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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 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

*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](mailto:editor@parishofstfaith.org.uk). The monthly deadline is given under Diary Dates.

## **MASTER'S LETTER**

I am often asked, 'What does an Archdeacon do?' For many the Archdeacon is unknown and few could describe what the role involves. So I will try and briefly summarize, although my original Role Profile was four pages of A4 long.

An Archdeacon's role involves listening to people, parishes and communities -to hear where they really 'are' and what it feels like to be them. To respect the many differences that there are and the ways of doing things. To reflect upon what is being seen, heard and learnt in order to make sense of it all for them and for me.

Then it can involve probing and challenging in order to help people see reality and not perceived reality. To help in turning a sense of vision into reality and making it work. Helping to communicate, and communication in general, when people feel left out or uncertain.

An Archdeacon is often the person who puts people in contact with others, makes connections, and knows someone who is able to assist. He or she often has to negotiate to move things forward, and to mediate where there are differences and division. Often this has to involve steering people, or groups, into the distress that they are trying to ignore, in order to face the hurt and move on positively from that place.

In practical terms, the Archdeacon represents the Bishop, and works with him in the process of appointments and staff changes in the Archdeaconry. This for me stretches from Otterbourne to Burghclere, and from Yateley to Shipton Bellinger. It is a total of about 190 parishes and about seventy stipendiary clergy. If there are problems, then the Archdeacon assists the Bishop.

I am also expected to share with the Bishop the care, counseling and support of clergy, lay workers and their families, and to encourage and enable the ministry of churchwardens. To support and continue the development of Rural Deans and Deanery Lay Chairmen and to Chair the Northern Area Team, which consists of 'my' seven Rural Deans and Lay Chairs. Also, I share in the Bishop's ministry of preaching and teaching.

Archdeacons have a specific legal role to play and work with the Chancellor and Registrar of the Diocese in Faculties for church buildings and churchyards; ensuring that work is carried out in accordance with the provisions; are concerned with clergy houses and diocesan property; ensure the proper and effective use of church buildings for mission; and take a lead in pastoral re-organization in the Archdeaconry.

Archdeacons sit on many committees (I am linked to about twenty five), and promote the management of the diocese through its councils and structures. I am also on the General Synod and represent the Diocese nationally. The Archdeacon has been described as the oil in the diocesan machinery, enabling it to function smoothly; and as the 'eyes and ears' of the Bishop. Altogether there are only about one hundred Archdeacons in England.

In early December the Bishop of Basingstoke is leaving our Diocese, and will become the Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury. Until a new Bishop of Basingstoke is appointed (in several months time), I will be the Bishop of Winchester's representative in the Archdeaconry. This means that I will take on some of the roles that the Bishop of Basingstoke does, just during the Vacancy. Principally I will be responsible, to the Bishop, for Vacancies and appointments and pastoral care.

Debbie and I always greatly value your prayers and support, but we would particularly do so during the next few months when extra responsibilities are placed upon me. I am still your parish priest and Master, and value that important part of my ministry, and I will continue to pray for you also.

*Michael*

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

***We have reached our target of £50,000!*** Thank you to everybody who has helped, be it as a donor, by organising and supporting events, by delivering leaflets or through just spreading the word. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of those in the Parish and visitors alike.

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

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

SUNDAY	1	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
SUNDAY	8	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 10.50am Matins including Act of Remembrance ( <i>please note earlier start</i> )
Tuesday	10	7.00pm Mothers' Union, Beech House <i>Speaker: Keith Woodward on 'Reflections of a Tourist Guide'</i>
Thursday	12	7.30pm St Cross Fellowship, Parish Hall <i>Speaker: Br Gordon Hemmings on 'Back to the Bard'</i>
SUNDAY	15	<b>SECOND BEFORE ADVENT</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism
Monday	16	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Speaker: Don Beavan on 'The British Resistance Organisation in the 2ndWW'</i>
Tuesday	17	*** deadline for December magazine ***
Thursday	19	7.00pm Ghastly Goings On evening tour
SUNDAY	22	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 11.00am Matins <i>retiring collection at 9.30 &amp; 11.00am for Winchester Churches Christmas Project</i>

Thursday	26	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel 7.00pm Ghastly Goings On evening tour
Saturday	28	10.30am Parish Hall Fair, Back Street
SUNDAY	29	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Holy Baptism

## **THE HOME OF THE MASTER OF ST CROSS AND ARCHDEACON OF WINCHESTER**

While recognizing the sadness that many may feel, the common agreement of the Hospital Trustees, the Diocese of Winchester and of Michael Harley is that it is right for the Master to remain at 22, St John's Street, Winchester for the remainder of Michael's tenure of office, and that he won't move to live in the parish of St Faith's.

