

Welcome to St Andrew's Church and the Church of the Resurrection

We hope you find this information pack useful and informative. It provides an overview of what goes on in the parish of Farlington, for newcomers to our churches.

Faith



Fun



Food



Friendship



WHO'S WHO

Our parish staff team is made up of both ordained clergy and lay readers, paid and voluntary. Listed below are their details and also a little about their respective roles in the two churches.

Rector of the Parish of Farlington:

The Revd Paul Gully

Paul, as Rector, has oversight of all matters in the parish and as well as carrying out all of the tasks of a parish priest is responsible for leading and discerning the vision for the parish.

Tel: 023 9237 5145

Email: paul@farlingtonparish.co.uk



Readers:

Mrs Amber Vincent

ambervincent499@gmail.com

Mr Simon Lemieux

simon@farlingtonparish.co.uk



The Readers assist at services, preach and may also conduct non-communion services including funeral services.



Churchwardens:

Anthony Purser is Churchwardens for the whole parish. Anthony has special responsibility for St. Andrew's church.

The post of second churchwarden, with special responsibility for the Church of the Resurrection, remains vacant

Treasurer

Hannah Emerton is our parish treasurer. Hannah is supported by The Finance Committee



FAITH

Worship in the Parish of Farlington

Sunday services:

St. Andrew's church

8 am

11.15 am*

Church of the Resurrection

9.30 am*



There is a toddlers' area in the Church of the Resurrection which parents and carers are welcome to use during the service.

*On the 2nd Sunday of each month, there is a combined Family Service for all ages at 10 am at the Church of the Resurrection instead of the 9.30 am and 11.15 am services. This service is frequently in a Café-Church style.





Principal midweek services: St. Andrews

Wednesday 10 am

Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday 7 pm

Thursday Morning Prayer 9.30 am

Saturday Morning Prayer 9.00 am

Please note that the Church of the Resurrection has wheelchair access.

Although disabled access to St Andrew's is more tricky, we would like to do our best to help. It could be helpful to email or phone the Parish Office a few days in advance if possible, and let us know any access issues and we will do what we can to make things possible.

About our services:

Our style of services could perhaps be best described as 'middle of the road Anglican'. We use modern language orders of service in all our worship and try to combine dignity and reverence within a friendly and open approach. Families with children and babies are always welcome at our services.



There are small differences in the style of worship in the two churches. The average adult congregation at St. Andrew's is around 30.

At the Church of the Resurrection there is usually a robed choir and numbers are around 45 on a typical Sunday.

We serve Fairtrade tea and coffee after the service at both churches, and hope visitors and newcomers are made to feel welcome and we strive to make that happen.

Our midweek services offer the chance for a more reflective style of worship. Why not join us for worship if you haven't done so already!

Housebound

For those unable to come to either church on Sundays, we are always pleased to hear from those who would like communion at home. We have a team of lay assistants who help at communion and also take communion to the housebound.

The clergy and readers are always very happy to visit people at home, whether for communion or just a visit. To arrange a home visit, please contact the parish office, see page 14, or complete the contact form enclosed.

Special Services

We hold an annual 'All Souls Service' in which those bereaved in the preceding year can join in a quiet service of thanksgiving and reflection for their friends and relatives who have died. This takes place on the first Sunday of November at St. Andrew's church.



"If the climate crisis could be solved by swapping tea bags for loose leaf tea, and everyone having one vegetarian meal each week, it wouldn't be a crisis." Greta Thunberg

As stewards of God's creation, we are called upon to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste. The parish has been working with Solent Infant school to collect materials which the school can recycle and raise funds for the school at the same time.

In the meantime, we have produced a leaflet which identifies local recycling points for some items which the local refuse collection service cannot collect. There should be a copy in this Welcome pack. Otherwise, the leaflet is available in each of our churches, it can be downloaded from our website - www.farlingtonparish.co.uk > About Us > Caring For Our Planet - or you can call the parish office for a leaflet to be sent to you.

The parish has achieved Eco-church bronze status and is now working towards the silver award. Miriam Sampson is leading a team of volunteers working towards this objective.



Free fun for all ages.*

Messy Church is designed for families with young children. It is held monthly on the 3rd Saturday from 2 till 4 pm in the Church of the Resurrection.

Families are welcomed with tea or coffee and puzzles are available to amuse the children. After this there are a variety of craft activities linked to the theme of the day, determined by the Bible story chosen each month.

