

## *From the Rector*

So sweeps in 'flaming June' and with it the promise of summer: hot weather, test cricket, weddings, fetes and not forgetting most fearful of all – exams! We have our mixture of tests and welcome arrivals at St Faith's and St Nicholas this month too. Firstly on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> a Flower Festival is being held in St Faith's church. The theme of the festival is creation – a celebration of God's self-giving love poured out in the creative act. Such a celebration offers an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of our world and the seven days of creation according to the Genesis story. It also suggests an appreciation of God's on going work of creation – eternally bringing to perfection the whole of the created order. When you think about it this is a tall order – even for God! Much evidence would seem to suggest that many things are getting worse rather than better, and that the human race is bent on self-destruction and the ruination of our planet. If God is at work repairing our efforts and somehow bringing it all to perfection then it must be a work imperceptible to most eyes and ears. But this is probably because we judge things by our own mortal and physical standards. Our God – the God of Jesus Christ – is beyond the perceptible, and so therefore so is the conclusion of God's creation. At the same time, however, God revealed the divine nature in Jesus Christ – a man of Palestine in the first century. God chooses the realm of nature in which to make known the eternal and transcendent in the here and now. Humans are made in God's image and so it is important to value the earth, the universe, our bodies and all of creation. There are much more than merely the transport of our souls or the divine nature – the physical is the in God and of God. Jesus was resurrected clearly as a man – bodies matter more than as soul conveyors. So while we may have confidence that God will bring all things to a divine perfection, we must also have faith to believe in the importance of every moment. Our Christian calling is to be a part of God's on-going work of creation in and through the world. The arrivals later in the month I mention are that of the two Assistant Curates, Charles Keay and David Williams. They are to be ordained on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June in the Cathedral at 12:00pm and the next day, their first Sunday at St Faith's, there will be a party in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Parish Eucharist. Please come to either or both of these events and welcome David Williams, Charles and Annie Keay and their families. We are very fortunate to have two such excellent clergy coming to "serve their titles" (as it is called in ecclesiastical circles) with us in Havant. I am sure they will be a great benefit to us in our ministry here and I am equally sure that you will support them as their training as ministers and priests in Christ's church develops.

May God bless you in your early summer activities and prayers,

*Fr. David*

## **About The Parish**

People will often say that they remember where they were on certain momentous days. Perhaps the one we hear most often is on the day when President John Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. For many of us there are two dates in June of particular significance. The first is exactly 50 years ago, so it follows that many of us (alright, many of you!) were not born then but the other was in 2001, so no excuses for that one. Where were you on Coronation Day, 2 June 1953? Along with several thousand troops from all the services including the Commonwealth, I was a teenage RAF national service man marching in the procession through London. It poured with rain to begin with and we were soon soaked to the skin in our brand new and measured uniforms (which were all returned to stores the next day!) However, while the Queen was in Westminster Abbey and we were stood in ranks around the processional route, the sun broke through and we were soon dry again for the rest of the day. Joy came up by coach with my mother to join the thousands lining the route all night in pouring rain. I met up with them in the evening and finally took them back to Victoria Coach Station to catch their coach home before returning to Earls Court where we were billeted for the night before returning to our bases. Television was in its infancy but the coronation produced a huge increase in sales. Neighbours without television were invited next door to watch the wonderful day in black and white (no colour TV!). The Portsmouth City Council produced a Souvenir Programme of all the events taking place in the city including the Royal Naval Fleet Review on 15 June, torchlight parades and so many other events. St Faith's Church produced a fine Coronation Year Book and Blotter, full of information about the church and the coronation. The Rector was The Reverend Canon P H Duke-Baker MA and the Assistant Priest was the Reverend D G C Caiger, still happily at St James, Emsworth. Members of the PCC and Sidesmen were listed and, included in the latter were the then churchwarden, Sir Harold Burrough of the Malta Convoy fame, Ray Hawkins and J Rankin McIlroy. The second date was the 11 June 2001, when more than 300 of us crammed into St Faith's Church for the Collation and Induction of The Reverend David Austin Gibbons as the new Rector of the Parish of St Faith, Havant with St Nicholas Langstone and Christ Church, Denvilles. Can it really be two years ago? Father David has this wonderful gift of bringing us all into his Ministry to serve one another and the wider community of Havant. We have a vibrant and growing church in Havant. Now we must look ahead. By setting up the Workshops, Father David has given us all the opportunity to take part in the process of discussion, which will shape the Vision for St Faith's Parish in the years ahead. Father David has achieved so much in the space of just two years and we must not forget the important part that his lovely wife Susan has played in his Ministry, nor little Elise and Sophia's lively presence in Church and Sunday Club. We give thanks for a very special family.

