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<u>SUNDAYS:</u>	8.00 am	Eucharist (said)
	9.15 am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist
		The service is followed by refreshments in the Church Hall, on the Pallant.
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong

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The Parish of St Faith in Havant – A Vision for the future.

Why Vision?

This is a question many people have: why do we need a vision? It may sound overly grand or rather forced, pretentious or even just unnecessary, but what happens if there is no vision? Without vision there is no focus, no common agenda that the people of the church can unite behind in their efforts to serve Christ. A vision not only unites but also gives a framework within which all decisions concerning church activity can be made. Without such clarity any good idea or project that is thought of may be pursued, but with a vision only the suitable projects will be embarked upon.

If we look back at examples from the Bible all the great kings, prophets, disciples, apostles and, of course, Jesus himself had a clear vision of where they were going. One such example is the vision of Solomon, David's son and heir, who brought into being the temple that David had dreamt of. The temple was the great symbol of God's presence with his people and the focus for worship and praise in Israel. Boldness of vision, then, is important, and so is a sense of timing but, above all, a genuine belief that God is willing His plan into action is vital.

Another crucial component of vision is that it invites commitment behind it, enabling the people of God to take part in the development of the church's mission. We are all called to serve God and so, conversely, we all have a voice that needs to be heard if the God given direction for the church is to be pursued. An essential part of this vision, then, is the valuing of all God's children and the gifts he has given us. Following a vision, then, enables the church develop its own plan, in accordance with the gifts of those in it, to bring about that vision!

In other words – the whole idea of vision only works if you are involved! If the Vision Statement and the process of bringing about a plan is influenced by you and helped through your ideas and gifts then God will bless our efforts.

In summary, then, a vision provides:

- Focus for all future church activity
- Direction for us as the people of God
- A framework for making decisions
- Commitment from the church to bring about the vision
- A plan of action using the gifts of those in the church

How do we go about establishing a vision?

In the first place I shall expound a vision in this paper and invite you to think about it, pray about it and then to comment on it at the Vision meeting on Saturday 22nd February in Church Hall (10am –12 noon). At that meeting we will be able to discuss the vision and then adopt a final version of the Vision Statement. Also, at the same meeting, we can discuss the process by which we hope to make a plan of action. This is an important part of the morning because if we set up the right ways to plan our activities we will also be establishing good practises with which to exercise that plan.

But above all else there is one vital element of our planning, thinking, preparation and activity without which there is no vision: prayer. All our work has to be grounded in prayer and out of prayer comes the vision. It is important that our personal prayer take on an exploration about our opinions about the church, and about the place of God in our lives:

what do we really believe and think? How do we understand God's activity in the world to be driving the mission of the church throughout the world and here in Havant? What, then, is the part that St Faith's, along with St Nicholas, Langstone and Christ Church, Denvilles, can play in our area? At all stages of our thinking we need to bring back our ideas and conclusion before God – have we given the best of ourselves? Are we truly committed to what has been said? How do I ensure that God is the motivation behind what I say and do, rather than my own ego? These are the questions we ask ourselves in searching prayer.

Making vision will not be easy or simple. There are many people with strong ideas and we can't all be right (not all the time), so there will be times when we are disappointed and even disillusioned. We have to ask God for a certain humility to deal with these times and maybe strength to convince the rest they are wrong! We also need to know that God is willing us to play our part, even if our part is a provocative or developmental one, rather than the one that is printed on the final Statement. A process such as this is born from a creative tension – think of the pain involved to women in childbirth and you're getting close to the potential for problems here! Yet our trust in God will ensure the birth of the God-given vision – so let's pray for that outcome!

So what is this Vision?

Everything I have said so far is a way of defining the vision – it's about us as a group of people united in our common faith in the God who brings life from death. In Jesus Christ we celebrate God's unique gift to humanity – resurrection: the chance to start again, to know that we are forgiven and that God forgets our past sins (even if we can't). Most of the time it means that we dare to even think of starting again after an embarrassing and hurtful failure and that in starting over again we may be more the person God has made us.

If our faith is the first thing we honour, the community within which we share, learn and worship is the second. Our church services can often be uplifting experiences but it is the communion we share with one another that is most valuable to us. Through our participation in the various groups of the church (and when you see the list you may be surprised how many there are) we are not merely performing a vital function for the church, we are also engaging with one another and giving ourselves the space to live (albeit somewhat imperfectly) as the children of God.

