

## SERVICES

SUNDAYS: 8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.15 am Children's Sunday Club in Church House  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
The service is followed by refreshments in the Church Hall, on the Pallant.  
6.30 pm Evensong

Holy Communion is generally celebrated at St Nicholas, Langstone at 8.00 am on the first Sunday in the month.

WEEKDAYS: Holy Communion:  
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*From the Rector*

## **Travelling Together – Experiencing the Spiritual Journey**

As we approach autumn and enter September, whatever age we are, we are reminded of the return to school after the summer holidays, putting on the familiar school clothes, packing our bags with kit for P.E., sports and inevitably books. That mixture of dread, at the thought of work, and delight at the re-associating with friends, wafts around us and rips through our memories as we see the ‘back to school’ slogans in shop windows. And if we allow ourselves to think of those ‘best years of our lives’ we can ask what was so special. Was it a good or dreadful time? Do we have fond, or rose tinted, memories or were the experiences painful? For most of us we are fortunate enough to be able to say they were a mixture of both. Part of the magic of school, of course, is the appetite of youth, which, if allowed appropriate expression, draws us into the adventure of learning about life in some of its many varied offerings. So a part, therefore, of our memory of school is the remembering of that enthusiasm tinged with apprehension – feelings sparked by wondering if we would cope with new challenges and the competition associated with them. In short, it was the thrill of experiencing the adventure ahead.

But as our experiences of life grow we greater appreciate that all of life is an adventure. And all of life is an opportunity to learn – about our world, other people (past and present) and about ourselves. The thrill is still there, even if it is not as sharp as in teenage years. It is this sense of journey and exploration that we want to appeal to this autumn in the continuation of the Emmaus course. In conjunction with ministers and members of the local Methodist, United Reformed and Denvilles Ecumenical churches we are intending to run the course at three times during the week: On Monday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. In order to broaden the invitation leaflets will be distributed to homes around the central Havant and Denvilles area.

The course will introduce interested enquirers into Christian beliefs, how Christians grow and approach life while at the same time valuing their own spiritual experiences. The course is, as the name states, a journey and an exploration for all involved. While we are hoping to appeal to those on the fringes, or outside the church, it is open to anyone who wishes to share in this spiritual exploration. If you are interested in taking part there is a taster evening on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Minor Hall of Church House. Alternatively you can contact me on 9248 3485 or Robin Hine on 9248 3354. The course (which is free to all) begins on the following dates: Mondays on October 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays on September 18<sup>th</sup> and

Thursdays on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

If you should like to join in please feel free to try it out. On the other hand, you may feel this is not for you at the moment, but please hold the venture in your prayers as the churches travel together in this project. Especially please think of those people, searching for the expression of the mystery we know as God in Christ who may feel drawn to sharing their spiritual pilgrimage with a new group of friends. May God bless you in your journey this autumn.

*Fr David*

## About The Parish

It is said that island people are very insular and I suppose that applies to Portsmouth as much as to anywhere else. Certainly it applied in my boyhood but then the Second World War was on and people tended not to move far away from home. It follows that I knew nothing of the "Hayling Billy". After the war, I used to cycle to the Hayling ferry, close to my home in Eastney, and we boys would cross the water in a tiny craft, too small to really call a ferry, which chugged its way over to Hayling with no more than a dozen or so passengers.

My first knowledge of the "Hayling Billy" came many years later, when we moved to Havant from Winchester and saw it on display in the carpark of the "Hayling Billy" pub on Hayling Island. To most residents the "Hayling Billy" is the name of a very pleasant nature trail which runs from the centre of Havant to Langstone foreshore, much used by dog owners. To older residents it is, of course, the old railway line connecting Havant to Hayling Island or rather the train that used it.

The line ran from 1867 to 1963, not quite long enough for centenary celebrations. I read that the train was pulled, never pushed, by a Stroodley Terrier engine, with normally two carriages, increased to three during the summer to meet the demand of holidaymakers. Before the war, the train crossed a trestle bridge in route from Havant Station and, although occasionally an extra carriage was attached, the bridge was not considered robust enough to take the weight of four carriages too often!

