

FAREHAM

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Fareham Methodist Church
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Services for the Month of September 2022

4 th Sept.	Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion, Covenant Service. 23 rd in Ordinary Time.
11 th Sept.	Revd. Les Judd. 24 th in Ordinary Time.
18 th Sept.	Gathering for Worship. All Age Worship. Harvest Festival. 25 th in Ordinary Time.
25 th Sept.	Revd. Claire Simpson. Baptism. 26 th in Ordinary Time. 6.00pm - Iona, Holy Communion.
2 nd Oct.	Revd. Claire Simpson. Holy Communion. 27 th in Ordinary Time.

Tea and Coffee Rota for September 2022

11 th Sept.	Ian Bagshaw and Walter Metcalf.
18 th Sept.	Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock.
25 th Sept.	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd.
2 nd Oct.	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chambers.

Meet and Greet September 2022

11 th Sept.	Julie Kettle.
18 th Sept.	Margaret Shepherd.
25 th Sept.	Edith Livingstone.
2 nd Oct.	Liz Avison.



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.

6 th October	Jill Race
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

Ride & Stride 2022:

Once again, Andrew Wilcock and John Bramall will be push biking from church to church on **Saturday 10th September** in aid of the Historic Churches restoration fund.

They would very much welcome your sponsorship; remember, 50% of the money they raise goes to Fareham MC!

Thank you!



**Southampton District
Methodist Women in Britain**



invite you to



Celebration Day



**GO AND BEAR FRUIT,
FRUIT THAT WILL LAST.**

Saturday 1st October 2022

Hedge End Methodist Church

42, St John's Road SO30 4AG

10.00am for 10.30am to 3.30pm

Morning Bible Study led by Rev Tom Stuckey

Afternoon Workshops including:

HARVEST COLLAGE

DRAMA

PRAYER WRITING

**Tea and Coffee will be provided
Please bring your own packed lunch.**

A Message from Rox

On September 10th I will be doing a Marathon Hike along the Jurassic Coast to raise money for Macmillan.

As some of you know I have not had the best couple of years due to both my parents suffering from cancer and I would really like to give something back to the Macmillan community who have been a lifeline to us over the last few years.

If anyone would like to sponsor me then please follow the link below to my Just Giving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rox-Garrett?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Rox-Garrett&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=37b5a51665954d4fb178d7645468a345

Even a small number of pennies can make the biggest difference to those who are affected by cancer.

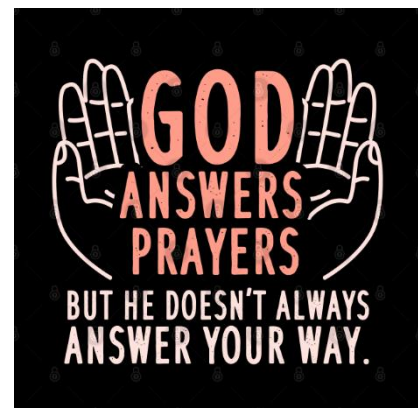


New Bible Study Group

There will be a new Bible Study group beginning on **Thursday 15th September 10.30-11.30am** in the church sanctuary at Fareham.

The group will aim to meet fortnightly. We will begin by using BRF material from the Holy Habits series. Everyone is welcome - refreshments will be available from Coffee Centre.

Just bring along a Bible.



Thank you so much for all the care and support we have received following the death of my father. Your kind messages, cards and the lovely flowers have helped us through this sad and difficult time. I know Dad greatly enjoyed his visits to FMC and always felt warmly welcomed.

Liz Haigh & family



We believe in life before death

..You are invited to our annual Christian Aid

Quiz

(NO supper this time)

On

Saturday 22nd October 2022 at 7pm

At

St John's Church Hall

Upper St Michael's Grove, Fareham

Laura Mead will be joining us again to share news and updates from
Christian Aid

Spaces are limited so you need to get tickets in advance.
Either gather your own team together (up to eight people)
or just buy a ticket, come along and join in with others.

Bring your own nibbles, drinks and glasses

Tickets - £5.00 per person (£3 for under 16s)

For more details and tickets, please contact
Rachel Hicks (01329 312895) or your church rep:

Linda Foster

Fareham Methodist Church
FILM and MEAL EVENING
6:00 pm - Friday 30th September

Belfast, 15 August 1969



Surrounded by sporadic violence and growing danger, nine-year-old Buddy finds himself confronted with the ugly reality of sectarian conflict.

We will be serving a delicious Irish meal and donations will be in aid of ALL WE CAN.

(Please sign the list in the Welcome area
or contact Jill on 07999558524 or at jill.groom@outlook.com)

HARVEST SUNDAY LUNCH 18th September 2022
at 12.15 p.m.approx.

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations for **Ukraine Christian Partnership**. 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 Greek salad.

Main Course: Gammon, Cheese and Onion Pie, New Potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese and tomatoes.

Puddings: Variety.

There will be a list in the Welcome area for you to sign. Please come along and enjoy a Harvest Sunday Roast!

