

**THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS**

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#### The Clergy Master

The Reverend Reg Sweet	The Chaplain's Lodge	853525
Organist and Choirmaster	Mr Derek Beck	860681
Assistant Organist	Mr Chris Jones	854585

#### CHURCH SERVICES

##### Sundays

8.00am  
9.30am

Holy Communion  
Sung Eucharist  
Sunday School in the Brothers Library.  
*No Sunday School on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday as families are present throughout the main service.*

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

11.00am

Choral Matins

##### Weekdays

10.00am  
11.00am  
8.00am

Matins  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Daily  
Wed  
Thurs

To arrange Baptisms, Banns, Marriages or to give notice of need, sickness, new neighbours, emergencies contact the Chaplain

Material for the parish magazine can be left at the Porter's Lodge, or emailed to [editor@parishofstfaith.org.uk](mailto:editor@parishofstfaith.org.uk). The monthly deadline is given under Diary Dates.

## LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

What a difference the weather can make to one's spirit! As I write this the sun is shining through the windows, I can hear the birds singing away, and there is definitely a 'greening up' evident on the trees and bushes. There is change in the air all around with new life emerging. Our pair of ducks is back in the Hospital grounds taking up its usual place for nesting! The month of April certainly expresses the sense of resurrection very strongly – and that, of course, is what we as Christians are looking forward to celebrating. As we come to the end of our Lenten observances and pass through the experiences of the Passion, it should be with uplifted spirits that we welcome Easter with its profound significance – that Christ died on the cross for us but rose from the dead in a glorious Resurrection and with the promise of eternal life. So it should be that as we celebrate the Day of Resurrection we look forward to new beginnings and new opportunities full of hope and joy.

As we welcome the new Master and his family on St George's Day we will do so with real confidence that our community will be enriched by their ministry and life with us and that we will continue to grow together in faith and love.

Finally may I thank you all for the wonderful support that you have given during this interregnum and say how privileged I feel to be part of such a tremendous 'ship's company'.

With every blessing,

*Reg Sweet  
Chaplain*

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

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

SUNDAY	5	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
<b>H O L Y W E E K</b>		
Monday	6	8.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Compline
Tuesday	7	8.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Compline
Wednesday	8	10.30am Mothers' Union coffee morning The Pines, Edward Road 11.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Compline
Thursday	9	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Holy Communion and Stripping of Altars
Friday	10	<b>Good Friday</b> 12 noon Matins and Litany 1.00pm Reflections on the Passion 2.00pm Ante Communion
Saturday	11	<b>Easter Eve</b> 7.30pm Easter ceremonies
SUNDAY	12	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Tuesday	14	*** deadline for May magazine ***
Thursday	16	7.30pm Fellowship quiz, Parish Hall

SUNDAY 19 **EASTER 2**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist

Thursday 23 7.30pm Licensing of Rev Canon Michael Harley as Master of St Cross and Priest in Charge of St Faith's followed by refreshments in the Brethren's Hall

SUNDAY 26 **EASTER 3**  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting (*retiring collection for Emmaus charity*)  
*There is no Matins this Sunday*  
12.15pm Holy Baptism

### HOLY WEEK

On the evenings of the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week in church at 7.30pm there will be a devotional address on 'The Passion in the Gospels' followed by Compline.

*Preacher: Bishop John*

6 April: The Passion in Mark and Matthew

7 April: The Passion in Luke

8 April: The Passion in John

### MONTHLY COLLECTION

The monthly collection for April will be in support of the Emmaus charity whose building next to the Council 'tip' is nearing completion. When finished it will provide former homeless and socially excluded people with a place to call home, a place to work and a place to start rebuilding their lives. The plate will be at the back of church for the 9.30am Eucharist service on Sunday 26 April.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

In the Church after the 9.30am service on Sunday 26 April. The meeting will be an opportunity to elect the churchwardens and representatives to the PCC. There are vacancies this year for three PCC members. Nomination forms will be available from 11 to 19 April at the back of church.

All are welcome to attend this meeting but only those on the Electoral Roll will be eligible to be nominated for vacancies or to vote.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The parish electoral roll has to be checked and revised before the Annual General Meeting at the end of April. The revised version must be published at least 14 days before the meeting, so if your name is not on the present roll and you wish to add it please do so before 9 April. Application forms are in the maroon folder by the hymn books at the back of the church; your completed form can be left in the folder.

