

SERVICES

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9.30 am Parish Eucharist with Children's Sunday Club.
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6.30 pm Evensong

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From the Rector

As I write I am preparing to travel to America in order to explore a link with the Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan beach, Los Angeles. The idea was set up through Paul Levine who regularly visits Havant as an employee of Zyratex and worships at St Faith's when here. I shall be with him and his family for a week, shall be at his Church for Reformation Sunday – a major festival for them – and have the chance to see some of their church functions. They have a terrific musical tradition, with mid-week rehearsals for choirs of different age groups, which I shall also see. Their Pastor, The Revd Lynn Bauer, who I hope will visit us here in Havant next year, will introduce me to the way their church operates and is taking me on a course that she is leading related to bereavement.

I am sure it will be a full and interesting week. The challenge in my mind will be – what can I take from here that is useful at home, either now or in the future? I am currently putting together a first draft of "Havant – a vision" for the evening (now on 5th December) when you are invited to hear my ideas for the church over the next 5 years and offer your opinions. Filtering ideas through the sieve of 'relevance' (i.e. what might be a good idea elsewhere isn't necessarily right for us) is not a precise art – it requires judgement and consensus. That is why we need to meet to discuss the way ahead. Please, then, put the 5th December at 8pm in your diary to come to the rectory (5 Meadowlands) and be part of the future for Havant, which includes the churches of St Faith's, St. Nicholas and Christ Church.

This month also sees Remembrance and we shall continue with the time-honoured traditions including the 'Garden of Remembrance' (blessed on the 31st October by The Revd Keith Uphill) at 11:00 following the regular Thursday morning Communion. On Remembrance Sunday there will be the usual service at 10:50 at the War memorial to commemorate the sacrifice of those who gave themselves in wars past, followed by the service in church. This year the Revd Canon David Isaac, the Director of Education for the Portsmouth Diocese, will preach for us. This year there has been a great deal of effort to establish a service that all will be able to appreciate and find constructive. I hope it proves to be successful.

As a backdrop to all of these activities we have witnessed further terrorist activities, particularly the murder of innocent people at the night clubs in Bali last month. Our world order and society is under threat, and to some degree it needs to be challenged, but not like this. Many people are mourning the tragic loss of loved ones while on holiday in a most beautiful country, which itself has stood out as a symbol of tolerance while its Indonesian neighbour has become more extreme. Our thoughts are with those who are bereaved, as they are with those whose sense of peace are disturbed by these terrible events. Christ's peace is one "the world cannot give", but how we long for it. O Lord, give us the courage to face the troubles of today and fill our hearts with your peace.

Fr. David

About The Parish

Like many of my generation, my favourite television programme is still Dad's Army. We have always had the ability as a nation to laugh at ourselves and even during the war a great deal of amusement was created by the notion of grandfathers and the like getting together to repel the

German war machine with antiquated and homemade weapons.

I can remember in 1944, the year the Home Guard was disbanded, being in Southsea at Esplanade House School, affectionately known as Chivers College after its founder, and hearing a schoolmaster, Mr E Ashton-Caine, a veteran of the First World War, extolling the fighting qualities of the Home Guard, in which he was serving as a Captain. This caused hails of laughter from us boys which made him very angry. He shouted, "The Eighth Home are the Home Guard of the next war, try laughing at them!"

Just after 9 O'clock one May evening in 1940, the then Foreign Secretary , Sir Anthony Eden, broadcast to the nation saying that countless inquiries had been made from all over the country from men of all ages who for one reason or another were not at present engaged in military service and wished to do something for the defence of their country. He went on, "Now is your opportunity. We want large numbers of such men in Great Britain, who are British subjects, between the ages of seventeen and sixth-five to come forward now to offer their services. When on duty, you will form part of the Armed Forces. You will not be paid but you will receive uniforms and you will be armed."

Astonishingly, within 24 hours of the broadcast, 250,000 men had registered at police stations for the LDV (Local Defence Volunteers). Winston Churchill who had first mooted the idea of calling for volunteers, did not like the title LDV. "No, he declared, I have a better name in mind for the LDV - the Home Guard!" By the end of May, the number of volunteers had risen to almost 400,000 and by the end of June, incredibly, the number was over 1,400,000.

So what has this to do with the Parish? I know very little about the Home Guard in Havant. I know that Father Brown found a cache of wooden Home Guard rifles, used for drill, which he sold at £1 each to raise money for Christ Church Centre. I read that the local Commanding Officer was Lt Colonel Fowlie of 16th Battalion Hampshire Regiment, with Major Mabee commanding H Company locally with Platoon Commander Lieutenant John Loat. I understand that the Home Guard stood down on Sunday, 3 December 1944 with a ceremony on the Havant Recreation Ground. If anyone can tell us more, please let our Editors Jan and Colin have your recollections for "Faith Matters".

