

From the Editor

Welcome to our new Rector, Canon Peter Jones. Our Rector is very comfortable to be addressed by whatever each individual is accustomed to but for general communications would prefer Canon Peter.

We have survived ten months of an interregnum when all parishioners pulled together and continued the good work and activities of St. Faith's. A special mention for our Churchwardens, Jan Stuart and Graham Frost, who have been running the church during this period.

Please note that after the Collation and Induction of The Reverend Canon Peter Jones as Rector on Monday 1st June at St. Faith's at

7:30pm by Bishop Kenneth there will be refreshments in the church hall.

Rosemary and Peter Thomas's grandson Andrew reports on page 10 on his seven months in Afghanistan with 42 Commando, Royal Marines, and gives an excellent insight as to what it is like for our armed forces in this ungovernable country.

It is poignant that this month sees the 65th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6 June 1944 (see *Word Search* on page 17) – where were our senior citizens on this day? - I was at school in Hornchurch, Essex. Furthermore, it is “*Armed Forces Day*” on 27 June – it was changed from “*Veterans Day*”.

Colin Carter

For Your Diary

Monday 1 June	7.30pm	Collation and Induction of Canon Peter Jones as Rector	Church
Saturday 6 June	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church
Monday 15 June	7.45pm	SC Meeting	Church House
Wednesday 17 June	7.30pm	PDG Meeting	24 Pembury Road
Sunday 21 June	11.30am	Civic Service	Church
Monday 22 June	7pm	BMC Meeting	29 Hamilton Close
Sunday 28 June	3.30pm	Strawberry Tea followed by Choral Evensong	Churchyard/Church
Saturday 4 July	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church
Monday 13 July	7.45pm	SC Meeting	Church House
Monday 20 July	7.45pm	PCC Meeting	Church House
Saturday 1 August	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church
31 Aug.-25 Sep.	9am-4pm	Church Shop	Coach House
Saturday 5 September	10am-3pm	Town Fair – <i>to be confirmed</i>	Churchyard
Saturday 12 September	9am-4pm	Round Churches Ride & Stride	Historic Churches
Saturday 3 October	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church
26 Oct.-20 Nov.	9am-4pm	Church Shop	Coach House
Saturday 7 November	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church
Saturday 28 November	7pm	Bell Ringers' Dinner	Church Hall
Saturday 5 December	10am-noon	Coffee Morning	Church

From the Rector

Etched into this year's Easter Paschal candle which stands beside the nave altar of St. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne in Australia, and replacing the traditional alpha – omega symbol is a representation of the recent devastating bushfires. The vivid reds, oranges and black of the design signify the horrors experienced by the hundreds of families who in losing their homes appear to have lost everything of not only physical importance but of spiritual significance also.

During my recent sabbatical visit to the Diocese of Melbourne both the bishop responsible for the fire-affected area and the head of '*Anglicare Victoria*' explained to me how the Anglican Church figured in both the state and nation's response to the tragedy. Not only did the Anglican parish church often become the pivotal local organisation on the ground that both state and federal government used to channel its assistance but also became the agency that exemplified the need to plan for long term ongoing support.

All of this reminded me of how churches, not least the Anglican church wherever it exists in the world, are in a position to work as important partners in actions needed in support of the communities they serve. Christian churches will always wish to discern the appropriateness or otherwise of partnering secular organisations in any initiative but the opportunity to humbly offer its resources as an active partner whether as a junior or senior player is an essential facet of Anglican mission.

Much work has been done in recent times at St. Faith's in considering how we can use our physical and other resources to help develop our own community. The environment, in which we operate, however, is fast changing and there will no doubt need to be fresh assessments made about how recent economic and other changes have impacted on carefully laid plans. Perhaps it is an opportunity then to reconsider who may be our as yet unidentified potential partners in achieving goals that we may have conceived as being ours and ours alone when in fact they may well be shared by others.

It is not only in disasters like that which savaged south Victoria that a diverse range of bodies come together to make a difference. Increasingly we are coming to see that the challenges that face any and every community can only properly be met when hitherto independent bodies work together for the good. Extraordinarily powerful new and unexpected alliances have been forged from the ashes of Melbourne's outlying townships. It is a phenomenon from which we might learn as we seek to shape the work God would have us do in our own corner. Who knows what symbols may become inscribed on our own future paschal candles before our own altar that reflect our church's engagement with events and organisations as we seek together ways of responding and serving.

