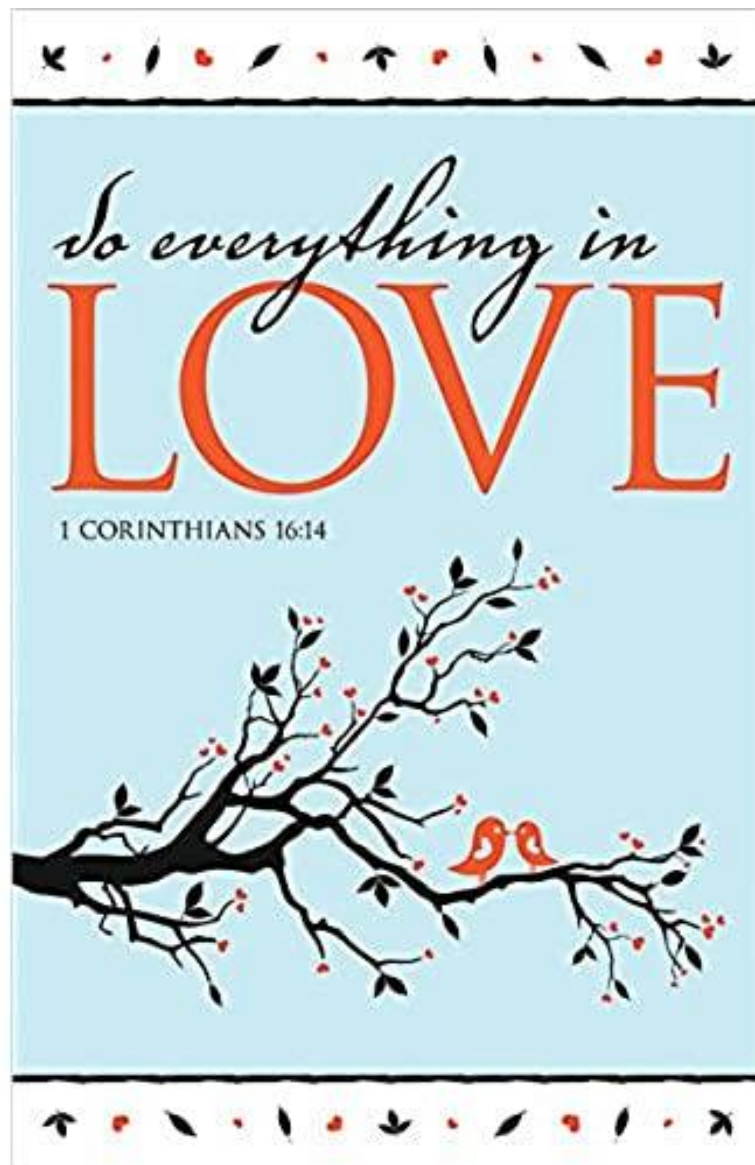


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Dear friends,

In conversation with a few church members during lockdown they have told me that they are enjoying watching some of the services that are on offer on the television on a Sunday morning. Partly, this is due to the fact that you get to experience something that might be a bit different from what you normally 'do' on a Sunday morning at your own church.

Generally we are creatures of habit and whilst we try and are a little spontaneous, we fall into a routine and a way of doing things that is much the same from week to week. There is nothing wrong in this but lockdown has changed our routine! Some of us may have surprised ourselves that we can Zoom along with others or take comfort and fellowship from worshipping alone with material that we know is being shared by others. Others of us have found it tough to worship in the new ways that we have had to and things aren't the same.

As lockdown continues to ease we are still being asked to do things differently and we have little choice about this as we move forward. But maybe the bigger question for us as we begin to move forward is 'What might we **willingly choose to do differently** because of what we have experienced in the past few months?' Some things that felt important before lockdown may not seem so important now. Other things that we didn't have a concern for a few months ago are now at the forefront of our minds.