This conclusion was made on 12 October 2009 after much thought and deliberation. The Master's Lodge has been deemed unsuitable for some time for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century priest, because of its size and upkeep. Alternative suitable accommodation in the parish has been sought by the Trustees, but nothing has been found. The Diocese refurbished 22, St John's Street this year at great expense and feels that as no alternative is being offered this continues to be the right accommodation for the Master/Archdeacon. Both Michael and Debbie Harley are happy to remain in their home because of its suitability and its location for both parish and diocesan roles.

Therefore, the conclusion is for the Master/Archdeacon to remain where he is for the rest of his ministry in St Cross. The Master is easily contactable if needed by telephone (01962-869442) or email ([michael.harley@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:michael.harley@winchester.anglican.org)). Also, the Trustees have given the Master a study at St Cross in Flat 25, where meetings can be held.

## MONTHLY COLLECTION

The monthly collection in November will be in aid of the Winchester Churches Christmas Project. Below is an extract of a letter from the Project's co-ordinator, Helen McTiffin:

*'Dear Friends, I write to invite your church to join this ecumenical initiative supporting individuals and families in Winchester and the surrounding area who have had a particularly difficult year.*

*The concept is simple. We work closely with Hampshire Children's Services and similar agencies who refer adult, teenagers and children, (many of whom are on the Child Protection Register).*

*We raise money during October and November and in December pairs of volunteers from churches are given a budget and visit the nominated family to find out what practical help would make Christmas special for them. This might be food, presents, second-hand furniture or payment of a worrying utility bill. It is up to the family to decide.*

*You can help by praying for the project, becoming a volunteer and of course making a donation.*

*Full information and support is provided at the meetings and new volunteers are paired with an experienced visitor.*

*We will be holding our first meeting on **Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm** in the United Church when representatives from the referral agencies will tell us how people are nominated and about the issues and problems these people face.*

*For more information or if there are any queries I can be contacted via the United Church or on [deanacre@talktalk.net](mailto:deanacre@talktalk.net). Thank you for your support'*

The collection plate will be at the back of church on Sunday 22 November for the 9.30 and 11.00am services or donations can be sent to the Project Treasurer, Margaret Curtis, 3 Hinton Vale, Cheriton, SO24 0QJ. Please make cheques payable to Winchester Churches Christmas Project, preferably by Monday 16 November.

## **AUCTION OF PROMISES, TALENTS AND GIFTS**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, to those who attended and bought on Friday 2 October. We held the auction in the delightful Brethren's Hall and had a good attendance. Peter Raw, our auctioneer, was in terrific form and made it an amusing and lucrative evening. Doreen Jenkins' canapés and Pimms from Cled Jenkins and John Spiers, added to the evening greatly, resulting in a profit of £2k for the Rewiring and Lighting Fund. Having met the Parish's contribution, the balance will be given to the Trustees towards their share of the bill, thus ensuring the takings are strictly for the Rewiring and Lighting Fund. A special thank you to Catherine Secker, Les and Matthew for their unstinting help and Carol Bailey for printing the catalogues.

*Trish Spiers*

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The PCC met on 14 October with The Master, Michael Harley in the chair.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed. Matters arising included the re-wiring project, changes to the maintenance costs paid by the PCC to the Trustees, and payment of Parish Appeal funds to the Trustees. John Fairbrother reported that further work is still required to bring the lighting to an acceptable standard but it is hoped that this will be completed before Christmas. The PCC also agreed to a proposal that would see a reduction in our contribution to the Trustees for routine church maintenance, while at the same time we would pay the remaining £25,000 raised by the Parish Appeal this year, rather than over the next 5 years (as was originally agreed with the Trustees in November 2006). This will be subject to satisfactory completion of lighting improvements noted above.

The re-introduction of a "taxi" service to bring people to Sunday Services is moving forward under the leadership of Murray Dixon but more volunteer drivers are still required.

It was proposed the charitable giving, currently raised through retiring collections once per month, would be modified to support fewer charities but to establish a better link with each of the supported charities.

It was proposed that in principle the PCC will meet only once every two months starting in 2010.

