

# Portsmouth Post May 2007



## Christ Church Portsmouth

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**Services in May**

**Wednesday 2nd**

10:00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 6th**

**Easter 5**

08:00 Holy Communion (Order 2)

10:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Junior Church in the Hall

Acts 11: 1-18

John 13: 31-35

**Wednesday 9th**

10:00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 13th**

**Easter 6**

08:00 Holy Communion (Order 1)

10:30 Parade Service

Acts 16: 9-15

John 14: 23-29

**Wednesday 16th**

10:00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 20th**

**Easter 7**

08:00 Holy Communion (Order 2)

10:30 Holy Communion

10:30 Junior Church in the Hall

Acts 16: 16-34

John 17: 20-End

**Wednesday 23rd**

10:00 Holy Communion

**Sunday 27th**

**Pentecost**

08:00 Holy Communion (Order 1)

10:30 Family Service & Baptisms

Acts 2: 1-21

John 14: 8-17, 25-27

**Wednesday 30th**

10:00 Holy Communion

## Events in May

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tue 1	Mothers Union	Church Hall	14:15 - 16:00	Sheila Taylor
Wed 2	Home group Parish	Church	19:30	Cynthia Whittle
Fri 4	Friday Fellowship	Church Hall	14:00 - 16:00	Cynthia Whittle
Sat 5	Men's Breakfast	Church Hall	08:00 - 09:00	Pat Cole
Tue 8	PCC Meeting	Church Hall	19:30	Graham Olway
Wed 9	Evening Wives Fellowship	38 Down End Road	19:45	Rosemary Nisbet
Sun 13 to Sat 19	Christian Aid Week	Parish	All week	Rosemary Nisbet
Tue 15	Mothers Union Holiday in New Zealand	Church Hall	14:15 - 16:00	Sheila Taylor
Fri 18	Friday Fellowship	Church Hall	14:00 - 16:00	Cynthia Whittle
Mon 21 to Thu 24	Home group meetings	Various	Various	Cynthia Whittle
Sat 26	Table Top Sale	Church Hall	10:00 - 13:00	Sheila Gill

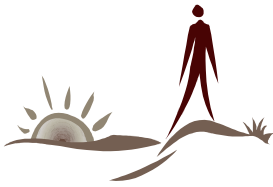
### **Check the Web**

Need to know what's going on? Forgotten if you are on duty? Want to know what services there are? What to know the readings?

Check out the Parish Web at <http://www.christchurchportsdown.org>

## From Beyond the Hill

### Curate's Corner



I am sure that like me you have been enjoying these beautiful unusually hot days of spring that we have been experiencing. How much better do we feel when we can emerge from our winter hibernation and the dark evenings and go out to feel the warmth of the sun on our bodies. Now we are able to open the windows and doors and cast off our thick winter clothes and spend time outdoors perhaps in the garden or going for a walk thankful for the lighter evenings.

Spring is associated with a season that heralds the start of new life. We see evidence of this as the bulbs and plants start to push through the soil. We look for new life in the hedgerows, birds building nests in anticipation of new arrivals and in the fields spring sees the birth of lambs and other livestock.

Jesus too emerged from the tomb into a new life. We have just celebrated Easter the most important date in the Christian calendar, a time when we rejoice and celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection is an amazing unique event that reminds us that we worship and have faith in a God who is very much alive and a part of our everyday lives. We can celebrate Easter everyday remembering that Jesus overcame death and was raised to eternal life opening the way to heaven for us all. Jesus offers us hope he promised that all who believe in him will experience a spiritual transformation in this life and the certainty of a resurrected body in the next.

May the risen Lord continue to bless you as we journey on together.

