

From the Rector

While we were away on holiday this summer I bought myself a CD of my favourite childhood band's greatest hits. The Electric Light Orchestra (ELO for short) was more of an obsession than a favourite – I used to listen to their albums over and over again, memorising all the words and singing along with the inimitable Jeff Lynne. I used to marvel at the album sleeves and the pictures of these 70's styled young men with long hair and even larger flared trousers. These guys were to me so incredibly creative. Somehow, their songs seemed to express something of my adolescent angst, hopes and dreams. ELO's unique sound was made by a combination of stringed instruments (particularly violin and Cello) and contemporary guitars and keyboards. At the time I was a trumpet player, but I dreamed of someday becoming the guy to bring together the established ELO sound with a brass addition – perhaps co-founding an Electric Orchestra! Sadly I abandoned my trumpet in the pursuit of A Level results (and perhaps rugby, beer and girls) and so this ambition was quashed before it ever became any more than a childhood fantasy. But as I listen to the old songs now and realise they are not quite so musically brilliant as I had thought nearly 30 years ago, I am reminded of two other things. Firstly, that part of me that wanted to bring divergent themes, people and interests together is still alive and well. I rejoice therefore in the debate that is taking place in these pages about the acceptance, or not, of homosexuals into the Church. Colleen's letter later in these pages (*page 10*) expresses very well a popular view that homosexuality is largely accepted in modern society, despite pockets of homophobic resistance and ignorance, and that we, in the Church, need to get in line. For Church members, however, a further consideration has to take place – squaring our thoughts and ideas of contemporary life with scripture. As you will probably know debate is raging long and hard about this and people from both sides of the debate in the Church are insistent that they have the best interests of all people at heart and are not anti-gay. At its most extreme expression, some Christians argue that homosexuality is a perversion from which the 'sufferer' can be cured. Others are convinced that to be a homosexual is a genetic condition, that no-one would ever chose homosexuality in a society that has been so intolerant and judgmental as to make such a person's life a living hell and that homosexuals should be accepted for who they are. I think my role here is to bind this conversation and to allow difference of opinion to exist within St Faith's. This is not to say I am shying away from expressing my personal views – but rather than inhibit discussion by enforcing one line, I should prefer to enable people to come to their own conclusions having been exposed to all sides of the debate. As I listen to the old ELO songs again and recall the joy that there was someone whose music seemed to resonate with my teenage sense of loneliness and desperation to fit in with the crowd for who I was, rather than who I felt they wanted me to be, I recognise that this may also be what people on all sides of this debate are feeling. It is very easy for the church to appear to ostracise people for one reason or another and I am convinced that Jesus stood up against such intolerance and exclusivism above all else. He fought for the poor, the marginalized, the vulnerable and the oppressed. In his name I call therefore for an inclusive church – however

hard this may be to achieve. Maybe the idealistic little boy in me is unrealistic – but I cannot let go of that desire for inclusivity!

Fr. David

About The Parish

The recent articles in "Faith Matters" about John Pounds and the Ragged School Movement has led to a lady in church obtaining a most interesting booklet from a friend, Alan Williams, in Forest Rise, London, about the Ragged School Museum in Tower Hamlets. We have all heard of Barnardo's and its wonderful work for homeless children but do you know of the connection with the Ragged School Movement? No, then read on! The booklet tells us that in 1868 Dr Thomas Barnardo started a Ragged School in Hope Place, Limehouse and the plight of the children attending led him to open the first Barnardo's Home for homeless boys in 1870 at Stepney Causeway. In an age of discrimination, Dr Barnardo made no distinction about age, colour, faith or disability. He opened a second Ragged School but by 1875 both had been condemned because of overcrowding. In 1877 Dr Barnardo rented a warehouse, used for storing lime juice and general provisions, at 46 Copperfield Road, now in Tower Hamlets, and converted it into a Ragged School for children aged between 5 and 10, this being the school-leaving age! The booklet tells us that the children received free education, breakfast, dinner and help to find a first job. Each floor of the warehouse became a classroom, and there were separate boys, girls and infants schools in the building. The basements served as playgrounds. By 1879, there were 144 Ragged Schools in London but the one at 46 Copperfield Road was the largest. In 1895, overcrowding lead Dr Barnardo to rent the warehouse next door at No 48 for the girls and infants schools, with the boys remaining at No 46. By the following year, there were 1,075 children attending the day schools and, wait for it, astonishingly there were 2,460 attending the Sunday School! From 1890, council schools were free and the Ragged Schools at the warehouses finally closed in 1908 when the London County Council decided that the buildings were no longer suitable. In 1983, 46 and 48 Copperfield Road were set up as a museum by the Ragged School Museum Trust. We all associate Barnardo's with the homes for children but it is incredible to think that it all stemmed from John Pounds and the Ragged School Movement. Finally, who is the lady who has given me all this information? You all know her because she is always in church on a Sunday, sat quietly with Ruth Tunks in the pew behind Sandra Haggan. She was Baptised in St Faith's in 1920 and Confirmed in 1937. She left Havant in 1939 to do war work around the country, returning here some years after the war to care for her mother. This charming lady is, of course, Elsie Yalden. *Roger Bryant*

