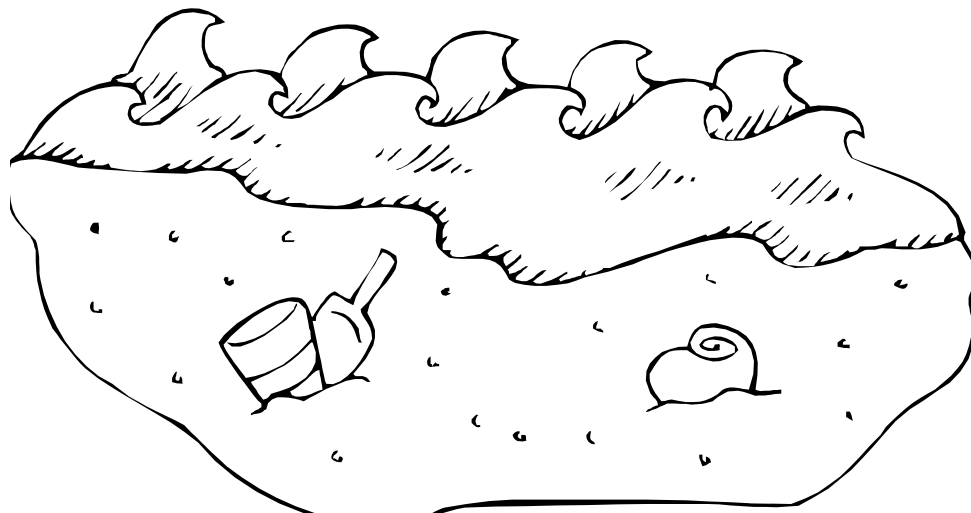


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The Clergy

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	Holy Communion
9.30am	Sung Eucharist
	Sunday School in the Brothers Library.
	<i>No Sunday School on 2nd Sunday as families are present throughout the main service.</i>
5.30pm	Evensong (said)
2nd & 4th Sundays	
11.00am	Choral Matins

Weekdays

10.00am	Matins	Daily
5.30pm	Evensong	Daily
8.00am	Holy Communion	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wed

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

(NB Chaplain's day off - Friday)

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I suspect that by now most people are aware that the interviews which took place for the post of Archdeacon of Winchester, parish priest of St Faith and Master of St Cross resulted in no one being selected. My understanding is that, although suitable for the roles of Master and Incumbent of the parish, the candidates did not have the particular qualifications needed for Archdeacon.

So what does this mean for us? Firstly the interregnum will continue as it has with the marvellous work done by the Churchwardens, PCC, the various committees, and by you all. This parish has shown that not only can it survive but that it can, and does, flourish thanks to the enormous support that you all give. With goodwill and a positive attitude I know that we can go from strength to strength and my thanks go to you all.

Secondly, we must await the decision of the Bishops and Diocesan authorities as to how next to proceed. How long it will take and what process will be used will become apparent, but whatever happens we need to have patience and continue to pray that the right person will eventually be appointed.

I know that some people are disappointed and some have expressed frustration at the outcome, but perhaps we need to reflect that we are a very small part of a Church that is undergoing massive changes, giving rise to huge tensions that could result in schism. As the Bishops meet at Lambeth our focus and our prayers should be on and for them and the issues that they are discussing – issues that go right to the heart of the Gospel which we proclaim. The Anglican Communion and our own Church of England are at a crucial point in our history whereby divisions within the structure could lead to its disintegration. Let us pray fervently that this may be avoided and that a way may be found for the Church to maintain its unity and continue its Mission.