The hope offered through this faith is special and worth celebrating and proclaiming from the treetops! But, at the same time, we don't want to appear boastful and arrogant (after all we know that it takes time for us to live this sense of resurrection). We want to be able to offer to those outside the church the Christ-given hope that encourages us as well as the community life we share. The great question is how do we do this? This is the question that is at the heart of mission. The answer, I suggest, is crucial to our sense of vision. I believe that mission comes out of who we are and how we celebrate our lives of faith. By rejoicing in who we are we are an attractive proposition for others, as long as we avoid appearing smug and self-satisfied. This then is tied into what it is we are celebrating. And what we are celebrating is the fact that we are loved, valued and encouraged as unique and special children of God.

It's a central part of this understanding that each and every one of us is of such value to God that we are all called to live together in the Kingdom of God. Therefore one of our

most important functions is to welcome people into the church – not just at first when they are quiet and undemanding, but even after they gain confidence and start suggesting we change some of our cherished traditions! The converse of this is also true – that if we hide our light under a bushel, as the Bible phrase has it, we are depriving others of our gifts, and more importantly, not letting the church benefit from our God-given talents. For the church to be whole it needs to encourage everyone to exercise his/her gifts in god's service. Therefore a huge ministry of encouragement needs to be carried out to enable everyone to emerge from his/her shyness (or fear of failure/embarrassment etc).

Of course in the life of Jesus we see a ministry that targets the abuse of power, as illustrated in some of the Chief priests and Pharisees. Rather than becoming a part of the establishment, Jesus spent his ministry wandering through the towns and countryside of Judea taking his 'good news' of God's transforming love to all he met. So, then our reason to be here is to broadcast that same message to those in our neighbourhood. It is not sufficient to simply wait until people walk into the church building (even if many do), but to take our celebration to the larger community in ways that encourage and benefit appropriately that community.

So my vision would be very simple:

- God's love forgives us everything and gives us the chance to start again
- We are unique in the sight of God, who loves us and values us
- God has called us all, in our different gifts, to service in his church
- Unless we exercise our gifts in God's service the church cannot be whole
- Our chief ministry is one of encouraging others in their gifts
- We take our celebration out to the wider community

And so an example of a vision statement arising from this would be:

Through our faith in God's love for all we are committed to celebrating the unique gifts of everybody in our community in service of God and his people.

But of course my vision is only a small part of this picture – what do you think? How does your faith inspire you and what is the vision you see for our church? Come on – use your gifts and share your views on Feb 22nd!

Fr. David

About The Parish

One of my heroes of the Second World War was Air Vice Marshal Keith Park who, as Air Officer Commanding No 11 Group, won the Battle of Britain. His next appointment was as Air Officer Commanding Malta, which saved the island from virtual destruction at the hands of the Luftwaffe. On his arrival, his predecessor, Air Vice Marshall Lloyd, took him around the bomb-damaged areas which was most of the Island. "Why don't you stop the bombing?", Park asked him. "I will!" And in three weeks, he did just that!

Park spent the first few days finding out what was going wrong! He discovered that the tactics of Lloyd's No 2, Group Captain Woodhall, were to despatch his fighter aircraft to the rear of the Island, where they assembled and climbed in big formations. They swooped down on the German aircraft after they had dropped their bombs and were on their way back to base! They met with little success.

Park sent Woodhall back to England. He then gave his fighter pilots a four page instruction telling them precisely what they and everyone else was to do. He ordered that the German bombers were to be intercepted before they got anywhere near the Island, when, heavy with bomb loads, they were most vulnerable. The new tactics were successful and, sustaining very heavy losses, the Luftwaffe ceased their raids within two weeks to the intense relief of the population but only after some 1,500 civilians had been killed, over 10,000 houses destroyed together with 200 major buildings including 78 churches!

In August 1942, with the population of Malta on the verge of starvation, the Royal Navy mounted the most powerful fleet ever assembled to escort a convoy of merchant ships. The losses to escorts and convoy in relieving the beleaguered island were very heavy. Of the convoy's 14 merchant ships, 9 were sunk but 5 finally got into harbour with 50,000 tons of supplies sufficient to last for almost six months.

