

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Congregational Newsletter

MARCH 2010

SUNDAY SERVICES

7th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

14th - 4th Sunday of Lent/

Mothering Sunday

0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
(*Parish Choir*) and Sunday School
1100 Sung Eucharist (*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*)
with the Installation of Caroline Speller as
a lay member of Chapter

21st - 5th Sunday of Lent

0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
0930 Parish Eucharist (*Parish Choir*) and Holy Baptism
1100 Sung Eucharist (*Cathedral Choir*)
1800 Choral Evensong (*Cathedral Choir*) attended by
Diocesan Newsletter Editors

28th - Palm Sunday

0800 Holy Communion (*BCP said*)
1030 Joint Eucharist (*Parish Choir and Cathedral Choir*)
starting at Nelson's Statue
1800 John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' (*Cathedral Choir*
and *RSCM members*)
2000 Taizé style Night Prayer

1800 Wednesday 10th March

Visiting Choir at Evensong: Charter Academy

CHAPTER NEWS

New Bishop The next step in the process for the Right Reverend Christopher Foster, currently Bishop of Hertford in the St Alban's diocese, to take up his post here is the formal 'election' by the College of Canons (comprising the Dean, Archdeacons, Residentiary, Honorary and Lay Canons) which will take place on Thursday, 18th March. Bishop Christopher is looking forward to joining the diocese, but will not actually take up the role until he is officially installed as Bishop of Portsmouth at a service in the Cathedral later this year on a date yet to be finalised. Further details on the sheets in the Welcome Area or on website.

Lay Chapter Caroline Speller will be installed as a Lay Member of Chapter on Sunday, 14th March during Choral Evensong at 6pm.

Fabric Issues Initial remedial work has been carried out to the plaster in the South East Transept. Once the lime wash has dried out fully the Cathedral Architect will make an assessment to establish whether further remedial work is required. Work to repair the water damage in the North Cloister will take place once the estimate for this repair has been received and approved by our insurers. Work to repair damaged windows in the Cathedral is currently in hand and will now include work to repair the windows in the School Room.

Volunteers' Celebration and Thanksgiving This year's annual celebration of the work of our volunteers will be held on Sunday, 16th May. Tea will be provided followed by Evensong. Further details to follow.

Chapter The Agenda for meeting on 2nd March is available on our website and on the Cloister notice board.

Becket Hall Hearing Loop We are grateful to Muriel Allen and Audrey Whitehead for organising fund-raising events to fund the Hearing Loop which will be installed on the 11th March. See details overleaf.

Cathedral House Dishwasher Thanks to the generous donations from the Parish Lunch Club and individuals a new dishwasher will be installed this month. Further donations would be very welcome.

Bell Augmentation The two new bells, blessed at Evensong on Sunday, 28th February, will be hung on Tuesday, 2nd March onwards and dedicated on Sunday, 25th April at Choral Evensong and in use from that day onwards. Many thanks to all those whose generosity has enabled this project to be completed.

CATHEDRAL CLUB

meets in Becket Hall, Cathedral House
at 7.30pm

Thursday, 4th March

Plants of the Bible

Presentation by the Revd Sylvia and Alan Martin

Thursday, 18th March

Presentation by

The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum

Visitors welcome £2, includes coffee

Becket Hall Hearing Loop Fundraising Events

COFFEE MORNING

organised by Mrs. Audrey Whitehead

Friday, 19th March

10.30am-12noon

Becket Hall

Raffle, needlecraft stall, preserves and cakes

Entrance 50p includes coffee and biscuits.



PAPERBACK PARLOUR

Saturday, 20th March

10.30am to 1.30pm

Becket Hall

Entrance 50p including tea or coffee and biscuits.

Paperbacks 50p each. Unsold books will be distributed to local charity shops.

Donations of paperbacks for this event will be gratefully received and can be collected but not before 2nd March by arrangement with Muriel Allen 9281 5046 but not before that date, please.

LENT LUNCHES

of Home-made Soup and Bread

will be available on

Wednesdays, 12.15-1.15pm

in Becket Hall

Proceeds in Aid of the **Bishop's Lent Appeal** which this year supports the Orientation Project for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Portsmouth and Southampton and the Diocese of Kumasi (Ghana) Spirituality and Retreat Centre. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to provide this year's lunches.

