

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Congregational Newsletter

June 2008

Sunday Services

Sunday 1st Second Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist (*Parish Choir*)
1115 **D-Day & Normandy Fellowship Service**
(*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*)

Sunday 8th Third Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
(*Parish Choir*)
1100 Sung Eucharist and Dedication of
Green Vestments (*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*)

Sunday 15th Fourth Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist (*Parish Choir*)
1100 Sung Eucharist (*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Volunteers' Choral Evensong
(*Cathedral Choir*)

Sunday 22nd Fifth Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist and Sunday School
(*Parish Choir*)
1115 **Festivities Opening Service (Eucharist)**
(*Cathedral Choir and Cantate*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*)

Sunday 29th Peter & Paul Apostles

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
1030 **Ordination of Priests**
1500 **Ordination of Deacons**
1800 **Jazz Eucharist—End of Festivities**
Service (*Cathedral Choir*)
2000 Taizé style Night Prayer

Sunday 6th (July) 7th Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist (*Parish Choir*)
1100 Sung Eucharist (*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*)

CHAPTER NEWS

North Cloister The builders have started the second phase of the North Cloister at the eastern end and from next week, access through the Memorial Garden door will no longer be possible. There will be no toilets in the Cathedral for a couple of weeks while the new facilities are completed. The toilets in Cathedral House will be available; please contact the Welcome Desk or Cathedral Shop for access. We apologise for the inconvenience the building work causes, but by the early summer we shall have a wonderful facility in the North Cloister, with new toilets, school room, sacristy (vergers' vestry) and robing space.

Vestments We have recently received the second set of new vestments which will be dedicated on Sunday, 8th June at 1100 during Sung Eucharist. This green set has been donated by the Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral and celebrates our life as the Cathedral of the Sea. The frontal is designed to remind us of the sea and takes as its motif the Tree of Life from the West Doors. Donations have been received for the purple (Advent) vestments and work has already started on this set. A donation for the gold set has also been given and it is hoped that this will be ready by Easter next year. This leaves the red/white set to commission. If you are interested in contributing towards it in thanksgiving for the life of a loved one or event, please contact Canon Nick (023 9282 3300 x225 or nick.ash@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk).

Sidemen's Dinner Thursday, 12th June at 7pm in Becket Hall. All sidemen and their partners will be invited, and it is hoped that the evening will include some informal and light-hearted training.

Volunteers' Evensong This year's service to recognise and give thanks for the invaluable work of our volunteers will be held on Sunday, 15th June at 6pm. This service will also include the installation of Jonathan Lloyd as Chapter Clerk.

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The Choral Evensong and Memorial Service on Tuesday 24th June at 6pm will be attended by members of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, as part of their 10th Annual Conference on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) hosted by the City of Portsmouth.

Congregational Meetings We are grateful to all those taking part in our Congregational Meetings. Chapter has a special meeting in early June to consider all the helpful responses and will publicise full details of the next steps in this process.

Chapter Membership We bid farewell and extend our warmest thanks to Sarah Quail who has now completed her two terms of office as a lay member of Chapter. Although she and the family have moved to Chichester, we are very pleased to know that she will continue her association with and support for us in the Cathedral and we are particularly grateful to know that we can continue to call on her for advice on all matters historical.

Cathedral Shop With Claire deciding not to return to the Cathedral following the birth of their daughter and her husband Bob, who was covering her maternity leave, now working elsewhere, we wish them well and thank them for their contribution to our life together. We are ever so grateful to our Churchwarden Frank Reid for taking over the running of the shop voluntarily for the time being and for his intention to run the shop entirely by volunteer staff to maximise income to the Cathedral—provided there are sufficient volunteers. He and we thank the existing shop helpers and invite others who would be willing to help to contact him at frank.reid@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk or 023 9282 3300 ext 232

Canon Michael is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at the beginning of July and warmly invites every member of the congregation to join him and Pat for wine/juice in the Cathedral at the end of Evensong on Sunday 6th July.

