

From the Rector

As we enter Lent we embark again upon the 'journey to the cross', our annual pilgrimage we celebrate liturgically and spiritually. The booklet about our Lenten programme describes the various services and groups available to assist us in the task of facing our Lord's death and resurrection. This year, through both the Lent Course, 'Places of the Passion', and the visit of my father, the Ven. Kenneth Gibbons, who is our preacher during Holy Week, there is an emphasis upon 'entering into' the passion of our Lord. In the Anglican Church, partly, I suspect, because of our strong adherence to times and seasons, we have become complacent in our approach to Lent. Perhaps we take the season a little too literally – as if to say it is only during Lent we must face the road to the cross. On the other hand, maybe the thought of facing Christ's death and suffering is too much – too intense to sustain over the six week period. Apparently Mel Gibson's new film on Christ's passion and death is so bloody that children will not be able to see it. While Gibson wanted to go for a realistic approach to the suffering of Christ, it may be that the blood and gore is too much for most of us to stomach for nearly three hours! How then can we enter into Christ's passion wholeheartedly and enthusiastically without becoming overwhelmed by the challenge? Obviously I very much hope that the programme we have offered is valuable and that you are able to participate. But perhaps you are looking for something that public worship and this year's Lent courses don't, you feel, touch deeply enough on? If not, then two initiatives that will be offered sometime after Easter may be of interest to you. The first of those is the Healing Ministry. Following Bill Day's excellent course I intend to establish a more integrated healing ministry into the life and worship of our church. This is not to say many people aren't involved already in this way, but, as yet, it is not brought together in either an effective administrative way or through our liturgy. I should like to see our healing work given a higher priority. In addition, or more accurately, as part of this, I shall be inviting an experienced leader to assist us in the process of self-examination. A course will be offered using the Myers-Briggs personality typing tool to explore who we are and how we relate to one another. This method has been very successful where people are prepared to use Myers-Briggs as a helpful tool in the search for self-knowledge and mutual understanding. The course can be highly illuminating and very enjoyable. The beauty of entering into a workshop of this sort is that you can learn about God as you understand more clearly how God has made you to be the person you are. There will be further information about this course later, but if you are interested please see me or Susan who can tell you more about it. As we need a minimum of 12 people to put on the course I should like to know of anyone else who would like to participate. In the mean time, I wish you an illuminating journey through Lent!

Fr. David

About The Parish

Last month we looked at the life of Arthur Conan Doyle in Southsea with the help of a book called "A Study in Southsea" by Geoffrey Stavert. I finished by asking whether you knew that both a Victorian priest and Conan Doyle played for the Portsmouth Football Club and the Portsmouth Cricket Club. Well they did but first some background. On the evening of Tuesday 14 October 1884, a meeting took place in a room in the Blue Anchor, Kingston Cross, at which it was decided to form an Association Football team for Portsmouth. In goal was an A C Smith which was a pseudonym for Conan Doyle. They won their opening match 5-1 against Hayling Island just before Christmas. By February, he was showing his versatility by playing at Right Back. By the end of their first season, the Portsmouth Football Club had acquitted themselves very well having played 22 games, won 15, drawn 3 and lost 3, with 80 goals scored and just 28 conceded. (Rosemary Thomas, please stop Peter reading further!) Their biggest win was when they beat the Royal Marines 10-0! By 1887, Conan Doyle was playing in goal again for Portsmouth but now as Dr Doyle. By now he had published his first Sherlock Holmes novel, "A Study in Scarlet" under the name of A Conan Doyle. In the following year a priest named the Reverend A W Plant, a curate at St Michael's, North End (where I was Christened but not that year!), was playing at Inside Left for Portsmouth. (Sheila Warlow, please stop Colin reading the rest - he has strong views about accepting the authority of referees!). In his first match against Hilsea Ramblers, both teams scored but the Portsmouth goal was disputed. The two umpires (linesmen) allowed it but the referee over-ruled them, disallowed the goal and gave the match to Hilsea! I am sure it was a perfectly good goal and I had a good view of it! Conan Doyle played for Portsmouth for the rest of his time here and was an active member of the committee, which ran the club. Throughout his time in Portsmouth, Conan Doyle under his real name was a prominent and successful member of the Portsmouth Cricket Club. On 10 June 1883, Portsmouth beat the Hampshire Regiment by 94 runs to 79, with the opening batsman, Dr Doyle, scoring almost half the runs (44). By 1885, he was made captain and regularly remained high in the club's batting averages, as befitted an opening batsman. He was also a useful stock bowler, returning creditable averages each season. Finally his practice and social commitments were taking up more and more of his time, particularly the Portsmouth Literary and Scientific Society, so in 1890 he stood down as captain of the Portsmouth Cricket Club. The same year, he presided over his last annual meeting of the Portsmouth Football Club. Within months he had left Portsmouth for Berlin and then London, destined for great literary success. So there you have it, a man of many parts, forever remembered for one of the most famous characters of fiction - Sherlock Holmes. Yet there was so much more to this very gifted man, not least his sporting prowess.

