

From the Rector

You may be aware of a recent radio programme that has selected the nation's favourite buildings. Polls of this kind are not unusual, but this one, has I hear, veered away from the usual hot spots, and focussed upon less well-known, but still beloved local sites. I should imagine that such a poll in Havant would feature St Faith's as most people's number one, but like the buildings in the other list it does not receive regular income from sources outside the congregation to maintain it. This is not to say that help is not available, because it could be. It is not to say, either, that there is not enormous goodwill locally for St Faith's, because there most certainly is. But it is definitely the case that, like so many other churches and places of historical interest, maintaining the treasures of our national heritage is a major concern. One person, responding to the recent Stewardship campaign, asked why we must be in the business of maintaining old churches and at the same time safeguarding an increasing hierarchy of the Church of England. It seems that there are two things that must be said to this. Firstly that while there is a case for strong leadership and good management there is also a need to recognise that the future of the church appears to be bound up with a setting free of the people of the church from excessive clerical authority. Having said that, most people seem to want the church to give a clear and decisive lead until, that is, it flies in the face of their opinions! Presumably a balance is required between leadership and encouraging the laity to play its part. My second reaction is to say that recently I have been re-introduced to Celtic Theology and Spirituality. These Celts used to have a far greater reverence for the created order and emphasised the Genesis expression that man was created in the image of God. Applying this generally, the Celtic church held that all creation is essentially good, and so saying that humanity is also created good (opposing Augustine's view of original sin) and that the presence of God is very close in and around us through nature itself. I mention this here for two reasons, firstly that the extension of these views implies that the Church is not the only means of God's grace – an idea clearly popular in contemporary society – a view emphasised by the Celtic church that often met in the open air under High Crosses. And this then is the relevance here – perhaps a real engagement with God must be an encounter in nature. If so the use of our beautiful church building for worship needs to be complemented with open-air services – (an idea that is possibly more appealing in the summer than the winter). Does this sound like an argument for somehow utilising the space to the south of the church in the Churchyard? It seems a shame to have that area underused and sometimes abused. At the Town Fair we had to be very careful as to what part could be utilised for fear of legal action in the case of an accident. It seems to me that we are constantly seeking ways to more accurately represent the life of God in who and what we are as a church. These questions along with the Vision process offer to some a sense of optimism while to others a feeling of confusion. Undoubtedly there is insecurity in any struggle for growth and a search for self-expression, but this is not to say that God does not delight in our seeking. May God bless you as we bless His Holy Name.

Vision Statement

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The Church

*If you want to have the church
like the kind of church you like.*

*It's useless to scatter abuse, or
to start a non church going strike.*

*Take stock of yourself, and think
for a bit of the ill or the good you can do.*

It's a knock at yourself when you knock the church.

It isn't the church you're knocking it's you.

Anon

Dear Auntie Faith,

Having looked after the children all the week, I look forward to my husband's help at the weekend. However, he has recently taken up golf and is out all day Saturday and Sunday. What can I do?

Tired Mother of Ten

Dear Tired Mother of Ten,

My first reaction was to tell you to burn his clubs, but unless you want to be a tired mother of eleven, I would encourage the golf.

