

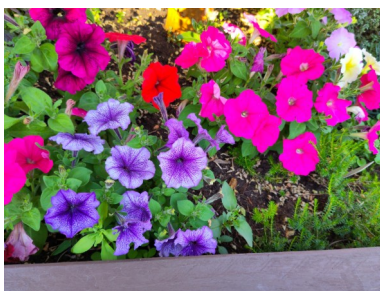
Avenue St Andrew's Dates for the Diary

July 2024

Fri 5 th	8 pm	Green Living Group (Manse)
Sun 7 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion led by Rev Dr Sarah Hall
Tu 9 th	10 am – noon 1.45 pm (reh), 3pm (singing)	Archives Group (Upper Room) Come and Sing! with Rum's Eg Singers (Racine, Faure, Mozart etc) at Abbey URC, Romsey. Sing from scratch or listen. More info from Annie.george2308@gmail.com
Wed 10 th	1.00 pm	Film Club (Focus Room)
Th 11 th	7.30 pm	Church Amnesty Group (Focus Room)
Fri 12 th - Mon 15 th		Sarah at General Assembly
Sat 13 th	Various	Music at Abbey URC as part of Beggars Fair
Sun 14 th	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Mrs Pam Humphreys
Tu 16 th	10 am – noon	Archives Group (Upper Room)
Sat 20 th - Sun 21 st		Flower Festival at Braishfield URC
Sun 21 st	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Dr Sarah Hall followed by Church Meeting (note change of date)
Tu 23 rd	10 am – noon	Archives Group (Upper Room)
Sat 27 th	10.30 am - noon	Coffee & Cake (Concourse)
Sun 28 th	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Wendy White
Mon 29 th	7.30 pm	Church table tennis (Balcony)
Tu 30 th	10 am – noon	Archives Group (Upper Room)

August 2024

Sun 4 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion led by Mr Alan Jenkins
Mon 5 th – Sun 18 th		Sarah on holiday
Mon 5 th	7.30 pm	Church table tennis (Balcony)
Sun 11 th	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Mr Chris Noyce
Mon 12 th	7.30 pm	Church table tennis (Balcony)
Sun 18 th	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Keith Hawton
Sun 18 th – Sun 8 th September		Mike Perrott on holiday
Mon 19 th	7.30 pm	Church table tennis (Balcony)
Tu 20 th	7.30 pm	Church Management (?Hancocks?)
Sat 24 th - Sun 25 th		Church History Exhibition at Abbey URC, Romsey (362 nd anniversary)
Sat 24 th – Mon 26 th		Art Exhibition at ASA including Coffee & Cake
Sun 25 th	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Dr Sarah Hall
Mon 26 th	7.30 pm	Church table tennis (Balcony)



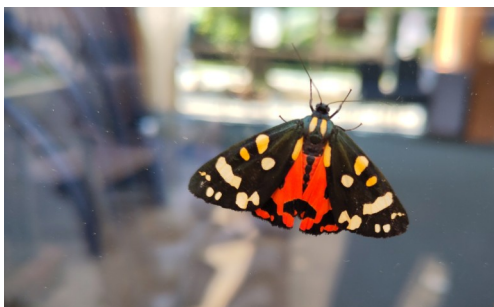
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Hope Herald

This publication has changed its name and format; not as startling a change as a caterpillar turning into a moth, but still important. Now that we have agreed to join with other churches in the Southern Fellowship, I am looking at how my workload in the former SWHG churches can be cut back. IW's congregation has the *Messenger* compiled monthly by Chris Noyce, but ASA has no equivalent. In consultation with the Elders of both churches, I've decided to turn the weekly *Hope Harbinger* into a monthly *Hope Herald*, with a focus on ASA, though IW people are very welcome to keep on taking it. Let me know at September church meeting what you think! *Sarah Hall*

ASA Activity

Did you know there's a church group writing letters for Amnesty International? Each month they meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Focus Room at 7.30pm and spend time writing letters about prisoners of conscience all over the world - people who have been imprisoned not for anything they have done but for their beliefs - to those in authority who may have power to free them. Writing a letter may not feel like much to do - indeed, these days it may feel rather strange, and some of Amnesty's actions take place via email rather than post these days. But it can be a powerful way to remind people in authority that the world outside is holding them to account. Ask Mark Ha to know more.



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Sue's Shot



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I Am Mark

A daring new staging of the Gospel of Mark will be performed by Stefan Smart on Saturday 6 July at St Michael the Archangel Church, Bugle Street. Doors open from 6.30pm, performance starts at 7pm. Tickets available (£10) from WeGotTickets at <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/621417>

Let's End Poverty

This movement, in the same vein as Make Poverty History and the Jubilee Debt Campaign in previous decades, intends to get people – and especially politicians – talking. There is no magic formula to end poverty; rather there needs to be the political will to work towards a society where experiencing poverty is uncommon, where no-one is trapped in poverty and where immediate help is available to avoid or escape falling into poverty to start with. There is no membership fee and it is not affiliated with any political party. See <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/> with ideas for helping everyone to get involved and take action.

Verse of the Month

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth (Psalm 48:10).