Finally, when I started at Esplanade House School in 1943, there was another boy there who you know very well, although the two of us do not remember meeting. He left in 1946 to join the Royal Air Force and I left in 1950 when I entered the Admiralty. He has done much for St Faith's Church, serving as Secretary to the Fabric Committee for many years, and, as you will see from Page 1, being responsible for advertising and the distribution of "Faith Matters". He and his wife Shirley are very loyal members of this church. He is, of course, Peter Appleby.

Roger Bryant

Monty - The Pompey Connection" Part 2

We left our account last month with Monty off to Palestine. He returned to Portsmouth in April 1944 in preparation for D Day. In his absence his furniture and virtually all his possessions, stored in a depository in the City, were destroyed in an air raid in January 1941. His Headquarters was at Southwick and he was quartered in Broomfield House. He remained there for two months, receiving in this short period many distinguished guests including King George VI and Winston Churchill.

As the war in Europe drew to a close, on 19 May 1945 the Portsmouth City Council passed a unanimous resolution that Monty should receive an Honorary Freedom "in recognition of the eminent services rendered by him to the nation and the British Empire and of the great interest displayed by him in the welfare of Portsmouth and its citizens during the tenure of the office of Commander of the 9th Infantry Brigade, Portsmouth 1937\38."

On Friday, 26 July 1946, Monty came to the City to receive the Honorary Freedom. Met by the Chief Constable, Mr A C West, at the City boundary on Portsdown Hill, Monty was escorted through the streets lined with cheering citizens to Southsea, scene of the historic embarkation of his troops for D Day. At South Parade Pier he was met by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, and Lady Layton.

A huge crowd had assembled along the promenade, cheering Monty with great fervour as he inspected a naval guard of honour. Monty was dressed in his familiar battledress and wearing his famous beret with the two badges. Inside the South Parade Pier, which was used because the Guildhall was too bomb damaged, the pavilion was crowded with aldermen, councillors, dignitaries and ordinary citizens witnessing an historic event fit to rank with any in the city's long history.

The Town Clerk, Mr V Blanchard, read the resolution of the City Council which the Lord Mayor then presented to Monty in a silver casket surmounted with the city crest and motto in blue enamel. Monty's day in Portsmouth was not finished. Next followed lunch at the Savoy - opposite the South Parade Pier - now the night club "Time". He then went on to address a national savings movement meeting on Southsea Common and finally presented prizes at the Portsmouth Grammar School speech day.

There was a sad sequel to this happy day. On 17 November 1967, Monty was given an eightieth birthday dinner by General Sir Frank Simpson - his former Brigade Major at Portsmouth - who was the Governor of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Monty stayed the night. On his return to his home at Isington Mill, near Alton, the following morning he found that it had been burgled in his absence. Almost all the gifts from Heads of State and civic authorities were stolen including the silver casket presented to him on the great day in Portsmouth. Nothing was ever recovered.

Monty came to Portsmouth again for a civic occasion on 6 June 1948 to unveil a memorial four years after D-Day. Crowds packed every vantage point to see the ceremony performed opposite the South Parade Pier. It was a stirring occasion which was broadcast around the world by the BBC. American, French and British troops marched in the Guard of Honour, with the Royal Navy and Royal Marines providing local contingents. Three bands were in the colourful procession, brought up at the rear by an open car with Monty standing to acknowledge the cheers as he did on so many occasions in towns and cities liberated by his

victorious troops.

In his address to the huge crowd Monty said:

"Here in Portsmouth your battle scars are visible for all to see. When I look at them to-day I remember with pride that I am a Freeman of your city and can share those scars with you. And I do share them because it was in Portsmouth that I lost everything I possessed by enemy bombing in January 1941."

Monty was to be seen by another large crowd in Portsmouth later that year when on 27 November Pompey played the Arsenal in their golden jubilee match. I was present at the match and still have the programme in my collection. Monty had consented on 21 March 1944 to become the first President of the Portsmouth Football Club. The Board of Directors did this in recognition that Monty had been a keen supporter of the club during his period as Commandant in the City. He had attended Fratton Park several times and no doubt the Board were influenced by the fact that Monty had never seen them lose! Before the Arsenal match, I saw Monty introduced to the crowd and to the two teams. He and Reg Flewin, Pompey's captain, cut a large birthday cake on the pitch. Pompey won the match 4-1 and went on to win the First Division Championship for the first time in their history.

