This Week...

- Havant Good Neighbours is reforming
- Monday Club is Back!
- New Lunchtime Concerts Programme
- Events Calendar & ‘Coming Soon’
- A job opportunity
- Homilies from last week
- Lent Programme - in case you missed it!
- PCC Meeting Report
- Pray, Bake, Read
- Langstone Coffee Morning this Saturday
- Healing Service this Tuesday
- World Day of Prayer next Friday
- Ash Wednesday arrangements
- Safeguarding Training
- Hymns & Readings for Sunday
- A little humour

It’s all happening at St Faith’s!
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World
Including our mission partners in Ghana and Japan

The Diocese
For Commissary Bishop Rob, & for Bishop Jonathan Frost as he prepares to lead us.

Our Parish & Community
For those preparing to run The Alpha Course. Fairfield, Bosmere and Warblington Schools. Frontline workers and shop staff.

The Recently Departed
Pete Holding
Kerry Smith
Geoff Jones
(Funeral at The Oaks Thurs 24 February at 2:30pm)
Ivan Morley
June Harwood

Anniversaries of Departed
25th Mary Bracher
27th Lillian Hibberd
28th Alice Clinnick

Key Events in weeks ahead...
at St Faith’s unless otherwise indicated

SEE OPPOSITE FOR REGULAR EVENTS

To watch online services: click here to participate via Facebook) or www.stfaith.com FOR ST ALBAN’S SERVICES: click here, then click the weekly notice sheet

THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY
1030 Traditional Said Communion with Canon Tom
1400 Note: There will be NO ‘TAT - Thursday at Two’ this month

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY
0930 NO Little Lambs (Half Term)
1830 Choir Practice. Want to join? Just enter through the side door.

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY- (2rd Sunday before Lent, QUINQUEGESIMA & TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY)
0930 Parish Communion with Canon Tom
1645 ‘Come and Sing’ Rehearsal
1830 Choral Evensong

MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY
1000 MONDAY CLUB Returns!

TUESDAY 01 MARCH (Shrove Tues)
1900 HEALING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 02 MARCH (Ash Weds)
1230 Lunchtime Concert - Charles Harrison - Organist of Chichester Cathedral
1900 Ash Wednesday Service at ST ALBANS

THURSDAY 03 MARCH
1030 Traditional Communion with Imposition of Ashes
1400 Safeguarding Training (for all church volunteers)

FRIDAY 04 MARCH
1400 World Day of Prayer - with Churches Together

Those who have asked for our prayers
Sue Titcomb
Marlene Sharpe
Tim McCann
Ian Dillow
Olive Rush
Roslyn Macmillan
Eileen Norris
John Youngman
Lyn Williams
Judy Barnett
Louise Young
Sheena Jefferis
Don Copper
Ann Edwards
Chloe Britt
What’s On?

Your handy guide to life at St Faith’s, St Nicholas and St Alban’s

Please see the weekly Chronicle for a week-by-week listing of forthcoming events

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* This is a general guide only. Please check the weekly calendar for any variations, to avoid disappointment.
Coming Soon to St Faith’s

Get these dates in your diary now!

MAR 01  ‘Shrove Tuesday’ Healing Service, led by Bishop John.  
Marking the start of our Lent Programme

MAR 04  World Day of Prayer at St Faith’s (2pm)

MAR 05  St Faith’s Coffee Morning (10am)

MARCH 27 TO APRIL 10 - The Church will be less accessible, for Dynamo Youth Theatre’s production of ‘Oliver!’ Tickets at https://dynamoyouththeatre.com/

MAR 28  ‘Easter Experience’ - for children of Bosmere School (date has changed)

APR 09  ‘The Courtiers’ - Saturday Night at the Pallant returns

APR 17  Easter Sunday Blessing of the Boats at Langstone (1200).

APR 26  Art Exhibition in church, by Mark Chaldecott (local painter) - all week

MAY 07  ‘The Dielle Trio’ - Saturday Night at the Pallant

MAY 21  Joint parish QUIET DAY: at Buriton, led by Rev’d Max Millet, & Readers Jackie Brookfield & Sandra Haggan

MAY 24  Solent Male Voice Choir & Bosmere School Choir concert - 7pm.

JUN 09  “Lord, teach us to pray” - 5 week course with Bishop John

JUN 11  1400 - Garden Party at Rosemary Thomas’ garden

1900 - ‘Al Goodwin’ - Saturday Night at the Pallant

OTHER IDEAS also under development include

- an ‘Alpha Course’ in May (for anyone who’d like to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting, with good food and fellowship).
- Creation of Junior Church Choir, in partnership with the Bosmere School Choir, led by Graham Kidd.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Sandra, and the Langstone Village Association are planning ways of marking the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
- A Garden party at the Rectory in the summer

WATCH THE CHRONICLE FOR MORE DETAILS AS THEY GET FIRMED UP!
More info on Forthcoming Events

Healing Service Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} March at 7pm

It is some years since we have had a Healing Service in St. Faiths and after the last couple of years it feels especially fitting to be able to have one now with all that has gone before and as Lent approaches.

