmas Bazaar**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am - 3:00pm**

**Fareham Methodist Church  
King's Road, Fareham PO16 0NU**

**Admission FREE**

**Stalls \* Window dressing**

**Competition \* Card making**

**Carol singing 11:15am and 2pm**

**Refreshments served all day**

**Everyone welcome**

**CASH PAYMENTS ONLY**

**Fareham United Reformed Church**

# **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 25 November**

**10.00am - 12.30pm**

**Refreshments**

**Cakes & Preserves**

**Children's Activities**

**Crafts & Gifts**

**Puzzles & Books**

**Raffle**



**Fareham URC • 18 Osborn Road South • Fareham**





Do you want to help to change the narrative this Christmas through an Extraordinary Gift?

A Booklet of what you could purchase to help communities throughout the countries in which All We Can works – not just for Christmas, but for years to come, will be in the Welcome Area. Alternatively go online to the All We Can website.

### Mini Market

Sally and I would like to thank everyone who donates Bric a Brac etc to our stall. All money raised goes to church funds. This last year we raised over £700.

Unfortunately, not all goods left at the back of church are suitable and we have to take them to the charity shops. If possible, please see Sally or me so that we can decide what we can accept.

Many thanks  
Brenda

## CRISTINGLE MAKING

As usual, Christians Together in Fareham has been invited to run a **Christingle-making** stand at the Fareham Christmas Light Switch-on day on West Street on **Saturday 18th November**.

This is a great opportunity to engage with the public and **share something of the real meaning and message of Christmas**. It is always a fun and uplifting day.

We supply all the materials, but we are **looking for volunteers to help make Christingles with children through the day**.

We will start at 9.30am and finish at about 3.30pm (or earlier if we run out of oranges!) and are aiming for four volunteers per hour. If you can help, please contact me - [rachel@thehickses.org.uk](mailto:rachel@thehickses.org.uk) - to let me know when you are available.

Many thanks, Rachel Hicks

## 6<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

<b>6</b> <b>09:30</b> Mini Market in Coffee Bar	<b>7</b> <b>9:45 – 11:45</b> Parent and Toddler Group	<b>8</b> <b>15:30</b> Messy Church	<b>9</b> <b>9:30</b> Thursday Coffee Centre  <b>10:30</b> Prayer Circle  <b>19:30</b> Singing group Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>10:30</b> United Reformed Church. Remembrance Service.
<b>13</b> <b>09:30</b> Mini Market in Coffee Bar	<b>14</b> <b>9:45 – 11:45</b> Parent and Toddler Group  <b>14:00</b> Tuesday Ladies Club	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:30</b> Thursday Coffee Centre  <b>19:30</b> Singing group Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>10:30</b> Morning Service. All Age Worship led by Revd. Canon Richard Atkins- Greig. Sunday Lunch.
<b>20</b> <b>09:30</b> Mini Market in Coffee Bar	<b>21</b> <b>9:45 – 11:45</b> Parent and Toddler Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30</b> Thursday Coffee Centre  <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Meeting in the church  <b>19:30</b> Singing group Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30</b> Junior Fun Church Morning worship - led by Revd. Dave Faulkner.  <b>18:00</b> Revd. Pauline Crispin Holy Communion. Taizé
<b>27</b> <b>9:30</b> Mini Market in Coffee Bar.	<b>28</b> <b>9:45 – 11:45</b> Parent and Toddler Group  <b>14:00 pm</b> Tuesday Ladies Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30</b> Thursday Coffee Centre  <b>19:30</b> Singing group rehearsal	<b>1</b> <b>13:00</b> Friday Lunch  <b>6:30 pm</b> Fourth Friday Games	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:30</b> Junior Fun Church Morning Worship Led by Revd. Pauline Crispin. Toy Service. Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors.

### A FEW DATES FOR YOUR DECEMBER CALENDAR

10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	TBA
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christingle led by Revd. Pauline Crispin. 6:00 pm - Carol Service.
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	TBA 11:15 pm - Revd. Pauline Crispin - Midnight Mass.
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	United Reform Church.
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Local Arrangement. Any favourite carols to be passed to Maggie.