Monty, a very good footballer in his youth, took a keen interest in the club. Always dressed in uniform, he was a regular spectator at Fratton Park in the post-war seasons. Pompey's championship was secured by victory at Bolton on 23 April 1949. The following Saturday I was in a big crowd at Fratton Park when Pompey beat Huddersfield 2-0. On behalf of the League Management Committee, Mr W J Cearns presented the championship trophy to the Club President, Monty, who immediately handed it to Reg Flewin to hold aloft to the crowd.

Monty was a very Christian man, born in a vicarage at Kennington, London, and the son of the future Bishop of Tasmania. He never liked to say the word "death", preferring to say "when I cross the Jordan". A few months before he died, Monty said to his publisher and personal friend Sir Dennis Hamilton. "When I cross the Jordan and meet all my soldiers who died in battle, what will they say to me?" Hamilton replied, "Field Marshal, they will say you did your best for them." (Monty was aged 88 but still addressed as Field Marshal).

Field Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., and D.S.O., finally died peacefully in his Hampshire home on 24 March 1976 at the age of 88. After a service at St George's Chapel, Windsor, his coffin was taken to the churchyard of Holy Cross, Binstead, not far from his home. As Monty's coffin was being lowered into the ground by Guardsmen, the Vicar said, "Now he has passed over Jordan".

Roger Bryant

Day On Women's Ministry

Bishop Kenneth will be one of the guests at a meeting about women's ministry next month. He and the Rev Margaret Jackson from STETS will be at the session - entitled Focus on Women's Ministry - to be held in Clanfield on November 23. Among the practical issues explored will be the joys and challenges of ministry in the Church of England, the training involved and guidance about God's calling. The morning will be especially appropriate to anyone considering licensed lay or ordained ministry in the Church of England, and is open to men as well as women. Diocesan vocations chaplains, the Revs Richard Brand and Trevor Reader, will also be speaking. It will take place between 10am and 1pm in Clanfield church hall, in the grounds of St James', Clanfield. Anyone interested should contact the Rev Gill Hill, the bishop's adviser on women's issues, on 023-9259 3139 or 023-9259 3228 or gillhill@inglisrd.freeseve.co.uk. There is no charge for the morning, but a donation towards tea and coffee would be appreciated.

Julian Howard MBE RIP

It was with great sadness that we heard that Julian's long fight against a crippling and appalling illness was over. Julian had a distinguished career. He was a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy, worked for IBM until he retired and then set up his own management consultancy business. He was honoured by the Queen with the MBE.

He was a modest, cheerful man, liked by everyone. He loved Langstone and was a founder member of the Langstone Village Association, always ensuring that the Chapel remained an important feature of the community. He was Chapel Warden and Treasurer at St Nicholas Chapel from 1978 until 1997.

He was admired by everyone for his work in maintaining the chapel and this admiration grew as he fought a long and courageous fight against illness. In this he had the loving support of the family he adored; his wife Marianne, son Haakou, daughter Jacqueline and his grandchildren. If we were to write a history of Langstone, his name would be prominent. He will be missed, not only by his family and friends, but by the community of Langstone and beyond.

Parochial Church Council Reports

PCC Meeting 26 September

Reports were taken from committees, office holders and the Treasurer. The Verger, Vickie Mockford, was now our Health and Safety Officer. Appreciation was expressed for the work done by the Restoration Committee and the Town Centre Manager in organising the very successful Town Fair. It was agreed to find someone, preferably known to a member of the congregation, to appoint as a Deputy Verger to cover for the Verger on Monday and Friday afternoon, holidays etc.

The Rector told the meeting that he had been appointed Chairman of Governors for Fairfield School. He then reported that Trevor Hopkinson, who was a former lay reader, would shortly be assisting at services and that two curates, Charles Keay and David Williams (non-stipendiary) would be joining us next summer. The meeting concluded with a discussion of Woman's Ministry and Vision for the Parish.

Girl Guiding

Girl Guiding Havant Division has formed a publicity group called IMPACT.

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- Were you a Ranger, or even a Guider?
- Were you a Guide?
- Do you have daughters?

If so, Girl Guiding today can use your expertise, and life skills to help us to continue to build a strong Guiding presence in Havant. We really need enthusiastic adults to assist in opening new units to reduce our current waiting lists. Whatever your skill – however small – we can use it, whether it be administration, finance, secretarial or even badge testing! If you can help in any way, please contact the Division Commissioner on 023 9247 5945.

