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Holding hands is an important way of communication.

Sadly we cannot do this at this time.

So let's hold people in our hearts.

Fareham Methodist Church eMagazine

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Dear friends,

September sees another Methodist Church year begin so I start by wishing you all a very happy new year. This year, the church year begins in strange times as we are moving through the easing of lockdown and beginning to think about reopening our church building to some of our user groups and for members of our worshipping community. We are still in a period of transition and we continue to monitor the situation closely as we move forward. As a church community in recent months we have found other ways to worship and have been creative in keeping in touch with one another and our local community and this will need to continue for some time to come as things remain uncertain.

As a new year begins we continue to trust in God for all that is to come. Church life will continue to feel different but we are being encouraged to seize this time as an opportunity to see the possibility of new things happening in our midst. The Methodist Church of Great Britain is beginning a Year of Prayer as we seek to wait on God for wisdom and guidance for the future. If you are able, please do go onto the Methodist Church website and have a look at the prayer resources and the things that are happening that can be joined via Zoom and Facebook. One of the prayers on the Methodist Church website for the start of this connexional year is printed below. It is a good prayer to focus on for the future and for all that lies ahead.

God of love, God for all,
your purposes are more beautiful than we can
possibly imagine.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Help us **to** let go of all that holds us back.
Open our lives and our churches to new seasons of
humility and faith, of change and growth.
Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus and show
us the way.
Amen.

With love,

Claire

Did anyone read and translate these few words?

***Si, senior, derdago, forte lorez inarow.
Demainte lorez, demis trux, foolacoos
andens an dux.***

Translation:

Yes sir, there they go,
forty lorries in a row.
They aren't lorries,
they are trucks,
full of cows and hens
and ducks.

Thank you Ian Bagshaw



Vestry Jottings

Another month has gone by, I hope that you are all well and coping as best as you can.

Those of you who joined the service on Sunday 30th August will know that Claire congratulated Peter Moody on receiving the Silver Wolf award for his services to the Scout movement.

Well done Peter.

The Harvest Festival collection will happen on Sunday 20th September from 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

NO FRESH PRODUCE OR TOILETRIES.

If you aren't happy entering church, a steward will be outside to receive your gift.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards



Dear Friends

I've been using my time since the beginning of lockdown by knitting dolls' clothes. I have found it very therapeutic and a reminder when I'm not able to knit due to illness that I have managed to produce lovely outfits and I will be able to again. I have also started doing cross stitch again. I am able to use skills I thought I was never going to be able to use again. But a reduction of medication has improved my concentration so I can now follow a pattern which is a boost to my confidence. Without this lockdown would have been very difficult for me.

It has also been a privilege to prepare material for the monthly prayers sharing my experiences of faith. I have found my faith strengthened at this time. Although things have at times been hard I have felt God with me and guiding me when I have needed him most.

I have to say a big thank you to everyone involved in making the zoom services available. They have played a big part in my journey of faith in these unprecedented times.

May God bless you all.
Julie Kettle



Thank you Julie.

A lovely contribution to the eFocus.

A message from the Editor

Dear Everyone

Another month has passed, where has it gone, life is once again moving on so fast but in some ways we are still where we were a few months ago.

Unable to go to Church and sing the faith and worship together. Not being able to have more than three families together in our homes and trying to keep at least 1 metre apart so it isn't the same and will it ever be as we knew it?

Booking everything before we do it, a lot of online deliveries. Have you had some disasters? I know I have. For instance I ordered a cat climbing tree for my lovely Poppy and then being sent a cheap ring (looks more like a curtain ring) instead. Guess where it came from - China. Still, that is what comes from Lockdown!!

Thank you everyone for the contributions; this month it was a great response.

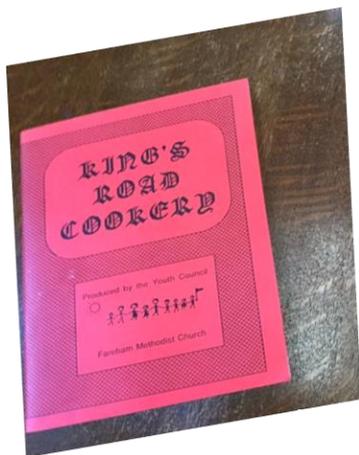
We are hoping to go away in the first week of October - we should have been going back to India but not to be. It is awful what is happening over there at the moment with the Coronavirus and flooding. The deadline for the eFocus will be later than usual October 11th.