Apparently during the Second World War, the bridge was strengthened or rebuilt for military purposes because I read that the Southern Railway ran through trains from Hayling Island to Portsmouth every Saturday during the war taking servicemen for a night out. There were usually eight very full carriages and it was necessary to have a "Terrier" at the front and one at the back!

There is a charming story that one of the signalmen on the line, who lived in a neighbouring railway cottage, was a Mr Dolly and that his crossing was called "Dolly Gates". Another character, who worked at Havant Station, was a Mr Sam Waldron, who was the model on a famous prewar railway poster for "Sunny South Sam".

The Hayling Billy would leave Havant Station, through the crossing and, taking a sharp bend, through the cutting giving the passengers a view of the backs of the houses in Beechworth and Bellair Road, no doubt catching a glimpse of Colin cutting his lawn! Then under the road bridge in East Street and the footbridge to Wade Court, off pass the fronts of the houses in Lower Grove Road to Langston Halt (Yes, the railway authorities spelt it Langston not Langstone!) then out into open country until arriving at North Hayling Halt before finally reaching its destination of Hayling Station.

I wonder if passengers ever caught a glimpse in Lower Grove Road of a very special lady. She joined the Sunday School at St Faith's at the age of 6 in 1925, was confirmed on Advent Sunday in 1935, taught in the Sunday School in St Faith's and St Nicholas Chapel, and has been PCC Secretary for the last 22 years. She would figure prominently in any history of St Faith's Church. Take a bow - Audrey Currie!

Roger Bryant

## **Milestones**

At 10.45am on Saturday, 3 August, twenty of us climbed on a coach for the journey to Basingstoke to a museum called "Milestones". Sandra had kindly organised the trip for us, as usual, and we were wondering what we were going to see. We had a good driver and a good journey on the M27 and M3, arriving at the museum just before 12 noon. Some immediately found the restaurant, others had brought a picnic with them.

After refreshments, we went down to the Exhibition which, at first glance, we thought we would quickly cover all of it. But once there, we were so amazed at the sheer size of the place and the different aspects of what life had been like so many years ago.

The various exhibits were all items from Hampshire - a tram from Portsmouth, wonderful steam rollers, fire engines, cars, shops in narrow rows of houses, and so on. The Grocer Shop window had everyone saying, "Oh look, my mum used to use that" - other windows of hardware showed so much and again you heard people (not just our group!) saying, "I have still got one of those" (including me with a cast iron mincer, to mention just one item). The trouble was that it rather made one feel just how old you were!

It was a really super museum - certainly not one to be missed. There were so many other things we saw - radios, tools, a sweet shop and many, many other things. We even saw outside a display of army equipment and soldiers in uniform of the First World War. Some of us were both amazed and amused by what we saw.

Sandra (bless her!) had arranged for us to have a wonderful cream tea there before we left. There was a very good shop to visit with some lovely things to purchase.

The coach was waiting for us as arranged at 4.45pm - everyone said that they had felt as if they had walked miles but had had a super day. A poster I read when I got home stated that the museum covered the equivalent of 20 tennis courts, so no wonder people were tired. We arrived back in Havant just before 6pm. There were only 20 on the trip but a raffle on the way home helped towards the cost of the day.

Once again, our sincere thanks to Sandra for all her hard work organising the day and also all the other outings and social evenings which some of us enjoy so often. I would like to add my own grateful thanks to Sandra for looking after me as she does on these occasions.

Audrey Currie

## **10p Tasters**

Coming to the Emsworth Food Festival on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September? Drop in at International House in the Square and have a cuppa and sample some "10p Tasters", home-made goodies from members of Emsworth's churches, and buy a 50p-recipe book to find out how to make them yourself. Open at noon, after the ecumenical service in the square.