Hampshire & The Islands Historic Churches Trust

My thanks to Fr. David and his family, to Mr & Mrs Deadman & to Daniel Mockford and his mum (our verger), for all the mileage they covered cycling to the various churches for the above trust on 14 September. Between them they visited 39 churches and raised £142-50. 50% of this sum will be given back to our church. Daniel who cycled to two churches on Hayling Island and back is only 6-years-old. Well done Daniel and a big thank you.

Audrey Currie Parish Rep.

Women's Group

This group last met on Tuesday 1 October, at the Rectory. Susan led the group but first began the evening by saying that for the time being she is unable to continue leading the group. This is mainly due to the amount of time devoted to the Children's Club in addition to her other duties. We were all sad to hear this news as she has inspired us to review some of our set beliefs. However we were united in supporting Susan as much as we are able to. In addition regrettably Fiona Hedley will not be able to continue for the same reason. It seems the Children's Club needs more and more commitment from the leaders. We will miss Fiona's contribution as well as her cheery smile.

During the last few months several people have been unable to attend regularly due the change of dates and conflict with the fund raising committee meetings. However from **November** we will meet on **second Tuesday of each month**. The group will begin to read an interpretation by Emmet Fox of The Lord's Prayer. We welcome new members to join this lively discussion group.

The next meeting is on:-

Tuesday 12 November at 8 pm, at 4 Pine Grove, Havant. My telephone number is 023 9247 0335. I hope to see you then.

Carmen Stuart

From the Registers

14th Oct Memorial Service for Roy
Clarke

18th Oct Funeral of Reg Wallis

21st Oct Funeral of Julian Howard
(Warblington)

Baptisms:

20th Oct Kayleigh Marie Dyer

Max Owen & Eleanor Jane Andrew

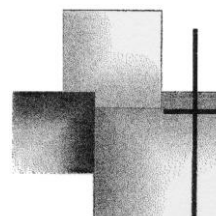


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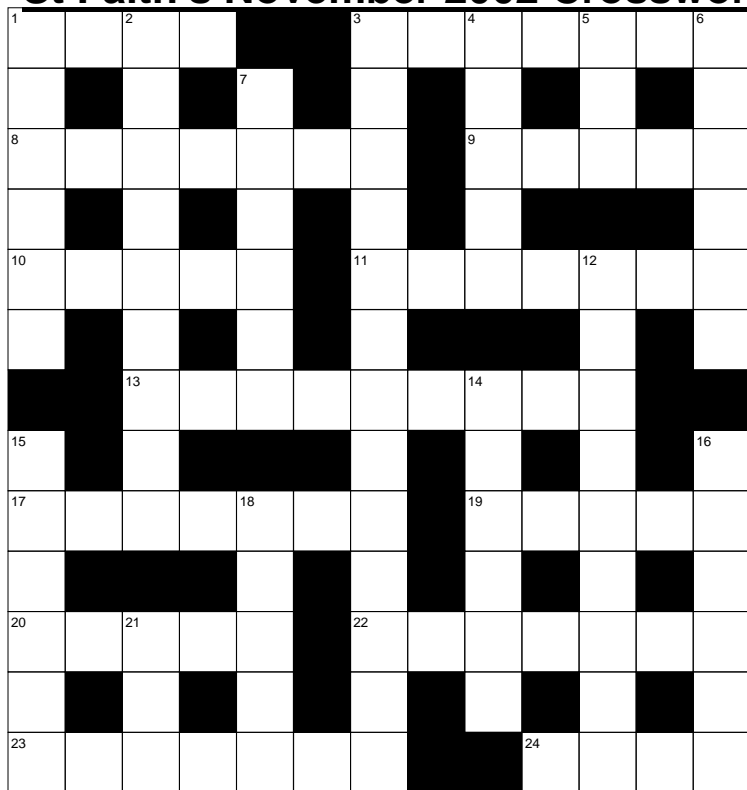
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St Faith's November 2002 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Could attract much interest (4)
3. Regarded with approval confused
maid embarrassed (7)
8. Man and worker together
unyielding (7)
10. Take notes about a start (5)
11. Knicknack for excited knitter (7)
13. Has a website, but not ion the
internet (9)
17. Indigenous American in colour film
(7)
19. Disreputable and somewhat
dim (5)
20. Track down a sign (5)
22. Comprehensive at the shallow end
(2,5)
23. About to find answer to decide
firmly (7)
24. Was paradise for past Prime Minister (4)

Down

1. Professor holds college event
for formidable woman (6)
2. Money range for group of
performers (5,4)
3. Make one and preserve more (1,5,2,4)
4. Plain clothes for religious leader(5)
5. Sailor goes up to get a pest (3)
6. Make larger lid up over mixed tea(6)
7. Sacred book found in Tibetan
travels (6)
12. Child slept being carried off (9)
14. Attached to team in support (6)
15. One talks a lot about very little (6)
16. Dash to join (6)
18. Sounds a girl rung to announce death (5)
21. Just the animal for a fool (3)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*.

