



Fairland News

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Fairland United Reformed Church
Wymondham

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Bookings for Mrs Jill Brown
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Fairland Church Centre

Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 am
On the first Sunday of the month, the Service includes **Holy Communion**

The following letter is written by Rev John Potter:

Dear friends

The day after I returned to work after our holiday I arrived in the car park at the bottom of Elm Hill on the way to Princes St. I got out of the car and glanced along the river and had a bit of a surprise – just above the parapet of the nearby bridge was the face of a golden hare looking back at me! That was my first sighting of a “Go Go Hare”.

Since then I have been on the look-out for them scattered all over the city. If you pick up a trail leaflet you will discover that there are even some special ‘star-gazer’ hares in locations across the county. I love the idea of them, especially as they raise money for charity, and when we visited Norwich on holiday a few years ago we went looking for the painted dragons which was great fun. Not only do these art installations encourage tourism, they are fun for the residents too – they certainly provide many opportunities for ‘selfies’ and family snaps.

When you take the time to look at them a little more closely you will see they are quite beautifully painted – a way of bringing art and creativity into the public domain for the enjoyment of all, even those who would never set foot in an art gallery. Creating art is something humans have done for most of our history – since about 500,000 BCE apparently – its part of what marks us out as different from all other life – its in our nature.

As such in creating and creativity we share in the very nature of God the great creator. God even commissioned two artists and gifted them with the Holy Spirit to decorate the Ark of the Covenant – their story is in Exodus chapter 35. I hope you enjoy searching out the hares this summer and pause to take in the skill of the artists who decorated them – they may even inspire your own creative talents?

John

(John’s photo of ‘Heptahare’ (covered in coins) in Chapelfield Shopping Centre, Norwich)



The Vidiyal Trust

The following letter has been received from Revd Canon Pat Atkinson, who recently led worship at Fairland:

Dear Friends,

It was so good to be with you again and to share in worship. You were again extremely generous in giving us the wonderful sum of £376.50, for which we are really grateful.

As you know we always say how funds will be used, and where we do need funding most is with the newer ladies in our Shelter Home. The money you have provided will cover 4 years of care - and we and the lady will let you know how she is progressing.

Not only will she be provided for materially, it will also be prayerfully. She will be thrilled to know that you dear folks 6,000 miles away care for her. I hope that this is OK with you.

Our sincere thanks again.

Love and prayers

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Pat enclosed details of this sponsorship:

Dear Friends

Thank you for your willingness to sponsor elder M V Mahalakshmi who is part of our Granny project in Madurai.

We started this project after several years of working with street children in Madurai. I was deeply concerned for the numbers of older people that also inhabited the streets. I met a lot in slums and their lives were really bad, but those on the streets were in desperate situations and this was confirmed in an article in a national newspaper, The Hindu, quite a few years ago now, which said that in Madurai there are an estimated 500 elderly ladies living on rubbish tips, without even a slum shelter.

Our research indicated there were many more, so we decided to approach

some of those dear souls and offered initially a place to come once a day for food. This worked well but some of them were too sick that letting them go back to the rubbish tips or street hurt us as much as them, so we rented a small house.

That was just the beginning! We have managed to upgrade to a better house and a number of ladies are with us permanently and a further 20 or so join them daily for lunch. In a slum a couple of miles away the situation was also severe, with no sanitation, water or electricity. We had already started a small evening centre for children there, so we used the vacant day time space to provide lunch for the elderly of that slum. This has gradually expanded and now 50+ come every day. The conditions of the slum are far from ideal but at least we are there to care for the ladies and they are really happy.

Above the doors of our centres are the words 'Son behold your mother'. We can only offer these dear ladies love, food, medical care and the knowledge that they do matter.

Your sponsorship will provide an elderly lady with daily food (breakfast, lunch and tea), medical care, clothes and toiletries.