A quiet reflective service, remembering God’s healing love for us. There will be prayer, space and for those who would like the opportunity to receive the ministry of Laying on of Hands and of Anointing and so much more. Please do come along.

World Day of Prayer Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March at 2pm

This year we are hosting the WDP service working together with our friends from Churches Together in Havant & Bedhampton. After the service there will be tea, cake and fellowship. All are very welcome.

March Coffee Morning Saturday 5\textsuperscript{th} March 10-12

Along with the usual tea/coffee and cake, raffle, Beatrice’s stall and Hugh’s stall helping researching family history, as part of Fair Trade Fortnight we welcome ‘Help Palestine’ who will be having a stall and as part of Women’s International Day World Vision and our own Sue Tinney will have a stall. And of course our Bell Ringers will be ringing too. Come and join us.
Beacon Food Bank  
Beacon Church Havant

JOB VACANCY
BEACON FOOD BANK - BEACON LOUNGE
Food Bank Receptionist / Lounge Assistant (part time)

A new job opportunity is being created for a Food Bank Receptionist / Lounge Assistant working in Beacon Lounge in the Meridian Centre, Havant. We would welcome applications to join our dedicated and happy team.

Applicants should be supportive of the vision for Beacon Food Bank and Beacon Lounge and be willing to undertake all the necessary activities to maintain its efficient operation.

Good communication skills and a bright personality are desirable and the ability to work as part of a team is essential. The job will involve personal contact with Food Bank clients and Lounge customers, including till operation, food preparation, cleaning and washing up. Each day and each customer is different, so a flexible attitude is also required. No previous experience is necessary as all training will be provided.

The position will be for 9 hours per week; 3 hours per day on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings. Salary commensurate with age and experience.

An application form and detailed job description can be obtained from the church office or by email at admin@beaconchurchhavant.org.uk and must be completed and returned by Monday 14th March 2022.
Protest and Politics—
A Christian’s sacred task?

A sermon by Canon Tom Kennar on Thursday 17 February 2022

Readings:
Ecclesiasticus 4.20–28
Watch for the opportune time, and beware of evil,
and do not be ashamed to be yourself.
For there is a shame that leads to sin,
and there is a shame that is glory and favour.
Do not show partiality, to your own harm,
or deference, to your downfall.
Do not refrain from speaking at the proper moment,
and do not hide your wisdom.
For wisdom becomes known through speech,
and education through the words of the tongue.
Never speak against the truth,
but be ashamed of your ignorance.
Do not be ashamed to confess your sins,
and do not try to stop the current of a river.
Do not subject yourself to a fool,
or show partiality to a ruler.
Fight to the death for truth,
and the Lord God will fight for you.

John 12.24–32

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to
Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

Homily

Today, we mark the martyrdom of Archbishop Janani Luwum – a modern-day martyr. Luwum was born 100 years ago, in 1922 at Acholi in Uganda. His childhood and youth were spent as a goatherd but he quickly showed an ability to learn when given the opportunity. Soon after he became a teacher, he was converted to Christianity and was eventually ordained in 1956, becoming Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and Archbishop of Uganda in 1974.

Idi Amin had come to power in Uganda in 1971 (as the result of a military coup) and his undemocratic and harsh rule was the subject of much criticism by the Church and others. As you will know, his rule was characterised by great violence; it is estimated that around half a million Ugandans lost their lives due to Amin’s policies. He also used the technique of blaming ‘outsiders’ for his country’s problems, (a common technique of despotic rulers). This led to the expulsion of an entire ethnic group – around 50,000 Asian Ugandans. Interestingly, many of these fled to the UK, where some famously set up corner shops. By virtue of the long hours they were prepared to work, ignoring the customs of half-day closing, of not trading on Sundays or late at night, Asian shop-keepers ultimately transformed the entire British attitude to shopping.

But let’s get back to Archbishop Luwum. In 1977, Luwum delivered a note of protest, on behalf of the House of Bishops to Idi Amin. It was a protest against the Amin’s policy of arbitrary killings and the unexplained disappearances of his political rivals. Soon afterwards, Archbishop Luwum and two of Amin’s own government ministers were found dead following an apparent car accident. It emerged quickly that they had, in fact, died on the implicit instructions of the president. Their bodies were riddled with bullet holes. Rumours abounded that Amin himself had pulled the trigger.