Roger Bryant

Parochial Church Council Reports

PCC Meeting 25 January

This was a short meeting to approve the following Lay Assistants who would be authorised to distribute the Holy Communion:

Anthony and Chris Churcher-Brown, Tom Gomersall, Alan Hakim, Vic Hardcastle, Craig Robson, Bruce and Mary Strugnell, Carmen Stuart, Stephen Whitcombe and Colin Warlow.

PCC Meeting 16 February

There was a very full discussion of "Vision to Mission". Among matters being examined by the Groups were the functionality and equipment of the Parish Office, the role of the parish magazine, youth activities and the production of a Young Persons Guide to St Faith's Church. Another item under consideration was the best use of the space available in church including seating and a meeting about this would be held in church, to which all were invited, at 1.30pm on Thursday, 11 March. We were permitted to elect up to 12 members to the PCC at the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in addition to 2 Churchwardens and 2 Deanery representatives. Members could serve up to 3 years without seeking re-election, with one-third retiring each year, the sequence to be decided at the APCM by drawing lots to identify who retired in 2005, 2006 and 2007. After 2007, members would automatically "retire" after serving 3 years. A person could not be elected to the PCC unless they had been on the Electoral Roll for six months but they could be co-opted provided they were Church of England communicants. The finances of the church were in good order and the new budgetary arrangements were working well. Anyone not currently claiming expenses in connection with church work, could claim and donate the money received to St Faith's, thereby qualifying for Gift Aid, if they were a taxpayer. The meeting expressed their appreciation of the generosity of the late Margaret Peters RIP and Muriel Hudson RIP for their legacies to St Faith's of £3,200 and £300 respectively.

Town Fair

Preparations are now underway for the St. Faith's Town Fair. The date has been set for Saturday 28th August – this is the Bank Holiday weekend. This year the Fair will have a green ecological theme. We would like to have a plant and produce stall and are looking for someone to run it. If you can help, or have any ideas that you would like us to look at, please contact Ann Buckley on 023 9245 2289.

Litany for Children

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

who put chocolate fingers everywhere
who like to be tickled
who jump in puddles, oblivious of the consequences
who have no sense of time or routine
whose shoes are always missing at school-time
who speak on the 'phone like experts.

AND WE PRAY FOR THOSE

who stare at photographers as if from another planet
who have never had a pair of new shoes
who have never made daisy chains or taunted the dog
who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead
who have never had the chance to be children
who only know a world of abuse.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

who give us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions
who hug us in a hurry and forget their dinner money
who sing their hearts out to their own tune
who squeeze toothpaste all round the sink
who ask naive questions and don't listen to the answers
who have imaginary friends and conversations.

