

From the Editor

Please note that there may be changes in the "Services" over the coming months as the Worship Group has proposed changing one of the Sunday "Eucharist's" for an occasional "Choral Matins" as it was thought it may be more welcoming to newcomers to St. Faith's - this will be considered by the PCC on 26 January. Furthermore, it has been proposed to make the second Sunday of each month a "Family Eucharist" so that it can be presided over by the Revd David Lyndsey. So watch this space and read the Sunday Bulletin's. Should you have any comments on these proposals then please see the Churchwardens or write to the Editor.

Please note that this year the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 29 March in the Church Hall after the 9.30am Parish Eucharist provided Morris Crocker can complete the accounts in time. It is necessary to have it earlier this year because of the Easter period in April.

Our annual parish share to the diocese for 2009 has been finalised. St. Faith's share is £44,282 out of the Havant Deanery quota of £874,808. It is interesting to note that this figure, is around 40% of our total annual income and works out at about £5.70 per week for each member on the Electoral Roll just to cover the costs of the share.

Each month Waitrose in North Street donates £1,000 between three local good causes. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation it receives. In December St. Faith's was one of the three good causes and we received £239 from Waitrose towards security of the church in the form of a CCTV.

The joint Epiphany Eucharist at St. Faith's was held with parishioners from St. Albans, St. Clare and St. Frances and the Revd Jonathan Jefferies from St. Frances and St. Clare both presided and preached. After the service, another successful dinner organised by Sandra Haggan was held at the Brookfield Hotel for 45 parishioners, with 32 from St. Faith's and included some of the clergy who have been helping us out. After dinner entertainment was conducted by Jonathan Jefferies and the evening ended with a joyful singing of "The 12 Days of Christmas".

This year the Town Fair has been provisionally fixed for Saturday 5 September. It is the biggest day for raising money for the Restoration and Redevelopment Fund. A Town Fair Committee needs to be formed now so please volunteer and give your names to the Churchwardens.

Colin Carter

The Hospital of St Cross

Last month we looked at the founding of The Hospital of St Cross and Almshouses of Noble Poverty in Winchester. Now we look at the Brothers but before that a little more history. Originally, there were two separate charitable foundations – the Hospital of St Cross and the Order of Noble Poverty. Last month, we read about the founding of the former in 1132-1136. The second Order was founded by Cardinal Henry Beaufort in 1445. The two orders were merged some years later. Brothers of the first order wear a black gown, similar to those worn by graduates, black trencher hat and a silver badge in the shape of the Cross of Jerusalem. Brothers of the second order wear the same gown and trencher hat, except that they are in claret, but they display a silver Cardinal's badge in place of the Cross of Jerusalem.

If I may digress, we moved to Winchester in 1959 when I transferred from the Admiralty to the National Assistance Board and we lived there four years. Our daughter Laura was aged 3 at the time and our second daughter Tracey was born in Winchester. Some of you may remember a comedian named Charlie Drake. Laura loved watching him on television, tumbling and falling about, dressed in comic costumes. We once took her to see him on stage at the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton. The Brothers from St Cross are often seen in Winchester and on one occasion a Brother came into the shop we were in with Laura. Seeing his unusual hat, she said loudly, "*He's got Charlie Drake's hat on!*" We quickly

got out of the shop!

I was responsible for the payment of national assistance in the city of Winchester. Brothers who were not in receipt of a retirement pension could claim it but this was quite exceptional. However, I did visit one or two who claimed help and saw their living quarters. There are places for 25 Brothers and they live separately in a self-contained flat dating from the 15th Century. Each flat has a sitting room, bedroom, kitchen, shower/wet room and a separate lavatory. Brothers have to provide their own furniture, although St Cross gave help in exceptional cases. The flats are either ground or first floor. Men who apply to be Brothers must be over 60 and not in employment. They are usually single, divorced or widowed. Preference is given to men on low or limited income, although a higher income is not in itself a bar. Brothers do not belong to a religious order but they are expected to be Christians. They are also expected to attend, wearing their gowns, morning prayers in the church.