Canon Peter

Prince Rupert

Last month I mentioned my fascination with the exploits of Prince Rupert, so who was he and what were these exploits? He was born in Prague in 1619 and was the nephew of Frederick V, Elector of Palatine. He first distinguished himself at the age of 18 in 1637 as a dashing cavalry officer in the Thirty Years War, which was a series of conflicts, mostly in Germany, arising out of religious struggles following the Protestant Reformation. He came to England in 1638 to join the army of King Charles I and was the commander (now aged 23) of his cavalry when the Civil War broke out in 1642. In the battles and skirmishes which followed, he normally swept the opposition out of his path but unfortunately did not have any concept of strategy. Time and again, he would chase opponents miles while leaving the foot soldiers outnumbered and at the mercy of other cavalry. However, he had great success on 16 July 1643 when he captured the important port of Bristol.

The Civil War ended in 1646 with defeat for the King but two years later Rupert became the Admiral of that part of the English Fleet which was still loyal to the monarch. In 1650 he was defeated in battle by the Parliamentarian Admiral Robert Blake. He returned to mainland Europe and stayed in exile for ten years before returning to England after his cousin, King Charles II, had been restored to

the throne. In 1670, the King granted a charter to Rupert and 17 gentlemen to form the Hudson's Bay Company with a monopoly of trade in the lands adjacent to the Hudson Bay in what is now Canada. This territory became known as Rupert's Land. The Company had the power to make and enforce laws, to build forts and to maintain warships. It played a massive role in colonizing the area, in defeating the other colonial power of France and in finally establishing Canada. The Company continued to flourish right up to the 20th Century. Indeed, they finally closed their last shops in 1991!

So back to Rupert. In 1673, at the age of 54, he set sail as an Admiral in the English Navy against the Dutch. The engagements were inconclusive and Rupert's military career came to an end. This extraordinary man now resumed his interest in the world of science, conducting many interesting experiments. He also excelled at Mezzotints. So who knows what mezzotints are without looking up their Oxford Dictionary? Mezzotint is a method of engraving by scraping a uniformly roughened plate, print so produced. You all knew that! I am very impressed. So there you have it; a soldier, sailor, business man and scientist. Perhaps not a great military strategist; no great victories to attribute to him but a man of great charisma.

Roger Bryant

Chicago Experience - Part 1

Day 1 – Saturday 4 April, 2009

The alarm sounds and I hit the button within about 1.5 seconds. I'm already awake. So is Claire, and so are Harriet and Eleanor. Today we're off to Chicago...well Barrington Hills, Illinois to be exact. The taxi arrives at 6am and we hit the road promptly. Just two returns to the house later (Claire dropped a glove and Eleanor forgot Teddy) and we're on the road to Barrington via Heathrow and an 8-hour flight with Virgin Atlantic. We're incredibly excited because we're off to spend two weeks with David, Susan, Elise and Sophia!

The airport is busy but we check in without fuss and move steadily through security. A light breakfast at Starbucks consisting of coffee, tea or hot chocolate (depending on which family member you are) and then a glance at the clock tells us that it's time to head for the departure gate. The plane takes off on time and we're quickly cruising at 36,000 feet. We all kick back and relax, headphones on and immediately we're indulging in the seat back entertainment. Films and music while coffee and breakfast are served. The excitement grows. It's the start of a great adventure.

Almost nine hours later and we're battling through US Border Control! They're very security conscious and just a tad over officious. 9/11 has understandably made them nervous; however we do wish they would crack a smile during our photo session, thumb printing and interrogation (or is it a morbid form of rapport building?). Once through we collect our suitcases from the carousel and head for the exit. Claire sees them first and what a

magnificent welcome! Home made 'Welcome' signs beautifully crafted by Elise and Sophia are held aloft. We share warm embraces, engage in excited chatter and laughter, and head for the car park. The adventure has truly begun.

Barrington Hills is a wonderful place. It's clearly an affluent part of Illinois and on the approach to St Mark's we take in the splendour of the properties and acres of land. We arrive at our destination and have our first sight of the church. Around forty years old it's not at all austere. A simple white building, it possesses a perfect sense of spirituality that isn't diminished by the contemporary and comparatively minimalist design of the inside. It is very different to St Faith's. It serves exactly the same purpose...and delivers.

The Rectory is delightful. Susan has described 335 Ridge Road as '*The Shack on the Street*'! Certainly it doesn't hint at affluence in the same way as many of the surrounding properties; however it is large, comfortable, well equipped and warm. Our arrival has been delightful and welcoming.

That evening it snows. We enjoy good food, beer and classic Susan Gibbon's gin and tonic (about half and half I'd say!). We are delighted to have said hello to Buddy once again (he is a dog with a perfect character and temperament, and is one of Eleanor's very best friends). By 8pm we are very tired. It's 2am UK time and we retire to our beds dreaming of excitement to come.