Thank you – Lin Woodhams



Mary Bailey sent me this last month in response to my reference in the July's Editor's message of our cookery book that we put together at Boroko Baptist when we lived in Papua New Guinea.

"The suggestion of having a Fareham Church recipe book is a good one. However, we already have one compiled years ago by the young people in aid of charity. Perhaps we could have a Fareham Methodist Church Recipe Book Volume 2?"



Dear Readers

For some time now I have enjoyed googling the Sunday worship from Duke University USA. It is a Methodist foundation though it would be unrecognisable to British Methodists with its Cathedral-like building and huge gowned choir. But the sermons are well worth listening to.

Even now in lockdown the service goes ahead without a congregation. I was very impressed by a recent sermon. The preacher remarked that when we are with other people we tend to talk. But what little word goes with "talk" Do we talk AT, or talk TO or talk WITH?

Eric Wheeler

Thank you Eric

FAREHAM AND GOSPORT BASICS FOOD BANK

A message is from Phil Rutt it came through Jeremy Hicks, farehamchristians.org.uk

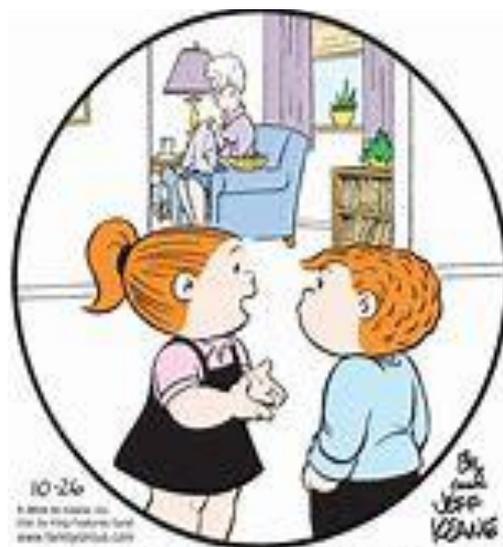
You will be aware, I hope, that we re-opened in Gosport this week and that we are in the throes of planning to do the same in Fareham in about a month's time.

We are on the way back and we are looking for volunteers in Fareham?

We are going to continue to use the referral system as we have done in the past, prepare food parcels and deliver to our customers. It's the delivery aspect which is the big change for us and the whole process will evolve as we learn from our experience in Gosport.

Anyone who is interested should give Phil Rutt a call on 01489 580562.

I hope you can support us in this way. Please give him a call to talk further.



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"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."



Fareham Christian Aid Quiz 2020

As with so many things this year, Covid-19 is preventing us from running our ever-popular annual quiz and supper night. Don't be too down-hearted though, we have come up with an alternative...

A 'do it yourself' quiz

We have written a set of questions (with answers!) - 6 rounds of 10 questions and 2 table-top rounds - which we are happy to send to you. You can then run the quiz with family and friends, and ask them for donations for Christian Aid. You then send us the money collected, and we will send it off to Christian Aid with a summary of what we did.

Our annual quiz night raises the best part of £1000, and we are keen to be able to do the same this year.

Christian Aid's income has dropped considerably this year, while the demand on their work and resources has increased. Christian Aid works with the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world, who have been hit hardest by Covid-19 and desperately need our help and support.

If you don't want to do the quiz but would like to donate to Christian Aid anyway, that is of course fine. Please follow the instructions below...

To run the quiz...

Send an email requesting a quiz pack to caquiz@thehickses.org.uk

Gather your friends and family together – safely of course – either in small groups or electronically

Enjoy the quiz (as many times as you like)

Pay in the money you've raised

To pay in your money or just to give...

Directly into the Christian Aid in Fareham account

Account number: 11136774 Sort code: 16-19-28 Reference: please give your name

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Seagulls, road sweepers and car after car after car
became sparrows, rusty trucks and cow after cow after cow.

