

From the Rector

As the children take their summer break, the parents breath a sigh of relief at the thought of the end of term (and then realise that the holidays are even more of a juggling act than ever) the grandparents run for cover knowing they're about to be called into action. Sadly the days of children disappearing for the whole day with a jam sandwich and cycling off into the fields or to the beach are long gone. Now their time has to be filled with entertainment or leisure that is strictly monitored. I am sorry for them because they also yearn for the freedom and sense of exploration and discovery that we were able to enjoy.

Society has certainly changed in so many ways – not necessarily for the better, but changed it has. The reality of life is what we are called to embrace whether we love it or despise it. Jesus modelled a courageous, life-giving engagement with the horrors and pleasures of life, and we are called to attempt to emulate him – through the specific gifts given to us. And so things brings us, as I promised last month, to the process of *Kairos* and our attempts to learn from those around us about their needs and to attempt to meet some of them for which we are uniquely skilled to meet.

In these pages I will explain how we are tackling the *Kairos* process and ask the simple question; what is *Kairos*. Some of you have waded through the material and know something of it. Others have been on the study and reflection course and are aware of the challenges facing us; specifically to reform ourselves efficiently and follow the Gospel teachings to respond to the particular needs of our contemporary community.

I hope these pages make the process clearer to you. We are fortunate to have a number of able and willing people who have formed a P.C.C. committee called the Property Development Group who are getting to grips with the *Kairos* process. As you read these pages I hope you shall speak to them and share your views with them.

May God bless you this summer – embrace it fully in its colour and reality (even if it rains most of the time!)

Fr. David

Coffee After the 9:30 Sunday Service

On the second Sunday of each month coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service, but on every other week refreshments are served in Church.

About The Parish

Last month I wrote about community spirit, citing the wonderful behaviour of people during the Second World War and the present day community of Granville Close, Havant. We are all human and it would be wrong of me to suggest that everyone during the War behaved in an exemplary fashion. There were exceptions, as evidenced by the following.

Aircrew during the War had the shortest life expectancy of any of the combatants. After surviving the battle for France, Peter Parrott on patrol over the coastline of the Pas de Calais engaged a German Heinkel bomber. The radiator of Peter's Hurricane was damaged by a burst of fire from the Heinkel and his cockpit was soon full of water vapour from a hole in his glycol tank. He could only see one instrument - the temperature gauge that was dangerously high. He turned for home, wondering how far he would get before the coolant ran out and the engine seized. It happened just as he crossed the coastline near Deal. He glided down from four thousand feet, looking for a suitable field in which to land. He spotted a field with an upward slope and landed, expecting to bounce along the turf. Instead, he came to a sudden halt but in the process killed two sheep, which were grazing.

Soon casual walkers arrived on the scene, together with an irate farmer and his wife in a pony and trap who demanded to know of the shaken pilot who was going to pay for his dead sheep. With great presence of mind, Peter said "*The Air Ministry!*" Many were giving their lives but the farmer was not prepared to pay with two sheep, nevermind his life! A policeman arrived on the scene and took the pilot to a neighbouring farmhouse so he could telephone his base. When they arrived, Peter found it was the same farmer and his wife. No rationing for them because they were having high tea, tucking into a large ham but Peter was not offered so much as a cup of tea by this appalling couple. He telephoned his base, RAF Manston, and a car was sent for him, with a guard for the Hurricane.

I hope the late Hugh Elliott had a better reception on D-Day 1944. He was flying a Typhoon fighter aircraft, armed with rockets to shoot up tanks and pillboxes during the landings. On his third sortie of the day, his aircraft was badly damaged over Normandy but he managed to limp back across the Channel before crash landing in a field near Selsey. I am sure that if Peter or Hugh had landed near a farmer we all know, they would have been welcomed. Two little girls, Louise and Ruth, would have been asking questions, as the pilot tucked into a welcoming meal. The couple are very popular with all of us at St Faith's. He has done much for this church, including organising a tour of his farm to raise money for the Restoration Appeal, and his wife is the child protection officer for St Faith's, as well as being a member of the PCC. They are, of course, Colin and Fiona Hedley.

Roger Bryant

PCC Meeting 19 July

A summary of the recommendations in the Quinquennial Report, with costings, would be obtained from the architect. The PCC accepted the Vision to Mission Stage 1 Report and Recommendations (*see pages 16 & 17*). There was a lengthy discussion of the use of contemporary language in services, with strongly held views for and

against it. The PCC voted narrowly (6 votes for and 5 against, with 1 abstention) to adopt contemporary language for the 9.30am Sunday service.