Day 2 – Sunday 5 April, 2009

Sunday morning and there is a good 3 inches of snow on the ground. Susan has described this part of the USA as being blessed with the weather of extremes...and she isn't wrong! Breakfast precedes church attendance. David is delivering the 8 o'clock and the girls go off to experience the St Mark's Youth Church groups. Claire and I attend the 9am Christian Formation Group facilitated by David. It's a thoughtful group discussion, video led and allowing us to reason and ponder on the meaning and significance of Christ's death on the cross.

Palm Sunday service at 10:15am begins outside the church, sees a procession inside and is followed by copious amounts of hot cross buns and coffee. The buns are delicious and I think it's the first time I've eaten them where the cross is sweet icing. They are delicious...and the people are so friendly. Claire and I feel immediately welcome. There is a strong spirituality and genuine Christian nature amongst the congregation and this makes us feel very much at home.

Back at the Rectory we have salad and cold meats for lunch, then Susan, Claire and the girls go shopping in Barrington. David, Sophia and I remain at home to play a board game called '*Don't Panic!*' before David goes off to lead a YAC group session and Sophia and I venture outside to play French Cricket. Sophia really enjoys this game as she hasn't played it before, while Buddy fields for England!

Dinner is the most incredible Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pud. This is

followed by a '*crash out*' evening where the girls deliver a fashion show then head off to bed, leaving the adults to take in some TV and watch a thought provoking dramatisation of the Passion. Tiredness creeps up at about 10:30pm and we retire.

Day 3 – Monday 6 April, 2009

Elise and Sophia are up early for school. They leave at 7am and 8am respectively with fond goodbyes from Harriet and Eleanor. Breakfast is fragmented as everyone gets up at different times. This morning I feel like my body clock has adapted and a little later in the morning we all gather around the table for some itinerary planning. We develop some good thoughts and ideas about what we will do over the next two weeks, then David and I go outside to display a sign at the front of the church advertising Easter Sunday service times.

It's early afternoon and I spend a little time on line. I book a very nice hotel in Chicago where Claire and I will spend Tuesday evening. The plan is for just the two of us to go and experience the big city on our own. The following week all eight of us will take a short break in the '*Windy City*'.

Later that afternoon Susan, Claire, Harriet and Eleanor go shopping with a promise to return with doughnuts. Meanwhile, David and I take Buddy to the dog exercise area where Buddy cuts loose and we put our running shoes on and cover 4.5 miles of very muddy, very tough cross country. I think Gibbo stitched me up here as I thought we were going for a nice flat run just to loosen up the muscles following the long flight across the

pond! We drive back to the house, shower, and prepare an evening meal.

Everyone thoroughly enjoys the evening meal, proving once and for all that men can deliver great tasting food beyond the barbecue! That evening I take a trip with David, Elise and Harriet. We drop Elise off for a dancing lesson and then go on to Staples to find print cartridges. Before collecting Elise we slip into the library for a couple of Chicago guides. Claire and I will need these when we travel to Chicago the following day.

Day 4 – Tuesday 7 April, 2009

We're up very early for breakfast. Today Harriet and Eleanor are spending the day at school with Elise and Sophia. At 7am Harriet jumps on the school bus with Elise and heads off to Barrington Middle School. At 8:15am the rest of us jump in the cars and drop Sophia and Eleanor off at Countryside Elementary School. These are memorable days for our girls and we are so grateful to Susan for taking the time and effort to organise them.

After the school drop off, Susan takes David, Claire and me to Barrington station. The three of us catch the train to Ogilvy Transportation Centre, Chicago. Claire and I are spending today and tomorrow in the city and the first thing we do is accompany David to Chicago Cathedral and attend the Christ Mass. This is a memorable service, heightened by some beautiful music that transcends boundaries and highlights how beauty and spirituality exist right across the traditional and modern contemporary Christian genres.

Claire and I enjoy the opportunity to meet the disarming and down to earth Rt. Rev. Jeffery D. Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago. We enjoy a delicious meal at the Cathedral and then wave goodbye to David as he hops on a bus back to the station. He catches the train to Barrington to join the others back at the Rectory.

Claire and I spend the rest of the day exploring this multi-cultural city of giant skyscrapers. The architecture is outstanding. We take a trip up Sears Tower (the highest building in North America at almost 1,500 feet), check into our hotel room on the 34th floor of the very classy Swissotel, wander around Navy Pier, and take dinner at the California Pizza Kitchen. We eat more than we should and retire to our hotel room at 11pm.