*John Casson*

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on Wednesday 11 March.

Colin Showell, the treasurer, went through the financial report explaining that it has been decided to write off some of the debts on the Parish hall lettings which increases the deficit. However this has been somewhat offset this year by a one off refund of overpayment of past gas bills. The accounts also show the drop in value of the securities held as reserves but this will not become a reality until those securities are sold. The PCC accepted the report which will be presented to the Annual Parochial Meeting on 26 April.

The rewiring project is under way in the church and it has been arranged that the church will be clear for the licensing service on 23 April although there will be further work after that date. The appeal for funding will be launched on Mothering Sunday, 22 March.

The planning for the licensing service is virtually complete with any outstanding details to be cleared up at the rehearsal on 21 April at 7.00pm in the church. The arrangements have been made for the reception in the Brethren's Hall after the licensing service.

This year Evelyn Pringle will complete her three year term as a member of the Parochial Church Council and she is not seeking re-election. Thus it is necessary for the PCC to select someone else to serve as a Trustee. To ensure continuity the choice was made at this meeting and the new Trustee will be John Fairbrother, subject to his being re-elected at the APCM.

### **ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP**

Our March event was an architectural tour by Michael Carden who for many years was architect to the Hospital. The large gathering who came were told about all aspects of the buildings, and despite the rewiring works we were able to learn from inside about the various phases and styles of architecture used during the construction of the church. We are most grateful to Michael for sharing his wealth of knowledge with us.

Our April Meeting is the Fellowship Quiz. The date programmed, 9 April, is Maundy Thursday so it will now take place on **16 April** in the Parish Hall as usual.

The Fellowship Supper will take place on Saturday 9 May in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. This replaces the Progressive Supper and will be a catered event at which Robert Saunders, Conservative Councillor for St Michael's Ward, will speak. Please contact John Pringle (Tel 01962 870426) to reserve places for this event.

*John Pringle*

## **ST CROSS MEN'S GROUP**

We were very pleased to welcome Rev Peter Seal from St Paul's, Winchester, former Rural Dean and still chaplain to Peter Symonds College to our March meeting. When Archbishop Ramsay met the Pope in Rome they agreed, amongst other things, that two newly ordained Anglican priests should spend five months at the Roman Catholic English college in Rome. Peter, somewhat to his surprise, was chosen to be one of them. He told us of his experiences there, their friendliness but also their certainty that their faith, celibacy and worship were the only way. It was an interesting insight into the Catholic way of clergy training and their expectation that there should be no doubts raised among them or their congregations.

We do not have a meeting in April because of Easter, so we meet next at our new time of the third Monday in the month – 18 May at 8.00pm in the Brothers' Library, when Reg, our chaplain, will give us 'A brief history of Islam'.

As always all men of the parish are welcome.

*John Casson*

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

By the time the April magazine has been published we will have celebrated the Lady Day Service at St Paul's Church.

There are two events this month. First of all we are holding a coffee morning at 10.30am on 8 April at The Pines, Edward Road. This is to raise funds for the MU Family Holiday held each year on the Isle of Wight for families in need of support – please come along if you can. Later in the month our Festival Service will be held in the Cathedral on 29 April at 11.00am. Banners will be processed.

*Mavis Casson*

## **REFRESHMENTS FOR THE LICENSING SERVICE**

Thank you to all those who kindly donated money for the food and wine to be served in the Brethren's Hall after the service on 23 April.

*Sue Fairbrother*

## **PARISH APPEAL FOR THE REWIRING & LIGHTING PROJECT**

I explained last month that the Parish is committed to raising £50,000 toward the circa £200,000 cost of the Rewiring & Lighting project for the Church at St Cross. I also gave the good news that, thanks to one very generous donation and a number of fundraising events (ranging from a Croquet evening and requesting donations instead of presents for a Golden Wedding, through to Ghastly Goings On tours and cake stalls), we have already raised over £16,500.

What happens next? To broaden the appeal, we are launching a direct request for funds to all those who live in the Parish (some 2500 people) and organisations connected with the Parish, including businesses, users of the Parish Hall and the School, as well as the congregation itself. Appeal leaflets are scheduled to be delivered around the Parish in the first 2 weeks of April. I am grateful to all those who have volunteered to deliver them. They will be available from Tony Carver from Sunday 29 March. Copies of the Appeal leaflet will also be available at the back of Church.