Your sponsor elder will write to you at least twice per year and we will also keep you updated via Pat's reports. If you would like to write yourself you are welcome to do so at the following address. (Please do not provide your address. This is not because the elder cannot be trusted but they will show others any letters they receive and the address could fall into the wrong hands.) They like to know all about you too, and some wonderful friendships have developed through this scheme.

c/o S Muthukumar
Alaihal Trust
4/354 Rajaji Street
E.B. Colony, Iyer Bungalow
Madurai 625014
Tamil Nadu
India

Many thanks for your concern and support

Pat

Here are the details of the elder we are sponsoring:

Name: M.V. Mahalakshmi

Age: 75 years old

Address: Front of the Mosque
Goripalayam
Madurai
Tamil Nadu



Native Place: Madurai

Occupation: Nil

Short Family History:

'I am M.V. Mahalakshmi. I am 75 years old. My parents' native place is Madurai. I haven't gone to school. I have one elder sister and two younger brothers. My husband was a fruit seller. We had one child who died at 3 because of brain fever. After that we didn't have children.

At the age of 75 my husband died. I then stayed at one of my younger brother's homes. That brother then also died. So, I stayed with my other younger brother. For 2 years I worked at the nearby police man's house. I gave that earning to my brother and stayed there. Meantime I fell down and one of my hands got fractured. So now I am not able to work. My brother and his wife send me out of their house.

As I don't have any money I had to go and stay on the streets. Firstly I searched for some job, but didn't get a job so I started begging, with that money I managed. For the past three years I stayed near an outside of mosque. Now I am leading my life peacefully in our shelter home.'

Flower Rota

5 August	Elizabeth Portsmouth
12 August	Mary Gray
19 August	Ros Crowe
26 August	Sheila Eaglen
2 September	Evelyn Thompson
9 September	Kenny Eaglen
16 September	Eileen Long
23 September	Ruth Dunning
30 September	Ann Sprules
7 October	Juliet Harwood

Gifts of flowers from the Communion Table have been given to:
Alice Whittingham, Jill Brown, Revd Kevin Mannion, Jennifer
Shakesby, Revd Pat Atkinson and Daphne Prior

Thank you so much for the flowers given to me on Sunday 27th May. They are really beautiful

Eileen

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I would like to thank everyone who has so very kindly given me wool that Attleborough Methodist Church will be turning into strips which, when sewn together, will make blankets for those who need them. In turn they thank everyone for their donations. Some people have been interested in doing some knitting. If they wish to knit a strip:

No.8 needles and double knitting wool:

Cast on 28 stitches; knit for 40ins; cast off (garter stitch)

Gwen Courtney

Wymondham Town Team Presents

VINTAGE DAY

Sunday 9th September 2018

Classic cars, vintage bus rides, Dad's Army van, live music, stalls, Memory Lane exhibits, Cake-Off competition, film shows, children's activities and so much more!
Come dressed in your favourite era and join us for a day of fun!

From 10am - 4pm
Wymondham Town Centre and locations nearby

Wymondham Town Team
 @Wymvintageday

Vintage Day

9th September 2018

This year our Church and Pabulum Dementia Café will be joining in Wymondham's Vintage Day by opening up our Church from 12.30pm - after morning worship.

We will have some displays concerning the early part of the last century covering the First World War and a display about Constance Coltman, the first woman to be ordained as a minister in the church.

Our Church archive will be available to view and there will also be singing by Pabulum members and volunteers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September
Fairland Hall



First founded in 1911, Macmillan Cancer Support has grown to become the largest cancer care and support charity in the UK. With 98% of Macmillan's income generated solely from donations - they rely on the help of volunteers and fundraisers to support their essential work.

Cancer's severe effects impact upon people's lives in many ways. Macmillan works to provide support from diagnosis to recovery - helping cancer sufferers maintain as much control over their lives as possible. From providing counselling and guidance to financial help for those who have lost their jobs due to cancer, Macmillan are there 24/7 to support people struggling through an incredibly tough ordeal.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. We ask people all over the UK to host their own Coffee Mornings and donations on the day are made to Macmillan. Last year alone we raised over £27 million and together we can make this another successful year.

