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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.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN

First let me say how extremely touched and grateful I am for all the support and the generosity which I have received from you all. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done and are doing, have given and are giving, both to me personally but also for and to the church and Hospital of St Cross. The interregnum has, for me, been a time which has passed so quickly that I can scarcely believe that it has lasted eighteen months! Yet it has been a period during which much has been achieved through the hard work of so many and the excellent leadership of the Churchwardens and PCC.

However, we now have a new Master of St Cross and parish priest – as well as Archdeacon of Winchester – and it is with great joy that we welcome Michael and Debbie. I know that they will find a real desire from everyone to support and uphold them as they settle into the life of the ‘village’ and Hospital, and also discover the kind of hospitality that is second to one.

This month, as we know, sees the Feasts of the Ascension and of Pentecost and both remind us of God’s Promise – that He is Lord and that He will lead us, by His Holy Spirit, into all truth. Those first disciples, full of fear and trepidation, and uncertain as to what the future held and in which direction they were to go, were transformed, energised and filled with conviction by their experience of the Holy Spirit and from then on went forward with confidence and joy. So let it be with us.

With every blessing,

Reg Sweet
Chaplain

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

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

Saturday	2	6.00pm Fellowship walk with Denise Baker. Meet outside The Bell
SUNDAY	3	EASTER 4 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist
Friday	8	7.00pm Mothers' Union, Parish Hall <i>Mrs Viv Wheeler, Uganda school project</i>
Saturday	9	7.30pm Fellowship dinner, Parish Hall
SUNDAY	10	EASTER 5 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 11.00am Matins
Thursday	14	4.00pm Fellowship outing to Hants Records Office
SUNDAY	17	EASTER 6 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
Monday	18	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Reg Sweet on 'A brief history of Islam'</i>
Tuesday	19	*** deadline for June magazine ***
Thursday	21	Ascension Day 8.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Sung Eucharist
SUNDAY	24	EASTER 7 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 11.00am Matins <i>(retiring collection for Potter's Village)</i>

Thursday	28	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel
SUNDAY	31	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist

MONTHLY COLLECTION

The monthly collection for May will be in support of the Potter's Village in the Diocese of Muhambura, Uganda, with which the Winchester Deanery is linked. Work is well advanced on a children's home, with plans for a hospital and schools. The plate will be at the back of church for the 9.30am and 11.00am services on 24 May.

LENTEN LUNCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to all the helpers who worked so hard and so cheerfully to make the Austerity lunch on Friday 27 March such a success. It certainly was a bit hectic. We served 80 lunches in the first half hour!! Thank you to those who attended and those who gave us donations for the produce stall and in cash. Everyone who came said how much they had enjoyed the couple of hours of friendship and their lunch and send their thanks to the St Cross team. Well done everyone. As a result we are able to donate the magnificent sum of **£495.30** to Christian Aid. We will hope to be doing it again next year, so think about joining in too.

Trish Spiers.

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to the parishioners who gave so generously towards the Easter flowers. It was a pleasure for us to arrange them. A special thank you to the Sunday Club children for making the wonderful display for the Easter Garden which was much admired by everyone. May the joy of Easter be with you and yours throughout the year.

The Church Flower Guild

PARISH APPEAL FOR THE REWIRING & LIGHTING PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Appeal so far. Including Gift Aid, we now have over £21,000. We must not forget that much of this came from one very generous donation and a number of fundraising events held last year, but it does mean we are well over a third of the way towards our target of £50,000.

As I mentioned last month, we are broadening our Appeal beyond just the congregation and are seeking support from across the Parish (thank you to everyone who has delivered leaflets) and also from organisations and individuals connected with the Parish - at present I'm in the midst of writing to those whose children have been baptised at St Cross in recent years. Please spread the word and tell your friends and colleagues about the Appeal. The wider the message is spread the better.

Finally, a plug for the St Cross in Bloom Flower festival on 4 – 7 June (see Trish Spiers' article). This should be an inspiring and enjoyable occasion, as well as a major fundraising event for the Rewiring Project.

