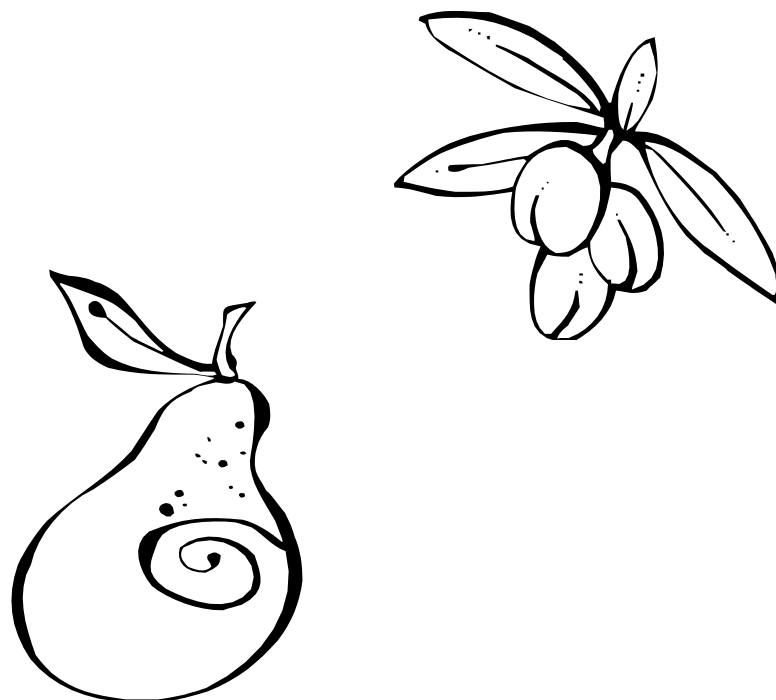


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The Clergy

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

On Sunday 5 of this month of October we, and many other churches, will come to celebrate the harvest being gathered in. We will sing praises to God for His bounty and will offer our prayers of thanksgiving for all the blessings which we have and enjoy.

Yet as I write this letter the financial world seems to be in turmoil. It has been an horrendous day on the stock markets with the US banking system appearing almost at the point of collapse. Many are asking where it will end. Certainly all of us are feeling the effects of global markets spiralling with the rise of oil prices and other commodities. Each day we see price increases in the shops, and we are faced with who knows what over the coming months – house prices dropping, repossessions, redundancies – it is a frightening scenario.

So the question is – do we have anything for which to be thankful?

The answer must be a resounding Yes – for surely if we look at ourselves relative to so many parts of the world we are literally swamped with the blessings of all the necessary things of life – of food and of water, of housing and clothing, of warmth and security. Compare our lifestyle with those of the Sudan for example – the tens of thousands suffering through conflict, famine and drought. Or compare with those suffering through flood, through epidemics and devastating diseases. Millions die each year through lack of the most basic things when in reality there is enough in the world to provide for everyone.

So let us this harvest tide give thanks to God for all that we have and show that gratitude through our giving to those who are in real need.

With every blessing,

Reg Sweet
Chaplain

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY	5	HARVEST FESTIVAL (TRINITY 20) 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer
SUNDAY	12	TRINITY 21 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns 11.00am Matins 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Monday	13	8.00pm Men's Group, Brothers' Library <i>Speaker: Rear Adml Charles Montgomery</i>
SUNDAY	19	TRINITY 22 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Sung Eucharist 11.30am Holy Baptism 12 noon Thanksgiving Service and Wedding Blessing 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday	21	*** deadline for November magazine ***
Thursday	23	10.45am Prayer Group, Lady Chapel
SUNDAY	26	<p>LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY</p> <p>8.00am Holy Communion</p> <p>9.30am Holy Communion with hymns</p> <p>11.00am Matins</p> <p><i>retiring collection at 9.30am and 11.00am in support of Church Housing Trust</i></p> <p>5.30pm Evening Prayer</p>

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

The retiring collection for October will be in support of the Church Housing Trust, which aims to help homeless people regain their independence and resettle in the community. It assists homeless people of all ages and backgrounds, tackling the longer term issues that perpetuate homelessness rather than providing quick fixes. It is involved in over 70 projects including hostels, day centres, winter shelters, women's refuges and mother and baby projects. The collection plate will be at the back of church on 26 October for both the 9.30am Eucharist and 11.00am Matins services.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on 10 September 2008. Colin Showell, the treasurer, reported that at the half year the financial position was as budgeted which would result in a small deficit, although this year that would be offset by a refund of overpayments for previously estimated usage of gas.