Luwum’s enthusiasm for the good news of Jesus, combined with his willingness to stand up for Godly principles in politics, led him to his
martyrdom on this day in 1977. His life, and his death, stand as an important outworking of Jesus’ teaching in the Gospel reading we’ve just heard. Luwum understood that it is sometimes necessary for Christians to risk their very lives in pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said ‘unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit’. This was so true, of Luwum. Had he not stood up against Amin, he would perhaps have been remembered only as someone who had silently gone along the prevailing, poisonous politics of his time, like many church leaders who prefer ‘a quiet life’. But, by being willing to let his grain of seed fall to the ground, Luwum inspired millions of Ugandans to resist Amin’s tyrannical rule, and millions of others around the world to be prepared to call out injustice wherever it is found.

Luwum’s reputation as a shining example to all Christians was cemented when his statue was included among the ten modern martyrs on the West front of Westminster Abbey.

Our other reading for today comes from the book of Ecclesiasticus, otherwise known as the Wisdom of Sirach. It’s late book, written only a century or so before Jesus came to earth – and as such is treated with honour by the church, but not part of the official ‘canon’ of ancient Scriptures. Amongst its wisdom we find phrases like those we just heard, which are certainly worth pondering. My eye was drawn, most especially, to this line:

“Do not subject yourself to a fool, or show partiality to a ruler.”

Archbishop Luwum would most certainly have known this text – or at the very least, its truth found reflected in other Scriptures. He refused to subject himself to the foolish ruler of Uganda. He refused to show partiality to Idi Amin.

There is, I think, a tendency in all human politics to align ourselves to one particular party, or ruling elite. We quickly learn, from that party, that all other parties are full of evil, devious, people who want to destroy our
way of life. Nothing that our opposing parties say is worth hearing. There is no wisdom to be found in them. They are all idiots, or seditionists, who want to ruin our country.

Of course, the truth is something else entirely. No one party, or political ruler, has a monopoly on wisdom. Nor will any one party get every decision right, or wrong. Our leaders are just like us, in fact: imperfect human beings, who see through a glass darkly.

The sacred task of the Christian citizen is to have the courage to stand up against any political idea which runs counter to the principles of the Kingdom – from whichever political camp that idea emerges. How far each of us is prepared to go in that task is a matter between each of us and God. There is a spectrum of protest on which we all stand; nearer one end or the other.

At the very least, we are called upon to cast our votes wisely. For some of us, however, our sacred call may mean signing a petition, or taking part in a protest. For others (especially those of us who are skilled with words) it will mean writing letters of protest to politicians. For some, it may mean standing for political office, as members of our congregation have done, and indeed are doing. For some, it may even mean being prepared to let our own grain of truth fall to the ground through martyrdom, so that by our example, much fruit may flourish.

Archbishop Luwum stood at that far end of the spectrum of protest, against the rule of a fool. His example, however, leaves each of us with a question, and a challenge: where do we stand? What will we do today, this week, right now, to cast our own grain of Kingdom truth into the ground of earthly politics. Which Kingdom principles are being ignored, or stomped upon, by our political leaders? And what are we going to do about it?

So let us remember Archbishop Luwum with gratitude: giving thanks for his witness and his willingness to give everything for the Kingdom; and for his example to us all. Amen.
Welcome to our Lenten journey. We are two parishes working together, sharing one another’s gifts, and growing closer to God. We invite you to join with us, in person or online as we prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the world-changing news of Easter.

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Some people fast, eat frugally or give up treats following the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness. People also give to charity, set aside time to study the bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

