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From the Rector

David Gibbons, our Rector, reflects on war with Iraq, with reference to an article written for the Church Times, published on 21st March, by the Rt. Revd. Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford.

As I sit to write this piece the war on Iraq has just begun with the first air raids on Baghdad taking place last night (20th March). I desperately hope that by the time you are reading this the war will have come to an end, that few casualties have occurred, that humanitarian aid is in place and a better, new Iraq will emerge from the disaster. If this is the case then is the mood now that Bush and his restraining but loyal ally, Tony Blair, are vindicated in their decisions? Sadly, however, I imagine that an invasion will not so easily be successful, Saddam Hussein overthrown and heavy casualties avoided. So many questions remain such as should we ever have got into this war? Is such a war just? What is our Christian perspective on war? Richard Harries's position is that it cannot be a just war as Hussein is not an "imminent and serious threat, and that there are other ways of containing him." It may seem futile to continue to argue about whether we should or not given that conflict has started, but there are rallies opposing war going on throughout the country. Clearly opinions run deep on this, and good that people are vocal about them.

I find myself turning my attention now to the moral concern as to how war is conducted. The thought of innocent lives being lost and thousands of conscripts into Saddam's army being in the firing line against far superior weaponry is quite horrendous. However, I find the idea that all Iraqi forces will throw down their guns in glee and readily surrender to be unlikely, and so I also fear for our troops (as well as American, and I believe Australian) who make themselves vulnerable at the bidding of the government. That is, of course, what they have signed up to do, and while they are encouraged to be 'professional' in their duties, I am sure there is not the slightest sense of thrill or enjoyment at the sight of injured and dead colleagues or indeed enemies, save, of course, that their threat is neutralised.

Our prayers might now be that non-military targets are avoided and that loss of life is very small. We might pray and lobby that in this war so called 'dirty' weapons are not used such as cluster bombs that kill indiscriminately and those tipped with high penetration depleted uranium that cause soaring cancer rates and strange birth defects for years after the war is ended. As we look further ahead we may also pray that this involvement has not opened a hornets nest. One observer in a neighbouring country of Iraq said that this intervention would raise up against the West "Bin Ladin's from every father's son".

This morning (21st March) we heard of the death of British and U.S. Army personnel in a helicopter accident – not even in the line of fire. A tragedy and our immense sympathy goes out to their families, yet it is somewhat indicative of the fear that we are as much a danger to ourselves as to others in this action. When we pray for peace, we pray for all the people of this world and for new heart and desire to come together in peace and when we start demonstrating for peace, we campaign for peace in our own hearts too.

This Easter time may we hold dear the encouragement of the risen Lord who gloriously affirm the endless work of the creative God, who is somehow making something better out of the carnage we have caused, and raising up hope where despair has set in.

Fr. David

About The Parish

News of the re-opening this summer of the Hayling Billy Line reminded me of the Southsea Railway. You will remember that we had an article about the former in last September's "Faith Matters" and before we leave that subject, parishioners might like to know that not everyone is happy about the proposed use of noisy steam trains on the re-opened Hayling Billy Line or the construction of a Halt in Lower Grove Road. Elsewhere in "Faith Matters", you will see a notice of a Public Meeting being organised by Audrey Currie and Fiona Hedley. They would welcome your views.

The London and South Western Railway first brought rail travel to Portsmouth in 1841. In fact this is not quite correct because the line ran from Eastleigh, through Fareham, to Gosport. Intended travellers to or from Portsmouth were required to row across the harbour! The clamour for improved services to Portsmouth led to three plans being considered. One was for a line to be built from Fareham, through Portchester (picking up Judith Williams), running down the west side of Portsea Island, through the villages of Rudmore (picking up John Bradey) and Mile End to a terminus at the Unicorn Gates (where Colin Carter is waiting for Beryl). May I digress - Joy thinks I overdo the use of brackets. (Whatever does she mean?)

The second proposal was for the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway to run a line through the Hilsea Lines, across the salt marshes to the Hamlet of Copnor, through Fratton to a terminus at Landport, the then commercial centre of Portsmouth. The third proposal was a direct line from London to Portsmouth but that was to take many years. In fact, the Brighton proposal won the day because it required less demolition of property (unlike the proposed Halt in Lower Grove Road) and was accepted by the military authorities.

