

### Jesus in the Park!

Last weekend, in Havant, the churches combined our efforts and funding to put on a free Passion Play. involving folks from all over the area - of faith and not. Over three performances, the play brought to life many of the parables of Jesus, and re-enacted the story of his crucifixion and resurrection. For many, it was quite an arresting experience to see the actor who played Jesus, James Burke-Dunsmore, because he has an uncanny resemblance to the classic (westernised) image of Jesus of Nazareth. (He is shown in this picture with our choir member, John Burch)



Of course, we don't actually know what Jesus looked like. There are no contemporary images of him – not least because in his time, religious laws strictly forbade the making of 'graven images'. The fact that we *don't* know what Jesus looked like has enabled many cultures to create pictures of Jesus which reflect their own local characteristics. So, as you travel across the world, you find images of an African Jesus, Indian Jesus, Russian Jesus and, of course, a 'Jewish Jesus'. These 'non-white' images of Jesus remind us that God is present in all cultures, and for all people. We are all children of the same heavenly parent. Jesus (and the God he embodies) can be found in our churches, but also in shops and play-parks, pubs and country walks. He is found expressed through great art, and between the notes of great music - as many of us discovered at last night's piano recital by Ben Lathbury.

The Gospel of Thomas is a non-canonical text, so must be treated with caution. But in it, Jesus is recorded as saying 'split a wooden stick and I am there; lift a stone and you will find me'. We need to be cautious of saying that 'God IS nature' - for Scripture teaches us that God *created* nature, and is therefore above and beyond it. And yet, I find myself drawn to the idea that he is *also* within it, and may be sought and found everywhere.

Take some time, this week, to seek out and find God's presence in the everyday mundane things of life. Find him in the act of service given to others when you do the family laundry. Find him in the smile of a child on school holidays. Find him in the energy that fires the engine of your new motorbike (cough, cough) if you have one! Whatever you do, seek Him...for he may be found.

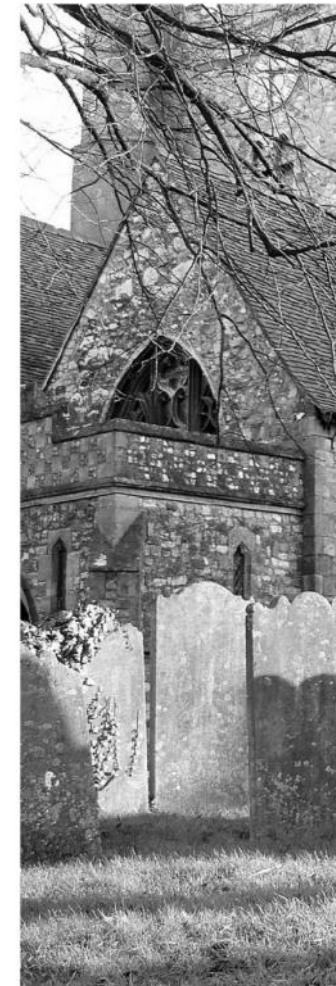
Have a great week!

Canon Tom

### ST FAITH'S TOWN FAIR 9 September 10am-2pm

Local produce stalls,  
Barbeque, Games  
Tearoom in Church,  
Exhibitions,  
Trips up the Tower  
and much more...

Grand Draw  
Buy your tickets  
from the  
Parish Office,  
or from  
Sandra Haggan  
02392455161  
First prize £200



We are in need of donations of the following:  
**Bric- a- brac, Bottles (of all sorts), Tombola, stall items, 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 also the day for Ride and Stride!**  
It's the Town Fair Day too, but please support the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust .

Welcomers to St Faith's are wanted between 10am and 6pm. 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 20 August 2017**

**Trinity 10**

**8.00 am 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**

**10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)**

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

**SUNDAY 27 August 2017**

**Trinity 11**

**8.00 am COMMUNION**

President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher.....Sandra Haggan

**9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE**

President .....Canon Tom  
Preacher .....Sandra Haggan  
Readings: Isaiah 51, 1-6; Romans 12, 1-8;  
Matthew 16, 13-20

**6.00 pm EVENSONG**

Led by .....Vickie Morgan

**THURSDAY 31 AUGUST**

**10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)**

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



**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

**The Departed:**

Mo Evans  
(a.k.a.Bridges)  
Edna Pearson

**Anniversaries of**

**Departed:**

22nd Michael Jones  
24th Brenda  
Compton  
26th Olive Mortley  
27th Henry Cutting

**Job: 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)

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



**Michael Swindlehurst** was a curate in  
the parish in the 1960's. We regret to  
inform you that Michael passed away  
on Monday 7th August. His funeral  
service will take place at St Mary's  
Saffron Walden at noon on Tuesday  
29th August.

**Walk in Memory of Archbishop Romero**

St Joseph's invite you to join them on the 9th  
September for all or part of our pilgrimage walk to St  
John's Cathedral. It will be start from St Thomas  
Emsworth (9.45am) to St Joseph's Havant (10.30am),  
St Thomas' Bedhampton(11.15am)  
and on into Portsmouth.  
Information [www.rchavant.com](http://www.rchavant.com) call Maureen 01243  
377411.

## FUTURE EVENTS..

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 Ballads, Brews and Blues  
**Sat 5 November 3.30pm Concert by Havant Orchestra String Quartet**  
Sat 25 November 7pm Bell Ringers' Dinner in the Pallant Centre

## CONTACT INFORMATION...

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