Parochial Church Council Reports

PCC Meeting 22 September

A Strategic Review Group had been set up in the Diocese to tackle some of the problems that faced the Church in terms of the increased costs of maintaining buildings and the need to make the Church more relevant to people. A review would be conducted starting in Lent 2004. The meeting approved a plan to replace the existing Fabric Committee with a Structural Planning and Restoration Committee which would oversight the implementation of the Quinquennial Report, keep restoration work on the church under review and identify improvements required to the fabric and facilities of the church. It would also be responsible for the Organ. A new Building Management Committee would replace the existing Building Committee. Its role would be to effect the repair and maintenance of all the buildings on the estate, including the church itself. The PCC decided that the parish should go ahead with Communion before Confirmation. The Rector would produce a Parish Policy Document which would recognise that the initiative should rest with parents, that the child would have to be of an age of reasoning, normally 7 or 8, and would be required to undertake a period of instruction before being allowed to take Communion. Large print Hymn Books and Service Sheets for members of the congregation who have limited vision would shortly be available on request at services. With the computerisation of parish accounts, the Treasurer, Pam Bowley, would continue her current duties but a Cashcall Operator, Colin Carter, would undertake computerised book-keeping. The three Lloyds TSB Accounts (Building, Fabric & General) would be merged into a single current account, with the balance of funds put into a CBF Account. The Restoration Fund would be retained in its present form.

Strategic Planning and Restoration Committee Meeting 4 October

The Fabric Committee was now wound up and this was the first meeting of the new Strategic Planning and Restoration Committee which would deal with the Quinquennial Reports and associated matters. The new Building Management Committee would deal with the day to day repair and maintenance of the church building. Peter Appleby would be Secretary of both committees. Now that the restoration work had been completed to the Architect's satisfaction, payment would be made to the contractors of the final 2.5% of the costs. The Architect, Terry Roberts, had made one inspection of the church on 18 September and hoped to complete another shortly to enable him to produce the next Quinquennial Report. Quotes had been received from three contractors to repair the church electrical system. One quote was unsatisfactory and further clarification regarding the other two was being sought.

Talking of Coincidence

I refer to the October issue of "Faith Matters" and feel compelled to add to our editor's reminiscences of the "cod war". My involvement was as an engineer on the trawler ROSS REVENGE. In the early 1970's Iceland extended it's fishing limits from 12 miles to 50 miles and a further dispute ensued. I am delighted to be able to

show a photograph of the ROSS REVENGE coming under attack from the Icelandic gunboat THOR, on the left of the photograph. The intention of the attack is for the gunboat to get behind the trawler and with special equipment carried at it's stern, to cut the wire warps that tow the huge nets



across the seabed. Fortunately one of the protection squadron's tugboats is bearing down at great speed to ward off the gunboat and chase it away. I now turn to Roger Bryant's "jottings" (*"About the Parish"*) on the subject of coincidence. Believe this if you can, the photograph was actually taken by our neighbour in Berkeley Square, Peter Gavin, Lt Cdr RN Rtd, serving aboard the frigate HMS GURKHA which was also on the scene. It was quite something to be duly presented with the photograph some 30 years after the event!!

Derek Bowley

Vision Workshops

You will recall that six workshops were established at “A Vision for the Future” meeting on 22 February 2003 to discuss the way forward. The workshops were Worship, People & Money, Mission, Ministry, Church & Buildings and Education. At the meeting on 5 July 2003, the six workshops presented their findings and were tasked to produce proposals for the short term, long term, timescales, resources required and cost. Here are the proposals of the People & Money and Ministry workshops. The four other workshops proposals will be published when the Editor receives them.

People & Money Working Group

A. Short-term

1. To supply envelopes in the pews to allow casual contributions to the collections to be given under Gift Aid.

Resources needed. Minimal. To obtain supplies, and put in pews for services.