With the development of the holiday resort, it was necessary to have a line from Fratton to Southsea and, after much negotiation and planning, the new line opened on 2 July 1885, with 15 trains daily, six of which were direct from London. The line ran from Fratton Station under an overbridge, which carried Goldsmith Avenue across the line, along the back of Francis Avenue, to Jessie Road Halt, where there was another overbridge for the road, on to Albert Road Halt (picking up Sara Freeston on her way to see Derek), under the overbridge carrying Highland Road, on to another overbridge which carried St Ronans Road and finally to the East Southsea Station adjacent to Granada Road.

Fittingly, that is where our journey ends for now but next month we have a closer look at the station and how the line prospered until its final closure in 1923. My mother once told me how, as a child, she had a fall on the rail embankment at Albert Road. I was puzzled as to what she was doing so close to the railway but from researching this article, I think I have the answer. All will be revealed next month.

Roger Bryant

The anniversary III - St George's Day 23 April 1943

*Saint George of old the dragon slew, so runs the ancient story
And left to all men good and true, the guerdon of his glory.*

It was 23rd April 1943 but we were not slaying dragons even though we were enveloped in smoke and burning embers, these being the result of sitting in open trucks behind a wood-burning locomotive. We were on our way up-country into the jungle again, to a camp called Wampo on the bank of the river Kwai. We had been here many months earlier building embankments and a wooden trestle viaduct around the cliff face above the river. This camp, already disease-ridden because of earlier occupation, was to be our home. Our task was to lay the rail track, that is to lay wooden sleepers and on them rails, which had to be fixed with six inch spikes. Another series of skills to be learned, and we learned quickly when there were Japanese engineers wielding bamboo canes, ready to use them to correct any hesitation or mistake.

Traditionally the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers celebrated St George's Day with Church Services and Ceremonial Parades. We would not be celebrating this year. Little news filtered through of the progress of the war, but hearing of the Japanese invasion of India being repulsed we realised that a radio existed in one of the camps. To keep its existence secret no news was released for at least ten days. We began to understand, however, why the Japanese had a sudden desire for "speedo". Great pressure was applied for all work to be speeded up, even to the extent of working on rest days. The normal work cycle was nine days work and one day of rest, Sundays being treated as a normal day, if there was such a thing. The Japanese were ever more anxious to complete this railway regardless of any suffering or deaths that may happen.

Each day we witnessed columns of English, Australian and Dutch prisoners carrying all their worldly possessions, being force marched up towards the Burmese border at the Three Pagodas Pass. Many of these would never make the return journey but would perish somewhere in the jungle. The period of the next few months was to be a hideous example of man's inhumanity to man.

Govan S. Easton

Thought Food (*copied from a "thought" in Warblington Parish Church Magazine – 1985 – seems very applicable now regarding the last line*)

I'm convinced that Anglicans, so often derided for muddle & wooliness, so often accused of having lost their way and having no cutting edge & so on & so forth, have nevertheless, by God's grace, received a vocation within the Coming Great Church.

Oxford

Bishop Rodger of

Parochial Church Council Reports

Fabric Committee Meeting 15 February

Quotes were currently (no pun intended!) being sought for work to improve the electric's in church, which would result in the issue of an Electrical Safety Certificate. The first stage of restoration work, arising out of the Quinquennial Report, was now finished and the Architect would be meeting with the Fabric Committee on 1 March to discuss the issue of certificates of completion and the next phase of repairs. A local glazier would be contacted to repair the protective screen to the Lady Chapel window. The choir vestry door, recently damaged by vandals, had been repaired and reinforced. A contractor would be sought to clean the drains and guttering annually.

Building Committee Meeting 27 February

Ivan Morley had resigned last month and Vickie Mockford had taken over as Hall Manager. The committee paid tribute to Ivan's excellent work on the Complex. The Yew Tree in front of Coach House had been cut back. Quotes for a new flat roof in the southwest corner of the Hall, above the room behind the stage, were being considered. The roof over the Men's Toilets in the Hall had been repaired. The Rector had decided to allow the Art Group to continue having the Hall on Tuesday mornings, as part of the outreach of St Faith's, and therefore, negotiations with the Day Nursery, formerly in the Red Cross Hut, had terminated. It was hoped to arrange a booking with The Red Cross to use the Hall for a few hours weekly. Neil Mockford would replace the fencing on the east side of No 2 Churchfields. The Health and Safety Handbook was close to being finalised. The fire strategy was under consideration. The post of Assistant Verger was being advertised in the March "Faith Matters".