This year, St Faith’s church building will be largely unavailable from the 28th of March to the 11th of April, to make space for Dynamo Youth Theatre. This gives us a great opportunity to worship together, at St Alban’s, binding our hearts and service to God.
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- To Join the **Monday Zoom Bible Study** (on the Book of Job) please request a Zoom link by emailing a request to revbill@virginmedia.com
- To join in the **Wednesday Zoom Lent Group** with St Faith’s House Group, just [click here](#). Or: ID: 838 0130 6371 Password: 825150
- To join the **Wednesday Zoom ‘Breaking Bread Service with Discussion’** with Canon Karina: ID 811 4450 2211 Passcode: Lent
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1630 - The Bible Story at St Faith’s  
1830 - Zoom Evening Prayer with St Faith’s. [Click here](#) to join |
| 21 March (Monday)     | 1930 - Zoom Bible Study with Rev’d Bill Stillwell - The Book of Job.  
See below for how to take part. |
| 22 March (Tuesday)    | 1200 - Stations of the Cross at St Faith - (Stations with the Iona Community) |
| 23 March (Wednesday)  | 1930 - Zoom Lent Course with St Faith’s House Group (See bottom of first page for links)  
1930 - Zoom Breaking Bread Service with Discussion (with Canon Karina) See bottom of first page for links |
| 27 March (4th Sunday of Lent) | 0930 - Parish Communion at St Faith’s  
1000 - Parish Communion at St Alban’s  
1830 - Come & Sing Choral Evensong at ST ALBAN’S |
| 28 March (Monday)     | 0900 - ‘Easter Experience’ at St Faith’s (for Bosmere School Children)  
1930 - Zoom Bible Study with Rev’d Bill Stillwell - The Book of Job.  
See below for how to take part. |
| 29 March (Tuesday)    | 1900 - Stations of the Cross at St Alban’s - (The Way of the Cross - The Way of Justice) |
| 30 March (Wednesday)  | 1930 - Zoom Lent Course with St Faith’s House Group (See bottom of first page for links)  
1930 - Zoom Breaking Bread Service with Discussion (with Canon Karina) See bottom of first page for links |
| 03 April (5th Sunday of Lent) | 1000 - Joint Parishes Communion at St Alban’s  
1830 - Zoom Evening Prayer with St Faith’s. [Click here](#) to join |
| 04 April (Monday)     | 1930 - Zoom Bible Study with Rev’d Bill Stillwell - The Book of Job.  
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| 07 April (Thursday)   | 1000 - Stations of the Cross at St Alban’s - ‘Usable Stations of the Cross’ by Sue Martin, formerly at St George’s, Portsea |
| 10 April (Palm Sunday)| 1000 - Joint Parishes Communion at St Alban’s  
1830 - Zoom Evening Prayer |
# Holy Week Programme

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- To Join The Monday Morning Prayer via Zoom: ID: 827 1997 3454
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Parish Websites: [www.stalbanswestleigh.co.uk/](http://www.stalbanswestleigh.co.uk/) & [www.stfaith.com](http://www.stfaith.com)

Note: St Faith’s will be largely closed to the public from after the morning service on 27 March until after Palm Sunday - for Dynamo Youth Theatre’s re-scheduled production of Oliver! St Faith’s looks forward to joining with St Alban’s on these dates. Tickets for the production can be obtained from [https://dynamoyouththeatre.com/](https://dynamoyouththeatre.com/)
Notes of the PCC meeting held on 8 February 2022

The meeting was chaired by Clive Barnett (churchwarden) and opening prayers were said by Tom Kennar (Rector)
* Sheena Jefferis was re-co opted following the completion of her temporary post at the Charity Shop.
* The minutes of the previous meeting on 15 December 2021 were agreed as correct.
* **Memorial Chairs**
  Further quotes are being sought for these as the present firm undertaking the work is awaiting the appointment of an administrator.
* **The Church Institute**
  The PCC discussed the future of numbers 2 and 4 North Street (the church office and Sue Ryder Shop). Sue Ryder will be vacating the premises at the end of April 2022. A paper had been circulated to the PPC on this. The Incumbent and the Churchwardens are the Trustees of the Institute (Nos 2 & 4). They would not make a decision without PCC support.
  The issues covered were:
  - The reasons for Sue Ryder leaving.
  - The footfall in North Street and the footfall at the Pallant site. The importance of visibility of the Shop and the consequent potential rise in income.
  - The value and importance of volunteer assistants.
  - The potential future value of a ‘Parish Hub’ centred on North Street
  - The need to work on the access to North Street for storage and drop off facilities.
  Agreement that the timetable was tight and that this could result in delay. This would be acceptable if the ultimate aim were achieved.
  Initial discussions were under way with organisations interested in taking a tenancy of the Coach House. This would ensure an income for that site.
  It was agreed that: ‘the PCC accepted the assumptions presented in the Business Plan for the Church Institute were reasonable to make and that they recommended that the trustees should proceed along the path outlined in the Report.’ The vote was carried with a majority of 8 with 1 abstention.

* **Budgeting and Finance:**
  There is £32,000 surplus in total on the capital and operations budget. Ani (finance officer) is still unwell but continues to work.
* Teams and sub committees:

PALLANT DEVELOPMENT there is an urgent need for work to be undertaken on Pallant Centre windows financed through the Big Build Fund.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES The Easter Experience is in planning stages. After discussion with DYT the date for church access for the postponed Christmas performance will be confirmed.

MISSION TEAM The Good Friday walk of witness has been cancelled. It was felt that the Havant Passion Play demonstrated a good example of churches working together. Graham Kidd will be going into Bosmere School to work towards forming a junior church choir.

CHURCHYARD TEAM A policy to guide the future development of the churchyard is being formulated.

COMMUNICATIONS The need to recruit someone to assist in making better use of social media platforms is being sought. Other ‘hard copy’ publicity avenues are being explored.