Pre-Lambeth Hospitality

Saturday 12th July

Bishop Kenneth is hosting an all-day event in the Cathedral / on Cathedral Green for up to 24 Bishops and their spouses from Ghana and the USA and up to 200 other invited guests as part of the pre-Lambeth Hospitality taking place around the country for visiting overseas Bishops. Helpers are needed to prepare and serve the Finger Buffet Lunch and to act as stewards etc.

It should be an amazing day.

Be part of it by signing the list on the Welcome Desk if you think you are able to help.

Marion Syms (01243 373409) & Angela Carpenter (023 9229 4128)

Helping Junior Schools at Sunyani Cathedral

Over the last four years our link with Sunyani Cathedral has produced an unexpected offshoot – a link between Craneswater Junior School in Southsea and two small Junior Schools, St Anselm's and Bishop Lemaire, both diocesan schools on the site of Sunyani Cathedral.

When a group from our Cathedral visited Sunyani in 2004, Angela and I spent some time visiting the two schools and getting to know the Head Teachers and staff. When we returned from that visit, I told the pupils at Craneswater School, where we work as volunteers, about the conditions in the two Ghanaian schools. The result was that the Year 6 pupils (10 and 11 year olds) decided to raise funds to help. Since that time successive Year 6 groups have raised over £6,000, which has been used to repair leaking roofs, repaint classrooms, purchase sports kit, and many other items, including a wheelchair for a disabled staff member.

This year the Year 6 pupils have excelled themselves. They have raised £1,189, which, combined with the £445 sponsor money raised by my Annual 1 km Swim, will mean that just over £1,600 can be sent to the Ghanaian schools this summer. Activities have included sponsored sports events, making cakes, cleaning, shopping and much more. One girl spent two hours at Gunwharf keeping still –as a 'statue' of a ballerina, only dancing when people put money in her bowl, and raised £153 !

We have also sent out 24 boxes of school books, and another batch of 24 boxes is ready to go. The pupils also write letters and send Christmas cards, and have received some splendid letters back from the pupils in Ghana. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the Craneswater pupils for the link, and the staff and Governors feel that the school has gained enormously from it.

Bruce Carpenter

(NB As a congregation, we shall have an opportunity to meet with Bishop Thomas from our partnered St Anselm's Cathedral in Ghana on Sunday 13th July)

Cathedral Club

meets in Becket Hall, Cathedral House

Thursday, 5th June AGM at 7.30pm

Thursday, 19th June Annual Outing

Thursday, 3rd July Social Evening

Visitors welcome £2 per session

Cathedral Needlecraft Group Coffee Morning

Friday, 13th June

in aid of the Cathedral Flower Guild
in Becket Hall, Cathedral House

10.30am—12 noon

Needlecraft, Cakes, Raffle. Admission 50p

Sisters of Bethany Quiet Day

Saturday, 14th June 10am– 4pm

at the House of Bethany, 7 Nelson Road, Southsea

Led by Sister Joanna Elizabeth SSB

For bookings telephone 023 9283 3498 or

email ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk

Creative Calligraphy 6th—15th June

An exhibition of Calligraphy in the Nave
by students from Portsmouth College
and their tutor Jan Pickett

Rowans Moonlit Memories Walk Saturday, 21st June 2008

An exciting night-time walk from Southsea Common into Old Portsmouth, Gunwharf Quays and the Historic Dockyard

£20 entry fee—full details from

moonlit-memories@rowanshospiceco.uk

The Renaissance Choir Saturday, 5th July 7.30pm Music for Spirit and Soul

*Choral music interspersed
with harp solos*

Tickets: £12, £10 concs. £2 Students
from 023 9278 9546 or Cathedral Bookshop

lunchtime *live!*

1.10pm—Refreshments from 12.15pm

Admission: £2.50 (concs £2.00) on the door

5th June Katie Hasler - *clarinet*, Marcus Wibberley *piano*

12th Martin Cawte - *voice*, David Price - *piano*

19th Marcus Wibberley - *organ*

21st-29th June

Full details and
other events in the
yellow booklets.