AND WE PRAY FOR THOSE

who don't have a room to call their own
who can't find any bread to steal
who watch their parents watch them die
whose minds are full of violent memories
who don't feel important to anyone else.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN

who spend their pocket money before it's actually in their pocket
who throw tantrums in the supermarket and pick at their food
who hide their possessions under their bed and leave a ring round the bath
who get visits from the tooth fairy
who set the video like second nature
whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

AND WE PRAY FOR THOSE
who will eat everything they have chance of
who have never had a medical or visited the dentist
who know nobody to spoil them
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep
who do not know the meaning of the word security, of being safe.

WE PRAY FOR CHILDREN
who long to be loved and hugged and given a name and a family
and for those who fill our lives and make us feel special.

Rosemary Wass

Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

I went to the doctor yesterday and have been diagnosed with Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself: I need to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice there's mail on the hall table. I decide to go through it before washing the car. I put my keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the bin and notice the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table to take out the bin. But then I think, since I'm near the post box when I take out the bin, I might as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only one cheque left, so I go to my desk in my study where I find a bottle of Coke I had been drinking. I'm about to look for my cheques, when I notice the Coke is warm, so I decide to put it in the fridge. I head towards the kitchen when a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye - they need water. As I put the Coke down on the counter I notice my glasses, which I've been looking for all morning, I decide I had better take them back to my desk, but first I must water the flowers. I fill a jug with water when I spot the TV remote on the kitchen table. Tonight, when we go to watch TV we'll be looking for it, so I decide to take it back to the TV room, but first I must water the flowers. I splash some water on them, but some spills on the floor. So I put the remote down, to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do. Now it's the end of the day; the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a warm bottle of Coke on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote or my glasses, and I don't know what I did with the car keys. I try to work out why nothing got done today, and I'm baffled because I've been busy and now I'm really tired. I realise this is a problem, and I'll try to get some help, but first I'll check my e-mails.

Cosmo Gordon Lang and the Miracle of "The Draught of Fishes"

I am continuing with interpretations of the Miracles of our Lord, using the views and, in some instances, the prose of Cosmo Gordon Lang from his book "The Miracles of Jesus", published in October 1900. As I wrote last month, Lang assumes the substantial accuracy of the Gospel narratives and does not attempt to deal with the philosophy or the evidences of the Miracles. This month we consider the miracle of "The Draught of Fishes." Some few years ago, we went with Father Tom and our friends from St Joseph's to the Holy Land. We stayed at Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee for six days and sailed across it, marvelling at the peace and tranquillity around us. We can picture the fishermen at work because this has changed little from the time of our Lord. We can visualise them toiling during the night without success, returning to the shore tired and depressed to repair their nets and boat for the next night's work. But arriving back to shore, they find a commotion as crowds follow our Lord to the waters edge to hear his words. The fishermen know Jesus, perhaps as the carpenter from Nazareth. He had spoken to them before, bidding them to follow him, to be fishers of men. On this day, He sat in Simon's boat, preaching to the crowds and yet He must also have been conscious of the sense of failure of the fishermen, perhaps even their worry at having nothing to take home or to sale. He said to Simon, "*Launch out into the deep and let down your nets*". Simon responded, "*Master, we have toiled all night and taken nothing. Nevertheless, at your word I will let down the nets.*" In the words of Lang, "*It was the same sea, the same nets, the same boat; but now, at His word, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes, so that the nets were breaking.*" Lang writes that they had more than just fishes because "*they also had the lesson that simple and trustful obedience to the word of Jesus is the alchemy that transforms disappointment into hope, failure into success.*" The miracle tells us that we must persevere when all seems lost in our spiritual and physical life. As Father David often says, "*It is not easy being a Christian.*" Like those fishermen, we often come away empty handed but it is then that we "*launch out into the deep again to let down our nets.*" Lang puts this wonderfully well: "*Launch out again and again into the Deep of God's mysterious and eternal purpose. It is deep; deeper than we can fathom, very inscrutable to us. But launch out into it, trusting in His word.*" Amen.

Roger Bryant

This Appeared in a Newspaper Announcement!