Day 5 – Wednesday 8 April, 2009

We're up early in the morning - the weather looks good. I find a perfect smooth jazz station on the bedside radio and take some time to chill. We waste little time and are ready to check out by 9:15am. Having checked out we wander along East Whacker and see that we can get an '*eat as much as you like*' breakfast at Hoolihans. I unerringly battle my way through about 8,000 calories of breakfast delights and a gallon of coffee! Claire watches in horror, however she recovers and does manage a little breakfast herself.

A brisk walk out to Navy Pier and I'm hungry again (not really!). We buy some tickets for an architectural tour of the city and climb on a boat that takes us up and down the Chicago River. This is a perfect way to explore the buildings of Chicago. There is a blend of traditional, modern and post-modern

styles that isn't apparent until you do this tour, and take a listen to what the highly knowledgeable (if slightly egotistical) guide has to tell you.

After the tour we take a stroll out along Navy Pier and then come back into the main area of the city. We grab coffee and a snack at Starbucks (there's one on every block – at least it feels like it), and then we grab our bags from the Swissotel and take a bus to Ogilvy Transportation Centre. We jump on

the train back to Barrington where we are met by David and chauffeured back to 335 Ridge Road.

In the evening Susan prepares some delicious soup for our evening meal. We all sit round the table and enjoy our food while listening to the girls' stories of their school experiences and filling everyone in on our Chicago city experience. We retire for the evening, full of excitement and thinking of more ahead.

(Look out for the next edition of "Faith Matters" for the continuing adventure of Jeremy, Claire, Harriet and Eleanor's Chicago experience.)

A Year to Remember

In St. Faith's magazine in May 1935, it stated Confirmation Classes would begin early June. My parents agreed I could join. The Rev. Victor Edwards, one of the Assistant Clergy took the classes. We attended a class once a week – if we missed more than two classes we had to wait until the next year. Some of us were only 15-years old and a few of the older congregation thought we were far too young!! A separate class was held for adults and there was about 30 of us younger ones.

I wanted to be a Sunday school teacher but could not until I was confirmed, but from the September I attended the Teachers Class one evening a week with the teachers and sat in a class each Sunday morning.

Our confirmation was on Advent Sunday, 2nd December 1935 – what excitement. The last class was split and the boys went a different night. At that class we were shown what occurred at the actual service and also shown the Chalice and told how to hold it.

The service was at 3pm – all the girls were in white and we all had a veil (I

(Audrey celebrates her 90th birthday this month)

have still got mine carefully wrapped in blue tissue paper).

We met in a shop called Douglas & Pearson's and had our veils put on and we walked to church (it poured with rain!)

At the classes we had to learn the Catechism and the Creed. The Bishop called out our names and we had to stand by ourselves and make our promise. He asked us various questions on the Catechism – how nervous we all were. I cannot remember what I was asked!

We received our first Holy Communion the following Sunday, the 9th December at the 8am service – no 9.30am service then.

I also began my first Sunday as a Sunday school teacher in Miss Norkett's (*Norkie*) Infant School. I had 15 under 5-year olds in my class.

What a wonderful year I had – never to be forgotten.

St. Faith's has been part of my life ever since I was six years old.

Audrey Currie

From the Registers

10th May: Baptism of Elisha Westmore

10th May: Baptism of Harriet Middleton

26th May: Baptism of Toby and Sophia Essam

Buildings Management Committee Meeting - 27 April 2009

Churchfields. No 1 - The tenant had fitted a new shower unit which must be certified safe by a competent electrician.

Church Rented Properties. Jeffries, our letting agents, currently acted as rent collectors but for an extra 1% fee (less than £10 monthly), they would now manage our properties including regular inspections.

St Nicholas Chapel. The Langstone Village Association, who regularly use the Chapel, want additional electrical sockets installed and has been asked to write to us with details of their proposals.

Hall Complex. Progress was being made with Fire Precautions, with new doors fixed, locks done, walls removed or altered. Evacuation procedures were being worked out. There had been a break-in but no damage done. Locks had now been strengthened.

Christ Church Bungalow. A quote had been accepted for the installation of an extractor fan in the bathroom and the tenants advised that any electrical work they undertook would need to be

checked by an electrician of our choice.

2A North Street. The rent would be reviewed with effect from June 2009.

St Faith's Church. A quote of £485 had been accepted for the manufacture and installation of two wrought iron handrails on the steps leading to the vestries. A faculty was being sought for this and the stand for the remembrance book. The 2009 Quinquennial Report had been received, running to 44 pages. Costs were estimated at £2,600 (immediate work), £59,700 in first year, £38,200 (second), £75,800 (five) and £128,000 (long term). Guidance would be required from the PCC about priorities. An electrician was dealing with problems with the lights.