Lunchtime Live! and Young Musicians' Platform

1.10pm Admission as above

Mon 23rd Sam Moffitt and Tristan Button (*trumpet duet*)

Tue 24th Portsmouth High School (*instrumental ensemble*)

Wed 25th OrganPlusOne (*Saxophone*)

Thu 26th South Downs College (*instrumental ensemble*)

Fri 27th The Sweet Nothings (*soprano quartet*)

Twilight Recitals—9.30pm

Tickets £5, U18 £1 (on the door)

Pimms served in the Nave from 9.00pm

22nd OrganPlusOne (*Parkour*)

David Price, Sam Parham and Parkour freerunners.

25th OrganPlusOne (*organ*)

Midas Touch (*organ duets: "Mozart to the Movies"*)

27th An Evening of English Song *Cathedral Choral Scholars*

Gala Concerts

Tickets £10 (£8 conc, £1 U18) from 023 9282 6722

Saturday 21st June 7.30pm Monteverdi Vespers (1610)

Charles Daniels (*tenor*), Ensemble Plus Ultra,

His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts

Portsmouth Grammar School Schola Cantorum

Thursday 26th June 7.30pm A Celebration of Europe

European Union Chamber Orchestra
and Natalie Clein (*cello*).

Parkour Workshops Sunday 22nd June 2pm-4pm

An opportunity to sample some of the movements used in parkour (urban dance) or freerunning. Workshops run by Sam Parham—free. See page 24 of Festivities Booklet for further details.

Compline

Monday, 23rd July 8pm

at The Royal Garrison Church

sung by the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir

Portsmouth Cathedral Development Trust Appeal

'Continuing the Voyage'

FUND-RAISING EVENTS GROUP



PLANNED FUTURE EVENTS

I am delighted to report that the Nearly New Sale on Saturday 26th April raised a fantastic £1,679 for the Appeal and a special thanks go to Jane Jackson and Mags Lovett for organising a wonderful event, along with their band of many volunteers. The Gala Dinner on 2nd May raised a staggering £2,373 and I would like to express my gratitude to all who attended the dinner and my strong band of volunteers who helped make the event such a huge success.

Future FEG events are:-

Saturday, 25th October 2008—Table Top Sale in the Nave. Please put aside all those unwanted Christmas gifts and items from your Spring clearout to sell at the Table Top Sale. Tables available for booking from Jo Warsop (023 9281 1368) at £5 each. Alternatively you may find your gifts for next Christmas!

Thursday, 20th November 2008—Royal Marine Association Concert Band in the Nave. We are delighted to announce that the Royal Marine Association Concert Band has agreed to hold a concert in aid of the Appeal. This event is still in the early stages of planning but the ticket price will be £12 per head. For further details and to reserve a seat please contact Tracey Harper on 023 9289 2962.

Finally, our sum total raised by the 21st May was **£1,631,955**

and our Congregational Giving has now reached **£112,456**

Thank you all for your magnificent support.

Tracey Harper—Appeal Co-ordinator

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Book Review by Paul Sandham

The Inner-City of God

The diary of an East End parson by John Pridmore, published by Canterbury Press price £9.99,
Available through the Cathedral Shop.

Readers of the *Church Times* need no introduction to John Pridmore. A regular contributor to its Diary column, his vignettes form the foundation of *The Inner-City of God*. Far from one-offs, his *Church Times* pieces were excerpts from a diary he maintained throughout his final parish incumbency.

Recently retired, John Pridmore was for eleven years Rector of St John-at-Hackney. Sounds grand? Read the book. He is vocal about London's East End, contrasting it with a CofE increasingly ill-equipped to meet the area's present-day needs. Characters, some would say 'difficult people', permeate its pages and the persistent theme is the author wondering what he is achieving.

John Pridmore's self-deprecating style is quaint in the *Church Times*' small doses, but risks becoming tiresome on the bigger stage of *The Inner-City of God*. We are saved, however, by the dogged hope that underpins his faithful service.

Many books have been written about Parish Ministry, but surely none more compelling. *The Inner-City of God* oozes candour, warmth and love. Hackney may seem at the extreme, but typifies many urban settings to which the Church is called. Encouragement for the foot-soldiers, admonition for the officers, *The Inner-City of God* is essential reading, whoever you are.

Next Editions

There will be a **combined July and August** edition of the Congregational Newsletter which will be published on 6th July. Items for inclusion preferably by email to liz.snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk by Monday 30th June. The September edition will be published on 31st August.