Walking sedately before the bride came her small nephew Henry carrying the ring and two little nieces.

Correspondence Column

It was reported in “*The Times*” 3rd February 2004, that a motion would be put to General Synod proposing that all clergy receive equal pay; the underlying issue being – what is the definition of a stipend. Is it payment for services rendered based on responsibilities and hours of work, or is it a maintenance allowance to enable a priest to live without undue money worries? The former Bishop of Southwell, Right Reverend Patrick B Harris expressed his opinion by quoting his words of 1994, when at a public meeting in the cathedral he said, “*I wonder whether the Church of England will in future have the courage to go forward and bring the salaries and stipends from curates to bishops to the same level*”. Another priest, quoting “*All we offer to the Church are God’s gifts for us to use*”, continued by saying, “*If we really believe that, then there is no justification whatever for paying differentials. A stipend is a stipend whatever paid ministry we are exercising*”. Then there was a most interesting radical opinion from another priest who suggested that a newly ordained deacon should receive £33,000, falling to £25,000 on being ordained to the priesthood, and when the priest became an incumbent (a parish priest) then the stipend might be reduced to £17,940 (current level for an incumbent). As for a bishop, as long as necessary expenses were covered, the stipend then might be reduced to that of less than an incumbent – a fascinating idea! Other contrary views were given, the common tenor of these being that it was self evident that greater responsibility and hours of work should be rewarded with more money. By the time this letter appears, this proposal will, no doubt, have been debated fully and a decision reached – probably in favour of status quo. However, it is a thought provoking idea of some merit, especially bearing in mind that there are now a number of priests who wish to be regarded as paid employees with trade union representation. I wonder what readers of “*Faith Matters*” think.

Yours sincerely

John Bradey

Other Letters!

(*From Travel Agent*). Dear Sir, With reference to our letter re holiday in Spain, the flight you ask for is fully booked, but we will inform you immediately someone falls out, as usually happens.

(*To Kodak Ltd.*) Dear Sirs, I am getting married soon, and would like to know what causes this to happen, and if there is any way of preventing it.

Havant Scouting and Guiding: Ypres Trip November 2003

Rachael Lloyd and Emma Rackett represented 1st Havant Guides during our trip to Belgium. Below is their short account of the weekend. We took 18 members of guiding and scouting, and the young people were a great credit to The Movement and their local Borough. They really did us proud!

Gillian Peskett

On the Friday evening of our trip, we arrived at our hostel, just outside Ypres, very late so we were glad to get to bed. Obviously, as it was dark, we couldn't tell what our surroundings were like, so we couldn't wait to get up the following morning. At about 9:00 the next morning, we left for the market and our chance to buy as much chocolate as we could! We spent a few hours in the town and then left for the real reason we had come to Belgium - the war cemeteries. We visited several of these in turn; each one was just as breath taking as the first. It was really sad knowing that a lot of the graves were of those of unknown soldiers. We visited some WW1 trenches that had been stabilized so we could walk through them and get a vague feeling of what the soldiers would have experienced. This site was also a museum full of WW1



artifacts. Later that evening, we returned to the town for a meal out. The first course was a bit scary but the rest of the meal was fine! Soon after, we were back to a more serious state of mind, at the Menin Gate. This was where the nightly ceremony is held in commemoration for those lost in World War 1. Masses of wreaths had already been laid the previous weekend and the big space filled up very quickly with

people who wanted to join in with the prayers. Sarah and Rachael were the two Guides chosen to lay our wreath, and Oliver and Ben represented the Scouts. As soon as they stepped forward dozens of people started taking photos! Once the ceremony was over, we went back to the hostel and unwound in the games room while the leaders relaxed elsewhere. We had to be in bed by 11pm, and Gillian was not amused at 12.15am when she found us still running up and down the corridors! On Sunday morning we went to look around one last cemetery at which Rachael's relative was buried. There was row upon row of gravestones, with different religions and cultures lying next to each other. Some of them were as young as 16. The readings and phrases on some of them were really moving. Once again we laid some poppies then left in time to get the ferry. We had a fantastic time during the weekend.