You are wondering what on earth this has to do with St Faith's! Commander of Force X escorting the convoy was a Rear Admiral, who later became Admiral Sir Harold Burrough, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O. But even greater things were in store for him because when Edna and Tom Gomersall came to St Faith's in 1950, he was our churchwarden! (Oh yes! Fame, indeed!) As you know, Tom served in the Royal Navy throughout the war and the Admiral, who lived on Tom's route in Bedhampton, would call him in for a cup of tea when postman Tom delivered his mail. (Oh ye of little faith!)

Roger Bryant

Parochial Church Council Reports

Fabric Committee Meeting 14 December 2002

Advice was being sought on strengthening the security of the Sound System by the North Door. Urgent action was being taken to correct electrical faults in the Church. As an economy, only lights adjacent to the Altar would be kept on when the church was unattended. Concern was expressed about the delay in completing restoration work. The Architect was being asked to follow this up and to report back to the Committee. The new code of practice about access to the church for disabled persons was awaited. Two protective glass panels on the Lady Chapel, south side, windows had been broken by vandals.

Building Committee Meeting 2 January 2003

The damaged drainage had been repaired at Langstone Chapel. The Yew Tree in front of Coach House would be cut back as soon as the Council had given their consent. The flat roof in the south-west corner of the Hall, above the room behind the stage, had been patched up to stop leaks but now needed replacing. Three quotes from contractors would be obtained for this work. The Hall Manager, Ivan Morley, was in negotiations with a Day Nursery, who had to vacate the Red Cross Hut off the Pallant and who were interested in using our Hall during term-time (33 weeks). Ivan had discussed this with Marian Howe (Havant Nursery in Church House) and it would not cause her any problems since she only uses the Hall in school holidays.

The trees and hedges had been cut back by Neil Mockford in the gardens of Nos 1 & 2 Churchfields. New central heating had been installed by Bill Skilleter in No 2 including a new boiler, storage tanks and four new radiators. New kitchen units (generously given by Bill and Barbara Skilleter) had been installed by Neil and Vickie Mockford in No 2. They had also extensively redecorated the property. Six windows had been broken by vandals at Christ Church Centre. The cost of replacement would be claimed by the Medical Centre under their insurance cover.

PCC Meeting 16 January 2003

Written reports were received and discussed from the Treasurer (Pam Bowley), Child Protection Officer (Fiona Hedley), Fabric, Building and Restoration Committees. The Diocesan Policy, Complaints and Appeals Procedures for recruiting ex-offenders had been examined by a sub-committee (Fiona, Shirley Caunter and Mary Strugnell) and was accepted by the PCC for this parish.

The total cost of the restoration work on the church, which was close to completion, was around £60,000. So far, almost £42,000 had been paid to the Builders (Cousins Ltd), of which £20,000 had been paid out of the Restoration Fund, which still had a balance of £6,000. Appreciation was expressed for this magnificent contribution.

The use of the Hall by a Day Nursery (see Building Report) was discussed. It would significantly increase the revenue for the Hall and would be of value to the Community. However, it would mean moving the Art Group from Tuesday morning to the afternoon. Carmen Stuart would discuss this with members. Meanwhile, the PCC authorised Ivan Morley to continue his negotiations with the Nursery.

The PCC voted (with no votes against but two members abstaining) for application to be made to the Bishop to licence Mary Strugnell and Carmen Stuart to be Lay

Assistants. They would serve with a male Assistant, so that Communicants would have a choice if they were reluctant to take the Chalice from a lady.

A further programme was to be undertaken with local schools to recruit more children for the choir. Ivan Morley (Hall Manager) was now our "Churches Together" Representative instead of Deanery Representative, thereby leaving the PCC. Shirley Caunter is to be the new Deanery Representative. The meeting concluded with the Rector leading a discussion on his "Vision" for the Parish.

Douglas Robert Frederick Dowsing RIP

It is said that you judge a man by his friends and this was certainly true of Douglas, as more than 160 relatives and friends came to St Faith's Church on a bitterly cold January day to pay their last respects to him.

Douglas was born in Hertfordshire in 1916 but moved to Hayling Island as a young boy. His father died when he was 15. On leaving school, Douglas joined Post Office Telephones, serving with them the whole of his career, becoming Deputy Chief Engineer in the Portsmouth area. During the war, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the RNVR, serving in communications. After the war, Douglas was appointed to the Havant Bench as a Magistrate for the County of Hampshire and was Chairman of the Magistrates in the years running up to his retirement. He was also Chairman of the Havant Abbeyfield Society.