PASTORAL After Easter on the third Saturday of the month, a session to offer support to bereaved people is being planned. There is a need for more volunteer pastoral visitors.

TREASURY A spreadsheet for the finances is in the planning stage. Comments were raised on the difficulty of understanding the giving section of the parish website. This would be investigated.

STANDING COMMITTEE It was reported that a new contact had been established to deal with the problem of the automatic openers.

* Standing Agenda Items

HEALTH & SAFETY The ‘Common Cup’ would be re-introduced at Holy Communion but it would be left to individuals to decide whether to drink from it.

SAFEGUARDING A Safeguarding Dashboard will be used to keep track of safeguarding requirements. The PCC approved the work which had so far been achieved.

ST NICHOLAS LANGSTONE Thought and prayer is being given to the future of the Chapel and its use for services.

REVIEW OF POLICIES

(1) Volunteer Policy Discussions were planned to update this.

(2) Electoral Roll One reduction in the Roll was noted.

(3) Staff Wellbeing Sandra’s rest day was now Tuesday

* Planning Ahead

Colin has agreed to remain as church warden for a further year. A ‘shadow’ is sought with a view to follow on from then on. The APCM is to be held on 24 April. Two Deanery Synod representatives will be necessary as Mary and Michael will be standing down after many years of service.
* Other Business
Clarification was sought on the number of people necessary to work together in the Church. It is necessary to remind all volunteers of the safety issues.

* The Next Meetings scheduled for Wednesday 6 April and Wednesday 8 June
The meeting concluded with saying the Grace.

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**Have your say in Langstone**

The Langstone Village Association will hold a Coffee Morning in the Chapel this Saturday, 1000 - 1200 - which will include a chance to have a say over how Langstone will mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. All welcome!

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* Thanks to Bill Jones for the above!
Pray, Bake, Read ...
by Sandra Haggan

Pray, bake, read is a Diocesan scheme working with our local schools, to pray for them, bake cakes for the staff and go into school and help by listening to the children reading.

We do pray for the schools and currently we take in cakes for the staff at Bosmere at the beginning of each half term. We were just about ready to begin going in to listen to the children reading and then well you know what happened, Covid happened.

We have approached Fairfield School who would be delighted to receive cakes too and to have us go in and listen to the children reading.

So ‘Calling all bakers’, which seems so often to be my cry!! We have a small team who already help with baking for Bosmere but we need more please. We would like to provide 9 cakes across the two schools for each half term, could this be you? Could you help? They will be going back after half term on Monday 28th February so that will be our first date.

Fairfield School are also ready to have us go in and listen to the children reading, if this is something that you feel that you could help with please let Tom or myself know in the first instance. How exciting to have the opportunity for us to go into Fairfield School!

Reading would be for around an hour, once a week or once a fortnight, and the schools' safeguarding policies will need to be followed, probably including a DBS check.

The return of the chalice...

At their recent meeting the PCC agreed to re-introduce the Chalice to our Eucharistic services, from Sunday 20th February. This is offered, of course, on a purely voluntary basis. All worshippers are assured by Church teaching that reception of communion in one kind only (i.e. bread) is completely ‘valid’ and spiritually beneficial.

Canon Tom
Celebrate International Women’s Day

with Coffee, Cake & Chat

Saturday 5 March

as part of St Faith’s Monthly Coffee Morning

Sue Tinney, World Vision Ambassador and PCC Member will be on hand to talk about the many ways in which World Vision’s projects empower women and help them overcome diversity. Read about four women, Ahlam, a Syrian refugee, Anuradha in India, Pauline in Kenya and Mary in the Philippines who have overcome diversity and are making changes for the better in their communities.

You can make donations on the day or visit my “JustGiving” page and donate online at www.justgiving.com/Sue-Tinney. I have seen at first hand World Vision empowerment projects in Senegal and the differences they are making to their lives.

Thank you for your support, Sue.
We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Waters to our team as Supervisor.

If you want to help by giving your time, we still need volunteers to work on Mondays for a few hours. Please speak to Clare.

**THIS WEEK’S OPENING TIMES**
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am to 3pm
Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm

Please drop donations off at the shop during opening hours: (see above). Kindly don’t leave them outside when the shop is closed.

Thank you to all those who have donated books over the past few months. The bookshop has now been up and running for a few months and going well. It is a very quiet space, where people can sit and read and children can sit on a bean bag, or at their little table to enjoy the books.

If you have a spare half an hour do pop in. We have wide range of novels, and Non Fiction books.
THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

As has happened for so many people in the last couple of years, the dreams of Dynamo Youth Theatre’s youngsters were dashed at Christmas. Their carefully rehearsed performance of Oliver! had to be abandoned because Covid got a grip of the cast. The show had been planned for the Pallant Centre, but when the time came to re-schedule it (and to give Havant’s young thespians the chance to shine) the Pallant Centre was already fully booked for the only dates that the show could be done (taking account of school holidays and the like).

