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I Corinthians 13:13 NKJV

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# Rector's Report

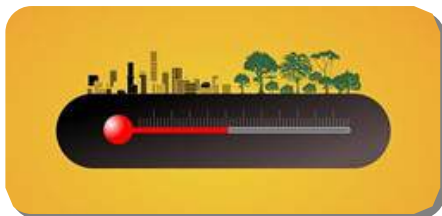
Christmas is well and truly over and I am sure that the Rectory was not the only home in the parish where this year a much bigger effort was made to have



a more environmentally conscious celebration. Recycled wrapping paper was in evidence and far less plastic, unless in a gift that was going to last for years, and be used many times. We also had gin and tonic crackers which was quite an improvement!

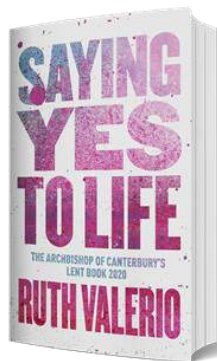
I have been really struck by some of the writing I have read recently about the effects of climate change on our planet. People are already losing lives and homes to flood, fire, famine and drought at a rate not previously seen. The poorest parts of the world bear the brunt of a problem created by the richest – and we must all see the injustice of that. I was stopped in my tracks by one recent commentator

suggesting that it is not so much about us trying to save the planet from the damage caused by humans, but saving humans (and the animal kingdom) from the forces of nature that will become more and more extreme if global temperatures continue to rise.



Putting it like that makes the self-interest in the continued survival of our species evident – and it may be this that finally helps us to wake up.

Theologically the resources have always been there to help us appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's creation – and to take care of it. The account of creation in Genesis tells us repeatedly that God saw that creation was good. Ruth Valerio's book,



*Saying Yes to Life*, (which I heartily recommend) challenges us to put the hymn of Colossians 1:15-20 at the heart of our thinking about what salvation looks like. Christ's blood was shed on the cross to "reconcile to himself all **things** whether things on earth or things in heaven." Too often she says, Christ's work on the cross is focused on reconciling people to God – but Paul tells us that salvation encompasses not just people but all of creation. The fulfilment of the reign of God in Christ will see a new heaven and a new earth – a re-creation of all things in Christ, says the book of Revelation. We are part of, and intimately connected to, the whole of creation and our redemption and salvation cannot be divorced from the rest of it.

Somehow it has been hard for us to always see and understand that clearly. And of course many of us will not live to see the worst effects of a changing climate – that will be for our children and grandchildren to deal with. But the waste in the oceans, the destruction of the rainforest, the toxic pollution of the land are ours to

repent of. It's never too late to start to change the way we live – to live more simply. This year the Church of England's Lent resources *#Live Lent* are designed to help all of us – adults and children - to take better care of God's creation. I invite all of you to join me in the challenge. Booklets will be available, or you can download an app to your smartphone (saving paper!) or choose to receive daily emails. Each day there is a Bible reading, a short reflection and an action to help us live in harmony with God, with neighbour and with nature.

As we journey through Lent towards the cross where Jesus gave up everything to redeem all of creation (and not just the humans within it) it's a good time to enlarge our understanding of the salvation wrought on the cross and repent of habits that are destructive of God's abundant creation. Spring is a great time to appreciate new life – may this Lent be a holy time for all of you.

*Sheena*



# What's Going on

## February 2019

2nd	Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Can- dlemas	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Joint All Age Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints	Joint Service @ St Michaels
		10.30	St Nicolas	Eucharist
		12.30	All Saints'	Community Lunch
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
6th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
9th	3rd Sunday before Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Sung Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints'	Eucharist
		10.30	St Nicolas	Morning Praise
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
		18.30	St Michael's	Choral Evensong
13th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
16th	2nd Sunday before Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Sung Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints'	Connect
		10.30	St Nicolas	Eucharist
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
		20th	Thu	09.30
23rd	Sunday next before Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Choral Eucharist

# in NSAB...

23rd	Sunday next before Lent	10.00	All Saints'	Eucharist and Dedication Festival
		10.30	St Nicolas	Connect
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
		18.30	St Michael's	Choral Evensong
26th	Ash Wed	19.30	St Michael's	Choral Eucharist
27th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
28th	Fri	18.30	St Michael's	Taizé Worship