*Sandy Phillips (Assistant Curate)*

## **Christ Church Mid-Summer Fete**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007 from 13:00 to 16:00  
in the grounds of

### **PURBROOK PARK SCHOOL**

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to man stalls and generally help on the day.  
Please contact the coordinator, Sid Way

Please start to put things aside for the stalls :  
Jewellery & Toiletries, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Prizes for the Grand  
Draw, Cakes & Preserves, Plants, Toys, Tins and Bottles.

Any ideas for new stalls gratefully received.

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### **A date for your Diary**

We are having a bring and share lunch on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 07 to celebrate Cynthia's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and to give thanks for her ministry here at Christ Church.

There will be a Holy Communion service at 10.30am when Revd. Stuart Cleaver will be preaching and also a representative from the Readers Board who will present Cynthia with her letter of "Permission to Officiate"

Lunch will be in the church hall after this service. Please come and join in this special day for Cynthia.

## **Lent Lunches**

A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped out with the Lent Lunches and to those who attended and gave so generously. Special thanks to Gill Cross for co-ordinating the event this year. Over £500 was raised for TEAR Fund much of which was Gift Aided and so the eventual total will be over £600 . Well done everyone.

*Sylvia and Rosemary*

## **Open Church**

The Church is once again open to everyone on Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 12:00. Please consider giving a few hours of your time this year to help out with this important Out Reach initiative.

If you are able to give any time to "Church Sit" on any day of the week as either a one off, irregular or regular commitment then please sign-up at the back of the Church. Help to spread the load and share in the joy with our visitors.

Why not drop in yourself and spend a few minutes in prayer

*Sylvia and Rosemary*

## **Sainsbury Vouchers for the Scout Group**

As a Scout Group we are taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme, to get some new equipment for the Group. We would be very grateful if members of the congregation could use the collection box in the Church porch to drop in any active kids vouchers they may have from their weekly shop, or petrol stop. Many thanks.

*Mark Isaac*

## **Interregnum**

At our Parish Annual Meeting our Archdeacon, Dr Trevor Reader, announced that Revd. Paul Norton would be retiring on medical grounds with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March 07. This means that we are now in an interregnum as we go through the process of choosing a new incumbent. This process has already begun; your PCC has already had one meeting with the Archdeacon and Revd. Carolyn Headley, who is the representative from the Simeon's Trustees. The Simeon's Trustees are our Patron and they will assist us in choosing someone who is most suitable for our Church.

Another meeting is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> May 07 when the advertisement will be finalised ready for inclusion in the Church Times and Church of England newspaper and the Parish Profile completed.

During this interregnum the Archdeacon promised us some ministry help and we are pleased to welcome Revd. Mike Holloway. He will assist at Sunday services and help in the care of the Parish. We are grateful to Mike for joining us during this period and we know you will make him very welcome.

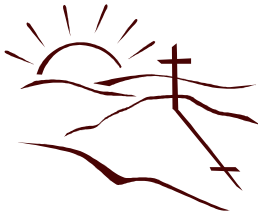
We will endeavour to keep you fully informed as things happen and we hope it will not be too long before we can welcome a new vicar to Christ Church

*Sylvia and Rosemary - Church wardens.*

**Aluminium Foil** Don't throw it out—recycle it for church funds !

Remember to bring your contribution of aluminium for re-cycling when you come to church. Norman Sabine will do the rest.

## From the Other Side of the Hill

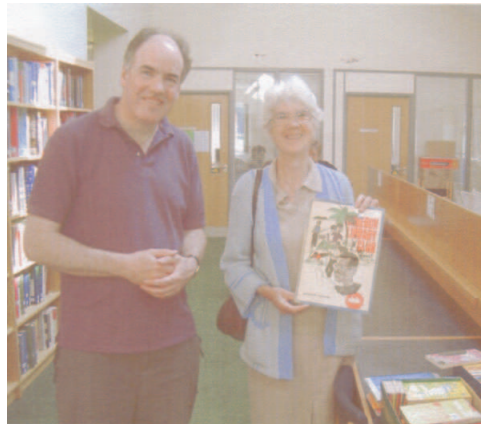


Do you believe in coincidences or in "God-incidences" ?

