

From the Rector

I remember well the first time I heard the expression '*Spring Cleaning*'. It was my grandmother who told me about her mother's exhaustive efforts to rigorously clean the house once a year. Her graphic detail of the scenes of movement, intense scrubbing and cleaning made me feel quite embarrassed on behalf of my mother, who had not, I felt quite sure, ever embarked upon such an endeavour. I wondered why not – was she just too busy, disorganised, or was she, horror of horrors, simply an inadequate Mother? I ventured to ask her and she explained that modern technology meant that we could keep much of the house cleaner all the year round that had been possible back then, that she still did a form of spring cleaning and that I was welcome to help if I wanted to. I seem to remember that my interest in the idea soon evaporated but my faith in my mother was restored.

Every now and then my computer needs something of a spring clean, or as it's otherwise known '*defragmentation*'. I am not sure what this means, but it's a good thing apparently. It enables the smooth running of the machine and contributes to the essential maintenance of any piece of valuable equipment.

Just recently I have been taking a little time out to do some '*Spring Cleaning*'. I used the time to sort out my filing at home, do some gardening, redecorate the dining room and study and re-organise the latter at the same time. As Susan has just started a new job I found it valuable to check up on the way we run our home and deal with the organisational demands on us as a family. I was surprised at just how much there is – bills, circulars, invitations, letters home from school and 'phone calls to return. It struck me just how many ways there could be to simplify or make more efficient the way we conduct the routine matters of life – matters I had simply never taken the time to concern myself with before.

As I was painting my study I reflected upon how I was going to put things back into the room once it was ready. I had already made some decisions but I wanted to improve a number of details. As Susan and I chatted about ideas related issues would arise and offer further questions for consideration. It occurred to me that this whole process was more than the physical re-arranging of furniture. It was also the bettering of a means of addressing life – hopefully more organised and efficient. But more than this I valued the time out to take a view on who I am and what I am doing. I asked myself the sort of questions that one only can when there is space to reflect upon the implications of such a question.

One of the conclusions I came to was that I very much enjoy being in Havant and that being Rector of this Parish is a most rewarding experience. I am very excited by the momentum we have built up in our various Vision to Mission projects. I have resolved to give more of my time to over-seeing this, and the Kairos process, and to communicating to you the progress we are making, which is quite considerable. So from next month I shall publish a progress report.

As the allotted time for this '*Spring Clean*' came to an end we felt the need to allocate another fortnight next month. Alas this can't be, but I hope it won't be

another three years before I again address the important task of putting my house in order.

With every blessing,

Fr. David

About The Parish

Green hills look greener from afar! Strange how our memories play tricks on us. When we were young, the seasons of the year were all clearly defined; spring came and woke us up to Nature, the summer was hot and dry, autumn was brown and it snowed each winter. The films, which I enjoyed as a schoolboy, did not seem the same when they came out on video some 50 years later! Everything was so different when we were young.

When I was a boy, there seemed a greater sense of community. Perhaps because this was during the Second World War when, unlike previous wars, civilians were in the frontline during air raids. The sacrifice of people was beyond words. People who were bombed out were taken in by friends, neighbours and family. In rural areas, families took evacuees in; complete strangers brought to their doors by billeting officers. People came out of the air raid shelter to find doors and windows blown away and yet, with their homes wide open, there was no looting.

Is there still the same sense of community today? The answer is an emphatic yes if Granville Close, Havant, is anything to go by! I first learnt of the community spirit in this Close from the late Hugh Elliott, who told me of the kindness of neighbours following the death of his wife, Alinda. As his health deteriorated, his neighbours, particularly Vicky and Bob next door (we remember Bob at St Faith's as the Mayor's Macebearer), rallied round to cook meals for him, to do his shopping, to visit him in hospital and to care for his beloved little cat, Mopsy, in his absence. More recently, neighbours in the Close have given our own Tom Jones great support in the sad loss of his wife, Kathleen.

One of the neighbours who have done so much for others is, of course, another of our congregation - Olive Andrews. Not in the best of health, she has also been helped by neighbours including Paul next door who, among other kindness', gives her space in his freezer to store the lemon cakes she makes for all her many friends including us. Olive continues to walk neighbours' dogs and keeps a caring eye on all the pets in the Close. Happily, she was well enough to come to church at Easter, brought by two special people - her lovely neighbours and friends Giles and Lorraine, who comes from New Zealand. With Olive was her new dog, Jaffa, who is the retired guide dog of Marian, one of Father Tom's flock at St Joseph's Church.