***Roger Bryant***

## **Parochial Church Council Reports**

### **Building Committee 1 May**

Prof Jan Stuart was elected Chairman. Work on Churchfields was 75% complete.

A painting contractor had offered to paint the inside of the St Nicholas Chapel free of charge. Lisa Roonan and Ann Plater would be meeting with him to take up his generous offer. Advice was being sought about the electrics in the Hall and the adequacy of the water heater. The flat roof on the Hall was to be patched up, pending a new roof in the future when it could be afforded. The Hall Manager, Vickie Mockford, was given the same authority as her predecessor to authorise urgent repairs up to a cost of £300. Another 20 tables were required in the Hall to replace the old ones, which were now unsatisfactory. Minor repairs to the fence of Christ Church bungalow were required, following an unknown car hitting it. Payment of rent for 4 North Street by Sue Ryder had started, following their recovery of repair costs, for which the Halifax reimbursed us in their settlement last year.

### **PCC Meeting 15 May**

The existing Child Protection Policy would be retained for a further year and Fiona Hedley would continue as the Child Protection Officer. Further consultation was necessary about children receiving Communion before Confirmation. The following grants had been received in respect of restoration work on the church: £5,281 (Hampshire County Council), £5,282 (Havant Borough Council), £5,959 (VAT), and £500 (Historic Churches Trust). Colin Carter had computerised the Accounts for 2002. Accounts would be computerised on a weekly basis, with complete computerisation of the accounts in 2004. The PCC agreed that the Parish would pay for computer equipment for the Treasurer. Progress was reported on all aspects of the work on Churchfields and No. 1 should be ready for occupation by Charles and Annie Keay on 2 June. A contractor had offered to redecorate St Nicholas Chapel free of charge and this was being followed up with him. The electrics in church needed urgent attention and quotations for the work, ranging from £5,000 to £17,000, were being considered. The car park passes scheme was not working and would be cancelled. A new scheme would be devised. Parking bays and a "dropping off zone" for the nursery would be painted. It was likely that only people specifically on church business would be permitted to use the car park.

### **Obedience**

Seen in a shop window in Emsworth:

"A dog comes when you call.

A cat takes a message and gets back to you!"

I am sure this is not true of Olive Andrews's Cookie or Pam Bowley's Polly.

## **Phyllis Walkington RIP**

The death of Phyl has shaken all of us at St Faith's. The previous Sunday she had walked to her pew on the arm of someone, looking a little unsteady but otherwise her normal chirpy self. She had looked a little less assured without her guide dog, which someone had decided she could no longer control. But she was still with us, although, for the first time that any of us could remember, she was not able to make her way to the Altar Rail and Communion was brought to her in her seat. Then, less than a week later, we suddenly learnt with great sadness that she had died at home. Phyl lost most of her sight at birth because of an error on the part of a nurse. She lost it completely at the tender age of 4 and her most vivid recollection was seeing flashes of lightening during a thunderstorm. She was determined to live life to the full, as a schoolgirl and as an adult. She loved jazz and learnt to play the piano. She was once in a band sponsored by the RNIB, with another great blind pianist, the legendary giant of jazz, George Shearing. She subsequently played jazz and taught the piano for the rest of her eventful life. She lived in Australia for 16 years with her first husband, who subsequently left her after their return to England. She married again and in 1992 came to live with Judy in Havant, when her husband entered a nursing home on Hayling Island. Always honest with everyone, Phyl was a forthright and lively lady of great determination. We and dear Judy miss her enormously. God bless you, Phyl.