Answers to the editors by 15th November please!

Answers to October 2002 Crossword

Across: 1.Arthur, 4.Scylla, 8.Accuser, 10.Roses, 11.Oath, 12.Cassette, 14.Sack, 15.Film, 20.Runcible, 22.Grog, 24.Babel, 25.Realist, 26.Splash, 27.Portia.

Down: 1.Arthur, 2.Tacitus, 3.Ursa, 5.Christie, 6.Liszt, 7.Austen, 9.Roan, 13.Achilles, 16.Marxist, 17.Erebus, 18.Blur, 19.Agatha, 21.Nobel, 23.Iago.

Another seven correct answers this month, the first out of the hat being **Pat Galliers**, with the others being Ann Slade, Mary Harfield, Ruth Tunks, Derek Bowley, Marion Simmons & Angela Collyer. Ruth kindly suggested that we put the crossword on the back of an advert page - well done good idea!

From Your Editors

The web design is coming along, albeit slowly, as last month, the instructor was off sick for one night and it was also half term! However, I shall be in a position to put something on the web shortly. It is important to get the structure right at the beginning and Fr. David has agreed the initial design. It will consist of a welcome page with a picture of the church; it's history, the times of services, and the groups/clubs/committees run by the church, what's on, the current magazine, the restoration appeal and how to contact us. If the chairperson of the various group/clubs/committees would provide me with details of the purpose of their group/club/committee and, if possible, photographs of their activities (these always make a web site more interesting), I would very much appreciate it. But why bother to go to all this effort anyway you may ask? We have the monthly magazine and a weekly bulletin, isn't that enough? – and I would guess that many of the congregation know very little about the web and the Internet. It is, however, another means of communication, and one in which the young, in particular, are knowledgeable. Having our own web page would be very useful for people who are moving to the Havant area to obtain advanced information about our activities, for people who have moved out of the area but who would like to keep abreast of what's going on, and to provide information world-wide to the Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan beach in Los Angeles which Fr. David is visiting, to the Thomas's in Sendai, Japan who preached here last year and to many others.

Colin Carter

This month we have increased the size of Faith Matters by an additional 4 pages. It would be nice if we can keep it up - please keep your contributions flowing in! I have one or two that had to be held over for December, one from Japan and one about the last Red Marine. Sadly, this month we have three deaths to report and you will find appreciations of the lives of Roy Clark, Reg Wallis and Julian Howerd. Curious that Roy and Reg, who sat next to one another in church, died within a couple of days of each other. Roger has asked me to mention that in John Bradey's excellent piece in October's "Faith Matters" about bombing in Portsmouth, John mentioned the boy next door - Albert Munday. He did not mention that Albert was a very fine footballer, who Roger saw on a number of occasions playing for Portsmouth. In fact, he played 53 games for Pompey, scoring 14 goals before moving to Brighton, then Aldershot, where he entered the Football League record book by scoring after only six seconds against Hartlepool! - Roger has also asked me to point out that he has sounded the "All Clear" and the articles on the second world war may now be coming to an end for the time being.

Jan Stuart.

St Nicholas' Chapel, Langstone

The chapel, which is situated in Langstone High Street, was built in about 1869 by Henry Williams Jeans and erected to the memory of Thomas Temple Silver, his wife's second cousin. Henry was born in Portsmouth in 1804. He was briefly articled to a solicitor, but in 1824 was working in the dockyard where he was put in charge of the chronometers in the observatory. He then taught mathematics at the Royal Navy College in Portsmouth dockyard. After the RN College was closed temporarily in 1837 Henry spent three terms at St. John's College, Cambridge, before returning to the newly reopened college where he was mathematical master from 1839 to 1866. In 1840 he became a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and in 1848 he published "Handbook for the Stars". He was also the author of books on plane and spherical trigonometry, navigation, and nautical astronomy. According to Alumni Cantabrigiensis Henry taught "for some time" at the Royal Military Academy in Woolwich before he retired.