About The Parish

Last month we read about the FitzWygram family, this month it is the turn of the Longcrofts who have an unequalled record of service to Havant. This service dates from 1742, when the Longcroft family moved to Havant from Portsmouth on the marriage of Mary Longcroft, only daughter of Thomas Longcroft of Portsea, to John Moody, who had inherited Havant Manor in 1728 from his father, Isaac Moody. Mary's brother, Thomas Longcroft and his wife also moved to Havant. They had ten children, the first of whom, George Moody Longcroft, was baptised in St Faith's in 1752. Not to be undone by his father, George produced 12 children, seven sons and five daughters. As Jenny Sagrott pointed out to me, not one of his sons survived George. Instead, he was succeeded by his nephew, Charles Beare Longcroft, son of George's brother, Charles Henry Longcroft, who lived in Romsey, where he is buried in the Abbey. The generations of Longcrofts continued throughout the 19th Century and the family finally ended their connection with Havant, with the death of Charles Edward Beare Longcroft, who had succeeded his father in 1929. In more than two hundred years, the family served Havant in many capacities. George Moody Longcroft and his brother, Thomas Franklin Longcroft were solicitors, practising in partnership for many years in Havant. In fact, five generations of the family were solicitors in Havant. Charles John Longcroft was Clerk to the Justices, to the Boards of Guardians, to the Local Board of Health and was Coroner for the County. Many of the family served the poor in the area, notably Helen Penelope, known as "Budla", who went round Havant on a "well-laden" bicycle dispensing food to families in need, before and after the First World War. The family also gave Havant an amenity which we enjoy to this day because Edward Longcroft, youngest son of Charles John Longcroft, was largely responsible, with Thorburn Stallard, for providing Havant Park as a place of recreation and peace for the community. He also gave unstinted support to Havant Hospital, which is where we leave the Longcrofts and turn to someone who was a physiotherapist at this hospital. This lady has worked alongside Jenny Sagrott to clean and beautify this church and to improve the facilities in the Hall by cleaning the kitchen and toilets. She can be seen in the Church and Hall serving refreshments after Services and is always present at social events. She is a long-serving member of the PCC and is Secretary to the Mission for Seafarers. If this is not enough, she also cleans the Church silver with another stalwart of St Faith's, Audrey Currie. This lovely lady is of course Peggy Sparks to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. *(Peggy is also featured on page 13).*

Roger Bryant

Parochial Church Council Reports

PCC Meeting 27 July

This was a short meeting to discuss a request from the Denvilles Ecumenical Church (DEC) to use St Faith's Church on 3 and 10 August for a morning service because of the closure of Warblington School for school holidays. The Rector had contacted the Bishop but he was on leave. In his absence, the Archdeacon of Portsdown wrote to the Rector stating that there was nothing in Canon Law to stop us allowing DEC to use our church and that he would authorise this in respect of the two Sundays, providing it was also approved by the PCC. The meeting gave its approval.

Note: In last month's magazine, the PCC meeting held on 7 July stated that "*in future, crockery would not be washed in the toilet*". It's nice to know that the magazine is being read in detail by parishioners as many have remarked that they are "***much relieved***" by this statement!

Fabric Committee 9 August

The restoration work on the church was to be inspected by the Architect before payment of the final 2.5% of the cost. Repair of the vestry floor was under consideration following an on-site meeting with the Architect. The next Quinquennial Report would be prepared following an inspection by the Architect in September. Quotes were being received for improving the electrics in church. A parishioner had made an anonymous and most generous donation of £2,000 towards the cost of improving the lighting. The broken protective screens to the Lady Chapel windows would shortly be replaced with polycarbonate ones. Brambles and undergrowth had been removed from the churchyard by the Council, who would be repairing two collapsed graves at the west end of the church. At the next PCC meeting the roles of the Fabric and Building Committees would be reviewed and Peter Appleby would be Secretary to both committees.

Meetings for September

Full PCC Meeting in Church House at 7.45pm on 22 September.

(Items for Agenda to PCC Secretary by 14 September).

What Makes a Bishop?

Following Fr. David's explanation of Bishops, Priests and Deacons in the August magazine, I was reminded of an amusing, anonymous poem which appeared in several Parish magazines in Yorkshire some years ago. However, in order to appreciate it fully, a little knowledge of Bishops is essential! A Diocese is presided over by the Diocesan Bishop, who is, of course, 'The Boss'! In most dioceses, he will have one or more assistant bishops to help him. In some cases these are given a title from a town or area, in which case, he is known as 'The Suffragan Bishop of A...' (or 'Suffering Bishop' as someone once put it!) I was admitted to the Office of Reader in 1950 for the parish of Beverley Minster, in the Diocese of York. The Diocesan Bishop was of course the Archbishop of York, then the Most Rev. Cyril Garbett. In 1956 he was succeeded by Michael Ramsey, at whose enthronement in York Minster I was present, robed, with other Readers. York had three Suffragans, of Hull, of Whitby and of Selby. The latter, in the 1950s, had formerly been Vicar of the parish where I was born, and had baptised me. More recently, I lived in Harrogate and taught in the nearby town of Knaresborough. This was in the Diocese of Ripon, whose assistant bishop was known as the Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough. So now for the poem:

