

# MONTHLY INFORMATION

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

## JUNE 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/>

A Said Evensong will be held at 6pm Sundays via Zoom. The link is:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73577393658?  
pwd=cW90TW9OREVSNVVMK3pqeW50MitTQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73577393658?pwd=cW90TW9OREVSNVVMK3pqeW50MitTQT09)

Meeting ID: 735 7739 3658

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***John The Baptist – 24 June.*** Christians have long interpreted the life of John the



Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself, both set in prominent parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. The sole biblical account of the birth of John the

Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke. John's parents, Zechariah or *Zachary* — a Jewish priest — and Elizabeth, were without children and both were beyond the age of child-bearing. During Zechariah's rotation to serve in the Temple in Jerusalem, he was chosen by a lot to offer incense at the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and announced that he and his wife would give birth to a child, and that they should name him John, a name which was unfamiliar in Zechariah and Elizabeth's families. Acts 4:6 refers to a "*John*" (or "*Jonathan*", a name combining "*John*" with "*Nathan*" such that the "*n*" at the end of "*John*" is also used as the first "*n*" in "*Nathan*") among the high priests who challenged the apostles' preaching after Pentecost, so the name was not unknown within the wider priestly family. However, because Zechariah did not believe the message of Gabriel, he was rendered speechless until the time of John's birth. At that time, his relatives wanted to name the child after his father, and Zechariah wrote, "*His name is John*", whereupon he recovered his ability to speak (Luke 1:5–25; 1:57–66). Following Zechariah's obedience to the command of God, he was given the gift of prophecy, and foretold the future ministry of Jesus this prophecy forming the text of the Benedictus canticle. At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she would conceive of the Holy Ghost, he also informed her that Elizabeth, her cousin, was already six months pregnant (Luke 1:36). Mary then journeyed to visit Elizabeth. Luke's Gospel recounts that the baby "*leapt*" in Elizabeth's womb at the greeting of Mary (Luke 1:44). The Nativity of John the Baptist on 24 June comes three months after the celebration on 25 March of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy, and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. The purpose of these festivals is not to celebrate the exact dates of these events, but simply to commemorate them in an interlinking way. The Nativity of John the Baptist anticipates the feast of Christmas.

***Monthly Information Anniversary.*** This issue marks the 7th anniversary of the Monthly Information which started in June 2013 by *Hilary Deadman, Geoff Porter and Colin Carter*—and continues despite the current situation. See our website at <http://stfaith.com/monthly-information/> . Any comments/suggestions are always welcomed.

**Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)** also known as **Richard de Wych**, is



a saint (canonized 1262) who was Bishop of Chichester. In Chichester Cathedral a shrine dedicated to Richard had become a richly decorated centre of pilgrimage. In 1538, during the reign of Henry VIII, the shrine was plundered and destroyed by order of Thomas Cromwell. Richard of Chichester is the patron saint of Sussex in southern England; since 2007, his translated saint's day of **16 June** has been celebrated

as Sussex Day. Richard is widely remembered today for the popular prayer ascribed to him:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ  
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,  
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know Thee more clearly,  
Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly.*

**HMS HAVANT.** This year marks the 80th anniversary of the loss of HMS HAVANT on



1 June at Dunkirk.— there is a memorial window on the North side in St. Faith's Church. HMS HAVANT left Greenock on 27 May 1940 and arrived at Dover on 29 May. She was immediately despatched to Dunkirk where she evacuated 500 French troops off the beaches at Braye-Dunes. Before returning, she

attempted to tow HMS BIDEFORD, whose stern had been blown off, but the tow parted. HMS HAVANT arrived back at Dover at 0400 on 30 May. She sailed from Sheerness the following morning and picked up troops from Braye-Dunes before entering Dunkirk Harbour for more, finally arriving back at Dover with 932 troops on board. After a quick turn round, HMS HAVANT returned to Dunkirk and picked up 1,000 troops, arriving back at Dover at 0230 on 1 June. By 0730 she was again alongside the jetty at Dunkirk where she embarked 500 troops. As she left the harbour at 0800, a heavy air attack started and HMS IVANHOE was hit amidships. HMS HAVANT came alongside and helped take off all the troops and wounded. Moving down the channel, she was hit by two bombs and passed over a third as it exploded. She transferred all her troops to the minesweeper HMS SALTASH. Despite attempts to tow her, HMS HAVANT finally sank at 1015 on 1 June 1940 with the loss of one officer and five ratings. From a ship's company of 145, a further 25 were wounded and a similar number of soldiers were killed or wounded. On 1<sup>st</sup> June each year, the Royal British Legion held a memorial service to honour those who served in her until the year 2010 when the last one was held on the 70th anniversary of the evacuation of Dunkirk. See our website at <http://stfaith.com/hms-havant/>

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