

THE WINDOW



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November/December 2021



**FARNBOROUGH
BAPTIST CHURCH
Queens Road, Farnborough**

Our Regular Church Activities

Sundays

10.15 – 10.30: Prayer time in the vestry

10.30: Morning Worship *Young Church Classes are held during the service. Activities are available for all age children.*

Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

Café Church: 3rd Sunday of the month

Tuesday

10.00am Morning weekly prayer with Zoom attendance
(link given below) to if you would like to join in.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81637233415?>

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Meeting ID: 816 3723 3415

Passcode: 251888

Wednesdays

Thursdays

7.00 pm – Deacons and Church Meetings as advertised

Fridays

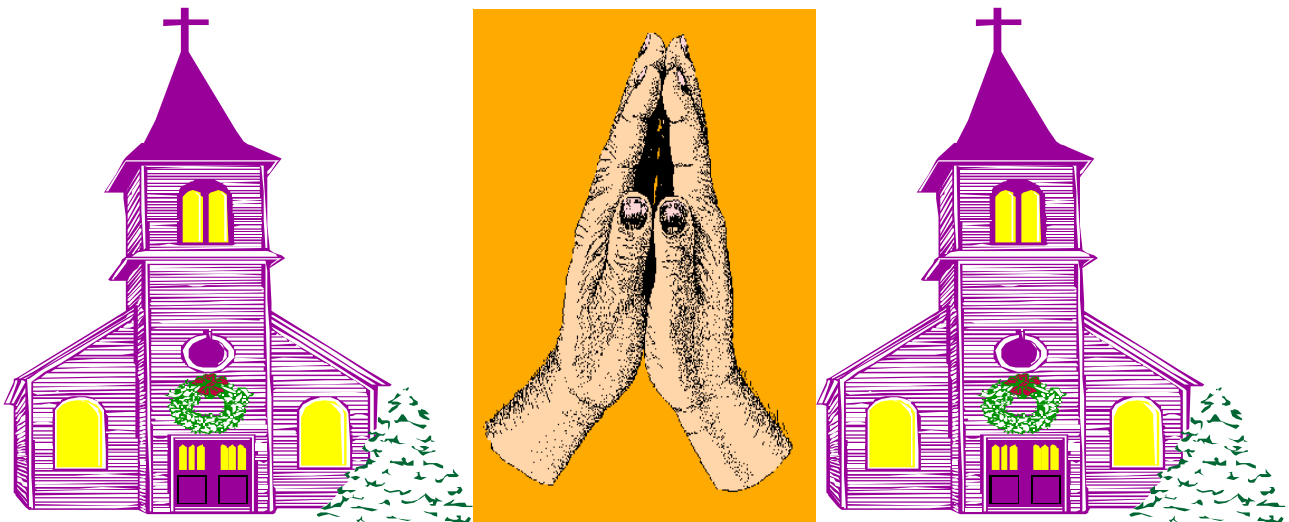
10.30am – All Together – Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch every week.

Now started again.

Saturdays

4.00pm – 6.00 pm – Messy Church (1st Saturday of the Month, alternating months; December 4th & February 1st etc.)

Some of our regular events and meetings have now restarted again since the easing of Covid restrictions, because of the Summer holidays and the coming of our new Minister in Training. During September the church leaders have been considering which activities may be started again. So there may be changes in the weekly diary, everyone will be kept informed. Praise God for leading us into this new beginning for our Church.



You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. (Isaiah 26:3)



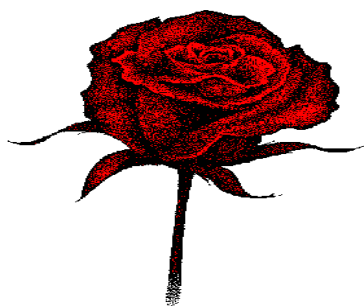
**Knowing God, showing his love,
serving the community**



Ed note: I have left this paragraph in. Although a format is working at the moment, with new beginnings being experienced, it's worth keeping in incase the government step in again!

