

MONTHLY INFORMATION

St. Faith's Church, Havant with St. Nicholas Chapel, Langstone

JANUARY 2020

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What's On?



Thursdays at Two (TAT)	2pm	Thursday 2nd in Church
Coffee Morning	10am-noon	Saturday 4th in Church
Cleaning & Maintenance	10am	Saturday 11th in Church
Faith Talk	11am	Saturday 18th in Church
Thursdays at Two (TAT)	2pm	Thursday 30th in Hall

SUNDAY SERVICES

5th EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.00pm God in Art



19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer

12th BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am Communion
9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.00pm Evensong

26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.00pm Choral Evensong

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thursdays 10.30am Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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A clerical collar, dog collar or Roman collar is seen as a recognisable sign that the wearer is an ordained priest. The first known person to have worn the collar was the *Rev. Dr. Donald McLeod*, a Church of Scotland minister, in the 1840s. About this time, the Anglican clergy too developed a sense of separation between themselves and the secular world. For some decades priests had worn a black dress/cassock or shirt and a white necktie. However, by 1880, this was translated to becoming a clerical collar. Nowadays the collar is accepted and used by the majority of branches of the Christian religion. Different colour shirts are often worn. High church traditionalists still wear black shirts, bishops use purple, white is seen in tropical countries and is worn by the Pope. Clergy in country parishes often wear brown signifying the soil (ask *Richard Acworth* about this). Blue can also be seen. Many evangelical ministers do not wear the formal collar. One interpretation is that it is seen as marking being a 'slave' to Christ. Sadly, as recently as 2007, the National Church Watch advised ordained ministers not to wear their collars when off duty in order to prevent 'abuse in the street'. On the other hand, others feel that it is important to show God's presence in the world in a visible way regardless of any possible negative response.



Introducing children to church is recognised as very important by **the Young Person and Families Team** of St Faith's which is chaired by *Colin Hedley*. St Faith's and St Nicholas are just one part of the Christian churches in the area that recognise, meet and complement the needs of children in a variety of ways. The group at St Faith's recognise that the success of projects devised would not necessarily mean an increase in young people attending services but that seeds would be sown which could come to fruition later in life. Two projects have already been established. 'Little Seeds' meets on Friday mornings at the Pallant Centre. This caters for toddlers and their carers. At present around ten families are regular attenders and 'word of mouth' is spreading its publicity. 85 year-3 from



Bosmere Junior School have attended an Advent Experience in the Church learning about the 'journey to Christmas' and beyond. A repeat of this for a wider audience was held on a Saturday morning at the beginning of December. An Easter Experience is planned to follow the same pattern in 2020. Another proposal is to provide 'Explorer Bags' for primary aged children that can be used as a guide when visiting the Church. The Team are excited by the positive feedback it has received and prayerfully look to the future with great hope for further success.

Prayer Ministry. Prayer Ministry, or Laying on of Hands, is offered twice a month and is accompanied by prayer. We are seeking God's mercy and grace for healing – and being willing to accept in faith whatever answer we receive as a result of that prayer. It is not about



having a bad leg and asking to have the leg made better, that may happen, but it is more about being made whole in Christ, so we may be changed/challenged/transformed. A quote from *Healing and Evangelism* by *Russ Parker* and *Roy Lawrence* says '*Christian Healing is an encounter with the living Christ, not a mulling over of ailments*'. It is an opportunity to offer up our brokenness; our need for healing. It could be in our relationships with each other or with God. Laying on of Hands is not a secret club - all are welcome to come to receive this ministry and you do not have to have anything specific to come for; you do not have to say anything; or you could ask for prayer for someone else. You can stand or kneel which ever feels right for you; say your name and whoever is ministering will lay hands on you; probably on your head or your shoulder, and then pray. Some people pray silently, some say a fairly simple prayer; some wait for the Holy Spirit and then pray as led. The initiative is always with the Holy Spirit through those who are ministering that all who come will be touched by the love of God. There is something really powerful about having someone giving you their whole attention, praying for you or whoever you have asked prayer for. If you have a particular problem or anxiety that you want to talk about we offer accompanied prayer after the service on the same Sunday. Members of the prayer ministry team wear badges so that you know who they are. With accompanied prayer there is more time to talk about the need and a chance to pray together, or to be prayed for. These ministries are all based in prayer. The Prayer Ministry team is *Peter Allman, David Elsey, Paula Elsey, Mike Fluck, Sandra Haggan, and Sybel Laird.*

The Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust is part of a nationwide charity. In Hampshire this nondenominational charity raises funds



towards the upkeep of some 900 church buildings in its area. These date from the ninth to the twentieth centuries. Last year St Faith's benefitted with an award towards the restoration of the St Faith Patronal Banner. The major fundraising day for the Trust is the second Saturday in September when 'Ride and Stride' happens. People from very many churches are sponsored to visit as many churches as possible in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Five members from St Faith's took part in 2019, walking, cycling and on motor bikes and raised (after gift aid) around £700. Congratulations!

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