Our Lord said, "*Love thy neighbour as thyself.*" This prompted a lawyer in the crowd to ask, "*And who is my neighbour?*" As we know, our Lord then told, by way of illustration, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. There are many good Samaritans in

PCC Meeting 21 June

The Rector reported on the Community Consultation Meeting, led by David Willetts, MP, at St Francis, Leigh Park, on 18 June, at which the unique resources of the Church were highlighted and the need to make them available to the community. This was part of the Kairos process.

Our panel of Simon Creasey, Martin Poliszczuk and Victoria Smith would be doing an internal audit of our needs and resources. The Rector would be taking personal charge of our work in the community, with Father Charles Keay and Father David Williams taking over other work from him, following their ordination.

There was a discussion of the music and language currently used in Services. This subject would be discussed again at the next PCC meeting and parishioners would be asked to let PCC members have their views. Costings were awaited from the Architect following receipt of the Quinquennial Report.

Buildings Management Committee Meeting 9 June

The committee met under their new chairman, Bob Wilson. "Talking News" was interested in hiring our Minor Hall (Church House) and was prepared to help with the costs of any work required on the room. However, we would need to provide and pay for a Fire Escape, for which quotes were being sought. No 2 Churchfields was to have a new back door and outstanding work on the kitchen completed. A lighting expert had examined the church and was preparing an alternative scheme of lighting to the one under consideration from the SEC.

Christian Aid Rewrites the Lord's Prayer

The charity Christian Aid has produced a collection "*Pocket Prayers for Justice and Peace*", which is intended to use modern interpretations of prayer from around the world to '*bring situations abroad to people in the UK*'. The compilation is to be issued in October by Church House Publishing, official publisher of the Church of England. The version of the Lord's Prayer is:

Our Father who is in us here on Earth, holy is your name in the hungry who share their bread and their song.

Your kingdom come, a generous land where confidence and truth reign.

Let us do your will, being a cool breeze for those who sweat.

You are giving us our daily bread when we manage to get back our lands or to get a

fairer wage.

Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice and for burying our dreams.

*Don't let us fall into the temptation of taking up the same arms as the enemy, but
deliver us from evil which disunites us.*

*And we shall have believed in humanity and in life, and we shall have known your
kingdom which is being built for ever and ever.*

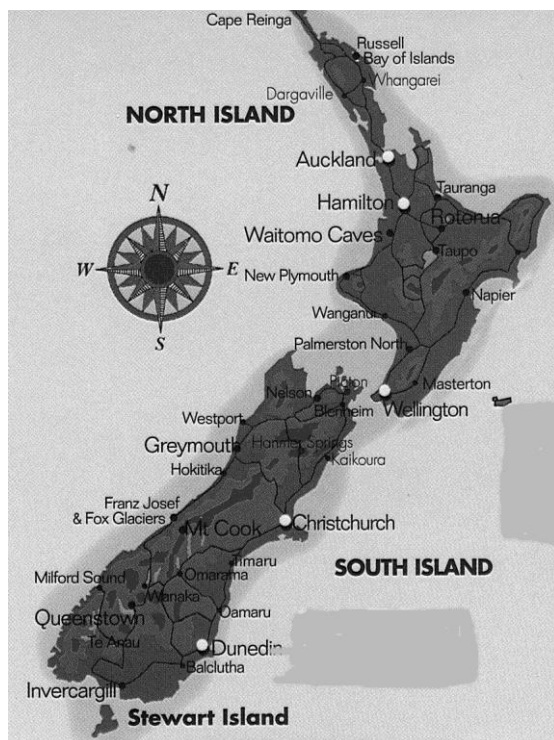
This version is attributed to 'a poor community in South America'. What do you think? Is a rewrite of the Lord's Prayer, and, inter alia, a rewrite of the 23rd Psalm, the right way to bring situations that are happening abroad to us. (**Source: Daily Mail 2 June 2004**)

Bill Bennett RIP

It was with great sadness that we learnt that Bill had passed away. Only last November, we were reading in "*Faith Matters*" an appreciation by Bill of his late sister, Margaret Peters. This told us much about him. Apart from their shared childhood in Portsmouth, the love, understanding and kindness, which were so evident in him, shone through his simple narrative of Margaret's life. Bill grew up in Portsmouth and the first church he attended was St Wilfred's. During the war, their home in Beecham Road was destroyed in the blitz and the family moved to Havant, which was when Bill joined St Faith's. Bill and Beryl met at a birthday party and subsequently took an active part in the social life of St Faith's, where they were married in 1951. Bill enjoyed music, playing the piano and singing in the choir. He was a very earnest and committed man, who was active in the Bible Reading Fellowship and the Leprosy Mission. Bill was a quiet, gentle man who only saw the best in others. He was uncomplaining and never wanted any fuss. Above all he loved his family dearly and our thoughts and prayers are now with them and Beryl.