## March 2020

1st	1st Sunday of Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Joint All Age Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints	Joint Service @ St Michaels
		10.30	St Nicolas	Eucharist
		12.30	All Saints'	Community Lunch
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
5th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
8th	2nd Sunday of Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Sung Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints'	Eucharist
		10.30	St Nicolas	Morning Praise
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
		18.30	St Michael's	Choral Evensong
12th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist

# What's Going on in

## March 2020 Continued

15th	3rd Sunday of Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Sung Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints'	Connect
		10.30	St Nicolas	Morning Praise
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
19th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
22nd	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Choral Eucharist
		10.00	All Saints'	Morning Praise
		10.30	St Nicolas	Connect
		16.00	St Nicolas	St Nic @ 4
		18.30	St Michael's	Choral Evensong
26th	Thu	09.30	St Michael's	Eucharist
27th	Fri	18.30	St Michael's	Taizé Worship
29th	5th Sunday of Lent	08.00	St Michael's	Holy Communion
		10.00	St Michael's	Sung Eucharist
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# NSAB... Continued

Please remember to check the NSAB website and weekly News Sheet to get the most up to date information.

## Other Regular Bits...

### Morning Prayer — All welcome!

All Saints'	07.30	Monday — Thursday
St Michael's	09.00	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
St Nicolas	09.00	Tuesday

### Evening Stillness — Come pray with us!

St Michael's	17.30	Monday
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## Weekly

Wednesday	10.00	Parish Hall	Community Coffee Morning
Thursday	10.15	St Michael's	Morning Bible Study Group
	14.30	All Saints'	Afternoon Bible Study Group
Saturday	10.15	All Saints'	Coffee Call-In

## Monthly

### All Saints' Wives Group

(meetings held at 2.00pm All Saints' Church Centre SO16 7DL or in members' homes unless otherwise stated)

February: 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

March: 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Monday Company

(meetings held at 2.30pm All Saints' Church Centre SO16 7DL)

February: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

March: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

### Love Swaythling & Bassett Ladies Group 2.00pm

(for more info, contact Wendy Rowe at [stephenrowe0248@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenrowe0248@btinternet.com))

February 21<sup>st</sup> - Catholic Church

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Baptist Church

# *From the Registers*

## **Rest in Peace**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Names</b>
27 November 2019	Jean Irene Smith
21 December 2019	Sally Barrett– Smith
21 December 2019	Penelope Gordon
19 January 2020	Vanessa Alice Howson
24 January 2020	Marion May Rankine



If you know of anyone who is confined to their home and would like Communion brought to them, please let the *Revd Sheena Williams* know using the contact details on pages 38-39.



## **Gentle Reminder**

Deadline for the April – May issue of the magazine is:  
10 March, 2020

### **Writer's Guidelines:**

If you are submitting an article for the Parish Magazine, please keep in mind that the length of your article should not be more than a two-page spread.

For a 2-page article: approximately 650 - 700 words with 1 or 2 photos

For a 1-page article: approximately 300 - 350 words with 1 photo.

## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' WIVES GROUP

Our AGM was held as usual at our first meeting in September, starting with the presentation of a cheque of £550 to David Gasson, being the total raised for his charity 'Two Saints for Adult homeless' during 2018/2019. David expressed his gratitude and astonishment at such an amount raised by the hard work of our small group. The sales table which followed helped us towards funding our new Charity for the coming year 'Communicare in Southampton'.



Later in September, we were given another treat by Chapter and Verse with a superb rendition of 'Gardens and Gardeners', their delights and foibles, so popular we have booked them for the last five years, and indirectly supported their own Charity, the 'Winchester Churches Night Shelter'.

In October, we were given a comprehensive and most informative talk by Mike Sarson (Operations Manager) on the important work of the Street Pastors in Southampton, especially during the Winter months.

On a sunny Sunday in November, twenty wives, husbands and friends gathered at the Stoneham Golf Club for the eighth successive year and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

Our Christmas themed afternoon in December comprised unusual readings, Christmas carols and music, followed by sandwiches, biscuits, mince pies, crackers, and a raffle, a festive occasion to end the year. Our thanks must go to Margaret and Anna for opening their homes for cosy alternate meetings, especially avoiding inclement weather.

In January, we looked forward to a new venue for lunch at the 'Walnut Tree', and a chance to catch up with news after the Christmas festivities, followed hopefully later in the month by a visit to the Theatre.

*Sheila Dixey*



### ALL SAINTS' WIVES GROUP

We are a close-knit, friendly group of many years standing, open to all ladies, with meetings on alternate Monday afternoons at 2.00pm, either in All Saints' Church Centre or in members' homes. We are always looking to welcome new members.