## **Christ's Hospital**

Christ's Hospital is a Boarding School that was founded in 1552 by Edward VI in the City of London, but is now just a few miles up the Victoria line near Horsham in West Sussex. It takes boys and girls at about 11 and there is a later entry for study at 6<sup>th</sup> Form level. It offers an education of breadth and excellence and presents Christian Faith to its pupils. It has regard especially to children of families in social, financial or other need. There may be fees to pay, dependent on family income and outgoings and there is an examination to ensure pupils can meet its academic standards, but if you know of a child or teenager who would profit from a caring community with excellent facilities in sport, art, music, drama and much more, please encourage them to seek more information from the Admissions Officer at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, RH13 0YP – tel: 01403 247409 or try [www.christs-hospital.org.uk](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk).

**R C Smith**

## **Celebration of Healing and Wholeness - Cathedral 3 May 2003**

As part of this day, 1¼ hours were given over to workshops. I attended one run by Revd Bill Day on "Growing a healing ministry". To begin with, we were asked to reflect on various statements about healing. "Christian healing is Jesus Christ meeting you at your point of need" (Bishop Morris Maddocks), was favoured by most of those present. Others were "The Kingdom of God is creation healed" (Theologian Hans Kung), and "Reconciliation is the most radical form of healing" (Mgr Michael Buckley). Which speaks to you? Assuming that the PCC and congregation support the healing ministry, there are guidelines for selecting team members as well as for good practice. The basis is prayer; a group of Christians who pray together with faith, hope and love, to seek God's will. Individuals need to listen, and be sufficiently self-aware to recognise their own spiritual, mental, emotional and physical needs for healing - to seek healing for oneself, in order to become available as a channel of his grace. The source of healing is Jesus Christ, and this needs to be faithfully acknowledged. It is helpful to have both men and women and a range of ages to show the healing ministry is not limited to a particular group. Needless to say, confidentiality is essential. Everyone involved in this ministry should abide by the House of Bishops' guidelines for good practice (included in the report "A time to heal"). Some marks of a healing church are:

- a community of caring people who have time for others
- a core of people who pray; discerning God's will
- a gracious fellowship which people want to join
- a people expectant of the Holy Spirit's surprises
- healing and reconciliation to the community
- a place where Jesus Christ is proclaimed

Watch this space for further information on training in the healing ministry. **Sybel Laird**

### **Mistaken Identity!**

Many people think that the actor is the same person as the character they portray on screen. This is particularly true of actors appearing in TV Soaps, who are often stopped by passers-by and addressed as the character they play in the programme. The then veteran actor David Niven was once stopped in Regents Street by a man who asked, "Didn't you used to be David Niven?" Richard Briers once said of his part as Tom, the self-sufficiency man, in the "Good Life", that in reality he hated DIY work and gardening and that in real life he was more like his neighbour Gerry. At the height of his fame as the handsome, debonair screen lover, someone once said to Cary Grant, "Thousands of men would like to be like Cary Grant", to which he replied, "So would I!".

### **Christ Church Centre**

Many of you have asked about Christ Church Centre, so here is some background.