With every blessing,

Reg Sweet
Chaplain

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

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

- SUNDAY 3 **TRINITY 11**
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer
- SUNDAY 10 **TRINITY 12**
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
11.00am Matins
5.30pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday 13 7.30pm Pimms, Croquet & Boules evening
- SUNDAY 17 **TRINITY 13**
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer
- Tuesday 19 *** deadline for September magazine ***
- Friday 22 7.30pm Tethered balloon flights over St Cross
- SUNDAY 24 **TRINITY 14 St Bartholomew**
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
11.00am Matins
*retiring collection at 9.30am and 11.00am
for Sightsavers International*
5.30pm Evening Prayer
- SUNDAY 31 **TRINITY 15**
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Prayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The PCC met on Tuesday 8 July, one day earlier than had been programmed because on the Wednesday the two Churchwardens were required to be at Old Alresford as part of the selection process for the next Master.

The Hon Treasurer reported that about half way through the year we seemed to be on target to meet the projected budget, but there had been donations of over £1000 which had not been expected.

It is likely that the Mission Audit could take place some time in the Autumn. The exact timing could depend on the arrival date of the next Master.

On Wednesday 9 July the four short-listed candidates for the next Master visited St Cross where they were met by various groups and attended a service in the Church. The process continued in the evening when the Churchwardens met the candidates in an informal session at Old Alresford Place. The following morning the formal interviews took place with both Churchwardens on the interviewing panel. One of the candidates was considered satisfactory by the Churchwardens and Victoria Wakefield, the Chairman of Trustees. However the Bishops, Michael and Trevor, did not consider that any of the candidates were suitable as Archdeacons. The process will continue by the Bishops with the Diocesan Secretary trying to find one or more suitable candidates who should then be interviewed by the same panel.

There is no scheduled PCC Meeting in August.

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

The retiring collection for August will be for Sightsavers International. Sightsavers International works in some of the poorest countries in the world, combating blindness, and restoring sight through specialist treatment and eye care. They also give support to those who are irreversibly blind by providing education, counselling and training. The collection plate will be at the back of church on 24 August for both the 9.30am Eucharist and 11.00am Matins services.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP

With the Chaplain, Rev Reg Sweet, the Pastoral Care Group recently had their six-monthly review meeting.

Members are ...	Jill Baker	861388
...	Caroline Curnock	853331
	Cheryl Irons	864308
	Cled Jenkins	861552
	Jane Lunn-Rockcliffe	851241
	Evelyn Pringle	870426

The group, with others, are involved in aspects of all our services. They have a special interest in assisting our Chaplain and other clergy. In addition, the group offer parish and hospital visits. Individually, they are involved with the elderly in their own and in community homes. They keep in contact with their neighbours and seek to identify lonely and isolated people. One member has a special interest in the baptismal register and follows up these little people. One is a governor of St Faiths School and wishes to form links with families of children attending the school. All members are available to visit sick and bereaved people. They seek to make links with all parochial organisations.

Please do contact them if you feel they could be of help to you or anyone you know.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT ST CROSS

By the time you read this we hope you are all enjoying the Summer Holidays. We are having a rest and will commence again on

7 September. There will be work sheets and books at the back of church for your use during our break.

Sunday Club, which is held in the Brother's Library, is aimed at children who are old enough to join us without their parents. This often coincides with the point at which they have settled at pre-school. Obviously there may be a settling in period and parents are welcome to come along with their children during that time. For further information contact Valerie (853275).

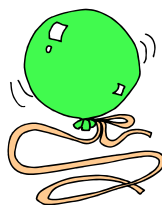
The Crèche is aimed at children not old enough for Sunday Club. Parents are welcome to stay in the crèche with their children or to leave them with us. The crèche is held in the vestry which is tucked away behind the organ within the main church building. This makes it easy to pop in when you need to, rather than feel you have to come to crèche for a set amount of time. For more information contact Liz (863017).

Family Service is held on the second Sunday of each month. Given the nature of the service, the children stay in church throughout the service therefore there is no Sunday Club or Crèche.

ABC Club is a parent and toddler/baby group which provides a safe place for children to play and make friends and also for parents to meet each other. We meet on Monday afternoons in term time at St Faiths Parish Hall from 2.00pm to 3.15pm. Please come and join us. For further information contact Michele (890871).