Timescale. Immediately.

Cost. 'Envelope Systems' can supply standard patterns of envelopes with the Gift Aid declaration at 1000 for £26.88 (reducing for larger quantities). Our church name can be printed, but the cost is much higher 1000 for £50.49.

2. Better hardware is needed for the parish office.

Resources needed. A better computer and copier.

Timescale. ASAP. (PCC has approved purchase of computer and printer)

Cost. **Approx.** £1000

3. A Parish Handbook would provide a central point of reference for all activities being done on behalf of the PCC. Quite often someone is trying to start work on something that is already being done by someone else. The Handbook would not only enable parishioners to find out whom to approach for a particular activity, but also prevent that duplication of effort. It should be loose-leaf, so that it can be easily kept up to date.

Resources needed. A compiler to collate the information, ring binders and printing.

Timescale. ASAP.

Cost. Perhaps £200-£300? A4 ring binders are very cheap, less than £1 singly, and we should be able to get a quantity discount.

B. Long-term

4. Management accounts are needed for budgeting. At present, the Treasurer keeps

accounts of income and expenditure as it arises, but it is used to record historic data only. We need to be able to plan several years ahead.

Resources needed. (1) A skilled person to run the software.

(2) A Financial Planning subcommittee of the PCC.

In practice, both of these already exist, as long as they agree to take on the extra work.

Time scale. To be in use by 2004.

Cost. Budgeting software. We have already obtained a software package, *Cashcall*, and it is in use by Colin Carter in his conversion of the existing accounting system. It contains the historical data. It also handles limited forward planning; but the standard Microsoft *Excel* program could be a better solution. This can be done at negligible expense - other than time

5. Storage for Parish Archives. At present, these are kept in small parcels all over the Parish. There is a high risk that some of them could get lost. They need to be brought together in a secure place.

Resources needed. Some cupboards, or better, filing cabinets.

Timescale. 1-2 years.

Cost: Probably quite low. We need to identify some existing space.

Ministry Working Group

Music

- Short Use combined children's/ adult choir at Festivals
- Short Arrange weekday lunchtime concerts in St Faith's Church
- Long Set up music club for young people to learn/participate in music.

Housekeeping

- Short Set up contact list for emergency repairs in Church – lighting, heating, organ, and building damage.
- Short Expand weekly cleaning team, organise regular church/ churchyard cleanups.
- Short Replace illegal ladders and stepladders (HASAW exposure).
- Long Procure professional cleaning services for high areas.
- Long Investigate co-operation with local churches.
- Long Consider purchase of a cleaning tower for letting to other churches.

Social Events

- Short Expand team.
- Short Improve communication with congregation of church's needs – e.g., Kitchen cupboards.
- Short Display pew sheet on external notice board.

- Long Enhance/ expand church facilities for social events – toilets, kitchen, and meeting rooms.
Support
- Short Listening skills training for volunteers.
- Short Group for visiting the sick, newly baptised and newly married.
- Short Stewards in church outside services to assist security, support, or information about St Faith's. Initially encourage the congregation to pop into church whenever they are in Havant
- Long Expand stewards with a rota of volunteers to cover high risk/ busy times.
Donations
- Short Develop external links with other churches in UK and abroad.
- Short Enable targeted giving, congregation to vote on concentration on specific giving projects.
- Short Review and improve collection/ offering containers in services – larger bags or a separate container.

Chamber Man's Vocal Ensemble from Saint Petersburg

This was received from Russia and shows that our web site is seen worldwide.

Dear friends! We represent a vocal ensemble consisting of six professional singers (6 male) from Russian Orthodox churches and opera companies. Our activities promote the Christian vocal tradition and the Russian Orthodox Church music and singing all over the world. We are trying to draw together friends of such historical art and culture by singing traditional liturgical Russian hymns like Gloria, Alleluia, Sanctus, Lord's prayer, etc., using masterpieces of the famous Russian composers such as P.Tchaikovsky, S.Rahmaninov, D.Bortniansky and others. Our concerts last about one hour. The first part of our concert consists of Russian Orthodox sacred music; the second part is Russian folk songs. Usually our concerts take place during ecumenical worships. In spite of the fact that our audience can not always understand Russian the people are frequently moved by the beauty of the melodies. In Autumn 2004 and in Spring 2005 we are planning to visit Great Britain and we should be grateful for your kind assistance in promoting this initiative in the U.K.