## **SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE**

Well done and thank you to everyone who supported this year's sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust in whatever way. The seven people from St Cross who rode and strode raised a total of £848 from sponsors to whom we are most grateful. My wife, Sue, was at St Cross all day and received a total of 35 riders and striders from other parishes.

*John Fairbrother*

## **PARISH HALL FAIR – Saturday 28 November** 10.30am - 12.30pm

The  
Hall Fair  
is held every  
year to raise funds  
to help maintain the building.  
Regular users of the Hall will be  
running stalls and invite parishioners  
and neighbours to come and buy gifts  
and goodies from them. Refreshments  
and  
raffle  
Do come and bring your  
friends. Cakes to sell  
and raffle prizes  
very welcome

## **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS**

On sale from the Charity Christmas Card Shop  
Courtyard Café, Winchester Guildhall

**October 26 – December 16**  
**Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.30pm**

*All proceeds to charity*

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

Our very own porter, Cathy Secker, came to speak to us about the porters of St Cross, which was very revealing and brought a few smiles among us. It is heartening to learn that we are still continuing in this great tradition of greeting visitors and giving them the dole. Thank you Cath for doing such a good job!

In November, we shall be having our supper evening. Our speaker will be Mr Keith Woodward who is a green badge guide and he will be talking about his experiences as a guide in Winchester. The venue will be at Beech House, Whiteshute Lane, and we shall be serving Chinese food. All are welcome - you do not have to be a MU member to attend- we are always pleased to see visitors. The evening starts at 7.00 pm. Please call me at 870426 if you wish to come.

It is that time of the year when we start collecting Christmas shoe boxes. If you would like to do one, you will need a form to go with it. These will be available at the Porter's Lodge or with me. The last date for collection is 3 December.

A reminder about our Christmas Lunch which will be at The Bell. We will need to pre-order our food. I have the menus, so please see me if you wish to come.

*Evelyn Pringle*

## **ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP**

A large audience came to hear the Master speak at our first meeting of the year on 8 October. His subject was 'Why Men hate going to Church' – the title of a book by David Murrow. The Master drew on material in this book and on other books such as 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus,' that have considered issues relating to gender differences. We were invited to look at contemporary churches and notice three gender gaps: of presence, of participation, and personality. He gave us a lot to think about when considering the church's *equal ?* approach to men and women. Our thanks to the Master for this insightful talk.

On 12 November we will welcome back Brother Gordon Hemmings for more revelations about Shakespeare in 'Back to the Bard'

*John Pringle*

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**

The PCC is preparing a Parish Christmas card to be delivered to all homes in the Parish giving details of Christmas Services. If you would like to help distribute the cards, please will you give your name to Cheryl Irons or Tony Carver.

## **GHASTLY GOINGS ON**

Now that the clocks have gone back and the dark evenings are upon us, there is another opportunity to take an atmospheric evening tour of St Cross Hospital. 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. The November tours are at 7.00pm on 19 and 26 November, and there will be further tours in January and February next year. Tickets £4.50 (including a hot drink), from the Porter's Lodge (851375). Other refreshments available. All proceeds to support the Hospital and Parish.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING**

*Thursday 12 November 7.00 to 9.00pm  
St Faith's School*

Come and enjoy a sociable evening, with wine,  
and an opportunity to stock up early on those  
Christmas presents.

## **THIS MONTH'S MUSIC**

All this month's choral and organ music is from either Britain or Germany. The words of the All Saints' anthem (1 Nov) describe those who 'inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore'. A text from Pericles' 431 BC Funeral Oration plus musical motifs from the 'Last Post' inspired the Remembrance Day work by former East Anglia music professor Peter Aston. On 15 November we seem to have a watery theme. Irish-born Charles Wood - music professor at Cambridge - sets a poem by Thomas Campion in which our Lord is compared with the sea shore which offers safety to those battered by the elements or life in general, whilst Bach's great organ prelude deals with the 'waters of Babylon'. Advent Sunday (29 Nov) utilises the German chorale, 'Sleepers wake, a voice is calling' famously decorated in Bach's lovely organ version and harmonised by Mendelssohn in his oratorio *St. Paul*. As it is still Mendelssohn's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year we offer another movement from one of his six organ sonatas to conclude the Advent Eucharist.