So, we (the St Faith’s Leadership Team) asked ourselves how we could help...and decided to offer the church to Dynamo, for their production. Dynamo gratefully accepted, and so we’re now gearing up to put on the Show, from Weds 6th April to Saturday the 9th. Together with time for building sets, erecting raked seating and, of course, rehearsals, the church building will be ‘out of action’ from the afternoon of Sunday 27th March, until Monday 11th April.

This will require a lot of sacrifice on the part of many church groups, for which my sincere thanks go to everyone affected. Our Sunday services will be held with our friends at St Alban’s - including on Palm Sunday. What a great chance to get to know our neighbours! Thursday Services are expected to continue at St Faith’s, and we aim to open the church during some days for personal prayers (subject to offers of stewarding help).

I realise, of course, that this decision will mystify some. What are we doing, giving over the ‘house of God’ to a youth theatre? I can only say that, like many of us, I’ve seen the evidence of the positive change Dynamo makes to the lives of many young people. I see God at work in such personal growth, and I hope you do too.  

Canon Tom
AT THE PALLANT CENTRE

Following the sell out Festive Market we held in December at The Pallant Centre, we are really pleased to be holding an Easter Market again. Lots to see, touch, smell and no doubt, taste and all with FREE ENTRY too!

Coming Soon...

EXHIBITION BY LOCAL ARTIST

The talented Mark Chaldecott has been painting scenes of Havant for about the last 30 years! He has been persuaded to put his collection of remarkable paintings on display at St Faith’s, from Sunday 24th of April. Many will be for sale, with 30% of all proceeds going to the Church’s Big Build Fund.
WERE YOU A HAVANT GOOD NEIGHBOURS VOLUNTEER DURING THE COVID LOCKDOWN?

THE GROUP IS REFORMING AND WE WOULD REALLY LIKE YOU TO REJOIN THE TEAM!

CONTACT INFO@GOODNEIGHBOURS.ORG.UK OR CALL 07827 925327 TO FIND OUT MORE
Last Sunday, as I’m hoping you will recall, we thought about the topic of racial justice in general terms. We sketched out some of the history of empires, which tend to collapse under the weight of exploitation. This week, at the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, I want to focus on one way in which we can, together, do at least something about the racial and economic injustice in the world.

You’ll know, I’m sure, that I have strong connections to Africa, as a Canon to two Cathedrals in Ghana, (as well as Portsmouth Cathedral). I’ve also spent some time in Uganda, studying the work of missionaries from the Church Mission Society. As a result, I (and sometimes Clare too) have had the amazing experience of spending time in the wild African places. I’ve had the privilege of seeking out the elusive Shoebill on the banks of the Ugandan Nile. I’ve sat near a waterfall in Ghana, and listened to choruses of birds whose names I could only guess. I’ve watched crocodiles sun-bathing, and hippos mud-bathing. And I’ve watched bustling wildebeest jostle each other, and smaller creatures at the water-hole.

So much of this beauty is under threat, at the present time. But it is not just the wild places of earth which are in danger. It’s also the lives of workers and farmers in places like Africa, as well as South America, and the entire Indian sub-continent. And that’s because the wildebeest of the industrial countries have a tendency to jostle at the metaphorical water-holes of the world. The biggest, strongest, fattest companies tend to push all the little ones aside, to get to the good stuff. They step on the little farmer. They push aside the small trader. They buy up vast swathes of land, tear down ecological diversity, displace indigenous peoples, and fill the land with mono-culture plantations.

One of hardest facts to absorb is that these farmers and workers who teeter on the edge of destruction are so often the ones who have, in fact, contributed least to the climate emergency which is affecting them. Many indigenous farmers know their lands: their techniques are often deeply eco-aware. In Uganda, I witnessed a farming project, led by those CMS missionaries, which taught people how to rotate their crops, and manure
their soil, to maintain long-term practices of eco-farming, in balance with nature.

But somehow, our economic system forces people, across the world, to ignore indigenous knowledge in pursuit of profits for multi-national corporations. Such corporations are able to scale up the task of farming to such an extent that their products can be sold so much more cheaply than indigenously-produced food. But, they do it by ploughing up forests, planting mono-culture fields, which quickly become unproductive. So more forest has to be cut down, more land ploughed, and ever more environmental catastrophe created. Indigenous farmers can’t sell their more expensive, well-produced, sustainable food…and so they go out of business. In desperation to feed their families, they take jobs with the multi-nationals, and the spiral of decay continues.