The Hospital of St Cross is known around the world for the very ancient tradition of the Wayfarer's Dole. It was founded by a Cluniac monk of an order which always gave wine and bread to travellers at a time when St Cross stood on an important east-west route for merchants and pilgrims. Today, visitors may call at the Porter's Gate and receive a small drink of beer and a square of bread, both placed on a wooden tray embossed with a silver Cross of Jerusalem. As an official I was not allowed to receive gifts but I made an exception of the Wayfarer's

St Valentine's Day - 14 February

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day -14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old

Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or '*sweethearts*' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

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A young minister, serving his first church, noticed that one of his flock had been absent from services several Sundays in a row, so he decided to see her and ask the reason. The old woman shook her head and looked at him pityingly. "*Son,*" she said, "*you can't help me. You are not old enough to have sinned enough to have repented enough to be able to preach about it.*"

Ash Wednesday - 25 February

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See *Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6*)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to '*rend your hearts and not your garments*' (*Joel 2:12-19*). Ash Wednesday became known as either the '*beginning of the fast*' or '*the day of the ashes*'.

The collect for today goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us.

The Bible readings for today are often *Joel 2:1-2, 12 - 18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16 - 21* and Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "*as having nothing and yet possessing everything.*" (*2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10*)

The actual custom of '*ashing*' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "*Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return...*" (*Genesis 3:19*)

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday is:

*Almighty and everlasting God,
You hate nothing that you have made
And forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent:*

*Create and make in us new and
contrite hearts*

*That we, worthily lamenting our sins
And acknowledging our wretchedness,
May receive from you, the God of all
mercy,*

*Perfect remission and forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,*

*Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.*

Havant Cemetery - New Lane/Eastern Road

The original St Faith's church was built about 1150 on what could have been the site of an earlier Saxon church and its adjoining graveyard provided Havant's main burial ground.

The parish records covering the period of 1653 to 1851 record that some 6,000 departed souls were buried there and from this figure it has been estimated that the graveyard could contain the remains of over 20,000 people. Most of these would not have been in individual coffins but be placed side by side or on top of each other.

As the graveyard became full it would have become necessary to bring in further earth that resulted in its original level being raised to what we see today. (The 1853 drawing of the crossroads shows the church wall to be much higher).

However by 1851 further burials became difficult without disturbing those already there or the tombstones that it had become the practice to erect. It was therefore decided that a new burial ground (cemetery) was required and this was achieved through the generosity of Sir George Staunton of Leigh Park who was 'Lord of the Manor of Havant and Flood'.

The following record of its establishment is taken from Charles Longcroft's "*Topographical Account of the Hundred of Bosmere*" published in 1856:

The site was presented to the parish [of Havant] by Sir George Staunton, and the subsoil is flint gravel. The mortuary chapel and necessary walling have been erected by subscription. One

statute acre has been inclosed for the members of the Church of England, and one quarter of a statute acre for the dissenters. The inclosure walls are of flint and brick. The entrance gateway and the chapel are built of flint, with Caen stone dressings. The style of the work is Gothic, and the chapel will accommodate about fifty persons. The windows are of stained glass, the floor of red and black tiles six inches square, and there is an outer iron gate which is closed during the day, the inner door being left open to secure proper ventilation. A small turret and bell complete the whole, and the total sum expended did not exceed £416, of which the chapel cost £200.

The first Church of England burial was that of Merinda Fearn, aged 28, which took place on 29 August 1851. As by now everyone had a separate grave space the cemetery filled up much more quickly than the old graveyard and by 1895 it had become full so more land was required.

Fortunately alongside the cemetery was the Stone's allotment site. This was an area of land given by Sir George Staunton's successor at Leigh Park, William Stone, to be held in trust for the establishment of allotments for 'the labouring classes of the Parish of Havant'.

On 25 March 1895 the Urban District Council of Havant entered into an agreement with the trustees to exchange 1 acre 3 roods 8 poles (0.73 hectare) of the allotment site for a

similar area of land to the north to enable the cemetery to be extended. An enclosing wall that matched the original was constructed which was topped with metal railings. These railings were removed to help the 1939-45 war effort. Whether they did or not is debatable as I have seen it recorded that much of the metal that was collected was not suitable for further use and was dumped. Fortunately the fine entrance gates survived.

The first burial took place on 31 July 1896 and was that of Edward Till. Edward was a council road foreman and had died of cancer at the early age of 45. Like so many council workmen he was also a volunteer fireman so he was accorded the honour of having his body conveyed to the cemetery on the fire engine that was drawn by two black horses.