## **To Bembridge (And Back) - Sail or Return**

Our day on the water seemed set fair with sunshine and a light to moderate breeze - just right! We were looking forward to sailing on the Solent with Rosemary and Peter aboard their ketch "Astros" and, although not experienced at sailing we were confident in our hosts abilities and expertise.

On our arrival on board "Astros", Peter gave us a very important guide to Safety regulations and emergency procedures, including use of the "ship to shore" radio. We were also shown round our floating home for the day including two very important features - the "galley" and "bathroom" (heads)!

The wind was just enough to get us to Bembridge, where we anchored in Priory Bay in time for lunch. Rosemary and I decided to risk a swim but the gentlemen opted to remain on board. This decision was a good one from my point of view as getting in the water was one thing - getting out quite another! However, a strong arm was available, otherwise I would still be there now!

An extremely welcome picnic was then provided, with appetites heightened by fresh air and exercise. Plenty to watch all around us as holidaymakers and birds skimmed the surface of the waters on boats, skis, rubber dinghies and wings!

Soon we had to set sail for home. By now the wind had dropped to a whisper and the engine was deemed a good idea if we wanted to get back before sunset! We had a fantastic day. Don proved to be very able at the helm and I was good at languishing on deck getting a suntan! Many thanks to Peter and Rosemary for looking after us.

Shirley Caunter

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## There Will Come the Battle for Our Island

I was walking through the dark streets of Eastney in wartime Portsmouth with my parents late on a September evening in 1940. At the age of 7, the air raid sirens, alert and all-clear, the noise of anti-aircraft guns, the drone of aircraft above, the dull thud of distant bombs and the ear-piecing screech and crash of bombs falling nearby were familiar sounds to me. This particular evening was quiet; there was no air raid in progress, no bombing or gunfire. The streets were deserted and unlit; every house was blacked out. Like Mr Hodges in television's "Dad's Army", Air Raid Precautions (ARP) wardens patrolled the streets to enforce the blackout; shouts of "put that light out" were heard years before scriptwriters put them into the mouth of the Walmington-on-Sea greengrocer.

The blackness produced a strange beauty at times and the stars seemed brighter in the sky, like diamonds shimmering on black velvet. Suddenly, the boy heard new sounds in the night air; shrill whistles coming from the direction of the nearby Royal Marines Barracks, the noise of vehicles starting and of men shouting and running. Hurrying home, the boy heard his parents say, "It looks like its started!." He did not know then that they meant the invasion of England.

Earlier that year, Winston Churchill broadcasting to the nation spelt out what lay ahead for the British people:

*We must expect that as soon as stability is reached on the Western Front, the bulk of the hideous apparatus of aggression will be unleashed on us. After this battle in France abates, there will come the battle for our island. That will be the struggle!*

What we were not aware of was how few guns, tanks and armoured vehicles were available to the defending troops. We had got the troops back from Dunkirk (including our own Roy Clark who was last man off his stretch of beach just as the Germans came in sight, arriving back in England, somewhere on the East coast, in a fishing boat!) but not their equipment. For example, there were only 101 field guns to cover the anticipated invasion beaches of England, of which 70 dated from 1918! We were reassured by the sight of concrete pillboxes being built at road and rail junctions, of beaches being mined and enmeshed in miles of barbed wire, and of poles and obstacles being erected in fields to prevent enemy aircraft and gliders landing.

The German plan, codename Sealion, was to land the Sixteenth Army along the coastline from Hythe (Kent) to Cliff End (east of Hastings), with three invasion beaches at Dymchurch, Dungeness and Rye. The Ninth Army were to have two invasion beaches at Bexhill and Pevensey. Crucial to the invasion, as with the Normandy landings some four years later, was the early capture of a port. Capturing Portsmouth or Southampton was not given serious consideration because of the strong naval and military presence. Dover was also discounted by the Germans. Instead, it was decided that the units of the Ninth Army landing at Pevensey should capture Newhaven. If the invasion went well, a further invasion was to take place nearer to our Hampshire coast. The plan was to put troops

ashore in Lyme Bay, to capture Weymouth and then to strike north to Bristol, with the ultimate aim of capturing Devon and Cornwall.