But what can we do about this? Us, here and now. In this church. Today. One of the very few ways then that we have at our disposal is to address these wrongs is to choose Fairtrade. That is how, in the short term at any rate, we can work to improve the livelihoods of farmer and producers. We also know also that buying Fairtrade can assist farmers in their environmental adaptation. Fairtrade tries to provide farmers with a decent standard of living - enough to cover all their farming costs and enough to cover their basic human rights, like a nutritious diet, children’s education and healthcare.

Now, I know what some of you will say. I’ve said it myself. We say ‘but Fairtrade food tastes different’! I know of an organisation, not too far from here, which has a Fairtrade coffee tin. But it’s only the tin. They actually buy commercially-produced coffee to put in it. Their coffee drinkers think they are supporting Fairtrade…but actually they are just drinking the same old commercially-produced, cheaper stuff! When I challenged that organisation on their practice, I was told ‘but no-one likes the taste of that Fairtrade stuff’.

Taste is, of course, acquired. Over the first 30 years of our marriage, Clare always took sugar in her tea. But one day, about five years ago, she decided to give it up. Now, she couldn’t even sip a cup of tea with sugar in it. Blurgh! We can teach ourselves to accept new tastes, different textures – if we are convinced enough of the good reasons for doing it.

Something else we say is ‘but Fairtrade food is so expensive’? Really? Expensive compared to what? How does the extra few quid here and there on Fairtrade food compare to what we spend on our
Costa Coffee (for a single cup) our holidays, kitchen refurbishments, new cars, or gardening products? Too expensive? Really?

In the reading from the letter of James we heard just now, James reminds us that ‘faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead’. There are many ways of working out our faith through good deeds. But surely, one of the easiest ways is to make some kind choices when we walk along the supermarket shelves.

Perhaps those Fairtrade bananas are a pound or two more than the other ones. Make the sacrifice. Perhaps the jar of Fairtrade coffee, or the packet of Fairtrade chocolate won’t taste the same as your normal choice. Make the sacrifice. Know that as you do, you’ve helped to change a life. You’ve helped to keep a farmer going, and her fields sustainable. You’ve helped to dig a well for her village, or provide a school for her children. So, when you depart from here today, and when you charge over to Waitrose for your Sunday Shopping(!) please be kind. We often talk about how the wealthiest of the world should pay a little more to help the poorest. You and I are among the wealthiest people of the world. Let’s be kind. Let’s put our faith into action. Let’s ‘do justly and love mercy’ (as the prophet says). Let’s not be the wildebeest who trample on others to get to the trough. Let’s choose Fairtrade. Amen.

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**Sides Persons**

Could you help with **Sides Persons** Duties on a Sunday morning?

Two people to help on the first Sunday of the month would be really helpful. We would also ask whether there are any hardy people who would be happy to stand outside (in pairs) and welcome church goers to services.

**Stewarding**

We like to have stewards in the church each weekday morning to offer a welcome to visitors, a smile, maybe a cup of tea or coffee. The time would be 10 – 12 and we always steward in pairs. Could you spare a couple of hours? Once a month would be a huge help. Please speak to Sandra Haggan if you can help. Thank you.

**Pastoral team**

we are looking for more people to join this team. We visit those who would like a visit etc. We have a pastoral meeting on Tuesday 15th February at 2pm in church. Is this something you feel called to? For more information, please contact Julia Hancock 02392 483808
World Day of Prayer
Friday 4th March 2022

This year we at St. Faiths will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March at 2pm. This is a service where we work together with our friends in Churches Together in Havant and Bedhampton, it is a good opportunity for us to come together in prayer and fellowship.

Each year different countries prepare the order of service and this year it is prepared by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the theme is ‘I know the plans I have for you.

All are very welcome to join us for the service and for tea, cake and fellowship afterwards.

Safeguarding Training

We will be hosting Basic Awareness safeguarding training in Church on Thursday 3 March at 2:00pm until 3:30pm. If you volunteer for any church activity and would like to attend please let Pauline know by email to office@stfaith.com. Stewards, pastoral team, shop volunteers, PCC members and many more - all welcome.

Some volunteers from the Emsworth & Warblingtong parishes will also join us. The training will be led by Julia Barton, our new Diocesan safeguarding trainer. If you prefer to do the training online, please let me know and I will send you a link for the details.

Pauline West, Parish Secretary.
The Year Ahead...

I think it could be quite a year with the 40th anniversary of The Falklands and the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen to name just two things. I have a feeling it will be quite a year for the Union flag to be taken up and down many times! We will be marking these events in different ways – watch this space.

For Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Jubilee, we would like to hold an exhibition in the church of Havant during the last 70 years and earlier plus photos of visits made by the Queen to the area. Do you have any photos or memories that you would be willing to share? I have a photo of a family party for the Coronation. How about photos from the Coronation or from Silver, Golden or Diamond Jubilee Street parties, any memorabilia...?