The founder of Timothy Whites (Chemists), Sir Woolmer White (no, not Sir Timothy!), left the land on which the Centre is built to St Faith's Church in 1913 for the purpose of building a church. It was many years before the parish had the finances to do this and then because of a stroke of good fortune. As you all know, Father David, with great dedication and flair, is currently developing a Vision for St Faith's in the 21st Century, with many of you contributing under the chairmanship of some very talented people. Canon Derek Brown had a Vision of taking the Gospel to Denvilles by fulfilling Sir Woolmer's wish for a church to be built but there was the question of finance. As so often in life, the unexpected occurred - or, as many of us think, an act of God occurred. St Faith's had an old disused "tin" hall in Brockhampton, which in 1974 became the subject of a Council Compulsory Purchase Order. Canon Brown used the money received from the Council, together with some money left to St Faith's by Sir Woolmer, to build Christ Church Centre in 1976. All the signs were very promising. The parish had a Rector and two Assistant Priests, the estate was developing and much visiting to the local community had been undertaken prior to the opening of the Centre. I went to the Centre from day one and have very happy memories of its early days. Many stalwarts of St Faith's attended from the beginning including Doris Colliver, who played piano beautifully at the services, Lilian and Don Guest (Shirley Caunter's superb parents), Alan Hakim and his lovely wife Elene, who was to die so tragically young, their then little children, Frances and Timothy, Robert Lovell (who I mentioned last month) and many more. In 1979, one of the Assistant Priests houses in Havant (5 Grove Road) was sold and the money used to build a bungalow at the centre for an Assistant Priest. From this point onwards, problems for the Centre started to mount. The Rector lost his two assistants and single-handed was required to conduct services at St Faith's, St Nicholas Chapel and the Centre, as well as being Chaplain to the Havant Memorial Hospital plus civic duties as the Mayor's chaplain. He was given a retired priest to live in the bungalow and help out in the parish. Unfortunately, he was a very sick man, who, in fact, added to the Rector's workload, because, when he was not in Haslar Hospital, he was receiving home communion at the bungalow! After a few years of struggle, help came with the arrival of Father Keith Uphill, who came to live in the bungalow and to assist the Rector until he got his own parish. He eventually did in 1984 when he moved to Morden, but not before he had made an outstanding contribution to the parish. Eventually, after the Rector struggled on against all the odds, the PCC decided to close Christ Church Centre. With the arrival from St Helena of Father John Ryder, the Centre re-opened, and all was well for a few years until he left to be Vicar of Godshell, Isle of Wight. With the help of visiting clergy, notably Father Dudley Vargas from Emsworth, Canon Derek Brown struggled on to keep the Centre open but eventually, declining numbers and mounting costs lead the PCC to close the Centre in 1996. The following year, Christ Church Centre was leased to the Bosmere Practice for 15 years and the Bungalow, after a period when it was leased to Southlands Housing Association, became the home of our retired Rector, Canon Derek Brown, in November 2000. May I finish on a cautionary note. The future of Christ Church Centre is at present uncertain, particularly when the lease expires or is terminated, and the hope is that one day we will again have a church in Denvilles to

serve a community that has grown since 1996. When the Centre first closed, I started to attend St Faith's Church again, only to find that I knew no one in the congregation except Audrey Currie, despite worshipping in the parish since 1964! If we again have a church in Denvilles, it must not become isolated from the rest of the parish.

**Roger Bryant**

## **A Prayer**

*This prayer is displayed in the historic Covenanters Church in Grand Pre New Brunswick and was sent to Janice Morgan by a family friend who lives in Wilberforce in Canada.*

Father God:

We keep forgetting all those that lived before us.

We keep forgetting those who lived and worked in this community.

We keep forgetting those who prayed and sang hymns in this church before we were born.

We keep forgetting what our fathers have done for us.

We commit the sin Lord, of assuming that everything begins with us.

We drink from wells we did not find, we eat food from farmland we did not develop, we enjoy freedoms which we have not earned, we worship in churches which we did not build, we live in communities that we did not establish.

This day make us grateful for our heritage.

Turn our minds to those who lived in another day and under different circumstances, until we are aware of their faith and work.

Today we need to feel our oneness, not only with those of a recent generation who lived here, but those of every generation in every place whose faith and works have enriched our lives.

We need to learn from them in order that our faith will be as vital, our commitment as sincere, our worship as alive, our fellowship as deep, as many of the devout and faithful who lived in other times and places.

## **Being Old** *by Carolyn Cooper*

Yes, my body is old  
But it's not the real me.

The real me  
Is as young as you are.  
In fact the real me  
Never changes.

I have not changed  
- not really.  
Time has taken its toll.  
The real me is just like you,  
With a need to be recognised  
And accepted.

Yes, I'm, trapped in a body  
That won't obey me.  
But don't let it fool you.  
I'm aware of every thing around me  
And I want to be included.  
So don't look at me with pity  
Or talk to me as you would a child.  
Please don't make me feel useless  
Or ignore me.