'FLAGGED DOWN'

*The Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough a whimsical story retails
How he preached, on a festal occasion, in the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales.*

*The Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough, as into the vestry he passed
Saw the flag of the parish was flying, but merely half way up the mast.*

*The Suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough enquired, as a courteous guest,
"The half-masted flag seems to tell me that someone has passed to his rest?"*

*The veteran sexton of Summatdale, approaching his ninety and three,
Regarded the questioning Bishop, and grunted, "Yond's oop for thee!"*

*"For t'Suffrance Bishop of Knaresborough, an'theer it's bahn to stop;
But if tha'd been t'PROPER Bishop, we'd a runned blessed flag oop to t'top!"*

Trevor Hopkinson

Coffee Morning – Bob & Ally would like to say thank you all who support our coffee morning on 13th August in aid of St. Faith's Church restoration funds which made £140.00.

Bob & Ally Wilson

Old Benny and The Orphans School

It is not easy for us to imagine a time when the children of the poor were not educated but, as we have seen with the story of John Pounds, it was left to the charity of individuals to start the first schools. There is no better example of this than the Portsea Beneficial School. On the night of the 9 December 1754, eight men met at a public house called "Shakespear Head", named after the owner John Shakespear who was one of the eight. They drew up a "Rules and Articles" agreement, under which they formed a "Beneficial Society". Four stewards were appointed who collected a shilling each month from members which was kept in a chest with five locks! This money was then used for paying sick, funeral and widow benefits. The following year, six members, chosen by a lottery, were each allowed to chose a boy (sorry, ladies!) to have free education from a local schoolteacher. This was soon increased to 12 and then to 18. In 1780, a Mr Edward Craft left money "for the schooling of as many boys as the interest will allow to read, write and Arithmetick (sic) to fit them for Trades and my Will is that these Boys be first chosen from poor Widows children And if not enough of them then to be filled up with poor Artificers Children all to be of the parish of Portsea". So started "Old Benny". The first school was in Old Rope Walk, Portsea which is now Kent Street. Astonishingly, by 1837 the school had 280 boys and (wait for it, ladies!) 136 girls. The small teaching staff adopted something called the "Madras" system, so called because it was first used in India, whereby older children were taught and then passed on their knowledge to younger children. Nowadays, we call it cascade training and it is widely used by large organisations. However the Madras system only lasted a few years. "Old Benny" prospered for many years. Perhaps its most famous pupil became Sir Henry Ayres, KC. MG., one time Premier of Australia, after whom Ayres Rock is named. I wonder whether Mike and Marian Dodsworth have seen it on their annual travels in that great country, or indeed Canon Derek Brown or Molly Griffiths, who both lived in Australia for several years? The Beneficial Society, recognising that there was no place for "Old Benny" in the new State education scheme, closed down in 1933, with the school itself closing in 1938. Another remarkable school opened in St George's Square in 1834 with just 27 children. Ten years later, this had increased to 312 children and the school had moved twice into larger premises, first to Lion Terrace and then to St Michael's Road. This was the Royal Seamen and Marines Orphan Home and (take note ladies) it started as a home for orphan girls, with boys only attending daily. The children were fed, clothed and educated and the school prospered until the 1894 Education Act, when it closed to the boys. Other schools which made an important contribution to educating the poor in Portsea were the Seamen, Marines' and Fishermen's School in Ordnance Row and the Union Schools, founded in 1846 under the Poor Law for inmates of workhouses. When we hear criticism of schools today, it does no harm to consider how far we have come since those eight men had their fateful meeting in that public house.