Organ. The organ still needed a major overhaul, despite the £2,070 already spent.

Westbourne Open Gardens 2009

Westbourne Village welcomes you on Sunday 14 June 10.30am-5pm when 18 large and small gardens will be open. They range from formal walled to traditional cottage gardens and include the garden of Westbourne Primary School where light refreshments and a stall selling plants grown by the children will be available. All proceeds will go to the Primary School and the Parish Hall Development Fund. Entry ticket to all gardens available on the day in the village square and at some of the gardens. Entrance to all gardens – £6 for adults – free for children under 14 years. Please no dogs

Afghanistan - Memoirs of a Marine

Now that I have returned safely from seven months service with 42 Commando, Royal Marines, it would be appropriate for me to thank all members of St Faith's and other local Churches whose prayers have supported me during the many operations we undertook. 42 Commando, as the Regional Battle Group South, was the striking force for the whole of Southern Afghanistan. Before Christmas we were pitted against a highly capable and persistent enemy with Danish tanks, Estonian Infantry and elements of the British Army to disrupt insurgent activity in Central Helmand. We made a huge number of finds including 46 pressure plates for making roadside mines and three Taliban leaders.

After 10 days mid tour leave in England I survived the coach crash on the journey back to Brize Norton and returned to a major operation lasting a month in the "Fish Hook" area of Southern Helmand 100km down the Helmand River into the green zone, an ungovernable area about which little was known. We were flown in by RAF Chinook helicopters and joined by the rest of the unit in heavily armed and armoured vehicles with 60 soldiers of the Afghan National Army. We were accompanied by experts in the local culture to gain a better understanding of the people there and we also had a dentist and our doctor with us to give medical treatment. On 28 February our joint force gathered to investigate Khan Sherin town surrounding an old fort and a hotbed of Taliban activity. As we advanced, firing intensified and two attacks were made by suicide bombers

who only succeeded in killing themselves. We were supported by Apache attack helicopters which shot up enemy firing points with no civilian casualties. We recovered much raw opium and AK 47 rifles, grenades and two suicide vests.

After welcome showers back at base we embarked on our final operation. This in the words of the "Sun" newspaper, whose reporter came with us, was "a ferocious three day assault on Taliban bases in the opium swamped Marjah region to avenge the deaths of 32 of their RM & Army comrades during their tour" (Note: there were 32 deaths from the Brigade as a whole and included three from 42 Commando). It began with a dawn assault from RAF and US helicopters and entailed night approach marches to catch the Taliban in bed. It was claimed that 130 Taliban were killed by all arms in the course of this operation.

We then returned to base, handed in our specialist equipment to the Black Watch and flew back to Exeter airport via 36 hours decompression in Cyprus. Now I am on leave until 42 Commando marches through Plymouth on 7 May.



Then I will get some more leave to visit my family in Sendai, Japan whose prayers and support have meant so

much to me during my time on active service.

Andrew Thomas

(Rosemary and Peter Thomas were in Plymouth on 7 May to see their grandson Andrew in the 42 Commando, Royal Marines, march down Royal Parade past an estimated 3,000 cheering supporters. Andrew is third from the left smiling as Peter took the photograph!)

PDG Meeting - 27 April 2009

Christchurch Centre. Changes to the lease to reflect the new resolution passed by the PCC on 16 April have been made.

Church Hall. Further meetings have been held with the Dynamo Youth Theatre (DYT) who made proposals for a lease. Costs for running the hall have been passed to DYT who will come back to us with an update to their terms.

Church House.

a. **Nursery.** Discussions were held for a change from a rental agreement to a lease when the current incumbent retires

b. **Fire Regulations Progress.** The fire doors are in place, one partition has been made fireproof, new locks fitted and a fire alarm almost complete. Emergency lighting is still to be installed

c. **Shop Store.** It was agreed that we should build a new shop store with the funds available for Property Development.

Church.

a. **Quinquennial Survey Report.** The report has been received. One of the main concerns with the report is that although the Urgent matters (to be carried out immediately) are only estimated at £2,600, the A list (to be carried out within one year) is estimated at £59,700

b. **Handrail.** A faculty has been raised for a handrail, with the memorial book, key box and shelves in the choir vestry

c. **Lighting.** An estimate for a new lighting scheme has been received and is estimated to be £35-£40K based on photographs of the interior of the church.

Churchfields. HBC has no records on how the decision to include Churchfields in the Conservation Area was made.