It can be seen from the 1897 Ordnance Survey map that a 'nonconformist' mortuary chapel had been built but by 1940 the reference to it had been changed to 'general' mortuary chapel. It was still in use in the early 1950's when the service for my grandmother was held there but at some time later it

A Senior Moment

An elderly lady actually wrote this letter to her bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in The Times.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three 'nanoseconds' must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic

fell into disuse or disrepair and was demolished. It is not known when the original chapel was demolished.

Laurie Booth has, by means of 'dowsing', located the foundations of both of these chapels. In addition he has found clear evidence of a third, previously unknown chapel to the south of the second chapel. This chapel was smaller than the other two but appears to have had an altar and an aisle with three pews on either side. Two footpaths lead off from its west door, the one going towards Leigh Park and the other towards Havant.

This 'new' cemetery, which contains approximately 6,000 burials, provided sufficient space until about 1976 when it was closed for new burials. However burials are still taking place in those graves where there is an adequate depth and with the permission of the grave owner. There are about 600 'common', that is 'unpurchased', graves that could be reused in the future if legislation permits.

*Ralph Cousins, Chairman of
"Friends of Havant Borough
Council Cemeteries"*

monthly deposit of my Pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the

manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Solicitor, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

*Addendum from The Times Editor: It is **important to remember** that this letter was written by a lady who is a 98 year old woman; **doesn't she make you proud!!!?***

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

1. To make an appointment to see me.
2. To query a missing payment.
3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
7. To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.)
8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 8.
9. To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client

Correspondence Column

Many thanks to the cruciverbalist and the campanologist who sent me – via the editor – a welcome Christmas card expressing their best wishes and appreciation for my monthly efforts to emulate the esteemed crossword compilers past and present. I hope to continue – at least for a while – to provide some moments – or minutes – of interest and possible amusement for my two correspondents and others of like mind.

Best wishes to all,

Sisyphus

For Your Diary

Monday 23 February	7.30pm	PDG Meeting	24 Pembury Road
Monday 9 March	7pm	BMC Meeting	29 Hamilton Close
Monday 9 March	7.45pm	SC Meeting	Church House
Friday 13 March	7.30pm	Mamma Mia Disco	Church Hall/£5
Monday 23 March	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Sunday 29 March	11am	APCM	Church Hall
Saturday 5 September	10am-3pm	Town Fair	Churchyard
Saturday 28 November	7pm	Bell Ringers' Dinner	Church Hall

The Fitzwygram's & St. Crispin's Church

In response to the article in the January edition of "Faith Matters" from Stephen Craven, Administrator to the Pastoral Department, Diocese of Southwark, Ann Griffiths, our local historian, sent me the following:

"Dear Colin,

The Fitzwygram family tree is in Burke's Peerage under WIGRAM. Towards the end of the entry you come to Sir Robert (2nd Baronet), who changed the name to Fitzwygram in 1832. His sons were Sir Robert Fitzwygram (3rd Bart) who died in 1873; Sir Frederick Wellington John (4th Bart); Rev. John Fitzroy (1827-1881) vicar of New Hampton Middlesex and Loftus (1832 to 1904). The three surviving brothers were major subscribers towards the building of St Crispin's church and parsonage, Bermondsey, in 1879.

There is an article about the consecration of St Crispin's in the Ipswich Journal 13.7.1880, which states that the Fitzwygram's contributed £11,500 of the £15,870 building costs. If you have a library card you can read the article by accessing 19th century newspapers online via Hantsweb.

Leigh Park estate, at Havant, was bought in 1874 by Lt. General Sir Frederick Wellington John Fitzwygram, Bt, after inheriting the baronetcy on the death of his unmarried brother, Sir Robert Fitzwygram (above). Sir Frederick married in 1882 and was elected as Conservative MP in the 1884 election. He sat for the Fareham Borough of Hampshire and South Hants until shortly before his death in

1904. Sir Frederick's only son was Sir Frederick Loftus Francis Fitzwygram 5th Bart (1884-1920). Sir Frederick Fitzwygram's obituary is recorded in "The Times" on Friday 7 May 1920 and his funeral which took place in Havant on 10 May 1920 is recorded in "The Times" on Tuesday 11 May 1920.

I can find no reference to St Crispin's being called the Fitzwygram Memorial Church but I hope this adds a few more pieces to the puzzle.