Our finances were in a very healthy state, with balances of £20,550 (General Account), £26,990 (Restoration) and £30,700 (COIF). Income for the first six months of the year was £70,700 against expenditure of £55,960. The Organist had purchased choir robes for £1,405 but £1,488 (plus £141 recoverable in tax) had been raised to pay for them, thanks to the generosity of the congregation.

PCC Meeting Buildings Management Committee Meeting 8 July

Work on the kitchen and back door of No 2 Churchfields was being done. Quotes were being obtained for new felt covering and flashings to the flat roof of the Hall. The adequacy of fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in Church House was being checked. The grass had been cut and the churchyard tidied by the Council. Damaged tiles in church were being dealt with and some floorboards repaired. The toilet required renovation and the provision of a new sink. Quotes were being obtained and an anonymous donor would pay for the work.

A new lighting scheme for the church was being designed and quotes would then be obtained from electrical contractors for the work. A second company had been contacted about a Loop System in church for the hard of hearing. The churchwardens would be doing a further audit of the improvements required to give disabled persons access to the church as required by the Disability

Ordination Momento

As a momento for their ordination (*see pages 20 & 21*) the parishioners of St. Faith's presented Fr. Charles Keay with 3 volumes of "*Sacra Pagina*" (Gospel of John, Acts of the Apostles and Romans) and Fr. David Williams with volumes X & XI of a twelve volume series called the "*New Interpreters Bible*" (between them they cover the Acts of the Apostles and the Pauline letters).

My 18 Years as a Churchwarden

It has been suggested to me by Colin Carter, the editor of *"Faith Matters"*, to put pen to paper on stepping down as Churchwarden at St. Faith's after 18 years. Unlike Roger Bryant whose flair and articles in the magazine are well known, my only contributions have been the odd notice.

I was elected Churchwarden on 23 April 1986 when the late John Gardner stood down. Fortunately, Hugh Elliott was the other Churchwarden and had been in post since 1978, so his experience and knowledge was there to draw upon. Hugh had been a fighter pilot during World War II, in the Royal Air Force, so with me being

then a Royal Navy medical officer and Hugh being from the RAF, there was plenty of repartee and inter-service jocularities. I recall once telling Hugh that the Boy Scouts (founded in the early 1900's) had more tradition than the Royal Air Force (founded end of World War I). He thought for a moment and then with a big grin said, *"Oh! Lord, you're right"* and good humorously conceded, although he did at one time tell me that if the RAF was



the Cinderella of the Armed Forces, then at least it had two ugly sisters – touché. Hugh and I, both being members of Rowlands Castle Golf Club, used to also play golf together on a weekly basis until Hugh had to give up the game. Hugh stood down as Churchwarden in 1995 after 17 years in post.

Roger Bryant was elected Churchwarden in 1995 in succession to Hugh Elliott. He had also served in the Royal Air Force for his National Service so the link remained. Roger, besides being a prolific contributor to *"Faith Matters"*, is an ardent Pompey supporter, unlike myself who prefers a more oval-shaped ball, and is a season ticket holder and a fervent supporter and attendee at Fratton Park. (Colin Carter is also similarly devoted). Besides being Churchwarden, Roger for a long time was also chairman of the Building Committee, which is and was a very time-consuming duty.

During all of this period and up to 2000, the Rector of Havant was Canon Derek Brown, who had been the incumbent since 1969. He had also served in the Royal Air Force when younger and had also been a Chaplain in the Royal Naval Reserve. Many people have cause to thank Canon Brown for his help and sympathy in their times of trouble and bereavement, much of which was never publicised. He was and is a well-known figure in Havant, normally accompanied by his black dog. Canon Brown retired in October 2000 to live in the bungalow attached to

Christchurch Medical Centre in Denvilles.

Now came the interregnum. The pastoral care of St. Faith's devolved upon the Rural Dean, Father Robin Coutts of St. John's Purbrook. A rota of available and retired clergy was made to cover various services, with particular accent on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The period also covered Christmas, Easter and Civic Sunday, which were all catered for, through the availability of various retired priests, particularly Father Ray Chapman, who was an assistant to the Rural Dean. The PCC decided that the parish representatives to chose the next incumbent would be the Churchwardens (although this does not have to be the case). It was also decided that we would wait and see whether the Bishop had anyone recommended to fill the vacancy before advertising it. It is now history that Father David Gibbons was the episcopal choice, although both he and the parish representatives could have refused the selection. During the interregnum, the Churchwardens and PCC were responsible for the day-to-day running of the parish and I learnt how to arrange baptisms, weddings and funerals. The Bishop of Portsmouth inducted Father David as Rector of Havant on 11 July 2001, in the presence of our parishioners and many guests.