We will also continue to hold fundraising events. Here I must give a special mention to St Cross in Bloom on 4 – 7 June. We hope this will make a significant contribution to the appeal, as well being an enjoyable and inspiring event, and would urge everyone to support it. I know a number of people in the Parish have already been very generous in providing support and sponsorship, and we are very grateful to them.

If you have any questions at all, please call me on Winchester 865869.

*Murray Dixon*

## **POTTER'S VILLAGE, UGANDA**

The Bring and Buy sale in aid of the Potter's Village for children at risk raised the wonderful sum of £740. We do want to express our warmest thanks to all those who supported this event with donations, practical help, cakes, gifts and their presence and generous buying on the day. This will give a marvellous boost to much needed funds.

*John and Jill Baker*

## **THIS MONTH'S MUSIC**

The choir gives two 'anniversary' composers places in this month's schedule. Purcell (b.1659) wrote beautiful music for the funeral of Queen Mary II in Westminster Abbey in March 1695. *Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts* (for Maundy Thursday) was part of that music, sadly repeated at the composer's own funeral in November of the same year – also in the Abbey. A certain chorus from the Easter section of *Messiah* by Handel (d.1759) seems a suitable offering for 12 April. We may not have the original trumpets and drums on that occasion but we hope to welcome our new Master with suitable fanfares on 23 April when our Chapel Choir will be augmented by some of the singers from Canon Harley's churches in Chandlers Ford, St. Boniface and St. Martin's. Two student trumpeters will join us in our 7.30pm celebrations and we hope the congregation will lustily sing the well-known hymns chosen by the Master.

## **CHOIR EXTRAS**

Not BBC or Channel 4 and certainly not Hollywood..... The pay's hopeless, we don't provide make-up and the costumes are ever so traditional. But the centuries old location is spectacular, the soundtrack constantly varied and we can always guarantee plenty of supportive fans on the set every week. So do consider joining us on a regular or a part-time basis. Informal casting is on any Wednesday in the church at 6.30pm or you can have a word with the director, Derek Zefirelli Beck, after any morning service or on W.860681 or via e-mail: [dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk).

## MUSIC FOR APRIL

Antiphons – Derek Beck, Clement McWilliam, Charles Wood  
Communion setting – John Merbecke and David Thorne

### Anthems

5 April	Aston	Hosanna to the Son of David
9 April	Purcell	Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts
12 April	Handel	Hallelujah Chorus
19 April	Wesley	Lead me, Lord
23 April	Rawsthorne	Christ is our corner-stone
26 April	Ley	The strife is o'er

### Voluntaries

5 April	J S Bach	Prelude <i>Valet will ich Dir geben</i> (BWV 735)
	J S Bach	Fugue in G minor (BWV 542)
9 April	Buxtehude	Prelude <i>O Sacred Head sore wounded</i>
12 April	Bohm Howells	Prelude and fugue in C Saraband for the Morning of Easter
19 April	Howells Couperin	Master Tallis's Testament Offertoire sur les grands jeux ( <i>Parish Mass</i> )
23 April	Durufle Elgar	Chorale varie sur le Veni Creator Sonata in G ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> movement</i> )
26 April	Bruckner J S Bach	Prelude in C Fantasia in G (BWV 572)

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## JUST 10

Spring 2009 will see the just10 series running in Winchester cathedral at the heart of our city. Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has many challenges and not many answers. Over ten weeks J John will be looking at the 10 commandments and helping us apply them to daily life. Rather than being an irrelevant set of rules J John will present the commandments as an essential guide to modern life.

Date	How to ....
22 April	<i>Find true contentment</i>
29 April	<i>Hold to the truth</i>
6 May	<i>Prosper with a clean conscience</i>
13 May	<i>Affair-proof your relationships</i>
20 May	<i>Tame your temper</i>
27 May	<i>Keep peace with your parents</i>
3 June	<i>Stop driving yourself crazy</i>
10 June	<i>Take God seriously</i>
17 June	<i>Know the real God</i>
24 June	<i>Live by priorities</i>

All just10 evenings are on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.00pm. J John will be speaking at the cathedral, but the event will also be broadcast live to the following venues: The Middle Brook Centre, Vineyard Centre and Christ Church (youth venue).