A short celebration follows to bring this together and to share the results of the activities, consisting of storytelling and simple prayers. The afternoon is rounded off with a simple meal and drinks. We aim for a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

For more information, contact Elaine Beeby on hjem.beeby@gmail.com



Music in our churches

Our choir at the Church of the Resurrection welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Why not join? The choir practises on Thursday evenings.



On the second Sunday of each month, our main service is led by a music group featuring many different instruments. If you play guitar, flute, clarinet, recorder, violin, drums, percussion or indeed any other instrument, and would like to join the music group, you would be very welcome.



For more details please contact the organists and musical director via the parish office: office@farlingtonparish.co.uk

St Andrew's

Mr. David Francis

Church of the Resurrection and
music group

Currently vacant

FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP

Care and Fellowship Group

The Care and Fellowship Group is an informal group - no membership is required – which meets in the hall at the Church of the Resurrection on 2nd Wednesday of every month (except August) from 2 pm for a couple of hours

The organisers arrange an interesting programme of speakers, and the meeting will often include an entertaining reading or poem, and sometimes a prayer will be said. The annual programme often includes at least one trip out and one afternoon tea party.

Everyone and anyone is welcome to come along to these meetings, where an admission price of £3 includes tea/ coffee and biscuits and a raffle ticket. For more information contact Mrs Di Allen, via the parish office, see page 13.

Social and Other Events

We try to create opportunities throughout the year for social events that cater for all tastes, as socialising is a key part of Church life.



Some events which have taken place in the past include Barn Dances, Murder Mystery nights, Concerts, Quiz and Games evenings.

The Parish has gained a reputation for staging concerts covering a variety of styles of music, from choral to musicals, brass bands to rock bands.

St. Andrews Church has a church hall right next to the church which is available for hire by individuals or groups.

For further details/booking enquiries, please contact Ann Howells on <https://www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/hall-and-church-use.html>



Only some of the activities are for church organisations, as the hall is very much a facility available for use by the whole community.

The Church of the Resurrection has a good-sized hall and Committee Room at the rear of the church, both of which are available for hire by groups and by individuals.

For enquiries or further details, please contact the Hall Bookings Secretary, Di Allen on <https://www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/hall-and-church-use.html>



The Hall is a facility available for the whole community of Farlington, Drayton and Cosham.

OUR LINKS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

In the Parish of Farlington, we are part of the local community with many links into local activities. Clergy and members of the congregation are closely linked with the local schools and they frequently visit the churches.



Court Lane Junior School

We take services in the residential homes for the elderly.



Alexandra Rose Residential Care Home

We particularly welcome families at special times of the year, such as Christmas, All Souls for remembering the departed, Remembrance Sunday, Easter and Harvest.



BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

As the local parish church we serve the whole community that lives within our parish boundary (check using your postcode on achurchnearyou.com). Many people want to involve the church at key moments in their lives, most especially at the time of a new baby in the family or a marriage. We are happy to support parishioners in these life events. Do contact the Parish Office Tel. 023 9242 1849 or www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/contact-us.html if you want to know more about any of the following;

Christening (sometimes known as Holy Baptism)

Christening (sometimes called Baptism) takes place on the second Sunday of the month at a midday service and we hold the service in one of our two church buildings. Christening is a welcoming of new members in to the Christian faith, often as small children, where their parents and godparents will speak for them and make promises on their behalf. Baptisms are happy occasions where there is a sense of meeting God in an atmosphere of celebration and thanks. There may be several families gathered together, and we can baptise more than one candidate at the Christening service. Our parish has a team who run a preparation evening prior to the service at which initial questions are dealt with and an informal discussion is held.



Elijah and Naomi Hare were baptised in Church of the Resurrection in 2021

Weddings

We like to say 'yes' to couples and you may be married at either St. Andrew's or the Church of the Resurrection, as long as one of the couple lives in the parish or can show what is known as a Qualifying Connection.



Ethan and Natasha were married at St. Andrew's church in 2021

WIDER CHURCH

As a parish, we take seriously our relationship and responsibilities to the wider church, most especially in the Developing World. Below we have listed a few of the ways that corporately we try to look beyond our own parish and nation.

Diocese of Ho

The deanery of Portsmouth, of which the Parish of Farlington is a part, is linked with the diocese of Ho in Ghana. We take this link seriously and have made a number of donations to the diocese arising from fundraising within the parish.



Bishop of Ho celebrates at St Andrew's

Foodbank

In recognising that we are often more fortunate than our neighbours, we collect donations of food for a local Foodbank. If you would like to make a regular or occasional donation there are baskets at the back of both churches.

