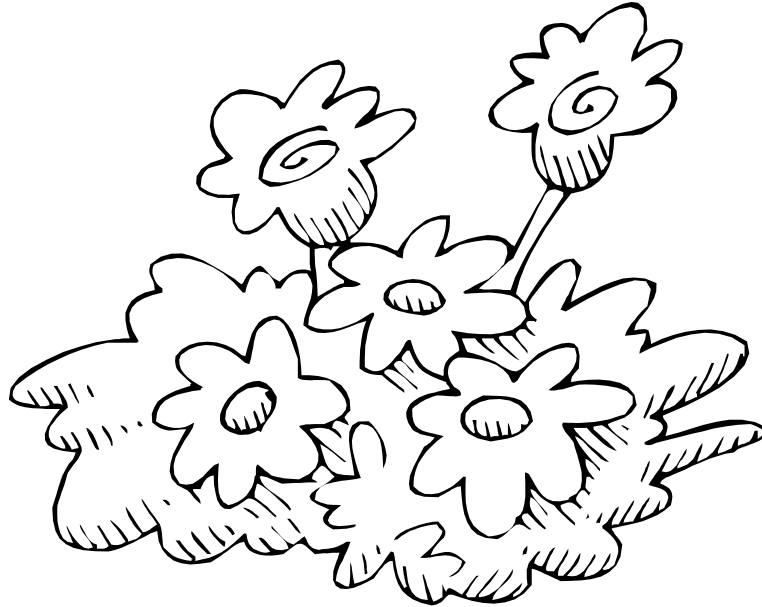


# THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS

## THE PARISH OF ST FAITH



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#### **The Clergy**

Master

The Reverend Reg Sweet

The Chaplain's Lodge 853525

Organist and Choirmaster  
Assistant Organist

Mr Derek Beck 860681  
Mr Chris Jones 854585

#### **CHURCH SERVICES**

## **Sundays**

8.00am

Holy Communion

9.30am

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

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

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**

I receive regular bulletins from a Christian organisation called Barnabas Aid which monitors the treatment of Churches in various parts of the world. They often make sad and painful reading but show just how courageous many Christians are. In some countries outright persecution takes place with Christians being killed, made homeless, imprisoned and ostracised because of their faith. Yet they remain faithful and continue to witness. Barnabas Aid and other societies and organisations offer support by prayer and material aid to many of these Churches, and certainly those of us who live with the freedom we enjoy should, I believe, do all that we can to help. We are indeed fortunate that we can practise our faith without fear.

Yet this freedom which we have enjoyed for so long may well be being challenged in our society today. Recent incidents reported and highlighted by the media seem to indicate an attitude that is becoming apparent amongst some sections of society of hostility to things Christian – a nurse suspended for offering to pray for a patient; a foster carer banned by her local authority because a Muslim girl in her charge became a Christian; a mother banned from her daughter's school because the seven-year-old spoke to another child about Jesus; and even a move in the House of Commons and elsewhere to abolish opening prayers. Concern has been expressed by various of our Bishops, as well as by representatives of other denominations, that our country is in increasing danger of losing its Christian identity. The complacency which so many churches have shown, coupled with the desire to show tolerance towards those of other faiths or none, is putting our heritage in jeopardy.

So what, if anything, can be done to counter this trend? Surely it can only be by proclaiming the Good News, the Gospel, in a positive way 'not only with our lips but in our lives'. And what better time and place to begin but here and now? Perhaps as we move through Lent and Passiontide, sharing in Our Lord's suffering and death, to Easter and His glorious Resurrection we might remind ourselves of what we are called to do and determine to do our utmost to proclaim Him in our daily lives. With every blessing,

*Reg Sweet, Chaplain*

## **DIARY DATES FOR MARCH**

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

SUNDAY	1	<b>LENT 1</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
Wednesday	4	8.00pm Lent Group first meeting, Flat 7, St Cross Mede
SUNDAY	8	<b>LENT 2</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 10.30am ( <i>approx</i> ) Cake sale, Hundred Men's Hall 11.00am Matins 12.15pm Holy Baptism
Monday	9	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Rev Peter Seale on Rome and Assisi</i>
Thursday	12	3.30pm St Cross Fellowship <i>Architectural</i> <i>Walkabout with Michael Carden, meet under Beaufort Arch</i>
SUNDAY	15	<b>LENT 3</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
Tuesday	17	*** deadline for April magazine ***
SUNDAY	22	<b>LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist <i>(retiring collection for the Trinity Centre)</i> <b>** No Matins this Sunday **</b>
Monday	23	8.00pm Meeting about Intercessions, Chaplain's Lodge
Thursday	26	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel
SUNDAY	29	<b>LENT 5 (Passion Sunday)</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist

**\*\* SERVICE CHANGES - PLEASE NOTE \*\***

After consultation it has been agreed that the daily weekday 8.00am Holy Communion will cease as from the beginning of March, and that we will revert to the previous routine of Holy Communion at 11.00am on Wednesdays (Book of Common Prayer) and 8.00am on Thursdays. Also, Evening Prayer is no longer available on Sunday evenings.

