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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays

8.00am

Holy Communion

9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Sunday School in the Brothers' Library.

No Sunday School on 2nd Sunday as families are present throughout the main service.

2nd & 4th Sundays

11.00am

Choral Matins

Weekdays

10.00am

Matins

Daily

11.00am

Holy Communion

Wed

8.00am

Holy Communion

Thurs

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

Master's day off - Friday

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

MASTER'S LETTER

Previously I have been asked to write a little to explain my role as the Archdeacon of Winchester. Recently my role as Master of St Cross has been reviewed by the Trustees, so I thought that it may be of interest to you to write a little on that too.

The Diocese remains committed to the spiritual and pastoral role of the Master of St Cross, and delights in the history and tradition of the Hospital. But it recognizes that the role has changed recently due to two things. First, combining the role with that of Archdeacon of Winchester limits the time available for the Hospital. Secondly a change to the Charitable Scheme, by the Trustees, confirms the Master as just one voice amongst fifteen regarding the Governance of the Hospital.

Several aspects of the perceived role of the Master involve that of Governance, which now no longer applies to that role any more than to other Trustees. Therefore, a revised Role Description needed to reflect that change.

The role of the Master reflects that of a parish priest in the pastoral and spiritual oversight of the Brothers, as well as sharing in aspects of Governance with other Trustees. In this he should:

- 1) Read prayers every morning or cause the same to be read
- 2) Hold the service of Gowning of new Brothers; and approve the Order of Service of Gowning
- 3) Offer recommendation to the Board of Trustees of a nominee for the post of Chaplain, and supervise his/her role.
- 4) Receive and act upon requests from the Brothers to absent themselves from Matins or to be excused from wearing their gown and hat.
- 5) Review a Brother's position should the number of absences from the Hospital exceed twenty eight days in any one year.
- 6) Attend the Quarterly Trustee and Welfare meetings.
- 7) Attend the bi-monthly Brothers' Forum
- 8) Interview prospective new Brothers with another Trustee, and recommend their admission (or non-admission) to the Trustees.

The Master can delegate tasks (especially the following), to the Chaplain as it is appropriate:

- 9) Visit the Brothers, and be available to help and support them where necessary, and bring to the attention of the Clerk to the Trustees any concern regarding a Brother's well-being.
- 10) Provide, or cause to be provided, quarterly updates to the Board of Trustees on the welfare of the Brothers.

Despite reviewing the role, and recognizing the changes, the role of the Master is still both rich and enjoyable, and I find it something that I enjoy doing. It isn't clearly defined in terms of hours or days, but is often interwoven into the other roles that I hold. I can have a parish or a diocesan meeting in my study at St Cross, as well as acting as Master with my concern for the Hospital. When I go into the diocese I very often wear the Master's cross which reminds me and others that I have another role too.

Michael

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

SUNDAY	7	2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Tuesday	9	2.00pm Mothers' Union, Parish Hall <i>Speaker: Lou Scott-Joynt</i>
Wednesday	10	7.30pm Fete meeting, Brothers' Library
Thursday	11	2.30pm Fellowship visit to Winchester College Fellows' Library
SUNDAY	14	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Eucharist Service of Thanksgiving for Baptism <i>NB no Matins today</i>

Monday	15	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Speaker: John Pringle</i>
Tuesday	16	*** deadline for March magazine ***
Wednesday	17	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	18	7.00pm Ghastly Goings On tour
SUNDAY	21	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Thursday	25	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel 7.00pm Ghastly Goings On tour
Saturday	27	7.30pm Handel's Samson, St Cross Church
SUNDAY	28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 1100am Matins

EMMAUS COURSE FOR LENT

Are you wanting to find out what Christianity is really about? Have you got hard questions about faith and life? Are you thinking of being baptised or confirmed? Would you like a refresher course on your faith? Would you like to help others along their faith journey? ***Then Emmaus is for YOU!***

We will meet on Mondays 7.30pm – 9.30pm at Flat 25, St Cross Hospital, 22 February - 22 March (There will be a confirmation service on 15 May at 6.30pm in St Luke's, Winchester). Michael will lead discussions and everything is very informal. No question is reckoned too basic or issue too simple to be raised. There may be some refreshments! We will end with simple prayer. *Ring Michael Harley 01962-869442 to find out more or book your place*

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

On 14 February we will be holding our first special service of Thanksgiving for Baptism. During last year some twenty children were baptised in our church. As each had their own service, we thought it would be appropriate to bring them together and, with them, have this special celebration. The format will follow the Family Service that we have developed, which is a shortened communion service with a talk appropriate to the children. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Hundred Men's Hall.

