NOVEMBER 2019

BRIDGEMARY NEWS



BRIDGEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER:

Rev. Andrew de Ville

WEEKLY DIARY

SUNDAY	Morning Worship Junior Church. (1st. Sunday of the month - T	10 am ogether in Worship)
MONDAY	Shell club	6-15pm.
TUESDAY	Keep Fit Group Luncheon Club Bowls Club Dorothy Temple School of Dance	9-30am-11am. 11-45am-2-30pm 1-30 pm 6-8.30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Art Club Brownies Keep Fit Group	10-12 noon 5-30pm. 8pm-9pm
THURSDAY	Bowls Club Thursday Afternoon club Sisterhood (2nd and 4th Thur,) Dorothy Temple School of Dance	9-30am 12-45pm-3pm. 2-15pm. 6-8.30pm
FRIDAY	Dorothy Temple School of Dance	6-8-30pm

All are welcome to these activities, contact the Minister for further details.

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I was reminded, recently, of a verse in Hebrews which encourages us to think about how we offer hospitality to others through the life of our Church:

Hebrews 13: 2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Hospitality is a practice rooted in the Bible and reminds us to offer to friends and strangers a place to rest, to find a welcome, to find conversation or silence and to find drink and food.

We might want to ask ourselves the following questions:

What does it mean for our Church to offer hospitality to others? How do friends and strangers find our hospitality - is it a welcome or does it feel strained?

What might our vision and dream be for our future hospitality? Perhaps, in thinking about the answer to these questions we might offer the following prayer:

Generous God, of your great goodness you have given your people, here in this place, over many years, the vision and skill to build and develop this house of prayer, this Church and the wider premises. Bless this church.

Here may the Gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed and made known in service and in fellowship. Here may the sacraments be celebrated with joy and reverence, and your people nurtured and strengthened in faith and hope and love. Here may the seeker find faith, the weak find courage, and the grieving find comfort. Lord, hear us when we pray to you in this house. May it be a place of peace to all who enter; a fortress against all hatred, envy, and pride; and a beacon to all who seek your presence. Amen

May the God of hospitality reflect on the hospitality we Every blessing,

Andrew guide us as we offer to others.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NOVEMBER

Sun 3rd	After church	Meeting about Marriage and relationship
Mon 4th	2pm.	Bible study at Anita's
Thur 7th	10-30am	Stewards meeting at Heathers
Thur 14th	2-15pm	Songs of praise at Swan Court
Mon 18th	2pm	Bible study at Anita's
Tues 19th	9-15am	Communion at St. Matthews, Wych Lane
Sat.23rd	2pm.	Indoor Kurling afternoon
Fri 29th	2-7pm	Card party at Jo's
Sat 30th	11-5pm	Card party at Jo's

During the coming weeks we will be led in worship by;

3rd.	Revd. Andrew de Ville	Communion	
10th	Ms. Lynne Matthews	Reembrace Day	
17th	Fellowship service Tell your story		
24th	Revd. Andrew de Ville		



FLOWER ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

10th Flowers needed

17th Ray and Lillian

24th Flowers needed

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LOCAL PREACHERS APPOINTMENTS

- 3rd Gerry Portchester p.m.
- 10th Lynne at Bridgemary
- 24th Christiane at Eastney

Please remember these preachers from our congregation in your prayers as they prepare and conduct services in the churches of our circuit.



My fundraising efforts on behalf of The Alzheimer's Society began with a target of $\pounds 500$.

Following my participation in The Memory Walk on Saturday, 13th October, thanks to the fantastic generosity of you donors, we have far exceeded my original target; the amount raised to date is ± 736 . This includes an anonymous donation of $\pm 100!!!$

Whoever you are - thank you.

Some day this terrible disease will be beaten.

Regards



Each week there are fresh flowers on our altar and in our church, provide by different members of the congregation,

About this time I revise the flower rota, because as the year goes on people drop out or are added to the list.

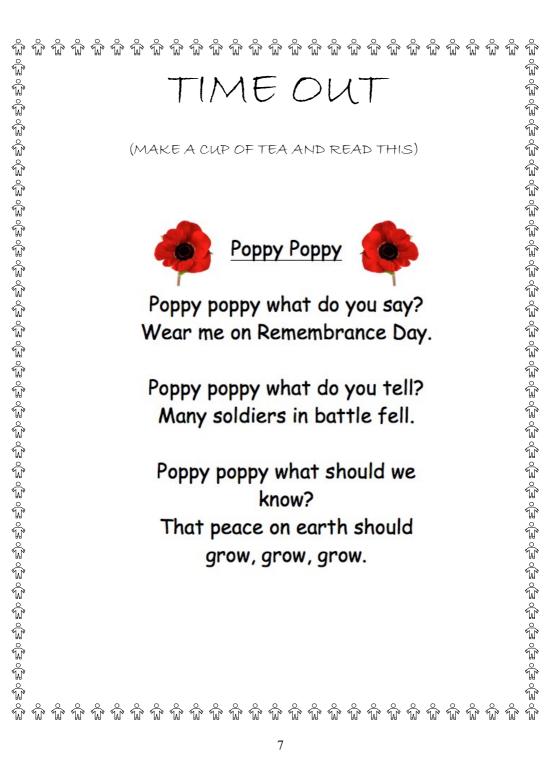
This year there are more spaces than ever to be to be filled.