Many changes have occurred since the arrival of Father David as the interregnum is a period of basically maintaining essential services and the status quo. Two deacons were appointed in 2003, Father Charles Keay and Father David Williams, and they were both ordained priests in the Cathedral on 29 June 2004. Mrs Audrey Currie retired as PCC Secretary in April 2003 (after 25 years-devoted service) and was replaced as PCC Secretary by Roger Bryant who stood down as Churchwarden. Mrs Sandra Haggan was elected to serve as Churchwarden in April 2003 and became St. Faith's first lady to serve in that post. How Sandra manages to fulfil all the things she does for St. Faith's is a matter of wonder and admiration to all of us. In April 2004, I decided not to stand for election as Churchwarden thinking that it was time for a breather after 18 years.

Finally, on Sunday 6 June came the marvellous presentation to me of a certificate commemorating 18 years as Churchwarden, a print of St. Faith's and a lovely silver necked wine decanter. To all of you many thanks and these things will be treasured by me always. In the future let us all hope and pray to go forward together, minimising our differences and maximising our strengths and goodwill. To Jan Stuart, Sandra and all the PCC and congregation of St. Faith's all the best for the times to come.

In addition, these musings would not be complete without thanking Sheila for her support, encouragement and patience over all these years. **Colin Warlow**

A Trip to Wintershall – 23 June

With great anticipation, four of us set off to see *“The Life of Christ”*, an open air play in three acts. After all the gorgeous hot sunny days, this one was ghastly, wet and windy. No worries, with Sandra driving (thank goodness), Pam, Sheila and myself were raring to go, we hadn’t visited Wintershall before and didn’t know where it was (*it is an estate near Guildford*). We arrived safe and sound, a bit late, an accident en-route slowed the traffic to a standstill, so we nipped up a side road (lane) and after stopping at a Pub to ask the way, we arrived, parked the car and set off to find Act 1. We had a chair each and our umbrellas and raincoats. I think we were all expecting something special, but this was really wonderful. The setting was superb, the cast excellent and the story, of course, so real, we all felt we were there with our Lord from the beginning to end. It rained and blew, but I for one hardly noticed. The sound was good, huge loudspeakers tied to the trees. So everyone could hear what was going on. We saw the camels, real ones with the Magi, a donkey for Mary and doves and goats where needed. The cast of children was excellent, how they managed in the cold and wet, most of them barefoot, I cannot imagine. The scene where the Roman soldiers rode their horses amongst them killing them was very real. Then off we moved to another part of the park to watch Act 2. *“The Ministry of Jesus”*, super. A break for lunch, glad to hop into Sandra’s car and warm up. Off again for Act 3. *“The Passion and Ascension of Christ”*, it’s hard to describe the feelings we had, seeing Christ hanging on the cross, there was many a tear, I can tell you. The act ended with the last vision of Christ at the Sea of Galilee, a boat on the lake with the fishermen, his disciples catching real fish, a perfect end to a perfect day. So much more I could write, you should all go and see this play.

We left Wintershall after a hot drink and feeling renewed in our faith. We had arranged to meet a couple of new friends from St. Albans at a pub for dinner, so the evening was good too. Arrived home very tired, poor Sandra must have been whacked out, there we were told *“rain”*, no we’ve had hardly any. Oh well, that’s life. Thank you Sandra for being our driver and Pam and Sheila for being good companions.

After a good night’s sleep and dreams about sharing the “wedding feast” and then, “the feeding of the five thousand” here the crowd sitting along and up the hill was given bread from huge baskets by youngsters. It was a case of pinch oneself awake as it was so real. Oh! Dear, I could go on and on.

Jenny Sagrott

Warblington Church Flower Festival

There was a Flower Festival in Thanksgiving for the Restoration of St. Thomas à Becket Church in Warblington 25-28 June. The theme was 'A Cloud of Witnesses'. The witnesses represented showed their love of God and for their fellow men and women in many different ways, down the centuries, and that witness is still visible today in the daily lives and work of many thousands throughout the world. Ann Buckley and Beryl Carter provided St. Faith's contribution, which was a pedestal arrangement for St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, witnessing to the price of faith. *The name Stephen means, "crown" and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. His feast day is 26th December. He is Patron of Stonemasons and his Emblem is Stones & Palm.*



St. Faith's Town Fair – Saturday 28 August 2004

The Town Fair will be held between 10am-3.30pm in aid of the Restoration Appeal. The fair has a green theme and we will be promoting Fair Trade goods. Buying these products such as tea, coffee, sugar, bananas, nuts, biscuits and roses makes a real difference to the incomes of the workers in the developing nations. Raffle prizes, cakes, bottles for the bottle stall, goods for the handcraft stall, books, videos, CDs and tapes are all needed.