Recently it has certainly been the latter for me. Not merely being in the right place at the right time but finding that, after forty years, God is still reminding us that He has always been in control of a project.

In the 1960's Patrick helped some Ugandan students write small books for a newly formed Africa Christian Press. In the 1970's in Nigeria I used to take ACP books to Christian groups and encourage them to start their own "Shoe Box Library". In the 1980's we continued this in Lesotho and helped translate one book into Sesotho. Then, the 1990's, in Malawi we were involved in setting up Torch Trust for The Blind (Malawi). Later in Nepal we found the book we had translated into Sesotho was also now in Nepali !

This year we decided that our historic Shoe Box Library ought to go to a new home and Moorlands College library said they would like them (picture right). Before our visit Patrick was giving a talk in Waterlooville about Malawi and decided to look up Torch Trust on the Web. Imagine our surprise to see that their Malawi press is producing various books



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including that original title from Uganda, Joseph Kunikina's "The New Life"!!!. We could hardly ask more evidence that God was setting his seal upon our relinquishing of those little books.

Too often we cling on to material things and forget that "all things come from God and of His own do we give " - not only at harvest time, but all the time. And why did God send this special 'letting go" opportunity when I had already planned a "reminiscences" page ? We must all move on and let go. We cannot control what happens to anything (or responsibility) that we hand over, but God can. We are very time-bound, but God is eternal.

While we "wait" for outcomes, or results, God is not so time limited. What a reassuring thought, during our interregnum, and as I have a month off, before the next stage in my ministry....

*Cynthia Whittle*

## **BECOME A CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTOR**

And you are not just pressing bells you are touching lives

During Christian Aid Week our collectors drop lots of red envelopes through lots of doors. A few days later they collect lots of donations. Their efforts help to improve the lives of people in the developing world. If they are able to get people to Gift Aid their donation, then 28% is added through government tax relief.

Christian Aid Week is May 13th-19th this year and we need volunteers more than ever. Without them it simply could not happen. If you are interested in becoming part of our wonderful team of collectors contact Rosemary Nisbet.

**A few hours of your life could change someone else's forever.**

## **Wanted - A New Vicar**

This is a good opportunity to explain briefly the selection process for our new Vicar.

The new parish priest is chosen by the Patron (the Simeon's Trustees), acting with the Bishop and the two parish representatives, who are appointed by the PCC. The process starts by various notices being sent by the Bishop to the Patron and the PCC secretary.

The PCC meets to prepare the Parish Profile, appoint the two representatives, decide whether to or not to pass a resolution saying that the PCC would not accept a woman priest and choose whether to advertise the vacancy or ask the Patrons to nominate candidates. This stage is almost complete - your Church Wardens will be the parish representatives and the PCC have decided to advertise the vacancy. They have also agreed that we would welcome applications from women candidates. As stated elsewhere, we will be finalising the Parish Profile and the advertisement at our next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Applications to the advertisement will be sent to the Patron. Once the short list has been agreed, the interviewing begins. The candidates (with their spouses) will be invited to look around the church, vicarage and parish, meet the PCC over an informal supper and be interviewed next day by the interview panel (usually the Bishop/ Archdeacon, the parish representatives and a Trustee.)

Various legal documents have to be signed by the parish representatives and the Bishop before the patron can formally offer the benefice to the selected priest, who has to reply accepting the post. The Patron then gives notice of presentation to the Bishop and it is only at this point that a public announcement can be made and a date fixed for the new incumbent's institution and induction.

*Sylvia and Rosemary - Churchwardens*

## Mission of the Month Christian Aid

Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in the UK and Ireland.

Christian Aid works in over fifty of the world's poorest countries wherever the need is greatest - irrespective of religion or race.

They believe in strengthening people to find solutions to their own problems, so they support local organisations best placed to understand local needs.