You will know by now that we have resumed weekly in-church services. The government's roadmap out of lockdown is so far going well, but slowly, we are aware that plans have changed once again. However, a Preaching Service Plan with our new Minister in Training, Josh, for the next two months, has been produced, and we will let everyone know of any major changes as they occur.

Jill



**SERVICE DETAILS
FOR
November/December**

We're now looking forward to Advent and the birth of our Lord Jesus. You may wonder why Josh is doing so much in December; as Peter and Janet are coming on Nov.7th, Josh is doing an extra service on Dec.12th - thanks Josh for being adaptable!

Please note the earlier time for **Carols by Candlelight, 5.00pm**. We hope and pray that this will be better for families to attend; and there will be refreshments afterwards of course.

November

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| 7 th | – Peter & Janet Dallman | Matthew 6:25-34
(Comfort or Kingdom) |
| 14 th | – Harry Page – | Remembrance Sunday |
| 21 st | – Josh Waldock – | Cafe church
(Daniel) |
| 28 th | – Mike Pusey – | Advent 1 - Lk.1:1-25
(John the Baptist's birth) |

December

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| 5 th | – Josh Waldock – | Advent 2 - Mt. 1
(Jesus's genealogy) |
| 12 th | – Josh Waldock - | Advent 3 - Mark 1: 1-13
(John prepares the way) |
| 19 th | – Josh Waldock <u>5.00pm</u> | Carols by Candlelight |
| 25 th | – Josh Waldock <u>10.00am</u> | Christmas Day – Jn. 1:1-18
(Jesus from the beginning) |
| 26 th | – No service | |
- (Josh is on leave from Dec.26th to Jan.3rd)*

January 2022

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| 2 nd | - Gill Page | |
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JOSH'S PAGES

Waiting

Before I started writing I was reminded that this edition of The Window would take us past Christmas. Something that, as a parent, I'm encouraged to not say out loud for at least another 6 weeks, just in case the anticipation will create an uncontrollable excitement (from the children, of course).

I find that there is something strange about the anticipation of Christmas, where the build up and the planning has as much joy in it than the celebration itself. We find ourselves looking through catalogues, making gift lists, shopping for others, wrapping presents, planning food, opening advent calendars, writing cards, hanging up cards, putting up the tree and decorations, singing carols, lighting candles and generally tiring ourselves out before the big day itself arrives.

Of course, the season of Advent is all about waiting, it is all about anticipation of what is to come. But, in a world where in just a few clicks you can have food delivered to your door in minutes and shopping ready to collect in hours, waiting has become something of an art.

A few years ago, a well know pizza delivery company did an analysis of people's experience in ordering pizza. They mapped out an emotional rollercoaster from starting the order to eating the order. They found that the moments of greatest excitement were linked to the moment the order is placed and when you hear the doorbell ring. But the gap between the two, the waiting, was largely reported as being a negative experience. They responded by introducing, for online orders, the ability to see what stage your order was at; being prepared, being cooked, being boxed, being delivered. More recently they added the ability to follow the driver on a map until they get to your door!

Studies show that if you know that a process is moving forward, even if you can't see it, the users experience of waiting is improved. It's a bit like appeasing a child by allowing them to see the gifts slowly amounting under the tree, having a small square of chocolate each day, or perhaps giving one a feel and a shake. Or, without permission, peeping through a corner of broken wrapping paper. We want to wait until Christmas, but we also want to know more than we already do.

We've had to do an awful lot of waiting over the last year and a half. Waiting to know what was safe and what was not, waiting for action, then waiting to see people, waiting on an immunisation, waiting on a cure, waiting on test results, waiting and waiting for "normal" to return. The same process of improving the experience of waiting, was followed by our government; daily updates on how the process was moving forward, with expected dates always on the horizon for the easing of restrictions.