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

Murray Dixon

PRAYER GROUP

Sadly, we had our last meeting with Sybil in March. We shall miss her immensely as she was such a vital part of our group. Margaret Moulard and I have agreed to take on the role of joint leaders. Many of you will remember Margaret who was attached to our parish for one year when she was doing her training as a reader. She comes to Sunday services periodically and has been a stalwart supporter of the prayer group. We will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 10.45am in the Lady Chapel, and if you have any special requests, please contact me at 870426.

Evelyn Pringle

ST CROSS IN BLOOM

We now look forward to the Festival of St Cross In Bloom from 4 to 7 June. Do get a booking form from Catherine Secker, The Porter's Lodge, and come and enjoy the activities and the flowers we are arranging.

The Dinner on Saturday is sold out, but there still are tickets for:

The Preview Evening on Thursday: only limited tickets left now.

Concert on Friday evening, which Derek Beck is organising. He has booked

- Southern Eclectic – soloists from Winchester Operatic Society
- The Tudor Roses – prize winning women's barber shop/close harmony choir
- Members of The Chesil Players for verse and poetry reading
- Peter Tombling – pianist extraordinary, according to Derek

All for £12 including refreshments in the interval and viewing of the flowers too

The Family Fun Day on Saturday that Michele Brannigan is heading. Entry is by Festival ticket for adults. Children only pay for the activities and the barbeque is charged individually.

A pre-booked Cream Tea on Sunday afternoon, coordinated by Gill Beck, will be followed by a **Songs of Praise** to close the festival. Tea tickets £5 per adult or £12 for 2 adults and two children and there is an alternative to scones for the children if they wish.

Refreshments and light lunches available in the Hundred Men's Hall during the week.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the rewiring fund and get something enjoyable in return for your money. A lot of people are working very hard on this Festival, so please do show your support by attending and bring your friends too. We will all benefit from the improved rewiring and lighting to this magnificent chapel.

Doreen Jenkins & Trish Spiers –coordinators.

THIS MONTH'S MUSIC

We ease up on the anniversaries in May (although Haydn died on 31 May just 200 years ago!). On the last Sunday of Easter (17 May) the organ postlude is by Mendelssohn, who was born in 1809, and features a German hymn-tune used for the words of the Lord's Prayer. Two Bach preludes are based on Ascension and Pentecost hymns and the 20thc Frenchman, Olivier Messiaen, produced a whole suite of pieces marking the Ascension story (24 May). Movements from another French suite (10 May) are by a Paris organist who died 260 years ago, whilst two Belgian composers of more recent times offer suitably seasonal voluntaries (17 and 21 May). Three English professors provide anthems: Gordon Jacob (Royal College of Music), Peter Aston (East Anglia University) and Arthur Hutchings (Durham University). On Whit Sunday we will sing a new anthem published in 2001.

Look out for more anniversary singing later in the year.....or come along and join in the singing yourselves.....choir practices are still only once a week for an hour (6.30pm Wednesdays).

Please note the following performance in the Cathedral of two powerful anti-war choral works to be conducted by our organist, Derek Beck. The concert will feature over two hundred choral singers, two professional soloists, a cathedral chorister, an Imam (singing the Muslim call to prayer in Jenkins' dramatic piece), a trumpeter from the Band of the Adjutant General's Corps and a full orchestra.

