

# FAREHAM FOCUS – February 2020

## Families, Friendship, Fun, Food and Faith in Fareham

Please join us on

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Loving and Serving

and celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday

at Fareham Methodist Church

New faces are always very welcome,  
come and give us a try!

A freshly cooked hot meal is  
served towards the end of our session



## SUNDAY LUNCH February 16th 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 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 Greek Salad

**Main Course:** Roast Chicken Breasts,  
Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

**Puddings:** Variety

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

## Thursday Prayer Group

2 January	Bob Temple
6 February	To be arranged
5 March	Bob Temple

Everyone is Welcome and can drop in for 5  
minutes or stay longer. Bring your concerns and  
we will pray for and with you. Or just pop in and  
sit and listen. You do not have to take part if you  
do not want to. Just come.

## SAVE THE DATE! FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

In May 2020 we are holding a fashion show to  
raise funds for Fareham Methodist Church and  
our Messy Church.

To enable us to do this we need your help!

Have you got some good quality, smart, day or  
evening wear that you no longer want? We  
need gents, ladies and children's clothing and  
accessories. Along with clothing we are also  
looking for good quality shoes, scarves, bags  
and hats (but **no jewellery** please).

If you have sorted out some lovely items Jill  
Groom or Rev Claire would be willing to receive  
items from the beginning of February please.

## Messy Church presents a family event during February half term



**Movie: The Prince of Egypt**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Doors open 3:00 p.m. Film 3:30 p.m.**

**At Fareham Methodist Church**

£1 per person payable on the door to cover the  
cost of popcorn and sausage in a bun

No charge for under 2s

## BOOKING ESSENTIAL

To book this event please email  
[fareham.methodist.messy@gmail.com](mailto:fareham.methodist.messy@gmail.com)  
stating any dietary requirements and the number  
of tickets required.

Deadline 11 a.m. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

## Note from the new Editor

Please bear with me whilst I am manoeuvring  
my way around how the Focus works. Can all  
items to be included for March be forwarded to  
[Fareham.focus@gmail.com](mailto:Fareham.focus@gmail.com) Entries by Feb 20<sup>th</sup>  
please. Thank you *Lin Woodhams*



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Dear Friends,

We have just celebrated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 and this year the material was prepared by Christians in Malta and the theme was 'Unusual Kindness'. Not too surprisingly, the focus was on the story of how Paul, having endured storms at sea and much danger and trouble, finds himself shipwrecked and he and his travelling companions finally arrive on the shores of Malta grateful that they have survived. They note that the natives who greet them showed them 'unusual kindness' for which they were especially grateful! It is a cracking story in Acts chapters 27-28 – lots of detail is included by Luke (who we think wrote Acts as well as his gospel) which suggests that he was one of the travelling companions on the boat with Paul. Kindness is a much underrated quality. And yet, I suspect that most days we have an opportunity to be kind or to receive kindness from another person. In my conversations and meetings with people I hear many stories of little acts of kindness that remind me that there is much good in people and in the world, if only we were able to see it more clearly and celebrate it more widely. Paul's experience when he and others arrived in Malta was that they recognised the unusual kindness of strangers – they were in a strange land (they only learn they are in Malta after they have arrived) amongst strange people and yet they received a welcome and immediate hospitality. Where might we see acts of unusual kindness in our world, local community and in our own lives? How might we and the church be known for the unusual kindness we might offer others in times of difficulty and trouble? I'm sure that there will be many opportunities in 2020 to demonstrate kindness to others both individually and as a church community. May we be open to these opportunities as a way of sharing God's love and care for all.

Love Claire



## The Methodist Church

### **'God in love unites us' - the report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group**

There are various opportunities to join with others and engage in study and prayerful discussion

#### **At Lee Methodist Church:**

Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **At Fareham Methodist Church:**

Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **At Stubbington Methodist Church:**

7 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> and on  
Mondays Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, Apr 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Circuit gatherings are also happening:**

#### **Petersfield Methodist Church**

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2 - 4:30 p.m.

#### **Portchester Meth.Church**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Fareham East House Group meetings** – at the home of Joan / Jeff Padley starting 10:15 a.m.

**19<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Healing Prayer Group meetings** – at the home of Joan / Jeff Padley starting 10:15 a.m.

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb and 25<sup>th</sup> March**

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2020**

As always, the Fair Trade Fortnight Group will be running a stand in Fareham shopping Centre during Fairtrade Fortnight. The stand this year will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February. See poster on the noticeboard.