A Brief Overview of Religion in New Zealand

New Zealand is a multi-ethnic country with no state-recognised religion. The 1996 census indicated that 48% of the population-claimed affiliation with mainstream Christian churches (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist) while a further 5% were affiliated to churches of small membership. Non-Christian religions are represented in major cities, where Synagogues, Mosques, and Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist Temples, reflect the diversity of worship and enrich the culture. Pentecostalism is the most rapidly growing of Christian denominations, while Islam and Buddhism are the fastest growing of other faiths, though none draws adherence from more than 1% of the population. Prior to being colonised from Europe, New Zealand and Australia were part of an Archdeaconry of the Diocese of Calcutta, India. The first Christian service in New Zealand was held on Christmas Day 1814 at Oihi, Rangihoua Bay, Bay of Islands. Bishopric of Aotearoa (*"Land of the Long White Cloud"* is the Maori name for the Islands). The Maori expression of the Church in New Zealand was first recognised in 1925 with the installation of Frederick Augustus Bennett as first Bishop of Aotearoa (*Te Pihopa O Aotearoa*). A New Zealand Prayer Book (*He Karakia Mihinare O Aotearoa*) was published in 1989. It is similar to ours but with some variations.



The Mass Setting – Why Change It?

Over the past three years we have become accustomed to the St Thomas Mass setting (written by David Thorne) and the Modal Mass. It is appropriate that we learn other settings so that we build up a suite of arrangements for use at different times and seasons in the church's year. For instance the Modal Mass is ideally suited to Lent and Advent as it has a much more penitential feel. The St Thomas Mass is very upbeat and suits ideally the great festival seasons such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Ascension. But in the current season of trinity (which goes on until the Sundays before Advent – some six months, although remember it is punctuated by Saints days and other festivals) it is not inappropriate to have a change to reflect the mood of the season. Thus we have the present setting by Dom Gregory Murray, which I am sure you will come to love after a period of time.

There are of course a number of other famous settings, such as Faure's requiem, which, would be lovely to use if we were feeling highly ambitious (it would need a very accomplished four-part choir) or others you can find at the back of our hymn book. It is my hope that we can continue to raise the quality of our worship by

including greater variety, which appeals to the spirituality of a larger number of people. At the same time I recognise that too much change is not a help, so I assure you any change will be made sensitively. Please let me know what you think of the music – do you have suggestions that you would wish to make? **Fr David**

To Montgomery and his Men (May 1944)

(Written during the run up to D-day)

Shall we recall, when this great strife is over,
The valiant deeds of our heroic men?
There may be countless secrets to discover
And we shall comprehend their value then.
Across the desert and in lonely places
Men fought the tyrant that we might be free,
Through heat and dust they went with steadfast faces
Building the road that leads to victory.

With trust in God and humble prayers repeated
Their General, a man among his men
Gave strength to those who felt they were defeated,
He led them on to fight and win again.
And now they wait in silence the great hour,
The empire feels her mighty strength of old
To free the nation from the tyrant's power
And raise the allies to the place they'd hold.

Do we deserve the sacrifice they're making?
And are we worthy of the pains they bear?
And when at last the dawn of peace is breaking
Will there be better days for them to share?
For those who mourn, for those in pain or sorrow
We wish relief and comfort once again
We must build a better future for tomorrow
A sounder world for Monty's gallant men.

Judith L Glenister

Questions and Answers Page

The Ministry Vision to Mission Group has proposed having a question and answer page in *Faith Matters*. We welcome your questions about the Church, its Services, scriptures, and customs. Please hand your question to our editor Colin Carter, or Churchwardens, or Sidesmen, for consideration. You can also use email “editor@stfaith.com” if you prefer.

To start the process, here is my question:

Question? *“What is the significance and origin of the ringing of a bell during the prayer of consecration in the Holy Communion service?”* **Paul Utting**

Why Do We Ring the Bell During Communion?