In 1866 Henry was elected churchwarden to Reverend Francis Seymour of St. Faith's church, Havant. He and his wife, Susan were by now living in Langstone House, next door to Susan's two remaining sisters. Susan, who was born in Langstone in 1808, was the daughter of Thomas Bayly Silver, a trustee of Havant Independent Chapel. He died in 1819. Susan's maternal grandfather, Richard Philpott, was a trustee of the Presbyterian Chapel in Chichester. However, in 1838 Susan and her sister Catherine were baptised as adults at St. Faith's church and on 23rd June 1846, two years after her mother's death, Susan married Henry Jeans there. They lived in Portsmouth until Henry retired.

In 1868 Susan and Henry were left £1,000 by Thomas Temple Silver the younger, an ironmonger and iron merchant of Woodbridge, Suffolk. Susan and Thomas were both great-grandchildren of Thomas Silver, cider merchant, who died in Havant in 1781. Soon after receiving this bequest, Henry and Susan who were both in their sixties and childless, embarked on building a large and distinctive extension to the property now known as Langstone Towers, together with an adjoining chapel. The attractive cupola on the house appears to have been modelled on the one at the RN College in Portsmouth. Part of the original house was pulled down in the 1960s to make way for two new houses.

When Henry died on 23rd March 1881, aged 76, his obituary in the *Evening News* stated that he was "*highly respected in this district and spent a large sum of money in the erection of a small church where he himself held frequent religious services. He was assisted in this good work by the clergy of Havant. We understand that the services will not be interrupted as provision has been made by Mr Jeans for a sufficient endowment. Poverty was almost unknown in the village near his house and his demise will be bitterly regretted by all of his poorest neighbours.*" Among the mourners at Henry's funeral were representatives of the Portsmouth Beneficial Society, of which he had been an honorary member for nearly sixty years, together with twelve senior pupils of the Beneficial School, founded in 1784 to educate some of Portsmouth's poorest children.

Susan Jeans died in April 1887, aged 79. Under the terms of Henry's will all their real estate was auctioned except for the chapel. The sale included several properties and

forty-five acres of land, in Langstone, about half of which had been inherited by Susan when her mother died in 1844.

The 1897 Havant Almanack shows that services at the *Mission Chapel*, Langstone, were being held on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. and Sundays in winter at 6.30 p.m. but the Rector's Review of that year stated that the services were "not quite appreciated". By 1901 the services were being well used and in the 1920s, the Rector started a Sunday school which was run by Miss Doris Norkett who was known as "Norkie". She had about twenty pupils, mainly from the cottages in Langstone High Street. "Norkie" would arrive with her bicycle laden with materials and the children would spend the morning singing hymns, listening to Bible stories, drawing pictures and making models.

Although the chapel has never been consecrated, it was once the scene of a wedding, when, on 27th April 1926 Charles Longcroft, a well-known local solicitor, married Ethel Russell of Langstone House. Ethel's father, Henry, was an oyster merchant.

The history of Langstone Towers since 1914 has been well documented. Suffice to say that during the 1914-18 War, the property was used as an auxiliary military hospital with up to 46 beds. 1,430 patients were treated and 125 operations performed. In the Second World War the Ministry of Aircraft Production took the house over and aeroplane parts were made in a factory in the large grounds and paddock, now occupied by Towers Garden and the Saltings.

Currently, the house is divided into two self-contained flats and a Communion service is held in the chapel on the first Sunday of each month at 8 am. The chapel, which seats about thirty-five people, is also used for occasional village coffee mornings and exhibitions.

In the spring of 2002 the chapel roof tiles were re-laid, with the original wooden pegs being replaced by aluminium ones. In order to define its ownership, St. Faith's simultaneously obtained formal title to the chapel from the Land Registry.

Ann Griffiths

Editor's Note

Most Anglican churches or chapels have their altars at the east end of the building. The chapel at Langstone, like the United Reform Church in Havant, has its altar at the west end. This may have been dictated by architectural considerations, or it may have been deliberate.

Audrey Currie was a Sunday school teacher at the chapel during the period 1935-1937 taking her turn to teach every 4-6 weeks.

Havant Bellringers' Autumn Outing

By Bill Harris - a visitor/helper from East Meon

I was very pleased to be invited to join the ringers' outing to the Wilts/Hants border on 5th October, a gorgeous, sunny day. We were also joined by ringers from Southwick and from Chippenham, the new home of the previous Havant tower captain Carol Carey. The day started badly as Bill Skilleter failed to obtain the promised minibus (although it wasn't for the want of trying), so we had to go in several cars. Bill's broad shoulders took plenty of stick!