## LENT GROUP

Spring 2009 will see the just10 series running in Winchester Cathedral, at the heart of our city. Living in the 21st 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.

In preparation for this we aim to run a series over four Wednesday evenings in March to look at how we talk about our faith. What prompted us to come to church? Why do I stay? This is my story. We will be basing our evenings around a book entitled Breaking News to start our conversations.

Please note the following Wednesday evenings for the series; 4, 11, 18 and 25 March. Our first meeting will be at Flat 7 St Cross Mede, Mead Rd at 8.00pm. Phone 01962 843989 For further information please refer to the pew sheet.

*Jane Lunn-Rockcliffe*

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on 11 February 2009. The Headmaster of St Faith's School, Mr.Burbridge, was invited to this meeting as the PCC wish to have a good understanding of what the school is doing. He gave us an interesting presentation mentioning policy on pupil teacher ratios and explaining the admissions policy. After he had left it was agreed to make a £500 donation from the PCC to the school as had been done in the past.

The suggestion from the Fete committee that the Fete proceeds be divided 60% to the PCC, 20% to the Re-wiring project and 20% to the Emmaeus Project was agreed.

The Re-wiring project was discussed. The Parish Appeal should be launched soon with another publicised reminder to coincide with the Flower Festival in June. The work on the re-wiring started on 9 February with the aim of providing a working system in a clear church in time for the licensing service on 23 April, although there may be further work after this date.

On 1 February there was a meeting of a small group to plan the licensing service lead by The Rural Dean, Alan Gordon. It is expected that the service will be much the same as the last such service in 2005. There will be a further planning meeting on 1 March at 2.30pm in The Brothers' Library and a rehearsal of the service on 21 April at 7.00pm in the Church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 26 April after the 9.30am service. There will be no Matins service on that day. In preparation for this meeting the Electoral Roll will be revised. At the Annual Parochial Church meeting only those on the Electoral Roll may vote or be elected by those qualified to vote. The notice to revise the Electoral Roll and application forms to be added to the Roll will be in the back of the church before Easter.

### ***Time for a smile:***

*Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet on Thursday. Please use back door.*

*Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00pm. Please use large double door at the side.*

## LICENSING OF CANON MICHAEL HARLEY

The service to license Canon Michael Harley as Master of St Cross and Priest in Charge of St Faith's will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 23 April. There will be wine and "nibbles" after the event. It has been decided to ask for **donations in cash towards the cost of wine and food**. There will be 3 members of the PCC and 3 members of the congregation preparing everything. Please give your donation to any of the following people:

Jill Baker,  
Evelyn Pringle  
Daphne Field

Celia Harris  
Anne Dolan  
Sue Fairbrother

or place in the plate as you leave church.

Thank you.

## **INTERCESSIONS**

Several members of the congregation have indicated that they would like to be part of the team leading the Intercessions. In view of this there will be a meeting for all interested on Monday 23 March at 8.00pm in the Chaplain's Lodge. Those presently leading intercessions are also warmly invited. Please do come – training will be offered!

*Reg Sweet*

## **MONTHLY COLLECTION**

The retiring collection for March will be in support of The Trinity Centre. This is a charity providing services for those experiencing the effects of homelessness or vulnerable housing, problems with substance misuse, mental health issues, poverty, unemployment and social isolation. The plate will be at the back of church on Sunday 22 March for the 9.30am Eucharist service.

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

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. The work is essential to keep the building in line with modern fire and safety legislation. The Trustees, who are responsible for the project, are funding the remainder. Thanks to a number of events and also a sizable anonymous donation, we now have circa £16,500 in the appeal fund. A number of further events are being organised during the year, most notably the St Cross in Bloom Flower Festival on 4 – 7 June.

To help us reach our target, we are making a direct appeal for funds to members of the congregation, local businesses and all those who live in the Parish. Volunteers are needed to deliver leaflets. There are approximately 1300 dwellings in the Parish, so if we had 13 volunteers, each volunteer would only have 100 leaflets to distribute. If you are able to help, please tell Tony Carver, Tel 853275 and also let him know if you would like to cover any particular road or area. We hope to distribute leaflets during the last week of March and the first week of April.