As we wanted to bring the families together with the whole congregation, having Matins after this service would mean that some people would not be included in this event. I hope that the dedicated Matins attendees will not be affronted if we cancel the service for this Sunday. We would be delighted if you were able to join us at 9.30am.

Cheryl Irons
Churchwarden

ST CROSS CRAFT GROUP

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Lunch and Sale held in December, in aid of The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

Due to your generosity and support we are able to forward £800.

We hope you enjoyed the event as much, as we did, it was certainly very worthwhile.

Thank you

St Cross Crafts Group

ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP

Sadly the January talk had to be postponed due to the weather. The speaker has kindly agreed to come early in next season's programme.

On February 11 there is an opportunity to visit the Winchester College Fellows Library. This is an afternoon event and will start at 2.30pm. Numbers are restricted to 20 so please let me know if you wish to come. Information about the library can be found at <http://www.winchestercollege.co.uk/fellows-library>

John Pringle (Tel : 870426)

ST CROSS MEN'S GROUP

All the seats were occupied when we met on 18 January to listen to Bishop John Baker recounting his memories of Westminster. He had been a lecturer at Oxford when he received a letter from the Prime Minister offering a canonship at Westminster Abbey. Not a man to waste time, within a year of taking up the post he had met and married Jill. He reminisced about the Abbey services and the people he had met. When George Thomas, a Welsh Methodist lay preacher, was elected as Speaker of the House of Commons there was much speculation as to who he would appoint as his chaplain – he chose Bishop John. There followed a very interesting time of close association with George Thomas and many Members of Parliament. His appointment as Bishop of Salisbury followed and he returned to sit in the House of Lords.

We all look forward to a future meeting with Bishop John when he will give us an insight into his involvement in the negotiations in Northern Ireland.

Our next meeting will be in the Brothers' Library at 8.00pm on 15 February (don't forget the red rose on the previous day) when John Pringle will speak about Jerusalem and the Middle East Churches Association.

John Casson

MOTHERS' UNION

This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 9 February at 2.00pm – **please note the earlier time**. Mrs Lou Scott-Joynt is our speaker and we look forward to her talk about the recent visit to the Congo which she and Bishop Michael made. We have invited other MU branches to attend and members of the congregation are also invited. This should be a most informative and interesting meeting.

Mavis Casson

GHASTLY GOINGS ON

There are two last occasions to enjoy an atmospheric tour of St Cross in the dark before spring is upon us and the evenings are too light. Join me at 7.00pm on Thursday 18 February or 25 February and see your favourite buildings in a different 'light'. Come and hear about murder and suicide, hauntings and other ghastly goings on from the last 900 years. Tickets £4.50 including refreshments from the Porter's Lodge (851375). All proceeds to support the Hospital and Parish.

Clare Dixon

PS some of the best stories from the Ghastly Goings On tours have now been published as a booklet, also available from the Porter's Lodge at £2.50. A good antidote to official histories and/or a light-hearted gift for someone who knows the Hospital!

ST CROSS FETE

The fete this year will be on Saturday 26 June. The first meeting about the fete will be held on Wednesday 10 February at 7.30 pm in the Brothers' Library. Please do come along if you are willing to help and especially if you are a stallholder. One item for discussion will be the PCC's suggestions as to the charities we should support. For further information please contact Gill Beck on 01962-860681 or email dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk. See you there!

Gill Beck

LENT LUNCHESES

This year's Lent Lunches at the United Church in Jewry Street are being held as usual from 12 noon to 1.30pm. Lunch consists of soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee for £3.50, although additional donations are welcome. The following charities will be supported:

Friday 19 Feb	Trinity Centre
Friday 26 Feb	Oxfam
Friday 5 March	CAFOD
Friday 12 March	Christian Aid
Friday 19 March	Wells for India
Friday 26 March	Nightshelter/Keystone

St Cross is responsible for the Lent Lunch on 12 March in aid of Christian Aid. Do come and support the event. There will be homemade soup and freshly cut sandwiches. We will also have a stall selling homemade cakes, biscuits, chutneys and jams.