# The St. Nicolas Project

**M**uch has happened over the past few months at St. Nicolas as we begin to engage more fully with the local community. If you've been down to St. Nicolas recently, you'll have seen that most of the pews have been removed. I am pleased to confirm that the pews found new homes with people that will appreciate them.

The removal of the pews has given us a very flexible space and already we have had a community meal with almost 40 people around the table which wasn't possible with the pews in place. It also means that we are able to press ahead with our plans for a toddler group and we have begun a public consultation as to what shape this group might take. Amie Ramplee has been employed for a day a week for two years to help us establish this initiative in the local community.

Alongside this refurbishment of St. Nicolas, we are also looking for ways to go out and make an active difference in this community. After Christmas, we went out to collect and recycle Christmas trees for people who were struggling to dispose of their trees. It's amazing how big some of these trees are when they aren't wrapped in the netting! It was just one small way we can love and serve this community and we're hoping to find many similar

ways to love and support our neighbours over the next months. We are realising that the St. Nicolas project will have some focus on "come to St. Nicolas", but we need to ensure we are just as ready to "go to our community".

To help us with this, we are continuing to visit everyone that moves onto North Stoneham Park with cupcakes and a small welcome pack to help build connections with our new neighbours. These cakes are generally well received, although a few people, following the excess of the festive period, aren't so keen to take on the extra calories! A small gift has been a great way to meet new people and create the understanding that the church is looking to play a full role in this community.

There are still many ways that we are inviting people into St. Nicolas. We had several well attended Christmas services including Christingle, Crib service and midnight mass. It was great to see some North Stoneham Park residents at each of these services.



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Our new St. Nics at four service is also gradually establishing itself. We have a regular 40 or so people coming along to this service with about a third under 18. It follows a magazine format with a range of options available during the service alongside the sermon. If you're intrigued by what that might look like, there's only one thing for it: You'll have to come down and take a look!

*Jono Harvey*

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## Pancake Party

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5.00-7.00pm

Tea and coffee will also be served.



*This event is hosted jointly by the Old Bassett Residents Association and the All Saints' Church*



# MONDAY COMPANY'S COMMUNIQUE

**T**his next couple of months, we're looking forward to some special events at Monday Company, all at 2.30pm as usual.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we will be back at All Saints' Church Centre. With it being the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the building this month, we would like to invite you to join us for Brian and Diana Sparkes' talk about the history of the building - "All Saints' through Five Decades". Please come, and invite your neighbours - so many local people seem to have links to the building!

On 17<sup>th</sup> February, we will have an afternoon of craft, jigsaws and board games. Come and have fun.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, David Corfe, a local published author, is coming to talk to us about his and others' poetry. And in a change of programme, on 16<sup>th</sup> March, Monday Company is looking forward to welcoming Communicare for their Spring Tea.



(Communicare is a local charity, specialising in "helping neighbours in need".) Come and taste different

teas, and enjoy sandwiches and cake. It's free, but any donations on the day will go to Communicare's work.

Advance notice: On 6<sup>th</sup> April, Sheena Williams will come and share with us about her recent trip to the Holy Land.

Please come and join us at any or all of these gatherings - you'll be very welcome!

*Glynis Wenyon*

*(on behalf of Monday Company Team)*

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## Letter from the Ministry Team

Now is the time

**T**ime is a strange thing. All of us have had those experiences when we think something happened a couple of years ago and then discover that it was much longer ago than that. We also experience those moments when something which happened a long time ago seems more recent. My mother died in 1985, which will be thirty-five years ago this year, half my lifetime

away, and yet it seems much more recent than that and there is a sense in which her presence is always with me.



We tend to take time for granted, yet the system by which we measure time has changed over the centuries. After the Reformation, most of Europe adopted a new calendar named after Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582. This was a small and crucial amendment to the previous Julian Calendar. But England did not adopt the new calendar, and so its way of measuring dates became more and more different to the rest of Europe. The Calendar Act 1751 changed this. In September 1752, Great Britain switched from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. In order to achieve the change, 11 days were 'omitted' from the calendar, so the day after 2 September 1752 was 14 September 1752. The other change was to alter the date of New Year's Day. Previously, new year had been celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Feast of the Annunciation, when we celebrate Mary saying "yes" to being the mother of Jesus. The feast of Jesus' conception was seen as the obvious start of the new year. In



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1753 this had all changed, and New Year's day became 1<sup>st</sup> January. For all of us, this means that English records dating from before 1753 date the months of January, February and up to 25<sup>th</sup> March the same as the previous year, with the new year beginning on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Care is needed when researching family history.



