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Services for the Month of September

5 th Sept.	Revd. Claire Simpson Holy Communion
12 th Sept.	Mrs Wendy Corney
19 th Sept.	Revd. Les Judd Harvest Festival. All Age Worship
26 th Sept.	Revd. Bill Stillwell



Thursday Prayer Circle Dates

The Thursday Prayer Circle has restated. It is 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.

The dates and leaders are as below.

7 th October	will be led by Bob T
4 th November	will be led by Julie
2 nd December	will be led by Claire
4 th January 2022	will be led by Bob T

If anyone would like to lead a session in the New Year we would be delighted. There are 6 dates from which to choose.

Just contact Bobby and choose your date!!

Note from Mike Shepherd.

If you park in the Masonic car park and have changed your car in the past 18 months could you let him know the new details so that he can update his records.

Thank you.





COFFEE CENTRE

THE COFFEE CENTRE IS NOW OPEN ON A THURSDAY 9:30 – 11:15 AM. IT WILL BE WAITRESS SERVICE WITH ANY NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS IN PLACE. BELOW IS A SAMPLE MENU TO TEMPT YOU. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

PENNY 🤗

MENU

TEA/COFFEE	50p	BACON SANDWICH	90p
FRUIT TEA	60p	SAUSAGE ROLL	60p
MILKY COFFEE	60p	CRUMPETS (2)	60p
HOT CHOCOLATE	60p	TOASTED FRUIT LOAF	60p
SQUASH	50p	HOMEMADE CAKE	50p

A Poem from Sarah Brooks

I wrote this poem after my encounter while sat outside in the early sun one morning at holiday club, during the week that I would have been in Ukraine.

Carving letters in the air
A message for me?

Disappear and reappear
Sun in eyes, can't see.

Settled on a tree close by,
Far from home, a dragonfly.



Mini Market

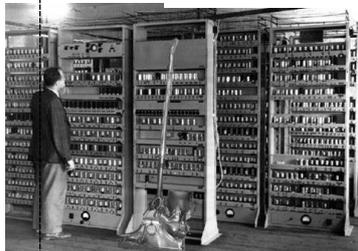


We are planning to re-open Mini Market on **Monday 4th Oct, 9:30-11:30 am**. There will be a few changes including waitress service and other measures to keep us all safe but sausage rolls, fruit toast, homemade cake and a warm welcome will still be on the menu!

Although the Church Stall will be up and running, please note we will not be accepting any donations for the stall at the moment.

Looking forward to seeing you again

Liz & Co



Get your church related event on the website calendar!

If you have details of a church related event that is not shown on our website calendar then you can put these on the website yourself.

On your desktop/laptop/ipad/iphone go to the church website - <https://farehammethodist.org.uk> . From this Homepage click on the <Calendar> option at the top of the page. On the Calendar page click on the <Submit an Event> button on the top-right of the calendar. From there you will be taken to a standard form to fill in the event details. When you have completed the details click the <Submit> button at the foot of the page. These details will then be sent to me to check and confirm their addition to the Calendar.

EASY!

BUT, if you don't want to do this then please let me have your Calendar additions by email (malcolm.groom@methodist.org.uk) or phone or snail-mail, etc..

You have no excuses!

Best wishes,
Malcolm



SEEABILITY

Live. Love. Thrive. Belong.

Mark is running the Virtual London Marathon.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MarkBrooks19>

I am running the virtual London Marathon on the Sunday 3rd October to Southsea and back, raising money for SeeAbility (The Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead).

They looked after my great uncle, Samuel James Brooks from 1889 to 1909. He was appointed Organist & Choir Master of St. Andrews Church, Oxshott in 1909. SeeAbility support people with blindness or partial sight to achieve their goals particularly those with additional disabilities.

To find out more about the work of SeeAbility or to donate click on the link above.

If you wish to donate in another way my contact details are in the church directory.

Mark Brooks

Life Explained - This about sums it up....



On the first day, God created the dog and said:
'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.'

The dog said: 'that's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?'

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:
'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.'

The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?'

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:

'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family.

For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.'

The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?'

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said:

'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.'

But man said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?'

'Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.'

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family.

For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service...

Thank you Ian.

Note from the Editor

Thank you everyone for all your articles and some I will keep for next time.

It's great that all clubs are starting back at church and we will be having our Messy Church get together on the green as well as coming into church on the 8th September.

I am walking with my family (well the girls) in the 5K Race of Life which is for Research into Cancer on the 31st October – if anyone would like to sponsor me please let me know. I do have a just giving page which the charity set up for the participants. I will of course mention this again next month when it is nearer the time.

The Next eFocus deadline will be October 1st.

Thinking ahead we will be continuing the focus online and we will print some copies which will be in church. This will help with saving on printing and paper which isn't a bad thing ... Please let me know what you think?



Lin



We believe in life before death

You are invited to a

Quiz and Supper

On

Saturday 23rd October 2021 at 6.30pm

At

St John's Church Hall
Upper St Michael's Grove, Fareham

As with all things at present, if Covid-19 guidance changes, we may have to make some adjustments or cancel. If this happens, you will be informed and offered a refund.

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 - £7.00 per person (supper included)

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

Linda Foster

“Trusting is Believing”

Bartimaeus trusted that Jesus would heal his blindness.



Date –

Wednesday 8th September
2021

Time – from 3.30pm

Venue – Games **and** Activities on the Green behind Holy Trinity Church (weather permitting - otherwise in Methodist Church).



Worship & Meal at the Methodist Church

Imagine that:

You were born in the year 1900

You are 14 years old when World War 1 begins
and 18 years when it ends.

Result 22 million dead.

Soon after, a global pandemic, the Spanish flu,
will emerge. 50 million people die.