Please help us to stock the stall or monetary contributions will be most welcome. Contact: Trish Spiers 01962 851699. I am happy to collect from you as well. I look forward to a strong parish support. It is a very pleasant and happy occasion and serves a need too.

Trish Spiers

MAMMON'S REVENGE

The new series of Space in the City talks, due to start in January, was postponed because of the bad weather and will now take place during Lent. The revised dates are:

24 February	Money: what it has become
3 March	The system money drives
10 March	Putting money in its place
17 March	Money in faith and practice

The speaker is still Peter Selby, former Bishop of Worcester, and the talks are in the United Church, Jewry Street at 12.30pm. Admission free. Donations welcome. Sandwiches available.

THIS MONTH'S MUSIC

We move rapidly into the season of Lent and there will be an evening sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday with an unaccompanied anthem by the early 17th century Cambridge composer John Hilton. The phrase *to decline from sin, and incline to virtue* sounds like a Christian mission statement! Its sentiment is echoed in 28 February's anthem. This is the first of a number of sacred pieces we will be offering this year by England's most famous 19th century church musician, Samuel Sebastian Wesley.

This is the 200th anniversary of Wesley's birth in London as the illegitimate son of Bach-specialist Samuel and great-nephew of preacher John. He became organist of such prestigious places as Leeds Parish Church, Hereford, Exeter and Gloucester Cathedrals and from 1849 until 1865 he presided over the music of our cathedral, living first at 9A Kingsgate Street and later moving into the Close to the house of our present cathedral organist, Andrew Lumsden. Dr Wesley raised the status and the standard of church music nationally and was responsible for persuading the people of Winchester that they should buy a splendid grand organ displayed at the 1851 Great Exhibition in London - the core of the modern-day cathedral instrument. Less constructive was his demand for a spiral staircase to be drilled through the ceiling of the Holy Sepulchre Chapel to give him access to the organ loft, and perhaps to facilitate his early exits from services to go fishing in the Itchen. On such occasions he is reputed to have left a 14 year old boy (chorister ?) to play the final voluntary.

On 14 February Derek won't be fishing. He'll be attending wedding anniversary celebrations of in-laws in Norfolk. And instead of a 14 year old deputy the music at the 9.30am service will be in the highly capable hands of our regular parishioner, Peter Sawbridge. We are very grateful for his help.

[Please see additional notice about a Handel oratorio in our church on Saturday 27 February.]

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MUSIC FOR FEBRUARY

Antiphons – Clement McWilliam and Derek Beck

Communion settings – David Thorne and John Merbecke

Responses – Ferial

Anthems

7 February	Martin How	A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester
17 February	John Hilton	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
21 February	S S Wesley	Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness

Voluntaries

7 February	Couperin Couperin	Tierce en taille (<i>Parish Mass</i>) Offertoire sur les grands jeux
14 February	-	-
17 February	Peeters J S Bach	Prelude <i>If thou but suffer God to guide thee</i> Fantasia in C minor (<i>BWV 562</i>)
21 February	Buxtehude Budtehude	Prelude <i>By Adam's fall debased</i> Prelude & fugue in D minor
28 February	Vierne Vierne	Elegie (<i>Pieces en style libre</i>) Cortege (" " " ")
11.00am	Walcha Bruckner	Prelude <i>If thou but suffer God to guide thee</i> Postlude in D minor

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, David Pain, Head of Christian Aid's Africa Division, is giving a talk at The Stripe, University of Winchester on 'Poverty over in Africa in our lifetime? Trade, aid and justice for a new decade'. Wednesday 24 February, 6.00 for 6.30pm.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We regret that we have had to change the date of our first Fabric Sale in 2010, which was to be held on Thursday 25 February. This Fabric Sale will now be held on Wednesday 10 March from 10.00am to 12 noon at Wolvesey by kind permission of the Bishop and Mrs Scott-Joynt. There is a new range of designer fabrics from Colefax & Fowler and Jane Churchill which are always very popular and an outstanding bargain from just £6 - £10 per metre. Coffee will be available.

The Grosvenor Hotel in Stockbridge High Street is sponsoring our Fabric Sale on Saturday 20th March from 10 am - 12.30 pm, which will be held in the main function room.