April's Congregational Newsletter will be available on Sunday, 28th March. Notices to liz.snowball@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk by Monday, 22nd, please.

CONCERTS IN THE CATHEDRAL

lunchtime *live!*

Thursdays 1.10pm - Refreshments from 12.15pm

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

4th March William Drakett, organ

11th March James Wilder, voice

25th March Choral Scholars, voices

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Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm

Portsmouth High School's

GALA CONCERT

Including a concert performance of a selection of musical numbers from 'The Pirates of Penzance'

Tickets: £5 (£3 conc) available on the door.

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Friday 19th March at 7.30pm

Portsmouth Grammar School's

PASSIONTIDE CONCERT

Brahms' Requiem

Tickets: £10 (£8 conc) only available from the school on 023 9236 0036

Cathedral Social Event

SKITTLES EVENING

Friday, 12th March 7.30pm

the Royal Maritime Club, Queen Street, Portsmouth.

£10 per person, to include a Basket meal of either

Scampi, Chicken or Veggieburger with Chips.

Tickets still available from the

Cathedral Shop.

Come and join in the fun

Sisters of Bethany

QUIET DAY

led by the Revd Norman Boakes

Saturday 20th March 10am-4pm

Cost £6. Soup and hot drinks provided.

Booking ssb@sistersofbethany.org.uk or 9283 3498



MOTHERING SUNDAY

will be kept at the 0930 Parish Eucharist on Sunday 14th March

The Flower Guild will be preparing flower posies at 10 am on Saturday, 13th March in Becket Hall, in Cathedral House.

Help will be greatly appreciated from all age groups please.

GHANA NEWS

No longer just names - but people and places!

What a delight that Bishop Festus was able to come to Portsmouth, for an action packed visit, after attending the Canterbury Induction Conference for new Bishops in the Anglican Communion! And what a sign of God's gracious timing that his visit coincided with the announcement and visit of our new Bishop Christopher! "Portsmouth is a lovely place and the people are very welcoming and hospitable. It is well developed compared with Sunyani, which is in the middle of a forest and mainly rural. But coming from a developing nation, I think it is a great help for us to have this partnership with Portsmouth. I value, enormously, our shared faith and friendship" - Bishop Festus reflected.

Within half an hour of his arrival in Portsmouth, Bishop Festus was taking tea with the Thursday sewing group in Cathedral House. His first full day began with a 8.45am school assembly visit to Charter Academy and ended, long after mid-night, after several hours on foot patrol in the city centre with Portsmouth Street Pastors. "They do a fantastic job in caring for young people when they are in need of help" he commented. Three further school assemblies followed and numerous other varied meetings and visits (see Sunyani notice board) including a visit to Jane Hedges, Canon Steward at Westminster Abbey (formerly a Canon Pastor here at the Cathedral).

It is not too late for members, or groups, from our congregation to seize the wonderful opportunity of supporting the growth of the Church in Sunyani diocese by sponsoring one of the people Bishop Festus has selected for Catechist (reader) training. Further details of the role and training of a Catechist can be seen on the Sunyani notice board. A donation of **£50 or alternatively £10 a month for just 5 months** (e.g. April-August) would cover the complete training cost for one Catechist. Is it something that you would like to have a part in? If so please have a word with Bruce Carpenter (023 9229 4128) or Marion Syms (01243 373409). Bishop Festus would like each sponsor to have the photograph and name of the person whose training they are supporting.

Marion Syms (Link Officer)

BOOK REVIEW by Paul Sandham

The Last Veteran, Harry Patch and the Legacy of War

by Peter Parker

is published by Fourth Estate, price £14.99 and
can be obtained, at short notice, through the Cathedral Shop.

2009 saw the passing of the Great War's last three survivors. In their final years they were, perhaps unwittingly, responsible for an upsurge of interest in the period and its aftermath. Though the quietest spoken, the most out-spoken among them was Harry Patch.