The ‘*Angelus*’ bell, as it is often called, is rung to draw people’s attention to specific moments during the Mass. Historically, I was reminded by Audrey Currie, it alerted people in and outside the church to the holiest moment of the service. In the medieval times lepers were excluded from being inside the church, so when the bell rang they looked through peepholes in the walls to observe the sacred raising of the bread and wine – now the body and blood of Christ.

In recent times the emphasis of these sacred moments has changed. We take a broader view – in the first place it is not just the priest that consecrates the bread and wine, it is the whole congregation praying together (thus the term ‘*President*’ – the one who presides over the celebration rather than doing it all him/herself). In the same vein it is not just the words of institution (*‘This is my body...’*) that represent the changed significance of the bread into Christ’s body and wine into his blood. It is the combined prayer of the whole community of faith throughout the whole service leading up to the communion that enables this transformation. So why have the bells any more?

The answer to this is that even though these changes in understanding have occurred they are still moments of significance – moments of heightened awareness of the process that is going on. They draw our attention to the miraculous transformation brought about by God in the community of the faithful who now understand the bread and wine to represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ – a most powerful symbol of the presence of his love with us in the here and now. **Fr. David**

Cosmo Gordon Lang and the Miracle of "The Gadarene Demoniac"

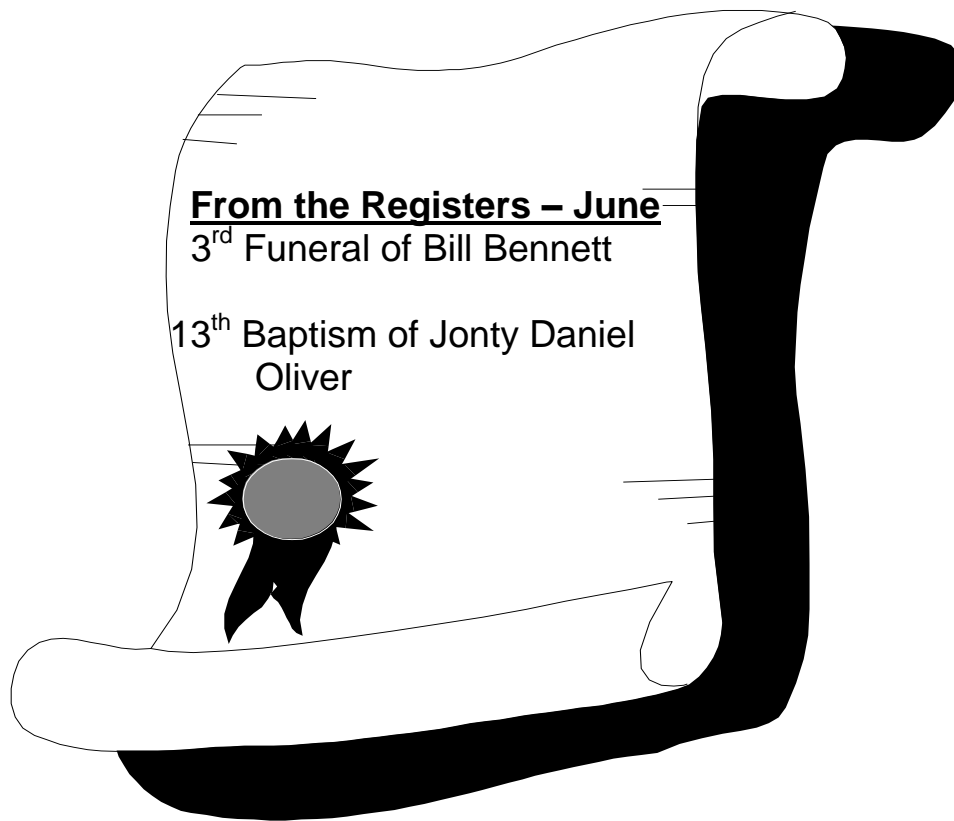
We have now read Cosmo Lang's interpretation of several miracles but this one he described as perplexing. Remembering that he was writing in 1900, he had a problem with reconciling mental illness with possession by the devil. He wrote, *"But it is hardly possible to doubt that the authority of Jesus is given to the belief that these cases of mania were due, not only to disordered tissues of the brain, but to some mysterious possession of evil spirits."*

The miracle is described in three Gospel accounts - St Matthew's, St Mark's and St Luke's. The story is that Jesus met a man in Gadarenes, against Galilee, naked and without an abode who said his name was Legion because many devils were entered into him. He cried out and fell at Jesus' feet, saying, *"What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high. I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."* Jesus said, *"Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."* Then the devils went out of the man and entered into a herd of swine grazing nearby, which ran violently down a steep slope into a lake where they perished. The herdsmen entered the neighbouring town and told people what they had seen. The people came out and found the man, fully clothed and sat at the feet of Jesus, who told him to return home so that people would see what great things God had done to him.