Winchester & County Music Festival

Karl Jenkins: The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace
Vaughan Williams: Dona Nobis Pacem

Winchester Cathedral - Saturday 9 May, 7.30 pm

Tickets from Winchester Cathedral Box Office

MUSIC FOR MAY

Antiphons – Derek Beck, Chris Jones, Clement McWilliam
Communion setting – David Thorne

Anthems

3 May	arr Jacob	Brother James' Air
17 May	Peter Aston	I give you a new commandment
21 May	Arthur Hutchings	God is gone up with a merry noise
31 May	Anthony Baldwin	Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

Voluntaries

3 May	J S Bach Langlais	Prelude in A (<i>BWV 536</i>) Dialogue sur les mixtures (<i>suite brève</i>)
10 May	Clerambault Clerambault	Récit de Nazard Caprice sur les grands jeux (<i>both from Suite du Deuxieme Ton</i>)
11.00am	Langlais Walond	Pièce Modale No 1 Voluntary in G
17 May	Jongen Mendelssohn	Chant de Mai Allegro molto (<i>Sonata No 6</i>)
21 May	Peeters Pachelbel	Lied to the Flowers Toccata in C
24 May	Messiaen	Prière du Christ montant vers son Père (<i>L'Ascension</i>)
11.00am	J S Bach Messiaen	Prelude in D (<i>BWV 532</i>) Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père
	J S Bach	Prelude Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (<i>BWV 630</i>)
31 May	J S Bach Buxtehude	Prelude Komm, Gott, <i>Schöpfer</i> , heiliger Geist (<i>BWV 667</i>) Prelude & fugue in G minor

ST CROSS MEN'S GROUP

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

As always all men of the parish are welcome.

John Casson

MOTHERS' UNION

First of all thank you to those who supported our coffee morning last month, kindly hosted by Evelyn. We are now able to send £150 to support the Mothers' Union Family Holiday held in August each year on the Isle of Wight. Many local needy families are given a holiday at this centre each year and enjoy the support and activities organised there by Mothers' Union members.

This month our meeting will be an evening one. It will take place in St Faith's Hall at 7.00pm on Friday 8 May. Mrs Viv Wheeler will be our speaker; she is head teacher of North Waltham Primary School which is supporting a school in Uganda. All are welcome to attend to hear about this interesting project.

As usual at our evening meetings there will be a light supper provided and donations for this will be sent to the Mothers' Union Literacy Fund. This valuable work has enabled many illiterate women in Africa to become self-supporting as they learn reading and numeracy which enables them to sell their own produce in the markets. If you would like to come then, for catering purposes, please let Evelyn Pringle know in advance on 870426.

We hope to see you there.

Mavis Casson

ST CROSS FETE, SATURDAY 27 JUNE, 2.00 to 5.00pm

Please can you help? We really, really need extra help to---

- 1) Set up chairs and tables /put away again. Call John Pringle (870426)
 - 2) Take money on the gates. Call Gill Beck (860681) or Martin Harlow (881561)
- We also need cakes and plants to sell and crockery to smash



If you have goods to donate ---

Leave them in the boxes provided in the Hundred Men's Hall during June after services

If you can offer 'hands on' help then please call the contact below---

- Books--Lisa Fines (07976-382002)
- Cakes-- Jessie Ronaldson (889480)
- Cards --Julia Richards (881765)
- China & glass--Sarah & Steve Miller
- Crafts--Doreen Jenkins (861552)
- Children's toys and books--Janice Mardle (851947)
- Car Parking--Tim Stevens (851069)
- Face Painting --Alison Carver (07790-003302)
- Garden/Plants--Dick Bingham (620037)
- Gate--Martin Harlow (881561)
- Raffle--Sue Fairbrother (865586)
- Refreshments--Sandra Showell (864205)
- Sideshow--Murray Dixon (865869)
- Toiletries--Evelyn Pringle (870426)
- Tombola--Dorothy Flynn (854934)
- White Elephant --Chris Curnock(853331)



The next Fete Meeting is on Tuesday 26 May at 7.30pm in the Brothers' Library--do come along if you are willing to help.
Any questions, please contact Gill Beck (860681)

ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP

The April Fellowship Quiz was keenly contested by 6 teams who impressed with their knowledge of a wide range of useless information and their ability to do complicated anagrams.

May is a busy final month of this year's Fellowship Programme.

Saturday 2 May, 6.00pm Meet outside the Bell Inn to walk around the back streets of the Parish with Denise Baker.

