

# MONTHLY INFORMATION

St. Faith's Church, Havant with St. Nicholas Chapel, Langstone

## SEPTEMBER 2020

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## What's On?



**Sunday 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION**

**Thursday 10.30am Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

Services will be streamed via our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/stfaithschurchhavant/>

See also <http://stfaith.com/livestreamed-services/>

**Sunday 6pm Said Evensong via Zoom. The link is:**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73577393658?  
pwd=cW90TW9OREVSNVVMK3pqeW5OMitTQT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73577393658?pwd=cW90TW9OREVSNVVMK3pqeW5OMitTQT09)

Meeting ID: 735 7739 3658

Password: 018860

**Monday - Tea and Chat at 3pm with Sandra**

The Zoom link is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87388723961?  
pwd=K0JjamtYS0xJUGNQbUE1YXFRKzlkQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87388723961?pwd=K0JjamtYS0xJUGNQbUE1YXFRKzlkQT09)

Meeting ID: 873 8872 3961

Password: 388033

*For the latest information refer to our weekly news (Corona Chronicle) at <https://stfaith.com/566-2/>*

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**Matthew the Apostle**, also known as **Saint Matthew** and as **Levi**, was, according to the New Testament, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Christian tradition, he was also one of the four Evangelists and thus is also known as **Matthew the Evangelist**.



The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Ascension of Jesus. Later Church fathers claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.

According to the Gospels, Matthew was a 1st-century Galilean, the son of Alphaeus. As a tax collector, he would have been literate in Aramaic and Greek. His fellow Jews would have despised him for what was seen as collaborating with the Roman occupation force.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "*I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*"

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St. Matthew's Day in 2020 is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Michaelmas** also known as the **Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**, the **Feast of the Archangels**, or the **Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels** is a Christian festival observed in some Western liturgical calendars on 29 September. In some denominations a reference to a fourth angel, usually Uriel, is also added. Michaelmas has been one of the four quarter days of the financial year.



In the fifth century a basilica near Rome was dedicated in honour of Michael on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day, and 29 September is now kept in honour of Michael and all Angels throughout some western churches. The name Michaelmas comes from a shortening of "*Michael's Mass*", in the same style as Christmas (Christ's Mass) and Candlemas (Candle Mass, the Mass where traditionally candles used throughout the year would be blessed).

In 2020, Michaelmas is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Harvest Festival** has been celebrated since pagan times. The Encyclopaedia Britannica traces its origins to the animistic belief in the corn (or grain) spirit or grain mother. In some areas the farmers believed that a spirit resided in the last sheaf of grain to be harvested. To chase out the spirit they beat the grain to the ground. In some places they wove some blades of corn into a 'corn dolly' that was kept for luck until the seed was sown the following year. These grains were then ploughed back into the field in the hope that the new crop would be blessed. By the sixteenth century a number of customs had been established around the final gathering of the harvest. These included the reapers accompanying a fully laden cart, singing songs and shouting 'hooky, hooky'. One of the foremost reapers would dress extravagantly and act as Lord of the Harvest and ask for money from the watching crowd. A special cake was often distributed to the celebrating farm workers. A Harvest Home or feast would be held at the farmer's house and games were played to celebrate the end of the harvest.

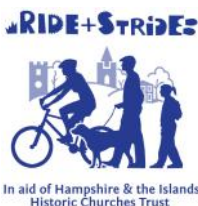


The tradition of Harvest Festival in today's format began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker of the parish of Morwenstow in north Devon invited parishioners to a special thanks giving service for the harvest at the church.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> 1843 he put up a notice saying: *"Let us gather together in the chancel of our church and there receive in the bread of the new corn, that blessed sacrament which was ordained to strengthen and refresh our souls."* The Victorian hymns which are still sung such as *'Come ye faithful people come'; 'We plough the fields and scatter'* and *'All things*

*bright and beautiful'* helped to popularise his idea of a Christian harvest festival.

**Ride and Stride.** It is on Saturday 12th September . Please talk to *Hilary Deadman* on 023 9247 1241 for details of this event organised by the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust which St Faith's has always supported and received grants from them, including the restoration of the Patronal banner. The aim of the event is to visit as many local churches as possible by whatever means. Help is needed too at St Faith's to meet and greet participants from other churches too.



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