Roger Bryant

Georgie Black

A new name appears on our "Who's Who" with the arrival on 1 September of Georgie Black, as our Parish Office Administrator. Several of us already know Georgie in her capacity as Deanery Secretary and, when Father David first arrived, she gave us valuable advice about setting up our Parish Office. Georgie lives in Horndean, and, in addition to working for us and the Rural Dean, will continue to work in the Parish Office of St Francis, Leigh Park, where she has been for three years. She will be working for us 8 hours weekly, manning the Parish Office in Church House on Monday and Friday mornings (opening hours of 9.00 am to 12.00 noon). We are very fortunate to have someone so experienced and talented joining the Parish. **RHB**

St. Faith's Art Group

At the time of writing this notice our group is busily engaged in planning and putting together our exhibition for the Town Fair on 30th August. Our first tutorial for the autumn session will be on **Tuesday morning 9th September** when we will be joined by local Emsworth artist Mrs Pamela Hazell whose "workshop" will be on the subject of "portraits". Visitors to this event would be most welcome. **D Bowley**

Food For Thought

The News carried out a survey of 500 15-year-olds in Portsmouth, Fareham, Havant, Gosport and Waterlooville and published the results in the newspaper on Monday 4 August.

The findings showed, inter alia, that when questioned "*Do you go to Church?*" 36 said yes, 452 said no and there was no response from 12.

In response to "*Do you believe in God?*" 120 said yes, 356 said no and there was no response from 24.

Church Commissioners' Financial Results in 2002

In a dreadful year for stock markets the Commissioners achieved a total return of – 9.3%. This was much better than the average of –13.9% for UK pension funds. Over the long run, whether annual returns are better or worse than the average makes a big difference to how much money we can produce for the Church. Our property holdings, which make up a higher share of our assets than for most funds, did well. Once again this lessened the impact of the continuing stock market slump. Total assets stood at £3.5 billion at the end of 2002 – some £160 million higher than if we had achieved only average results in the year. Over the last ten years our returns have been more than 3% better each year than the average for comparable funds. Stock markets are still weak at present. But our current view is that equities should remain the largest share of the fund as we judge that they offer the best prospects over the long term.

Spending in 2002. The Commissioners' fund provides money for a range of purposes; all clergy pensions earned before 1998 – the Pensions Measure allows us to spend some capital on these – and other support for the Church's work especially in areas of need. In total we spent around £165 millions in 2002. Our actuaries update their advice on our fund every year to help us gauge how much we can safely plan to spend in future. The latest update confirms that, thanks partly to relatively good performance in 2002, current assumptions are still sound and our spending plans for 2002-04 remain on track. We know this assurance is important for dioceses' financial plans.

Targeting the Commissioners' Support. We try to spend our money in ways that will do most good. The parish mission fund, which began in 2002, offered new flexibility in the use of £10 million of our support for parish ministry in 2002-04. Some dioceses are using this money for parish evangelism to build new congregations and churches. Some plan to attract new funds from other sources. In November the General Synod agreed we should take steps to refocus the almost £5 million we pay towards individual clergy stipends, and around £3 million in clergy retirement housing costs, on support for parish ministry where today's needs are greatest.

Value for money. Getting the best out of our assets is vital. 2002 was the first full year of our new letting policy for some of the London housing estates. The public service employers we are now working with have no shortage of workers – nurses, teachers, classroom assistants, for example – who need to live locally and wish us to house them. Market lettings too have been steady. Work to repair and improve the properties has started on two estates and is going well. We have cut our running costs by 30% in real terms in the last 10 years. Over 2002-04 we and the Archbishops' Council will hold costs at 2001 levels. In July many Synod members supported taking a fresh look at the work of bishops' legal officers, which we help to fund, again with the aim of making the best use of resources. We carried out a review, talking to people close to this work, and have now made recommendations.