He loved cricket and hockey, playing for Havant at both. He was a member of the MCC, Hampshire and Surrey Cricket Clubs and the Havant Club. He was also a valued member of the Havant Hockey Club. He was a gentle and lovely man who will be greatly missed by his legion of friends and sporting acquaintances. **RHB**

Those That Grow Old

Some 20 years ago, I bought a book about the battle for Tobruk in the Western Desert in 1941. The elderly lady serving me said, "I expect, like my husband, you were there!" Somewhat shocked, I replied, "Since I was only 7 at the time, I wouldn't have been much help!" At the funeral of Douglas Dowsing, an elderly gentleman said that he played hockey with Douglas in 1941. His equally elderly companion replied, "I was in the Western Desert then." Turning to me, he said "Were you?" We really must improve the lighting in our church! **RHB**

Westbourne Concordia

Many of you will remember the excellent concerts last year at St Faith's Church by Ursula Snow and the Westbourne Concordia. They are giving concerts at 3.00pm on the 2nd, 9th and 16th February at Edes House, West Street, Chichester. Tickets cost £10, with a season ticket costing £20 for all three concerts (students £5 and £10). If you arrive at 2.00pm, you can have a guided tour of Edes House. Details can be obtained from Ursula at Forge House, 13 River Street, Westbourne (telephone 01243 375841).

The Other Half

Seen in a shop window in Petersfield: "If you give a man an inch, he wants to be your ruler!" "Men, Coffee and Chocolate. The Richer, the Better!"

Junior Choir Practice

Please note that Junior Choir Practice takes place in St. Faith's Church every Friday from 6.15pm to 7.15pm.



THE BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH'S LENT APPEAL 2003

The causes that the Bishop has chosen for his year 2003 Lent Appeal are:

The Rosemary Foundation - Hospice at Home.

A need for Palliative Care Nursing Service at home was identified as a gap existed in the care offered to terminally ill patients suffering not only from cancer but other chronically debilitating illnesses. To provide counselling, build personal relationships with patients and carers and there is no charge for the service. Area covers mid Hampshire; there are plans to expand into adjoining areas.

St Nicolas Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana

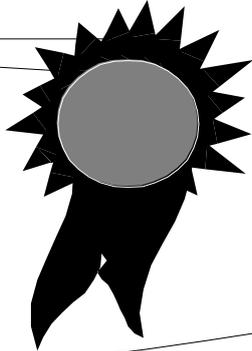
The only Anglican Theological College in Ghana was founded in 1975 and serves ordinands from the whole of West Africa. The College is a modest site and desperately needs to improve its facilities and expand the library. The annual exchange being planned by IDWAL between the Cape Coast Seminary and the Portsmouth Diocese will deeply enrich the life of those who participate, and the Church in West Africa and Portsmouth Diocese.

From the Registers

Funerals in January:

Tuesday 7th: Douglas Dowsing

Thursday 16th: Michael Buckley



Children Say the Funniest Things

One evening, we went up to Clanfield where you can walk up a high hill and look at the stars and moon through the large telescopes. Hills everywhere, Rebecca was convinced it was where the Teletubbies lived and was looking all over for them. Abigail did well looking through the big telescopes when held up to do so, but she said she was hoping to see “Haggis” the guinea pig who we had told her had gone to heaven, and other loved pets. “Perhaps we will see them on a star in heaven” she said, her eyes shining.