Fabric Committee Meeting 1 March

This was a special meeting with the Architect, Terry Roberts, to review the first stage (Tower roof and masonry) of the restoration work which was now finished at a cost of just over £50,000 plus VAT and fees. The final invoice of approximately £14,000 + VAT was awaited. Once paid, we could then claim grants from Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council at 10% each of our expenditure. Morris Crocker would act for us to recover 12% of the costs, representing part of the total VAT bill. The next Quinquennial Report was due in June and would show the outstanding work (mostly inside) required on the church, likely to cost in the region of £33,000 + VAT.

PCC Meeting 10 March

Reports were discussed from the Fabric, Building and Restoration Committees. The Treasurer, Pam Bowley, presented the audited accounts for 2002, which were accepted. She reported that Colin Carter was making very good progress with computerising the parish accounts. The Chairman thanked Pam for her splendid

efforts over the year. The Parish Child Protection Policy would be reviewed in May. There was a discussion of the Vision for the Parish, following on from the excellent meeting on 22 February. A statement was drawn up to facilitate the tasks of the working parties. The Electoral Roll was approved. It now stands at 140. There was a discussion of Communion before Confirmation. The Rector would like the views of parishioners on this subject, preferably by letter. Finally, the Rector reported that Audrey Currie was standing down at the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting after 25 years as PCC Secretary. Warm tributes were paid to Audrey for all she had done for St Faith's.

Willing to Help?

The Abbeyfield Sheltered Housing Charity has two houses in Havant, each with about seven elderly residents. We are looking for a lady who enjoys cooking, the company of older people and who would be prepared to sleep in overnight, occasionally. If you, or somebody you know, would be interested in helping us and earning at the same time, please telephone Mrs B Palmer 023 9248 4896.

Daisy - The Flower Lady RIP

All of Havant was saddened to hear of the early death of Daisy Ayres who sold flowers from her pitch just along from this church to grace so many occasions. We bought her flowers for weddings and birthdays, for the sick or bereaved, or just as gifts for friends. She was one of the characters of the town who did so much to cheer us on our way through life. She generously supplied us with flowers for the church and contributed in this way to our Sunday worship. We were able to help her on one occasion some years ago when the pedestrianisation of the precinct meant her losing her pitch. The then Rector, Father Brown, took up her case with the Council and the outcome was that she was allowed to stay near the church. She was a generous and lovely lady who will be missed by everyone in Havant.

Mother Church of Portsea Island

How many know which one it is? Here's a clue - Father David sang in the choir there and his father was Vicar (no connection!). I hear a thunderous shout of St Mary's and you are all correct.

St Mary's is first mentioned in deeds as far back as 1164. The first church consisted of a chancel and a nave with aisles. The squat western tower was probably a 16th century addition. After many changes incorporating dormer windows and galleries, the church was demolished and a second one built in 1843. The architect was the famous Thomas Owen who designed most of the Victorian buildings in Southsea but who was less successful with churches. The present church was built in 1887 in the time of the Vicar of Portsea and Rural Dean, Canon Edgar Jacob. The new and magnificent St Mary's Church dominated the parish and was a serious rival to St Thomas's when the latter was chosen as the Portsmouth Cathedral in 1927 when the town became a city.

It was said between the wars that vicars of Portsea were marked out for advancement in the Church and the reputation of the parish owed much to Canon Jacob, the first of four very distinguished incumbents. When he came to the parish in 1878 at the age of 34, he found it in a very poor state. His predecessor, Vicar Stewart, had been there since 1828 and, in old age and failing health, more and more demands were put on him as the population increased at an unprecedented rate. What energy he had was spent horseriding with his brother every afternoon on Southsea Common! He was aged 85 and still Vicar of Portsea when he died in 1878.

He had blocked progress in Anglican Portsmouth; quite simply, he was unable to cope and he left Canon Jacob with an appalling legacy. Hundreds in the parish had not even been baptised, there were few communicants, Sunday morning service was attended by a handful of people and the church was unheated, dirty and neglected.

Canon Jacob had a clear plan of how to run a parish and he had the drive and energy to put it into effect. He put the finances of the parish on a sound footing, rebuilt the parish church as his centre, built another church, St Barnabas, and four mission halls, enlarged the vicarage and built up a team of 12 very able curates. He left the parish after 17 years in 1895 to become Bishop of Newcastle and then in 1903 of St Albans, where he remained until 1919.