St Cross Church

Saturday 27 February 2010 at 7.30 pm

HANDEL

S A M S O N

Rosie Coad (soprano), Sarah Shorter (contralto),

Daniel Hickson (tenor), Clive Hilton (bass)

TWYFORD SINGERS & PLAYERS

Directed by Derek Beck

Tickets for the above performance are available

from Derek & Gill Beck

or St Cross Hospital shop @ £12

If you fancy a really musical weekend, there is another concert at St Cross on Sunday 28 February at 7.00pm by the Quiristers of Winchester College under Malcolm Archer. 'On Wings of Song' is in aid of the Winchester College Quirister Fund and will be introduced by Alastair Bruce, Senior Correspondent for Sky News. Tickets £20 from julesflory@aol.com, 07967 984532 or 01962 772169.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In response to popular demand we intend to run the "St Cross South Downs Way Sponsored Cycle Ride" again on the weekend of 22/23 May 2010. Last year we raised £900 for the Lighting Fund. This year we intend to support the LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF THE WINCHESTER HOSPITALS Charity Number 275931 - which raises funds for our hospital. Trish Spiers is the Chairman of the League of Friends and would be grateful for our support this year. We hope that you will all be as generous with your gifts as you have been in the past. The cyclists will meet their own admin costs so you can be sure that all your sponsorship will be going to the League of Friends.

The ride will be from Winchester to Alfriston, not quite all the way to Eastbourne but it is a more realistic target at 90 miles for a two day cross country ride and makes allowances for the unforeseen. The ride is mainly on tracks with loose and, occasionally, slippery surfaces and with many steep climbs so it does require a good level of fitness and competence. Any good strong bike will do the job providing it is in good condition, has low gearing and cross country tyres. Advice and help on bikes is available from John Fairbrother and John Spiers.

As to the cyclists - we have a number of volunteers already, others are welcome to join us but we think that the maximum should be 12 cyclists and then only if we have a second support vehicle. The ride plan is that on Saturday 22 May we leave St Cross at 7.00am or soon after, cycle to Queen Elizabeth Park where we eat our packed lunches, thence to camp overnight at Washington and have dinner in the pub. On Sunday we again start early, eat packed lunches en-route and aim to complete the ride at Alfriston at about 6.00pm. We will return to St Cross using the support vehicle(s) and a car and van, which Cathy's family are again providing and which will meet us at Alfriston. John and Sue Fairbrother have again agreed to run the back-up transport which will carry tents, sleeping bags, some spare parts and our overnight luggage. They will also meet us regularly with drinks, snacks, encouraging words and sweep up broken riders or bikes.

All Riders are to provide their own packed lunches and for the

campers, a breakfast as well but John and Sue will carry it all in the car. There will be costs for all riders for admin, dinner and overnight charges, details of these are to follow. We can only run a 'Return to Winchester' system from Alfriston on completion of the ride so if anybody has to drop out en route then the support crew(s) will do all they can to help but ultimately responsibility to get home rests with the rider.

Despite the warning above our aim is to have an enjoyable and challenging weekend and to raise sponsorship money for the League of Friends so we hope that all those riding will trawl widely for funds and that Parishioners will support the project enthusiastically! Will all those who want to ride or sponsor please contact either Cathy or me on the telephone numbers below.

John Spiers - 01962 851699

Cathy Secker - 01962 851375

NATURE NOTES - Avian Etiquette

The cold weather has brought out the good, the bad and the ugly of bird-table manners. While eating our lunch - in exemplary style of course - we have watched how both the large and the small birds get their fill.

The jackdaw residents of the Hospital just take over when they arrive. They have learnt to perch on the side of the fat ball containers and take large chunks out before flying noisily away. The pigeons and magpies quickly finish off any bread on the ground and wait for the little birds to scatter seeds and bits of peanut. So do the blackbirds that crouch under the bushes and at this time of year are quite polite to each other. The dunnocks are also ground feeders.

At the feeders the steady stream of coal and blue tits is often interrupted by a busy flock of long-tailed tits who cause a flurry of activity before moving on to the next garden. A solitary female blackcap spends a long time at the fat ball and will not be interrupted by anyone.

All the while the robin, who of course owns the territory – or so he thinks – watches and finds plenty to keep him well-fed both on the ground and at the feeders when they are free.

Who has been missing? The odd chaffinch has appeared but no goldfinches or bullfinches. No woodpeckers or jays this year either. Perhaps the menu is better in neighbour's gardens.

CHIROPODIST
HOME VISITS

ANNE HARRISON
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footcare from an experienced practitioner -*

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