We need volunteers for a leaflet drop one week before the Fair.

Helpers are also needed to set up on Friday evening to help on the stalls and also to clear away at 3.30pm. Please contact Ann Buckley on 023 9245 2289 or Sandra Haggan.

The bell tower will be open for visits and Mike Cowan will be available to give tours round the church. Part of the Havant Remembered Exhibition will be on display and there will be many new games for children this year. Havant Borough Council has agreed to close West Street to traffic and this gives us the opportunity to have some new stalls and also displays of dancing.

The Mayor will open the Fair at 10am and there will be a fancy dress competition at 2pm.

Ann Buckley

Cosmo Gordon Lang & the Miracle of "The Nobleman of Capernaum"

The story of this miracle only appears in one Gospel - that of St John. Jesus had returned to Cana of Galilee, scene of his first miracle when he turned water into wine. A nobleman approached Him, asking our Lord to come to Capernaum and cure his son who was grievously ill. Jesus said to the nobleman, "*Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.*" The nobleman again asked Jesus to come, '*ere his son die*'. Jesus said, "*Go thy way, thy son liveth.*" The nobleman on his journey home was met by his servants who told him that the boy had been well since the seventh hour - the time that Jesus had said the boy liveth.

Lang considers that our Lord's first reply to the nobleman suggested that He felt a lack of response to his words by the crowd; they were only swayed by his actions. The nobleman, it would seem, had come to our Lord as a last resort. Our Lord was prone to test out men before He answered their needs. Lang sees this as a strange reserve; the seeking of evidence of a true faith before acting. Lang writes, "*We may be sure that if ever a prayer was sincere and from the heart it was that prayer of the nobleman, that Jesus would come down and heal his son. Yet at first there was no answer at all.*"

Clearly the persistence of the nobleman and his simple confidence in our Lord's powers, convinced Jesus. The man must have had anxious hours of travel until he met his servants with their wonderful news. Lang draws a parallel with our lives, where we seek help with our troubles in prayer and then travel on in life, not sure whether our prayers have been answered.

Lang writes, "*(in our religious experience) we gave up our carelessness and offered our lives to God; and we have been troubled with perplexing doubts which never troubled us before. We told Him that our one desire was to be better men; and He seemed to answer us by letting us see as we had never seen before how bad we were.*"

Lang draws from this miracle a rule for life, which he expresses in the following words, "*The root of the matter is to take Jesus at His word. And then - to go our way. We have taken our stand; we know where we are about the problems of life; we believe the word that Jesus has spoken to us. Then we are, with all simplicity and directness, to shape our daily steps accordingly. We are to take everything that comes - of opportunity, of trial, of sorrow, of happiness - as covered by that first and fundamental truth; and to go our way in trust. This is the whole art of Christian living. Let us try to practise it.*" Amen.

Roger Bryant

Property Development Group (PDG)

Our purpose is as follows:

- To oversee the '*Kairos Research Phase*' within our parish and apply the findings, and to
- Plan for the improved utilisation of the Church and its properties.

So what is *Kairos* asking us to do?

In a nutshell – obey Jesus' command to love our neighbour as ourselves. To do this we are asking our neighbour what does s/he most need and then look at ourselves and see what we are in a position to respond to. Of course our specific gifts are spiritual but we have other resources.

The process takes place across a '*Cluster*' of parishes (we are clustered with Emsworth and Hayling Island). So on 13th July reps and clergy from the cluster met to kick the process off. David Gibbons will co-convene the group, whose remit it is to oversee the research phase of *Kairos*. The cluster group has two main tasks:

- To conduct an internal Audit of our parishes, which in turn includes audits of:
 - Buildings and finances
 - Spirituality
 - People and Ministry
- To conduct a Community audit which includes examining the community's needs by interviewing members of the following professions:
 - Health
 - Education
 - The Law
 - Council
 - Councillors
 - Local Authority/Social Services

Once these consultations have taken place we can put the findings together and share it with the other community '*players*'. These findings will then inform the plans we need to make in order to carry out the missionary work of Jesus and so develop our properties accordingly.

What has the Property Development Group done so far?