He was succeeded at Portsea in 1896 by Cosmo Gordon Lang who was aged 31. He was an outstanding preacher who literally filled churches to overflowing by his wonderful oratory and in his five years consolidated and then built on the work of Edgar Jacob. In 1901 he left to become Suffragan Bishop of Stepney and Dean of St Paul's. In 1909 at the early age of 44, he became Archbishop of York, without ever being a diocesan bishop, and, in 1928, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lang was succeeded as Vicar of Portsea by Bernard Wilson, who at 43 was the oldest of the great four. He had boundless zeal and unlimited energy, although sadly he was destined to kill himself by his labours. He was a tireless visitor to parishioners, raised large sums of money for the parish and was made Rural Dean

by the Bishop. He attracted the children and young people of the area to the Church and was an inspirational preacher. He was once described as being strenuous, high-spirited, explosive and unconventional.

He had no desire to leave Portsea and in 1909 at the age of 52 collapsed and died at the Portsmouth Grammar School prize-giving. Although he did not reach the eminence of the other three, he was no less able. As Bishop Randall Davidson said of him, "That man is fit to occupy any position in the Church of England." During the last two years of Lang's period in Portsea, one of his curates was Cyril Forster Garbett, who arrived in 1899 and was to spend 20 years in the parish. He succeeded Bernard Wilson in 1909. His period with Lang, Wilson and Portsea did much to shape the character and brilliance of this great churchman. Although born in Surrey, Garbett was sent, along with his brother Leonard, as a boarder to the Portsmouth Grammar School and during his schooldays came under the spell of Father Dolling who he regularly visited.

Leaving Portsea in 1919, he became Bishop of Southwark where he remained until 1932 when he became Bishop of Winchester. By then Portsea was in the new diocese of Portsmouth and no longer under the jurisdiction of the Winchester Diocese. Only one Archbishop of Canterbury had ever resigned - Randall Davidson (Father Dolling's old opponent- see January's "Faith Matters") at the age of 80. However, in 1942 Cosmo Lang, the Archbishop of Canterbury, also resigned on grounds of age and was succeeded by Dr William Temple who in turn was succeeded as Archbishop of York by Bishop Garbett. He died on 31 December 1959 after an extraordinary and eventful life in which he always gave thanks for his time in Portsea and the early influence of Father Dolling.

I started with a question, so let me finish with one. Which church in Portsmouth was called the Bernard Wilson Memorial Church? Here is a clue - it was also called "The Runaway Church". For the answer, you must get next month's "Faith Matters".

Roger Bryant

About Children

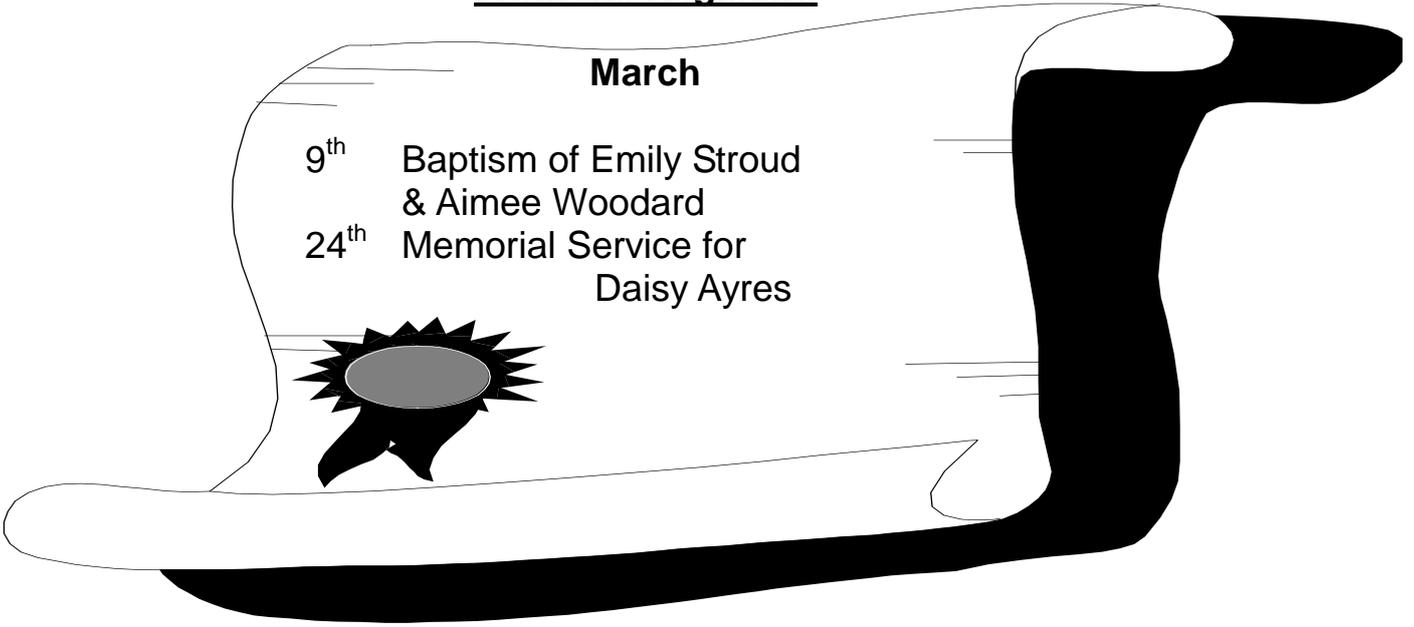
Just some verses I love about children. The first is an ancient Indian Proverb, the second is by Sam Levenson and the third is anonymous. "Treat the Earth well; it was not given to you by your parents; it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." "The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent." "Happy Holidays! The only thing children wear out faster than shoes are parents."