We visited five churches and they looked glorious and well cared-for at harvest time. The flower arrangements were truly magnificent, but disappointingly nowadays at our harvest festivals, we don't get all those lovely fruit and vegetables to add to the decoration like we did years ago.

The towers told a different story and it was clear from the poor state of some of them that they were not well supported by their locals. Also, every one of the ringers who let us into their towers spoke of the lack of ringers locally. In several towers only two or three bells could be rung for Sunday service and pleas for recruits had fallen on deaf ears. How lucky you are in Havant to have all your 8 bells rung for service. This is surely a reflection of the dedication and enthusiasm of your tower captain Barbara Skilleter in keeping the team together. In one tower we had the misfortune to break a rope. It was not our fault as it was in a dreadfully frayed state and should have been replaced years ago. It is marvellous that the ringers in Havant have the bell ropes renewed by the PCC when these are worn out. Such support is vital if the tower is to be run efficiently and this backup is much appreciated by the ringers.

All in all we had a wonderful day out and our experience with the "foreign" towers gave everyone's feel-good factor about Havant a big boost. The Havant ringing team is one of the tops, friendly and welcoming - why not go along to the tower and join them? (Practice nights are Tuesday's at 7.30pm)



Doris Colliver

One of our parishioners, who regularly visits Doris Colliver in a Hayling Island Rest Home, was asked by her to convey her greetings to all her friends at St Faith's. Besides being a stand-in organist at St Faith's, Doris played the piano at Christ Church Centre from when it opened until, sadly, when it had to close. She was a staunch supporter of our church for most of her life. She will be 97 on 23 November.

The Great Balloon Race 31/8/02 to 30/9/02

The furthest distances reached were Bremen in Germany, a winning distance of 464 miles by ticket 1806 (J Baker). The second was to Harmelen, near Utrecht in the Netherlands - 280 miles by ticket 672 (Phyllis Parker) and the third was Arthur Jones' ticket which travelled 200 miles to Nogent le Rotrou, in France (ticket 541). There was another one from France, five from Kent, ten from East & West Sussex and of course our booby prize winner, Homewell, Havant (37 yards, ticket 1720 - Ken Johnstone).

Charities Market

The Annual Charities Market will be held in church on Saturday 9th November from 10am-2pm. We shall have a stall for the restoration appeal and other charities including: Cancer Research UK, The Children's Society, Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton, Friends of Havant Hospital, Leukaemia Busters and Missions to Seafarers will also have stalls. Refreshments available. Please support this event.

Flower Arranging

A flower arranging demonstration entitled Christmas Time will be held in the church hall on Saturday 16th November. The demonstrator will be Christine Evans, doors will open at 1.15pm, and demonstration begins at 2.15pm. Tickets are £5.50 and include a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Proceeds from this will go to the flower festival fund (this is a date for next year's diary 13th-15th June 2003). Tickets available from Sandra Haggan. So if you enjoy arranging flowers, or just enjoy flowers, come along for a good afternoon.

Roy Clark RIP

We learnt with great sadness of the death of Roy on the day of a PCC meeting at which Father David led us in a prayer of thanks for his life. Roy gave very freely of his time and talents for the benefit of this church. He was a quiet, dapper man, with a friendly and engaging manner which made him popular with everyone. We sometimes hear it said of people that they do not have an enemy in the World and this was certainly true of Roy.

Roy served in the Army with distinction during the whole of the Second World War, finishing with the rank of Major. He did not have it easy, being at Dunkirk, where he was last man off his beach, and in Burma, engaged in jungle warfare against the Japanese.

Roy was PCC Treasurer for more than 20 years, also serving as Treasurer of the St Helena Association for more than 10 years. In his last few years, he continued as Treasurer even though he could not see to make entries in the cashbook. This task was undertaken for him by John Bradey and the two became close friends. When Roy had to finally give up as Treasurer, he continued to serve on the PCC, giving us the benefit of his experience and knowledge.

Roy was fortunate to have had two lovely daughters, Diana and Bunty, of whom he was very proud. He was a lovely man, admired by all his many friends.

Reg Wallis RIP

The death of Reg touched us all. He was a dear little man, with a childlike innocence and gentleness about him that everyone loved. I first met him at Christ Church Centre some 20 years ago and, when it closed, he came to St Faith's Church. The Home where Reg lived in Denvilles used to bring him to church every Sunday and we would give him a lift back, occasionally taking him home for tea and biscuits, which he would crumble into tiny pieces before eating.