## **SUNDAY LUNCH 19<sup>th</sup> 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 very good – thank you.

### **The Menu**

**Starter:** Soup or Egg mayonnaise

**Main Course:** Chicken breasts in gravy or BBQ sauce, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables.

**Puddings:** Variety

There will be a list in the vestibule for you to sign. Please come along and enjoy a lunch!

If you can stay to help until all the washing up is done, please sign the helpers list. It then means that those of us who have been at church since 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!

Thank you. Jill Groom Phone: 07999558524

**Next Meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> November.**





# OCTOBER MESSY CHURCH







Date - Wednesday 8th November 2023

Time - from 3:30pm

Venue - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities

Worship

Meal

# Trusting God

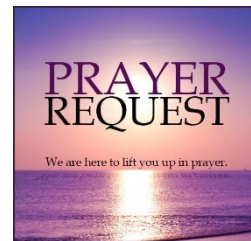


**"The Lord's my Shepherd"**

**Psalm 23**

Children should be accompanied by an adult

## The Prayer Tree



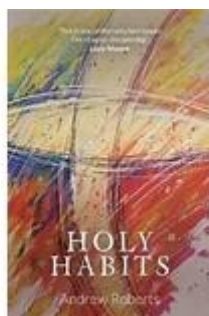
The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

## 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.

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Bob Temple
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Julie Kettle
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Bob Temple



## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETING

The Bible study meeting has now started on a Thursday morning at 10:00 am. We are studying: - *'Prayer'*, looking at different aspects of Prayer within the *'Holy Habits'* series.

We shall meet on the following dates:

16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Raw and Raging prayer.
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Praying when we get it wrong.

If you'd like to get more information, please ask Julie or Audrey.  
We're looking forward to seeing you.



# I AM MARK

A daring presentation of the Gospel of Mark



Action-packed with no less than 19 miracles, the book of Mark was written to be shared live... join biblical storyteller and actor Stefan Smart as he presents an authentic portrait of Jesus Christ.

**Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 7pm**  
**BAY HOUSE COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**Gomer Lane, Gosport PO12 2QP**



Tickets available online: scan the QR code, or visit Eventbrite (search "Eventbrite I AM MARK Gosport"), or call St Faith's Church on 023 9255 6445, or email [events@stfaithslee.org.uk](mailto:events@stfaithslee.org.uk).

*Tickets each* **£6**

organised by **CTiG**  
Churches Together in Gosport

**CAKES WANTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY TALKING TO MARGARET OR LIZ HAIGH, BRENDA, PENNY OR EDITH.**  
**MANY THANKS**

**Fareham Baptist New Life Church  
is holding an Autumn Fair**

on Saturday 18th November 2023  
from 10am - 2pm.

Refreshments will be served all day.

All are welcome to come and have  
fellowship with us.

Thank You

In Jesus Name

Myrtle Rogers

Fareham Baptist New Life Church

*Merry  
Christmas*

Quote by a Forest Ranger at  
Yosemite National Park on why  
it is hard to design the perfect  
garbage bin to keep bears from  
breaking into it. "There is  
considerable overlap between  
the intelligence of the smartest  
bears and the dumbest  
tourists".

**Editor's Note**

Wet, Wet, Wet, no not the band just the weather. Still, we have so much to be grateful for. Our prayers and thoughts are with so much that is going on in our world. Wars, flooding, aftermath of earthquakes and much more. We must pray for the leaders who are making decisions.

On a happy note, the Poppy wall is up, and I wish to thank all the lovely people of our church who have knitted or contributed with wool, or just came along to our chats to spur us on.

Thank you to Chris for helping me to put it on the wall; as usual calmly sorting it for me!

The next deadline for the efocus will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Anything received after the deadline, I am sorry, will not be included.