So far we have been concentrating on the audit of properties and finances. Victoria Smith, Martin Poliszczuk and Simon Creasy have produced a questionnaire and they will process the findings, although there has been a poor take up. Simon will complete the buildings and finances audit by 31st July and return it to Nigel Chilcott of the Cluster group.

What do we need to do next?

To complete the internal audit we shall also audit the spirituality of the parish by looking at the range of service, the Sunday Club and choir and the pastoral work of the parish.

Further to this we then ask the community how it assesses its needs by interviewing key community leaders. We began this phase on 18th June with an evening event in St Francis, Leigh Park introduced by David Willetts, MP. It was a highly effective introduction to the process of the community audit and minutes of the evening have been circulated to all in attendance. The meeting made it clear that there is certainly good will for the church and appreciation of its efforts to support the community, but delegates wondered how far those efforts represented the church's mission or attempts at survival. David Willetts challenged us to be bold and radical in redefining our identity in the community. So the next part of the process is for the cluster group to arrange a series of interviews with community leaders.

As the process continues I will continue to keep you informed of its process. If you have questions please ask me or have your question entered into '*Faith Matters*' for a public response.

Disability Audit

The Churchwardens should be interested to know of any disability you may have or know of in others. We intend to make a plan to improve our facilities for the Church and other properties based on the findings of our audit.

The legislation coming in this year challenges all public buildings' owners to improve their facilities so that all disabled people can enjoy easy access to all the amenities. Clearly then we shall have to improve ours! Jan and Sandra will review the audit undertaken earlier this year and bring their findings back to the group to form a plan of action.

Fr. David

Healing Prayers

Every Monday, after the Eucharist, there are prayers for healing said in this Church. We pray generally for the parish and for individuals for whom we have been asked to pray. Feel free to join us or give us the names of people you are concerned for. As of the 24th July we shall also have healing prayers on the 4th Saturday of each month following the morning Eucharist.

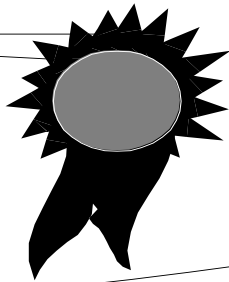
From the Registers – July

9th Marriage of Emma & Andrew
James

18th Baptism of Julia Mae & Katherine
Nicole Lovett

24th Marriage of Nicky & Sally Lovett

31st Marriage of Martin & Jane Neville



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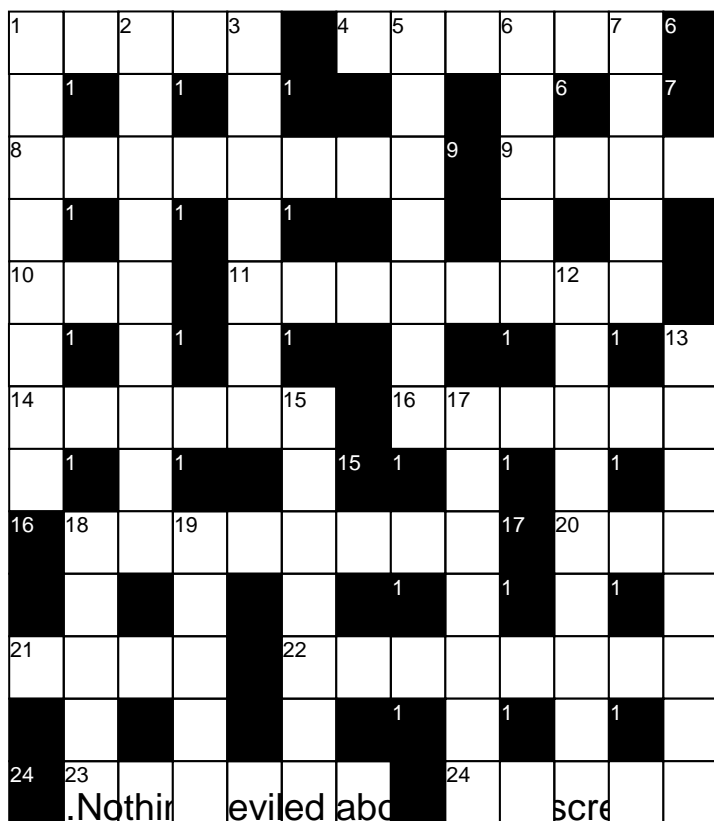
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St Faith's August 2004 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. It's heavenly for me in bed (5)
4. A lesson without principles (6)
8. Circular trail for an Australian climber (8)
9. Takes hold on wrong doing (4)
10. Step around carefully it's a snake (3)
11. French refusal to understand foolish talk (8)
14. A nun involved with church makes a subtle difference (6)
16. Paint given a mix to provide sheen (6)
18. On side, it is unusual to cause disorder (8)
20. Biblical character at auction (3)
21. Worker's loud complaint (4)
23. Make false step or quick movement (6)