Lang records, that the townspeople witnessed the man with Jesus *"to prove with dramatic completeness that real powers of evil had possessed the man, and that another power had appeared which was their master; Jesus had driven the devils forth into the herd of swine."* The people were filled with awe. More than this, they were afraid. They wanted Jesus to leave. Lang says, *"The presence of one whose power was so great would disturb their daily life; it would make them uncomfortable, uncertain as to what He would do with them."* He gives emphasis to this with the words, *"So long as religion will quietly accommodate itself to the kind of life which we have got used to, so long as we can speak of it, as a beautiful ideal, we are not afraid to have a religion."*

Lang sees much symbolism in Jesus telling the man to return home because Christ makes home the primary place of witness. Lang says, *"Our life in the outside world is more or less artificial; and the words that we speak, or the sermons which we preach, to the outside world, are apt to have this taint of artificiality."* Lang considers Church religion unstable unless it is based upon the solid foundation of home religion. At home, he considers we are more like Christ, more true to our own ideal, more able to speak our deepest thoughts frankly and simply; here, we can thank God that our religion is becoming more real. Amen.

Roger Bryant



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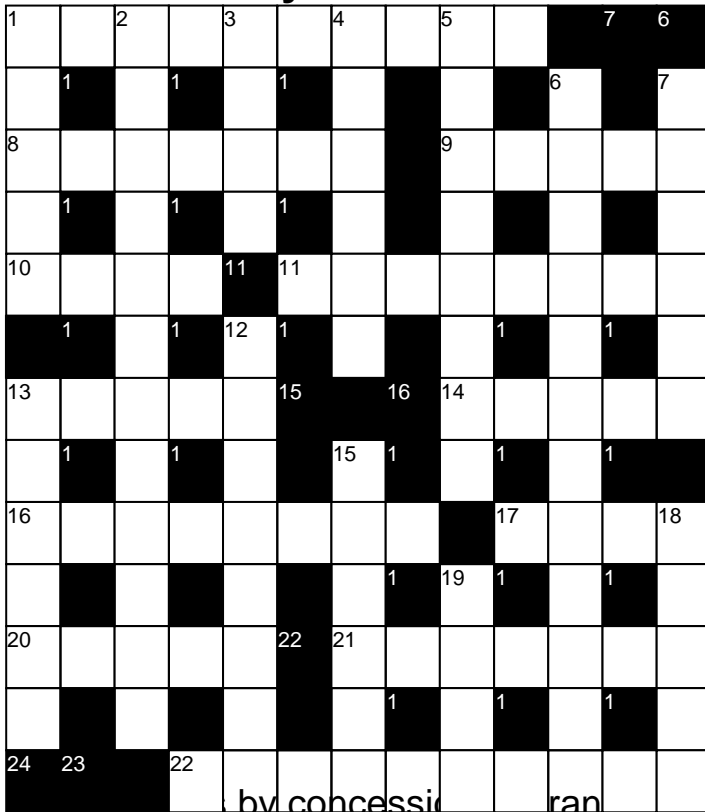
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St Faith's July 2004 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Political footballer? (10)
8. With no strong drink around saint makes favourite remedy (7)
9. Brief sound of third hour in church (5)
10. Not a very high tide – or very low one (4)
11. Time of reckoning and judgement (8)
13. They run from middle to edge (5)
14. Sing heartily and fist (5)
16. A vote over there for a hellish ruler (8)
17. Fighting it can take time and energy (4)
20. Hose material from old French town (5)
21. All in favour puffed up (7)

is disrupted (10)

Down

1. Revolutionary is up by 9.50 (5)
3. Old trust back for herb (4)
5. Reckon I'm going into property (8)
7. Medical man of title had change of mind (6)
13. Actually, as it is (6)
18. Being upset a spell of over indulgence is indicated (5)
19. Claptrap, often repeated (4)
2. Quick and free, but not reliable (4,3,5)
4. Dim Ron becomes a mighty hunter (6)
6. Wild group has self respect (5,2,5)
12. Do away with stag for a large bird (8)
15. Old workhorse (6)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th July please!