From the Registers

26th July Marriage of Kenneth Ashton &
Christine Frasier

2nd August Marriage of Timothy Uttley &
Helen Vincent

14th August Funeral of Sylvia Jones



The Reverend Canon Douglas Caiger RIP

We have received the following letter from Mrs Betty Caiger following the message of sympathy we sent from the Parish:

I, and the whole family, thank you for your kind message of sympathy and appreciation on the death of Douglas. It is a great comfort to know that you and many others are giving your support at this time of sad loss, and are remembering with fondness and thanks the many wonderful moments from his life and ministry. Thank you so very much for writing. St Faith's Church had a very special place in Douglas's heart and he was so happy to help out when needed. My thanks to you all.

Betty Caiger



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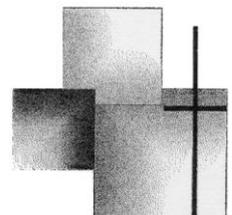
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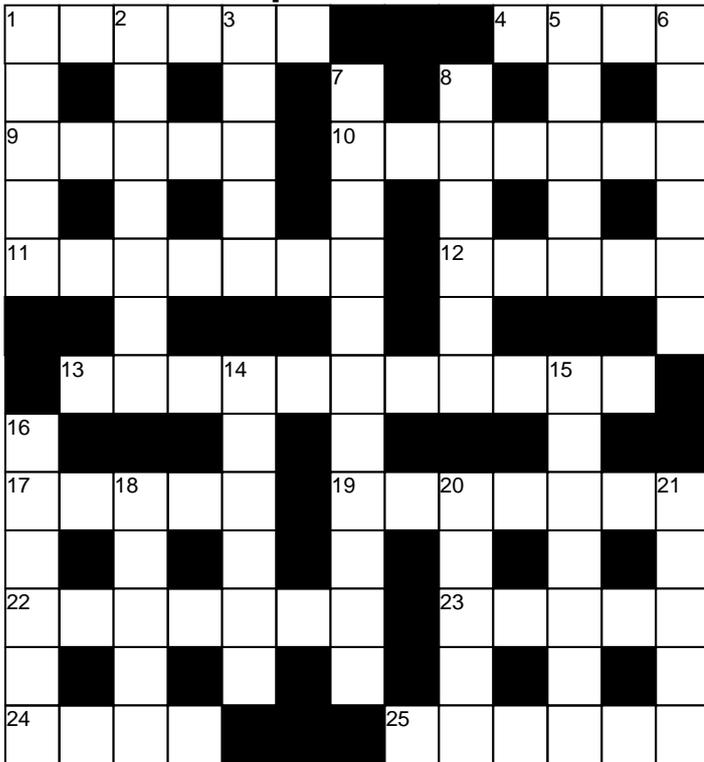
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St Faith's September 2003 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Noble in verse but always wild (6)
4. Party is a big hit (4)
9. Sunbathe then depart for the dance (5)
10. A pressing affair for many (7)
11. Controversy about a thousand police in disorder (7)
12. Holds up artist's work in progress (5)
13. Could be precarious existence for worker to speak out (4,2,5)
17. Boy comes back to me for award (5)
19. Novel part perhaps for ecclesiastical body (7)
22. For keeping record of timber reserve? (7)
24. Harvest unusual pear (4)
25. Popular rules for relatives (2,4)

23. Hoist flag maybe before main event (3,2)

Down

1. Two points put up to make arrangement (3,2)
3. Old fashioned attendant found in dressing room (5)
7. Quite easy to get a tasty morsel (5,2,4)
15. "Ill met by moonlight proud -----" (7)
18. Follow mother for set of principles (5)
21. Jack feared this end (5)
2. Article kept in house is tropical plant of particular flavour (7)
5. Inappropriate for young lady (5)
6. Bargain say in the market place (6)
8. Take short jacket for the dance (6)
14. Portion of cream perhaps (6)
16. Learner caught by warning signal is a slow mover (6)
20. Worn for protection at front of stage (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th September please!