We are also thinking about an event like The Town Fair probably in early September. And we hope to have another Flower Festival next year – which will be five years since the last one. All of the events will need teams of people to help with planning etc. Do you have some ideas; would you like to be involved with any of these events? As Tom said it takes the whole community! If so please do let me know.

Sandra Haggan

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No TAT session this month

Sandra will be taking a well-earned break for half term, so Thursday At Two (TAT) will not be run on Thursday 24 February. We will be back on 31 March. Make a note in your diary. All welcome. 2-4pm
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*Please observe these rest days

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Lunchtime Concerts

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

2ND MARCH
CHARLES HARRISON  ORGAN
ORGANIST AND MASTER OF THE CHORISTERS
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

9TH MARCH
HAZEL HUMPHREYS  SOPRANO
NICKIE TABEART  PIANO

16TH MARCH
JOEL COLYER  ORGAN
ORGAN SCHOLAR, PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

23RD MARCH
CATHERINE BILTON  SOPRANO
NICKIE TABEART  PIANO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON
What is the Bible? Where did it come from? How was it written? Who wrote it? Why did they write it? What does it say to us today? These and many other fascinating questions will be answered over a 52 session course of one hour lectures (over two years, on a roughly fortnightly basis) with the Rev’d Barbara Watson Hammond, MA, ACP.

The first session will commence on **Sunday 17th of October, at 4.30pm.** You don’t have to attend every session (and there is no exam at the end!) - though of course you’ll get the most out of it if you can attend each lecture! Notes will be provided at each lecture - and there is no homework to worry about! The lectures will be held at St Faith’s, Havant, and livestreamed on our homepage at www.stfaith.com.

**Course Dates for Part One (all dates are Sundays at 4.30pm)**

**Part ONE: The Age of the Patriarchs (2000 to 1000 BC)**

1) October 17 Abraham, the Semitic Peoples & the origins of Religion
2) October 31 The Patriarchs and Joseph
3) November 7 Moses, from Egypt
4) November 21 Passover, Exodus and the Covenant
5) December 5 Onwards from Sinai, for ‘40 years’
6) December 12 Joshua

***Christmas break***

7) January 9 The conquest of Canaan, and the Judges
8) January 16 Samuel
9) January 30 King Saul, and ‘Monarchy’
10) February 6 Decline of Saul, and the rise of David
  - ) February 20 POSTPONED
11) March 6 David, King of the Golden Age
12) March 20 The Court Chronicle

**Dates for post-Easter sessions will be notified in due course**
Morning Service - Sunday 27 February

The Sunday before Lent
President & Preacher: Canon Tom Kennar
Organist: Graham Kidd

Processional Hymn (314)
Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)
Tune: St. Denis, adapt. from a traditional Welsh hymn melody in John Robert’s Canadioly Cynesor (1839)

1. Immortal, invisible,
   God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid
from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unlasting,
   and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
   high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
   of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest,
the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
   as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render,
O help us to see
 ‘tis only the splendour
   of light hideth thee.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.
Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (34.29-35)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Gospel Reading

(Luke 9.28-43a)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my
Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, ‘Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.’

Jesus answered, ‘You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.’ While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

1. Light of the minds that know him; may Christ be light to mine!
   my sun in risen splendour,
   my light of truth divine;
   my guide in doubt and darkness,
   my true and living way,
   my clear light ever shining,
   my dawn of heaven’s day.

2. Life of the souls that love him: may Christ be ours indeed!
   the living bread from heaven
   on whom our spirits feed;
   who died for love of sinners
   to bear our guilty load,
   and make of life’s brief journey
   a new Emmaus road.

3. Strength of the wills that serve him: may Christ be strength to me,
   who stilled the storm and tempest,
   who calmed the tossing sea;
   his Spirit’s pow’r to move me,
   his will to master mine,
   his cross to carry daily
   and conquer in his sign.

4. May it be ours to know him that we may truly love,
   and loving, fully serve him
   as serve the saints above;
   till in that home of glory
   with fadeless splendour bright,
   we serve in perfect freedom
   our strength, our life, our light.
Hymn (437)
Words & Music: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there is hatred, let me bring your love
   Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
   and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain:
O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.
   Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
   Where there is darkness, only light,
   and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Refrain

3. Make me a channel of your peace.
   It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
   in giving to all that we receive,
   and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Hymn (620)
Words & Music: Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

1. Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
   O Jesus, such love.

2. Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
   O Jesus, such love.

3. Such love springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
   O Jesus, such love.
Sunday Evening

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‘Come and Sing’
CHORAL EVENSONG
Sunday 27th February 2022 at 6.30pm
(Sunday before Lent)

(Choristers’ Rehearsal from 4.45pm)