The Last Veteran, Harry Patch and the Legacy of War is not to be confused with *The Last Fighting Tommy*. The latter is Harry Patch's life story, in which his war service looms large. *The Last Veteran* is an analysis of the conduct of the war and the years that followed. A social history, it deals with remembrance, the way political and popular attitudes towards it have changed and individual and collective expressions of it have evolved. Peter Parker's product is meticulously researched and national narrative sits comfortably alongside personal anecdote.

A tendency towards over-long chapters is its sole weakness but the book is highly instructive. The formula works well; whereas in *The Last Fighting Tommy*, Harry Patch intercepts the Great War, in *The Last Veteran*, the Great War encounters Harry Patch. In both volumes, his personal abhorrence of war is uncompromising. Excellent though it is, *The Last Veteran* is no substitute for Canon Wilkinson's consummate work.

CATHEDRAL SHOP

A wide selection of greetings cards, including Mothering Sunday and Easter cards and postage stamps, are now available. Please come and browse.

Books can be ordered in the Shop, 9289 2967, or email chris.richardson@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday 27 March

Regional Chrism Eucharist at 11am

Palm Sunday 28 March

Holy Communion (said) at 8am

Sung Eucharist at 10.30am

The service begins near the Royal Garrison Church. The Procession of Palms moves to the Cathedral where the service continues.

John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" at 6pm

Monday 29 March

Evensong at 6pm

Holy Week Music for men's voices at 7pm

with the Beata Trinitas Vocal Ensemble

Compline at 8.30pm

Tuesday 30 March

Evensong at 6pm

Compline at 8.30pm

Wednesday 31 March

Evensong at 6pm

Compline at 8.30pm

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Diocesan Chrism Eucharist at 11am

Eucharist of the Last Supper at 6pm

followed by the Watch until 10pm

Good Friday 2 April

A Journey through Holy Week at 10am

An informal service for accompanied children of all ages with *Hot Cross Buns*.

At the Foot of the Cross at 12noon

A series of reflections, readings, prayers and music on the themes of Good Friday.

The Good Friday Liturgy at 2pm

The traditional service for Good Friday.

Holy Saturday 3 April

Easter Vigil

at 7pm at the Garrison Church

Recounting the Christian story of faith around the new fire.

Easter Liturgy

with *Baptism and Confirmation* at 8pm

The Paschal Candle is lit, the Easter Gospel proclaimed and the first Eucharist of Easter celebrated.

Easter Day Sunday 4 April

Holy Communion (said) at 8am

Parish Eucharist at 9.30am

followed by *Easter Egg Hunt*

Festal Sung Eucharist at 11.15am

followed by *Easter Egg Hunt*

Festal Evensong at 6pm

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORIAM



If you would like to donate the cost of a lily (£2.50) in memory of a loved one, forms are available from the Welcome Desk. Please return the form together with your cheque/cash by Sunday 28 March.

MINISTRY FOR MISSION WORKING GROUP

The Dean has been part of a strategic working group initiative, convened by the Bishop's Council, to plan for a future when there will be fewer ordained priests available in the Portsmouth Diocese. Four different models of ministry have been proposed and are available at www.portsmouth.anglican.org.uk In order to formulate a truly representative response from the Portsmouth Deanery, *all are invited* to the following meeting.

OPEN WORKSHOP

9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday 13 March

St James's Milton

The Deanery Profile will be presented in the Cathedral on Monday, 22nd March after Choral Evensong.

SPIRITUALITY DAYS

PASSIONTIDE QUIET AFTERNOON

'FORM US INTO THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST'

led by Bishop Ian Brackley

Saturday 27 March 2-5pm

in the Cathedral

Donations invited for the Bishop's Lent Appeal

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'BE STILL DAY'

**FIND A SENSE OF
PEACE, PERSPECTIVE
DIRECTION, RENEWAL**

A drop-in quiet day for personal reflection, prayer and workshop led by Stefan Smart

Saturday 17 April 10am-3.30pm

in the Cathedral

Donations appreciated:
£10 whole day - £5 half-day

Further details from
kay.lancaster@portsmouth.anglican.org tel 9289 9656