Again, the same is true of us as we wait on the Lord. We all wait for different things, but ultimately, we wait for Him to act. That may be through answered prayer or healings, perhaps for provision, it may be for someone's salvation, it may be for a revelation. We all wait, but is it patiently?

The Bible is filled with encouragements to be patient, to wait on the Lord even to rest in Him. The Psalms are littered with examples and Lamentations (3:26) adds *"It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."* (ESV). In this verse we are told that, firstly, it is good to wait, and also that we should do so quietly.

I feel like we, and I mean humans in general, find that the quietly part is much harder. So, what can we do to encourage one another to wait quietly and patiently on the Lord? I find the best answer in Galatians 6:9 *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."* Let us keep on doing good, let us keep on directing people to Christ, let us keep on being a people of God who see Him answer prayers, that see Him providing, that see Him healing, that see Him revealing himself and we see salvation come to individuals.

And as we see God in action, we can share these stories and we can celebrate these revelations, just like a "your parcel is out for delivery" email may make you excited, just like the advent windows begin to start the anticipation for Christmas. Hearing that God is at work says to us all the salvation of the Lord is coming.

Josh



DIARY DATES

These are meetings and events other than services,

November

- Mon.1st – 2.00pm, Wimborne House Communion service
- Thurs.4th – 7.00pm, deacons' meeting
- Fri. 5th – from 10.30am, All Together
- Thurs.18th – 7.00pm, Church Meeting
- Fri.19th – from 10.30, All Together
- Sat. 20th – 9.00am-5.00pm, Church in use by Druglink
- Fri.26th – from 10.30, All Together

December

- Thurs.2nd – 7.00pm, deacons' meeting
- Fri.3rd – from 10.30, All together
- Sat.4th – 4-6pm, Messy Church
- Mon.6th – Wimborne House Communion service
- Fri.10th – from 10.30, All Together
- Fri.17th – from 10.30, All Together (to be confirmed)

End of school term

January 2022

- Tues.4th – school term begins
- Thurs.6th – 7.00pm, deacons' meeting
- Thurs.20th – Church Meeting

Announcing



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
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NOVEMBER 2021

**SHELIA ALLWOOD 16TH
HARRY PAGE 16TH**

DECEMBER 2021

**KARENNE BUDDEN 5TH
IVY JAMES 9TH
EILEEN WEINLING 20TH
LEVINA QUINTAL 24TH**

From all at Farnborough Baptist Church

Pray Without Ceasing! Sundays are highlighted

November 2021 Prayer

- 1st Dayo & Eunice Aroyewun, Philip and Esther in Southampton
- 2nd Dave Williams
- 3rd Eileen Weinling and Family
- 4th Erwin Mendison
- 5th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches in Aldershot & Cove
- 6th Fabio Sousa
- 7th **Pray for Peter & Janet Dallman who are leading the service**
- 7th Church Circle and Belvedere Road
- 8th Gill & Harry Page and Family
- 9th Gill Brand and Family
- 10th Ivy & Barry James and Family
- 11th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches in Frimley & Mytchett
- 12th Jacquie Norris
- 13th Josh & Laura Waldock and Family
- 14th **Remembrance Service led by Harry**
- 14th Cambridge Road
- 15th Jane Evans & Family
- 16th Jenny Smith and Family
- 17th Jose & Dalia Sousa
- 18th June Warnes & Family
- 19th Karen & Simon Woolley and Family
- 20th Please pray for the local Baptist Churches at Church Crookham and Fleet
- 21st **Please pray for today's worship service and Josh who is leading**
- 21st Church Road and Penns Wood
- 22nd Karenne & Fred Budden & Family
- 23rd Ken Fuller
- 24th Levina Quintal and Family

- 25th Lynn Moss and Family
- 26th Margaret Palmer
- 27th Mary & John Hawyes and Family
- 28th Please pray for Mike Pusey who is leading the service**
- 28th Advent Albert Road
- 29th Pat Brigden and Joyce
- 30th Ralph & Kate Brigden and Family