What are we **inspired** to do differently because we are **changed** by our experiences? I have been challenged by others in Methodism who have shared similar thoughts. To quote two different Chairs of District:

'What we must not do is lose what we have learnt and gained during this time. We must carry into the future new ways of being Church. Sure, we long to come together again and share in communion, but we can take with us something of what God hopes for us as we seek to be ever more relevant and meaningful post Covid-19.'

'During these Covid-19 days the church has been discovering new life in so many ways. I'm praying that this will deeply shape our future, not just last a season.'

The challenge us before us!

With love,

Claire

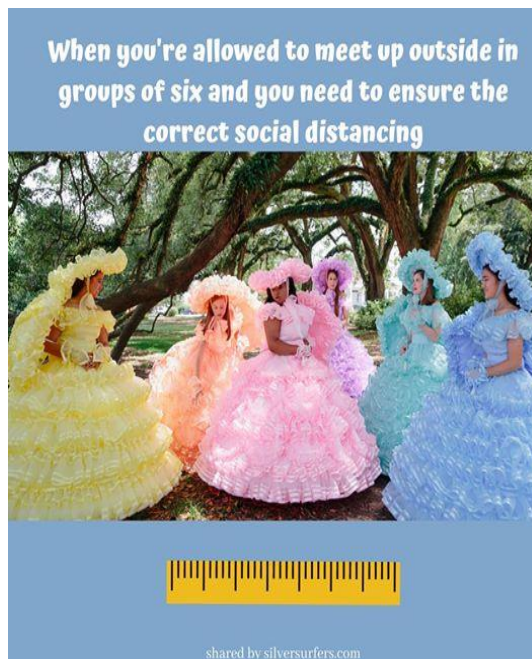


Another First Attempt

By Ian Bagshaw

My first attempt at making Yorkshire Puddings. They were alright but not a patch on Garry's which were legendary. She was taught by my Auntie Vi whose husband had beaten so much batter in his time that the fork he used had a sloping edge. I suppose that the 'lost' prongs must have been in the batter

They looked lovely Ian and no doubt tasted wonderful too.



Pattern to follow!!

Vestry Jottings

Well, these have been a long time coming!!

We would like to thank our Pastoral Visitors who are trying to keep in touch with everyone.

The Zoom services have been a great success. We have Mike Petter, Peter Moody and Maggie Wheeler to thank as they have put a lot of work into the organisation. Some of the churches in our circuit are represented with many of their congregation taking an active part with readings and prayers of intercession.

Messy Church is also active via Zoom, keeping the young folk up to date

Best wishes

Brenda

On behalf of the stewards.



Refugee Matters - Fareham, a CTiF and CARITAS Portsmouth project

We are delighted to say that Refugee Matters, Fareham, has received Approval in Principle from the Home Office.

Once the COVID-19 situation eases we will be making plans to secure a house and to welcome a refugee family.

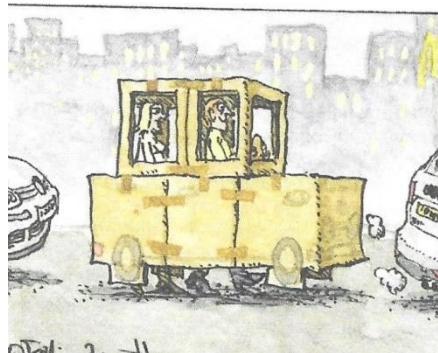
For further information, please see our update report here: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AmWzf-L8UNAFhLFV1n-qUXaJutdviQ?e=b9Uola>

David Cockshoot, Secretary

What have you craved during lockdown?

FUNNY OLD WORLD

COMPILED BY VICTOR LEWIS-SMITH



My daughter wanted a McDonald's meal " Nathalie Moermans told reporters in La Louvie're, "but they were only serving drive-through customers. We don't have a car and couldn't go in somebody else's because of the lockdown – but she really wanted a burger, and they would only serve car drivers. That's when I thought about building a car out of cardboard boxes, then queueing up inside it to order our meal.