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In his teaching, Jesus often spoke about time. His ministry was the breaking in of God's kingdom. All his parables are about the kingdom of God, and his ministry was announcing that the kingdom was present. One consequence of this is that Jesus

always urges us to live in the present. This is reflected in many passages, including "The days own troubles are sufficient for the day" (Matthew 6:34) and "Give us today our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). It is not that Jesus was unaware of the importance of the past nor of preparing for the future. Both of these things were part of his own life. But he was aware that this current day, this present moment, is the only one we have. It is so easy to spend time worrying about either the past or the future, when what we need to do is get on with living in the present. It is how we live now that matters: how we treat other people, how we use the world's resources, how we behave in our lives. In the seventeenth century, a work was written called *The Sacrament of the Present Moment*. This book urges its readers to make time each day for God, so that their lives may more fully reflect God's love that day.

*Norman Boakes*

*The days own troubles are sufficient for the day.*

Matthew 6:34

*Give us today our daily bread.*

Matthew 6:11

## BECOMING RECTOR

A small piece of history was made on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as I was collated and inducted as the first female Rector of the Parish of North Stoneham and Bassett. The service was led by the first female Bishop of Southampton, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin and the Archdeacon of Bournemouth, the Venerable Peter Rouch and it was held, as Canon law



requires, at the Parish church, St Nicolas. In many ways this is simply a legal technicality – in practice there is no difference in my role as Priest in Charge and as Rector. It's not a



promotion (no increase in stipend comes with it!) but it was nice to mark this transition in worship. The right of presentation by the patron of the parish of a Rector has been suspended since 2009, and since there is no pastoral re-organisation planned, when the suspension came to an end this summer, it was lifted. This meant I went through a shortened appointment process, involving the Bishop of Winchester, the Deanery and the PCC as well as another DBS check and a formal deed of resignation as Priest in Charge ready to be collated and installed when a slot could be found in the Bishop and Archdeacon's diaries.

A short service was held in which we sang two hymns that have been important to me here – Hope of Our Calling which I had at my licensing as Priest in Charge, and the Bells of North Stoneham. The first is a meditation on our vocation as individuals and churches, and the second brings the story of the parish to life in music and seems prophetic given our work on the North Stoneham Park estate. Bishop Debbie preached on John 20 and encouraged us to be bold, to love and to live as people sent by Jesus in the same way that Jesus was sent by the Father.



I had a bell-ringing lesson from the St Nicolas tower captain the night before the service so that I could ring the bell as demanded by the legal process embedded in the service, my hand was placed on the door of the church and I was given keys by the churchwardens so that I can carry out my duties.

Bells were rung out before and after the service to mark the occasion and

light refreshments and sparkling wine was served. Thank you to everyone who came – from all congregations, bellringers and ministry team – and to those who contributed to the evening by reading, providing music, bells and refreshments. It is a joyful privilege to minister here – now as your Rector!

*Sheena*



Photos taken by Phil Robinson



# Notes from the choir

The seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are the busiest two months of the year for the choir – this year was no exception. Three carol services, midnight mass and Christmas Day services, carol singing at Sunrise Senior Living, the Leonardo Grand Harbour Hotel, and the Crib Service, and a weekend visit to sing at the services at Chichester Cathedral for Epiphany. It's hard work, but for many people, the sound of choirs is the sound of Christmas – a poor substitute perhaps, for the heavenly host, but evoking the ghosts of Christmases past, and hopes of future peace and goodwill nevertheless.

The Advent carol service starts in candlelight as a solo voice calls the medieval words from the Matin Responsory, “I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming...”.

The music of the service is subdued yet hopeful, not least William McKie’s anthem, “We wait for thy loving-kindness O God”, written for the marriage of the Queen and Prince Philip. It was a favourite for me this year. It’s no surprise this service is the musical highlight of the year for some, but for others the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols takes the accolade. It is a more openly joyous collection of music, with traditional carols, ancient hymns (“Gaudete Christus est natus” for example) and more recent anthems, like “Carol of the Bells” by John Joubert, whose music featured in many services this year.