I am about to do the Rota for 2020

So I am wondering if have you a special date or occasion that you would like to mark by putting flowers in the church. Would you perhaps like to think about joining the rota

If you feel this is something you would like to do, please let me know, or add you name to the list. Some people provide and arrange the flowers for themselves, others ask me to help them, so if you would like to add your name but feel that you are unable to do this yourself, it will be no problem

Many thanks Anita





Remembrance

We bow our heads Or kneel to pray, As we gather on this day. To remember all who suffer in war, We pray there will be no more.

The loss of loved ones, Young and old. All the brave, and all the bold. For all who never came home again, For all who were wounded, and suffered pain.

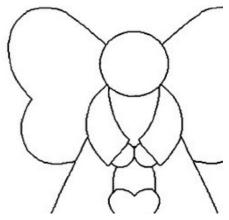
The army, the navy, the airmen to, Whether in khaki, navy or blue. We salute them all, When each days done, Every husband, every mothers son.

We think of those fighting today, Bring them home safely we pray. We bless them all, no matter where they roam, Dear Lord we pray, bring them all safely home.

Pamela Smith



PAPER ANGEL APPEAL



This Christmas we are going to support the Paper Angel Appeal. We hope you will enjoy the event. We will have some paper angels in church for you to pick,

They will have writing on the back it will say Boy or Girl, with an age of the child for you to pick.

All you have to do is pick an angel and take it away and buy a Christmas gift for the child you have chosen This year we have been asked not to wrap the gifts, so place them in a carrier bag with the paper angel you have chosen Bring it back to church as soon as you can. We will collect them all up and they will go to the shild on a the Waman's Defense in Connect

children at the Woman's Refugee in Gosport.

We will bring a smile to the children this Christmas time



Old Mother Hubbard With no food in her cupboard, Set off for the Foodbank in town. But when she got there, The shelves were quite bare Because the donations were down.

We'll sort and we'll weigh Pack food boxes all day So that those who are hungry can feed, But this help is denied Unless folk provide All the dried goods and tins that we need.

So before it's too late, Please bring us (in date) Tins, sachets and packets galore, So on her return, Ma Hubbard will learn We are able to help her once more.

From the Magazine of 'Spectrum' Author unknown

Here are the item we are short of at the moment SMALL TINS OF MEAT SUGAR AND MILK, TOILET ROLLS, TOOTHPAST AND TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODERANT FOR MEN SHAMPOO, TINNED POTATOES SQUASH, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE

HERE TO HELP, IN TIMES OF CRISIS

The Fareham & Gosport Basics Bank



If you would like to do the reverse advent calendar again this year bring your bags of food to the Christingle service and we can take the items along to the food bank after Christmas when their shelves will be empty after the Christmas rush.

If you need more information call Jean 02392 430657





Join us

We are looking for awesome new rainbow and brownies to join us at our **unit 6th Bridgemary** at Bridgemary Methodist church, Prideaux-Brune Ave, Gosport PO13 0PP.

Our group is held on a **Wednesday** Rainbows are age 5-7 years 16:30—17:30 Brownies are age 7-10 years 17:30 –19:15.

Little idea of what we do—Earn Badges Trips and days out Holidays Meet new friends Parties And loads of fun and games For more information please contact Brown owl on 07815490317





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SATURDAY 23rd. NOVEMBER

2PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday 20th and Saturday 30th November

"Handmade Cards for all Occasions & Jewellery" Party

Parties will run from 14:00 - 19:00 and 11:00 - 17:00, please feel free to come along at a time that suits you

Venue: 11 Wessex Gardens, Portchester. PO16 9BT

Everyone welcome, have a tea, coffee, drink, and snack, and a catch up, while you glance through numerous cards, papercrafted items, handicrafts & handmade jewellery.

All items on display are available to purchase and take away, or for that special person / occasion, orders will be taken for unique / customised cards and jewellery.

Please confirm if you are able to attend **RSVP** tel: 02392 385853 or email: <u>kj159greg@aol.com</u> or

Why not hold a party in your own home, 10% discount on sales taken on the night + special offers, just let me know if you would like to book a party and I will organise everything, produce invites etc. Just give me a call or email me to discuss further.

Thanks and hope to see you sometime





These items are free to a good home. A barely used electric chair and a bathroom stool. If you know anybody who would like them, please message for further details.



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SUNDAY SERVICE.

10 am Morning Worship

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