

**A Building Fit for Purpose?**

It is believed that a church building has stood on the site of St Faith's for at least the last 800 years. Roman ruins were identified under the foundations (during the major rebuilding of the 19th Century). It is therefore likely that our present building is only the latest in a long series of buildings on this site. Historical photographs indicate that even within the last 100 years, many changes have taken place. The sense of 'permanence' which St Faith's exudes is, in fact, a chimera.



From time to time, it is necessary in the life of any church building to pause and look with fresh eyes at what has been inherited by the present community of worshippers and other users. Questions arise during such reflections:

- Is the building 'fit for purpose'? That is, can the building in its present form meet the needs of the community who use it?
- How does the building feel, especially to the first-time visitor? Does it draw them in? Or does it repel them?
- What does the building say about God? Does it inspire worship?

No doubt, the recent improvements to the interior of St Faith's have been warmly welcomed. The new lighting and polished floors have been particularly so. However, we have a mission-driven responsibility to hand on to the next generation a building which is fit for purpose on many levels. In my *personal* view, this includes making it fully accessible (especially for those who can't use steps, or have frequent need of a washroom). It needs to be a welcoming place for people of all ages and abilities (especially for children, whose building this will become as they grow up). It needs to have seating which is comfortable enough

for long periods of sitting (such as during long sermons(!)...but also during concerts. It needs to be a flexible space, such that art exhibitions or creative public worship and performances could take place.

The PCC meets tomorrow. Their main item of business is the launching of a consultation on all these issues. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.



St Faith's - 1904. With chairs & chandeliers!

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**Weekly News and Service Sheet  
For Sunday 13th August**

**faith talk**

An opportunity to meet together and talk about the 'big questions' or current events, introduced and facilitated by one of our Ministry Team. NO singing and NO set words. YOUR voice matters!

Topic: Reflections on the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. From 11.00am until 12.00pm

Facilitator: The Revd Canon Tom Clarke, Rector

Third Saturday of every month. Discussion starts at 11.00am. At St Faith's Church, Havant.

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**Piano Recital** st. faiths havant

Ben Lathbury Saturday 19th August 2017 | 7:00pm

Works by Mozart, Satie, Stravinsky, Rachmaninoff ...and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue



St. Faith's Church West Street Havant PO9 1PE

Entry: £10 (advance) £12 (on the door)

Booking & Information clarekennan@gmail.com 023 9249 2129 The Parish Office, 2 North Street, Havant

st. faiths havant **TOWN FAIR** SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017 10am-2pm

We are in need of donations of the following:  
**Bric-a-brac, bottles (of all sorts), items for the tombola stall, plants, cakes, cakes and more cakes!**  
Any donations can be left at the Parish Office  
If you could help on the day, or would like to run a stall, please see Sandra or Clare.  
Thank you



**RIDE AND STRIDE**  
**Saturday 9 September is the day for Ride and Stride!**  
It's the Town Fair Day too, but please do support the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust.  
Welcomers to St. Faith's are wanted between 10am and 6pm and walkers and cyclists from our congregation are needed to be sponsored to visit local churches; do join in the fun!  
There is a notice in the Church and Hilary Deadman would be pleased to give you further details.

## Forthcoming SERVICES

**SUNDAY 13 August 2017**

**Trinity 9**

**8.00 am 8am COMMUNION**

*President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher.....Dr Mike Fluck*

**9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE**

*President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher .....Dr Mike Fluck  
Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18, Romans 10.5-15,  
Matthew 14.22-33*

**12.00 Baptism.....Canon Tom**

**6.00 pm EVENSONG**

*Led by .....David Morgan*

**THURSDAY 17 AUGUST**

**10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)**

*President and Preacher.....Canon Tom*

**SUNDAY 20 August 2017**

**Trinity 10**

**8.00 am 8am COMMUNION**

*President .....Rev'd Richard Acworth  
Preacher.....David Morgan*

**9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE**

*President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher .....David Morgan  
Readings: Isaiah 56.1,6-8, Romans 11.1-2a,29-32,  
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28*

**6.00 pm TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER**

*Led by .....David Morgan*

**THURSDAY 24 AUGUST**

**10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)**

*President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher.....Vickie Morgan*

## Mind your Valuables!

Regretfully, we have received reports of handbags being stolen from unsuspecting church goers in this area (not yet at St. Faith's). Please keep your valuables safe, just in case.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### The World

Including St John the Divine, Nsawam Ghana  
Rod & Glenda Thomas & Sendai Church, Japan.

#### The Diocese

& Bishop Christopher

#### Our Parish &

#### Deanery

#### Those in Urgent

##### Need:

Margaret Ward  
Audrey Currie  
Colin Wood

##### The Departed:

Sheila Clark  
Bill Frost  
Mo Bridges (a.k.a.Evans)  
Edna Pearson

##### Anniversaries of

##### Departed:

14th Tom Gomersall  
16th Jean Lillycrop

**Church Administrator – All Saints, Denmead. 16 hours per week. £7,488 gross per annum, equivalent to £9 an hour.**

All Saints, Denmead is looking for a gifted and experienced administrator to come and join with them on a part-time, flexible basis to support their ministry and mission, based in their Parish office.

To find out more and see a full job description, please contact Mr Steve Venn (Church Warden) at: [steve.venn@gmail.com](mailto:steve.venn@gmail.com) Application Form also available from Steve Venn.

Closing date for applications: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Interviews by arrangement early/mid-September.



**Open Monday-Friday  
8.45am-4.30pm  
Saturday 8.45am-2.30pm**

## ST FAITH'S CHARITY SHOP

Please keep the donations coming...clothing, toys, books, puzzles, crockery, jewellery, linen, small furniture items...it can all be turned into useful cash for our Parish! If anyone has any spare, would they drop them into the shop? Thank you.



### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training Evening on Thursday 17 August at 7pm. This training is for Stewards, Pastoral Visitors & PCC Members. But we would warmly invite other members of the congregation who would be interested in attending. Please sign the sheet on the Sidesmen's table if you would like to attend.

**The Training will now take place in the  
Pallant House Play Café in the Pallant Centre at 7pm.**

### FUTURE EVENTS..

- Sat 19 August 7pm Piano Recital at St Faith's by concert pianist Ben Lathbury
- Sat 9 September: Ride and Stride 10am-6pm and Town Fair 10am-2pm
- Sat 16 Sept 6pm Ordination of Vickie & David Morgan (Confirmed)
- Sat 23 Sept 7pm Harvest Supper in the Pallant Centre
- Sun 8 October 9.30am Patronal Festival - with a play about St Faith of Aquitaine
- Sat 14 October 7.30pm Food, Folk and Foaming Ale
- Sun 5 Nov 3.30pm String Quartet concert with refreshments, details to follow
- Sat 25 November 7pm Bell Ringers' Dinner in the Pallant Centre

### CONTACT INFORMATION...

...can be found on the Monthly Information Sheet.