## CATHEDRAL REFECTORY DUTY – FEBRUARY

Noble deeds again! Many thanks to the members of the Team. I am delighted to report that, once again, one of our customers came specially to tell us how nice it was to be in the refectory with such a 'jolly bunch of volunteers'. We have obviously perfected the art of smiling whilst our feet are killing us and being gracious and welcoming whilst 'they' dither over café crème, latte, macchiato, white or black. (By the end of the afternoon one is awfully tempted to press the same button on the machine whatever they ask for!)

Next date is Friday 21 August. Ages away!

*Elizabeth Loader*

# St Cross Fete 27 June 2009



Please start collecting good books, CDs, toys, china and glass, bric a brac and tombola prizes. And if you chip a plate, don't throw it away – it will be ideal for plate smashing.

## Current Contacts

Books - Lisa Fines	Crafts - Doreen Jenkins
Cakes - Jessie Ronaldson	Garden - Dick Bingham
Car Parking- Tim Stevens	Gate – Martin Harlow
Cards - Julia Richards	Logistics – John Pringle
Children's Games - Murray Dixon	Raffle - Sue Fairbrother
Children's Toys & Books- Liz Crump	Refreshments - Sandra Showell
China & Glass - Sarah & Steve Miller	Toiletries - Evelyn Pringle
	White Elephant - Chris Curnock

If you want to help or have any questions, contact the above or the Fete Secretary, Gill Beck on 860681

Next Committee Meeting – 26 May 2009  
Brothers' Library

## **GARDEN SOCIETY AGM**

St Cross Garden Society is holding its AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 April in St Faith's Parish Hall. The business should be over quickly, and we will then be able to enjoy a talk from Chris Bird of Sparsholt College about 'The plants of chalk downland'. Everyone is welcome.

One group of plants covered in the talk will be orchids, so that we can be prepared for the Society's outing to the Hampshire Wildlife Trust reserve at Noar Hill on Saturday 4 July. Put the date in your diaries now!

## WINCHESTER CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Last year the project received an exceptional amount in donations from all churches totalling £10,155. This year we received £5,250 and whilst donations from individuals held up, several churches were unable to contribute.

This year we gave out just under £7,000, which has considerably reduced our reserves and made it more difficult to consider supporting the Summer Outings organised by the same agencies. These day trips have been to places such as the beach, the New Forest and Calshot Activity Centre. The Summer Outings are often the only occasion in the year that the families get out of Winchester. At the feedback meeting in January there was a strong wish that we should try to fund the £2,000 that will be needed, and it was agreed to approach churches.

We would be very pleased if you could help fund this year's Summer Outings. Please send any donations to: Honorary Treasurer, Mrs M Curtis, 3 Hinton Vale, Cheriton, Alresford, Hants SO24 0QJ

Thank you very much indeed for anything you are able to send.

*Helen McTiffin (United Church) and Caroline Ward (St Lawrence)*

## NATURE NOTES – THE CUCKOO

This year I await what Wordsworth called the cuckoo's twofold shout with some anxiety. Declining numbers, due to loss of habitat, declining insect populations and overuse of pesticides, make this quintessential sound of summer a rarer feature of our countryside. Didn't Delius capture the feeling well in his little piece "On Hearing the First Cuckoo of Spring"? So much of what he composed echoes nature of years past.

Folklore gives us some wisdom about this unique bird. If you hear the first cuckoo on your right you will have good fortune but if it is heard on your left then bad luck is impending. In some areas it is a harbinger of misfortune to hear the cuckoo after 31 July. Cuckoos are said to steal the colour blue and faded blue clothes are their fault.

A saying regarding the arrival of the cuckoo is:

*When the cuckoo comes to the bare thorn  
Sell your cow and buy your corn  
But when he come to the full bit  
Sell your corn and buy your ship(sheep)*

### **SPACE IN THE CITY**

*A series of four reflections on the nature of Inspiration and Place.*

*April 29 Alice Kettle – Textiles  
May 6 David Scott – Poetry  
May 13 Sophie Hacker – Visual Art  
May 20 Andrew Lumsden – Music*

*In conversation with Rev Amanda Goulding  
Wednesdays 12.30 until 1.00pm  
St Lawrence in the Square, Winchester*

Admission free Donations appreciated Refreshments available