Hope Into Action

A registered charity whose unique purpose is to enable churches to house the homeless, see www.hopeintoaction.org.uk Our parish representative for Hope Into Action is Miriam Sampson.

Tools With A Mission (TWAM)

This is a UK charity based in Ipswich, Suffolk, with centres across the country, including in Havant. It has a mission to empower people in Africa living in extreme poverty to create their own livelihoods. It does this by sending trade kits full of tools that are used in skills training centres, offering the trainees a way to put poverty in the past for good and begin their own sustainable careers.

The charity has a strong environmental focus, as the work helps to keep around 225 tonnes of tools out of landfills in the UK every year.

You can find out more by visiting <https://www.twam.uk/> Our parish contact for TWAM is Mervyn Doyle.



Our parish representative for Christian Aid is Mrs Di Allen.

Throughout the year, special collections are made for other charities and emergency appeals.

CONTACT US

The churches are at:-

St Andrew's church
Havant Road,
Farlington
Portsmouth
PO6 1AA

Church of the Resurrection
Penrhyn Avenue
Drayton
Portsmouth
PO6 2AP

Postal and other enquiries to:

Farlington Parish Office

Brecon Avenue
Drayton
Portsmouth
PO6 2AW

Tel: 023 9242 1849

Email: office@farlingtonparish.co.uk

You can also call in to see someone in the Parish Office at the Church of the Resurrection on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 10 am and 12.00 noon.

For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any spiritual matters, please contact the Rector.

Rev. Paul Gully, Tel: 023 9237 5145

paul@farlingtonparish.co.uk

For Parish Hall Bookings, please contact the hall bookings secretary.

St Andrews: Ann Howells

<https://www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/hall-and-church-use.html>

Church of the Resurrection: Mrs Di Allen

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If you want to book the church for an event, such as a concert, please contact the following:

Church of the Resurrection: Booking Secretary,

St. Andrew's: Mrs Ann Howells

<https://www.farlingtonparish.co.uk/hall-and-church-use.html>

If you have an enquiry about the graveyard or parish records, please contact the parish clerk by email,

Mrs Amber Vincent ambervincent499@gmail.com

The Parish Website address is www.farlingtonparish.co.uk where you will find the most up to date information. Follow us on **Facebook** at [Farlingtonparishuk](https://www.facebook.com/Farlingtonparishuk)

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LOCAL INFORMATION

SCHOOLS

Court Lane Infant School	023 9237 8890
Hilary Avenue, Cosham PO6 2PP	www.courtlaneinfant.co.uk/
Court Lane Junior School	023 9237 5444
Hilary Avenue, Cosham PO6 2PP	www.courtlanejunior.co.uk/
Solent Infant School	023 9237 1073
Eveleigh Road, Farlington PO6 1DH	https://solentinfant.thesolentschools.org/
Solent Junior School	023 9237 5459
Solent Road, Drayton PO6 1HJ	https://solentjunior.thesolentschools.org/
Springfield School	023 9237 9119
Central Road, Drayton PO6 1QY	https://springfield.uk.net/

DOCTORS SURGERIES

Drayton Surgery	023 9237 0422
280 Havant Road, Drayton PO6 1PA	
Cosham Park House Surgery	023 9200 9191
Cosham Park Avenue PO6 3BG	
The Health House Surgery	023 9238 1118
1 Wootton Street, Cosham PO6 3AP	

LIBRARY

Cosham Library	023 9237 6023
Spur Road, Cosham PO6 3EB	
	https://libraryopeningtimes.co.uk/listing-3870.html

CHURCHES

Cosham Baptist Church	023 9232 4688
48 Havant Road, Cosham PO6 2QZ	www.coshambaptist.org/
Drayton United Church	023 9237 6057
282 Havant Road, Portsmouth PO6 1PA	www.facebook.com/Draytonunitedchurch
Portsmouth Christian Fellowship (meets Sundays 10.30 am)	023 9238 7222
At Drayton Centre 238 Havant Road, Drayton PO6 1PA	www.portsmouthcf.co.uk/
St. Colman's Roman Catholic Church	023 9237 6151
St Colmans Avenue, Cosham, PO6 2JJ	www.stcolmanandstpaul.co.uk/

SERVICES

The Drayton Centre	023 9232 7842
238 Havant Road, Drayton PO6 1PA	
	www.thedraytoncentreportsmouth.co.uk/

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