- (8)
24. Like St Paul's at the top (5)

Down

1. The end of soft furnishings perhaps (8)
3. Huge giant in charge (7)
6. Devour greedily a large bird (5)
12. Quiet space for a pantry in big house (8)
17. Girl gets cover on a worm (7)
19. Writer of French enemy (5)
2. Single level surface for an aircraft (9)
5. Baby food for a mummy's boy (8)
7. Philosopher sounds secure (5)
13. Bargained for a bride on stage (8)
15. Appeal for net rate to change (7)
18. Innocent, but murdered by Macbeth (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th August please!

Answers to July 2004 Crossword

Across: 1. Leftwinger, 8. Nostrum, 9. Terce, 10. Neap, 11. Doomsday, 13. Radii, 14. Troll, 16. Apollyon, 17. Flab, 20. Lisle, 21. Balloon, 22. Franchisee.

Down: 1. Lenin, 2. Fast and Loose, 3. Wort, 4. Nimrod, 5. Estimate, 6. Pride of Lions, 7. Jekyll, 12. Killdeer, 13. Really, 15. Dobbin, 18. Binge, 19. Blah.

The first correct answer out of the hat this month was from Ruth Tunks with other correct entries from Mary Harfield and Marion Simmons.

Word Search - British Birds

Can you find the British Birds 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

BARN/OWL
BLACKBIRD
BLUE/TIT
BULLFINCH
COOT
CROSSBILL
CURLEW
EIDER
FIRECREST

GOLDCREST
GREBE
GREY/HERON
HOUSE/SPARROW
KESTREL
KINGFISHER
LAPWING
MERLIN
MOORHEN

PINTAIL
ROBIN
REDSHANK
ROOK
SHAG
SISKIN
SONG/THRUSH
TEAL
WREN

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Vision to Mission Phase I: Report of Progress & Recommendations

The six Vision to Mission groups have reported back their progress in Phase I. They have, in some cases, actually completed the function, and in others have set out recommendations for their implementation. (FM = 'Faith Matters')

Function	Action Completed/Recommended	Cost/Timescale
Administration Group		
Review Functionality of Office Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replacement of heater 2. Evaluation of phone tariffs 	£50/Sep04 None/Sep04
Produce Management Accounts	Not required. Budget produced by spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel	None
Education Group		
Baptism Preparation	<i>Training for new members of lay visiting team</i>	As Required
Sunday Club	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Godly play incorporated into the Sunday programme and leaders trained. <i>Further training required</i> 2. <i>Godly play requires a room dedicated for this use</i> 	£1,000/Apr05 £1,200/Sep04
Outreach Group		
Youth Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Investigations into a Club for post age 11 children is still under way</i> 2. Children's worksheet & a 'young' persons guide to the church completed 3. Charity speakers have been approached to contribute to our worship. 	None None None
Ministry Group		
Pastoral Care	<i>Establishment of a clergy led, lay team</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>FM article to explain the proposal</i> 2. <i>FM article to ask for volunteers to the team</i> 3. <i>Screening and training of volunteers</i> 4. <i>Lockable fixed internal letterbox for confidential requests</i> 	£50/Admin None/Sep04 None/Nov04 None/Feb05 £270/Sep04

Channels of Communication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>FM: Annual subscription</i> 2. <i>Letterbox for FM articles</i> 3. <i>Information/Request Cards for feedback</i> 4. <i>Notice boards: Churches Together & 'Who's Who' display (one person to organise)</i> 5. <i>Use of Local (Angel) Radio, more 'flyers' to publicise events, drawing of St. Nicholas on FM cover</i> 	<p>None/Nov04</p> <p>Use 4. Above £5/Oct04</p> <p>£225/Oct04 None/Sep04</p> <p>None/Jul04 1p per sheet</p> <p>None/Jan05</p>
Worship Group		
Improve the Use of Space in Church	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A brief study programme of theology related to the understanding of church and temple was conducted 2. Visits were made to churches that have been re-ordered at Denmead, Petersfield & Cowplain contributing to the worship and the community 3. The main Sunday worship was held in the Church Hall to show how a flexible space can contribute to worship (<i>Further exploration is on-going</i>) 	<p>None/Apr04</p> <p>None/May04</p> <p>None/Jul04 onwards</p>
Church & Properties		
Site/Plot Plans	<i>PDG proposes the appointment of a Project Manager to produce plot plans for Church Hall, Church House, Coach House & St. Faith's Church</i>	£1,000/Sep04
Review of Parish & Community Needs	<i>Kairos Process: Internal audit underway and Community audit to continue in September</i>	None/Dec04