Murray Dixon will be booking 8 November for the Mission Audit with Steve Pittis in the Parish Hall from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

David and John reported that they had met with Bishop Trevor and had been informed that any future appointment as Priest in Charge could only be made with the approval of The Churchwardens. It would appear that The Diocese and The Trustees are seeking to house the next Master somewhere in the Parish of St Faith.

David will be working away from Winchester so Graham Webster has been appointed as Deputy Churchwarden and Murray Dixon was elected to be Chairman at future PCC Meetings.

BALLOON EVENT

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Balloon event on 22 August. Thanks to your generosity, and that of Andrew Merry the balloon's owner, we raised over £400 – even if the balloon itself didn't rise very far!

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER (aka MISSION AUDIT)

Mission Audit is a scheme set up by the Bishop of Winchester under which parishes consider who they are as a church and how they see their future. St Faith's was due to carry out a Mission Audit in May, but this had to be postponed. The PCC has now agreed go ahead with the scheme, under the heading of Moving Forward Together, on **Saturday 8 November**. The day will be led by Steve Pittis, a facilitator provided by the Diocese, who has worked with a number of parishes. Some of you will have heard him speak last November.

The PCC feel this is something that cannot be left solely to them and everyone is encouraged to attend. We will try to arrange timings and location to ensure the maximum number of people can attend. This will be a real opportunity for you to discuss and explore the present and future vision you have for this church.

We will also review the Parish Profile drawn up as part of the recruitment process for a new Master. Needless to say the outcome will be an important guide for the future incumbent.

Please look out for details in the Pew sheets over the next few weeks.

Murray Dixon (865869)

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Every year a group of some 52 charities come together to sell their Christmas cards in the Courtyard Café in the Guildhall, Winchester. Each charity has a number of different cards on sale, so the choice is extensive. And the shop is staffed every day by members of one of the charities.

So do come and support us, with your cash or cheque book, and you could get your morning cup of coffee or afternoon tea at the same time. The shop is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday from 27 October to 16 December.

JUST 10

After the Winchester Passion, a number of church leaders asked J John, a most gifted and compelling communicator, to conduct a mission over 10 successive Wednesdays in the early summer of 2009. Living in the 21st century has many challenges and not many answers. J John will be looking at the Ten commandments and helping us apply them to daily life.

This is an invitation to join us for a launch service at the Cathedral with J John as the preacher, on Sunday 12 October at 7.00pm. This service is for all church members in Winchester and the surrounding areas.

Whether you are committed to Just10 or rather tentative about it – please do come to the launch. There is something quite marvellous about meeting with other Christians around the Mission of God and the Mission of His Church.

David Williams

MOTHERS' UNION

As we start a new season, I hope that many of you will make every effort to come to our meetings. The committee members work very hard at putting out a programme which they feel is sensitive to the interests of our branch members, and this year our speakers are very committed Christians coming to share their thoughts with us. If possible, please bring a friend - we love having visitors.

On a sad note, we send our condolences to Winnie Lovick whose husband, Robert, died recently. Let us keep her in our prayers.

A reminder that Winchester Deanery is leading Cathedral prayers on Wednesday, 5 November starting at 10.00am followed by coffee in the Refectory. Please come and support us. The theme will be all souls and all saints.

Evelyn Pringle

ST CROSS MEN'S GROUP

We were very pleased to welcome Rev Lynette Sweet at our September meeting. She reminded us that, after obtaining a theological degree, she had spent several years in different jobs in 'civilian' life before training as a priest at Cambridge. Life in her theological college was both interesting and demanding – giving her first sermon to the assembled college, and in contrast spending a week in Bellmarsh high

security prison. She gave us a good insight into the life of a trainee priest and we left the meeting realising that we had been in the presence of a very committed person.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 13 October in the Brothers' Library at 8.00pm when Rear Admiral Charles Montgomery will be piped aboard. Many of you will remember him when he was a member of the congregation and will have followed his career.

As always all men of the parish are most welcome to join us.

We decided at our last meeting that our Christmas celebrations will take place at the Bell Inn on Monday 9 December. More details later.

John Casson

ST CROSS FELLOWSHIP

You will find the programme for this seasons activities within the pages of the magazine. The first talk will be on 9 October when our Chaplain will be speaking; please put this in your diaries.