Project Manager - Natalie Aksuticheva

RSCM Choir Festival

On Saturday 11 October on a beautiful autumn afternoon St Faith's adult and childrens' choirs and Judith, our organist, met at St Jude's Church, Southsea. We were there to take part in the bi-annual Diocesan Choir Festival organised by The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). St Jude's was packed with church choirs from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and we quickly divided into trebles, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. The rehearsal lasted from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and was conducted by Simon Lole, Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral with great expertise, humour and confidence. We rehearsed pieces from 'The Light of Life' a festival service and resource book compiled by John Harper to celebrate last year's 75th anniversary of the RSCM. Simon guided us through the intricacies of the pieces we were to sing at the service later that afternoon. Some were more difficult than others and included hymns, plainchant, taize, traditional folk melodies and psalms rounded off with Stanford's magnificent 'Te Deum' in Bflat. After the rehearsal we broke up for a well earned cup of tea or squash and biscuits and on a personal note it was lovely to meet my old choir from Holy Cross Church, Binstead, Isle of Wight and catch up with their news. There was just time to change into robes and return to our seats for the service starting at 5 p.m. A few parents and friends arrived to support us and we were then welcomed to the church and service by Rev John Byrne of St Jude's and Archdeacon Peter Hancock who represented the Bishop. The Archdeacon started the service by giving out various awards to some boys and girls from other choirs and we clapped their achievements. Then it was the turn of the choirs and for the next hour we performed all we had rehearsed earlier interspersed with prayers and readings. We sang our hearts out under the powerful direction and encouragement of our conductor, Simon Lole. It was a wonderful afternoon and although we might have sung a few wrong notes we all felt totally uplifted by the whole occasion.

Jenny Griffith

13 September Ride 2003

I would like to thank the five riders, including Daniel, who took part on 13 September – also the folk who waited for riders in our church. A large number of churches in the Havant area and Portsmouth were visited. The total sum collected was £160. This will mean we will receive £80 towards our Restoration Fund. ***Audrey Currie***
Parish Rep

For Your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where/Cost</u>
Saturday 1 November	4-7pm	Halloween Party	Church Hall/£2
Monday 3 November	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Tuesday 4 November	7.30pm	'Showboat' by South Downe Musical Society	King's Theatre/tba
Thursday 6 November	8pm	Servers' Meeting	St. Faith's Church
Saturday 8 November	10am-2pm	Charities Market	St. Faith's Church
Tuesday 11 November	11am	Healing Service	Methodist Church Petersfield Road
Sat 15/Sun16 November	-	Fr. David away	-
Monday 17 November	8pm	Pacifism and the use of Force – Charles Keay	Rectory
Thursday 20 November	7.30pm	Deanery Synod	Denmead
Friday 21 November	8pm	Men's Group	tba
Sunday 30 November	6.30pm	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service	St. Faith's Church
Tuesday 2 December	6.15pm	Christingle Service	St. Faith's Church
Thursday 4 December	8pm	Finance Committee	17 Berkeley Square
Saturday 6 December	9.45am	Standing Committee	27 Bellair Road
Sunday 7 December	9.30am	Toy Service	St. Faith's Church
Monday 8 December	8pm	Genetic Engineering and Animal Welfare	Rectory
Tuesday 9 December	11am	Healing Service	Methodist Church Petersfield Road
Friday 12 December	7.30pm	Men's Group Christmas Dinner	tba
Saturday 13 December	7.30pm	Bellringer's Dinner	Church Hall
Sunday 14 December	7pm	Emsworth Concert Band	St. Faith's Church/£5
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where/Cost</u>

Wednesday 17 December	7pm	Christmas Concert	Warblington School
Sunday 21 December	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	St. Faith's Church
Wednesday 24 December	6pm	Candlelight Crib Service	St. Faith's Church
Wednesday 24 December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St. Faith's Church
Thursday 25 December	8am	Eucharist	St. Faith's Church
Thursday 25 December	9.30am	Family Eucharist	St. Faith's Church
Fri 26 Dec – 2 January 2004	-	Fr. David away	-
Monday 29 December	7.30pm	Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs	King's Theatre/tba
Tuesday 6 January 2004	8pm	Parish Christmas Dinner	Bear Hotel (tbc)/ tba
Saturday 17 January 2004	7.30pm	Dinner & Dutch	St. Albans, West Leigh/tba
Saturday 21 February 2004	7.30pm	Murder, Mystery Evening	Church Hall/tba
Saturday 13 March 2004	7.30pm	Church Quiz	Church Hall

Correspondence Column

I was saddened to read the letter in the Correspondence Column (October edition) from 'JB'.