Joy Bryant

From the Registers

March

9th Baptism of Emily Stroud
& Aimee Woodard
24th Memorial Service for
Daisy Ayres



Baptism of Emily on Sunday
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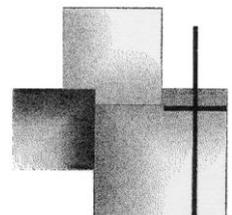
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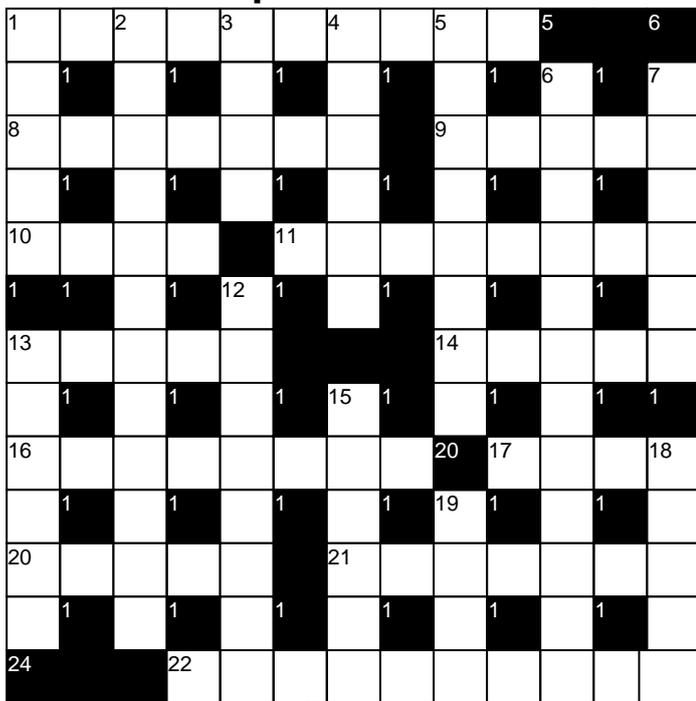
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St Faith's April 2003 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Held up for security, released for access (10)
8. Ultra it may be but without real power (7)
9. Not desirable neckware (5)
10. One is incomparable in song (4)
11. Aircraft is not modified, throw away (8)
13. Thing in front could be a problem (5)
14. Alfred follows taxi to get to secret group (5)
16. Just for the look of it (8)
17. A cake for muscular male (4)
21. Cask rolls up on shore (7)
22. Excited, Dave Turner becomes a daring explorer (10)

20. Sketch out military group for move (5)

Down

1. May show the year but is unfashionable (5)
2. Victorian oil protection (12)
3. Depart rapidly for the door (4)
4. Serial about country in the Middle East (6)
5. Heredity study gets nice outcome (8)
6. Uninvited visitor with bad intent (12)
7. Sounds like this officer is something of a nut (6)
12. This development of disease is welcome (8)
13. Just a show, could be deceptive (6)
15. Academic leaves London district to get a brace and bit (6)
18. Quite a commotion in American manner (5)
19. A dead one is expected to bring in money (4)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editors by 15th April please!