They also help them through sixteen overseas offices. They are striving for an end to poverty and campaigning to change the rules that keep people poor.

**A few hours of your life  
could change someone else's  
for ever.**

## Prayer Bookmark

**Pray for** Christian Aid 2007 that we might have sufficient volunteers for delivering and collecting in the Christ Church area.

**May the peace** of God reign in all our hearts and in our nations.

**May the justice** of God inform our thinking and that of our leaders.

**May the love** which God has for the world infect our compassion.

**Thank God** for inspiring all Christian Aid workers around the world.



## Prayer

**GIVE THANKS** for our schools and hospitals and pray for all who work there that both the young and old, the healthy and sick, may experience Christian care.

**PRAY FOR** opportunities of fellowship through the interdenominational events and exhibitions this month that God's kingdom may be extended and glorified.

**THANK GOD** for our Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts and pray for safe and fruitful summer activities and camps.

**PRAY FOR** the PCC, the churchwardens, and the Simeons Trustees, all involved in the process of finding a new incumbent.

**REMEMBER** families in our Parish who have been bereaved that they may have the spiritual strength they need and the loving care we can provide.

## HOME GROUPS

The monthly Parish Meeting preparing for our home groups (continuing study of Hebrews) is in church at 7.30 pm, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The home groups will be at the usual venues will be during the week of 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

This month Friday Fellowship meets for tea and chat, in the hall, from 2 - 4 pm on Fridays, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

The National Christian Resources Exhibition is from 15 -18<sup>TH</sup> May 2007, at Sandown Park. This is a worthwhile day out, with lots of ideas, splendid music by the All Souls orchestra and worship led by the Muyiwa group.

## The Living Word 2007

For many years we have joined other Christians for the "Living Word" in depth Bible expositions at Cosham Baptist, Havant Road. This year's dates are 12 - 14<sup>th</sup> June and details in the church porch.

## Horse Manure

We are again taking orders for spring deliveries . We will supply ten bags of well rotted for £2 min. donation. All proceeds raised will be put towards the roof repairs.

*Please contact Ann & Colin Dove*

## Parish Fete

Are you spring cleaning your cupboards, if so, please think of Colin Dove and Richard Brown, as we have already started to collect a lot of Quality Bric-a-Brac for our stall at this years Fete . Don't forget that all important date of 7<sup>th</sup> July.

*Contact Colin Dove*

## Ramblings from the vestry roof

Hello everyone ... The Rusty Cutters have been very busy in the Churchyard this Month so well done to them. Grass flying everywhere and the sound of happy voices whistling and singing. It brought a tear to my eye ... or maybe that was just my hay fever.

*Charlie the Church Mouse*

### From the editor...

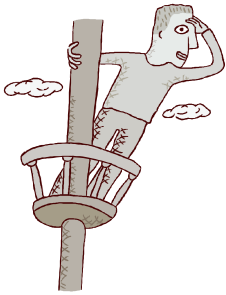
Welcome to the May edition of Portsdown Post. This months magazine was oversubscribed so my apologies if your material has been left out. It will hopefully appear next month.

To put an article in the magazine hand it to me in person, put it in the "Magazine" pigeon hole in the church porch or drop me an email: [magazine@christchurchportsdown.org](mailto:magazine@christchurchportsdown.org).

Items for the June magazine by **Sunday 20th May** please.

*Nigel Wheatley, Editor*

## A view from the Slopes Ordinand News



Yet another Salisbury Easter School is complete and I am now about halfway through the course. The cycle of modules, essays and 'practicals' continues apace with the end of January being particularly eventful as I had three assignments to put to bed!

I have now reached the stage of the course where I will be leaving St John the Baptist at Purbrook for a few months to take up a placement in another parish. From 23<sup>rd</sup> April until the end of July I will be at Hart Plain which I am sure you know is our Local Ecumenical Project (LEP), that is, a joint Church of England and Methodist parish. There will be much to learn and experience. The placement is an important part of the course because it enables the ordinand to have a glimpse of different liturgies, traditions and environments.