*Fourth Friday Games for All Ages
resumes on 23rd September!*

*Everyone is welcome between 6.30pm
and 8.30pm*



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

Kevin and Linda Foster

Pre-loved Fashion Sale - save the date!

We are holding a pre-loved fashion sale in church on **Saturday 22nd Oct** from 10am - 4pm.

There will be plenty of clothes and accessories on sale at bargain prices along with a raffle and refreshments available throughout the day. All proceeds will be split between church and Messy Church funds.

If you have any of the following items that you could donate towards the event, please make sure that they are delivered to the manse or church by **Sunday Oct 2nd** at the latest.

We are looking for good quality clothes including footwear, headwear, and other accessories (but NOT jewellery) along with raffle prizes.

If you would like to help volunteer on the day (or set-up the day before) then please speak to either Jill Groom, Bobby Watson, or Rev Claire as soon as possible.

Thank you!



KEEP THIS DATE SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

On this date we are having a Christmas Bazaar with various activities, stalls, and refreshments. The team would be grateful for your help with the Christmas gift, craft, and Tombola stalls. If anyone has any new items suitable for either stall please have a word with Penny Garrett, Liz Haigh, or Edith Livingstone.

We can take non-food items from September and food items nearer the date. There will be more information nearer to December.

Many thanks.

Fareham Methodist Church Website

The website is being updated and you will find a new heading for Messy Church – please have a look when you are visiting the site.

You can also look at the East Solent and Down Circuit preaching plan.

- 1. Go to Fareham Methodist Church Website.**
- 2. Under the Name of the website there are tabs.**
- 3. Click on the Worship tab and a drop-down menu will appear.**
- 4. Click on Circuit Preaching Plan.**
- 5. Click on the September to November 2022 and it will appear on your screen.**

If you need a paper copy, please let a steward know.

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Here we are in September, and harvest time. Our harvest festival is the 18th of September.

It was sad to hear of Jeff's passing, but we must remember the full life that he led.

We congratulate Liz Avison on the birth of her grandson.

Lin and Chris will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a blessing in church to which everyone is invited.

Revd. Claire reaches a Birthday milestone this month. No doubt there will be lots of chocolate!!!!

Thanks go to Rosemary Townley and Joan Moore who are our new communion stewards.

Over the next few weeks, the front of church will start to look quite different. Good luck to the property team.

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal

We will again be supporting this appeal.

There are two changes this year; Rotary will be supplying the boxes, so they will all be the same size, and the donation for transport costs has increased to £2.

The boxes have Boy/Girl, Age etc for you to fill in printed on, so there will be no need to cover them, which was getting quite difficult with boxes that didn't have separate lids.

As soon as I have leaflets and boxes, I will bring them in.
Linda Press



September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10:30 Covenant Service led by Rev. Claire Simpson.
5 9.30 Mini Market in Coffee Bar	6 9.45 – 11.45 Parent and Toddler Group	7	8 9.30 Coffee Centre 19.30 Circuit Welcome Service at Bedhampton Brownies	9	10 Rox's Marathon Hike for Macmillan Cancer Support Ride and Stride 2022 – with Andrew Wilcock and John Bramall.	11 10.30 Junior Fun Church 10.30 Morning Worship led by Rev Les Judd. 17.00 PFZ- (Parent Free Zone!) at URC. 18.30 Taizé evening Communion Service at Stubbington MC
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at Fareham
Methodist
Church
Kings Road

Dates - Wednesday 14th September 2022

Time - from 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Sharing is a

Loving Action!

Activities

Worship

Meal

Games



Marriage made in Heaven.

On their way to be married a young Christian couple was involved in a fatal car accident. Outside the Pearly Gates, waiting for St Peter to process them into Heaven, they contemplated whether or not they could be married in Heaven.

When St Peter arrived, they asked him. He didn't know but said that he would find out and let them know. He disappeared!

They waited for two months and during that time wondered about the pros and cons.

If it is permissible what about the implications of the eternal aspect of life together?

What if things don't work out; would they be stuck together for ever?

After another month St Peter re-appeared looking somewhat harassed and bedraggled but proclaimed that yes, they could get married in Heaven.

The couple responded that that was great news but that they had been discussing possibilities and wondered whether divorce was permissible in Heaven!

St Peter, face red with anger and frustration, slammed his clipboard down into the ground.

The couple, looking decidedly frightened asked what was wrong.

"Oh, come on" said St Peter, "... It's taken me three months to find a priest up here; how long do you think that it would take to find a lawyer?"

Ian B, via his sister – again!

Kitchen and Coffee Bar Star Ratings

Following a routine Food and Hygiene inspection last month I am pleased to report that we have retained our 5 Star rating.

This is due, in part, to ALL users of the church kitchen and coffee bar keeping to our strict user guidelines. So, keep up the good work and remember ONLY Yellow J Cloths in kitchen areas and please use the correct colour chopping boards when preparing food.

Thank you for your cooperation, Lynda Haydon-Jones.