Answers to March 2003 Crossword

Across: 1.Satrap, 4.Opiate, 8.Compass, 10.Roads, 11.Nark, 12.Minister, 14.Lent, 15.Palm, 20. Apostate, 22.Ante, 24.Aside, 25.Neutral, 26.Scarab, 27.Napalm.

Down: 1.Second, 2.Tumbrel, 3.Alas, 5.Parsifal, 6.Abaft, 7.Exsert, 9.Skid, 13.Anathema, 16.Minerva, 17.Calais, 18.Eton, 19.Bedlam, 21.Ouija, 23 Tuna.

The first correct answer out of the hat this month was from Ann Slade with correct entries also being received from Derek Bowley, Mary Harfield, Marion Simmons. Sorry June Morley, Daphne Rowden and Joy Utting, but 5 Down is Parsifal, the name of the operatic hero, not Percival; and Ruth Tunks 9 Down is Skid not Spin.

David Williams – an Introduction

I will be joining you at St Faith's in the summer as a non-stipendiary assistant curate after ordination as a deacon on 28th June.

Before that, I have to complete the training at STETS (Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme), based in Salisbury. This has been a three-year distance-learning course on Christian theology and mission. Recently it involved a placement of three months nearby at Emsworth Methodist Church.

I live on Hayling Island, where I have worshipped and trained at St Mary's church for the last few years. Before ordination training started, I had some experience there as an altar server and as PCC secretary and deanery synod member.

I was born in London, of a generally Welsh background, although my mother was born in Cornwall. I think her home must have been about the only Welsh-speaking household in Cornwall. Both my parents were barristers by profession, mother in the civil service; father eventually became a crown court judge.

At university, I studied first Physics and then Astronomy at Imperial College, London and Leicester University. Eventually, I "settled down" to a proper job in the computer industry. I have worked for IBM at Havant Plant and North Harbour since 1973, where, like most people there, I did a variety of jobs. At the beginning of this year at the age of 55, I took an early retirement package to work full time at ministry.

I have a daughter, Suzanne, aged twenty-one, who is studying medicine at my old college, Imperial, in London. I am not married and brought-up Suzanne as a single parent from when she was six.

There is a family history of involvement with the church; my great grandfather was a Methodist minister in North Wales. My own upbringing was not noticeably religious, apart from normal school events, and I pulled out of confirmation two weeks before the service at the age of 13. There followed a period of about thirty years away from the church.

After a series of events, which may be the subject of a sermon sometime (!), I became a Christian in 1996 and was – at last – confirmed the following year. My conversion was followed with an increasing involvement with the church over the next few years, with the decision to offer myself for ordination being taken in 1999.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the welcome, which you gave me on Sunday 9th March, when I visited. I am looking forward to joining St Faith's at the end of June. I will see you all again then.

David Williams

1st Havant Girlguides

1st Havant has been in existence for well over 80 years. It is the only unit serving Havant town and the girls that go to Rainbows and Brownies at Havant URC and St Faiths. After July we will have to close unless we can recruit some new guiders and helpers because the current guider is moving away. The following data will help you to see why I think Girlguiding still have a value in today's frenetic world:

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Gillian Peskett

Correspondence Column

Dear Editor,

In your footnote to my remarks on women priests (Faith Matters March 2003), you appear to have missed the point completely. Of course it was mandatory for the PCC to consider and decide on this issue. In so doing it proclaimed the ethos and policy of St. Faith's as reflected by the PCC at that time. Bearing in mind that a woman priest has been welcomed at St. Faith's, and that we now have two women Lay Assistants at Eucharist, it appears somewhat odd and contradictory, to say the least, that a woman incumbent would not be accepted. I know full well that we all, expect, hope and pray that the Rector is "not going anywhere for some time to come", but that is not the issue. What is the issue is faith, ethos and policy of the Parish Church of St. Faith.

Yours sincerely,

John Bradey

{A response from Colin Warlow will appear in the May edition as it missed the deadline (15th) to be included in this month's "Faith Matters" – sorry!}

Liturgical colour

In a letter to this magazine from Jeanne Morgan the question is posed why are their different colours on show at different times of the church's year? The answer is that the colours are seasonal – reflecting the different aspects of the particular liturgical themes associated with the current feast or period. For example, as we are in the season of Lent, which is a penitential season, when we reflect upon our own need to repent through fasting and making extra time for God. The colour associated with this penitential feel is purple, and so in church you will see a purple altar frontal, and at the Eucharist the Priest will wear a purple stole (that's the thin scarf like attire worn over the neck) and chasuble (a type of cloak in the style of a Roman gentleman of the 2nd century).