It’s a particular joy to see young people picking up this tradition. Learning to sing with a choir takes time and effort, for adults as much as children. With the young though,



visible and audible progress can be more rapid and it's exciting to see. The Crib Service was the first opportunity for some of the children who attended St Michael's Half-Term Singing Days to sing at a service, ably assisted by members of the senior choir, and led by the talented classical soprano Imogen Baker, who is currently studying at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. They all did a great job, and the anthem, "Little Road to Bethlehem" by Michael Head, was especially moving. What a gift learning to sing is, both for the learners and the listeners!

Some of the juniors also joined the carol singers after the Crib Service at the Leonardo Grand Harbour Hotel, singing a collection of traditional carols in the Atrium bar – actually a great acoustic for an unaccompanied choir! This has become a Christmas Eve tradition for many of us and, since refreshments are laid on for the singers, it seems to go down well with choir and guests alike!

The visit of the choir to Chichester Cathedral for Epiphany has also become something of a tradition, though it does mean St Michael's is without the choir that Sunday. The choir sang Evensong on the Saturday and Eucharist, Matins and Evensong on the Sunday, with a celebratory meal on the Saturday night. Chichester is a very beautiful cathedral with lovely acoustic and friendly people. It's always a pleasure to return there.

Now we're looking forward to Lent and Easter, seasons with their own challenges and distinctive music. Can we rise to them?

*Andy Carmichael*

The Half-Term Singing Day returns in February (21st) for children in school years 3 to 7. Please encourage any children you know in this age group to give it a go. You can book online at [nsab.org.uk/booking](http://nsab.org.uk/booking).



**Half-Term Singing Day**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020**  
**9.30am - 3.00pm**

*St Michael & All Angels Church*  
 Bassett Avenue SO16 7FD

**Years 3-7 (ages 7 - 12)**

**£6 per child**  
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## THE JOY OF THE LAST SYMPHONY

The fourth movement from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (also known as Ode to Joy) is a triumphant ending to his series of pieces. Beethoven wrote it in 1824 and it was first performed in Vienna on the 7th of May in the same year. The words to the movement were written by a German poet called Friedrich Schiller in 1785. The poem was called 'An die Freude' (Ode to Joy) and was about celebrating the unity of mankind. Another German, called Henry van Dyke, wrote new lyrics to accompany Beethoven's work and he renamed it as 'Joyful Joyful'.

In 1972, the European Union (EU) announced that Ode to Joy was their anthem. In my opinion, this German piece was chosen because it has a triumphant sound throughout the whole piece due to its steady tempo and major key. In addition, the EU might have wanted people to think that they were a joyous set of countries.

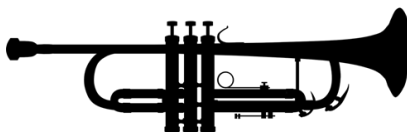
I think that the piece does sound joyful; hence the name of this composition. Because of the dynamics, this piece shows that joy is beautiful yet strong. When I hear the parts that are *piano*, I imagine a field full of birds and flowers and when I hear the parts that are *forte*, I imagine all those things bursting

into something even better or some people rejoicing at the beauties of the world.



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The use of trumpets at the beginning also show how majestic the world is. The lyrics for this piece is basically what joy is all about.



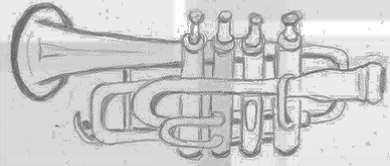
This piece was written around 200 years ago and it is still very popular today. Because of its simple tune, many music teachers give this piece to beginners to learn to play. But there can be many variations to Ode to Joy to make it even harder to play for more advanced players. It is also famous due to the fact that this piece is the EU and the Council of Europe's anthem and that there are

47 countries in the EU and the Council of Europe, which means that there are a possible 700 million people who know this song. Furthermore, this piece is well-known throughout the world and that means that there would be concerts, which would have Ode to Joy in their programme. As mentioned above, the piece was also known as 'Joyful Joyful', which was a hymn, meaning that even Christians would know the song as well.

After the piece's premiere, the audience was ecstatic and they threw their hats and scarves into the air showing their approval. The performance took about an hour (which is unusually long for a symphony) and it was nicknamed the choral symphony since not many symphonies had singing in it. During WWI, German captives taught the Japanese the 9th symphony and after WWII, the Japanese orchestras played it to fund the reconstruction. Since then, it has become a tradition to perform the piece at the end of the year in Japan.