ST CROSS FETE 2008

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2008 We took nearly £9000 on the day (£8,961 to be time. And attendance was well up on previous years, weather was uncertain. Expenses will be about £2000 so that we have some £7000 to distribute to the parish and our chosen charities: Help and Homes for Children and the Hampshire Air Ambulance.



St Cross Fête one of the best ever. precise) which is the most for a long even though right until the day before the

Special thanks go to Julia Richards and Sue Woodward who are standing down as Fete Secretary and Fete Treasurer this year. We are now looking for volunteers to replace them. Don't hold back. If you think you may be able to help, please call Julia (881765) or Sue (854908) or any member of the PCC (names on the back of this magazine).

MOTHERS' UNION

Our July Evening Supper Party was a happy occasion when Cllr Chris Pines came to talk to us about his year as the Mayor of Winchester. He told us of the gruelling schedule that he and the Mayoress had, but he found it all very fulfilling as he felt that much was accomplished to indicate to all that the City Council did care and had time to listen.

On 10 July we held a special meeting at the parish hall when Bishop John Wilme of Toungoo Diocese in Mynmar (Burma) came to talk to us of his ministry. Toungoo is half-way between Mandalay and Rangoon and is quite a hilly region. Bishop John regularly has to walk 3 to 7 hours a day in order to reach some of the small villages, which keeps him very fit. His ministry involves the administration of bible colleges, English centres, boarding hostels for secondary school children, primary schools, workshops for sewing and motor repairs and the all-important job of pastoring. He left us a DVD giving us an overall picture of life in his Diocese. Please contact me if you wish to borrow it. We in St. Cross branch were humbled by the difficulties that the Bishop faces every day, but he assures us he is very grateful for the funding he gets from our Overseas Fund. During this meeting, the collection went to the Burma Children's Fund by request of Bishop John. You can get more information about this charity by visiting their website at www.burmachildrensfund.org.uk. I would like to particularly thank Daphne Field for providing the delicious tea.

Eight of us attended the Festival Service at the Cathedral. It was a very beautiful affair with banners galore and all the 8 visiting Burmese bishops and their wives and the 6 Burundi bishops and their wives together with the Archbishop of Burma worshipping with us.

Please remember that our AGM is on 24 September starting at 2.30pm. My good wishes for a happy and relaxing summer.

Evelyn Pringle

*The Residents of the Hospital of St Cross
& Almshouse of Noble Poverty
request the pleasure of your company at an evening of*

Pimms, Croquet & Boules

to be held in the Quadrangle
At the hour of 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 August 2008

*Tickets: 6 guineas (£6.30)
includes a jug of Pimms per table of four & bottle of mineral water
Additional drinks may be purchased from the bar*

*Gentlemen: dinner jacket/lounge suit
Ladies: Cocktail dress/evening wear*

Carriages at 9.30pm

All profits to the re-wiring/lighting project



TETHERED BALLOON FLIGHTS OVER ST CROSS
Friday 22 August
7.30pm



Watch out for more information about this exciting opportunity to see St Cross from a new angle!

Details from The Porter, St Cross Hospital (851375)

AUGUST MUSIC

The choir has a mini-break from Wednesday rehearsals this month, which will mean no anthems at our 9.30am Eucharists. There will, however, be choir members in attendance to reinforce the wondrous singing of the congregation! Meanwhile the organists are being very patriotic by choosing voluntaries written by English composers from the sixteenth to the twenty-first centuries. Thomas Weelkes was organist at Winchester College from 1598 to c1601 and S S Wesley served as cathedral organist here from 1849 to 1865.

NEW CHORISTERS

Autumn is a busy time for the Chapel Choir with our patronal festival soon followed by harvest festival. There will be much good music to learn and cheerful services to support. Why not consider joining us?

You may be surprised at how fulfilling choir membership can be and we can teach you all you need to know. Choir practices will resume on Wednesday 3 September. Drop into the church at 6.30pm.