Answers to June 2004 Crossword

Across: 1. Nodus, 4. Edited, 8 & 14. Synoptic Gospel, 10. Lie, 11. Espresso, 14. See 8 across, 16. Marvel, 18. Starship, 20. Rat, 21. Brut, 22. Insomnia, 23. Menage, 24. Abele.

Down: 1. Nosology, 2. Dinner Set, 3. Supreme, 5. Decorum, 6. Tapas, 7. Decko, 12. Severance, 13. Flatmate, 15. Lashing, 17. Amphora, 18. Scram, 19. Afton.

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

Word Search - Flowers

It is summer-time so can you find the names of the flowers 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

BEGONIA	GERANIUM	PANSY
BLUEBELL	HONEYSUCKLE	PEONY
COWSLIP	HYDRANGEA	POPPY
DAFFODIL	IRIS	PRIMROSE
DAHLIA	LARKSPUR	ROSE
DAISY	LAVENDER	STOCK
FORGET/ME/NOT	LILY	SWEET/PEA
FOXGLOVE	LUPIN	TULIP
FUCHSIA	MARIGOLD	VIOLET

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From the Editor

The second phase of the four-phase process – studying the theology behind *Kairos* thinking – was completed last month. It consisted of six sessions, each posing different questions to be discussed in a group. One of the questions was “*How and where do we see God present in the world today?*” This got me thinking of “*Where did I feel God’s presence during my naval service?*” I felt His presence watching over me early in my naval career when I was serving in my first ship, the destroyer HMS Diamond. We were exercising in the Denmark Straits between Greenland and Iceland with NATO ships in September 1953. Whilst the ship altered course in the dark with lights switched off in all the ships, we collided with the cruiser HMS Swiftsure. If we had turned a few seconds earlier, the cruiser would have hit us and we would have sunk immediately in the icy cold



waters. In the event, although there were fires on both ships, there were no fatalities.

On Christmas Day 1954 just outside Cape Town in South Africa, whilst travelling from the naval radio station for dinner with friends, our bus went off the road into a ditch. Again, there were no fatalities.

Whilst flying over the jungles of Borneo in 1966 the aeroplane flew into a ferocious thunderstorm. It was struck many times by lightning and was

buffeted around the sky, but the aeroplane came out of it all right and nobody was hurt, only shaken!

To get this edition of the magazine out on time has been a rush as Beryl and I returned from Portugal days after the deadline. After two weeks relaxing in the sunshine it took a bit of effort too! My thanks to Sisyphus, who gave me the crossword, and to Roger Bryant, who gave me his articles before I went, which enabled me to prepare some of the magazine before going on holiday.

Colin Carter

For Your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where/Cost</u>
Saturday 3 July	10am	Coffee Morning	St. Faith's Church
Sunday 4 July	4pm	Strawberry Tea	27 Bellair Road/£3
Monday 5 July	8pm	Standing Committee	Rectory
Sunday 11 July	9.30am	Seafarer's Sunday	Church Hall
Monday 12 July	7.30pm	Concert with San Jose Choral Project	St. Faith's Church /£5
Saturday 17 July	9.45am	Summer Outing	Wilton House/tba
Monday 19 July	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Thursday 22 July	7.30pm	'Plight of Asylum Seekers' play	Church Hall
Saturday 7 August	10am	Coffee Morning	St. Faith's Church
Saturday 28 August	tba	Town Fair	St. Faith's Church
Monday 6 September	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
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 29 October	tba	Magic Show	Church Hall/tba
Saturday 27 November	7.30pm	Bell ringers Christmas Dinner	Church Hall/tba

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Correspondence Column

Dear Father David and all at St. Faith's,

Many, many thanks for all the beautiful mementoes and gifts that were presented to me and Sheila last Sunday (6 June). I knew something was in the offing but never in my wildest dreams did I ever consider such generosity.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve St. Faith's as Churchwarden for the last 18 years. When taking office in 1986 I never thought my tenure would be as so extensive. I have learnt much about church procedures, faculties and the like and the period of the interregnum, although busy, has provided much knowledge and experience.

The support and friendship of all at St. Faith's is much appreciated and as fresh challenges approach, I am sure we will all cope with them in a friendly and loving manner.