*Nathan Yam*  
Junior Chorister, aged 12

Ode to  
**Joy**



## **Joyful, Joyful**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!  
All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.  
Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.  
Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.*

# TWO SAINTS

## Rebuilding lives for a brighter future

**T**his Christmas we invited Emma Stevens from Two Saints to have a stall at our Festive Fair and discuss the various facilities that Two Saints offer to homeless people. It was a great chance for Emma to talk to our visitors about all the good work they achieve within the community. I am sure for those who spoke to her, it was insightful and quite surprising to learn how many areas they cover.

We also wanted to use this opportunity to help raise the profile of Two Saints as our local homeless charity and for us to show our support for this cause.



Homelessness is often only seen in the public eye as rough sleepers, but the numbers, as serious as they are, really present only the tip of the problem.

The meaning of being homeless:

- No home of their own
- Rough Sleepers
- Sofa Surfers (those staying with friends/family)
- Bed & Breakfast (those in temporary accommodation)

The Day Centre is the first project Two Saints opened in Southampton. It is the homeless hub of the city helping up to 100 people a day to access the following:

- Cafeteria with free meals and hot drinks
- Free showers, washing facilities and new underwear
- Free Laundry and Clothing Store
- Use of phone, internet access and 'care of' postal address
- Benefit support; applying for Universal Credit, sanctions, delays and Basic Bank Vouchers
- Education and employment opportunities
- The Street Homeless Prevention Team (SHPT) Local Authority housing advice and support Monday - Friday
- The Homeless Health Care Team (HCCT) on site GP Service and Mental Health Team
- The Homeless Vulnerable Adult Support Team (HVAAT) - supports entrenched rough sleepers to engage with health care and other services to move on from the streets
- Referral to Private Accommodation Worker
- Signposting to other external agencies, such as Homegroup – housing advice and floating support

The Two Saints Day Centre is self-funded and reliant on the goodwill of others. Whilst financial support is paramount, there are other ways we can donate:

- Socks and Underwear (Women and Men's)
- Clean Towels and Toiletries
- Clean sleeping bags (no pillows or duvets)
- Clothing, Coats, Shoes
- Hats, Gloves, and Scarves

The least costly, but equally essential, are our prayers, for both their clients, and for the work of the organization.

- Patrick House is a 56 room assessment centre, with shared facilities and full-board catered service with 24-hour support. It provides supported accommodation and the opportunity to learn new life skills, rebuild lives and move forward.
- Southampton Young People and Parents service is for 16 – 21 year olds. It provides accommodation and support for young people, including four properties dedicated to new parents.

I am more than happy if any of you would like to talk to me about either the homeless or the charity.

*David Gasson*

To learn more about Two Saints, please visit their website [www.twosaints.org.uk](http://www.twosaints.org.uk).

## About...



# TWO SAINTS

REBUILDING LIVES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



### Our vision

*is to give people who are homeless, vulnerable or in need of support, the opportunity to build a brighter future*



### Our mission

*to significantly improve the lives of those who are homeless, vulnerable or in need of support by providing high quality, effective and reliable housing, support and learning services*



### Our values

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# PUZZLE CORNER

## Word Sudoku

There are many common 'religious' words we use at church or in our Christian home. In this Word Sudoku game, nine such common words have been used:

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE • GRACE • GOD • PRAY • BIBLE • HYMN • SERVE

The rules for this game is the same as a regular Sudoku game:

Each of the nine rows and columns, as well as each of the nine subregions, must contain one and only one of each of the nine words listed above.

						GRACE	LOVE	GOD
GOD					GRACE	PRAY	HOPE	
						BIBLE	HYMN	FAITH
	GOD	SERVE			HYMN			BIBLE
		HOPE	SERVE	FAITH			GOD	
HYMN	GRACE	PRAY						LOVE
	HYMN			LOVE		GOD	FAITH	
	FAITH		HOPE		BIBLE	SERVE		
	SERVE		GRACE	HYMN	FAITH			

Puzzle generated from [www.edu-games.org/worksheets/word/games/word-sudoku.php](http://www.edu-games.org/worksheets/word/games/word-sudoku.php)

Answers can be found on page 35



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# POETRY CORNER

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## Faith

# FAITH

by

Frances Anne Kemble (Fanny)  
1809 – 1893

Better trust all, and be deceived,  
And weep that trust, and that deceiving;  
Than doubt one heart, that if believed,  
Had blessed one's life with true believing.

Oh, in this mocking world, too fast  
The doubting fiend o'ertakes our youth!  
Better be cheated to the last,  
Than lose the blessed hope of truth.