Fortunately, you are still alive and are now 20
years old.

When you are 29 years old, you survive the global economic crisis that started with
the breakdown of New York's stock exchange.

This led to inflation, unemployment and famine worldwide.

Meanwhile, since you are 33 years old, the Nazis will come to power in Germany.

Since you are 39 years old, Germany invades Poland, and begins World War II.

You are finally 45 years old when World War II ends.

Result 60 million dead. 6 million Jews die in the Holocaust.

Luckily you are still alive..

Since you are 64 years old, Americans started the war in Vietnam.

You are 75 when the war ended.

Luckily you are still alive ...

Now ...

A boy born in 1980 believes his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is. But
they survived several wars and disasters, not to mention the restrictions during the
first oil crisis in the early 1980s.

Today we live in a new world full of comfort, but unfortunately in the midst of a new
pandemic.

People complain about staying at home for weeks while they have power, cell
phones, food, hot water and a safe roof over their heads.

None of that existed in previous times.

But humanity survived these circumstances and they never lost their joy of life.

Today we complain because we have to wear face masks to enter the supermarkets.

A small change in our mind and mentality can work miracles.

We want to thank you and me who are still alive if we want to do everything
necessary to protect and help each other.



Makes you think – thank you Bobby

Junior Fun Church and Messy Church Return

JFC resumes in person in church on Sunday 5th September! After over a year of relying on electronic communications with activities emailed and placed on the church website, children and young people can meet together from September onwards.

September 2020 saw the promotion of two of our young people with Olive moving to the Juniors and Naomi to Seniors. Their books were delivered to their homes. There are no promotions for September 2021.

Messy Church has continued delivering packs to families each month and then joyfully met for a picnic and activities outside on Trinity Green in July.

On Wednesday September 8th, Messy Church will resume on Trinity Green (weather permitting) before moving across to the Methodist Church for worship and food.

Please pray for all the children, young people and families involved and the leaders and helpers in their preparation



Kevin Foster

Sunday Refreshment Rota

Thank you to all who are willing to stay on the Sunday Refreshment Rota. At the moment if you are on the rota it works out that your turn will be every 12 weeks.



If anyone would like to join the rota please contact me on 01329 280886 or by email liz.avison@icloud.com

Ministry of Flowers

As the church reopens we are hoping to start providing and delivering flowers from September.

Thank you to all who have offered to continue on the delivery rota.

I have put a rota for providers on the noticeboard in the Church corridor, if you could add your name that would be much appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution to the flower fund could you put your donation in an envelope addressed to me and pass it on to a Church Steward, thank you.

I would be delighted if anybody would like to join me in helping with the ministry of flowers in the church.

My contact details are by email or phone. email4irene@yahoo.co.uk or 01329 282286

Irene

Vestry Jottings

We are now in September when things hopefully start getting back to "normal". We have had some wonderful services in church with numbers picking up.

We started with a Songs of Praise on the 15th August. A big thank you to all who took part. On Sunday 22nd August we had the URC joining us with Revd. Claire leading the service. Sunday the 5th September is our Covenant service which will be led by Revd. Claire and drinks will be served.

Our Harvest Festival is the 19th September lead by Les Judd. We would like donations for the Food Bank and toiletries that can be given to the Fareham College.

We have Gatherings for Worship coming up in October and November. Ideas and volunteers for these services would be appreciated.

By the time this is published we should have had our first Thursday morning Coffee centre, organised by Penny and at the beginning of October Mini Market should be up and running.

Please keep all these activities in your prayers, along with Messy church and possibly Sunday lunches.

Rotas will be in place for various things, i.e. flowers, welcome area stewards and coffee bar.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

Calling all those
who knit and
crochet!

We have been approached by a new local funeral director in Fareham, Just Cremation on West Street, to see if we would like to be involved in a community project to work with them on displays in our church and in their office window to commemorate the period of remembrance at the start of November.

To take part we would like to ask anyone who can knit or crochet to make some woollen poppies that can be used to make a display at the front of our church (which we will take to the URC for our joint service on Remembrance Sunday) and in the window at Just Cremation. Patterns are available from Maggie Wheeler or online.

We would need all poppies completed and collected / left at the church by October 17th to give us time to create a display.

NB If you use a pattern that has been provided in association with the Royal British Legion you are invited to respond by making a personal donation.





Rotary Shoe Boxes

We are again supporting the Rotary Appeal. Below is a list of suitable items for each age group. The donation towards transport costs is £1.50 and boxes should be returned to Church by Sunday October 24th.

Boxes should be no larger than 12 x 7 x 6 inches.

Age 1 – 3 years

Small soft toy, picture book, hat, gloves, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush & toothpaste, any other suitable small items.

Age 4 – 7 years

Pictorial educational book and game, simple jigsaw, ball, lego, crayons & colouring Book hat, gloves, scarf, socks, soap, hairbrush, flannel, toothbrush & toothpaste, toy vehicle, small doll, skipping rope.

Age 8 – 11 years

Pictorial educational book and game, jigsaw, ball, card game, felt tip pens, pencils, pencil case, drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, comb, soap flannel, toothbrush & toothpaste, sports item, skipping rope, hair accessories.

Age 12 – 15 years

Pictorial educational book and game, playing cards, geometry set, pens, pencils & case, pencil sharpener, rubber, writing/drawing book, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, comb, soap, flannel, toothbrush & toothpaste, washbag, hair accessories, sports item.

DO NOT INCLUDE

Battery powered items, War related items, Large items of clothing or shoes, Books of a religious, racial or political nature, Food, Liquids, Sweets, Medicines, Large Toys, Sharp items.

Thank you for your support.

Linda Press