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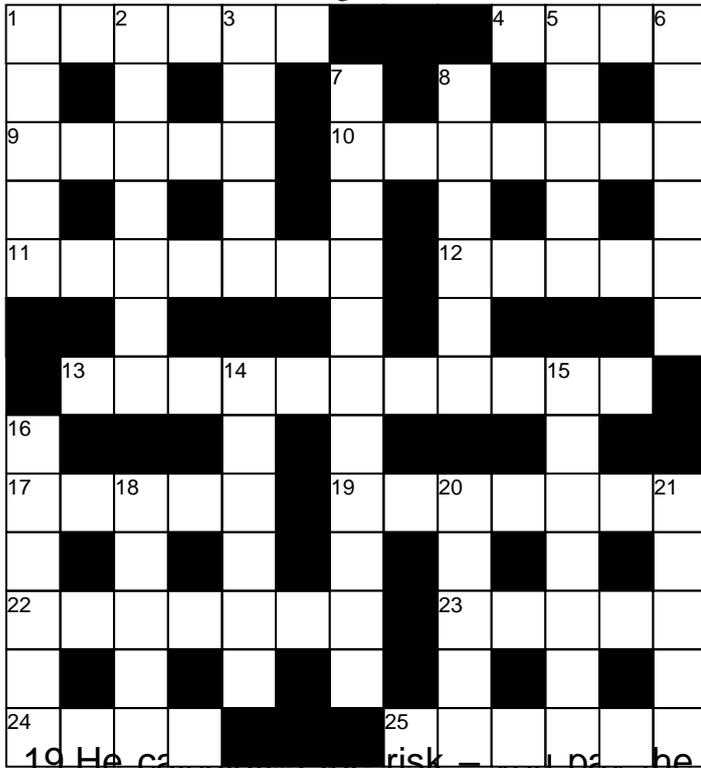
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St Faith's June 2009 Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Securing line for murdered prelate (6)
4. Sound of quartet heard on the course (4)
9. Linked verse of poets expressed with fitful anger (5)
10. Made up song about gin for small drinks (7)
11. Nobleman with decoration gets organ part (7)
12. Custom or habit for American time (5)
13. After consideration I report papa to be quite fitting (11)
17. Change made by people in this time (5)
22. Change by degree to arrange in ranks (7)
25. Only holding physical education initially in the public eye (6)

19. He calculates the risk - you pay the price! (7)

23. Stir, for decay is around us (5)
24. Regretted sounding impolite (4)

Down

1. Murder quietly by eponymous method (5)
3. An age to find muse of love poetry (5)
6. List requires a sorter to work it out (6)
8. An American soldier holding out a small rodent (6)
15. "That the great house of ----- should suffer wrong no more" (7)
18. Avoid young man flying up over the east (5)
2. Able to cause a fall by mischievous trick (7)
5. French and German agreement for a board of inquiry (5)
7. Go in quietly getting increases for projects (11)
14. Colourful headgear disliked by most soldiers (6)
16. Old car makes a lot of noise (6)
20. Tie members up (5)
21. Irritable, like a pest (5)

Compiled for St Faith's by Sisyphus

Answers to the editor by 15th June please!

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Word Search - 65th D-Day Anniversary

This year on 6th June it is the 65th anniversary of D-Day. Can you find the words associated with that historical date 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.

BEDELL/SMITH	JUNO	OVERLORD
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GOLD	OMAHA	UTAH

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Answers to May 2009 Crossword

Across: 1.Rock, 3.Lateran, 8.Protons, 9.Ingot, 10.Salmi, 11.Inferno, 13.Grapeshot, 17.Arcadia, 19.Loofa, 20.Buyer, 22.Leeward, 23.Courses, 24.Heir.

Down: 1.Repose, 2.Choplogic, 3.Les Miserables, 4.Thief, 5.Rag, 6.Notion, 7.Godiva, 12.Rationale, 14.Heller, 15.Iambic, 16.Gander, 18.Darts, 21.You.

Two entries, both correct, were received from Ann Slade and Ian Tunks.

Life on the Nile - Part 2

The charter flight was completely full, and of course the late start meant we didn't reach Luxor until after dark. There we were loaded into coaches, and found that the flight carried many different tour groups. Ours was only nine people, a very good number. We were met by our tour guide, Mohammed, who was with us throughout the holiday, and proved a first class guide, full of fascinating information, provided he wasn't distracted by his mobile phone. Luckily there is no signal on Lake Nasser, but once we got back to civilisation, he was constantly being rung up in the middle of describing a temple.

