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Services for the Month of July 2022

10 th July	Andrew Wilcock. 15 th in Ordinary Time.
17 th July	Mrs Celia Withers. 16 th in Ordinary Time.
24 th July	Revd. Claire Simpson. All Age Worship. 17 th in Ordinary Time. 6.00 pm Revd. Claire Simpson. Iona, Holy Communion.
31 st July	Ms Lynne Matthews. 18 th in Ordinary Time

Tea and Coffee Rota for July 2022

10 th July	Margaret Boyd and Jenny Chalmers.
17 th July	Sally Bland and Margaret Temple.
24 th July	Marilyn Woodrow and Lin Woodhams.
31 st July	Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks
7 th August	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.

Meet and Greet July 2022

10 th July	Bob Temple
17 th July	Julie Kettle
24 th July	Margaret Sheppard
31 st July.	Edith Livingstone
7 th Aug.	Lin Woodhams





The Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree is now in the Welcome Area. Anyone who would like the Prayer Circle to pray for them, or others, please write your request on the leaf and hang it on the tree. These will be collected each month when the group meets.

THURSDAY PRAYER CIRCLE DATES

The Thursday Prayer Circle 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 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.

7th July Jill Race
Bobby

A Note from Maggie

When reading the Church Services Plan, the abbreviations GW (Gathering for Worship) are services where the church lead their own worship as no preacher is planned. If there is anyone who feels able to head up a group or would like to help in a group leading worship, please can you let a steward know. There are resources available, or you can use your own ideas.

The plan is on the website.

COFFEE CENTRE

The Coffee Centre is closing for the Summer break shortly. We will be closed from and including Thursday 21st July and re-open on the 1st September.

Don't forget **that** we are open on Thursday 7th July and 14th July – so why not come along for a chat, not forgetting the coffee and cake.

MESSY CHURCH 8TH JUNE 2022.
Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Serving others

“Do not forget to do good to others and share with them what you have. These are the things that please God.” Hebrews 13:16

Making Spin Drums



Decorating crown cakes



Colouring by the parents



Boys being creative

Colouring Cards to send to the Queen



Making a coaster

Decorating a picture of the Queen's head



Having our Jubilee meal

Messages from our Church Family.

Maggie would like to thank the church for the flowers and good wishes she received for her birthday.

Kevin and Linda are pleased to share the news of Laura and Iain's baby boy. Luke Benjamin (8lbs 7oz) was born on Monday 27th June.

Congratulations to Laura and Iain and yourselves for becoming grandparents again.

Liz and Graham Avison are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Simon Storey on the 9th June.

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers, cards, good wishes, and prayers that I have received following my recent knee operation. It was very kind!

Jill Groom

**As for me and my House,
we Will Serve the Lord**

(Joshua 24:15)



We're Headed To Praise the Lord

VESTRY JOTTINGS

Here we are in July, and what a great time we had in June. Our Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea was a brilliant success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and a big thank you to all who baked cakes, scones and prepared a lovely selection of sandwiches.

We also had Mike and Jean's grandson, Alexander's baptism. Church was full, we had lots of children who were enjoying themselves in JFC.

At the end of the month, it's "Holiday Club" time. Let's pray for good weather so that everyone can enjoy the outdoor activities.

Evening services began at the end of June with a good congregation. We hope that they can continue.

On a final note, we need volunteers for communion stewards.

Brenda
On behalf of the stewards

A Cricketer's Epitaph

Here lies the body of old John Smith;
Run over by a bus.
Always a poor judge of a run!

Thank you, Ian,

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Wednesday 13th July 2022
from 3:30pm - Fareham Methodist Church



Zac's up a Tree!

Games and Activities
Worship
Meal

Jesus said: *"Zacchaeus! Hurry! Come Down! - I must stay at your house!"*



SUNDAY LUNCH 17th July 2022 at 12.15/12.30 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 a charity this month. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very appreciated – thank you.

The Menu

Starter: Soup or Pâté

Main Course: Chicken breasts in gravy or BBQ sauce, Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

If you can stay to help until all the washing up is done, please sign the helpers list. It then means that those of us who have been at church since 8.45am can slip away before 3pm!

Thank you. Jill Groom

'Anna of the Five Towns', from which the extract below comes, is by Arnold Bennett, and is set in the Potteries community which was very strong in early Methodism. As you can see, however, they were short of good quality local preachers, even in those days - (mid. 1800s). Having just read the book, which I enjoyed, although it is a bit grim in places, like most of Thomas Hardy's novels, I was fascinated to see that the more we change, the more we stay the same. We, too, in 2022, are short of good local preachers. Now there are many of you who will read this article, who are more than competent to take services. It is a big commitment, for most services take between 4 to 6 hours to prepare, yet you do get a lot out of it, and you learn so much. So how about it.

Extract from ANNA OF FIVE TOWNS – by Arnold Bennett

'By the way, your father used to preach in Hanbridge circuit'

'That was years ago' she said quickly.

'But why won't he preach here? I dare say you know that we are rather short of local preachers – good ones, that is'

Thank you, Andrew.

CMA and CTIF is calling for new volunteers with our debt centre in Fareham.

We're seeing an increase in client requests and would love to expand our team. Please find below the role description and our logo; please let **Jean-Remy Duboc** know cmafareham@gmail.com if you have any questions

We're looking for:

Money Mentors

Do you have a heart to help people who struggle with debt and budgeting? Would you like to share the love of Christ with them doing so?

Join us as a money mentor with Community Money Advice (CMA) in Fareham!

You will receive training and will be supported by other CMA volunteers, and learn how to talk to clients, help them to find hope again. You will meet clients with another volunteer, discuss their situation, their budget, and the debts they need to manage, discuss a possible solution with our CMA partners and help clients to implement the solution to improve their lives.

A Centre Administrator and fundraiser

CMA Connect Fareham is looking for a volunteer centre Administrator and fundraising manager.

The administrator will help our money mentors to manage client cases, organise meetings and training, and work with our trustees to plan the future of our charity.

We're looking for a very organised individual, with excellent IT skills, and an innovator with a heart for helping people and serving God.

If you're interested, please email us: cmafareham@gmail.com



Fareham Methodist Church Platinum Jubilee Tea.



Note from the Editor

Well, what a month June was with the Platinum Jubilee – it was certainly a great time. Chris and I were so busy hosting our own Jubilee afternoon with friends and then attending events all over the weekend, we both said it was the busiest we had been in a long time. Lots of fun, laughter and of course cake eating!!

The great coming together at the church was amazing and, as you can see from the pictures, lots of smiles and the food was delicious,

Well, plans are afoot for the Holiday Club to be held at the end of July. This is the first time that Chris and I have been involved so it's all new to us. We are looking forward to it.



My friend made this fab cake for our Jubilee celebration.

Keep the news coming in. Thank you for all your contributions.

Next eFocus deadline will be August 1st.

They live among us!!

I live in a semi-rural area

We recently had a new neighbour call the local city council office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'