So be patient with me  
If I am a little muddled  
Or deaf,  
Or need a strong arm to lean on,  
For inside I'm flying –  
Free and young and mobile.  
Please ...  
Try to see me  
As I really am



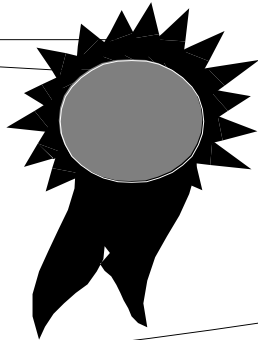
### **The Flower Festival**

The Flower Festival will take place in St. Faith's Church on Friday 13 June 10am-5pm, Saturday 14 June 10am-5pm and Sunday 15 June 11am-6pm. On Friday the Festival will be opened by Brian Kidd from The News at 10am, on Saturday there will be a concert by the Phoenix Singers at 7.30pm (cost £5 to include wine and nibbles) and on Sunday there will be "Hymns of Praise" at 6.30pm. Do come along and see the church in all its splendour.



**From the Registers**

- 28<sup>th</sup> April Funeral of  
2<sup>nd</sup> May Funeral of John Horler  
3<sup>rd</sup> May Marriage of Holly Richardson  
and James  
4<sup>th</sup> May Baptism of Fenella and Dominic  
Johnson  
7<sup>th</sup> May Funeral of Josie Longyear  
16<sup>th</sup> May Funeral of Phyllis Walkington  
18<sup>th</sup> May Baptism of Tiffany Cox



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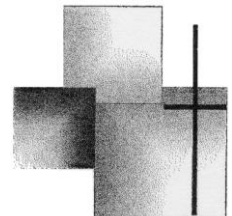
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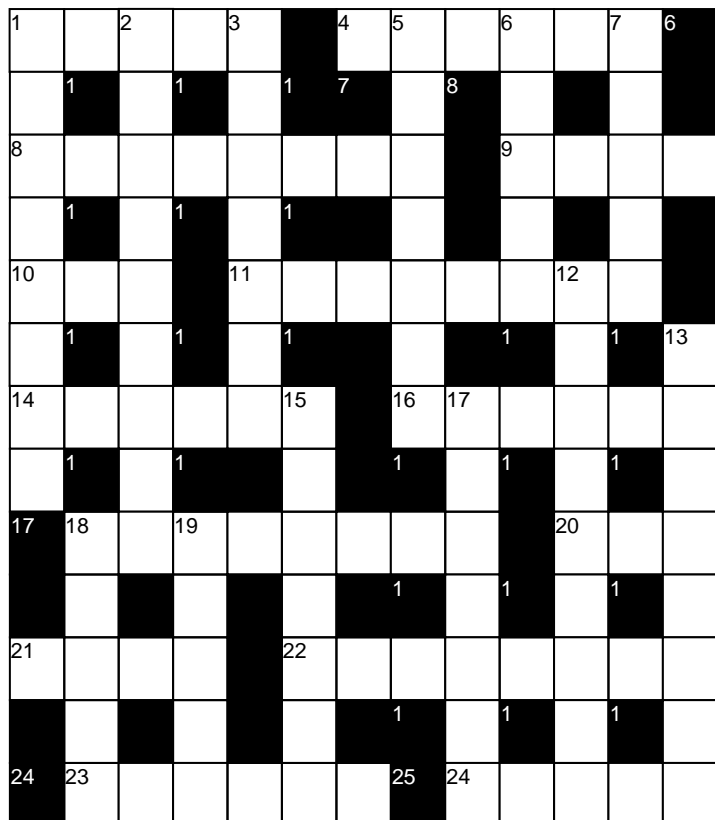
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## St Faith's June 2003 Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. European city of average degree(5)
4. Screen for seclusion in the East (6)
8. Buoyant binary menagerie (5,3)
9. Raise it to get funds(4)
10. Hang back for ex-convict (3)
11. As a rule like this (8)
14. Put in to take 13 dn out (8)
16. After tinker before soldier (6)
18. Aimless or headland in state of rest (8)
20. London, was said to be, "that great -- of all" (3)
21. Sound token of love (4)
22. Twice between leap years (8)
23. Find silver in a bog – its an illusion (6)
24. City sounds in the forefront (5)

