

Summertime

August 2023



The year is slipping away and already feels a bit autumnal even though it is only the start of August – let's hope that some warmer, sunnier days will return soon. Despite the change of weather the pace of Parish life continues and we look forward to hopefully seeing you at some of our events and celebrations over the coming weeks.



We are also looking forward to welcoming back to the Parish Revd Wendy May Jacobs. She will be joining the Ministry Team as the Associate Vicar and will have a special responsibility for St Faith's Church and its community. We don't have an actual date for her arrival,

yet, as that depends on her housing being ready (she will be living in the All Saints' Vicarage). However we do have a date for her formal licensing by Bishop Jonathan which will be on **Thursday Oct 5th around 6pm at St Faith's**. We hope many will be able to join us and welcome Revd Wendy May and family to our parish community.

It was also good the other evening for some of us to be able to go to Midhurst to support Fr Marcus as he begins his ministry as Vicar in that town. Lastly on July 23rd we gathered to say thank you and farewell



to Revd Sam as she leaves us for Fareham. We gave thanks for her care, prayer and leadership over the past 3 years and for her commitment and passion for social justice, especially the environment and the work of Hope into Action. We will miss her and Lionel and will hold

them in our prayers as they prepare to move. We do not have a licensing date yet for Revd Sam either – as she needs to wait for Wedny May to move out of the Vicarage at Fareham and then for some works to happen there before she can move in., We will let you have a date as soon as we have one. Revd Sam was grateful for the farewell

gift from the Parish of B & Q tokens to help provide Garden Furniture for their new home.



The new PCC met for the first time in July and we discussed a number of things including our current communion practices post COVID. There is a 50/50 split as to whether we should resume sharing the chalice or continue with intinction. It was agreed to enable all of us to

share the common cup we would continue with



intinction and review again in the Autumn. We did, however, agree to restore the chairs to full rows throughout the Church. This would still enable those

who wish to sit apart from people to select areas to do that, but

would also enable us to bring to St Mary's the remaining Blue Chairs from St Wilfird's

The PCC also had a chance to hear the result of the inspection of the Reredos at St Mary's. The team that inspected it were impressed with the quality of the art and craft and the good condition it is in. there are however some areas that need cleaning and treating and the estimate for the works is some £45K! The PCC are considering how they might cover these costs or find funds to do so.

As we look to the Summer there are **some special celebrations and events** that are being planned :



Patronal celebrations – each year as we give thanks for the example of Our Lady (the Blessed Vergin Mary) we also give thanks for our Parish and the community we seek to serve and be a part of, This year our celebrations will extend over a few days :



Wednesday August 9th 10am Do Something Different Day for older people – craft, conversation,

coffee, lunch, film, popcorn and tea ...all for £6 – please book ticket in advance



Sunday August 13th 10am We will have an Outdoor Parish Mass in the Churchyard this will be followed by an opportunity to have a **picnic lunch** –

listen to Drumnation; enjoy Mary Rose and Royal George Morris (and even take part in a training session!); celebrate cycling in the city with a variety of local groups – including a chance to create an art installation and other activities. If you have a bike then perhaps cycle to church on this day! (We are grateful to Fratton Big Local for their support of this event) If the weather is wet or windy then all of this will take place indoors inside the Church.



2pm – 4pm The Tower will be open for visitors to climb and enjoy the stunning views of the city. The last entry to the Tower will be at 3.30pm – please check terms and conditions in advance if you wish to

go up the Tower.

Monday August 14th 7.30pm A time of quiet prayer and reflections at St Faith's Church with the Julian Prayer Group – please chat to Fr Giles for more details.

Tuesday August 15th 7pm Choral Patronal Mass at St Mary's.



We will be joined by clergy, choirs and members of our local Cluster of Churches – St Luke's, the Cathedral; Ascension and St Saviour's and Holy Spirit, Southsea. Our guest preacher will be the Archdeacon of Chichester (Ven Luke). The service will be followed by a glass (or two) of wine and light refreshments.



Wednesday Aug 23rd Noon We will also have a chance to celebrate with the oldest member of our Parish community with a Picnic Lunch (bring your own food) after the Noon Mass -as we gather to wish

Rita ‘Happy 103rd birthday’!

Sunday Aug 27th 10am As has become our custom on the August Bank Holiday weekend there will be a **Parish Mass at St Mary’s** (no 9.30 at St Faith’s)



Saturday 2nd Sept 8am We will be hosting an ‘open’ Pitch and Putt tournament at the 10th Hole in Southsea. There have been 2 previous tournaments for Monday Men – but this year we are

inviting anyone who wishes to to join us. We will then have breakfast together at the end of the round. If you wish to go please let Fr Rajiv or Fr Bob know in advance.



Sunday 3rd Sept 11.45am Parish Bar B Q lunch. As we gather after the Summer holidays – a chance for us to catch up with each other and enjoy each others company over a Bar B Q lunch – please buy tickets in advance from the Churches.

Friday 8th Sept 7pm A Sung Mass to mark the Birthday of Mary at St Marys



Saturday 9th Sept 10am A Bric a brac and Nearly New Sale at St Mary’s – if you have items that we could sell or would like to help in anyway then please contact Shirley Rudder,



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10am Coffee Morning at St Faith's Church to support our work with Hope into Action. If you can help please contact Jenny S or Lorraine



Sunday 10th Sept 11am onwards Fratton Family Festival. Join the local community as we celebrate our life with live music stages and Fratton Road closed from Fratton Bridge to Arundel Street.

We will have a pitch offering some space for reflection and activities for children. If you would like to help and support us for a couple of hours please contact Fr Rajiv or Mthr Charlotte.

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