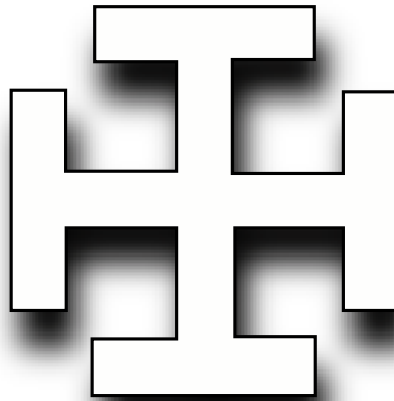


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## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

For me November is not a month that lifts the spirit. The clocks have gone back that hour and the dark is upon us by teatime! Somehow it feels as if it's a long dreary road until Spring, and that we must endure the cold and damp between now and then – sounds rather depressing doesn't it!

Yet in reality there is much to look forward to and this season of Advent which is beginning is a period of preparation for that wonderful event of Christmas. Of course we will be swamped with all the secular manifestations of a society which in the main has lost the meaning of Christ's birth, but for those who are Christians this time of preparation and looking forward can be one that is uplifting and can help us refocus on what we are about and what our mission is.

Advent gives us an opportunity to assess and reflect on our journey both as individuals and as a parish. November 8 is to be a day on which all are invited to attend a meeting at St Faith's school and, under the guidance of the Reverend Steve Pittis, to explore that journey and to look to the future. I hope that this will help and guide us during the weeks ahead so that we can approach Christmas with a sense of optimism and positiveness.

We at St Cross have so much to be thankful for and, in spite of the woeful worldly situation, should nevertheless look forward with joyful anticipation as we put our trust in God's promise to us and with Mary, the mother of our Lord, praise him for sending His Son to share in our humanity.

With every blessing,

*Reg Sweet*  
*Chaplain*

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

*The normal pattern of daily worship is printed inside the front cover*

SUNDAY	2	<b>ALL SAINTS (Fourth before Advent)</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00 noon Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Saturday	8	10.00am – 3.30pm Moving Forward Together, St Faith's School
SUNDAY	9	<b>REMEMBRANCE (Third before Advent)</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 10.55am Matins (including Act of Remembrance)* 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Monday	10	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Speaker: Padre Cole Maynard on Afghanistan</i>
Tuesday	11	7.00pm Mothers' Union, Beech House, Whiteshute Lane <i>Speaker: Elizabeth Newport on bible translation in Sudan</i>
Thursday	13	7.30pm Fellowship, Parish Hall <i>Speaker: Cled Jenkins on Piles of the Future</i>
SUNDAY	16	<b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday	18	*** deadline for December magazine ***
SUNDAY	23	<b>CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent)</b> 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion with hymns  
11.00am Matins  
*retiring collection at 9.30am and 11.00am  
for Winchester Churches Christmas Project*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday	27	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel
Saturday	29	10.30am – 12.30pm St Faith's Hall Fair
SUNDAY	30	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00 noon Holy Baptism 5.30pm Evening Prayer

*\* Please note that Matins on Sunday 9 November will start at 10.55am in order to observe the Two Minutes Silence.*



**St Faith's Hall Fair**  
**10.30am to 12.30pm, Saturday, 29 November**

An  
early  
meeting of  
those running  
the Parish Hall sought  
to "induce parishioners to  
subscribe to the funds of the Hall!"  
Several regular users of the Parish Hall  
have more recently set up stalls each year  
just before Christmas to invite Parishioners  
and neighbours to buy gifts and goodies at the  
Hall  
Fair  
to help maintain  
the building. Do  
come and bring  
your friends

Cakes to sell and raffle prizes will be very welcome!

## **MONTHLY COLLECTIONS**

The retiring collection for November will be in support of the Winchester Churches Christmas Project. The Project was started by the United Church in Winchester, but also involves a number of other local churches. Volunteers visit a family that has been referred by Social Services to ascertain their needs, and then shop with or on behalf of the family. The collection plate will be at the back of church on 23 November for both the 9.30am Eucharist and 11.00am Matins services. A meeting is being held for anyone interested in being a volunteer on Monday 10 November at 7.30pm in the United Church.