Can I thank you for your continued prayers and enquiries when we meet from time to time, especially when I am able to get to the breakfasts. There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that I always have the extra sausages! Thank you also for your prayers during the last few weeks when Rosemary has been incapacitated with a broken leg gained in the course of her duties as Church Warden! With the Grace of God's healing love she is now out of her cast and well on the mend.

I have of course kept in date as far as possible, with the changes at Christ Church. It is a great sadness that Paul has had to retire through ill health and I wish Paul all the very best for the future. I feel this particularly as it was Paul who encouraged me on the path that I am now on. I pray that God will strengthen him on his

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continued journey. I also see that Cynthia is to become Reader Emeritus; I can only record here the love and excellent guidance that Cynthia (and Patrick) has given me as my own spiritual life and ministry has developed and I know that this will continue. I thank God for the huge ministry that Cynthia has had and will continue to have in the service of the Holy Trinity.

Can I wish you all the very best as you enter the next stage of parish life together with the joy of the Risen Christ as you journey with God in his healing and strengthening love.

*Yours in Christ,  
Trevor*

## **TABLE TOP SALE**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 till 13.00  
At Christ Church Parish Hall  
London Road, Widley**

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**All Welcome**

**Refreshments**

**Buying ? Bring along your friends - Entrance 50p**

**Selling? Hire a table for £5**

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**To hire a table contact Sheila Gill**

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Proceeds and any donations from stall holders or customers to the  
Portsdown Parish Centre Development

## **The Parish as it used to be**

Reminiscences by Cynthia Whittle

Portsmouth became our post Ugandan base in 1969. Christ Church was recommended to us by Rev Henry Ames and so we met Canon Vernon Herbert and Rev Peter Collins. In those days there was a huge stone font at the west end of the church which had to be negotiated to get to the main aisle. We were welcomed by people like Stanley Martin, Frank Salter and Reg Waterfield. Audrey Martin was the person who dealt with Christian Aid and CMS matters. The Sunday School was overseen by Henry Ames - at least 50 children - and the CMS Lent Project was a major event.

In those days too the Easter Sunday offering was given to the Vicar and the Pentecost (Whitsun) one to the Curate. There strong choir of robed ladies and gentlemen included boys, who gained various "Ribbons" from the RSCM. The organ console was then still under the large pipes. There were usually three services each Sunday, Evensong being as formal as the early ones with full ministry team and choir. But children contributed to some morning services and our own children participated by playing recorders.

In 1973 our coming and going began. We became linked Mission Partners in Nigeria. During home leaves, usually in August , we found changes e.g. the organ console moved; a new curate came; and the font went! Meanwhile as a result of Portsmouth Bible Weeks, other Home Groups were started in addition to the one at the Price home in Christ Church Gardens.

In 1977 we left Africa finally (again!) but soon found ourselves in Lesotho. Each August we noticed more changes - different organists, different curates -including Peter and Alec Price, Peter Hancock,

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George Gebauer, Kelvin Randall and Stuart Cleaver. John Hewitt had become Vicar.

It was not until we left Africa again in 1986 that we were able to become fully involved again. That was when I began training as a Reader. Meanwhile I helped Tom Crampton with CYFA and led Sunday Evening "Praise Services" with the help of organist Nigel Furby and young musicians in the orchestra.

John Gray, the next curate, showed me where all the switches were in the church! By then Len Herrington, Brian King, John Ayling and Colin Dove had been Churchwardens and COGS was well established. Not surprisingly Africa loomed again, Malawi this time, and in 1988 when Bishop Timothy came for Confirmation at Christ Church he was able to Licence me in my 'home' church before Patrick began his work there.