This year we have a theme "***How well do you know St Cross?***" There will be talks, a walking tour around the Parish, a visit to the Hampshire Records office to see and hear about our history, and speakers about aspects of parish life. The Music and Poetry evening in December will have a distinctly St Cross flavour!

Please encourage your friends to come along and learn about where we live; it is a very special place.

John Pringle

CATHEDRAL PASSES

The Parish now has six passes giving free admission to The Cathedral. These passes are held by Catherine, The Porter, and can be borrowed by anyone whose name is on the electoral roll.

A FREE LUNCH!

Free parking! Free tea, coffee and buns as well!

I really do need more names on the Cathedral Refectory rota list ... I am prepared to offer, as well as the free lunch etc, dispensations, prayers and even to put you forward for Sainthood!!

It involves three or four hours, in congenial company, three times a year (if I get enough volunteers, otherwise it could be four times a year). Now honestly, that is not a lot to ask in saintly support of your church! Several of your older friends have been forced to give up under the weight of the trays or the challenge of the new drinks machines, but you younger members – think of it as an extended workout! Walk tall, tummies in, smooth stride ... Coffee with a twist, turn, reach, stretch ... easy!!

Please contact Michael King asap on 866452 or, after 16 October, Elizabeth Loader on 861718.

Please note change of next date from 25 November to 24 October.

ST CROSS GARDEN SOCIETY

Our October meeting will be held in St Faiths Hall on Tuesday 14 at 7.30pm. The talk will be about the project run by the Hampshire Wildlife Trust to restore the path beside the Itchen Navigation. There will be habitat restoration for voles and all the other mammals, fish and insects which love the Itchen waters. Do come along and hear Polly Whyte talk about this interesting subject, part of which is on our doorsteps.

KITCHEN DANCERS WI

As some of you know, a WI has restarted at St Cross. I am interested in contacting past WI members who may have photographs of events which the St Cross WI supported or ran. I would like to build up a history of the WI in the area. Please contact me if you can help.

Karen Dunford (Win 855023)

OCTOBER MUSIC

We celebrate Harvest Festival with cheerful organ music and a very positive modern anthem on 5 October. The following Sunday (on the date of the composer's birth in 1872) we join with Anglican churches up and down the country in marking the 50th anniversary of Vaughan Williams' death by demonstrating some of the music he provided for our church. Many of the hymns will be original compositions by 'VW' such as *Come down, O love divine* or arrangements of early English tunes, as in *He who would valiant be*. The composer was the son of an Anglican vicar and himself a capable organist. Our voluntaries on 12 October reflect another of VW's interests, the hymnody and folk-music of Wales, plus part of a major recital piece for organ, the Prelude & fugue in C minor.

Frenchman Olivier Messiaen was born 100 years ago and produced a vast amount of highly evocative and original organ music. An early composition will be played before the Eucharist on 19 October.

NEW CHORISTERS

Yes, we are recruiting singers, as is evident from the new and returning faces making very welcome appearances in our choir-stalls. Do you know of keen voices looking for a church which would value their musical contributions on a regular or even a part-time basis? Or would you like to join our number yourself? Beat the Christmas rush and speak to Derek Beck asap (on W. 860681 or via e-mail at dbeck111@yahoo.co.uk). As the Harvest anthem urges: *Come let us join our cheerful songs*.

MUSIC FOR OCTOBER

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

Anthems

5 October	Bullard	Come, let us join our cheerful songs
19 October	Stanford	Glory, love, and praise and honour

Voluntaries

5 October	J S Bach Karg-Elert	Pastorale in F (<i>BWV 590</i>) March <i>Now thank we all our God</i>
12 October	V Williams V Williams	Romanza (Prelude on <i>The White Rock</i>) Prelude on <i>Hyfrydol</i>
11.00am	V Williams V Williams	Prelude on <i>Rhosymedre</i> Fugue in C minor
19 October	Messiaen J S Bach	Apparition de l'église éternelle 'Great' prelude in B minor (<i>BWV 544</i>)
26 October	Stanley Johnson	Voluntary in D minor Trumpet tune

11.00am Buxtehude Prelude *Nun bitten wir den heiligen
Geist*
Peeters Festival Voluntary

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*When you were born, your mother brought you here
When you were married, your partner brought you here
When you die, your friends will bring you here
Have you thought of coming here alone sometimes?*

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

.. for Hampshire and The Islands Historic Churches Trust. A big thank you to all who helped with this event. Current estimates suggest that Saint Cross will raise about £600 even before any tax is recovered. This sum has come from the generosity of the large number of sponsors. In marvellous weather our striders and riders visited all the participating churches in Winchester and then extended out to Alresford and beyond.