Toast, fruit or whatever I fancy to make
became bread, meat or how many pancakes I can eat.

Television programmes, email inbox and daily routine
became traditional dancing, evening service and sharing our stories.

Serious expressions, eating on the go or alone and saying see you soon or see you later
became smiles at the sight of paint, eating and laughing together and waving and singing hello and goodbye

Thank you Sarah Brooks

Dear All

The link for the Circuit Digital Church service
will be going on the Circuit website any
moment.

It is: <https://youtu.be/DDpGnBoX31Q>

The service will be weekly.

Please subscribe as this will help us to get a
more sensible/memorable version of the link.

Many thanks to Laura Evans for all the work
she's put into this and to David Arnott for all
the technical work he's been doing.

This gives us an opportunity as a Circuit to
reach out into our communities as well as to
provide a service for our members who cannot
get to our churches for whatever reason.

It can also be used (given the technology) in
churches as a Gathering for Worship or as an
emergency service in the absence of a
preacher at short notice.

Every blessing

David Muskett



Hi Everyone

Just a memory jogger again about the plans
for the Harvest collection, before the next
news item.

As Brenda in Vestry Jottings has said

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Jill Race Fareham 516213

I know you all have been waiting for another
Cucumber tip.

Looking for a 'green' way to clean your taps,
sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of
cucumber and rub it on the surface you want
to clean. Not only will it remove years of
tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't
leave streaks and won't harm your fingers
while you clean.

Another tip next time.

Thanks Bobby Watson

A Report on our Church building from Peter Moody.

Although we haven't been using it...the building is still alive!

It has now been nearly six months since we last held worship in the Church, but things have still been happening.

We had a wedding in August

Trinity Pre-School has been back since June using the large hall, and since return from the summer break is back to near capacity

Slimmingworld restarted in August, and the Scout Shop has now reopened. Other Groups are beginning to return and although our Zoom Services are very popular, we will soon be back to a combined Zoom/face to face worship. – Watch out for details over the next few weeks

Obviously the new normal is “social distancing” and we always consider this before any group or activity returns. The Church now has a one way system.

Here are some pictures of necessary changes to the Church to allow us to use the buildings safely for the foreseeable future.

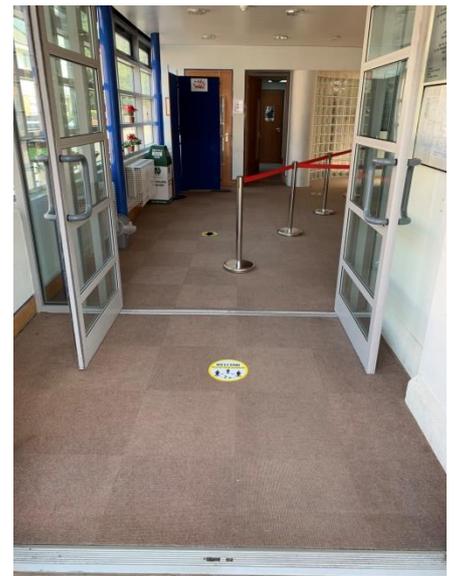
Outside Queuing



Front Door Notices



Welcome Entrance 1



Welcome Entrance 2



Church Hall Entrance



Corridor



Church Hall Side

Books of the Bible, Word Scramble

1	CSTSLEEACIE	ECCLESIA TES	11	RUESNBM	NUMBERS
2	NOTAISLAHSNES	THESSALONIANS	12	HRUT	RUTH
3	ZEAPANHHI	ZEPHANIAH	13	KSNGI	KINGS
4	LMAAHC I	MALACHI	14	TELIVCUSI	LEVITICUS
5	LASAAGTIN	GALATIANS	15	THIOTYM	TIMOTHY
6	JDUE	JUDE	16	RITNIAOCNHS	CORINTHIANS
7	EJUSDG	JUDGES	17	OLJE	JOEL
8	LMSAUE	SAMUEL	18	AHGAGI	HAGGAI
9	2HNHEIEMA	NEHEMIAH	19	ANIEDL	DANIEL
10	RHWSBEE	HEBREWS	20	OHNAJ	JONAH

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