WAYNFLETE AND CANON ANTHONY CAESAR

Derek, our organist, will again be 'on point duty' directing members of the Waynflete Singers at a cathedral evensong on Monday 11 August. This will be the annual 'OBIT' service commemorating the life of Bishop Waynflete who died in 1486. It is traditional to use music at this service with strong Winchester connections and this year there will be an additional St. Cross link. Canon Anthony Caesar, now aged 84, is a former Precentor of our cathedral and later our Chaplain at St. Cross. He left us in 1993 (playing the voluntary at the end of his last service here) and now lives in retirement in Cheltenham. An Oxford music graduate and very fine organist, he has composed much sacred music and on 11 August we will be using Canon Caesar's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Brother John Davies, another brilliant organist and former cathedral Lay Clerk, will be accompanying the 5.30pm Waynflete service.

MUSIC FOR AUGUST

Antiphons – Derek Beck & Clement McWilliam
Communion setting – David Thorne
Responses – Tallis

Voluntaries (*English organ music*)

3 August	Howells Dyson	Preludio <i>Sine Nomine</i> Voluntary in D
10 August	Sumsion Greene	Saraband and Interlude Voluntary in G
11.00am	Thiman Rutter	Air and Variations Toccatina in Seven
17 August	Bridge Bedford	Adagio in E Carillion (2001)
24 August	Hurford Gilbert	Prelude <i>Schmucke dich</i> Epilogue
11.00am	Weelkes Purcell	Two voluntaries Voluntary in G
31 August	Howells S S Wesley	Psalm Prelude Set 1, No 2 Choral Song and Fugue

BIG BATTLEFIELD BIKE RIDE FOR HELP FOR HEROES

It was an excellent trip, well organised, very interesting and at times very moving. We started at the Historic Dockyard and after a flypast by the Red Arrows, families then left and we all had supper and briefings followed by a Beating Retreat by the Marines after which we set off for the ferry. My family had gone to Gunwharfe Quays for their meal and their return to the car coincided with our departure so we were all cheered on our way by my family and a few others. It was a good start.

Our first stop was Pegasus Bridge for breakfast, our second for many, and the first of the military history

talks. The lecturers were very good and most commonly did 10 – 15 minute talks to groups as they arrived at a site. We held Acts of Remembrance, for which we had Corporal Arnold as bugler, a Gurkha piper, and a small honour party. We laid wreaths at Pegasus Bridge, Saint Valery en Caux, Dieppe, Grandcourt, Thiepval, Dunkirk and the Cenotaph. The wreath layers were all cyclists who had some connection through family or regiment with the battle, and at Dieppe the Canadian fiancée of an RAMC doctor laid the wreath.

Outside caterers provided the morning and afternoon water stops and lunch, in church halls, on playing fields and so on. They never ran out of food and always stayed for the last arrivals, who might arrive some 3 hours after the first. We were half board each night in 3 or 4 2-star hotels; each night's grouping changed so we had a chance to meet new people and we roomed in pairs. I shared with my friend David Griffiths. The whole route was signed by a remarkable young motorcyclist with a mohican haircut and quite obviously brilliant navigation skills.

The return on HMS Bulwark was splendid: we all walked onto the four landing craft at Dunkirk, having loaded our bikes onto lorries to be taken to Blackheath, and the craft docked inside the hull of Bulwark. A Remembrance Service took place on the flight deck and then there were tours of the ship, followed by tea, coffee, cakes and beer. The Naval welcome was as warm and their hospitality as generous as ever. In Dover we loaded onto the landing craft to land on the shingle beach inside the harbour to cheering crowds and a free fall by the Red Devils. We stayed in Dover on the Saturday night and then were bussed to Blackheath for the final cycle into London. There was a wreath laying at the Cenotaph, this time by the wounded soldiers from Headley Court who had cycled, and we finished off with a pedal down Whitehall into Great George Street and then to Horseguards Parade for a speech from General Dannett.