*Murray Dixon*

## **GHASTLY GOINGS ON**

The two evenings of Ghastly Goings On at St Cross on 30 January and 13 February were very successful, raising over £600 towards the church rewiring project. Many thanks to everyone involved, including Jill (wife of Matthew, the St Cross gardener) for her excellent ghost and bat biscuits. Also John Lunt and his singers who provided much appreciated light relief with their musical version of the Porter's many duties.

Plans are now afoot to publish some of the ghastly stories in booklet form – watch this space!

## **ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP**

At our February meeting 10 members of the community gave short talks, some about their memories of their early lives, and others about local history. Music, drama, and education were covered and how St Cross features in literature. We are most grateful to all the contributors.

On Thursday March 12 there will be an opportunity to do an Architectural Walkabout in the Hospital of St Cross with Michael Carden, who for many years was Architect to the Hospital. This will start at 3.30pm and we will meet under the Beaufort Arch.

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Mrs Phyllis Phillips gave us a fascinating talk about the churches where she had worshipped. Many of these were in Zambia where she worked as a teacher in the communities connected with the copper industry. It was evident that she and her late husband found great joy worshipping with the different parishes in that rich country.

It is with great sadness that I bring you news of the death of Agatha Leas. She was a loyal member of our branch and had moved away to be nearer her niece. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thank you to all those who have subscribed to our Make a Mother's Day project. Your little gifts make a world of difference to some families.

We celebrate Lady Day in St Paul's on 25 March at 2.00 pm.

A reminder that Diocesan prayers are held in the Epiphany Chapel in the Cathedral on the first Wednesday of every month at 10.00 am. Please come and pray with members from other branches - it is a wonderful way to fellowship together.

Special thanks to Diana Bailey who has volunteered to be our new Treasurer.

*Evelyn Pringle*

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

At our meeting in January, Clare Dixon entertained and informed us with a timely talk on 'Winter in Winchester'. She led us on a virtual tour, starting in the time of King Henry III with a Yule Log burning in his castle (on the site of Peninsula Barracks). She then took us down the High Street, via the cathedral and a frozen Winnall Moors, and ending at St John's House where, in 1845, General Tom Thumb (all 25" of him) entertained Wintonians at New Year. As her tour continued, several members were able to add their own reminiscences, including buying sugar mice from Allen's sweet shop next to the Buttercross.

In March, on Monday 9, we meet as usual in the Brothers' Library at 8.00pm when we will welcome Revd Peter Seal who will talk on Rome and Assisi. Many of you will know him as vicar of St Paul's and one-time Rural Dean, and we are assured of an interesting and entertaining evening. All gentlemen of the Parish are welcome to join us.

For future reference, at our January meeting we decided to meet on the third Monday of the month beginning in May.

*Murray Dixon*

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our first Covert Sale at St Maurice's Covert in the centre of Winchester will be held on Saturday 28 March. If you have items which you would like to donate to this sale (bric-a-brac, toys, linen or books) please ring Janet Burrows on 01962 853332 who will be happy to collect.

We also hold a Fabric Sale at Stockbridge Town Hall on Saturday 25 April from 10.00am to 12.30pm with a new supply of Jane Churchill and Colefax & Fowler designer furnishing fabrics at £6 per metre.

The annual Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 20 May at Wolvesey by kind permission of The Bishop and Mrs Scott-Joynt.

## MUSIC FOR MARCH

Antiphons – Derek Beck and Clement McWilliam

Communion setting – John Merbecke

Responses – Ferial

### Anthems

1 March	Harris	Come down, O love divine
15 March	Fox	Teach me thy way
29 March	Shephard	The Secret of Christ

### Voluntaries

1 March	Harris J S Bach	Prelude in E flat Fantasia in G minor ( <i>BWV 542</i> )
8 March	Howells Hurford	Rhapsody No 1 Dialogue II
11.00am	J S Bach	Prelude <i>Wenn wir in hochsten Noten sein (BWV 641)</i>
15 March	J S Bach	Prelude <i>An Wasserflussen Babylon (BWV 653)</i>
22 March	Howells Martin How J S Bach	Psalm Prelude Set 1, No 1 <i>Psalm 34</i> Elegy Prelude in A minor ( <i>BWV 543</i> )
11.00am	Mendelssohn Vierne	Sonata No 3 ( <i>Andante</i> ) Cortege ( <i>Pieces en style libre</i> )
25 March	J S Bach Dupre	Prelude <i>Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BWV 727)</i> Cortege et Litanie