Ann"

Here is an extract from the Ipswich Journal on Tuesday 13 July 1880 under the heading "The Church".

"On Wednesday the Bishop of Rochester consecrated St. Crispin's Church, Southwark Park Road. The cost of the building, together with the parsonage, amounts to £15,870. Towards this no less than £11,500 has been given by the following members of the Fitzwygram family: Major-General Sir F Fitzwygram, Miss Fitzwygram, Lady Bake, Rev. J. Fitzwygram, and Mr Loftus Fitzwygram. The Church Building Society has subscribed £225, and the Rochester Diocesan Society £500, leaving but the very small deficiency of £395. The building is in the Gothic style, with red bricks and stone facings. The tower and spire remain to be completed, at an estimated cost of £900."

Stephen Craven says that St. Crispin's Church was originally known as the "Fitzwygram Memorial Church". I suspect this may have been because of the £11,500 – a lot of money in 1879 – which the Fitzwygram family put into the building of the church.

Colin Carter

The west stained glass window in St. Faith's commemorates Major-General Sir Frederick Fitzwygram. Sir Frederick's sister, Selina Frances Fitzwygram is remembered in the chancel, and his son in the Lady Chapel.

Restoration & Redevelopment Fund 2008

The money raised for the Restoration & Redevelopment Fund during 2008, was **£13,053.88** (£3,601.26 **down** on the 2007 figure of £16,655.14). The breakdown is:

Town Fair, incl. Grand Draw	3,800.00	Flower Festival	1,653.14
Quiz Night	701.07	Christmas Cake Draw	50.00
Historic Churches Bicycle Ride	164.50	Christmas Quiz 2007	139.28
Cloak & Dagger Donation	550.00	Burn's Night Supper	228.66
Sarah Butterfield Prints & Cards	220.80	Coffee Mornings	1,184.52
Parish Breakfasts	366.52	Jenny's Jam	497.00
Lent Lunches	131.00	Sale of Books	34.80
Gift Aid Donations	55.00	Other Donations	38.30
Loose Change	6.51		
Tax Refunds	132.89	Bank Interest	3,099.89

Roger Simmons

(In 2007, income was received, inter alia, from the Emsworth Concert Band, Hampshire Area Guitar Orchestra, the Royal Marine Band and the Wyndcliffe Singers who performed in St. Faith's Church – the performances were organised by the Restoration & Redevelopment Committee which was disbanded in December 2007 after raising funds for the church's restoration since 2002 (see "Faith Matters" January 2008 page 18). This clearly has affected the amount of money raised during 2008 and this may continue during 2009. Furthermore, the Town Fair was £880 down on 2007 due to the inclement weather – Ed)

Property Development Group Meeting - 15 January 2009

Church House. Havant Borough Council has granted planning permission, including listed building consent, for the construction of a new store on the site of the existing dilapidated building and to change the use and alterations to provide 2 in no. first floor flats and 2 in no. ground floor offices to Church House. The work must begin within a period of 3 years from the date of approval of 27 November 2008.

Christchurch Centre. The draft lease will be sent by the Diocesan Solicitor to all concerned soon. The lease will be for a period of 25 months with an option to buy during this period. The legal title of the land has been registered with the Land Registry. An Energy Efficiency Certificate is required. The bungalow will continue to be let for the foreseeable future.

The Way Forward. The PDG is recommending to the PCC that the priorities for future work, when funds become available, should be:

1. To carry out a Quinquennial review, maintenance, repair and redecoration of the church;
2. To provide a ramp from the church to the vestry door with built-in railings;
3. To provide new lighting;
4. To provide a new audio system.

Ideally, 1 & 3. should be carried out simultaneously for one set of scaffolding to be erected.

Church Hall. The PCC is asked to consider improvements to the hall to maintain income levels. The PDG is maintaining a dialogue with the Dynamo Youth Theatre (DYT).

Magazine Income & Expenditure in 2008

The income in 2008 (*with the 2007 figures in brackets*) from sales of "Faith Matters" was **£656.20** (£635.15) and from advertisements **£759** (£965) giving a total income of **£1,415.20** (£1,600.15). The cost of printing the 12 editions of "Faith Matters" was **£1,260** (£1,274), thereby giving a small profit of **£155.20** (£326.15). The aim is for the magazine to "break even", therefore the price of "Faith Matters" should remain at 30p during 2009 providing the printing costs do not increase and parishioners remember to buy a copy each month.