Again, many thanks,

Colin & Sheila Warlow

After reading Fr. David's article last month, it brought back memories when in the late 1940s my father, who was a shipwright and boat builder, decided to build dinghies after work and at week ends for extra money. I, being the eldest of four children, got the job of helping him – the others all being too young. Unlike Fr David who enjoyed learning about the different tools, I hated every minute of it! – I would have been much happier reading my magazine on 'True Romances'! Yes, I do remember the plane - it was a pleasure to watch my father use it and see all the wooden 'curls' appear and how he shaped the planks for the boat. To me it was such an unladylike thing to do – I never told my friends or spoke about it! Of course, things changed over the years, and now I am very proud to tell people I helped my Dad build boats.

Beryl Carter

Ven Kenneth Gibbons replying to a letter and a book token sent with thanks for his sermons during Holy Week this year:

Thank you for the letter of thanks. I thoroughly enjoyed being with you, and the opportunity to preach to such a discerning and intelligent congregation. Thank you for taking me to your hearts.

Ven Kenneth Gibbons

I would like to thank all our friends in church for your prayers and cards. These have helped me so much at this sad time.

Beryl Bennett

Top Cat Theatre Company

The Top Cat Theatre Company is coming to perform their latest play, “*Exile*” by Neil Pugmire, in the Church Hall on **Thursday 22 July at 7.30pm**. The Portsmouth-based Christian theatre company has built an enviable reputation for the quality of its full-length plays and quick-fire sketches. It was formed in 1995 as a group of Christians interested in performing high-quality drama. Although based at St Jude's Church in Southsea, it includes members from churches across the city.

“*Exile*” is a joint project with Portsmouth Area Refugee Service, and tackles the issue of asylum seekers. The play was devised with asylum seekers and includes some within the cast. *It imagines a parallel universe where the positions are reversed. Britain is ruled by an oppressive regime and is not a safe place for political dissidents to stay. It follows the story of one Guildford bank manager who flees to Africa and applies for asylum there.* The idea is to help the audience imagine what it would be like to be wrenched from friends, family, career and a familiar culture and have to start again in a different country.

The play lasts 40 minutes and is followed with a post-show discussion facilitated by Portsmouth Area Refugee Support (led by Nick Ralph, who chairs the group, plus some actual refugees).

Restoration Appeal 2004

We are making good progress towards raising £26,000 for the proposed new wiring and internal lighting of St Faith's Church. At the end of May, we had raised £10,092.63. We continue to receive Gift Aided donations following Havant Remembered. Please use Gift Aid whenever possible. The total is made up of –

Legacies	3,625.85
Gift Aided Donations	748.65
Other Donations_	783.22
Fund Raising	4,849.65
Bank Interest	85.26
Total	10,092.63

Roger Simmons

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Structural Planning and Restoration Committee oversees the implementation of the Quinquennial Report and improvements to the church. It is also responsible for the organ. Members: **Chris Churcher-Brown (Chairman), Carmen Stuart, Peter Appleby (Secretary), Derek Freeston.**

Restoration Appeal Committee. Members: **Paul Utting (Chairman), Ken Bracher, Mary Bracher, Ann Buckley, Joan Burrows, Kevin Edwards, Sara Freeston (Secretary), Sandra Haggan, Fr. Charles Keay, Anne Plater, Martin Poliszczuk, Roger Simmons (Treasurer), Joy Utting.**

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Contact the Rector

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SERVICES

Sunday 4th July TRINITY IV	8.00am Eucharist 8.00am Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone 9.15am Sunday Club in Church House 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST First Mass presided over by Fr. David Williams <i>Preacher: The Revd Paul Ginever</i> 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 11th July TRINITY V	8.00am Eucharist 9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST FOR SEA SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH HALL <i>Preacher: The Revd Dudley Gummer</i> 6.30pm Evensong
Tuesday 13th July	11.00am Healing Service - Havant Methodist Church
Sunday 18th July TRINITY VI	8.00am Eucharist 9.15am Sunday Club in Church House 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST <i>Preacher: Revd Jeff Haines of Missions to Seafarers</i> 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 25th July TRINITY VII JAMES THE APOSTLE	8.00am Eucharist 9.15am Sunday Club in Church House 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST <i>Preacher: The Revd Richard Acworth</i> 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 1st August TRINITY VIII	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
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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