

MONTHLY INFORMATION

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

DECEMBER 2019

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What's On?



Coffee Morning	10am-noon	Saturday 7th in Church
Advent Experience	9am-3.50pm	Saturday 14th in Church
The Solent Male Voice Choir	7.30pm	Tuesday 17th in Hall (page 2)
Dementia-Friendly Carols	3pm	Wednesday 18th in Church
Faith Talk	11am	Saturday 21st in Church
Thursdays at Two (TAT)	2pm	Thurs. 2nd JANUARY in Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES



1st FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00am Communion at St Nicholas Chapel 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION 6.00pm God in Art	22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00am Communion 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION 6.00pm Community Carol Service with Havant Rotary
8th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00am Communion 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION 6.00pm Evensong	29th FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 8.00am Communion 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION 6.00pm Evensong
15th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00am Communion 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION 4.00pm Service of Memories 6.00pm Taizé Evening Prayer	MIDWEEK SERVICES Thursdays 10.30am Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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Christmas & New Year's Eve Services

Monday 23rd

6.00pm Carols at St Nicholas Chapel

Tuesday 24th—Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Young Families Christmas Service

6.00pm Lessons and Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th—Christmas Day

8.00am Christmas Communion at St. Nicholas Chapel, Langstone

9.30am Christmas Family Communion

Tuesday 31st—New Year's Eve

11.30pm Watchnight Service (with incense)



The Solent Male Voice Choir. 'See a Star' Tuesday 17th at 7.30pm in the Hall



Come and celebrate Christmas with The Solent Male Voice Choir, directed by *Geoff Porter* and accompanied by *Huw Thomas*. *Michael Compton* will be accompanying the choir on his oboe in two pieces, *Music Speaks* and *Love Came Down at Christmas* and also performing two solos on his cor anglais.

The choir will sing *There is Faint Music*, *Together We Can Work Miracles*, *Thank you for the Music (ABBA)*, *Ding Dong*, *I See a Star*, *Bottles(!)* and *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers* – watch out for the kazoos! - and other seasonal

pieces, including two audience participation carols.

There will be refreshments to follow, including mince pies, mulled wine and soft drinks. Tickets are £8.00 on the door, to include the refreshments and there will be a raffle. The Hall will be nice and warm, accessible to all and, although the concert only lasts about one hour and a quarter, you might like to bring a cushion!

New Finance Manager.



Ani Moore has taken over from *Mel Smith*, who has retired, as Finance Manager. Ani has a 15 year background of management accounts and finance within the NHS in Somerset and Portsmouth. She lives in Bognor Regis, has family living in Emsworth and regularly volunteers at The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre and her local primary school. When not working, her life is managed by the whims of her cat!

Christmas Crib. The Christmas Crib is a welcome sight in St Faith's church during the Christmas season. The custom of having a crib in church goes back to 1223 when St Francis decided to celebrate the Christmas Feast in a different way. He had been saddened by the fact that the Holy Season had become a time of parties and present giving, forgetting the religious significance of that



time. He wanted people to reflect on the impoverished surroundings in which Christ had been born. A nativity scene was set up with a stable and live animals in the town of Greccio. St Faith's does not include real animals in the crib here in church but the models aim to give some idea of what happened at the first Christmas. The present figures were purchased by the *Rev David Morgan* three years ago and the stable itself was built by a member of St Faith's congregation. The Christ Child is placed in the manger on Christmas Eve and the Wise Men – the Magi – can be seen around the church making their way to find the Babe. They will arrive at the stable at Epiphany.

Vestments and Altar Frontal. St Faith's vestments and altar frontal glow after the sombre purple of Advent. The *agnus dei* – the lamb of God – stands out on the centre of the altar frontal, its fleece made of wool fabric edged with black embroidery. The three panels of the fabric show flowers and pineapples and the 'orphreys' –(the decorative panels) are of red and gold braid. How many of us really study the workmanship which has gone into creating these beautiful things? The chasuble (the cape) worn by the Rector, is of cream damask. Look for the flowers and mythical beasts embroidered on it and the rich colours which are used to make the garment very special.



Liturgical Colours. Four different colours are used at St. Faith's throughout the year for the altar frontals, stoles and other vestments worn by the clergy.

Gold or White is the colour of celebration and is used for Christmas, Easter and other festivals.

Red symbolises the blood of the martyrs and the fire of the Holy Spirit and is therefore used during Holy Week (except at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday) and at Pentecost.

Purple is the colour for the seasons of penitence, so is displayed in Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday.

Green is used for other periods known as Ordinary Time, the longest of which is from the day after Pentecost until the eve of All Saints' Day.

These changes establish a rhythm for the passing of the church year and embody an important symbolic message.

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