# LOVE

## The Mother's Kiss

by

Ella Wheeler Wilcox  
1855 – 1919

Love breathed a secret to her listening heart,  
And said "Be silent." Though she guarded it,  
And dwelt as one within a world apart,  
Yet sun and star seemed by that secret lit.

And where she passed, each whispering wind ablow,  
And every little blossom in the sod,  
Called joyously to her, "We know, we know,  
For are we not the intimates of God?"

Life grew so radiant, and so opulent,  
That when her fragile body and her brain  
By mortal throes of agony were rent,  
She felt a curious rapture in her pain.

Then, after anguish, came the supreme bliss -  
They brought the little baby, for her kiss!

## Hope

## Hope

by

Joseph Addison  
1672 – 1719

*Our lives, discoloured with  
our present woes,*

*May still grow white and shine  
with happier hours.*

*So the pure limped stream, when  
foul with stains*

*Of rushing torrents and  
descending rains,*

*Works itself clear,  
and as it runs refines,*

*till by degrees the floating  
mirror shines;*

*Reflects each flower that on the  
border grows,*

*And a new heaven  
in it's fair bosom shows.*



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## ***PCC Matters***

*A copy of the full version of the latest PCC Meeting Minutes is placed on Church noticeboards. This article is a summarised version of the main issues discussed at the most recent meeting.*

### A SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PCC MEETING ON 05 DECEMBER 2019

#### **Fair Trade and Eco Church**

We are now registered as a Fairtrade place of worship and we will be promoting Fairtrade Fortnight in February 2020.

#### **North Stoneham Park Project**

A report was made about the tenders we had received for the buildings project. More discussions are taking place but we hope to be able to place a contract in the New Year. The St Nics at 4 service continues to go well and recent community outreach events have attracted people from the new estate.

Amie Ramplee has been appointed as our Children and Families worker. Her role starts in January 2020 and we have funding secured for two years.

#### **Appointment of Rector**

Service of Collation for Revd Sheena Williams will be on Tuesday 7 January 2020 at St Nicolas.

#### **Mission Pastoral Programme**

PCC gave approval for Sheelagh Clarke to undertake the Bishop's Commission for Mission Pastoral programme.

#### **Vacancies**

Two Deanery Synod representatives required; a Stewardship Promoter; and a Health and Safety volunteer representative for St Michael's. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these positions please speak to Revd Sheena Williams.

#### **All Saints' Church**

Refurbishment works are to be carried out at All Saints' prior to the All Saints' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations which will be taking place on Sunday 23 February 2020.



*Join us  
in praying  
regularly!*

*Jacqueline Williams  
(PCC Secretary)*

*Please join the PCC and ministry team  
in praying regularly for the life of this  
parish.*

## Thy Kingdom Come 2020

21<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Thy Kingdom Come is a prayer initiative led by the Church of England for evangelisation. It is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.



During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know
- Come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. 2020 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year, whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world.

For more information, please go to [thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global).

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The poster features a grey and white geometric pattern in the background. On the left is a stylized black cross with a white cross inside it. To the right of the cross is the text 'St Michael and All Angels' in a bold, italicized serif font. Below that is 'TAIZÉ' in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Worship' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath 'Worship' is the text 'stillness • music • silence • prayer' in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, it says 'Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 6.30pm' and '27<sup>th</sup> March' in a bold, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, it says 'All Welcome • Refreshments afterwards' in a smaller, italicized, sans-serif font.

**St Michael and All Angels**

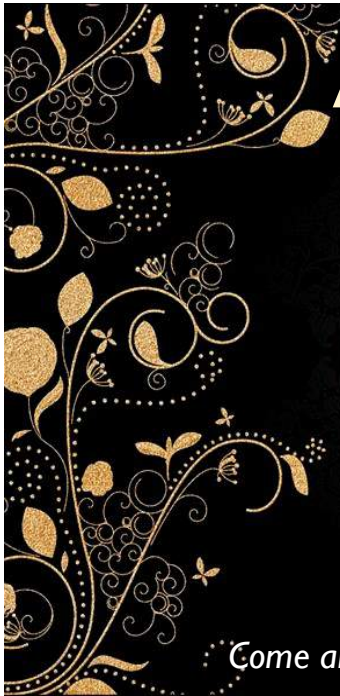
**TAIZÉ** Worship

stillness • music • silence • prayer

**Friday** 28<sup>th</sup> February @ 6.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March

*All Welcome • Refreshments afterwards*

**Taizé** is a style of Christian worship practised by the ecumenical **Taizé** community in France, characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence.