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Parochial Church Council met on 8 October 2008.

We are still looking for a volunteer to look after the grass and other vegetation in St Faith's churchyard. This is a real opportunity for someone (or a small team) to make a valuable contribution which would help the Parish finances by eliminating the need to employ a paid contractor. We are most grateful to Syd Burt for all the good work he has done over the past few years.

The event which started as "Mission Audit" will now be called "Moving Forward Together" and will be held on 8 November in St Faith's School. Details are in the Church along with a form for indicating whether you can come and/or help.

The Hospital Trustees had sought the PCC's opinion on the proposal to site a mobile phone mast on the St Cross Church tower. Members aired their own opinions and reported on representations made to them. The PCC concluded that it could not support the proposal. All who had written to the PCC on this subject would receive a written reply.

It was noted that we are still looking for a Secretary and Treasurer for the Fête (*Treasurer's post since filled*). These are not onerous tasks and volunteers will be very welcome.

In case anyone missed a previous announcement we can repeat the fact that anyone wishing to visit The Cathedral can borrow some of the re-usable tickets from the Porter.

## ***Moving Forward Together***

**Saturday 8 November**

*10.00am - 3.30pm*

**St Faith's School**

We all know of the challenges facing the Church of England, including the need to arrest declining numbers and for congregations to grow in size and faith. On Saturday 8 November there will be an opportunity to consider how we, as a parish, should tackle some of these issues and try to grow and move forward together.

The day will be led by Steve Pittis who has worked with many parishes across the Diocese looking at similar issues over the last couple of years, under the banner of Mission Audit.

To learn more about the day, have a look at the Moving Forward Together displays in Church and the 100 Men's Hall.

Coffee and Tea will be available, but please bring a 'Bring & Share' Lunch.

**Everyone is Welcome**

## **ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP**

Our first meeting of this season on 9 October was hosted by Sue Fairbrother in the absence of John Pringle. Our speaker was the Rev Reg Sweet who spoke about "Aspects of Ministry". He started his talk by reading from "The Ordinal", that is to say the book containing the services for the ordination of Deacons, Priests and Bishops. He mentioned the necessary qualifications including the requirement to be "well versed in the Latin tongue". Fortunately for those in the audience lacking a classical education he continued in English rather than Latin.

Reg described his Ministry as a Royal Naval Chaplain where he was free to dine with the ratings or the Captain and any of those in between. During this period he was known by a number of unofficial titles, perhaps one of the best was "the Sin Bosun".

On a more general theme he told us that church services were quite straightforward to lead, as he demonstrates every week. The difficult bit, and the real essence of the calling, is to have care and concern for all. He stressed the essential skill of listening and not taking sides.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 November when Cled Jenkins will be talking about "Piles of the Future". We look forward to seeing you there.

## **NOVEMBER MUSIC**

The anthem for All Saints' Sunday (2 Nov) is a recent composition by 84-year-old Canon Anthony Caesar, a former Precentor of Winchester Cathedral and Chaplain at St Cross Hospital. It incorporates the text and melody of a well known Anglican hymn. Vaughan Williams (d1958) set the famous words of our Remembrance Sunday anthem. In the organ loft we will be using music by Bach for most of the November postludes as well as some early twentieth century English pieces before services. And then it's Advent.....

## MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

Antiphons – Clement McWilliam and Derek Beck  
Communion setting – David Thorne and John Merbecke  
Responses – Tallis

### Anthems

2 November	Anthony Caesar	Let saints on earth in concert sing
9 November	Douglas Guest	For the fallen
	Vaughan Williams	Let us now praise famous men
16 November	John Rutter	God be in my head
30 November	Charles Wood	O thou, the central orb

### Voluntaries

2 November	J S Bach Dupre	Prelude & fugue in C ( <i>BWV 531</i> ) Placare Christus Servulis
9 November	Elgar J S Bach	Solemn Prelude ( <i>For the Fallen</i> ) Prelude & fugue in D minor ( <i>BWV 554</i> )
11.00am	Bridge J S Bach	Adagio in E minor St Anne fugue in E flat ( <i>BWV 552</i> )
16 November	J S Bach J S Bach	Prelude <i>Schmucke dich, O liebe Seele</i> ( <i>BWV 564</i> ) Prelude & fugue in D ( <i>BWV 532</i> )
23 November	Darke J S Bach	Prelude on a theme of Tallis Prelude & fugue in C ( <i>BWV 553</i> )
11.00am	Cooke J S Bach	Sarabande Prelude in F minor ( <i>BWV 534</i> )
30 November	J S Bach J S Bach	Prelude <i>Wachet auf</i> ( <i>BWV 645</i> ) Prelude <i>Nun komm der Heiden Heiland</i> ( <i>BWV 661</i> )

..... and Advent is followed by Christmas. So please consider reinforcing the ranks of the Chapel Choir with much good music to learn. Feel free to contact the choirmaster, Derek, on W.860681 or via e-mail [dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk) or after any Sunday service.

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Last month, the Rev T Hemming came to speak about the cost of discipleship. He reminded us of the Christians struggling world-wide. He spoke of his work with Orthodox Christians in Turkey and St Petersburg, of his relationship with the Jesuits in Italy and the generosity and charity of Christians in the refugee camps along the borders of Thailand and Burma. He also showed us some pictures on his lap-top which brought alive to us all that he had experienced.

On 5 November, Cathedral prayers will be led by Winchester Deanery. Please come and support us.

Then on 11 November at 7.00 pm, we have our first evening meeting of this season at my house. For catering purposes, please ring me if you wish to come - 870426. Our speaker, Elizabeth Newport, heads a programme of bible translations in the Sudan. Her talk is entitled "The role of the church in translation and literacy in Sudan".

Looking ahead to our Christmas lunch on 3 December, please confirm your wish to attend as I have to inform the Bell Inn of numbers.

Once again, it is shoe box time. There are forms available at the Porter's Lodge or from me.

*Evelyn Pringle*

### **CAN YOU CUT GRASS?**

Many thanks to Sid Burt who has cut the grass in the St Faith's Churchyard (on the corner of St Cross Road and Kingsgate Street) for more than 4 years. He is retiring from the task at the end of this season and we need to find a volunteer, or volunteers, to replace him. If you can help, please let me or any member of the PCC know.

*Murray Dixon  
Winchester 865869*

## **MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group were delighted to host Rear Admiral Charles Montgomery at its October Meeting. Charles and his family used to be regular members of the congregation until they moved to Littleton. Charles gave an informative and entertaining account of his life in the Royal Navy, in which he has sailed the seven seas, experienced conflict at first hand and risen to rank of Admiral.

On Monday 10 November, we welcome Padre Cole Maynard who was the senior British Army Padre in Afghanistan for 6 months in 2006. All men of the Parish are invited to what should be a very enlightening account of part of the British military effort in Afghanistan not widely reported. As ever, we meet at 8.00pm in the Brothers' Library.

### **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS**

*The Charity Christmas Card Shop  
Courtyard Café, Winchester Guildhall*

October 27 to December 16  
Monday to Saturday 10.00am – 4.30pm

***All proceeds to charity***

## **SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE**

The sponsored Ride and Stride for Hampshire and The Islands Historic Churches Trust took place on Saturday 13 September. This year our grand total is a sum of £732, half of which will come back to St Cross. The rest and the tax to be recovered goes to the Trust. Thank you very much to all those who contributed and to those who took part in any way. This really is an event for everyone. Our Senior Brother strode round some of the churches in Winchester and raised a three-figure sum.

*John Fairbrother*