Beryl Carter

A certain lady who was nearly always late for the church service arrived as the congregation started to sing "With early feet I love to appear among thy saints".

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Ringíng in the New Year

Following in the usual tradition a group of St Faith's Bellringers gathered in the Bell Tower to ring out the "Olde Year" and to welcome in the New Year. There was somewhat of a party atmosphere in the tower with one or two visitors from other Towers. Ringing out the old year starts about 11 o' clock with rather sombre ringing of half muffled bells whilst we wait for the approach of midnight when we take the muffles off. The radio is tuned in to hear the first stroke of Big Ben when our tenor, rung by our captain, Barbara, strikes twelve strokes in time with Big Ben followed by all of the other bells in open ringing to welcome in the New Year.

We continued to ring for about ten

minutes and make more noise than the people in the nearby public houses who come out and make their own noise with dustbin lids and vocal choruses but we are the real sound of the New Year.

When we came out of the Tower some people visiting Havant, who had been in the local hostelry's (I might add that they were completely sober) came over and thanked us for our ringing as they had not heard bells ring in the New Year since their childhood. It really made their visit and their thanks made our turning out late at night in the cold all worthwhile.

Anne Plater

Mamma Mia Disco

At long last we have a date for the 70's/Mamma Mia Disco. It would be great if as many people as possible could try to get a table of friends together. If anyone would like to help on the evening or before please let Simon Creasy know – telephone: 023 9249 8828. Details are:

Friday 13 March 7.30pm – 11pm St. Faith's Church Hall Cost £5

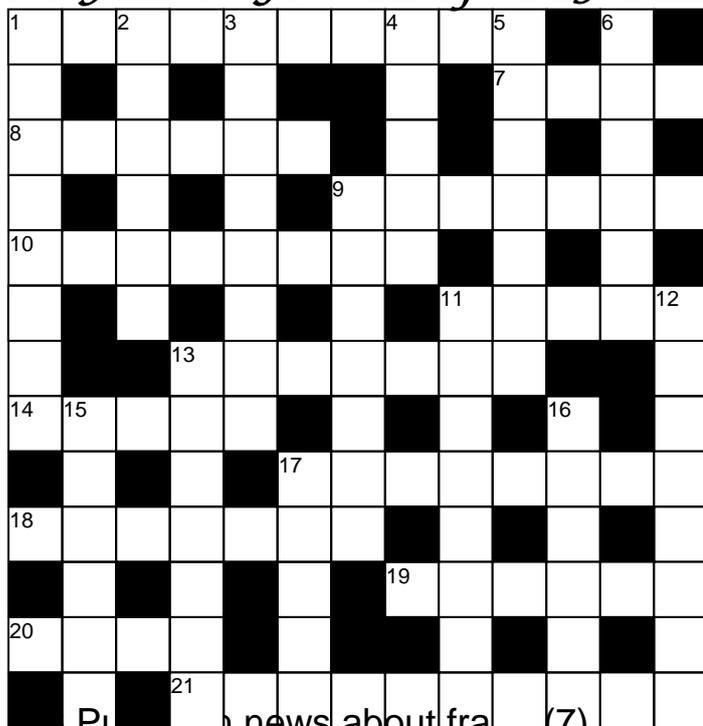
Bring your own picnic and don't forget to wear your flares

Bar available, so please don't bring your own drink.

Money raised will go to Systic Fibrosis and St. Faith's

A young man preached his first sermon at a country chapel. During the following week the steward went to see if he would take the service the next Sunday as the planned preacher was ill. The young man said "Oh dear, you realise that I have only just started preaching and I have only the one sermon prepared". "That's all right", said the steward, "We can't remember a word you said last week, but we did enjoy it".