In the event, no invasion took place because Goering and his Luftwaffe were comprehensively beaten by the Royal Air Force in the appropriately named Battle of Britain in which my predecessor as churchwarden, Hugh Elliott, took part. The defeat of the Luftwaffe combined with the lack of landing craft, together with the doubts harboured about the ability of the Kriegsmarine to defeat the Royal Navy, led inevitably to Hitler cancelling the invasion. However, the British people were not to know this and they had several scares before the threat of invasion was finally lifted.

One such scare was in September 1940 when on a clear evening what was thought to be invasion barges were seen from Dover on course for the English coast. That evening at seven minutes past eight the codeword Cromwell alerted Southern Command that an invasion could be expected within eight hours. The incident was captured in the last ever episode of Dad's Army, when the festivities following Corporal Jones marriage to Mrs Fox were cut short because of news of invasion barges being sighted.

In some areas, including Bristol, church bells, the wartime signal for an invasion, were rung; the Home Guard were called out and troops manned their defensive positions. There were even instances of bridges being demolished in the West Country, to the subsequent annoyance of the locals! In Cornwall fishing boats arriving back unexpectedly, were taken to be invasion craft and were almost fired upon.

Adding to the speculation that the invasion had begun was news that the Luftwaffe were staging their heaviest bombing raid on London of the war. This then was the night my parents happened to be walking home close to Eastney Barracks.

Happily, "it" had not started and the invasion was a false alarm. We will never know what the outcome would have been if the invasion had been for real. But the people of Churchill's island knew. Despite rationing, the bombing, the loss of life and everything else in those grim days, the people had an extraordinary confidence that if the Germans came, and no one doubted that they would, then they would be thrown back into the sea. Of one thing they were certain, there would be no surrender!

Roger Bryant

### **On The Cards!**

Seen recently on birthday cards: "Sometimes I wake up grumpy - sometimes I let her sleep!" "Don't go to bed angry - stay up and fight!" "They say that hard work never killed anybody - but why take the chance!" "Tragedy is marrying for love - and then finding he has no money!"

### **Quote by Dolly Parton**

*"I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes, because I know I'm not dumb ... and*

*I'm also not blonde!*

## Don't You Know There's A War On?

Put yourselves in the shoes of a seven-year-old schoolboy early in the Second World War. The place is Portsmouth; it could easily have been Southampton, Liverpool or any other blitzed city. He lives near the Royal Marine Barracks, Eastney. He is at a very impressionable age; an age when he is forming his first judgements on people and events. He has a hazy memory of peacetime; of starting school, ice cream and bananas. Someone has just told him that England played Germany at football, but that cannot be true; they've always been our enemies or at least that's what the man said on the radio. The boy wonders if the footballers carried guns while they played.

His mother takes him to the Odeon cinema, Southsea - Errol Flynn in "The Adventures of Robin Hood"; now if only Robin was fighting the Germans! He sits there with his fantasies when suddenly an announcement goes up on the screen. Some people start to leave but the majority stay. His mother tells him that there is an air raid in progress. "If your number is up, then you'll go, so we're staying here", she says. What number, thought the boy; the number of the cinema seat? Suddenly, the noise of bombs and gunfire booms out. The film stops, the houselights come on and the manager asks everyone to evacuate the cinema.

Back home, the raid over, the boy is tucked up in bed, still puzzled about numbers. Next day, sat in a air raid shelter in Bransbury Park, he hears someone say, "If your number is on it, there's no point in staying in the shelter". Puzzled, he asks his mother for an explanation - "Oh, he means if your number is on a bomb". The boy did not know he had a number, even less that it might be on a bomb!

Some days later, walking past rows of bombed houses, he goes shopping with his mother. When his mother queries at one shop why they don't have a particular item she wants, the shopkeeper replies, "Don't you know there's a war on?" The boy wonders how someone can say that when half the street is blown down, when air raid warnings go off every night and when a chap can't see the end of the Robin Hood film! He thinks aloud, "Everyone knows there's a war on, all my friends know and some are younger than me! Of course adults know there's a war on!"