December 2021 Prayer

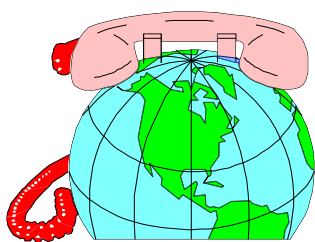
- 1st Ruth & Howard Smith and Family
- 2nd Shelia Allwood & Family
- 3rd Simon & Jackie Bodington
- 4th Sue & Pete Hillier in Wales
- 5th Please pray for today's service and Josh who is leading worship**
- 5th Chalfont Drive
- 6th Tony Smith and Family
- 7th Valerie Harwood and Family
- 8th New friends coming to Church
- 9th The Triangle Bookshop
- 10th North Camp Schools
- 11th Sofia Thomas & Fatima (G/mother)
- 12th Please pray for today's service and Josh who is leading worship**
- 12th Chatfield, Firs, and Gainsborough Closes
- 13th Our church leadership team
- 14th Joe & Lois Ovenden and Family
- 15th Noah & Mikyung Lee
- 16th Farnborough Food Bank
- 17th Pray for the work of the Baptist Missionary Society
- 18th Pray for persecuted Christians, that they may know God's strength and courage in their daily walk with him
- 19th Carols by Candlelight service**
- 19th Boundary Road
- 20th Parent & Toddler families

- 21st Outlook friends
- 22nd Coffee Morning friends
- 23rd Friday All Together friends
- 24th For your contacts in the community
- 25th Christmas Day service**
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**
- 26th Messy Church families
- 26th Farnborough Road
- 27th For contacts from our church website and on Facebook, that they may be blessed by what they read
- 28th For Club Connect children and Staff
- 29th The Bible Society
- 30th Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics
- 31st For friends who are unwell

Please pray every month in the
1st week for Our Lady Help of Christians
2nd week for St. Mark's Church
3rd week for the Methodist Church
4th week for the Baptist Church
5th week for the Ebenezer Fellowship/Society of Friends/Plymouth Brethren



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www.farnboroughbaptist.co.uk *Our website changes frequently with even more information on what goes on in our very friendly church. Why not take a look.*

www.thetriangle.org.uk *Our local Christian Book Shop, find details online and in store in Kingsmead.*

www.theprayerfoundation.org *The Commonwealth Church - The Prayer Foundation*

www.bmsworldmission.org/worldnews *BMS World News from Missionaries across the world.*

www.maf-uk.org *The Mission Aviation Fellowship, based in Folkestone*

www.christianaid.org.uk *Christian Aid a UK charity fighting global poverty*

www.eauk.org *The Evangelical Alliance - an alliance of evangelicals sharing the gospel, lifting voices of hope, and building unity as together we make Jesus known.*

www.seba-baptist.org.uk *SEBA (South Eastern Baptist Association) our Regional Baptist Partners help and support around 150 churches in South East England from Kent to Hampshire.*

www.womanalive.co.uk *Woman Alive aim to reconnect you into ideas, inspiration and advice to help you draw close to God*

www.inspiremagazine.org.uk *Inspire Magazine aims to tell the good news stories of lives transformed by Jesus Christ: individuals, churches, communities.*

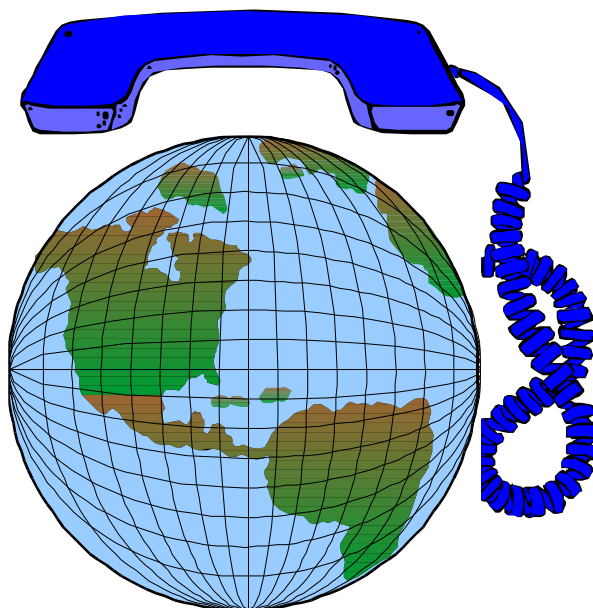
www.careforthefamily.org.uk *Care for the Family a Christian charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those who face family difficulties.*