I have a friend who is gay; a kinder more generous, compassionate man you could not wish to meet. That he should be disregarded from occupying any form of office *and* that his private life is laid open to debate is odious.

A gay Bishop, Prime Minister, Teacher, Tax Inspector – whatever the occupation, if a gay person is the best person for the job then they should be appointed – no questions asked.

Too much time is wasted on negativity; people must be judged on whom they really are. It is the 21st century - let them get on with their lives, we shouldn't be deprived of their expertise because of a few people's perceptions.

Yours sincerely

Colleen Carter-Smith

From the Registers – October

3rd Funeral of Cllr. Geoff Tart, former Mayor of Havant

5th Baptism of Henry and Max Bell

6th Funeral of Bryan Godfrey Richardson.

24th Marriage of Alan Legg & Linda Poulson



Canon Derek Brown

Father Brown wishes to thank all those who sent him cards and their good wishes during his recent illness. They were very much appreciated.

James Legg

Thanks to God for help received for James Legg. His is a long term condition which may or may not improve, so although he will no longer be on the prayer list continued thoughts for him would be appreciated. He is just nine years old.



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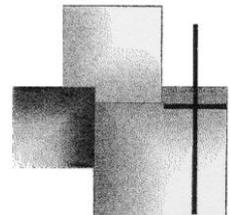
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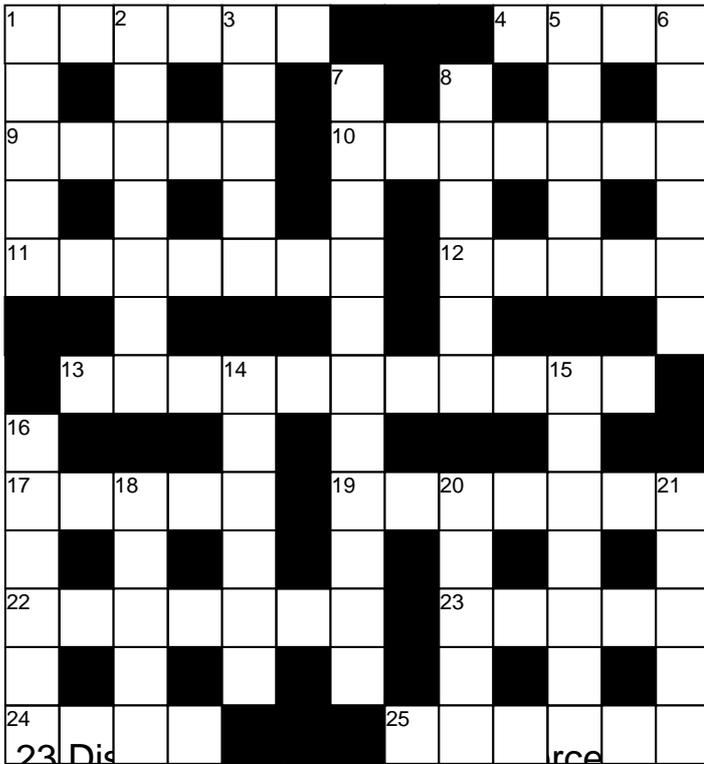
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St Faith's November 2003 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Cheat – or just waste time? (6)
4. Old dividing line was measure of worth (4)
9. Old hats could provide top cover (5)
10. An appointment to the French chosen one (7)
11. Only a skeleton part, but sounds entertaining (7)
12. Revolutionary performances (5)
13. Closely involved and loving, he becomes unsettled (4,2,5)
17. Firm belief can come back (5)
19. A tiny amount allowed to fall (7)
22. Astonishing a scholar has such energy (7)
24. Make adjustments to be orderly (4)

23. Discover one of the armed forces on a meadow (5)

25. Makes the first bid (6)

Down

1. Abandon, by the roadside perhaps (5)
3. Bookmakers' friend (5)
6. Fly in arranged double group (6)
8. Way in for a learner, on the left (6)
15. Dwelling acceptable for a scoundrel (7)
16. Narrow way through difficult position (6)
21. Sets the right pitch (5)
2. Double proposition is a difficult choice (7)
5. Change in church we hear (5)
7. Some animals like heavy rain (4,3,4)
14. Uproar about arrival time could mean delay (6)
18. Initially served those serving (5)
20. Not the lower deck – the lowest (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th November please!

Answers to October 2003 Crossword

Across: 1. Simnel, 4. Smug, 9. Auden, 10. Racquet, 11. Trireme, 12. Arena, 13. Paternoster, 17. Arras, 19. Emperor, 22. Members, 23. Piers, 24. Nisi, 25. Slithy.