We were told it was a three-hour drive to the boat, but time is flexible in Egypt, and we drove through the night for over four hours. This was almost the only time we saw the real Egypt. People were walking around, or sitting drinking coffee, in every village we passed through, and all the men above teenage appeared to be wearing the *gallabiya*, a long one-piece robe rather like a night-shirt. Further north, most men wear western clothes, though I was surprised to find many more women wore the Islamic headscarf than we had seen in 1995. About midnight, we reached Aswan, a large town, but had another half-hour drive down steadily bumpier roads to reach our boat, which was of course moored above the High Dam.

After hours in the plane and the bus, this was a different world. The *Prince Abbas* is a modern ship, but it is based on the design of Thomas Cook's first Nile steamer built in 1887. In fact in

several of the public rooms, they had framed pictures and documents about the original *Prince Abbas*, including the passenger list of a cruise in January 1890, which included no fewer than five MPs with their families. (I expect they paid their own fares.) Cook catered exclusively to British tourists, but now we found a mix of many nationalities, especially a lot of Egyptian families. Early February is the school holidays, and clearly the Egyptians like visiting their monuments, just as we visit National Trust houses.

The light of morning showed we were moored in a very industrial dock by the railway station, but very soon we set off on our voyage – for about ten minutes. We had only to sail to the other end of the High Dam to visit the first group of temples, relocated on to higher ground from three sites about 20-30 miles south.

Since so many sites were threatened by the rising water, the engineers have moved them into groups of three. This allows the boats to stop for an extended visit, when tourists can move easily from one temple to its neighbour, only a few hundred yards away. So here we landed at Kalabsha, the second-largest temple in Nubia. This is an example of the paradox of ancient Egyptian temples. There is a strong feeling of "*When you've seen one, you've seen them all.*" Kalabsha is a 1st century BC rebuild of a 15th century temple, but in the same style. Clearly the sort of people who say, "*I've no time for this modern architecture*" had the upper hand for thousands of years. It is only when

you look closely at the hundreds of wall carvings (and decipher the hieroglyphics) that you can see how old a building is. Then you notice the differences. Egypt's dry climate keeps stone temples in perfect condition, but there are no ancient houses, since they were built of mud brick, and replaced frequently. Within a few minutes' walk of Kalabsha were two other monuments, one of about the same age, and the other, now called the hemispeos of Beit-el-Wali. ("*What's a hemispeos?*" you ask. We weren't told, but perhaps Sisyphus could put one in his crossword.) The Arabic name means "*the house of the holy man*", and it contains carvings of the military triumphs of Ramses II, who died in 1237 BC. He is the best-remembered Pharaoh (possibly the Pharaoh of Exodus), since he has left impressive statues of himself all over the country. But when he was alive, the pyramids were already 1,300 years old.

For the rest of the day, we sailed south on the lake. The Tropic of Cancer crosses the lake a few miles south of the High Dam, but there is no change to lush tropical vegetation, just desert on both sides. The day was spent agreeably in eating and lounging in the sunshine. Food and service were excellent, and it always surprises me how hungry I get doing nothing on a ship. The *Prince Abbas* is unusual in having the cabins opening directly on to the deck, where nearly all of the others have them along a central corridor. At sunset we reached our next group of sites, Wadi-es-Seboua, and moored alongside a small island for the night.

Next morning we were loaded into the

ship's lifeboat for the very short trip to the temples. Wadi-es-Seboua (Valley of the Lions – another Ramses II temple approached along an avenue of sphinxes) was the first to be moved after 1960. The process involves cutting up the temple into its separate blocks of stone, and reassembling them at the new location. This temple was moved by the Egyptian government before UNESCO had got the support of international experts. The result is that the standard of reconstruction is not as high as at the other sites, where you might think they have never moved. Here it was obvious that gaps in the stonework had been filled in with cement. The inner chamber of the temple is cut into the rock, and was converted many years later into a Christian chapel. This has happened in many temples.

From there we had to make our own way to the next temple, Dakka, which was visible at the top of a slope about half a mile away. For those unwilling to walk, there was a camel-rank beside the landing stage, with 20 camels ready to give you a ride up the hill. One of our group confessed to a lifelong ambition to ride a camel, so here was her chance at last. I was able to take a photo of her as she arrived, and it looks as if she is riding alongside the lake with no buildings anywhere near. Dakka dates from the Ptolemaic period, about 200 BC, and because the Ptolemies mostly had quite short reigns, the inscriptions just refer to '*Pharaoh*'. The stonemasons were a long way from the capital, Alexandria, and weren't certain the same Ptolemy would be on the throne by the time they finished carving the hieroglyphics.