The boy and his mother walk on and come to another shop. It is boarded up and in the window is a notice saying "Closed For The Duration". His mother explains that this means that the shop is closed for the duration of the war. "How long is the duration", he asks. His mother is not much help, "Until we beat the Germans" she replies. "But when will that be?", he asks. "Nobody knows", she tells him. Back home in bed he reflects on the day and decides that adults are not much good. Alone with his thoughts, he gives quiet voice to his feelings, "Some adults don't know there's a war on and some cannot say when it will finish. I bet Robin Hood would know!"

The next day, his mother has a piece of devastating news for him. Now all the schools closed months ago when the war started and life for a seven-year-old was fun. But not any more because his mother has found a school for him. Furthermore she is actually paying for him to go there; paying to go to school! Walking down Highland Road, they stop at a sweet shop called "The Cabin". They walk through the

small shop into a back room where there are about a dozen young boys sat at small card tables doing schoolwork. Soon he is sat with them.

On the table in front of him is an exercise book into which he must copy his arithmetic. Silently bemoaning his fate, he wonders hopefully if an air raid might start soon. Surely they would then go off to the shelter and be spared further schoolwork? Not today, however, so he ploughs on with his arithmetic until his mother arrives to take him home.

Walking along Highland Road past the cemetery, he notices a poster on a hoarding of a young soldier talking to a lady. The caption reads "Careless talk costs lives". He wonders what on earth that means? He asks his mother, "How do you talk carefully? If I don't know how to talk carefully, will I kill people?" He does not get an answer. He silently wonders if Robin talked carefully. "Why don't adults explain important things?", he moans but no one is listening.

The war ends and the years pass. The boy is a man; courtship, marriage, children of his own but no more war. No puzzling words to explain to his children or grandchildren. The Southsea Odeon has gone, the small shops are now supermarkets, no more posters about careless talk and Eastney Barracks is now a private housing development. All has changed except for one thing - "The Cabin" still stands in Highland Road, selling sweets to some and giving memories to others. Oh, I almost forgot; who was the boy? That was me. I must get out the video to see again how Robin triumphed; that was something the adults did explain to the boy, good will always triumph over evil.

Roger Bryant

## Have You Time To Listen ?

If you think you could be a sympathetic listener, you may be interested in a new 12-week training course organised by the charity **Help in Bereavement**. The course will cover different aspects of grieving such as the elderly bereaved, traumatic death and children's loss and will be led by the Reverend Ray Chapman.

The course begins on 26 September 2002 and runs for 12 weeks every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.20pm. The cost is £70 but concessions are available. It is being held at the new Portchester Parish Hall just off the A27 with good parking.

For further information please contact Jean on (023) 9247 5049 or Betty on Telephone No (023) 9281 7977 or speak to me, Rosemary Thomas.

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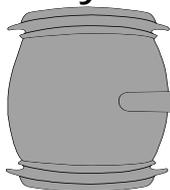
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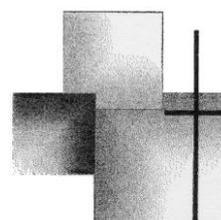
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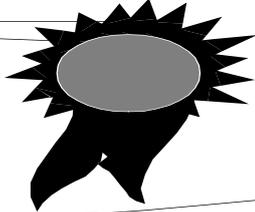
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## **Rainbows, Brownies and Guides**

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the Havant District continue to go from strength to strength due in the main to the dedication and hard work of their leaders. How many times have we as parents been only too happy to pay the subs and let someone else occupy them for a couple of hours? We have all been guilty of that. A Division Activity Day has been organised at Fort Purbrook on 28th September, where all age groups will come together and be given the chance to try something new. For the older age groups archery and absailing will be on offer. On 7th December the girls in Havant will have the opportunity to spend a morning at St Faiths Hall learning new crafts and skill and after lunch put on an entertainment for parents.