From the Editor

Last month, Beryl and I went to Plymouth for the funeral of one of her cousins. I have driven the south coast route many times, but this was the first time for a few years. There have been some improvements to the roads – a by-pass at Puddletown and at Exeter airport - but it is basically the same as it has been for many years – a fast dual carriage way/motorway stretch for the first third and the last third of the journey, and a slow single carriage way stretch for the middle third. We started the journeys there and back early in the morning, stopping for breakfast on the way, and it was really lovely to see how beautiful the countryside looked first thing on a sunny summer's morning. The funeral was held at St. Matthias Church, which was consecrated in October 1887. St. Matthias was built on land that was the garden and grounds of North Hill House, and financed by a Mrs Anne Watts, in memory of her late husband. It is a typical, but good example of the Victorian Gothic Revival, imitating the Perpendicular style current four hundred years earlier. Later, in 1912, a bowling green was taken over to build the church hall adjacent to the church site. During World War II, St. Matthias avoided damage - it is often claimed that this was because its tower made a convenient landmark for enemy bombers.

You may recall that in the April 2004 edition of "Faith Matters" on page 19, the Ministry Vision group considered the 'Role of the Parish Magazine'. One of the recommendations was to encourage more input by getting together a team of contributors who would each be prepared to write one article per year for the magazine. Please let the chairman of the group Paul Utting or myself know if you would like to be part of the team.

Another idea from the Ministry Vision group is to replace the 1853 drawing of St Faith's on the front cover of "Faith Matters" with a drawing of St Nicholas Chapel. If you have a black and white drawing of St Nicholas that is good enough to be scanned, or would be prepared to produce one, again, please let Paul Utting or myself, know.

This month there are 24 inside pages in the magazine. The additional four pages are to explain what the purpose of the Property Development Group is for (pages 8 & 9), and a report on the Vision to Mission progress and recommendations (pages 15 & 16). There is a lot happening at present in the diocese and in the parish. It is the aim of "Faith Matters" to keep you informed with the Kairos process and other work that is taking place, so do please read the magazine.

Next month there will be an article on a most enjoyable day outing to Wilton House and Salisbury Cathedral. Do please continue writing and let me have your articles – you may think "why bother, nobody will be interested" – but you will be surprised just how appreciative other people will find it.

Colin Carter

For Your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where/Cost</u>
Saturday 7 August	10am	Men's Group	Church Hall
Saturday 7 August	10am	Coffee Morning	St. Faith's Church
Monday 9 August	8pm	Property Development	Rectory
Saturday 21 August	10am	Men's Group	St. Faith's Church
Saturday 28 August	10am	Town Fair	St. Faith's Church
Tuesday 31 August	8pm	Standing Committee	Rectory
Monday 6 September	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Friday 10 September	8pm	Men's Group 5-a-side Football	tba
Saturday 11 September	10am-6pm	Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk	Churches in the Diocese
Saturday 2 October	7.30pm	Annual Cancer Research UK Quiz	Church Hall/tba
Sunday 3 October	12-noon	Harvest Festival Sunday Lunch	Church Hall/tba
Friday 8 October	8pm	Men's Group Discussion	tba
Friday 29 October	tba	Magic Show	Church Hall/tba
Friday 12 November	8pm	Men's Group Quiz Night	tba
Saturday 27 November	7.30pm	Bell ringers Christmas Dinner	Church Hall/tba
Friday 10 December	8pm	Men's Group Christmas Curry	tba
Friday 14 January 2005	8pm	Men's Group Discussion	tba
Friday 11 February 2005	8pm	Men's Group Ten-pin Bowling	Tba
Friday 11 March 2005	8pm	Men's Group Discussion	tba

Women's Wisdom!

I bought some beautifully illustrated reproduction postcards on holiday this year with some captions, which will appeal to ladies.

Joy Bryant

"All men are animals; some just make better pets!"

"Money isn't everything but it sure keeps you in touch with your children!"

"Money can't buy love but it can rent a very close imitation!"

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!"