Saturday 9 May, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall: The Fellowship Dinner £17.50 per person. There is a limit on numbers. Please advise John Pringle (01962 870426) if you are coming.

Thursday 14 May, 4.00pm. Meet at the Hampshire Records Office for a Talk, Exhibits and Film about St Cross. Again numbers limited so please advise John if you plan to come.

John Pringle

ST CROSS GARDEN SOCIETY OPEN GARDEN

Sunday 7 June 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Bindon House, 118 St Cross Road

Come and explore this beautiful 1.5 acre garden – there are many plants and trees of interest including roses, hostas and a large herbaceous border. There is also a large formal vegetable garden and a woodland area.

Refreshments will be available as well as a plant stall. Admission charge £1.50. Please park in Mead Road.

Proceeds will be split between the Garden Society and the St Cross Rewiring and Lighting appeal. Why not combine your visit with a trip to the St Cross in Bloom flower festival which is being held in the Church of St Cross on the same afternoon.

OOPS CATHEDRAL REFECTORY TEAM

An extra special thank you from me to the team on 7 April. Immobilised, in agony, and convinced I would never walk again, I discovered I was not indispensable! Special thanks to Sue and John Fairbrother who arrived really early and sent me home to suffer in solitude. I gather it was a busy day, but no problems, and our capable team once again dispensed smiles and charm along with the endless cups of coffee etc.

I'm sorry I missed it ... I really enjoy our days in the Refectory. The staff are always welcoming, bearing in mind that every day they have to start afresh with volunteers who have to be educated into the eccentricities of the various machines, they have endless patience with us.

Big thanks again ... Next dates are: Friday 21 August and Tuesday 1 December.

Elizabeth Loader

ST FAITH'S CHURCHYARD WORK DAY – 14 JUNE

Please come and help maintain our Parish Churchyard from 12 noon to 4.00pm on Sunday 14 June. This will be a fun family event. Bring a picnic, your gloves, secateurs, shears, grass rakes and sun hats. We hope to have a skip in which to dispose of pruned material, grass and ivy from the tombstones. Anyone with a petrol driven strimmer or tree cutter will be particularly welcome. Do come along and bring your energetic friends!

Update: We hope to get a Council Grant to replace the fence along the Kingsgate Road side and to trim the hedge behind it. For some major clearance work help from voluntary organisations will be sought.

In future two work days a year, and grass cutting along the paths on a regular basis, should keep this very special place in good order and as a haven for wildlife in our parish.

For further information contact John Pringle (Tel : 01962 870426)

JUST 10

The just10 series continues through May and June with J John looking at the 10 commandments and helping us to apply them to daily life. The evenings are on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9.00pm in Winchester cathedral, and the event is also broadcast live to the following venues: Middle Brook Centre, Vineyard Centre and Christ Church.

Date	How to
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>

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

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 by arrangement

Open from Easter to September
10.30am – 12.30pm
2.30pm – 4.30pm
Sunday 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Meet your friends and enjoy good company in tranquil surroundings

*Annual Pass for local residents giving unlimited access to the
Master's Garden available from the Porter's Lodge*

NATURE NOTES - SAGE (*Salvia officinalis*)

'*Eat Sage in May, and you'll live for aye*' is a saying that's been around for centuries, probably because those who believed it did not live long enough to complain that it was not true. John Evelyn the 17th century diarist said rather sarcastically that sage seems to have so many astonishing properties he wondered only that man was not yet immortal.

Sage is an antiseptic and astringent, and its leaves have been used to treat headaches and colds, sore throats and aching muscles. Until quite recently it was used as a tooth cleaner and sweetener of the breath. Henry VIII's subjects liked to eat the leaves fried in batter, perhaps washed down with a glass of sage beer.

Like some other plants that are beneficial for human beings, sage is not popular in the insect world. If you are working in the garden on a summer evening when the midges are being troublesome try sticking some sprigs of sage behind your ears and you may find you are left in peace.