We do need support from parents if we want to survive, even if it is on a rota basis, all help will be welcome. If any of you are interested in sparing a few hours or perhaps helping to form a parents support group, please get in contact with me. Thank you. Shirley Croset (District Commissioner for Havant) croset@btinternet.com

## **Insurance**

From time to time we are asked about insurance cover in respect of people using the Hall or Church House for meetings or social activities. Our insurance policy with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group covers us for public liability arising out of any accident caused through the negligence of the PCC, eg if a piece of the ceiling fell on someone using the Hall or Church House. Our policy also covers us in respect of our own church social activities in the Hall or Church House.

However, other organisations using the Hall or Church House are liable for anything arising out of their own negligence and should have their own public liability insurance cover, eg to cover an accident during archery in the Hall. This would also apply to St Faith's Church, for example when we have a concert. Our policy covers any accident arising out of negligence of the PCC, eg someone falling over because of inadequate lighting. However, the orchestra would be responsible if someone fell over their instruments and would require their own public liability insurance cover.

## **Portsmouth Area Hospice Fundraising Tour to Dublin November 2002**

The costs of running the hospice are now £250 per day, which equates to £183,000 per month or £1.7 million a year. If you would be interested in supporting the hospice by joining the tour to Dublin please contact Eileen Jayne-Wood (Support Group Chairman) for more details at: Orchard Cottage, 34 West Street, Southwick, PO17 6EA or on 023 9220 0430.

## **Prayers, Prose, Poems & Praise**

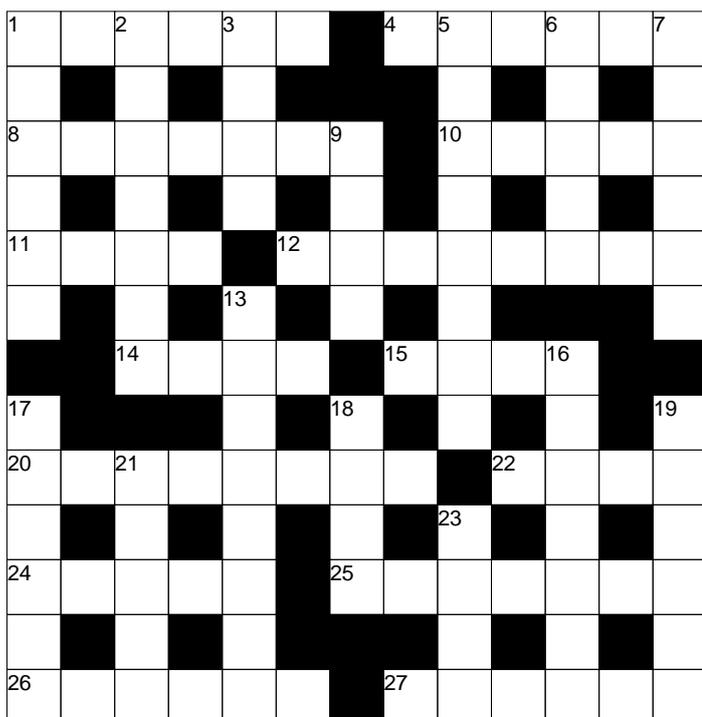
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## St Faith's September 2002 Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. In France good system for top cover (6)
4. Miser's midnight visitors (6)
8. Very best of three (7)
10. Place to rule - or sleep (5)
11. Willingly change life (4)
12. Sounds filled with belief for being steadfast (8)
14. Unladen container for weed (4)
15. Like money "not good except it be spread"(4)
20. A line to a pole (8)
22. Quite a strain to swallow (4)
24. Allow to be known (5)
25. Man of avowed intent (8)
26. Musical pot-pourri (6)
27. Suit for digging (6)

### Down

1. Distort a fastening (6)
2. Disturbed rat seen to be very close (7)
3. About time to give forth (4)
5. This author is fitted to be a bridge keeper (8)
6. Scorn to eat greedily (5)
7. Arrange seat for two or more (6)
9. Revolutionary time on earth (4)
13. Lady of discretion (8)
16. Perhaps the red kind are related (7)
17. Could be a logo (6)
18. Dicken's nurse a help in wet weather (4)
19. Article between saint and politicians leaves impression (6)
21. Assessed change in trade (5)
23. Hands together for this (4)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*.