My family and Lucy, David's daughter, met us at the Cenotaph and we had tea and drinks before going our separate ways at Waterloo. My total mileage was 360 of which 350 had been done on the 5 days in France. Seventy miles per day, and fitting that in around talks, wreath laying, water stops and lunch meant that we had to pedal a bit! I think that only one person failed to complete but with good reason as he had crashed on day two and cracked five ribs. People were very determined, but how could we not be with so many badly wounded cycling?

By the end of the trip the ride had raised £1.2m and the target £6m had been passed. It was the trip of a lifetime and it would be nice to think that my future cycle tours in France could be as well organised, by someone else!

I thank all of you who have sponsored and supported me in this wonderful endeavour.

John Spiers

ST CROSS GARDEN SOCIETY SHOW

The annual show will take place on Sat 6 Sept with the doors opening at 2.00pm. Why not come along and enjoy the array of locally grown flowers and vegetables? See if you agree with the judges' decisions! There will also be cookery and craft classes, classes for children, plus a lovely display of art work by the pupils of St Faith's School. The entry fee is only 50p for non-members, and there will be refreshments on sale.

Have you considered entering the competitions? Members of the committee can provide you with a copy of the schedule, and explain any tips which would help with putting together an entry. The best piece of advice is to "read the schedule". Every year certain entries are disqualified because they don't match the schedule description. This is rarely a major technical problem, usually 6 cheese scones on a plate when the schedule says 5.

The main competition areas are fruit and vegetables, flowers, floral art; cookery and craft. There is a cup for the most points gained with produce from the allotments. Children aged 11 and under have their own classes - this year there is cooking cheese straws, making a garden in a shoe box and a flower arrangement in an unusual container. The "Family Cup" is great fun. An adult and child make a joint entry

of iced fairy cakes, vase of garden flowers and an animal made of fruit and veg. Unfortunately my sons are too old for this now!

Ask any committee member or contact me if you are interested in taking part.

Karen Dunford (855023)

NATURE NOTES

This was the news flash on 20 July 2007:

"Parts of England and Wales were lashed by severe weather in July, with flooding affecting thousands of homes and leaving many without water. Heavy rain on 20 July led to flash floods and saw river levels rise, affecting swathes of central and western England".

As I write this on a wet and windy early July day in 2008, with little prospect of improvement for the next few days, I wonder if we will have a repeat of last year.

For gardeners heavy rain in July is a mixed blessing. Top fruit, like pears and apples and plums, now at their peak swelling time, will appreciate it. So will main crop potatoes. Shrubs that are past their flowering time, like Ceanothus and Philadelphus and are putting on growth for next year, will do well.

However waterlogged soil can cause the loss of tree and plants in many parts of the country. It can encourage the spread of potato blight, and there is early evidence of this in the allotments of St Cross that is worrying. Tall annuals like Cosmos and even Sweet Peas are drooping under the persistent rain and battering wind.

What can we do? A quick check-list:

- * To improve drainage add plenty of compost
- * Plant shrubs and trees on raised ground or artificial mounds
- * Use strong stakes for tall plants.
- * Don't pave patios right up to house walls, leave a bed or border to increase drainage
- * Prune back ornamentals

All is not gloomy. There is evidence that many garden plants can recover from a few days under water, but to be on the safe side take cuttings!

RIDE AND STRIDE

On September 13 the annual sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Historic Churches will take place. As usual I have forms for those who would like to take part, while the rest of you can concentrate on sponsoring one or more of the participants. I also have the last year's Report and Newsletter of the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust showing that St Cross was in the top ten supporting Churches having raised a total of £885. Please help us to do well again this year. John Fairbrother, tel 865586.



THE HUNDRED MEN'S HALL REFRESHMENTS



Morning coffee and Afternoon tea
Delicious homemade cakes and biscuits
Jude's ices – the ice-cream with soul!
Ploughman's lunch and cream teas available by prior arrangement

Open from Easter to the end of September
10.30am – 12.30pm, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Meet your friends and enjoy good company in tranquil surroundings. We look forward to welcoming you.

An annual pass for local residents, giving unlimited access to the beautiful Old Master's Garden, is available from the Porter's Lodge.