During the next few years Sunday evening services became less well attended (more singers wearing robes than people in the pews) and a matter of safety during the winter (as well as heating costs!).

In 1993, we left Africa for Asia, going to Nepal and Kathmandu, as CMS SALT Mission Partners representing the Anglican Church in a Hindu country. We had the privilege of introducing some of our Nepali brothers and sisters in Christ to Christ Church. I tried to spend half my time here and continued on PCC, preaching and teaching and helping lead IOW Holidays; visiting Ghana and helping in another interregnum. No major changes unless we count the "make over" for "Walk through the World" or the "Bible Marathon" ; but the Fair Trade table is now taken for granted and the west end is less cluttered. Common Worship and Mission Praise

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are accepted; choir stalls sometimes occupied by our growing group of singers and another part of the south side filled with sound from our musicians. Looking back the one word I feel applies to us is "flexible".

It was Stephen Palmer who introduced candles on our Table and instigated the Memorial area for Burial of Ashes in the Church Yard; the Junior Church who provide the most eye catching banners for festivals; Paul Norton has ensured that we have leaflets based on Common Worship, for most of the services during the year. Changes there have been, but ones which have taken us into the 21st century and kept, we trust, Christ at the centre of Christ Church.

*Cynthia Whittle*

### **Parish Fete .....**

(Already I hear you ask—its just over 3 months away ....

### **MORRIS DANCING**

Its time we started practising again for Church Fete on 7th July. Anyone interested - male/female, two left feet or whatever. Call June Tewsley. We usually meet on a Sunday afternoon/early evening - time flexible. Its good fun, do join our motley crew.

### **CRAFT STALL**

What would YOU buy from a Craft Stall ? Please give us some new ideas of what to make and if you can join in with sewing/sticking/cutting out etc. we do need more "crafty people" to join our sadly depleted group. Please contact June Tewsley with ideas and or your offers of help.

## **Christ Church Mothers Union - Future Events**

**Coffee & Cake morning Bric-a-Brac, Book Stall & Raffle:**

**Saturday May 19th. 2007**

**At Christ Church Hall London Road, Widley -  
from 10:00am - 12:00 noon**

Come and enjoy a cup of Coffee or tea, with a toasted teacake or scone. Treat yourself to a delicious cake to take home for your tea from our cake stall. Proceeds in aid of M.U. branch funds

### **Outing to RHS Gardens Wisley.**

This Outing will take place on Tuesday June 19th 2007. leaving Christ Church at 9.30am - stopping for a break at Guildford. We will be leaving Wisley at about 4.30pm. arriving home at about 6ish  
The cost for this outing will be £14.00.

To join us on the outing please contact one of the following:  
Sheila Taylor or Pat Hatchard

### **Mothers Union Program**

Meetings in the Church Hall at 14:15 to 16:00 on the  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month



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| May 1  | Rev. Paul Newman, Chaplain of HMP Kingston. His experiences as a prison Chaplain. |
| May 15 | My Holiday in New Zealand - Ros Molloy.   |
| Jun 5  | "All about us" - Personal reflections.  |

MU Corporate Communion is always on the last Wednesday of the month except for August and December.

## The Widley (Christ Church) Toddler Group

Every Wednesday morning a number of volunteers from Christ Church help this very popular Church affiliated group by preparing the tea, coffee and snacks for their morning break. The rota for supporting the group has been running for many years now - changing circumstances mean that some volunteers come off the rota and new ones appear.

Many thanks to Irene Joly and Cynthia Whittle who have both retired from the rota after continuous service since we began, and to Pat Hatchard and Maureen Enticknap who have both had to withdraw through changing personal commitments. Norma Gibney and myself have now been joined by Molly Ayling and this term we also welcome Linda Banks and Ivor Williams to the rota - thanks to you all. The number of volunteers we try to maintain means any one person is on duty only twice each term.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Child Minders are all welcome to come along with their children for what appears to be a great time if the noise levels are anything to go by! There are loads of constructive as well as fun things for the children to do. The session is currently well attended and is run very ably by Mandy Kind (a member of Cosham Baptist Church) who also brings along her dad - Norman who helps every week in the kitchen.