## Answers to the editor (Jan) by 15<sup>th</sup> September please!

Answers to August 2002 Crossword

Across: 1.Brazil, 4.Accent, 8.Trident, 10.Voter, 11.Elam, 12.Football, 14.Lark, 15.Luna, 20.Worldcup, 22.Dawn, 24.Thing, 25.British, 26.Hassle, 27.Tanner.

Down: 1.Bethel, 2.Abigail, 3.Ides, 5.Covetous, 6.Extra, 7.Thrill, 9.Trot, 13.Prodigal, 16.Arabian, 17.Switch, 18.Dumb, 19.Anchor, 21.Ruins, 23.Diva.

Only nine correct answers this month, maybe it was a bit harder or is everyone else on holiday? The first of the correct entries this month is from **Ann Slade**. Other correct entries were sent in by Mary Harfield, Pat Galliers, Derek Bowley, June Morley, Ruth Tunks, Angela Collyer, Arthur Jones and Marion Simmons. Try your best this month - you are allowed to confer!

*From your Editors*

Did you notice that cunning plural to "Editor"! Yes! At Last! I am absolutely delighted to welcome Colin Carter as co-editor. Now at last the editors can discuss between themselves what to put where in the magazine (I just used to argue with myself!) and we can also share the monthly workload of getting the printed sheets ready for the printer to photocopy. This is particularly helpful this month as I was away in France for the last half of August, just when this magazine needed to go to press! Also, I had a super response to my request re help with the St Faith's Internet Web Site - but more of that next month!

As we go to press, I'm hoping all will run smoothly for our Open Day on 31<sup>st</sup> of August - there are many people working very hard to make it all happen. Carmen & I are returning from France the day before so as not to miss it. I plan to be helping with the open day visits to St Faith's Bell Tower!

*Jan Stuart*

I am delighted to assist Jan in the production of "faith matters". After two years of semi-retirement in using my IT & computer skills, it will be rewarding to brush away the cobwebs and use them for the benefit of members of the parish. Jan is now in France, so I am in at the deep end to put together my first magazine, so bear with me if you find too many mistakes, but there is no better way to learn quickly than to have to put something into practice yourself!

The St Faith's Internet Web Site should take off over the next few months to give St Faith's a world-wide audience. With this in mind I have enrolled in a 10-week course at the Havant College on Web Page Design.

The "***editor@stfaith.com***" email address cannot be redirected to multiple users. Therefore would you be good enough to send articles to both the "***editor@stfaith.com***" email address and to "***colin@stfaith.com***" email address - both Jan and I will then receive them.

Children are so innocent when they are young and come out with the most amusing sayings. After saying grace before lunch, Grannie asked Jenny, our 3-year-old grand daughter "Do you know why we say grace before meals? Well, we are thanking God for all the food he has given us". After a pause, Jenny looked into Grannie's eyes and said "We get our food from Sainsbury's".

Let us know what your children or grand children have said to you.

*Colin Carter*

## SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1 September</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>Trinity XIV</b>	8am	Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am	Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>Trinity XV</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 15 September</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>Trinity XVI</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST with BAPTISM</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 22 September</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>Trinity XVII</b>	9.15am	Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 29 September</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	9.30am	<b>FAMILY EUCHARIST</b>
	6pm	Evensong at <b>St John, Forton</b> for their Flower Festival) – <b>All invited</b> (Preacher Dom Timothy Bavin OSB)
<b>Sunday 6 October</b>	8am	Eucharist
<b>ST FAITH'S DAY</b>	8am	Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am	Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Festival Evensong
<b>Midweek Services:-</b>		
Mondays	9am	Morning Prayer & Eucharist
Tuesdays	9am	Eucharist
Thursdays	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Fridays	9am	Eucharist
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