Answers to August 2003 Crossword

Across: 1. Mohock, 4. Apse, 9. Recur, 10. Odyssey, 11. Tyndale, 12. Attar, 13. Dylan Thomas, 17. Eliot, 19. Ulysses, 22. Sassoon, 23. Annie, 24. Nana, 25. Esther.

Down: 1. Marat, 2. Hackney, 3. Circa, 5. Posit, 6. Eeyore, 7. Robert Burns, 8. Dynamo, 14. Author, 15. Absinth, 16. Reason, 18. Ibsen, 20. Yeats, 21. Steer.

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

Annual Church Outing – Wisley RHS



After the Flower Festival in June, there was more to come when 34 parishioners gathered in the rain at the “old” Post Office in Havant on Saturday 26 July for the annual church outing. This year it was to the Royal Horticultural Society Garden at Wisley in Surrey. The *Flyght Travel* coach departed at 10.35am, drove up the A3, with a 20 minute hold-up at Hindhead (*will a tunnel ever be built?*) and arrived at Wisley just before mid-day, in the sunshine, albeit briefly. It was lunchtime. The choice was a 3-course meal in the Terrace Restaurant (*with linen napkins, which is always a good sign!*), sandwiches, baguettes and jacket potatoes in the Conservatory Café, hot and cold snacks near the glasshouses, or the picnic area for those that had brought their own lunch. The afternoon was overcast, but the rain held off for three hours. This



gave us time to walk around the garden (*240 acres of it*) and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the various areas, like the Seven Acres Lakes (*with large beautiful fish swimming around*), the Walled Gardens, the Glasshouses, Model Gardens, Rock Garden (*above*), Rose Garden, Alpine Meadow or Long Water (*left*). When the spits and spots started there was just time to explore the shop and the plant centre. Many plants were purchased

(*including those by Peggy & Beatrice right!*) and filled the luggage area in the coach. The coach departed Wisley at 4.05pm in the rain, heading back along the A3, turning off onto the A283 for Petworth, where we arrived 55 minutes later. The cream tea was at the *Saddler’s Rest 15th century restaurant*. There are a number of small rooms and *you had to watch your head as the beams were very low*. The cream tea was served in a romantic setting with lighted candles on the table!



We boarded the coach at 5.55pm for the last leg of the outing, travelling along the A272 and A3 before arriving back at the “old” Post Office at 6.45pm, in the rain! Our thanks to Sandra Haggan for yet another well organised outing which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Colin Carter

Summer Serenade

The talents of our organist, Judith Williams and her sister Margaret Stainsby entertained an audience of around fifty on the evening of Saturday 2nd August in St. Faith's Church.



The first half of their programme consisted of Mozart's Exsultate jubilate and Schubert songs sung by Margaret, with Judith playing an Intermezzo by Brahms on the piano and then singing four short pieces. As it was a beautifully warm summer evening, the audience gathered outside the west door of the church at the interval for wine and bites. For the second half of the programme Margaret sang pieces from Britten and Flanders and Swan, and Judith

played Chorale Preludes by Bach on the organ. The talented sisters changed their roles throughout the evening – when one was singing the other was playing. It was a very entertaining evening, and £259.15 was raised for the Restoration Fund.

Junior Choir

Judith Williams has very kindly agreed that the photographs of our Junior Choir, who sang at her daughter's wedding at Arundel Cathedral on 21st June 2003, can be published in the magazine.



The young boys and girls in our choir are a credit to St. Faith's and to Judith. We should all be very proud of them. I am sure everyone will agree that it is a pleasure to hear their sweet voices every Sunday morning.