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## LENT LUNCHES

There will once more be a series of Lent Lunches at the United Church, Jewry Street this year. Lunch is from 12 noon to 1.30pm and £3.50 buys soup, bread and cheese, tea and coffee (although additional donations are welcome). The lunches will support the following charities:

<i>Friday 27 February</i>	<i>Save The Children</i>
<i>Friday 6 March</i>	<i>Wells for India</i>
<i>Friday 13 March</i>	<i>CAFOD</i>
<i>Friday 20 March</i>	<i>Oxfam</i>
<i>Friday 27 March</i>	<i>Christian Aid</i>
<i>Friday 3 April</i>	<i>Trinity Centre; Keystone; Night Shelter</i>

St Cross will be responsible for the lunch in aid of Christian Aid on 27 March. Christian Aid today works in more than 50 countries. It is committed to seeing a just world, to challenging the causes of poverty and to making change happen as well as relieving immediate needs.

We would welcome donations of cakes, jams and edibles for sale on 27 March or donations of cash, but most of all your presence. This is an excellent opportunity to meet up with your friends and serve a good cause at the same time, in very congenial surroundings. Judging from the chatter and laughter in previous years, it is a happy occasion. Please do support us.

*Trish Spiers (01962 851699)*

## **CAKE SALE**

Another of our popular cake sales will be held on Sunday 8 March after the 9.30am Holy Communion service and before Matins at 11.00am. Any donations of cakes or other goodies to sell would be most welcome. Or just come ready to buy!

Look out also for details of another Mile to the Aisle - a sponsored walk in which all the family can participate. Further information in the pew sheets or from the Porter's Lodge.

## COFFEE MORNING

with

## BRING AND BUY

to be held here, 4 Mede Villas

**SATURDAY, 14 MARCH, 10.00am TO 12.30pm**

in aid of '**The Potter's Village**', Kisoro,  
in the diocese of Muhabura, Uganda,  
with which the Winchester Deanery is linked.

Work is well advanced on a children's home,  
with plans for a hospital, schools etc.

**The need is great!**

We can collect anything for the Bring and Buy  
beforehand, or it can be left with us  
(or, of course, brought on the day)

Things that sell well are: bric-a-brac, DVDs/CDs, cakes, jam,  
unwanted presents, scarves, gloves, beads, brooches, plants etc.

**DO COME ...AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

*John and Jill Baker*

*Tel.: 01962 861388*

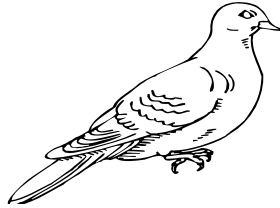
*4 Mede Villas  
Kingsgate Road*

### **NATURE NOTES - BIRD WATCH**

When you read this the results of the 2009 RSPB Birdwatch may have been published and we shall know the latest indications of the state of our feathered friends.

On 24 January I took my mug of coffee and patiently watched the garden for an hour, from the ready. It was a grey and gloomy day and the normally busy bird feeders were deserted and the only visitors were larger birds picking up bread from the lawn. The jackdaws always appear from their Hospital of St Cross homes. I had seen them looking enthusiastically under the eaves of the Brethren's Hall in mid-January, though they will not start serious nest building until March. Woodpigeons waddled around, not worried by other birds around them, even by the solitary magpie who usually likes to dominate proceedings. From time to time a blackbird came out from the cover of the borders and picked up a morsel before scurrying back. And that was it!

I hope my count is not reflected elsewhere. Even my inquisitive robin failed to put in an appearance. I shall tell him how disappointed I was next time he comes to see what I am doing in the garden.



### **New rooms available at Brendoncare Meadway**

Well respected care home for older people, Meadway in Mead Road, St Cross, is currently undergoing a redevelopment programme to improve its facilities further with two spacious en-suite rooms being added.

Following a merger late last year, Meadway is now part of Brendoncare, the leading Winchester-based care charity for older people, and these improvements demonstrate Brendoncare's commitment to high standards of care and service.

Here's Brendoncare's Area Operations Manager Karen Smith: "These new rooms will be a wonderful addition to the already excellent facilities and we expect demand to be very high. If you would like to express interest in the care and accommodation services on offer at Brendoncare Meadway, please contact the Home Manager on 01962 865784."

As a registered charity Brendoncare relies on funding and donations to support its continued work with older people.