From the Registers - February

- 1st – Baptism of Stanley Hart
- 3rd – Funeral of Bess Owen
- 8th – Baptism of Kyra-Belle
O'Donnell
- 8th – Baptism of Abigail James



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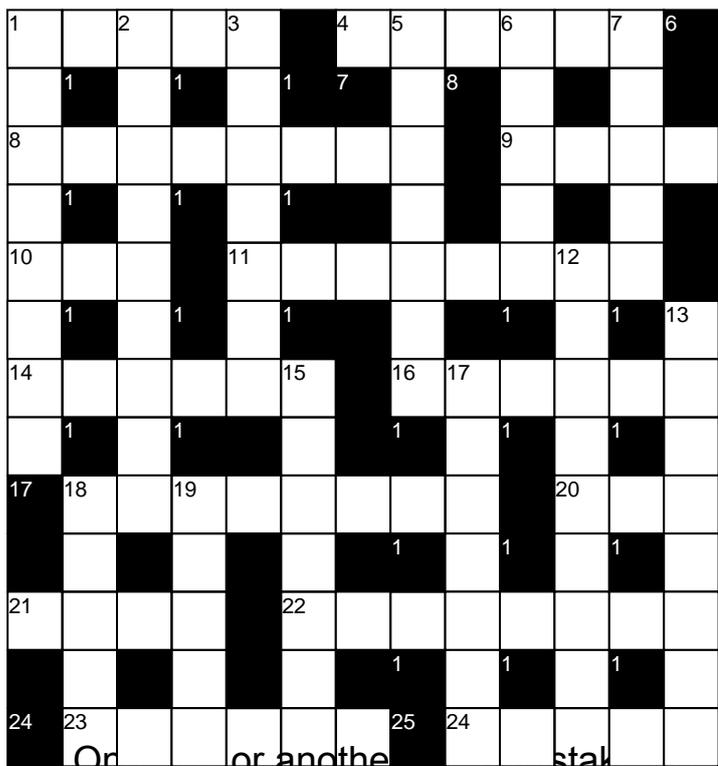
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St Faith's March 2004 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Act right, in charge of building order from Greece (5)
4. Indian variety of a peach (6)
8. Throw down to be picked up (8)
9. French king left to make a disturbance (4)
10. Tree remains (3)
11. "now it is ---- ---- to awake out of sleep" (4,4)
14. Goodbye good health (6)
16. Ran inside and created uproar (6)
18. Atmospheric illumination in the attic? (8)
20. A church gives unbeatable service (3)
22. Rep rails about retaliation from rival (8)
24. Initially every priest had ordinary dress, then a vestment (5)

Down

1. Follow on lookout for a short spell of duty (8)
3. One in the field was a novel success (7)
12. Uncontrolled trouble about religious college (9)
15. Riders' cup? (7)
17. Prepared a taster for goddess (7)
19. Lad returns with nasty air of a hooligan (5)
2. Coarse impudence of a ruffian (9)
5. In the field with 3dn. Perhaps (7)
6. Dog goes up in big rocket (5)
7. Leave something out, as they say (5)
13. Open correspondence, like this? (8)
18. MP's to perform lively dance (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th March please!

Answers to February 2004 Crossword

Across: 1. Casbah, 4. Doom, 9. Verge, 10. Painter, 11. Chanter, 12. Ideas, 13. Stool Pigeon, 17. Chain, 19. Imprest, 22. Maginot, 23. Pares, 24. Nary, 25. Orache.

Down: 1. Civic, 2. Servant, 3. Ament, 5. Outre, 6. Morose, 7. Appropriate, 8. Hiking, 14. Oenone, 15. Oneiric, 16. Acumen, 18. Auger, 20. Piper, 21. Taste.