Reflections of a Golden Day (in 1979)

Chris and Anne are married – I keep repeating to myself – Chris and Anne are married – was it really three weeks ago? All the preparation – over and all cleared away ... but what a gloriously happy day it was – the weather warm, with a breeze, we could use the garden. Anne went to the hairdressers whilst John, Maureen and I prepared the tables set with white sheets – arranging the salads – turkey, ham, sausage rolls, the lettuce gleaming, crisp – and the tomatoes shaped as water lilies – the slender white spring onions boiled eggs – crisps, cheeses with dishes of various pickles – sideboard full of trifles – chocolate gateaux cream – the round table set by the big window – with just the cake – two tier, white with pink roses. When Anne returned her hair was taken back, upswept in a nest of curls, her fringe swept low and curved back – rather like curtains, she was dubious about the style, said she looked like Sandie Shaw! We didn't feel like much lunch, John and Anne had a bacon sandwich – Chris, Nick and I – nothing. How we all managed to wash and be ready I shall never know. Anne's parents and sisters arrived around 2pm ... I remember thinking as her sisters and Beth went upstairs to Anne's room to help her and by their presence show their love and support – what a close bond a family can be to each other, not only at sad times, but also at the joyous times. We all left for St. John's (in Forton, Gosport) at 3.15pm leaving Anne and her father – I wonder what their feelings and thoughts were? – For it is the time when father and daughter are closest together – when he will relinquish his protection and caring to another ... What were my thoughts as I took my place in our much loved church? Happy that our Parish Priest (*Fr. Munro*) who had been such a source of comfort and strength over twenty years was to conduct the service, and that also to make it even more memorable, Mary Kilgour was going to sing. As the organ thundered out, “*Love Divine, all loves excelling*” to see Chris take his place – Russell by his side – then Anne, tall, slender in her lovely gown of white lace – her shoulders gleaming pale and cream – carrying a simple spray of red rose buds, a rose twined in her hair – through the service Mary sang in her beautiful voice, filling the great redbrick Victorian church – “*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want...*” I like to think that in the Church with us – others unseen were present – loved ones – whose love surrounded them both – and ending the service, the haunting “*God be in my head and in my understanding ... God be at my end and at my beginning*” – the personal words from Father Munro to Chris and Anne – the Signing the Register – the triumphant walk back down the aisle – the innumerable photographs. Happy faces of brothers, sisters, friends – then back to the house ... toasts, speeches, champagne corks popping; John's brother singing in the garden at dusk – “*Girls were made to love and kiss...*” Winnie with her clever monologues. A Golden Wonderful Day – three weeks ago ... July 28th (1979) at 3.45pm after thirty-one years, we gained John and I, a gay humorous loving daughter. **PeggyBradey**

Word Search – Harvest

This month, as you know, is Harvest Festival. 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.

