

Diary Dates in 2012

15th Jan	Auction of Promises
22nd Jan	The Cathedral Choir sing Evensong at St Faith's
28th Jan	Table Top Sale*
18th Feb	Jubilee Banquet
22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday
10th Mar	Spring Fayre & Family Activity Day
18th Mar	Mothering Sunday
24th Mar	Renaissance Choir Concert
6th Apr	Good Friday
8th Apr	Easter Sunday
22nd Apr	St George - 'Bangers and Mash'
25th Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
12th May	Table Top Sale*
17th May	Ascension Day
18th May	Skittles at The Crofton Pub
9th June	Summer Fete
5th June	Jubilee Party
23rd June	Milton Glee Club Concert
29th June	Friends Strawberry Tea
18th July	Lee Junior School Leaver's Service
14th Sept	Autumn Fashion Show**
15th Sept	Table Top Sale*
23rd Sept	Harvest Festival
7th Oct	Patronal Festival
4th Nov	All Souls' Day Service
11th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
1st Dec	Christmas Fayre
8th Dec	Lee Singers Concert

Dates are correct at the time of going to press but may change. Please check by telephoning the Parish Office or visiting the website.

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Information and Contacts

Normal Sunday Services

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Parish Eucharist
6.00pm	Evening Prayer

Baptisms and Weddings



Come along to Vestry Hour, every Thursday in Church between 6pm - 7pm, or contact the Vicar.



Parish Centre Activities and Hall Bookings

Please telephone Andrew Munro in the Parish Office Monday - Friday 9.30 - 12.30 on 023 9255 6445

We have two well equipped halls. The Bulson Hall accommodates up to 150 for a meeting or 120 for a meal. The Lowry Room is suitable for smaller gatherings. Both rooms are great for parties and family celebrations and have excellent kitchen facilities. Our caretakers ensure that rooms are well prepared before bookings and cleaned afterwards. Andrew Munro is very pleased to show visitors and hirers the facilities. Please contact him if you would like more information.

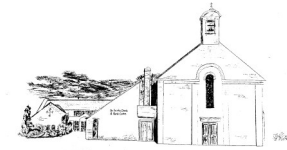
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St Faith's Christmas News



Thank you for coming to St Faith's where we have had another busy year. Many of you joined us for a fantastic Summer Fête and Christmas Fayre and other great events organised by our Community Committee such as the spring fashion show.

We hope you have been aware of the many good concerts in the Church and Parish Centre as we have improved our communications with further editions of the Mailing List and our website has a huge number of visitors.

This year congregations have grown and sometimes there were not enough chairs to go round! Our Children and Young People's Committee have helped to make the main Sunday service more accessible for young families, and the new crèche is growing in strength.

We have kept up to date with regular maintenance and are looking forward to a busy and exciting 2012.

Our hope is to be better followers of Christ and to help build a better community by:

- offering good Sunday worship, daily prayer and the best we can to those who come for baptisms, weddings and funerals
- making it possible for people to meet here for all sorts of different activities
- collecting and distributing food for the homeless and those in need

- visiting and counselling those who ask for help
- working with our schools
- working with local organisations
- supporting ICANGO in the provision of community transport
- keeping the buildings in great shape
- ensuring that the Church and Parish Centre is on a sure financial footing for the future

We also want to help more people to use the facilities so we are pleased to announce that in 2012 it will cost less than last year to be married in Church and as you'll see from the inserts we are having a January sale on hall bookings!

Next year brings big challenges. You may have noticed some of the Church walls have been cleaned. This work has been undertaken by volunteers and organised by our Fabric Committee. We now need to press on to re-decorate the Church but before we do that we have to repair or replace some of the old lower level windows. This, alongside the usual challenge of balancing the budget, is no small task. Please consider how you might be able to help us with these projects.

Thank you for all your support and every good wish for 2012.



The Challenges in 2012

In 2012 there are four major challenges.

⇒ Replacing the Church Windows

The high windows were replaced in 1999 but now a further 10 windows must either be repaired or replaced before we repaint the Church. The total cost of this project will be in the region of £20,000. Donations are welcome either to replace whole windows, perhaps in memory of a loved one or even individual panes of glass. More details will be available in 2012 but we would very much welcome donations or pledges to help meet the cost of this project.

⇒ Painting the Church

Once the windows are replaced we will be able to redecorate the Church. We have already raised £8000 but we think we will need somewhere in the region of £20,000 to complete this project.

⇒ Balancing the Budget

The cost of running St Faith's is more than £2600 each week. This is met by the income from collections at weekly services, by direct debit contributions and through fund raising activities. It is always a huge challenge but we hope you will agree that St Faith's has an important place not only in the lives of the Christian community but also in the wider community of Lee and Gosport.

⇒ Making more 'Friends'

The 'Friends of St Faith's' exists primarily for people who are not always able to attend services but who value what we do and want to help us maintain our buildings and land in good shape for the future.

Anyone can become a 'Friend' by contributing as little as £1 per month. This money is only used on the Church and Parish Centre buildings and maintenance projects.

'Friends'...

- in 2010 helped make it possible to repair the bell and bell cote
- in 2011 made it possible to undertake re-pointing work around the Church and Parish Centre and to complete restoration work on the old bell tower at the east end of the Church
- are invited to share in Church garden work parties, a summer outing and a strawberry tea in the Parish Centre

At the moment we have around 140 'Friends' but we would love to have 1000. Please think about becoming a 'Friend' this Christmas.