

# FAREHAM

## eFOCUS



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### **Services for the Month of May**

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Revd. Les Judd. 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter.
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Gathering for Worship with the United Reformed Church, Christian Aid. 5 <sup>th</sup> of Easter.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Revd. Elize Goddess (MFO) Church Anniversary. 6 <sup>th</sup> of Easter.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Mr Andrew Wilcock 7 <sup>th</sup> of Easter.
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Revd. David Rice. Holy Communion Pentecost.

### **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 in the basket 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 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.

Please note the change of date

**9th June** Rev Claire

7th July Jill Race

Bobby

### **Tea and Coffee Rota for May**

08 <sup>th</sup> May	Meg Cox and Sarah Brooks.
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Irene Russell and Sue Gibson.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jean and Mike Petter.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Alison Humby and Pat Crocker.
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Liz Avison and TBA.

## VESTRY JOTTINGS

What a wonderful Easter Day we had on 17th April. Those who attended communion on the beach were blessed with beautiful weather and delicious bacon rolls. Those of us in church were also blessed by our Easter service led by the Brooks family. Thank you to Mark, Linda, Sarah, Joseph and not forgetting Samuel on the Tech desk.

We have good news to share. Sally's son and daughter, Richard and Emily, got engaged a couple of weeks apart and Liz's daughter, Jessica, also got engaged. Many congratulations to both families.

Thanks to Lynda Haydon-Jones our Friday Lunches got off to a good start after missing for two years. A good time was had by all.

Brenda  
On behalf of the stewards



### Meet and Greet May

08 <sup>th</sup> May	Margaret Sheppard.
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Julie Kettle.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Edith Livingstone.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bob Temple.
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Walter Metcalf.

### A Big Thank You

Una would like to say a special thank you for her lovely flowers. She was delighted to receive them recently, delivered by Liz who also stayed for a chat. She very much appreciates that the Church thinks of her, and that people are willing to visit and chat.

### The Organ and Instrumental Fund.

It's amazing to remember that the Organ and Instrumental Fund began way back in May 2018!

The Fund was set up to help look after our instruments at Church or even in due course to replace them when needed. It's good to see that the Fund has already been used to service and repair the organ and has risen to £6,604.

Many, many thanks for all your generous donations and for those that you will continue to give.

Jill.

### COFFEE CENTRE

#### WHY NOT DROP IN FOR A CUPPA AND A CHAT.

We are open every Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30 am.

It is an ideal place to meet with friends, to share hobbies or to have group meetings.

Any questions or suggestions about Thursday mornings please contact Jill R.



### Christian Aid Week: 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May

The week will begin with our morning worship on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May when the United Reformed Church will be joining us. There will be an opportunity to make a donation at the end of the service.

There will also be a Christian Aid stall in Fareham Shopping Centre from Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 2.00pm. Collectors are still needed. Please let me know if you are able to spare an hour to help with this. Thank you support, Linda Foster

"It was only a sunny smile

and little it cost in the giving.

But like morning light it scattered the night  
and made

the day worth living".

F. Scot Fitzgerald.





# QUIZ AID

held for Christian Aid Week  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME ,GET A TEAM TOGETHER OR  
COME ALONG ON YOUR OWN TO

## BRIDGEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

GREGSON AVE  
PO13 0PP

**SATURDAY 28th. MAY  
2PM.**

TEA AND CAKE, , RAFFLE AND LOTS OF FUN

COST £4

CONTACT JEAN 02392 342301



We are having a quiz on Saturday 28th May 2pm. for Christian aid week.

Everyone is most welcome.

Although Bridgemaury Methodist church is not worshipping any more we can still use the hall.

If you have been before you will know what fun, we have.

Hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you take care.

Jean

02392342301

Just a couple of items to make you laugh.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted it on the apple tray:

'Take only ONE, God is watching'.

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

A child had written a note, 'Take all you want, God is watching the apples'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered 'Thou shalt not kill.'

IF ONLY THE CHILDREN RAN OUR COUNTRY, OH THEY DO, THAT'S RIGHT.

Thank you, Ian,



Jessica Mwedzi at home with her children, Phaniel, Gideon, Marrian and Vimbainashe.



# Help Jessica turn hunger into hope

In Zimbabwe, drought starves her crops. 'It pains me to send my children to bed hungry.'

**With you by their side, women like Jessica can provide food – and hope – for their families.  
Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.**

## Join us:

### Give:

- At your church - there will be envelopes and a collecting bucket
- On-line - through our e-envelope
- Click this link [Fareham and Portchester CA Group](#)
- Scan the QR code on this poster

### Pray:

We absolutely believe in the power of prayer, so pray for the work of Christian Aid

### Get involved:

- If you would like to get involved locally, email me [ca@thehickses.org.uk](mailto:ca@thehickses.org.uk)
- If you would like to know more about Christian Aid, go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



Scan QR Code

**Christian Aid Week 15 -21 May**

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MESSY CHURCH APRIL 2022

The Greatest Love Story

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for us.

But .....

Jesus has risen from death to make us free!



Using nails to form a cross, then threading cotton to make the shape.



Making Rock cakes – to signify the stone which rolled away from Jesus's tomb



Easter garden made by the children how it may look today. Wonderful stamping and so much colour



Creating an Easter card  
crayons and paint.



Just having fun



We are the Messy Church family – Parents, Children and helpers altogether having fun and worship. Alleluia.

# Wednesday 11th May 2022

from 3:30pm - Fareham Methodist Church

Games and Activities  
Worship  
Meal



## It's all about Fishing !



Jesus said: *"Come! follow me and I will make you fishers of people!"*



**Former Archbishop of Canterbury, 60+ bishops and 500+ Church leaders write to**

**the PM and Chancellor calling for a renewables push, a windfall tax and no new fossil fuels**

Revd. Dr Darrell Hannah, Chair of Operation Noah and Rector of All Saints, Ascot, was a signatory to the letter. He said, 'It would be completely irresponsible for the UK Government to enable new fossil fuel projects in the North Sea...the time is now for bold measures, including a windfall tax on oil and gas companies.' [Read more](#). (Photo Credit: Ruth Knight)

You can read more on how Churches around the country and moving forward slowly but surely to sustainable energy.

**WE HAVE TO SAVE GOD'S PLANET FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS – BY ACTING NOW.**

**Deadline for next June eFocus is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Calling all Gilbert and Sullivan fans!**

Fareham Methodist Church as part of its Church Anniversary weekend is delighted to host 'Paul Pilott and friends' from St Mary's Church, Alverstoke who will be presenting a concert version of The Mikado on **Saturday 21st May at 4.00pm.**

Light refreshments will be served. A retiring collection will be taken. If you have a score for this production, then you are invited to bring it with you and join in the chorus numbers!

Note from the Editor

I have watched the Easter Church Service which was given by Mark, Linda, Samuel, Sarah and Joseph. It was brilliant and fun. It is great that we can catch up from our website.

We visited various wonderful Abbeys, Cathedrals and Churches on our holiday which was amazing. But we were glad to be back at Fareham Methodist Church which is home for our faith.



## ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY LUNCH 22nd May 2022 at 12.15

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 **church funds** this month. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very much appreciated – thank you.

### The Menu

Starter: Soup or Paté

Main Course: Gammon, Sausage, Potatoes, Assorted Vegetables

Puddings: Variety

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

**Please help before or after the meal if you are able to as we will be short of help this month, as Malcolm and I will be on holiday! Thank you.**

Jill Groom