# All Saints' Church

Pointout Road, SO16 7DL

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

1970 – 2020

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 Special Service @ 10:00am

*President: the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin  
The Bishop of Southampton*

*Come and celebrate with us 50 years of worship!*

**Solution to Word Sudoku on page 29:**

BIBLE	PRAY	HYMN	FAITH	SERVE	HOPE	GRACE	LOVE	GOD
GOD	LOVE	FAITH	HYMN	BIBLE	GRACE	PRAY	HOPE	SERVE
SERVE	HOPE	GRACE	GOD	PRAY	LOVE	BIBLE	HYMN	FAITH
FAITH	GOD	SERVE	LOVE	GRACE	HYMN	HOPE	PRAY	BIBLE
LOVE	BIBLE	HOPE	SERVE	FAITH	PRAY	HYMN	GOD	GRACE
HYMN	GRACE	PRAY	BIBLE	HOPE	GOD	FAITH	SERVE	LOVE
GRACE	HYMN	BIBLE	PRAY	LOVE	SERVE	GOD	FAITH	HOPE
PRAY	FAITH	LOVE	HOPE	GOD	BIBLE	SERVE	GRACE	HYMN
HOPE	SERVE	GOD	GRACE	HYMN	FAITH	LOVE	BIBLE	PRAY

**FAITH**  
**HOPE**  
**LOVE**  
**GRACE**  
**GOD**  
**PRAY**  
**BIBLE**  
**HYMN**  
**SERVE**

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
10 am – 12 noon

Mulled wine, cakes, crafts  
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# Parish Notice Board

## Monday Company

December meeting at All Saints' Church Centre, Winchester Rd, SO16 7DL

**03 February:** All Saints Through Five Decades -

Talk by Brian & Diana Sparkes

**21 February:** Activities

**02 March:** A Poetry Potpourri - Talk by David Corfe

**16 March:** Communicare Spring Tea



Mondays @ 2.30pm

## All Saints Wives Group

Mondays @ 2.00pm - All Saints' Church Centre, SO16 7DL  
or in members' homes unless otherwise stated

**10 February:** Informal at the Home of Sheila Dixey

**24 February:** 'What the Butler Saw' -Talk by John Pitman

**09 March:** Lent Talk by Revd. Craig Philbrick

**23 March:** Informal at the Home of Debbie Speigal



It is still not too late to do the Parish Magazine Annual Subscription 2020. It is only £6 for the whole year, a saving of £1.20!

For any queries, please contact the Parish Office.



## Coffee Call-in

All Saints' Church Centre  
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**ALL WELCOME**





**L**ent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a service at St Michael's at 7.30pm that day.

Suggestions for engaging with Lent this year:

- **commit to completing** the #LiveLent Care for God's creation 40 day challenge. Booklets will be available, or you can download the app to your smart phone or sign up for daily emails .
- explore writing your own **rule of life** to support your spiritual life all year round. There are resources on the Diocesan website [www.winchester.angican.org/rule-of-life/](http://www.winchester.angican.org/rule-of-life/) and there are guided workshops to help you do that on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> – 10am-12.30pm, Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7.30-9.30pm, Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9.30pm and Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> – 10am-12.30pm, all at Wolvesey.
- **Take some time out** – a Lent Quiet Day will be held at St Michael's on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 3.30pm. Contact Sheena to book a place.

Our Lent study this year will be *Another Story Must Begin*.

*Journey with us this Lent to discover what the Bible has to say about hope and grace. 'Another Story Must Begin' is an original Lent course based on the film, the novel and the stage adaptation of Victor Hugo's Les Misérables. Leading up to Easter, we will discuss some of the themes and principal characters of this epic narrative, the course explores the grace of God and our own fallen state and opportunity for redemption, and helps us to reassess what we can do with our lives and for those around us.*

*The course is based around five weekly group sessions:*

- *Fantine and Cosette*
- *The Bishop of Digne*
- *Jean Valjean*
- *Javert*
- *Redemption and Salvation*

*Thursday bible study groups which meet during the day will follow the course, and there will be an evening session on Thursdays at the Rectory. Dates to be confirmed soon!*

Lent is designed to help us prepare to enter into the story of Holy Week and Easter so that we can meet the risen Christ on Easter day with deeper joy and faith. It's so much more than giving up alcohol or chocolate!



# Lent 2020 @ NSAB