If you feel you could spare an hour and a half on a Wed morning, perhaps once every 6 weeks, we would welcome new volunteers for the coffee break rota to spend, what everyone seems to feel is, a joyous time and it really helps the Mums, Dads, and other carers - just give me a call

*Sheila Gill*

## News from St Georges Waterlooville

Waterlooville Music Festival has a full and varied programme. Last year the standard of performers was so good that we had an avalanche of people contacting us asking to be included this year. Thus we have an entirely new programme. This was not without it's heartache as we all wanted last years performers to come again but it was decided that two weeks might be too long to sustain interest from our loyal audiences!

Our new influences include a couple of workshops for children in flowers and the organ, an Easter Musical, a scratch Faure, a steel band, a Rock band and a special Last Night of the Proms with all the old favourites to sing along to.

Lunchtime concerts will be free and the evening concerts will be £5. There will be a passport ticket available giving entrance to all the concerts at a discounted price.

Please direct any enquiries to Jane

*Jane Rice-Oxley*

### **For the Record** (mid March to Mid April)

Baptisms	None	
Weddings	7 Apr	Catherine CROSS and William KENNETT
Funerals	11 Apr	Robert William GREGORY (27 Mar aged 82)
	13 Apr	Gordon Perry HAZELL (27 March aged 84)
	19 Apr	Ann Elizabeth LEAMAN (9 April aged 93)
	19 Apr	Charles Edwin KEMP (30 March aged 90)

## CHRIST CHURCH EVENING WIVES' FELLOWSHIP

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 19.45.

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Doctor Amy Burn from "Active Health" Chiropractic clinic. Amy will talk to us about treating back problems and how to keep fit and healthy: at 38 Down End Road Drayton.

Members may bring a friend if they wish and new members are always welcome.

## HALL CAR PARK

The rear car park of the Church Hall has never been properly surfaced. **All users** of the Church Hall Car Park are therefore cordially invited to **contribute a bank note** towards the fund for providing a proper tarmac surface. **Around £600 has been raised so far.**

Please give your notes to Patrick Whittle.

## More holy errors!

From church newsletter cuttings and announcements at services!

If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a cheque and drip in the collection basket.

Next Friday we will be serving hot gods for lunch.

## Highlights of P.C.C. Meetings - April 10th.

**Future Dates** (19:30 in the Upper Room, Church Hall):-

**2007**..... May 08, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 09, Nov 13, Dec 11

**2008**..... Jan 08, Feb 12, Mar 11, **APCM** ... TBA

**Interregnum** - Arrangements have begun for the process of appointing a new vicar later in the year. Both Church Wardens will be involved in the interviews.

**Finance** - The financial situation is still very tight. Income from the recent Gift Day will help however, planned giving is still lower than needed to meet the monthly costs. A further £100 had been received towards the cost of resurfacing the church hall's rear car park.

### **Sub Committee Reports:**

- ◆ Property Manager for Church Hall still needed.
- ◆ Period of quiet music or reflection before services was to be encouraged.
- ◆ The forthcoming Christian Aid Week will require helpers to deliver and collect across the parish.
- ◆ Thanks were expressed to Junior Church members for the recent Easter banners
- ◆ Summer Fete arrangements confirmed as Saturday 7 July at Purbrook Park School. Thanks were given to Sid Way for acting as Fete Co-ordinator again this year.

**Chairman's Remarks** - A new NSM from May onwards is expected to help Sandy and Cynthia during the interregnum period. The PCC agreed that the Magazine Editor could facilitate the production of Wedding Service booklets for future marriages if required. Revd. John Gray (former curate) to lead at the 22 April service.

*Graham Olway - PCC Secretary*