Down: 1. Smart, 2. Madeira, 3. Ernie, 5. Mouse, 6. Gotham, 7. Free and easy, 8. Scraps, 14. Easter, 15. Earnest, 16. Carmen, 18. Remus, 20. Papal, 21. Rusty.

The first correct answer out of the hat this month was from Joy Utting, with other correct entries from Derek Bowley, Angela Collyer, Mary Harfield, Daphne Rowden, Marion Simmons, Ann Slade and Ruth Tunks.

St Matthew's Church (Dedicated to the Holy Spirit)

Last month we looked at the life of Bruce Cornford and how he had purchased land in Heyward Road to build the Church of St Matthew's. His first act was to appoint as Architect, John Thomas Micklethwaite, and what a choice! He had designed many fine High Churches and was consulting architect to Westminster Abbey. The two decided on a big church and in 1902 the foundation stone was laid. The following year, the church was consecrated at what was described as a solemn Masonic Ceremony. Although a small part was built, it was not until 1924 that St Matthew's was completed but the wait was well worthwhile, for a church of considerable splendour emerged. It was rightly described as a masterpiece! Astonishingly, the ground floor seated almost 2000 people! There were seven altars, of which the Lady Chapel Altar was given by Charles Hoare of the Training Ship Mercury and the Christ Altar by the famous Roedean Girls School, where Bruce Cornford was Chaplain. The great organ was an amalgamation of one from Jesus College, Cambridge and one from the present day Merchiston Hall in Horndean. It is difficult to decide where to start in describing this beautiful church. It was decorated in Gothic style, with the panelled Barrel roof painted white and the walls of the nave painted black. Micklethwaite reduced his fees on condition that Cornford agreed to the black walls. The intention had been to paint the arms of the Anglican Dioceses on the roof but this never happened. The side aisles were nearly the same height as the nave, which is described as a "Hall" church. The carved wooden reredos was a War Memorial to the dead of the First World War and rose 40 feet to the East Window. It had concealed lighting, which produced a quite wonderful effect. Dr Chris Churcher-Brown will read this next part with interest, given his flair (No, not flare!) with the incense burner. (A lady Mayoress once asked him if that thing should be smoking!) A huge bronze thurible stood in the Sanctuary described as "sending Holy Smoke up to Heaven", at times completely obscuring the Altar! Things were certainly done on a grand scale because the Patronal Banner was so huge that the servers described it as like carrying a stair carpet in procession. As we read last month, sadly, in 1941, a year after Cornford's death, this wonderful church was gutted by fire during a blitz. After the War, thanks to the efforts of Vicar John Beloe and his loyal congregation, the church was restored to something approaching its former glory. The new church features much fine Victorian furniture; Kempe glass and superb Stations of the Cross carved in stone in Munich around 1900. The new church serves the parishes of St Matthew's and St Bartholomew's, about which we will read next month in "Faith Matters". We have many connections with the Church of the Holy Spirit, which became its name when the parishes merged. Firstly, a great stalwart of St Faith's, Vic Hardcastle, was a Server there and I am sure he was valued as much there as he is by Father David and the congregation of this church. Then, of course, we have our present Deacon, Charles Keay, who met and married the lovely Annie in that majestic church. Finally, we have a lady who witnessed their courtship, at least the public part of it, and worshipped at the church for 30 years. She moved to this area, on the boundary between Leigh Park and Bedhampton, some months ago and now attends St Faith's in preference to three churches closer to her home. Please say hello to this delightful lady. Her name is Val Rose. **Roger**