### Down

1. Brief pain over deprivation for optimistic doctor (8)
2. Backward looking military detachment (9)
3. Cause scare in mix of poison (7)
5. Not at all neat and tidy (7)
6. Round peg in a round hole (5)
7. Hybrid term of endearment (5)
12. Blameless "boys clothed all in green O" (7)
13. Beauty is but a flower/which ----- will devour (8)
15. Manual container was a Prime Minister's accessory (7)
17. Team for military depot (7)
18. Ancient city of topless towers overcome by a gift (5)
19. Annual race for a saint (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

### Answers to the editors by 15<sup>th</sup> June please!

#### Answers to May 2003 Crossword

**Across:** 1. Sphinx, 4. Agra, 9. U-Turn, 10. Origami, 11. Tristan, 12. Lists, 13. Fingerprint, 17. Blare, 19. Two Step, 22. Oilskin, 23. Bears, 24. Dene, 25. Attlee.

**Down:** 1. Squat, 2. Houdini, 3. Nonet, 5. Grass, 6. Arioso, 7. Cornerstone, 8. Tiller, 14. Greeks, 15. Netball, 16. Abroad, 18. All In, 20. Orbit, 21. Posse.

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, Angela Collyer, Ruth Tunks and Marion Simmons.

## Extract from a Diary in HMS MARTIN in 1893

*Audrey Currie loaned me a diary kept by her father, Walter Silk, during a cruise in the sailing brig HMS MARTIN from 25<sup>th</sup> August 1893 to 28<sup>th</sup> October 1893. It is fascinating reading and brings home how hard life must have been onboard a Royal Navy man-of-war sailing ship in those days. The normal daily routine was 5am - turn out and stow hammocks; 5.30am – breakfast, then scrub decks, polish bright work, clean guns, followed by drills; 12-noon - dinner, then more drills, rope work, sail work; 5pm - tea, then class instructions; 7.20pm - hammocks. From what I have gleaned from the diary, which is hand written neatly in pencil, the ship was probably a training vessel for young sailors. Audrey has kindly let me publish extracts from the diary for the magazine – the extracts are the exact words of Audrey's father, who was 17-years-old at the time, having joined the navy at 16-years-old. **Colin Carter.***

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** Came onboard in Portsmouth at 8 o'clock am. Unpacked bag and stowed locker and received card of stations.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.** 5 o'clock turned out, lashed and stowed hammocks, hands to bath. 5.30 breakfast. 7.15 fall in with towels and scrubbers. Scrubbed upper deck with sand then mess deck and messes. Guns crews rig gun gear and clean guns.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.** 10.30am to St Vincent for church.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>.** 9 o'clock divisions, prayers and then sail drill till 11.30. 1.30 hands fall in, made plain sail, furled sails. Stations for about ship. Fire stations, coil up ropes.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>.** 1.30 hands to quarters and clean guns (I had awful headache). 2 o'clock hands fall in for stations at sail drill.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.** 9 o'clock divisions and quarters to clean guns. 10 o'clock made plain sail and cast off buoy, left Portsmouth harbour about 10.15, kedged at Spithead and sailed full and by while having dinner at 1.30. 3 o'clock hands fall in and about ship, then fall out, next stations for out collisions mat, hands out collision mat then about ship. 4 o'clock tea and hands shift into night clothing. 4.05 hands about ship (doubled on deck in a hurry with canes flying about). 4.30 finish tea. 5 o'clock hands fall in and about ship, then tacked once or twice and at 6.45 shorten and furl sails and dropped anchor in the Solent just by Cowes.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>.** 8 o'clock made sail and up anchor, left the Solent for Portland. Passed the Needles at 1.30 while having dinner. At 7.20 standby hammocks and then starboard watch on monkey jackets and then came in sight of Portland and arrived there and dropped anchor at 10.45 pm, shortened and furled sails and then turned in at 11.30. (I heaved the log at 10 o'clock and found her going 6 knots).