The Ordination of Fathers Charles Keay and David Williams

The Saturday rains had cleared away and the sun shone brightly as the members of St Faith's arrived at the Cathedral for the ordination of Charles and David on Sunday, 27 June. A coach had brought our Rector, Father David, and parishioners, led by churchwardens Jan and Sandra, while other parishioners made their own way by car. Walking up the High Street, we fell in with the lovely Annie Keay, with her proud parents Peter and Jeannette, and once inside the Cathedral, we saw St Faith's represented in all the rows of pews and chairs. There were many familiar faces among the clergy including Father Keith Uphill and Father Mike Sheffield, sadly no longer at our daughter church, St Albans, following his move to St George's Waterlooville. The excited buzz of the congregation hushed as the procession

came in to the accompaniment of the magnificent organ and choir. The service was joyous and one of celebration as befits the ordination of 14 priests. Small and unobtrusive screens were placed around the Cathedral, so that we all could view the proceedings, regardless of pillars and walls. At the appropriate point, we were invited to leave our seats and move forward to watch Bishop Kenneth and priests, including our Rector, lay hands on the head of each candidate, with the Bishop saying, "*Send down the Holy Spirit upon your servant [name] for the office and work of a priest in your Church.*"



After the service, the St Faith's contingent enjoyed a packed lunch before boarding the coach, which was joyfully waved off by two over-exuberant parishioners making their way home to Emsworth. In the evening, a large congregation was in St Faith's Church for "*Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit*" - the First Mass of Father Charles Keay. Charles mother, Marcia, and his stepdad Roddy, Annie and her parents sat proudly in the front pews. Friends from Charles's days at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Fawcett Road were present, notably our own Val Rose, with daughter Tina, and a delightful man, Albert Young, who was a youthful 84-year-old. Although in the Royal Navy throughout the Second World War, Albert was also a server at St Bartholomew's Church when Peter Appleby and I were attending school in the church halls. The Mass was very moving and Father Michael Lewis, Vicar of Holy Spirit, preached a humorous sermon in keeping with this happy occasion. In the words of the Order of Service, "*In the ordination to the priesthood almighty God, through his grace and power, bestows on the priest many gifts, amongst them the ability to bless in his name.*" The whole congregation responded to an invitation to come to the Altar rail to receive a personal blessing from Father Charles. A fitting end to a wonderful day. The following Sunday morning, 4 July, saw another large congregation present for the First Mass of Father David Williams. His charming daughter, Suzanne, sat proudly in the front pew, fresh from university where she

gained a First in Medicine, and heading a group of Father David's friends from St Mary's, Hayling Island. Before the service started, Father David strode confidently out to make the introductions and, after a prayerful silence, the procession entered with the choir resplendent in new robes. Suzanne fittingly read the lesson. The Vicar of St Mary's, The Reverend Father Paul Ginever, gave an amusing sermon, pointing out the "dangers" of the Peace, using a tape of a funny ditty on the subject, and telling of the eccentric behaviour of one incumbent who burnt down his own church! The service ended and we reflected on our good fortune in having Father Charles and Father David at St Faith's Church. **RHB**

Many A True Word Spoken In Jest!

Three years may have passed and it wasn't the tower of St. Faith's, but the far more daunting prospect of the 220 ft. Millgate House, at The Hard, Portsmouth! I am sure that I was not alone, in experiencing a sense of relief, when hearing of the safe landing of our Rector (**Fr. David Gibbons**) and nine other courageous abseilers, (**Kerry Fletcher, Sandra Haggan, Frances Hakim, Barry Hudson, Francis Joyce, Neil Mockford, Holly Smith, Clare Strugnell and Judith Williams**) from St. Faith's, on Saturday 26th June.



(They raised a staggering £2,600 cause and special mention should : parapet, must have wished for an a be a lasting memento of a brave accomplishment.

Really - It's traditional: the Rector has to abseil down on his first New Year's Day

achievement for a worthy use who, viewing the large ature. The certificates will

Mary Harfield

(Fr. David & Bill Skilleter at Ringing in the New Year appeared in the February 2002 edition as a caption competition. Mary won and her entry was printed in the April 2002 edition)

MEMBERS OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

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SERVICES

Sunday 1st August TRINITY VIII	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST celebrating the mission of Mercy Ships <i>Speaker: Joan Medley</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 8th August TRINITY IX	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 10th August	11.00am	Healing Service at Havant Methodist Church
Sunday 15th August THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 22nd August TRINITY XI	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 29th August TRINITY XII	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 5th September TRINITY XIII	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong

MIDWEEK SERVICES:

Monday	9.15am	Morning Prayer, Eucharist & Healing Prayers
Tue., Wed., & Fri.	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Thursday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Saturday	9.00am	Eucharist

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