He loved coming to church and collecting magazines. Every week Joy would collect up all the magazines we could muster but they were never enough! We presumed that Reg cut out the pictures or had some other purpose for them until we learnt from one of his carers that he never looked at them but simply stored them in a large cupboard in his room, periodically disposing of any overflow. He also had an insatiable desire, mostly catered for by Father Brown and Jaffrey, for clocks and radios which were displayed or stored around his room.

Reg would often mention with affection Bob, the two Carols and all the other carers who did so much to give him a very happy life. In church, Reg would sit next to Roy Clark, so they are now together again. We miss them both.

Shine a light in the darkness for bullied children Celebrate The Children's Society's Christingle

One event not to be missed is our forthcoming Christingle service - the candelit family celebration that will raise money for the vital work of The Children's Society. We hope you'll join us for this moving service, which turns the light of Jesus's love into practical action for vulnerable children. If you have attended a Christingle service before, you will know why it's such a highlight of the church year. If you haven't, a brief explanation may help! The Christingle itself, which symbolises the light of Christ's love, is a lighted candle mounted in an orange, which has a red ribbon or tape around it. Also mounted in the orange are four cocktail sticks, each bearing a few chunks of dried fruit or sweets.

The orange represents the world. The candle stands for Jesus, the Light of the World. The red ribbon or tape symbolises the blood of Christ, who shares in the suffering of the whole world. The fruits and sweets are symbolic of God's creation and his love for us.

The highlight of our service is when the Christingles are lit. It really is moving to see the children's excited faces illuminated by the Christingle. It's also a real opportunity for us to share the light of Christ's love with families who might not attend church regularly. But most importantly, Christingle offers a unique chance for our church family to do something incredibly worthwhile together: by raising money for The Children's Society.

This year's Christingle appeal focuses on a very serious problem which affects schoolchildren in our own area and nationwide - bullying. Did you know that 1 in 3 children are bullied at some time during their school lives and that 4% of children are victims of regular bullying each week? Some children are so severely bullied that they attempt to take their own lives. Bullying can damage its victims not only in childhood, but for life. Our special Christingle collection will help bring light in their darkness, by helping The Children's Society's innovative work to prevent bullying in our schools and communities. These projects are just one part of the ground-breaking work of The Children's Society. Through around 100 projects, this important charity reaches out to help more than 40,000 children and young people a year. They include those who, like bullied children and the children who bully them, have problems that are often ignored by others. And their work would be impossible without the support they receive from the church community.

Last year, schools and churches nationwide raised almost £1 million for The Children's Society through Christingle. This year, the goal is to raise more - and if each service raises just £150, that target will be reached.

Jesus asked us all to love and protect the weakest among us: this Christingle, we all have the chance to do just that. Enjoy your celebration!

For more information about how to support The Children's Society please visit their website: www.childrenssociety.org.uk or call their Supporter Line: 0845 300 1128.

St Faith's Christingle Service is on Tuesday 26th Nov at 6.15pm

Word Search – Books of the Old Testament

Can you find the 24 books of the Old Testament that are shown in the grid? Words may be read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal and are in straight lines.

Colin Carter

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RSPCA – “The Ark”

On behalf of the management and staff of “The Ark” I would like to thank all of those kind people who bring cat and dog food to St. Faith’s for distribution to this animal sanctuary. I have been able to take three carloads to “The Ark” this year and you may have seen the certificates of acknowledgement from the RSPCA, which I have put on the notice boards from time to time.

Please keep bringing it because “The Ark” is supported entirely by voluntary contributions of money and food.

Incidentally you may have noticed that the RSPCA dog outside the church has changed recently – this is because the original was vandalised but thanks to our ex-Rector, Canon Derek Brown who contacted “The Ark”, we have been given this replacement collecting box.

Peter Appleby

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd Nov.
ALL SAINTS

8am Eucharist
8am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

- The Revd Keith Uphill

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 10th Nov.
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY

8am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

10.50am Remembrance at the War Memorial

11am Remembrance

Preacher: The Revd Canon David Isaac

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 17th Nov.
SECOND BEFORE
ADVENT

8am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST with BAPTISM**

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 24th Nov.
CHRIST THE KING

8am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

6.30pm Evensong

Tuesday 26th Nov.
Sunday 1st Dec.
ADVENT

6.15pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

8am Eucharist

8am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone

9.15am Sunday Club in Church House

9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Presiding: The Revd Canon D.F.Brown

6pm Advent Carol Service at St. Alban,
West Leigh

Midweek Services:-

Mondays

9am Morning Prayer & Eucharist

Tuesdays

9am Eucharist

Thursdays

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Fridays

9am Eucharist

Saturday

9am Eucharist

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