

FAREHAM

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GIVE *Thanks*
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS *Love* ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalm 107:2

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THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday Prayer Circle has restarted. It is held 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.

6th Jan. 2022 will be led by Bob Temple

3rd Feb. will be led by Jill Race

3rd Mar. will be led by Julie Kettle

7th April. will be led by Claire Simpson

Bobby

Bible Society - Used Stamps.

Many thanks to all who have collected and donated used stamps over the last year. We send them to the Bible Society and they in turn sell them and use the money for their important work. Between six and eight thousand pounds is raised in this way, every year for the charity. We are very willing to come and collect them from you if that helps.

Thank you again very much. Jill R.



THE PRAYER TREE

The Prayer Tree will be making a welcome return to the Welcome Area.

Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaves in the basket and hang it on the tree. From January 2022 these will be collected each month when the group meets.



VESTRY JOTTINGS

Happy New Year, from all the stewards. We hope that it's a peaceful and healthy one for all.

The year ended on a sad note as we lost, Eric, Antony and Karen. Let's keep their families in our prayers.

On a happier note, the Christingle was a great success. We underestimated the congregation - 90+ attended. Our gift weekend also went extremely well. Lots of people came on the Saturday. As soon as we have the final total, we will let everyone know. As usual your generosity went over and above expectations. The front of Church was laden with goodies for the Food Bank and toys galore for the Women's refuge.

Our Carol Service, although different from previous years, went well. Thanks to Maggie for arranging the readers and carols.

We are still in need for volunteers to do prayers of intercession. Why not make that your New Year's resolution!!!!!!

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

Pursuit of Happiness – (Paraphrased from a letter to the Daily Telegraph 05 Sept 2007)

A report has suggested that Happiness Lessons should be taught in schools.

The equator can be crossed but cannot be seen. The horizon can be seen but cannot be crossed. Happiness is something that invariably happens when one is looking for something else.

Lessons in happiness are as misguided as sending young people out in a boat to reach the horizon or to photograph the equator.

Education should teach them how to sail, navigate, wonder and be curious.

Then they can find out the difference for themselves. Happiness might even find them on the way.

Thanks Ian



Rejoice with me, for I have found
the coin which I lost!

Luke 15:9

Date - Wednesday 12th January 2022

Time - from 3:30pm

Venue - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities

Worship

Meal



Messy Church will be on, subject to any further restrictions which may come into force by the Government.

A computer poem for people over 65

A computer was something on TV
From a science fiction show of note
A window was something you hated to clean
And ram was the cousin of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend
And a gig was a job for the night
Now they all mean different things
And that really mega bites

An application was for employment
A program was a TV show
A Cursor used a profanity
A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something you lost with age
A CD was a bank account
And if you had a 3-inch floppy
You hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the rubbish
Not something you did to a file
And if you unzipped anything in public
You'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire
Hard drive was a long trip on the road
A mouse pad was where the mouse lived
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut, you did with a pocket knife
Paste, you did with glue
A web was a spider's home
And a virus was the flu

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper
And the memory in my head
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash
But when it happens, they wish they were dead!





Christingle Service – it was brilliant to see so many people attend.

Brownies and Messy Church children putting together their Christingles.



Relaxing listening to a Bible reading.

The Fareham Methodist Church band.
Great music



Note from the Editor

Happy New Year to everyone and we hope it will be a Healthy 2022 for all.

Chris and I visited the Bishops Palace in Wells in the Summer and came across this and felt totally moved by the sculpture.