The relevant colours are well chosen, and it is interesting how colours symbolise moods or emotions. For example we talk of someone who is inexperienced being green, or an angry person being red with rage. Red is used in church primarily for blood! It is used on the festivals of martyrs – so St Faith's day is celebrated in red. But also red represents the Holy Spirit and so is employed at Pentecost, also called Whit Sunday to emphasise the Spirit's coming like 'tongues of fire' on the disciples at that first Pentecost. (Another question is why Pentecost as opposed to Whitsun – Pentecost is the Jewish feast that the disciples were gathered to celebrate at the time of the Spirit's coming, so it makes sense to use either term).

The other main colour is white, often symbolising purity and power, but also recognising the great feasts of Easter and Christmas, as well as commemorating Saints' days. The fourth main colour, then is green, symbolising nature and the earth for ordinary time, as it is called, especially that long period in the church's year between Trinity Sunday (the beginning of the 'green season') and All Saints. In summary, then, the four main colours are:

White – Festivals and Saints

Red – Pentecost and Martyrs

Purple – Lent, Advent and funerals

Green – Ordinary time

In some traditions blue is also used, especially to commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary and black too, but these have all but fallen out of use now. So, let me ask you – what colour will be used for Maundy Thursday, for Good Friday and Epiphany? Answers on a post card to the Rector, first out of the hat to win special bonus prize!

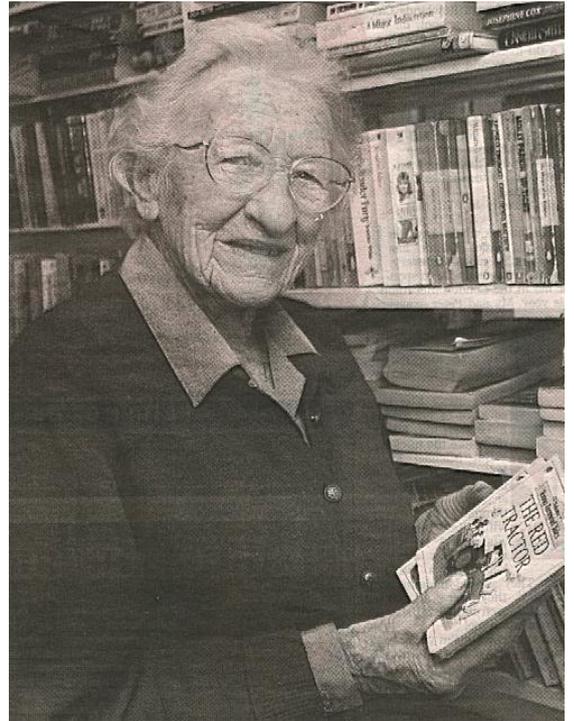
Fr. David

(If you have any questions about the church or the service that you would like answers to, please give them to the Editors.)

Book Sale Helps Towards Church Roof Work Bill

The following article written by Catherine Burt appeared in The News on Monday 24 February 2003:

Bookworms have been helping to raise cash for a church roof restoration appeal. St. Faith's Church, in West Street, Havant, and St. Nicholas Chapel, in Langstone, have both had work carried out on their lead roofs. But the work has set the churches back nearly £60,000, and for the past year the congregations have been raising cash to pay for the work. Their appeal fund has made around £30,000 so far – and another £200 has just been collected at a three-day book sale held last week at the Coach House charity shop, in The Pallant, Havant. Parish office administrator June Morley said: "We hope people continue to attend our fund-raising events. People assume that because the work was carried out that it was all paid for, but we are still fund-raising."



*Picture: **Molly Griffiths, 90, from Emsworth Helps out to raise money for the St. Faith's Church roof appeal***

Forts of Judith!

Our lovely Musical Director, Judith Williams, has been thinking about the Napoleonic defences in this area mentioned in February's "Faith Matters" and she has reminded me of many other forts. For the record, apart from those mentioned last month, there were another two lines of forts, although the second of these was never completed. The first was the Gosport Advanced Line, comprising of Forts Gomer, Grange, Rowner, Brockhurst (mentioned by Judith) and Elson, which stretched from Stokes Bay to the western side of the harbour. The second line planned was the Fareham Line but only Fort Fareham (again mentioned by Judith) was in fact built. Much else could be written of defences in the area but I think I had best leave you to your thoughts (forts!).

