

## HERE IS THE NEWS...

### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish office will be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings 10am-12noon this week. Tom and Clare are away for a few days.

### BIBLE STUDY GROUP

will conclude looking at the Acts of the Apostles on Wednesday 4 May at 2pm, at 4 Pine Grove PO9 2RW. More details from Alan Hakim (023-92 471681).

### SATURDAYS IN JUNE

**SATURDAY 3 JUNE**  
COFFEE MORNING 10am-12Noon  
**SATURDAY 10 JUNE**  
CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PARTY  
10am-12Noon  
**SATURDAY 17 JUNE**  
10am CAFÉ CHUCH

### CONTACT INFORMATION...

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

## The last word...from Canon Tom

### Variety is the Spice of Life

Last night, our gallant troop of performers set the church hall stage alight with their Variety Show. Whilst I'm writing this before the performance, I have no doubt it will have been a roaring success.

There is a huge amount of variety around us. As the General Election approaches, we are all conscious of the huge variety of political ideas out there. There's huge variety in the blossoming spring-time hedgerows, too. There's variety in the many beautiful faces of humanity - and animal kind too. Further afield, the whole Universe is alive with the sheer wonderful complexity that modern physics and astronomy are revealing to us.

At yet, for so many of us, life seems to lack that sense of variety. Many people drift from day to day, with each day much the same as the last. Wake up, go to work, slump in front of the TV, go to bed...then do it all again tomorrow. How is that we human beings, who are surrounded by so much variety, have managed to carve out such dull, monotonous lives for ourselves?

According to the great Creation Myth of Genesis, when God created the Garden of Eden, he put the first man to work in it 'to take care of it'. The Man was given a task to do...the task of a gardener, a carer, a *worker*. He was given purposeful, meaningful activity with which to fill his time, in a garden of delights. But the Man (and the Woman) rejected God's plan. They preferred to do things their own way - and set out on a path which led to where humanity finds itself today...a world in which 'work-slaves' lead monotonous, variety-starved lives in the service of a few uber-wealthy individuals.

Only a return to God's Plan - his Kingdom - will enable human beings to be freed up to live purposeful lives, in which variety can once again be the spice of life.

Canon Tom

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## Weekly News and Service Sheet For Sunday 21 May Easter 6

### VARITETY SHOW

A huge thank you to Colin, Fiona and the team for a great evening of entertainment last night. (even the jokes at the expense of the Rector)

We will let you know the final total raised in due course.  
Here's to the next one!!!

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**TOWN FAIR**  
SATURDAY  
9 SEPTEMBER  
2017  
10am-2pm

With stalls of local produce,  
Barbeque  
Refreshments/tea room  
Tombola and other stalls  
Exhibitions

We need helpers to run stalls  
Donations of cakes/scones for a cake stall and refreshments  
If you are able to help on the day or make cakes or run a stall please see Sandra, Clare or Vickie



THE BIG  
BUILD  
CAMPAIGN

### Saints Alive!



"Saints Alive! By Roger Jones (1981)

It is proposed to perform the above Pentecost Musical on  
4<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Pentecost or Whit Sunday,  
at St. George's, Waterlooville at 3.00pm. &  
St. Faith's Church, West Street, Havant at 6.00 pm.

### FORMING A HAVANT KAIROS GROUP

"seeking peace with justice for all  
in the Holy Land"

Wednesday 31 May

2.30 – 4.30 pm

Havant United Reformed Church Meeting Place,  
Corner of Elm Lane and North Street, Havant PO9 1PP

Introduction: *Angus Geddes*

A Kairos Group in Reading: *Lindsey Sharpe*  
Forming a Havant Kairos Group: Discussion

Angus Geddes (Tel: 023 9248 6064)

## Forthcoming SERVICES

**SUNDAY 21 May 2017**  
**Easter 6**

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

*President and Preacher.....Rev'd Richard Acworth*

**9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE**

*President and Preacher.....Canon Tom  
Preacher.....Vickie Morgan  
Readings: Acts 17.22-31, 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21*

**6.00 pm TAIZE EVENING PRAYER**

*Leader and Preacher..... Sandra Haggan*

**THURSDAY 25 MAY**

**10.30am Morning Prayer (Said Matins)**

*Leader & Preacher.....David Morgan*

**SUNDAY 28 May 2017**  
**Easter 7**

**8.00 am Morning Prayer (Said Matins)**

*President and Preacher.....*

**9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE**

*President and Preacher.....Rev'd Dawn Banting  
Readings: Acts 1.6-14; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11*

**6.00 pm EVENSONG**

*President: ..... Sandra Haggan  
Preacher: .....Dr Mike Fluck*

**THURSDAY 1 JUNE**

**10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)**

*President .....Canon Tom  
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  
Audrey Currie  
David Elsey

**The Departed:**

Peggy Campbell  
Maurice Sellick  
Gwen Lumsden  
Sheila Clark

**Anniversaries of  
Departing:**

23rd Lorna Lilnk  
24th Hilda Mortley  
27th Joyce Harvey

**HAVANT CONSTITUENCY  
GENERAL ELECTION  
HUSTINGS**

On Wednesday 31 May at 7.30pm  
In the main hall at Warblington  
School

An opportunity to meet the  
Candidates, quiz them on their  
policies and test them on their

**GARDEN PARTY**

Rosemary Thomas would be grateful for  
donation of plants and cakes for her  
garden party on 17 June.

Please see Rosemary if you are able to  
help with refreshments on the day.



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

**Paint a Pot parties**

Thursday 1 June 10am-3pm  
Adults on Friday 16th June 7pm-9pm  
Reserve your place with  
a £5 deposit.

Please pop into the café if you would  
like a place.  
or email

[pallanthouseplaycafe.co.uk](http://pallanthouseplaycafe.co.uk)  
Visit [www.paintapotparty.co.uk](http://www.paintapotparty.co.uk)  
to find out more

## FUTURE DIARY DATES

Sun 4 June	3pm	Saints Alive at St George's Waterlooville
	6pm	Saints Alive by Roger Jones at St Faith's
Sun 11 June:		Praise & Puddings at St Faith's— <b><u>Please see Clare or Vickie if you are able to bring a pudding.</u></b>
Sat 17 June:		Garden Party at 4a Langstone Avenue, PO9 1RU
Sun 18 June:		Songs of Praise at St Nicholas
Sun 2 July		Strawberry Tea at the Rectory followed by Evening Prayer
<b>Sat 19th August</b>		<b><u>Piano Recital at St Faith's by concert pianist Ben Lathbury</u></b>
Sat 9 September:		Ride and Stride with Town Fair
Sat 14 October:		Food, Folk and Foaming Ale

## 2018 FLOWER FESTIVAL

We are proposing to hold a Flower Festival the weekend of **29, 30 June and 1 July 2018**. If you would be interested in doing a display, or helping out over the weekend there will be a meeting at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 2 September 2017. The theme for the Festival will be 'Song Book'. Please put the date of the Flower Festival in your diary.