www.omf.org.uk OMF International (UK) – Overseas Missionary Fellowship, particularly:
<https://omf.org/asia/japan/get-involved/pray-for-japan/>

www.thechristianity.org.uk - *The Christianity website has been refreshed. Founded by Churches Together in England, this website has been developed by the Christian Enquiry Agency and aims to tell people about Jesus Christ and Christianity.*

There are other web pages mentioned within the articles in this Window. Please feel free to browse these pages also!

And of course, any other web pages that you know of and feel would be good for others to view, please let me know and I will include them here. Thank you, Ed.



NAMES OF THE FATHER (submitted by Ken Fuller)

Yahweh (The Lord) Quadosh - The Lord, the Holy One (Lev.19:2)

Jehovah Yahweh - The Great I Am (Ex.[3:14](#))

EI Shaddei - God Almighty (Ps.91:1, Gen.17:1)

For Him nothing which is right, true and just, is impossible

EI Elyon - God the Most High, the Mighty One (Gen.[14:18](#))

EI Elohim - God Most High - the Creator (Gen.1:1, Ps.19:1)

Yahweh Sabaoth - The Lord of Hosts (2 Sam.7:8,9)

EI Olam - The Everlasting God (Gen.[21:33](#), Is.40:28)

He is the Judge of all the earth

EI Roi - The God Who Sees - The Living One (Gen.[16:13](#))

Jehovah Shammah - The Lord who is present (Gen.26:24,
28:15,16, Ezek.48:35)

Jesus is Emmanuel - God With Us (Is.[7:14](#))

Jehovah Rohi - The Lord is my Shepherd (Ps.23:1, John [10:11](#))

Jehovah Jireh - The Lord will Provide (Gen.[22:14](#))

Yahweh Rapha - The Lord Who heals you (Ex.[15:26](#))

Yahweh Nissi - The Lord our Banner, miracle and victory (Ex.[17:15](#))

Yahweh Shalom - The Lord is our Peace (Jn.[14:27](#), Ps.122:6-8)

There are more - can you find them?



THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Well, those two months went past really quickly didn't they. It's hard to believe that Josh has been with us now for two months.

This particular Window is always special, because it falls at such a special time of the year. We celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, a gift from the Father of all, who made a very clear path for His one and only Son, I don't know about you, but it's a good job Jesus came as a babe in swaddling clothes, and at that time, not knowing what His future held. But what an awesome being He was, and still is.

Last Window you will remember I mentioned that I had started my Christmas Shopping. Well, I'm pleased to say, I have 'virtually' completed it. Virtually being the word. I just have to wrap the presents. Because I have been unable to go out, I have bought my presents from two trusted organisations online, and I am thrilled to bits too. They are friends of mine, and have really helped with my choices of gifts too. So I have been able to do nearly all of my Christmas shopping without going into any risky areas, Covid wise. We have had quite a couple of years as a church, as you all know, with a few, (and that's not a word we would normally use), sad losses along the way. We miss our members who have gone to the Lord, but I am thankful we each have loving memories to keep in our hearts forever, of these people.