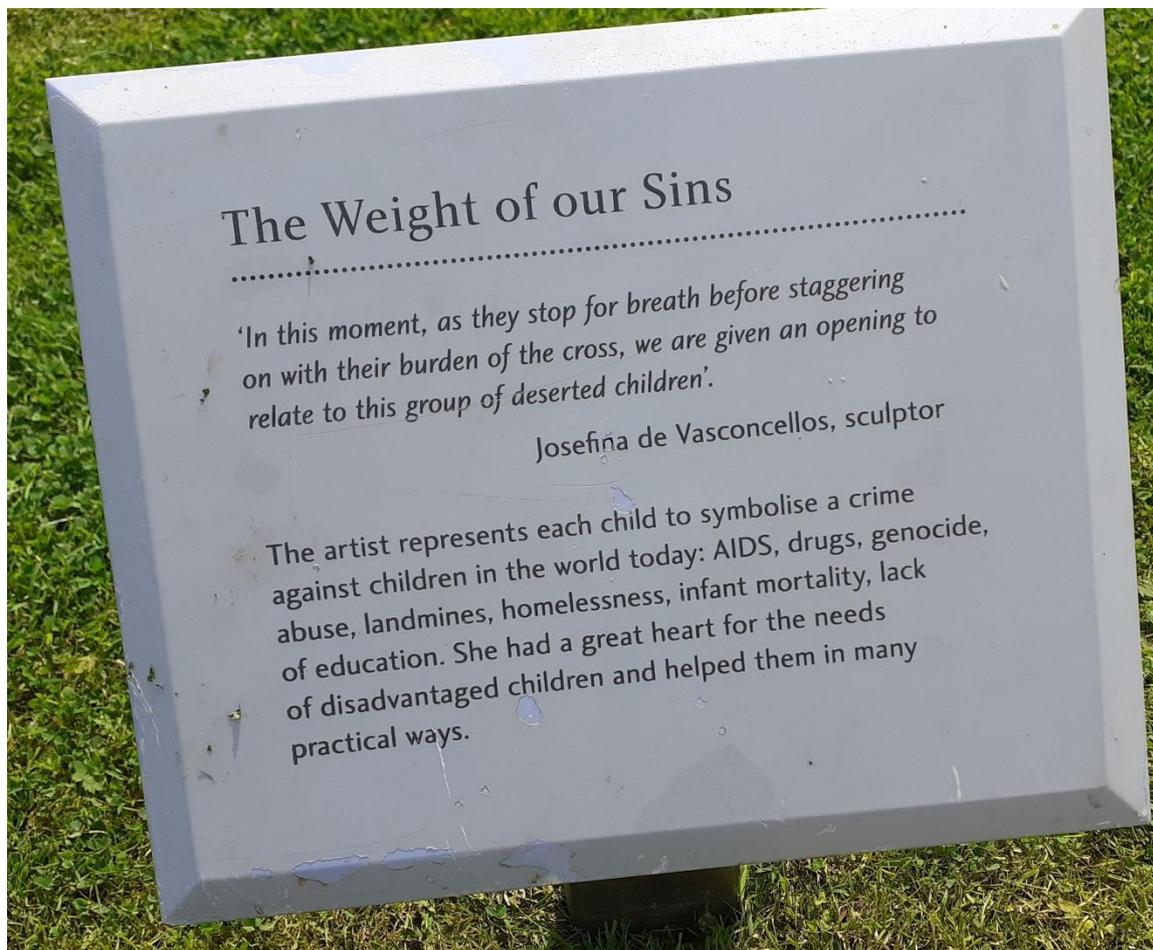
It looks very sunny and bright compared to the weather we are experiencing now.

Spring is just around the corner.

Thank you for contributing to the efocus.

The next deadline will be February 1st.

Love Lin



Tenuous (very) links to the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee

I had intended to spend Christmas with my daughter but late on Christmas Eve she rang to say that might not be such a good idea as she had been with friends earlier in the week who had since tested positive for covid-19. So that left just me and the turkey.

With nothing much better to do I surfed the television channels and lighted on the Battle of the River Plate and decided to watch it for the umpteenth time.

During one film sequence a list of the ships the Graf Spee had sunk was portrayed among which was the mv Trevanion of the Hain Steamship Co. This immediately caught my eye because I had served my apprenticeship with Hains. I decided to do some research and found that the Trevanion was on passage to Swansea with a cargo of zinc ore having left Port Pirie in South Australia at the beginning of October 1939 just four weeks after WWII had broken out. (At the outbreak Graf Spee was already stationed between South Africa and South America waiting for the order to start wreaking her carnage.) About three weeks later when 600 miles west of Luderitz in South Africa she encountered the Graf Spee on 22nd October and was forced to stop. After the crew had been evacuated Trevanion was used as target practice until she sank. The crew were transferred to the Altmark which had been hanging around in the waiting area in mid ocean. The captain and senior officers were kept on the Graf Spee until she docked in Montevideo on 17th December after the Battle of the River Plate when they were released.

I found from the crew list that the chief officer had been a certain William Venables. Thirteen years later when I embarked on my first ship, the mv Trevean, William Venables was the captain. We never got to speak to him because as apprentices we were the lowest of the low and only spoke when spoken to. The captain was God.

Tony Jackson



First - I would like to thank the Church for the flowers which Irene brought to me, it has been difficult to attend and its lovely to know that people are thinking of me. Edith

Second -

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be 17th - 25th January with a Zoom Service on the afternoon of 23rd January. More information to follow.

Happy New Year

Edith



Happy belated Birthday wishes to Christine whose birthday was on Christmas Eve. We hope you had a lovely birthday and Christmas.