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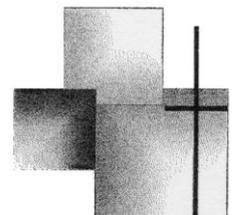
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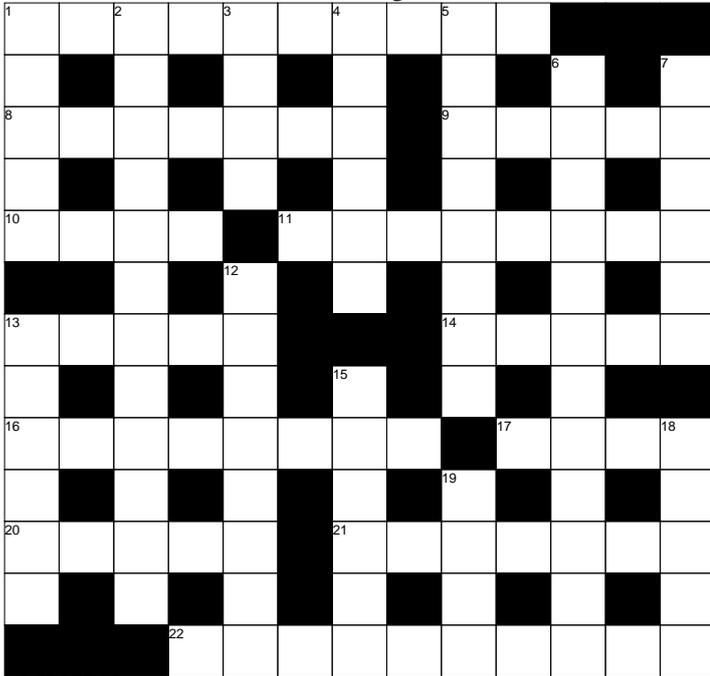
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St Faith's February 2003 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Almost a gallop to hide in Kent (10)
8. Impossible to be here (7)
9. Taken for a "lift" (5)
10. Reveal a performance (4)
11. A touch on the shoulder for honour (8)
13. Military lines on a chessboard (5)
14. Modify a beat to slow down (5)
16. Boy has tin for boiling water (8)
17. Change permit for Indian god (4)
20. Such boredom from the French (5)
21. Go here with the wind (7)
22. One of an agreed number (10)

Down

1. Quite diverting on the motorway (5)
2. Just discovered country across the ocean (12)
3. Break it but not lose anything (4)
4. King in play urged friends into it (6)
5. Moving on a trail is quite sensible (8)
6. Disable in another way (12)
7. Plan to intrigue (6)
12. He "came down like the wolf on the fold" (8)
13. Precious but worth less than wisdom (6)
15. Make choice with this (6)
18. Reckon up and report (5)
19. Vegetable turned up at bottom of ship (4)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editors by 15th February please!

Answers to January 2003 Crossword

Across: 1. Curate, 4. Isis, 9. Purse, 10. Isolate, 11. Didymus, 12. Input, 13. As you like it, 17. Rival, 19. Tempter, 22. Vertigo, 23. Props, 24. Nail, 25. Jester.

Down: 1. Coped, 2. Reredos, 3. Therm, 5. Scamp, 6. Sheets, 7. Dissolution, 8. Yorick, 14. Oil rig, 15. Introit, 16. Craven, 18. Verdi, 20. Maple, 21. Riser.

The first correct answer out of the hat this month was from Colin Warlow, with correct entries also being received from Angela Collyer, June Morley, Derek Bowley, Mary Harfield, Ruth Tunks, Marion Simmons and Pat Galliers.

Lent Courses

It's coming to that time of year when we think about Lent – except that this year Easter is so late that Ash Wednesday is not until 5th March! So we have a longer lead in time to Lent than usual, which gives us good time to consider how we prepare. At this time when I am inviting us again to think about our vision, one of the things that has struck me is just how many different groups function within St Faith's – either formal committees or working groups, discussion groups or informal gatherings such as the cleaners and flower arrangers. Of course in the Parish Shop there is a whole team of people working for many different things: it is social yet it provides valuable income for the church; it is a community of friends and it is a ministry to those who enter the shop.

Lent is a very special time of the year – our preparation for Easter mirrors Christ's 40 days and nights in the wilderness as he prepared for ministry. More importantly it is the season in which we are challenged to see how we are using our lives in God's ministry. Remember we are all priests in the priesthood of all believers, called by God for service of his church. This year I am inviting you to consider joining one of the Lent groups set up under the umbrella of Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton. Groups will meet at various times in the day or evening to discuss topics set out in clear headings. Information is provided in the form of a booklet and by tapes of comments from leading church leaders of different denominations. The course comes from the now well-established 'York Courses' and is highly recommended.

By participating in such a group you not only have a chance to practise your calling to serve and share in community but also are encouraged to review your ministry. Please take a form from Church and return it as directed.