"At the beginning, my daughter thought it was a stupid idea, and was embarrassed. So I started building the cardboard car on my own, complete with a 'Cov'd 19' licence plate. We had a bit of trouble taking it out of the house, because it was too big for our front door, but once we got onto the road, other cars began honking and giving us the thumbs-up. A police patrol stopped us, but when I told the policewoman we were inside a cardboard car because we didn't have a real car but wanted to get a meal, she burst out laughing. Ultimately, the trip was a success, because we queued up with the other cars and were served our meal, once the time came to order," (Brussels Times 5.5.20, Spotter Tim Jones)

Yorksher Awmynack



IF FOWK DID WHAT WOR REIGHT

If fowk would nobbut do what's reight
An trust in one another—
If eeach man treetated ivery man
As if he wor his brother,
A lot o' things 'at's crookled nah,
would sooin be all put streight,
An' thi'world would be a breeter spot
If fowk did what wor reight.
If ivery man would try to do
Unto his feller men,

As he would like his feller men
To do unto hissen,
Ther'd be noa need for armaments,
For nations wouldn't feight,
An' peeace would come to all mankind,
If fowk did what wor reight.

If fowk would nobbut do what's reight,
Then noaan would suffer wrong;
An' life would be a sweeter thing
For all, boath owd an' young;
An' if we tried to scatter flahrs
Along life's thorny way,
Ther's monny a heart, nah sad an' soore,
would be booath leet an' gay.

If ivery man would do his bit
To mak' this owd world better,
An' by gooid deeds an' kindly acts,
Mak ivery man his debtor,
Ther'd be less grief an' woe, as sewer
As six an' two mak's eight,
An' life would be moor sweet an' pure,
If fowk did what wor reight.

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Translation for Non Yorkshire folk.

YORKSHIRE ALMANACK

Thank you Elizabeth Wilcock

If folks did what was right
And trust in one another,
If each man treated every man
As if he were his brother,
A lot of things that's crooked now
Would soon be all put straight,
And the world would be a brighter spot
If folks did what was right.

If every man would try to do
Unto his fellow men,
As he would like his fellow men
To do unto himself;
There'd be no need for arguments,
For nations wouldn't fight,
And peace would come to all mankind,
If folks did what was right.

If folk would do what's right,
Then none would suffer wrong,
And life would be a sweeter thing,
For all bot old and young;
And if we tried to scatter flowers
Along life's thorny way,
There's many a heart now sad and sore
Would be both light and gay.

If every man would do his bit
To make this old world better,
And by good deeds and kindly acts
Make every man his debtor;
There'd be less grief and woe, as sure
As six and two make eight,
And life would be more sweet and pure
If folk did what was right.

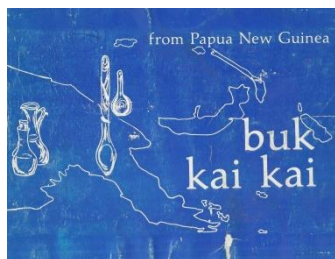
Notes from the Editor

Hi Everyone

Things are getting easier and it is lovely to be able to see more people albeit at the moment 2 metres apart soon to be 1 metre plus. Just being able to see friends and family face to face is wonderful.

Sunday worship on Zoom has been amazing, thank you Mike and the team for their hard work in putting it together each week. The first Messy Church zoom will be held this month which again will hopefully reach our Messy Church youngsters and keep them aware of Jesus's love. Thank you to Rox for the Fareham Methodist Church Facebook page.

I have been sorting out my cookery books and came across this one. When we lived in Papua New Guinea, in the early eighties our church Boroko Baptist collected together favourite, tried and innovative recipes (for that time) and produced this cookery book. The proceeds went to help support church fellowship in many parts of the world,



I found this:

RECIPES FOR A HAPPY HOME

TAKE:-

Half a cup of **Friendship**, and

Half a cup of **Thoughtfulness**

Cream together, with a pinch of powdered **Tenderness**.

Beat lightly in a bowl of **Loyalty**,

One cup each of **Faith, Hope, and Charity**,

Be sure to add a good spoonful of each – **Gaiety** that rings

and the **Ability to Laugh** at little things.