With Christmas now days away, my Grandchildren are obviously thinking about it very much. Harry 9, goes to a different school now, and I don't know whether it is an Academy or a CofE school yet. I haven't had chance to ask my son and daughter in law. Harry has had a very good base to start out with, as his infants school was CofE. They taught him to pray, sing hymns and all things related to Jesus, which is good for him. Now in Junior school, I'm sure he will develop further in a good way regardless, because of his initial teaching. He will probably be very excited about Christmas anyway as he is an excellent cyclist, has won awards too. I feel sure his

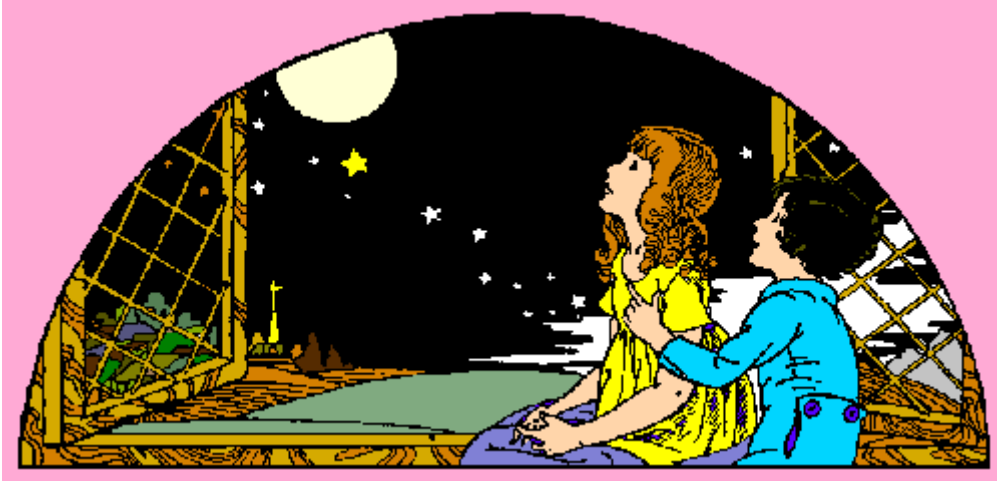
mum and dad will be buying something related to help him on his way, whether cycling wise, or motorbike wise, he is good at both. He takes after his dad, Martin, who was a legend in his time along with his friend Martyn Ashton.

Lyra 9, and Matilda 7, will also be very excited, as they are both in the same school, Infants and Juniors in separate areas. They, probably, will be more excited than Harry because their mum is like me, and gets EXTREMELY excited. Daughter Jenny, like me, just loves to give, but the most amazing thing about her, is that she absolutely thinks about what she is giving every person she gives a gift to. Making gifts was a thing for my Jenny when she was small, and I still have those gifts to this day. She also feels like me, that giving brings that deep feeling of the love you have for that person, also that if you haven't seen them for a while because of ie: lockdown, illnesses, distance, it also is meaningful, letting them know that although they are far apart from you, the love is still the same. She is bringing the girls up the same way. When they visit now, they always bring something they have made or drawn, and I invariably set them tasks like painting gnomes, and a watering can that I had them paint. They are all on display on my dresser. I call it my grandchildren's shelf.

With the celebrations at church for the birth of Jesus, it's looking like you are all going to be in for a lovely season. And with Josh at the helm in December, it marks for a truly blessed Christmas, and I am praying you all have a wonderful festive season, both at church and in your homes. And particularly would like to wish Josh and his family a blessed Christmas in his first season as our Minister in Training. It will be a wonderful and good learning curve with our lovely church, rest assured Josh!

All that remains now is for me to wish you all a very, very Happy Christmas, and to let you know that I will be praying for you all, that God be the glory over us all, and be in the midst of every one of your families.

God bless you all, and see you next Window, Mary



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

As we celebrate the birth of our
dear Lord Jesus,
may our thoughts and prayers
rejoice in the knowledge
that Jesus is a gift
from God the Father with love for us all!
Amen!

Wishing you the blessings of our Lord above,
have a wonderful festive season.

Lots of love from me,
your Editor, Mary
xxx

**DEADLINE
FOR
NEXT WINDOW**



Monday 3rd January 2022!