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

Word Search - Capital Cities of the World

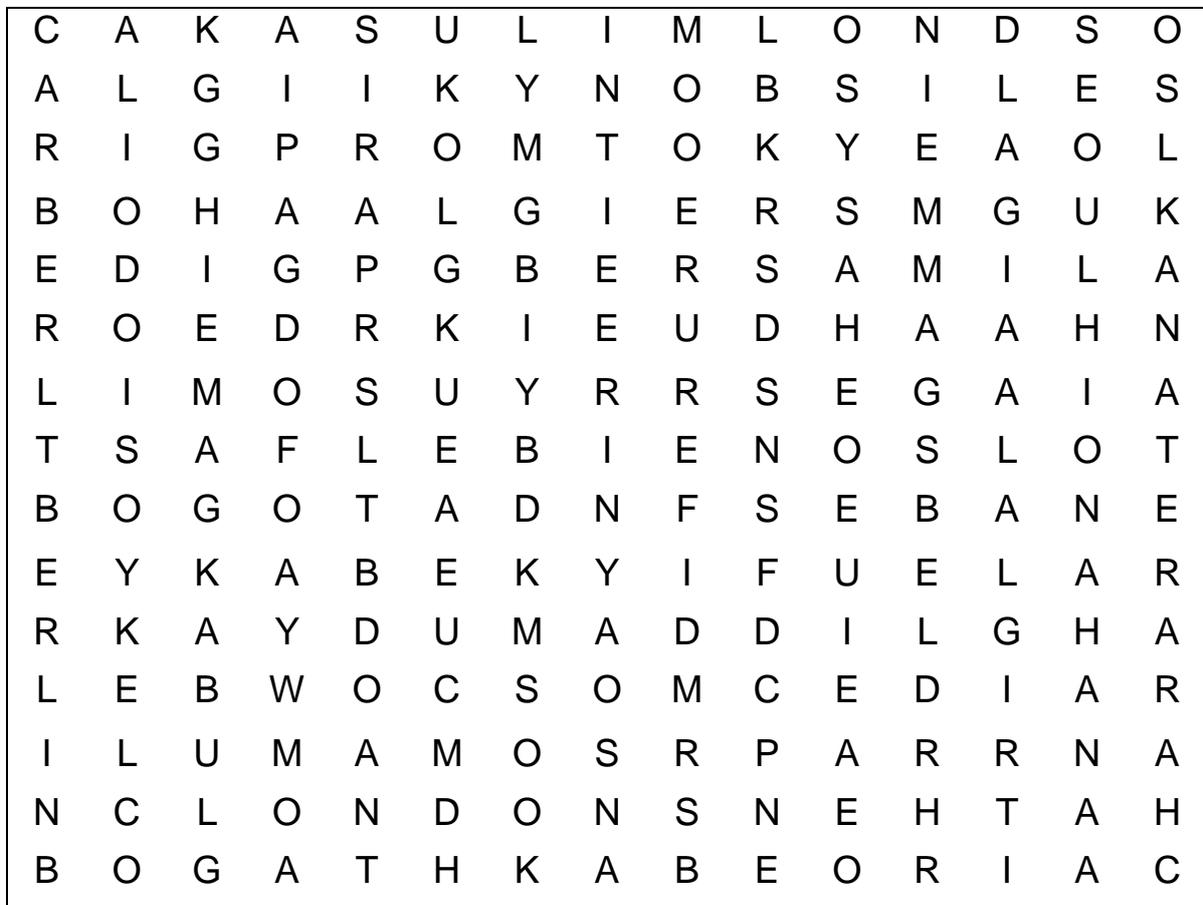
Can you find the names of the capital cities of the world in the grid below? Words may be read forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonal and are in straight lines.