## **Part Time Employment Opportunity**

**Fareham Methodist Church Kings Road, Fareham, are looking for someone to work four hours a week from January 2024 setting up and clearing away Chairs and Tables for Sunday worship and Monday Mini-Market.**

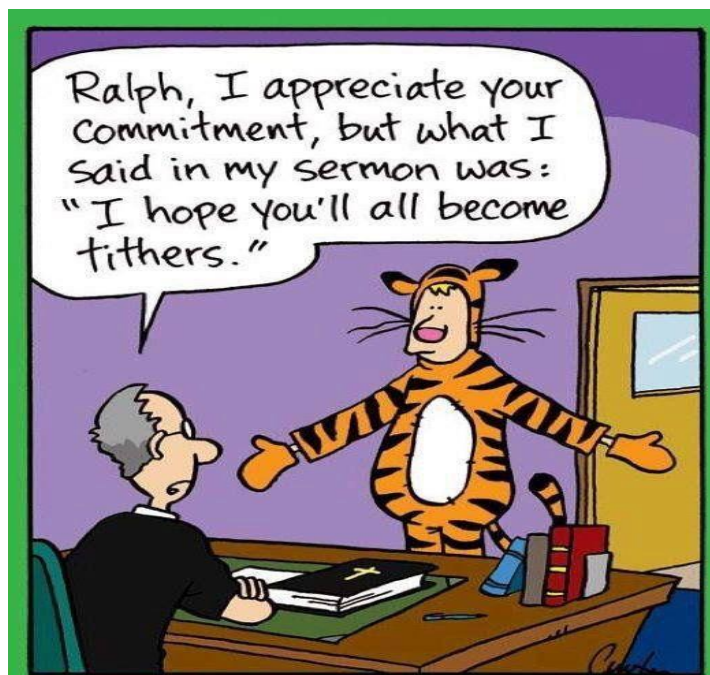
**This is a paid position @ £10.42p per hour paid monthly in arrears (review April 2024)**

**Occasional additional hours may also be available setting up for special service during the week, and other small maintenance works.**

**The person selected needs to be physically fit, as the work involves lifting and moving furniture. They also need to be flexible in their approach and availability, as the working requirement is dependent upon premises use, and individual requirements of the Church and Community Groups.**

**A Criminal Record check (DBS) and references are required. A small amount of training will also need to be completed.**

**For more information please email; [methodisthallhire@gmail.com](mailto:methodisthallhire@gmail.com) with your contact details and a short explanation as to why you think you are suitable for this role.**







## Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Plans are well under way for our Christmas Bazaar which we hope will be the successful community event it was last year. To this end your help with the following would be greatly appreciated:

- **Donations of new/as new items suitable for the Gift Stall**
- **Donations of small new/as new soft toys**

Any such items may be given to Liz Haigh, Penny, Brenda, or Edith from now on. Alternatively, we are happy to collect items: please speak to one of the team to arrange this.

**Please also see the separate notice regarding cakes for the Cake Stall.**

Many thanks, the Planning team.

**MEET AT THE GATEWAY CHURCH EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**



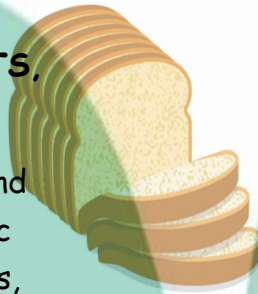
**PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE A  
WARM WELCOME  
TO THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER**



# ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED

## BREAD, BAGELS, CRUMPETS, WRAPS

Any brand of plastic bags and closure tags. Bakery plastic packaging (e.g., Plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs etc.)



## CHEESE PACKAGING

Any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging, nets, and pouches. Any brand of sliced cheese in protective plastic film. Individual plastic cheese wrappers.



## WRITING PENS ETC.,

Ballpoint, gel, and fountain pens. Pencils, refills, cartridges. Highlighters, correction bottles, tape, pens. Felt tips, whiteboard, permanent makers.



## CONFECTIONERY

Plastic chocolate and sweets pouches and bags. Individual chocolate bar wrappers. Plastic chocolate block wrappers, multipack outer plastic packaging.



## AIR, HOME AND LAUNDRY CARE

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 conditions bottles and caps. Lenor tumble dryer sheets.



## 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.



## HAND WASH

Hand wash pumps  
Hand wash refill pouches and caps

## WIPES, CLOTHS AND PADS

Power mop Absorbing Pads. Speedmop Wet Cloths

Pringles, Ferrero Rocher aluminium wrappers and packaging. Marigold Gloves