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.** 9 o'clock divisions, stand easy and then made plain sail and kedged to brig's buoy, shortened cable and furled sails then out first cutter and lower booms.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Turned out at 5 o'clock and stowed hammocks, hands to have a bath in tubs on the upper deck (water rather cold too). 12 o'clock dinner; leave for

starboard watch from 1 till 6. I went blackberring and I came across hundreds, and after eating as many as I could I went into Portland and had a look round town. It is a very miserable little crib and to liven me up a bit I had to go into a refreshment saloon and of course throw my money away on a tea of coffee, bread and butter, and two small lunch cakes, and in there 6 mysteriously disappeared, but being in such a dead and alive place I was not accountable for my actions. I came aboard at six o'clock and turned in at 8.30.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>.** 8 o'clock hands to clean and then made plain sail and cast off buoy, sailed out of breakwater and O lor how I was sick. About 11 o'clock the Captain says "Come here that boy" and I looked up and saw that he meant me, so up I goes and he says "Why weren't you hauling on that rope", so I said I was (I never thought of telling him I was sick), but he said I wasn't so I had to go for the Corporal and he gave me 4 cuts with the cane (O lor). I was sick all that day, but I had to work all the same.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.** 1.30 hands fall in, then starboard watch of 3<sup>rd</sup> set of upper yard boys aloft for drill and port watch shift jib and reef boom main sail, and then vice versa. 4 o'clock dropped anchor and top gallant mast and in flying boom and then scrub them, then the mast up and down and the boom over the stern and dismissed. 8 o'clock hammocks.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.** I've been in the navy 12 months today.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.** 4 o'clock tea and shift into night clothing then shorten sail and dropped anchor about 5 o'clock. Down top gallant masts then port watch reeve anchor gear and starboard watch reeve clothes lines, then hands scrub and wash flannels, check shirts and duck suits.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 9 o'clock dropped anchor again then away seaman's boat's crews with kedge anchor (too close to breakwater). Stand easy, then kedged to windward and hoisted gig and 2<sup>nd</sup> cutter and then braced up. 11.20 went about twice then in royals and flying jib and clear up decks. 1.15 starboard watch shift jib in 1 min 45 sec and port watch shifted jib in 2 min 45 sec.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.** 12 o'clock hove too at Spithead to wait for the tide. Then piped dinner at 12.15. 1 o'clock braced round after yards and sailed into Portsmouth Harbour and came to buoy at 1.30, furled and unbent sails and unrove some of the running gear. At last my first cruise came to an end in HMS MARTIN.

## **Correspondence Column**

Once again, interesting and enjoyable pieces by Roger Bryant in 'Faith Matters'. In his article about the Oxford Movement (February 2003), which I found particularly interesting, he once again mentioned Father Dolling; and once again memories of my father came to mine. My father, as a boy, attended St. Agatha's church; Father Dolling had gone by then but was remembered with respect and affection by many in the parish including those who never set foot inside a church. Among the many things my father told me, and my brothers and sisters, of his early years, was the occasion when he turned up at the church to go on the annual children's outing. He had not brought his sixpence with him and was told by the priest that he could not go. My father then described how he stood there watching the other happy excited children board the charabanc, then turned and walked disconsolately home. He was in his seventies when he again told me this doleful little tale – memory of that day remained with him all his life.

***John Bradey***



## **£17,000 boost towards restoration costs**

Thanks to the magnificent efforts of the PCC, the Fabric Committee and professional advice from one our congregation, we have secured a total grant of £17,185 towards the cost of the repairs to St Faiths tower. At the time of writing (7 May), the Restoration appeal fund stands at £30,632, which does not include £2,000 set aside by the PCC. It does however include £3,405 received from the Inland Revenue for Gift Aid tax refunded. This is a fantastic achievement by the parish, and much credit to the many people who have contributed in so many ways. A summary of the costs involved is as follows.

St Faiths Church tower cost a total of £64,747 incl. VAT and architect fees. This was part of the work scheduled in the 1998 quinquennial inspection.

St Nicholas, Langstone needed emergency repairs to the roof, but as it is not a listed building, it received no grants, and cost £9,377 incl. VAT and surveyor's fees.

Hence the total gross cost for both projects of £74,124, has been reduced to £56,939, leaving £26,307 to be raised to complete these projects.