Colin Carter

ALGIERS
ATHENS
BELFAST
BERLIN
BERNE
BOGOTA
BRUSSELS
CAIRO
CARDIFF

DUBLIN
EDINBURGH
HANOI
HARARE
KABUL
LAGOS
LIMA
LISBON
LONDON

LUSAKA
MADRID
MOSCOW
OSLO
PARIS
RIGA
ROME
SEOUL
TOKYO



From the Editor

Last year we had *Vision* for *St. Faith's* that resulted in *From Vision --- to Mission* (the outcome of each of the Vision group discussions). Now we have *Kairos* for the *Portsmouth Diocese* to identify needs and resources (there is a roadshow at *All Saints', Catherington* on Monday 15th March at 7.30pm – all are invited). All of these discussions will result in changes and nobody, least of all older people, like change. However, with church attendance's down, not enough clergy entering the ministry, the upkeep of old church buildings continually rising with less money available, a realistic approach has to be adopted. Deaneries have been invited to produce a *Kairos* five-year plan from 2005 for each area or cluster of parishes. Will this result in the rationalisation of the number of churches? For our parish, remember that Christ Church Centre had to close in 1996 through lack of resources. Last month in *Faith Matters* (page 7) we reported on news from the General Synod and the recommendations being made and this month on page 7 another proposal is reported. At the time of going to press, it was reported that the Church of England had opened the door to allowing formal blessings of gay relationships and had overturned the long-standing teaching that homosexual behaviour is sinful. *My daughter Colleen was taking my granddaughter Jenny to school the other day when they passed a mouse that had been run over by a car. Jenny asked her mother if they could take it to school and give it some water. Colleen said it was dead. After school Jenny was still upset about the mouse, and Colleen said "Look don't worry it is probably running around in heaven with Speckle and Scamper" (the two guinea pigs Jenny had had and who died a year ago). Jenny retorted "But you said the mouse was dead, how can it be running around with Speckle and Scamper?" Now that took some explaining from Mum to a five-year-old!* Beryl and I attended a very nice coffee morning at St. Nicholas Chapel on Valentine's Day and were made to feel very welcome. We thoroughly enjoyed coffee and heart-shaped scones! I am conscious of the fact that *Faith Matters* is "*The Parish Magazine of St. Faith, Havant with St. Nicholas, Langstone*", and that there are very few articles from parishioners of the chapel or information as to their activities, e.g., how many people of St. Faith's knew of the coffee morning? I met the editor, Mike Rogers, of the Langstone Village Association's newsletter, *The Langstonian*, and I will now receive a copy of their quarterly newsletter. However, I would welcome articles from St. Nicholas' parishioners, as *Faith Matters* is also **your** magazine. *I have been informed that Cosmo Gordon Lang (page 4) married Audrey Currie's parents - Walter Silk and Emily Barrett - in June 1900 at St Mary's Church, Portsea and that her parents had a high regard for him.*

Colin Carter

For Your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where/Cost</u>
Thursday 4 March	7.30pm	Buildings Management Committee Meeting	4 Pine Grove
Thursday 4 March	8pm	Men's Group	Rectory
Saturday 6 March	10am	Standing Committee Meeting	27 Bellair Road
Saturday 6 March	7.15pm	Charity Party	Church Hall
Monday 8 March	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Tuesday 9 March	6.45pm	'My One and Only'	King's Theatre/£12
Thursday 11 March	1.30pm	Seating Arrangements	St. Faith's Church
Thursday 11 March	8pm	Men's Group	Rectory
Saturday 13 March	7.30pm	Church Quiz	Church Hall/£6
Monday 15 March	7.30pm	Kairos Roadshow	All Saints', Catherington
Thursday 18 March	8pm	Men's Group	Rectory
Thursday 25 March	8pm	Men's Group	Rectory
Saturday 27 March	6.30pm	Beetle Drive Fish & Chip Supper	Church Hall/£5
Sunday 28 March	11.15am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Church Hall
Monday 29 March	7.45pm	PCC Meeting (only to form committees)	Church House
Thursday 1 April	8pm	Men's Group	Rectory
Fri 16 - Sun 18 April	-	Walsingham Pilgrimage	£85
Sat 24 & Sun 25 April	10am-5pm 11am-6pm	Havant Remembered	St. Faith's Church
Friday 14 May	7.45pm	Men's Group – Skittle evening	tba
Sunday 16 May	9.30am	Deanery Confirmation	St. Faith's Church
Saturday 26 June	-	Charity Abseil	Millgate House, Portsmouth
Sunday 4 July	4.00pm	Strawberry Tea	27 Bellair Road
Monday 12 July	7.30pm	Concert with an American Choir	St. Faith's Church /tba
Saturday 24 July	9.45am	Summer Outing	tba
Saturday 28 August	tba	Town Fair	St. Faith's Church
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
Saturday 9 October	7.30pm	Hampshire Police Choir (Male Voice) Concert	St. Faith's Church /£6

