

# MONTHLY INFORMATION

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

## MAY 2020

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## What's On?



## SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICES

All events and services are suspended until further notice.

However, the 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION on Sundays and the 10.30am Communion (Book of Common Prayer) service on Thursdays will be streamed via our Facebook page from the Rectory

<https://www.facebook.com/stfaithschurchhavant/>

See also <http://stfaith.com/livestreamed-services/>

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**Ascension Day** is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 AD. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. You will find the Biblical accounts of the Ascension in Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:6-11. Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. In 2020, it is Thursday 21st May.



**Pentecost - Sunday 31st May 2020.** The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Present were about one hundred and twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15), including the Twelve Apostles (i.e. the Eleven faithful disciples and Matthias who was Judas' replacement) (Acts 1:13, 26), his mother Mary, various other women disciples and his brothers (Acts 1:14). Their reception of Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room is recounted in Acts 2:1–6. While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfilment of the prophecy ("*I will pour out my spirit*"). In Acts 2:17, it reads: "*And in the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh; your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.'*" He also mentions (2:15) that it was the third hour of the day (about 9:00 AM). Acts 2:41 then reports: "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*" Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike.



**Churchill's Victory Speech.** The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, spoke to the nation on the radio on 8 May 1945 announcing the end of the war in Europe after six years of bitter conflict that had claimed millions of lives and demanded massive sacrifices from every family, the Second World War in Europe was finally over.



*"God bless you all. This is your victory! It is the victory of the cause of freedom in every land. In all our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this.*

*Everyone, man or woman, has done their best. Everyone has tried. Neither the long years, nor the dangers, nor the fierce attacks of the enemy, have in any way weakened the independent resolve of the British nation. God bless you all.."*

**Mary Moore.** During the twenty years that **Mary Moore** has lived in Havant, she has become involved with many activities in St Faith's and elsewhere. Her home for the previous sixteen years had been in Grantham but the time came when she and her husband Michael wanted to live nearer to her daughter, son in law and granddaughters here in Havant. Originally from the East Riding of Yorkshire, she was one of a family of four children, the only girl with three brothers. She



went into teaching, specialising in special needs education. With her husband, Michael away in the Merchant Navy there were times when she found herself alone for a long time with her young daughter. However, she had a number of opportunities to travel with Michael and has been around the World and down to South America. She is particularly interested in archaeology and as a member of the East Riding Archaeological Society helped in the excavation of the Jorvik Viking site in York. Here in Havant she is a member of the Havant History Society. She has belonged to the Emsworth Women's Institute and belongs to the Emsworth branch of the U3A and until recently she joint chaired the Chichester branch of the Save the Children Fund. Here at St Faith's she is a member of the PCC and the Diocesan Synod. She helps with the Little Seeds Group and coffee mornings and is a member of the Walsingham cell and a thoughtful member of the group looking at the needs of the younger people in the life of the church.

The **Dewhurst Garden** is enjoyed by many visitors who seek a quiet sunny place away from the busy street. This small space at the south of the church commemorates three former residents of Havant who loved the town and who gave their lives to serving it. *Dr. Dewhurst* served as a GP for many years and was loved by his patients for the care which he gave them. He was known for his tireless service during the



years of the Second World War when day time surgeries came after night time on call at the First Aid post in the St Faith's Hall (Pallant Centre). *Mrs Dewhurst* also helped there and was a great support in setting up the '*Old People's Welfare Committee*' (later Age Concern and now Age UK). *Betty Marshall* lived in the area all her life. During World War II she worked as a draughtswoman for Airspeed in Portsmouth (one of the first of the women to be employed as one). There she helped in the drawing up of the plans for the Horsa Gliders. These were used to land troops early on D-Day morning to protect the Pegasus Bridge over the Caen Shipping Canal. *Betty* was a very knowledgeable person on the history of the Havant area and gave many talks on this and she was assiduous in her scrutiny of local planning applications. Her careful objections were always taken seriously.

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