St Faith's February 2009 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Foolish person always ate as if making a solemn declaration (10)
7. Principal part of the ocean (4)
8. Information about ancient city concerning a narcotic plant (6)
9. Without support but nevertheless vulgarly inebriated (7)
10. Transport arranged to get possible boy's birthday present (5,3)
11. Type of pen nearly all flair and nothing else (5)
13. As ordered, it names one of the ancient people of Italy (7)
14. Unlike his father, he walked with God – and was taken by God (5)
17. Ship's propulsion officer to initiate and plan (8)
21. Women's race, maybe in Hyde Park – or Southsea (6,4)

Down

1. Drink follows examination of accounts in some universities (5,3)
3. Read Van Gogh's last letter arranged for gallery (8)
5. To imitate mule angry over spilt tea (7)
9. One moving around in queue like a lion (7)
12. Made up location for seats of learning (8)
15. "God said, Let ----- be! and all was light" (6)
17. Eastern country breeds African animal (5)
2. Taking part as returned provincial governor (6)
4. Like a group it's of benefit to one (5)
6. Flock of sheep on their own ground in Scotland (6)
11. No work for them, except on a football pitch (8)
13. Youth turned up to look at disgraceful anti-social action (7)
16. I'm back holding tampered dice for old Florentine family (6)

Compiled for St Faith's by *Sisyphus*

Answers to the editor by 15th February please!

Answers to January 2009 Crossword

Across: 1. Neap Tides, 7. Eoan, 8. Ateliers, 9. Rattan, 10. Cran, 12. Get Up and Go, 13. Decollator, 16. Imam, 17. Centum, 18. Absinthe, 20. Atom, 21. Eleveses.

Down: 1. Nature, 2. All in Good Time, 3. Tie, 4. Disrepute, 5. Septentriones, 6. Padang, 11. Stalemate, 14. Exeats, 15. Laches, 19. She.

Five entries were received, all correct, from Marion Simmons, Ann Slade, Ian Tunks, Joy Utting and Colin Warlow. One late and correct entry for December 2008 from Ian Tunks.

Word Search - Valentine's Day

This month it is Valentine's Day. Can you find the names associated with

Valentine's Day 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.

AFFECTION	GIFTS	POEMS
ARROWS	HEARTS	RIBBON
CARDS	JULIET	ROMANCE
CARMELITE/CHURCH	KISSES	ROMANTIC
CHOCOLATES	LACE	ROMEO
CUPIDS	LOVE	ROSES
FEBRUARY	LOVER	SAINT
FLOWERS	LUPERCALIA	SWEETHEARTS
FOURTEENTH	MESSAGES	VALENTINES/DAY

S	E	T	A	L	O	C	O	H	C	O	E	M	O	R
T	H	D	N	L	H	C	I	T	N	A	M	O	R	S
R	A	E	O	O	S	R	E	W	O	L	F	S	T	L
A	H	V	E	V	I	V	S	A	I	N	T	F	E	S
E	S	T	C	E	Y	T	I	A	S	R	I	J	O	E
H	E	F	N	M	L	A	C	E	A	G	Y	U	P	G
C	N	O	A	E	L	U	P	E	R	C	A	L	I	A
S	I	K	M	T	E	O	H	Y	F	E	B	I	Y	S
D	T	I	O	I	R	T	V	L	A	F	H	E	R	S
I	N	S	R	L	E	I	R	E	E	D	A	T	A	E
P	E	S	O	E	J	S	B	U	R	Y	R	L	U	M
U	L	E	W	M	D	U	F	B	O	V	R	U	R	B
C	A	S	P	R	O	S	E	S	O	F	O	P	B	B
A	V	U	A	A	S	M	E	O	P	N	W	A	E	I
R	O	C	H	C	H	U	R	C	H	S	S	V	F	R

Simple Stroke Detection

During a BBQ, a guest stumbled and took a little fall – she assured everyone that she was fine. She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. She was cleaned up and got a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up she went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

Her husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital – and later she passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps she would be with us today. Some don't die – they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke – totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognised, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Recognising a Stroke

(The above was sent to me by a reader of "Faith Matters" - Ed)

Manner of speaking

"Are your father and your mother in?" asked the vicar when the small boy opened the door.

"They was in," said the youngster. "But they is out."

"They was in. They is out.' Where's your grammar, young man?"

"She's gone upstairs, for a nap."

Remember the '3' steps, **STR**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognise the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognise a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S – Ask the individual to **SMILE**

T – Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE**

R – Ask the individual to **RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

If the person has trouble with **ANY ONE** of these task, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the operator

You can also ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', or if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if 10 people read this you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

Shalom

The word Jesus used for peace in Hebrew was, 'Shalom'.

When we left England in July, we bid Shalom to our friends and parishioners.

