

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! The shop is also in need of coat hangers. If anyone has any spare, could they drop them into the shop? Thank you.



The last Word...from Canon Tom - **What is an 'Anglican'?**

The Church of England is the 'mother church' of a community of approximately 70 million 'Anglicans' worldwide. (The word 'Anglican' relates to the root-word of 'the English' (either 'Anglish' or the 'Angles' - an early British tribe). The Church of England is led by a 'General Synod' - a sort of church parliament, made up of 'houses'. There are houses for the Laity, Clergy and Bishops.

In recent years (or even decades), the General Synod has been somewhat focused on matters of human sexuality. The debates got fully underway in the 1990s, with the ordination of women. More recently, the Synod agreed that women could also be bishops. Most recently (this month), the Synod passed a motion that transgender people should be loved and cherished within the church, and another motion condemning the practice of 'conversion therapy' for gay people. The Scottish Episcopal Church (also 'Anglican') recently agreed that the sacrament of marriage could be offered to gay couples.

These changes, among others, have the effect of putting 'clear blue water' between the Anglican church and other historic churches, especially the Roman Catholic, Evangelical & Orthodox churches - which maintain much more 'traditional' attitudes towards the role of women, and towards many other matters of human sexuality. They also create a divide between people *within* the Anglican church who hold differing views on such matters.

But the genius of Anglicanism is that, throughout its history, it has sought to find a middle way (a 'Via Media', in Latin). Anglicanism is a way of seeking to be faithful to Scripture, Tradition *and* the Spirit, while acknowledging that all our thinking about God is provisional. None of us can truly know God's mind on many topics. We are a Church on a journey of faith, acknowledging always that people on a journey move at different speeds, and sometimes on different paths. We manage to hold our beliefs in a kind of tension...allowing space for difference, and even embracing it. We are Catholic, yet Reformed. We are Traditional, yet Modern. We are Evangelical, yet Liberal. Some might unkindly call us 'confused'! But I am proud to be part of a church which deliberately allows such space for individual thought and difference - a church which doesn't claim to have discovered and preserved all truth about God and humanity. I hope you are too!

Canon Tom

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5 August 2017
10am-12noon

**CLEANING AND
MAINTENANCE
MORNING**

Saturday 12 August
10am-12noon

CAFÉ CHURCH

Saturday 19 August
10.30am for coffee
Discussion at 11am
Led by Vickie Morgan



Piano Recital

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
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The Parish Office,
2 North Street, Havant



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

Can you help?

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



Forthcoming SERVICES

SUNDAY 30 July 2017

Trinity 7

8.00 am 8am COMMUNION

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

*Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12, Romans 8.26-39,
Matthew 13.31-33,44-5*

6.00 pm EVENSONG

Led byDr Mike Fluck

PreacherSandra Haggan

THURSDAY 3 AUGUST

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)

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

SUNDAY 5 August 2017

Trinity 7

8.00 am 8am COMMUNION AT ST NICHOLAS LANGSTONE

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

9.30 am PARISH COMMUNION SERVICE

(with prayer ministry during Communion)

President and Preacher.....Canon Tom

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21

6.00 pm EVENSONG

Led byDr Mike Fluck

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

10.30am HOLY COMMUNION (TRADITIONAL)

President and Preacher.....Bishop John Hind



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World

Including St John
the Divine, Nsawam
Ghana

Rod & Glenda
Thomas & Sendai
Church Japan.

The Diocese

& Bishop
Christopher

Prayer Ministry

Today

Sybel Laird
Peter Allman

**Our Parish &
Deanery**

Those in Urgent

Need:

Margaret Ward
Audrey Currie
Sheila Warlow
Colin Wood

The Departed:

Sheila Clark
Bill Frost

Anniversaries of

Departed:

1st Angela
Bartholomew, Olive
Edwrds, Walter
Arnold
2nd Marion
Simmonds

BEACON FOOD BANK

JOB OPPORTUNITY

(Co-ordinator Wednesday Mornings)

This role is job shared and the role is for 2.5 hours each Wednesday morning. Annual leave will be 5.6 weeks per year pro rata (including public holidays). An application form and detailed job description can be obtained from Ruth Scott at The Beacon and must be completed and returned by Monday July 31st 2017.

Tel; 07718 424618

Email: foodbank@portsdowncc.org.uk

OTHER NEWS..

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2018

Please note that there will not be a meeting about the Flower Festival at the coffee morning on Saturday 2 September. A date will be made for a meeting in October.

Watch this space for further information.....

MONTHLY INFORMATION SHEET

The August issue is out today, please take a copy.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are going to run a Safeguarding Training Evening on Thursday 17 August at 7pm in church. 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 Sidesman table if you would like to attend.



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

HAVANT PASSION PLAY JESUS IN THE PARK

Saturday 12 August 12noon and
3pm

Sunday 13 August 3pm

in Havant Park: Free Admission.
Please bring a blanket or chair to
sit on during the performance.

Refreshments will be on sale
before and after the
performances.

RECIPE BOOK

A high quality Recipe Book full of
recipes from the Cast and Friends
of HPP, priced at £10.00. If you
would like to see a Recipe Book,
or purchase one, please see John
Burch any Sunday after the 9.30
Service.

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

Town Fair 10am-2pm

Sat 16 Sept 6pm **Likely date for the Ordination of Vickie & David Morgan**

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

Sat 25 November 7pm **Bell Ringers Dinner in the Pallant Centre**

CONTACT INFORMATION...

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

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