Margaret Peters RIP

Margaret was born in 1924 at Portsmouth, the second child of Daisy and Charles Bennett, and the family lived there until 1940. Their house was next to St Wilfred's Church and that was the centre of Sunday life until 1940 when the house was destroyed in one of the early daylight air raids. Margaret and her mother were sheltering in the "Anderson Air Raid Shelter" in the garden and escaped injury. Margaret's career had a chequered start. She started her education at St Mary's Road School but was often ill for long periods, so eventually she went to Alton Hospital for a few months, returning home in 1938, just before the outbreak of war. Margaret took a secretarial course and then started work in the Dockyard as a typist. When part of the Naval Store Department moved to Haslemere, the family was split, first living in Midhurst (in the Gas Works!) and then in three separate households in Haslemere. When peace came, the family moved to Havant in 1946 and Margaret worked in the Dockyard as a secretary to a succession of senior naval officers. In fact she worked there for 37 years, retiring in 1984. She enjoyed living in Havant and took an interest in gardening and sailing. She bought a small boat and then a small car, having learnt to drive. Her father died in 1964. Margaret became friends with Bob Peters who lived across the road from her. Bob became a regular visitor to the house and was a great support for Margaret and her mother, who died in 1976. Margaret and Bob were married in St Faith's Church in 1981. Margaret was a regular attender at St Faith's and worked for several years in the Sunday School with the late but never-forgotten Doris Norkett. She also distributed the Bible Reading Fellowship notes for several years. She was an active supporter of a number of charities. Her active life ended when she had a brain haemorrhage in 1998. In her final years, she was still a regular attender at St Faith's but was unable to play an active part. She was always cheerful and could be relied upon to smile right to the end. She is greatly missed by Bob, her family and all her many friends. May she rest in peace.

Bill Bennett

Do You Know?

Where you can find a well known television cook, an Under Secretary of State and the Rector's wife together with eleven children and twenty parishioners? Find out by buying the St Faith's Cookery Book which will be published mid November, costing £3 (or £3.50 by post) and obtainable from the Parish Office or by phoning 023 9247 1241. It will also be available at the 9.30am Sunday Eucharist.

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From
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Animal Welfare Service St. Faith's Church Sunday 23 February 2003

This service was adapted from the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals' specially printed animal welfare service, first held on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi in October 2002 and celebrated by many parishes within the Church of England on that day. As it coincided with St. Faith's Patronal Festival it was decided to postpone it and to link it in with the Veg4Lent Campaign (calling on all Christians to give up meat for Lent in accordance with the ancient Christian tradition) and was held appropriately on the first Sunday in Lent, incorporated into the 9.30am Eucharist service. The service itself focussed on the global issues of animal suffering, and was not a pets' service. Christians were asked to pray for factory farmed animals; battery chickens; animals reared or trapped for their fur; experiments on animals and animal testing in general. Everyone in the congregation was given the Animal Welfare Sunday leaflet and an accompanying leaflet introducing and explaining its aims. Father David dealt with some of the main issues in his sermon, especially the necessity for us to think very carefully about how animals are reared in making our food purchases, the label 'organic' indicating a more humane rearing system. I was very grateful to Father David for agreeing to hold this service and to his suggestion that I should give a talk afterwards. A friend of mine from Liphook also attended – he is the chairman of the Veg4Lent campaign. In fact it was through him that I heard of the ASWA's Animal Welfare Sunday. My talk centred on how I came to be vegetarian after hearing about the cruelties of current cruel farming practices and the Live Export Trade and how I felt called to raise the awareness within our Church of these and other animal welfare issues. I talked about adopting a vegetarian diet in Lent and its spiritual mirror in the 40 days of Lent, when Christians imitated Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness with the animals for 40 days. The current campaign called on Christians "to extend the principles of love, mercy and reverence towards the two million animals otherwise killed daily in the UK" and to call us to action: in our case – vegetarianism. Also mentioned the ecological argument – world-wide livestock production causes deforestation and pollution from waste run-off and consumes 10 to 1000 times more land, water and energy than a vegetarian diet. World hunger – that every person on Earth could be adequately nourished if grain and vegetables were fed directly to people and not to animals. The health argument – that the world's biggest killers – heart disease, stroke and cancer could be cut by up to 90% by eliminating the intake of cholesterol found only in meat and dairy products, and by reducing fat consumption (I obtained the information in this paragraph from the animal charities PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and VIVA!

(Editor Note: article received 2 October 2003)