Steve Chalke, a famous British Baptist minister, has written a book called 'The Lost Message of Jesus'. In this book he talks profoundly about **A Kingdom of Shalom**. Shalom, as Jesus identified it, Chalke says, is like a kaleidoscopic vision of what life is like when lived in line with God's agenda. It incorporates contentment, health, justice, liberation, fulfilment, freedom and hope. It isn't the provision of wealth so you can buy yourself out of the troubles of life. Instead, shalom is the equipping of a person so they can cope with life's suffering and sorrows while basking in the beauty and joy it brings.

Moving across the Atlantic brought into sharp focus the blessings that surrounded us in Havant and now in Barrington Hills. The move has had both its joys and sorrows. Life, no matter where lived, will have its share of happiness and pain. But we feel blessed that this Kingdom of Shalom is actually all around us.

We feel blessed to be and to have been touched by so many wonderful and incredible people in our lives. It was wrenching to leave our UK family and friends behind. We had our good friends at our house – Angela & Duncan and Nigel & Alison as we packed up the last bits, swept the floors and shut the door for the last time. Ahhh, it was so hard. We will never forget those final moments in our

much loved home at 5 Meadowlands. And then as we drove veering off the M27 onto the A3 waving goodbye to Angela and Duncan as they continued on the M27 and we headed north. Sophia burst into tears and just sobbed as we were crossing the Hampshire border. So, Elise, Sophia and I cried together as we drove north. We miss our friends and our old home so very much.

It was hard to leave the much loved congregation at St. Faith's behind. We have so many great memories of our life at St. Faith's. We have great memories from our very first day to our very last day at St. Faith's. There were so many wonderful times we spent there. The ultimate climax of our time at St. Faith's came at the end. The send off was so incredible, so moving, so touching it made us want to stay and never leave. Did we really make the right decision? But, all our things were gone. However, we knew in our hearts it was time for us to move on. We thank everyone at St. Faith's for such special weeks leading up to our departure and the final special day.

We stayed with David's parents for a few days before we departed. It was nice to have that time together but the tearful departure was hard – especially on David and his parents.

The good news is that we have landed on our feet over here. The community at St. Mark's had been preparing for our arrival and worked hard to get our new home ready. Since we have been here, the people have been so very warm and welcoming. David's first service at St. Mark's was a baptism – what a great way to start a new

ministry. It was a lovely Saturday summers evening and baby Cavan was as placid and happy as anyone there. Baby Cavan's family suffered the loss of baby Evan just a year before, so Cavan was a special gift of joy to help heal the pain of their previous loss. It was a very special baptism. The very next day at David's first Sunday service the choir sang the British National Anthem. It was the first time I have witnessed David having tears roll down his face during a service. It was such an incredible act of graciousness by the people here to respect David's roots in this way. (As it was at St. Faith's when the choir sang the creatively adapted 'America' song at our last service!)

Elise is adapting well to her new school and has a lovely group of friends. Before we left the UK, the 7th grade councillor at her new school put her in touch with a lovely girl named Amy who has most of the same interests as Elise – dance, art and fashion. Elise has joined the same dance academy and has rediscovered her love for ballet. Elise says it has the right balance of challenge and fun. She is also taking jazz and tap, but ballet – she has rediscovered – is her favourite! Elise made the school honours role the first quarter so we are really proud of her. The one thing Elise *really hates* is how everyone adores her English accent. She also desperately misses her friends in the UK.

Sophia is still her imaginative and creative individual self. She has not made as many friends as Elise, but that will come in Sophia's time – she really misses her friends and

classmates at St. Albans. Sophia likes her new school and has found a new sense of independence by taking the bus to and from school every day. We were most impressed (as was Sophia's teacher) when Sophia was voted onto student council only 3 weeks after being at her new school. She has achieved A's in most of her subjects in school and is taking private flute lessons. We were also impressed by Sophia's determination to try out and then make the Barrington Swim Team only after a month of being here. She was determined, put the effort in and then reaped the reward. Now, I am putting the effort in driving Sophia and Elise around Barrington to their various practices.