The first ever Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, we did it again the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, Coffee Morning has raised over £200 million for Macmillan.

(information from the Macmillan website at www.macmillan.org.uk)

Next month we will once again be holding our own Coffee Morning in Fairland Hall on Friday 28th September from 10am to 12 noon.

We will have delicious cakes to buy - and a Bring and Buy stall - so please come along to support this event - and bring along your friends and neighbours!

So - don't forget -

Friday 28th September 10am to 12 noon

Here are the details of the next two 'Fairland Flicks' presentations in our Church Centre:



Wednesday 12th September at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

'Peter Rabbit'

with the voice of James Corden as Peter Rabbit



Based on the books by Beatrix Potter: Peter Rabbit, his three sisters Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton Tail and their cousin Benjamin enjoy their days harassing Mr McGregor in his vegetable garden until one day he dies and no one can stop them roaming across his house and lands for a full day or so. However, when one of Mr McGregor's relatives inherits the house and goes to check it out, he finds much more than he bargained for. What ensues, is a battle of wills between the new Mr McGregor and the rabbits. But when he starts to fall in love with Bea, a real lover of all nature, his feelings towards them begin to change. But is it too late?

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Wednesday 10th October at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

'Wonder'

Starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay



Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Refreshments served during the intervals

August/September/October 2018

5 August	Rev John Potter (includes Holy Communion)
12 August	Rev Bill Sewell
19 August	Mrs Wendy Gilbert
26 August	Mrs Barbara Searle
2 September	Rev Robin Pagan (includes Holy Communion)
9 September	Rev John Potter
16 September	Mr Peter Fitches
23 September	Worship Group - Harvest - (followed by Bring and Share Lunch)
30 September	Mrs Patricia Lithgow (followed by Church Meeting)
7 October	Mr Keir Hounsome (includes Holy Communion led by Mrs Carole Shildrake) Traidcraft goods on sale.



Our Harvest Festival service is on Sunday 23rd September and will be led by our Worship Group.

At our last Church Meeting it was agreed to ask members to bring along non-perishable items for the Food Bank - to be displayed on the window sills - and that any cash donations will be in aid of The Vidiyal Trust.

If you would be prepared to help decorate the windows with flowers or plants, please see Netta Darkins.

A Bring and Share lunch will follow the service. Elizabeth Portsmouth will be coordinating the list of food to bring along.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate this time together.

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

August

13 August (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
17 August (10-12)	Singing Café (Church Centre)
20 August (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
24 August (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
27 August	No Café (Bank Holiday)
29 August (10-12)	Monthly Coffee Morning (Church Centre)
31 August (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)

September

3 September (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
5 September (10am)	'Walking The Way' (Church Lounge)
6 September (2.30)	Elders' Meeting (Church Lounge)
7 September (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
9 September	VINTAGE DAY (Church Centre)
10 September (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
12 September (1.30 for 2)	Fairland Flicks 'Peter Rabbit'
14 September (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
17 September (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
19 September (10am)	'Walking The Way' (Church Lounge)
21 September (10-12)	Singing Café (Church Centre)
23 September	Morning Worship - Harvest (followed by Bring and Share Lunch)
24 September (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
26 September (10-12)	Monthly Coffee Morning (Church Centre)
28 September (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
28 September (10-12)	Macmillan Coffee Morning (Fairland Hall)
30 September	Morning Worship (followed by Church Meeting)

October

1 October (10-12)	'Monday Monday' Café (Church Centre)
3 October (10am)	'Walking The Way' (Church Lounge)
5 October (10-1.30)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)

Items for inclusion in **October/November** newsletter (to be available on 30 September should be given to Ann Scott **by 24 September please.**