Colin Carter

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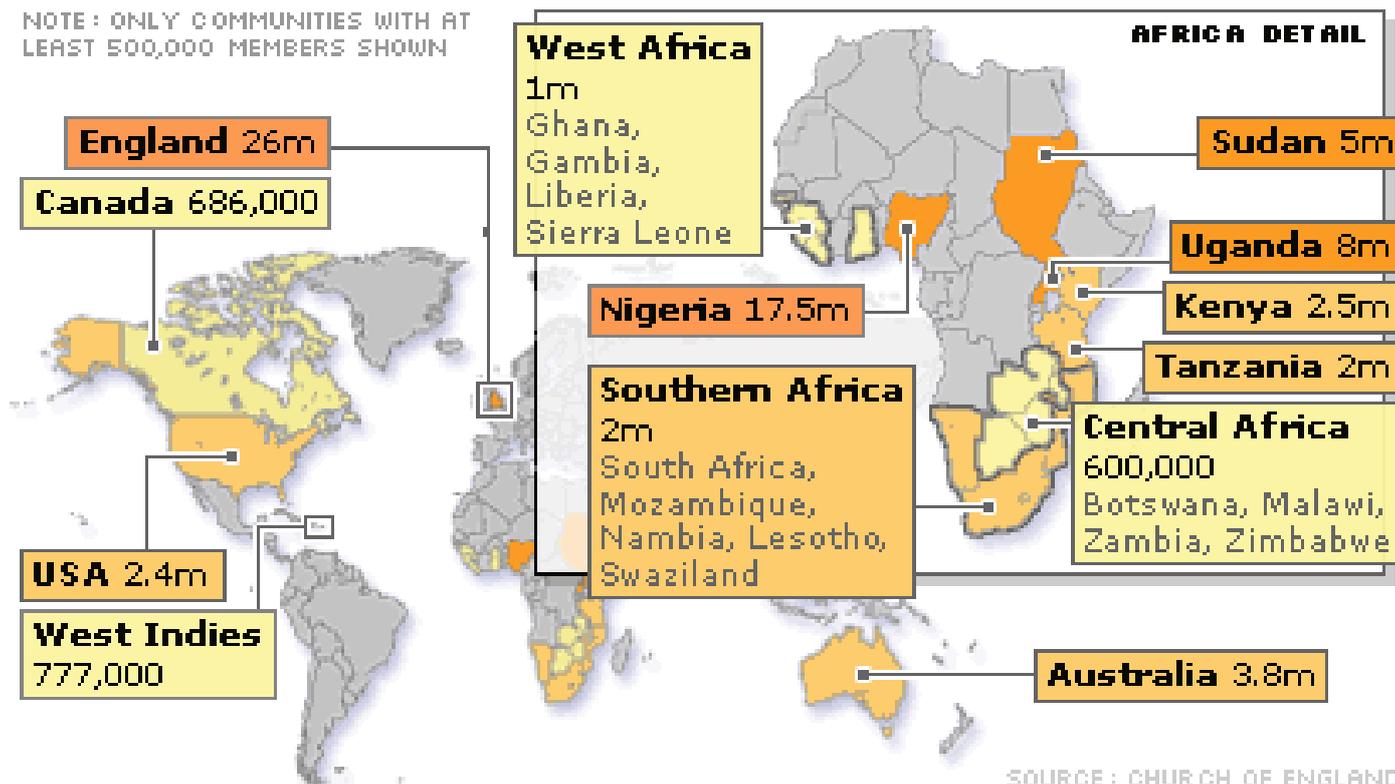
From the Editor

How have you all been coping with the hot weather? Has it been too hot for you? It certainly has been lovely if you haven't had to go to work, or get stuck in a traffic jam, or be on a train. It's also been great, getting out the summer holiday clothes and being able to wear them in the UK for a longish period of time. *Anglicans have been in the news over the last two months. First there was the furore over the appointment to the post of Bishop of Reading of the "gay" priest, Canon Jeffrey John, who was forced to step down, and then there was the first openly "gay" Anglican bishop, the Reverend Gene Robinson, to be elected in the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire, USA. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has warned of "difficult days" and "will have a significant impact on the Church worldwide" (The map below shows the Anglican Church Membership Worldwide). What are your views on the appointment of "gay" bishops? Another topic raised by Fr. David is 'Communion before Confirmation'. What are your views on this? Both these topics should give rise to healthy discussions, so please let me have your views – if you don't want your name published you can remain anonymous - so don't be put off from writing. Remember that you can see the pictures published in the magazine in full colour on our web-site – just click on "magazine" from the "Welcome page".*

Colin Carter

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SERVICES

Sunday 7th September	8.00am	Eucharist
TRINITY XII	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th September	8.00am	Eucharist
HARVEST FESTIVAL	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
		- Harvest & Stewardship Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 21st September	8.00am	Eucharist
TRINITY XIV	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
& St Matthew	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	12-noon	Baptism
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28th September	8.00am	Eucharist
TRINITY XV	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 5th October	8.00am	Eucharist
PATRONAL FESTIVAL	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
- ST FAITH	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE & BAPTISM
	6.30pm	PATRONAL EUCHARIST

MIDWEEK SERVICES:

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

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