Our next quinquennial report is due in June this year and will no doubt identify additional works, so if you have any ideas, or experience in raising money, please contact me or any member of the Restoration Appeal Committee.

***Paul Utting***

## Word Search – Summertime

Summer is here (at least we hope it is!) so this month's word search is some of the things we hope to have, to do, to see or to hear at this time of the year. Can you find the words associated with summertime that are shown in the grid? Words may be read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal and are in straight lines. Where a "/" is shown the words are not contiguous in the grid.

**Colin Carter**

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FLOWERS	SANDY BEACH	TENNIS
HOLIDAYS	SHORTS	WALKS
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OUTINGS	SUN/BATHING	YACHTING
PICNICS	SUN/HATS	

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## From the Editors

This month sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. The Queen as we are reminded in Roger Bryant's article 'About the Parish', where he asks "where were you on Coronation Day?". Well, I remember only too well. I was one of the sailors lining the streets in London and getting soaking wet with the white blanco running off my cap (there were no plastic caps then)! – watching Roger march past!! I was serving in the destroyer, HMS DIAMOND, at the time and, after the Royal Naval Fleet Review at Spithead, the ship followed the Queen to Cardiff, Glasgow and Belfast, where we lined the streets again during her tour of the cities. My future wife, Beryl, was in Cape Town, South Africa, waiting excitedly to see the Coronation pictures in the newspapers and on the newsreels at the bioscope (cinema). *This month sees a change in the magazine format. It's been made to avoid duplication and to put all the information people need in one place. If you have any comments then please let the editors know.* I will be in Portugal during the Flower Festival and would welcome any photographs taken inside the church for the magazine and website – I'm sure our church will look as beautiful as it did five years ago – do please go along.

*Colin Carter*

My thanks once again to Colin who has put the magazine together so well this month as well as continuing to build up the excellent web site. I'll have to do a bit more myself next month as Colin is taking a well earned holiday! My thanks to a parishioner who kindly dropped in an article from Saga magazine ("The poetry of faith", by Maureen Cleave, which was itself an article about a book "Favourite Hymns" by Majorie Reeves & Jenyth Worsley, Continuum Press £9.99). I'd have like to re-publish it, but the Copyright Designs and Patents Act prevents a straight copy, without first finding and then getting permission from the author. However, I can quote from it – it was all about the history of hymns and was quite fascinating – for example, that the Dark Satanic Mills in Jerusalem, was inspired by London's biggest factory, a huge flour mill in Blackfriars, burnt to a blackened ruin in 1791? Another one I liked was mention of the hymn in Complete Anglican Hymns whose chorus begins "*The World is Full of Smelly Feet*" and the first verse is "*Jesus said to his disciples, Wash those weary toes! Do it in a cheerful fashion, Never hold your nose*". I wonder what our growing young choir would have to say about that! If anyone cares to write an article for the magazine – we would always be pleased to see it – if you are not sure how to go about it, just ask me anytime.

*Jan Stuart*

## MEMBERS OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

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## SERVICES

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>SUNDAY AFTER</b>	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
<b>ASCENSION</b>	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>PENTECOST</b>	9.30am	<b>FAMILY EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30am	Eucharist (BCP) – <i>note change of time</i>
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	"Hymns of Praise"
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm	Eucharist for Corpus Christi at St. Clare's Warren Park
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>TRINITY I</b>	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
		<i>Presiding &amp; Preaching: The Revd Chris Abbott</i>
	6.00pm	Patronal Evensong at St. Alban, West Leigh
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	12-noon	Ordination - Charles Keay & David Williams The Cathedral of St. Thomas, Portsmouth
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>TRINITY II and the</b>	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
<b>Feast of Peter and Paul,</b>	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
<b>apostles</b>	7.00pm	Mass at St. Francis, Leigh Park <i>Presiding Revd Simon Hewitt</i>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.00am	Eucharist
<b>TRINITY III</b>	8.00am	Eucharist at St Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	<b>PARISH EUCHARIST</b>
	6.30pm	Evensong

### MIDWEEK SERVICES:

<b>Monday &amp; Saturday</b>	9.00am	Eucharist
<b>Tuesday &amp; Friday</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

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