## **CHOIR MEMBERSHIP**

Autumn leaves may be falling but the choir is growing. We continue to welcome 'new shoots' in all departments irrespective of age or voice-type. If you don't know what type of voice you are (or how old you are !) come and speak to Derek, our organist. He may not have green fingers but he knows a bit about singing. No chemicals or compost are involved in the Chapel Choir. We are fully organic.....

## MUSIC FOR NOVEMBER

Antiphons - Derek Beck, Clement McWilliam  
Communion Settings - David Thorne & John Merbecke  
Responses - Thomas Tallis

### Anthems

1 November	William Harris	Holy is the true light
8 November	Peter Aston	So they gave their bodies
15 November	Charles Wood	Never weather-beaten sail
29 November	Mendelssohn	Sleepers, wake! (St Paul)

### Voluntaries

1 November	Parry J S Bach	Prelude on Rockingham Great prelude in B minor ( <i>BWV 544</i> )
8 November	Martin How Pachelbel J S Bach Elgar	Elegy Fantasia in G minor Prelude <i>Liebster Jesu</i> ( <i>BWV 633</i> ) Nimrod (Enigma variations)
15 November	J S Bach  Samuel Wesley	Prelude <i>An Wasserflussen Babylon</i> ( <i>BWV 653</i> ) Voluntary in B flat
22 November	V Williams J S Bach Bruhns  Buxtehude	Prelude on <i>Rhosymedre</i> Prelude in A minor ( <i>BWV 543</i> ) Prelude <i>Vater unser im Himmelreich</i> Passacaglia in D minor ( <i>BuxWV161</i> )
29 November	J S Bach Mendelssohn	Prelude <i>Wachet auf!</i> ( <i>BWV 645</i> ) Allegro maestoso (Sonata No 4)

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

I am pleased to report on our last two meetings, when two well-known ladies of the parish joined us. On Monday 28 September we welcomed Cath Secker, our St Cross Porter, who has done considerable research on her topic of 'St Cross Porters'. Many of her findings had never been heard before; one particular porter comes to mind – it was a most interesting evening.

Then on Monday 19 October Liz Webster joined us to describe her climb of Mount Kilimanjaro – four and a half days to climb up and one and a half days to come down. She was surprised at the beginning when the guide insisted that the group (of 11) must walk very slowly so that they would become acclimatised to the altitude as they went along. Altitude sickness did affect them as they climbed from farmland through moorland to the rocks and ice at the summit. Two people had to return early, but Liz made it to the top and raised £6000 for the Alheimers Disease Society.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 November in the Brothers' Library at 8.00pm as usual. Don Beavan will speak about 'The British Resistance Organisation in the Second World War'.

Our December meeting will be on Monday 7 December at 7.30pm at The Bell for our Christmas feast. The menus and cost will be similar to last year. Numbers are limited to 20 so please let either Murray Dixon (865869) or myself (862542) know if you are joining us as soon as possible.

As always all men of the parish will be welcome – come and join us, the food is good as is the company.

*John Casson*

## **MOBILE PHONE MAST**

After lengthy discussions between the Trustees of St Cross and NET (New Edge Telecommunications Ltd) on behalf of O2, the proposed mast installation on the church at St Cross will not be going ahead.

## PROPHETS FOR OUR TIME

The Space in the City autumn series of lunchtime talks come to an end in November with sessions focussing on:

November 4      **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, *Prophet, Protest & Resistance Leader in Nazi Germany*  
Speaker: Gillian Court

November 11     **George Bell**, *Bishop of Chichester (1929-1958); stood out for justice in war, church unity in peace, and social equality*  
Speaker: Rachel Moriarty

November 18     **Rene Girard**, *Cultural and Anthropological Historian; prophetic assessor of modern life, religion & violence*  
Speaker: Peter Fisher

November 25     **Hans Kung**, *From disowned Catholic Theologian to Global Statesman*  
Speaker: John Bowden

All talks are held from 12.30 to 1.00pm at the United Church in Jewry Street. Admission is free although donations are appreciated. Sandwiches available.

## LIFTS TO CHURCH

We are still seeking volunteers to offer people lifts to church. Please let me know if you would be willing to volunteer.

*Murray Dixon (865869)*

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Our bi-annual Silent Auction will be held on Friday 20 November. This event is always an enjoyable evening. The Auction starts at 7.00 pm and tickets can be obtained by sending an sae to Adele Bantle, 2 Alison Way, Winchester, SO22 5BT. Tickets cost £7.50 including a glass of wine and light refreshments. Cheques made payable to 'The Children's Society'.