Notable participants were Senior Brother, Ron Stacey, striding for the second year, and Frances Davies, who carried young John on the back of her bicycle as far as Alresford and back. When I arrived at Easton it was very good to see that at that time all three of their visitors were from St Cross. The event runs from ten o'clock in the morning to six o'clock in the evening and here at Saint Cross the thirty people were signed in by Sue Fairbrother at her registration desk. The last rider was Frances Davies with John who arrived just as the Church clock struck six.

John Fairbrother.

FRUITS OF THE EARTH

The few warm, sunny days we have had seem to have been enough to give me a glut of fruit this year. My trees are full of apples and my vine is full of grapes. When I harvest this bounty I'm going to leave a boxful of apples at the back of the church for people to help themselves, and a bucket beside them for contributions to the Church Rewiring Fund.

I should be very glad if any wine-makers in the Parish would like to come and pick my grapes, which are ready now. They are a variety called Brandt, with white flesh and dark skin. They make a white wine, or a rose if fermented on the skins. Again, contributions for the Rewiring Fund would be much appreciated.

Alice Reed (8 Mead Road, St Cross Tel: 852260)

THE ST CROSS DRAMA GROUP

We are currently rehearsing *Natural Causes*, a black Comedy by Eric Chappell. Our amateur production is produced by Glenda Hayles, and John Hopwood.

Vincent has an unusual occupation. He discovers the perfect potion, an odourless, tasteless, quick acting, natural poison, which causes a painless suicide. It turns him into a professional suicide consultant "*The Man from Exodus*". When trying to execute a delicate contract assisting a client, he discovers mistaken identities can cause havoc in his line of business, so will anyone actually drink the poison?... With hilarious consequences, and some great laughs, this is black comedy at its best.

Performances; October 30, 31, November 1, 7.30pm, St Faith's Parish Hall, St. Cross, Winchester. Tickets £7. Box Office: Angela 881448.

NATURE NOTES

This is about a celebration of Nature! It is also an advertorial for a St Cross society.

Those of you who went the St Cross Garden Society Show on 6 September will have enjoyed a very special community event. There were marvellous displays of fruit and vegetables grown in the allotments and in local gardens; there were glorious flowers and formal floral art displays, despite the buffeting by wind and rain everything had taken in the preceding week; and home made cakes, jams and preserves lined the shelves. The men were asked to cook a loaf of bread this year, and the hall was filled with the aroma of fresh baking. The craft skills of our community were shown off in needlework, pottery and card.

It is a very informal occasion. People enter their carrots, beans, apples etc because they want to proudly display what they have caringly nurtured over many months. If the judges deem entries are particularly worthy, certificates are awarded. The judges also make helpful comments to assist exhibitors to show off their produce better in future years. There is no competitive pressure; it is the taking part and giving others the opportunity to see the 'fruits of the land' that can be grown locally that is important.

We were particularly glad to see more children and family entries this year. The inspired creations of a number of husband/son, mother/daughter teams, were a joy to see. The year groups of St Faith's School all did marvellous paintings which decorated the walls of one of the Parish Halls.

By becoming a member of the Garden Society you can have a chance to participate at the Show in some way. There are other activities that the Society organises. Do contact the undersigned for more details.

John Pringle (Tel: 870426)

A NEW AND UNIQUE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Naomi House Children's Hospice in Hampshire is set to benefit from a newly published storybook for children by Andover author Bryan Beggs. 'Hello Pud-Swan' [a three-part set] is a story with a difference, which aims to capture the imagination of readers aged from 7–10 years, in an interactive and educational way. It is the tale of everyday children Melanie and Angela, who travel secretly with the strangely named Pud-swan, a life-size [but invisible] white rabbit, to lots of different and exciting places, including London, Los Angeles and St Petersburg. Topics of geographical, historical, scientific, and cultural interest are woven into the storyline, as are the 7, 8 and 9 times tables! All information about these books can be found on the book's own website (www.pud-swan.org).

Hello Pud-swan' is available from Waterstones Bookshops and from Cross Keys Bookshop in Salisbury, 'The Faraway Tree' in Overton and the Romsey Tourist Office, or may be ordered directly from the publisher, TVC Book Society in Andover, on 01264 365190. The complete 3-part set in a slip-case costs £20, or the three parts may be bought individually for £8.99 each.