Saturday 27 November	7.30pm	Bell ringers Christmas Dinner	Church Hall/tba
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Quiz Night

There will be a quiz in the Church Hall on Saturday 13th March at 7.30pm. Teams of 8, so come along with a team or we can make up teams. Cost £6 per person, includes a ploughman's supper – bring along your own drinks. Proceeds to the Restoration Appeal. Names with payment to Sandra Haggan.

Havant Remembered High Days and Holidays

An exhibition is to take place in the Church on 24th and 25th April to include photographs and memorabilia under the heading of *Havant Remembered – High Days and Holidays*. If you have anything which we might be able to use please contact either Ann Buckley or Sandra Haggan. We would like to make a special feature of weddings in St. Faith's Church – did you or someone in your family marry here? We are hoping to have a special preview evening on Friday 23rd - (there will be a charge of £5) – more details to follow. We are hoping to serve tea and coffee during the weekend and will also need help with stewarding the exhibition – if you can help in any way please let Ann or Sandra know.

Kairos

There is to be a Deanery Roadshow on 15 March at *All Saints Church, Catherington* which will comprise both a broad vision of *Kairos* and a focused look at our local situation. All parishioners are invited to attend. Many will know of this initiative of Bishop Kenneth but, in case you have missed out, here is some background. The word *Kairos* is Greek and means a watershed, an opportune moment, a decisive turning point or a season that God has given us to think afresh about all that we do. The Roadshow is the first of a four-part process in which the next stage is a time of study and prayer in parishes between Easter and Pentecost, followed by an audit of the needs of our community between July and December and, finally, the creation of a deanery-wide five year plan during the first half of 2005. As Bishop Kenneth wrote in his letter which was read out to us in January, the purpose of *Kairos* is to reflect on how the Church can grow and flourish now and in the years ahead. You are all welcome to attend *All Saints* on 15 March.

Burns Supper – 24 January

*Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some would eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
Sae let the Lord be thankit*

Some 40 plus parishioners enjoyed a Burns Supper in the Church Hall. The evening was organised by the Denvilles Ecumenical Church. The haggis was piped in and dinner served. There were after dinner speeches, Rabbie Burns poems, Scottish songs sung, Scottish dancing, hand bells rung and Auld Lang Syne sung.



*And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak' a right guid-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.*

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Standing Committee is the only committee required by law. It has the power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the Council. Members: **Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary.**

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SERVICES

Tuesday 2nd March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Friday 5th March	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (Havant Methodist Church)
Sunday 7th March	8.00am	Eucharist
LENT II	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST
	12-noon	Holy Baptism
	6.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 9th March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 14th March	8.00am	Eucharist
LENT III	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 16th March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 21st March	8.00am	Eucharist
LENT IV	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST with FIRST
MOTHERING SUNDAY		COMMUNION
	6.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 23rd March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 25th March	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin
Sunday 28th March	8.00am	Eucharist
LENT V	9.15am	Children's Sunday Club in Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Tuesday 30th March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sunday 4th April	8.00am	Eucharist
PALM SUNDAY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST starting in Havant Park
	6.30pm	Combined Evensong with Leigh Park & West Leigh churches

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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