Then it was a short walk downhill, past another small Ptolemaic temple, which is unique in having a spiral staircase to the roof, and a wonderful view over the lake. Meanwhile the ship's boat had come up to fetch us back, and we sailed off south again to the next group, which includes the oldest temple we saw, dating from before 1450 BC. It had been added to by later Pharaohs', including Ramses II, of course. The buildings in this group were the smallest we visited, and the only time we had any crowding. Unlike the hundreds of ships in Upper Egypt, there are only seven on Lake Nasser, and we saw only three of them. So even though we all arrived about the same time, there was room for everybody, except at the last site, the small tomb of Pennut, an important official under Ramses VI (1135 BC). Here there was hardly room for six people, so we were grateful that Mohammed arranged for us to sail back to the ship without waiting for the other groups who were well behind us in the queue.

In the evening, the crew laid on a Nubian entertainment for us, with singing and dancing. And their eye lit

on Frances, who was persuaded to join in. Next morning we had a quick visit to the only site that hasn't been moved. Qasr Ibrim used to be a fort on top of a 150-foot hill overlooking the modern village. Now it is a tiny island too small for tourists to land, and the village is deep underwater. The ship sails right up to it, and we look *down* on the ruins from the top deck. After a few minutes, we reversed away, and went on to Abu Simbel. On this part of the lake we did see a few boats: fishermen, and one tug pushing a barge full of stone. There is also a weekly passenger boat that sails non-stop between the High Dam and Wadi Halfa on the Sudan border. This is part of the famous overland route from Cairo to the Cape. Unfortunately it passed us during the night, so I couldn't see how crowded it was. But there are hardly any people living by the lake. There were a few at each temple hoping to sell souvenirs, or offering to have their photo taken with a baby crocodile about 6 inches long. But there was very little of the hassle and cries of *Baksheesh* (Money) you get at the Upper Egypt sites.

Alan Hakim

(To be continued)

From St Faith's Safer Neighbourhood Team

Dear Residents,

For many months now I have been writing in the St Faith's magazine highlighting crime issues and offering crime prevention tips and I am saddened to say that this will be the last issue that I write for the magazine. As some of you maybe aware I have been waiting for a start date to begin my training as a Police Constable and to my delight I received confirmation that I shall be starting on the May intake. I would just like to say thank you to all my readers and apologies if I've bored you along the way but a big thank you to Colin for allowing me to insert an article every month. As from next month PCSO Tom Neale 13376 will continue with writing the monthly updates. And so back to business – In several issues there has been mention of garden ornaments being stolen. At present Havant hasn't been a target but surrounding areas such as Emsworth, Horndean, etc., have been so I would still advise being careful of leaving ornaments particularly large or potted plants on display. This is also the same for the garden statues. If any person(s) or vehicles, i.e., flat bed lorries are seen looking around at properties or gardens if possible record vehicle index and then contact the police on 0845 045 45 45. As with the warmer weather drawing near many windows, doors and sheds are left either open or unlocked often forgotten by the resident. This can make the property a target for

opportunists. Recently the Havant area has been victim to several burglary non dwelling breaks and vehicle crime overnight from the hours of 11pm-5am. Please take an extra few minutes to ensure that sheds are secured possibly with a padlock. Any items such as tools, etc., that may be worthwhile should be removed from view. Windows to properties could be placed on a latch or shut and secured if property is empty. As with vehicles please make sure it is locked and any valuables preferably removed, though if unable to, either place in glove compartment or boot.

On a happier note St Faith's are looking to set up an initiative called "*Ring your Bell*" with Havant Borough Council (HBC). HBC is currently working with Hampshire County Council and "*Sustrans*" to implement a network of cycleways throughout the borough. As the borough has many combined pedestrian and cycle paths the number of incidents involving collisions reported by pedestrians has slowly increased. St Faith's are looking at reducing the number of complaints by encouraging cyclists to alert pedestrians of their presence. In the near future we're hoping to have signs placed on the combined footpath highlighting the "*Ring your Bell*" scheme.

Again a big thank you. Regards,

PCSO Sarah Woodley 13389

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Monday 1st June	7.30pm	Collation & Induction of Canon Peter Jones as Rector of St. Faith's Church
Sunday 7th June TRINITY SUNDAY	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.15am	Youth Church at 9 Brunswick Gardens
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 14th June FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	United Service at St Faith's
Sunday 21st June SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28th June THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am	Eucharist
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong with choir of Westbourne Church
Sunday 5th July FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	8.00am	Eucharist
	8.00am	Eucharist at St. Nicholas, Langstone
	9.15am	Sunday Club at Church House
	9.15am	Youth Church at 9 Brunswick Gardens
	9.30am	PARISH EUCHARIST
	6.30pm	Evensong

Midweek Services

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

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