Minister with the sudden tears of **Heartfelt Sympathy**.

Bake in Good-natured pan and serve **Repeatedly**.

I just loved this when I read it.

Thank you for all the contributions I received for this issue. Please forward anything you wish to have published to:-

Fareham.focus @gmail.com by August 5th.

Thank you Lin Woodhams

Message from Ian Bagshaw

I have just cut a piece of the Love Feast cake and it looks good inside.

I cannot eat / taste it yet on account of medication...

Now that I've had tea I can report that the Love Feast Cake and my fourth Boiled Fruit Cake both went down well.

Thank you Ian the cake looks delicious. Perhaps we need to as a Church put a cookery book together....



Did you watch the television drama "Marvellous" on BBC2 at the end of June based on the life of Neil Baldwin (Nello)? Probably someone you have never heard of!!

It tells the incredible true story of his inspirational life, unquestioning faith, immense self-belief, infectious personality and unbelievable achievements.

The programme was heart-warming, optimistic, funny and moving. Well worth watching.

Chris Woodhams



My Lockdown.

Knowing me, many of you will probably expect me to spend a lot of my time in my garden and greenhouse.

For healthy exercise I dig, plant and carry heavy watering cans round the garden for thirsty plants

For a healthy brain I work out the best arrangement for my plants, and consult my various gardening magazines and watch television.



For spiritual benefit I rest between jobs and survey the lovely colours that I

have - roses, tree (peony, pelargoniums, salvias etc.)

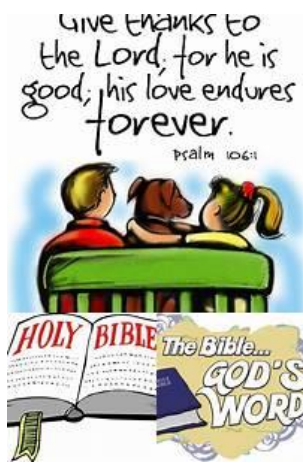
Whilst resting I watch the various birds feeding

from my seed holders, (greedy pigeons waiting for food from above!) I also watch the family of house sparrows pecking away at the ants on my patio. No need for powder.



As a saying goes "ain't nature wonderful?" More true is "We are nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth"

Thank you Mary Bailey



RAHAB & THE SPIES WORD SEARCH



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Pertinent Autograph in our Current Circumstances Ian Bagshaw

When I was about 10 years old it was all the rage to collect autographs; daft things like 'by hook or by crook I'll be last in this book'.

I had only one really worthy of note in my book, entered by my then best friend's mother. I didn't understand it for years but it became firmly anchored in my brain for some reason that I know not, the book having been long lost.

"We can never learn the lesson too deeply that our actions in the common places of life are deciding our destiny" F B Meyer

With all the good and bad things that we have learned about people's behaviour over "lockdown" is this not very appropriate?

A Message from the Church Treasurer – Mike Petter

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has continued to support the church with donations during the recent months when we have not been meeting on a Sunday or during the week. It is great that standing orders have continued to be paid and some people have also made donations by cheque or by using the Text service.

If anyone is wondering how they can continue to support the church financially I have outlined below the various options that we have:

1. Standing Order. This is the most popular way for donations to be made with most people making monthly payments. If anyone wishes to set up a standing order please let me know and I will provide the relevant bank details for you to use. Perhaps some people who have used the envelope scheme in the past might want to consider converting to standing order.
2. Cash or cheque. Cash can be placed in an envelope and passed to the Treasurer (4 Romyns Court, Fareham, PO14 1NB - Please don't post any money through the church door). Cheques can be passed to the Treasurer in the same way.
3. Text. People can donate using their phones by texting a message to 70085. The message should be the word 'collection' followed by the amount that you wish to donate. So, for example to donate £5 text **collection 5** to 70085. Any amount between £1 and £20 can be donated. This way of donation will cost the amount donated plus the cost of a text at your normal rate.

If you want any further information on any of the above please feel free to email me on farehamtreasurer@esanddcircuit.org.uk, or ring me on 07904124242.

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