Helena Youle

St. Faith's Art Group

Two years ago Derek Bowley and I thought that a church building venue should be available for a painting group, we asked Father David for his consent to use the Church Hall on a regular basis. We were given that permission with a proviso that the group should be a part of the parish outreach work. What you might say is outreach work? My understanding is that it means to take the Gospel message to the world. Next you may perhaps ask what has the painting group to do with the Gospel? Especially since we do not have any theological or matters of faith discussion? My view is that the inspiration to paint is a God given gift and it does not matter how grand or humble the painting might be, it is the Spiritual expression of each individual that is the inspiration to express the inner-self to the glory of God. Needless to say that in the process we also enjoy ourselves hugely, in the same way that the church choir enjoy using their voices. On a more practical level we have opened our doors to people who have physical disabilities, older people, and anyone else who wishes to enjoy an activity that is stimulating and challenging. In the two years since St Faith's art group began meeting, we have grown from just 3 or 4 people to 12 or more at any one time. Not all the group members are members of our church, some come from other churches and some may not be churchgoers (or not yet!), but that does not matter because we welcome all comers. These two examples illustrate the way Derek and I have tried to meet the challenge of outreach in meeting people from all walks of life in a way, which is warm and welcoming. I must extend a huge thank you from all our members to Derek Bowley for his hard work in organising demonstrations which we have periodically (we would like more but funds do not allow for such luxury). He has been there almost non-stop during this time to put chairs and tables out and to clear away each week. Not to mention organising art exhibitions at the last two Town Fairs. He has also undertaken to collect subscriptions and to pay a contribution towards heating and lighting. Yes, we ask for a pound per session from all members for heating and lighting, we try not to be a burden on the church funds. My part has been to support Derek whenever I can and to help members in any way that is needed artistically. It has not been easy to establish ourselves and neither have we taken our project lightly. Sometimes Derek and I have felt that there are some conflicts in serving the needs of both the church and the community but so far we have managed to survive struggles and continue with our community vision. We are very grateful to the PCC for allowing us a special rate for a worthwhile project. And we would ask members of the congregation and the clergy to remember us in their prayers and more visibly to show us your support by an occasional visit. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm except at Christmas. With love and thanks to all ***Carmen Stuart***

Word Search – Remembrance Day

This month is Remembrance Day. Can you find the words associated with it in the grid below? 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.

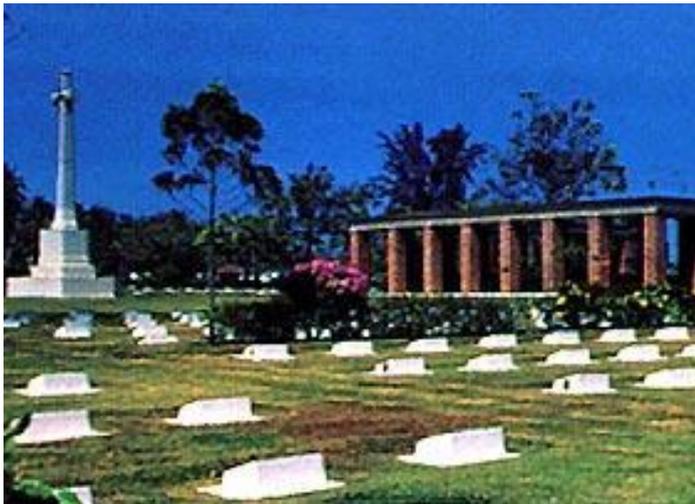
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From the Editor

Remembrance Sunday is on the 9th November. This year there will be an additional 50+ military personnel who were killed in Iraq added to the many thousands of



service men and woman being remembered. I have been to many Remembrance Day services and visited some of the cemeteries maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. There are two that I remember most. In Labuan, an island 5 miles off the western coast of Borneo and part of the Malaysian Federation, the War Cemetery (left) has 3,908 graves. I was there in 1966 when President Sukarno of Indonesia thought it a good idea to try and take over the oil

fields in Brunei. I visited the cemetery frequently and was struck by its peace and tranquillity. Whilst in Singapore in 1974-75, I visited the Kranji War Cemetery several times (entrance shown right with the inscription "***Their Name Liveth Forevermore***"). It is situated on the north side of Singapore Island over- looking the Straits of Johore. There are 4,458 Commonwealth casualties buried or commemorated. *You may recall that*



earlier in the year I mentioned that the Diocese had launched a "Most Improved Parish Magazine 2003" competition. Well, a distinguished panel, including Bishop Kenneth, will compare the December 2002 and December 2003 editions of Parish Magazines and decide which three deserve the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for improvements in content, layout, advertising and design. The cash prizes are £200, £100 and £50. The judging will take place during December, and the winners will be announced early in the New Year, so please make a big effort to let me have some interesting articles, including photographs for the December issue of "Faith Matters".

Colin Carter

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SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November ALL SOULS	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	3.00pm	REQUIEM MASS to commemorate the departed
Sunday 9th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	10.50am	Remembrance Service
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 16th November SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST – Presiding The Ven. K.H. Gibbons
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 23rd November CHRIST THE KING	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 30th November ADVENT SUNDAY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 7th December ADVENT II	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	TOY SERVICE
	6.30pm	Evensong

MIDWEEK SERVICES:

Monday	9.15am	Morning Prayer & Eucharist
Tuesday to Friday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Saturday	9.00am	

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