Fr David



St Faith's Art Group

On **Tuesday 4th February at 10am**, Mrs Jenny King, artist and tutor at Chichester College, will be giving a tutorial on:-

“Working and Painting from Photographs”.

We meet in St Faith's Hall and anyone interested in attending this special event will be very welcome. Further details from Carmen Stuart or Derek Bowley.

The Versatile Age

The old rocking chair is empty today
For Grandmother is no longer in it.
She is off in her car to her office or
Shop and buzzes around every minute.
No-one shoves Grandma back on the shelf,
She is versatile, forceful, dynamic.
That is not a pie in the oven my dear!
Her baking today is ceramic!
You won't see her trundling off early to bed
From her place in a warm chimney nook,
Her typewriter clickety-clacks through the night
For Grandma is writing a book.
Grandma ne'er takes a backward look
To slow steady advancing.
She won't tend the babies for you any more
For Grandma is taking up dancing.
She is not content with crumbs of old thoughts
With meagre and second-hand knowledge -
Don't bring your mending for Grandma to do
For Grandma has gone back to college!

Bible Society

What is one of our greatest treasures? In a recent sermon, Trevor Hopkinson described the Bible as a treasure chest which proclaims the Good News of our Lord. I wonder if we realise how lucky we are in this country to have the freedom to access The Bible and to learn that we may all know God.

During the past few months I have been appealing for postcards complete with their stamps. I have now sent more than 400 to the Bible Society who have sold them either at auction or through dealers. The money raised has gone towards funding new translations of the Bible or for other projects which have made the Bible more accessible.

During the past year there have been translations for the Solomon Islanders which has been greatly valued, special editions have been produced for the Firefighters of Northern Ireland, for the Surfers of Australia and a Hope for the Highway pocket sized Bible is used as an outreach tool in South Africa.

The sermon we heard told of the little Lebanese boy who recited a poem about 'the Bible is God's telephone'. I hope that we can continue to help the Bible Society with its work and to also to realise the value of the Bible in our own lives.

Deadman

Hilary

The Oxford Movement

No, this is nothing to do with the move from Oxford to Havant this year of our new curate, Charles Keay, and wife Annie (who will be reading this because "Faith Matters" is sent to them each month). You may remember that I mentioned the Oxford Movement in my account in "Faith Matters" of the Ministry of Father Robert Dolling.

I mentioned the battles between Father Dolling and his bishops which reflected those taking place throughout Victorian England between the high and low church. The high churchmen were represented in the Anglo-Catholic Movement, a term which was introduced in the seventeenth century in recognition that the Church of England was part of the wider Catholic Church. Despite all that has happened since King Henry V111 broke with the Church of Rome because of the refusal of the Pope to grant him a divorce from Katharine of Aragon, despite all the terrors of the inquisitions and the heresies within the Catholic Church, despite all the abuses within the Church of England over the centuries, despite even the bitter disputes over the ordination of women in the Church of England, the one fact that is paramount to many of us is that Catholicism remains the faith of the Anglican Church.

This is manifested by the acceptance in the Church of England of Catholic Creeds, the Apostles' and Nicene, the Ministry from the time of the Apostles of bishops, priests and deacons, the Catholic Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, authorised by the Church in the fourth century, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ordained by Christ Himself, together with those authorised in the New Testament, namely Confirmation, Absolution, Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony.

In the early nineteenth century many in the Church of England were dismayed at the rejection of much that had been traditional in the world-wide Catholic community. The absence in churches of memorials, crosses and vestments was an outward sign, the rejection of certain services and the failure of the Church of England to make a stand to establish social justice in the land inspired a group of clergy, led by John Keble and John Henry Newman (who later joined the Catholic Church), to form the Oxford Movement which fought the establishment of the Church of England throughout the century to achieve continuity with the Catholic Church. One of the most devoted members of the movement was the Rev Arthur Stanton, Vicar of St Albans and Father Dolling's mentor in his early days.

The actual beginning of the Oxford Movement was on 14 July 1833 when John Keble preached the Assize Sermon at the University Church of Saint Mary, Oxford. Keble accused the State of infringing the apostolic rights of the Church and thus being guilty of a direct disavowal of the sovereignty of God. Much of what we see in Christian worship today owes its re-establishment to the Oxford Movement including the wearing of vestments and the use of crosses, candles, incense and statues in churches. It also led to a revival of Anglican hymn writing and music.