David and I are doing very well. David is very much loved by the congregation at St. Mark's. They feel so lucky to have him (so do I!). At the moment we have 5 inches of snow on the ground and it is blustery and cold outside. David keeps converting the temperature from Fahrenheit to Celsius and is always shocked by the result! *'It's minus 20 Celsius, with a wind chill of minus 27 Celsius (this is no joke)!' he exclaimed the other day. 'Yes', I responded, 'and this is just the beginning of winter!'* (It could be a long winter!) Do we actually miss the English rain? We joined a fantastic fitness club in September and have been going regularly to do our workouts and enjoying the Jacuzzi and steam rooms- especially with the cold weather! We are gradually settling into our new home but it is taking time. We have recently been accepted as members of Barrington Hills Country Club and look forward to tennis, swimming and golfing when the spring

arrives!

This year we are counting our blessings and wish all our family and friends Shalom –

contentment, health, justice, liberation, fulfilment, freedom and

hope - that Jesus our Lord meant when he said, in our English translated bibles, 'Peace, be with you.'

With all our love,

Susan Gibbons

Buildings Management Committee Meeting 12 January 09

St Faith's Church. Problems with the lighting in church were being corrected. A notice would be fixed adjacent to the organ warning vandals of the danger of tampering with dangerous electrics. To conform to our insurance policies, metals in our buildings would be impregnated with "smart water" to enable stolen items to be traced back to our buildings.

Nos 1 & 2 Churchfields. Draught proofing was needed to the front and back door of No 1 and a hole in the wall, where a flue had been removed, bricked up. Gas Safety Certificates were being obtained for both properties. The roof of No 2 had been repaired where tiles were slipping.

Hall Complex. In his report, the Area Fire Officer had required the fitting of fire doors, smoke alarms and emergency lighting in the Hall.

Estimates were being obtained. The guttering was inadequate during heavy rain. A sign was being purchased to warn the public about the slippery surface outside the Church Shop.

Christ Church Site. The boiler in the bungalow had been repaired. The bungalow had now been let on a short term lease.

2/4 North Street. Following a complaint from the jeweller, dampness in the shop, possibly caused by fallen rubble in the air gaps of the outer walls, was being investigated.

Inspection of Properties. There would be a programme for all our buildings to be regularly inspected to ensure they were properly maintained.

MEMBERS OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

Vacant (Incumbent)

Prof. Jan Stuart (*Churchwarden & Chairman*) **Dr Graham Frost** (*Churchwarden*)
Mrs Helen Faulkner (*Hon. Treasurer*) **Mr Roger Bryant** (*Hon. Secretary*)
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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: **Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Colin Carter.**

Buildings Management Committee (BMC) attends to the use, repair and development of all parish buildings. Members: **Bill Skilleter** (*Chairman*) (1&2 Churchfields, 2-4 North Street), **Peter Appleby** (*Secretary*) (*Christchurch Bungalow*), **Vicki Mockford** (*Hall Complex*), **Anne Plater** (*St. Nicholas Chapel*), **Jenny Sagrott** (*St. Faith's Church*), **Paul Utting.**

Fabric Sub-Committee to the BMC. Oversees the implementation of the Quinquennial Report. **Carmen Stuart, Jenny Sagrott, Bob Wilson.**

Property Development Group (PDG) oversees the production of a plan for the development of the church properties. Members: **Jan Stuart** (*Chairman*), **Colin Carter** (*Secretary*), **Andrew Grant, Sandra Haggan, Sybel Laird.**

Worship Group. Advises the Rector about detailed issues affecting worship in St Faith's. During the present interregnum assists the Churchwardens in planning services, especially for major events. Members: **Alan Hakim, Trevor Hopkinson, Michael Laird, Carmen Stuart, Jan Stuart, Peter Thomas, Sylvia Willey.**

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SERVICES

Sunday 1st February FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	8.00am	Eucharist (<i>Revd J Pilkington</i>)
	8.00am	Eucharist at St Nicholas Chapel (<i>Revd K Uphill</i>)
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST (<i>Revd K Uphill</i>)
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>Revd R Acworth</i>)
Sunday 8th February FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	8.00am	Eucharist (<i>Canon B Hammond</i>)
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST (<i>Revd D Lindsay</i>)
	6.30pm	United Service at Methodist Church
Sunday 15th February SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>T Hopkinson</i>)
Sunday 22nd February SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	8.00am	Eucharist (<i>Revd D Divall</i>)
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST (<i>Revd J Preston</i>)
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>Revd R Acworth</i>)
Sunday 1st March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong

Midweek Services

Thursday	10.30am	Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer):
Saturday	9.00am	Eucharist

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