RHB

Word Search – Saints

Can you find the saints that are shown in the grid? Words may be read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal and are in straight lines. The 'ST' and the name are contiguous in the grid. **Colin** **Carter**

ST ANDREW	ST HELENA	ST MARY
ST AUGUSTUS	ST IVES	ST MATTHEW
ST CHRISTOPHER	ST JOAN	ST NICHOLAS
ST CLEMENT	ST JOHN	ST PATRICK
ST DAVID	ST JOSEPH	ST PAUL
ST FAITH	ST LAWRENCE	ST PETER
ST FRANCIS	ST LUKE	ST THOMAS
ST GEORGE	ST MARK	ST VINCENT

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Did you find the special lady who visited the ship in last month's Ship Ahoy Word Search? It was Molly and she is featured on page 16 of this month's magazine

From the Editors

Isn't spring a lovely time of the year. Clocks have been put forward an hour to make the evenings lighter, the daffodils flutter in the breeze, trees and flowers start to bud and everyone looks a lot happier when the sun shines. We complain about our weather all the time, but at least we get variety! Having lived in Singapore for two years where the temperature is 85°F and the humidity 95% on average each day, and where it rains heavily for an hour or two most days (and a lot longer during the monsoon season), one appreciates the variety in our weather. In Singapore, any black shoes had to be taken out of cupboards at least once a week, otherwise they turned green, and all clothes had to be taken out of wardrobes to be aired, otherwise they would smell musty! 19 of us had a most enjoyable evening on St. Patrick's day seeing "Carousel" by the South Downe Musical Society at the King's Theatre – thank you Sandra for another well organised outing. *Please note that Fr. David would appreciate your views on Communion before Confirmation, either verbally, or preferably, in writing.* There is only one editorial this month as Jan is away in France.

Colin Carter

"Paynter"

In the outback of North-West Queensland in Australia, wild horses are called "Brumbies". The cattlemen round them up and the best are kept and trained. Nearly 50 years ago I was at a round-up. The Brumbies in a corral were understandably in a wild panic. With the cattlemen watching, a small boy aged about 3, whose father owned the cattle station, got through the fence into the compound. Everyone watched in fear. The cattlemen had their rifles loaded but the child was too near to the horses for them to fire. The child got into a corner of the corral, with the horses wild and panicking, when one beautiful, enormous mare went over and stood in front of him, with front hooves raised, daring the other horses to harm the infant. The child, for some unknown reason, kept calling the Brumbie "Paynter". The child had no fear and was unharmed. Eventually, we got him out, safe and sound, but he wanted "Paynter". The horse was taken from the rest of the Brumbies but the only one who could control him was the small boy, for whom the horse became a friend and an invaluable asset. Why this story? Some while ago I adopted a black cross-labrador dog from the Stubbington Ark. After one of our evening walks in the pouring rain, when I returned to the Bungalow, I got a towel to dry him. Being fearful, he bit me. (Only God knows what he had suffered previously). Now when we come back from a walk in the rain, he immediately goes for his towel because he wants to be dried. I call him "Shadow" because he never leaves my side. Like children and all of us, he needs love, which drives away fear.

Canon Derek Brown

SERVICES

Sunday 6th April	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
	8.00am Eucharist
	8.00am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am Sunday Club in Church House – Families Welcome
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday 8th April	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday 13th April	PALM SUNDAY
	8.00am Eucharist
	9.15am Sunday Club in Church House – Families Welcome
	9.30am Procession from Havant Park to Church for the
	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday 15th April	7.00pm Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday 17th April	7.30pm Eucharist
Good Friday 18th April	11.00am Procession of the Cross
	2.00pm Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday 19th April	6.00pm Seder Meal I in the Church Hall
	8.00pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 20th April	EASTER SUNDAY
	6.00am Easter Celebration on the foreshore at Emsworth
	8.00am Eucharist
	8.00am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am Sunday Club in Church House – Families Welcome
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
	Preacher: The Revd. David Slater
	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 27th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8.00am Eucharist
	9.15am Sunday Club in Church House – Families Welcome
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST with Baptism
	President & Preacher: The Revd. Ray Chapman
	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 4th May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	8.00am Eucharist
	8.00am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am Sunday Club in Church House – Families Welcome
	9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm Evensong

Midweek Services: See page 1

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