More than this was the regeneration of the spiritual being of the Church. In particular, placing the Eucharist central to Christian worship, emphasising the value of prayer, worship and study. The movement promoted the need for pastoral care

and there was no greater example of this than in the Ministry of Father Dolling.

The Lambeth Conference of 1920 produced the "Lambeth Quadrilateral" of Holy Scriptures, the Creeds, the Sacraments and the three-fold apostolic ministry. In 1932 (before any of us was born!) inter-communion and the mutual recognition of orders within the Old Catholic Churches was established. For their part, the Orthodox Churches seriously considered recognising Anglican Orders. Years later, Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher was able to say that the Church of England had no doctrines of her own other than those of the Catholic Church and in 1960 became the first Archbishop of Canterbury to travel to Rome to meet the Pope.

All seemed set for a reunion of Christendom, surely the ultimate "Vision". Sadly, the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church of England has halted the process and the "Vision" is on hold, but not destroyed. I have never been against the ordination of women; my argument has always been about timing. Much change is afoot in the Catholic Church and perhaps the ordination of women will come, maybe sooner than we think. When, in God's good time, Christendom is reunited, we will all owe a debt of gratitude to the Oxford Movement. **Roger Bryant**



EMSWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

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Word Search – People in the New Testament

Can you find the names of the people in the new testament that are shown in the grid? Words may be read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal and are in straight lines.

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ANANIAS	JUDAS	PHILIP
ANDREW	LAZARUS	PILATE
BARNABAS	LUKE	SALOME
BARTHOLOMEW	MARK	SILAS
ELIZABETH	MARTHA	SIMON
HEROD	MARY	STEPHEN
HERODIAS	MATTHEW	THOMAS
JAMES	NATHANAEL	TIMOTHY
JOHN	PAUL	TITUS
JOSEPH	PETER	ZACHARIAS

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From the Editors

Do you find the months of January and February depressing? The weather is dull, wet, windy and miserable. Everyone wears lots of clothes to keep dry or warm, and when you look at people their faces are gloomy. The good thing, though, is that spring is just around the corner – it's my favourite time of year. When you feel a bit down in the dumps, why not tune in to our local Angel Community Radio on 101.1 MHz FM – a little bird tells me that our own Peggy Sparks answers the phone at Angel Radio during the week! The station plays music for the mature listener, so I am sure you will hear something to cheer you up. The Parish Dinner at the Bear Hotel on Monday 6 January was well supported and well organised, as usual, by Sandra. The changing of seats during the courses enabled people to mix and, some, to get to know each other better. It would be nice if it became a regular event in the social calendar. It is a good way to start a New Year and everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves. I have now learnt a bit more about web design and have redesigned our web-site to make it easier for people to go to the page they want more quickly - there is now background organ music on the welcome page (thank you Judith) – so do try and have a look (and listen).

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I can heartily endorse Colin's mention of the web site, he has done a grand job and it is really attractive now. Some of our parishioners have said to me that they don't have access to the Internet and are not sure they want the complications but for those I would say have you got some, nieces, nephews, grandchildren etc ? tell them our web site address its www.stfaith.com.

Wherever they are in the world its just as easy for them to see our web pages – they include the magazine as well, so they can keep up to date with what we are up to!

We are getting rather short of articles and bits and pieces for the magazine – I don't know where we would be without Roger's hard work – more articles short or long would be very welcome indeed. Ideally typed, but even if they are handwritten – just the odd piece here and there that might be of interest to others.

What a pity that we didn't have any replies to our budding letter column – even if you are not keen to write a page or so of an article, a short letter would be equally welcome – this is your chance to add humour, make a serious point, have a shot at some cockshy – this is your magazine and letters can be great fun and very interesting. Any keen gardeners willing to do a short topical piece each month?

Jan Stuart

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd Feb.

CANDLEMAS

8.00am Eucharist
8.00am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
President & Preacher: The Revd Chris Abbott
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 9th Feb.

Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 16th Feb.

Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd Feb.

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 2nd March

Sunday before Lent

8.00am Eucharist
8.00am Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
9.15am Sunday Club in Church House
9.30am **PARISH EUCHARIST**
6.30pm Evensong

Ash Wednesday 5th March: The Start of Lent

7.30pm Eucharist with Ashing

Midweek Services: See page 1

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