

Building work update

The builders have begun to look at the upper windows of the church, and found that quite a lot of the wooden surrounds are rotten (see picture, right). There is now a scaffolding tower in the church, so that the builders can take out the upper windows while they replace the wood.



For more photos of the building and repairs needed, do visit the church website: <https://www.stfaithslee.org/outside-repair-work-2021/>

First Aid course - Saturday 17th July

We finally have a date for our first aid course - Saturday 17th July. This is for people who would like to be first aiders for services and events at St Faith's. We will be in touch with all those who previously said they would like to undertake the course. If you'd like to do the first aid course but haven't told us, please do get in touch with Paul (contact details on back page).



Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 4th July

The APCM is an important meeting – an opportunity for us as a church community to reflect on 2020 and all

that happened, but also for an update on 2021. We also elect churchwardens and PCC members.

This year the APCM will take place at **3pm on Sunday 4th July**. We encourage you to come in person - there will be enough space for everyone - but if you would rather join us via Zoom, you can do that. The Zoom link is here: <https://www.stfaithslee.org/apcm/>

There are some things to read before the APCM! Please collect paper copies the Annual Report and the Finance Statements from the church, or download them from the church website here: <https://www.stfaithslee.org/apcm/>



Could you be our next churchwarden?

At the APCM, Cliff Rook will step down as churchwarden, after many years of service. Thanks to Cliff for all his work for the church.

This means we're looking for a new churchwarden! Is God calling you to this role?

The churchwardens are the senior lay people in the church, and the role involves joining the Senior Leadership Team [the SLT are Paul (our Vicar), Mike Shrives (our other Churchwarden), Ruth Dewland (our Administrator) and Carolyn Marshall and the PCC, and working particularly with Mike in the roles and responsibilities of a church warden. Churchwardens are key people in the life of St Faith's.

If you think God might be calling you to this role, or you want to suggest someone who you think would be good, please do talk to Paul, Cliff or Mike.

Would you like to join the Electoral Roll?

The Electoral Roll is St Faith's register of electors. Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a 'member' of the church; simply regarding St Faith's as your spiritual home does that. Indeed, a condition of joining the Roll is that you are already a 'member' of a Church.

Do I have to join?

You can of course be a full and active member of St Faith's without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments. However, it does help the Church show its strength. Joining the Roll is necessary if you wish to stand for election to the PCC, or if you wish to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (3pm on 4th July) and participate in the voting.

Interested in joining?

Application Forms are available on the Welcome Desk in the church. Please hand in your completed form to the Church Office by Saturday 19th June.

Would you like to join the PCC?

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) is the governing body of St Faith's and meets 6 times a year, on Tuesday evenings. If you would like to contribute to the life of St Faith's by joining the PCC, nomination forms are now available at the back of the church for those on the Electoral Roll to propose and second Electoral Roll members for the above positions. (Do ask them first!)

For more information about what these roles involve, do speak to one of the clergy, or to Luke Marshall, PCC Lay Chair.

PLANT SALE

**ANOTHER GREAT
SELECTION OF PLANTS
LOVINGLY GROWN**

Dicentra | Geranium
Canna | Rhubarb
Phlox | Crocosmia



St Faith's Lee
The Parish Church of Lee-on-the-Solent

SATURDAY

17 JULY

10.30-12.30

OUTSIDE ST FAITH'S

Hebe | Euonymus
Echeveria | Fuchsia
Dahlia | Dianthus
Delphinium | Poppy
and more

St Faith's Church & Parish Centre
Victoria Square | Lee-on-the-Solent
PO13 9NF | 023 9255 6445
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Flower Team

If anyone is interested in joining the flower team please come along, you would be very welcome. Thank you – Margaret Hunt (01329 662125) and Sue Hamilton (01329 663481).

Mother's Union - 1st July

The next MU Mother's Union meeting Thursday July 1st at 2.15pm. Due to pandemic restrictions the meeting needs

to be held outside. However, we don't know what the weather will be like! Sarah Shrives will decide 24 hours in advance, and let everyone in the MU know. Others are welcome to join - if the weather is good, please do come. We hope to have a visiting speaker - Diane who sells goods from MU enterprises, cards etc., so please bring cash and face coverings.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Our vision is to be a welcoming innovative Christian community of all ages and all stages of faith, nurturing spiritual growth, and representing God's living presence in our town.

PA team help needed - especially at the Parish Eucharist

As we look towards a more normal pattern of services, we need some extra people to help with the PA system, especially at the Parish Eucharist. This is an important role, so we can all hear and so that people joining from home can do so. Full training will be given, and it's really not as scary as it looks! **Please contact Jon McDonald if you're interested, on 07500 115593.**

St Faith's Summer Fete

We can't hold the Summer Fete on 17th July, as we had hoped, as pandemic restrictions will still be in place. We are looking at alternative dates, but it's not straightforward! We will let you know when we have definite news.



People & Planet at St Faith's

People and Planet

The People and Planet group will be meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th July. We may meet outside, or

on Zoom, depending upon the weather. Elaine will be in touch with the group beforehand, and if you'd like to join the meeting, please do be in touch with her at peopleandplanet@stfaithslee.org.uk.

Recycling Hub update

Thanks to everyone who is bringing recycling to the Recycling Hub in the south porch.

The list of things which we can recycle is very specific: please can you only put in items which are listed on the posters above the bins? The posters also explain which items cannot be put in.

There is also a detailed leaflet with this information. You can pick up a paper copy of this leaflet from the south porch, or download a copy here:

<https://www.stfaithslee.org/recycling-at-st-faiths/>

Did you know that you can recycle used make up containers at Boots in Fareham? Also Curry's will recycle certain used electrical items.

Elaine Johnson and Mandy Hoang

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People and Planet
Caring for God's Creation



Recycling Hub

Currently Accepting

- Tetrapaks[Ⓢ]
- Crisp Packets*[Ⓢ]
- Bread bags*[Ⓢ]
- Cheese Packaging[Ⓢ]
- Toothpaste tubes & toothbrushes*[Ⓢ]

* Working with EcoFreaks Emporium, Gosport Terracycle scheme in support of the Trash Café
Ⓢ Working directly with Terracycle in support of St Faith's Church
Ⓢ Taken to Gosport Borough Council Household Recycling Plant for Recycling

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Lee-on-the-Solent | PO13 9NF

For your prayers in these weeks

Collect for 4th Sunday after Trinity (27th June)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through
things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity (4th July)

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness
and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Those who are unwell: Rose Pugh, Rebecca Hawkins, Andrew George, Rona Johnson, Carolyn Keyzor, and Ruth Tallantire (who has been diagnosed with untreatable gall bladder cancer)

Those who have died: Jean Corney; Frank Skinner (Colin Skinner's father)

Anniversaries of death: 28th June: Michael Kreindler

Please pray for:

- The distribution of vaccines to developing countries
- The work of Christian Aid across the world. You can find out more about specific things to pray for here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray>
- Toddler groups (see the back page)

Join us to pray!

**Morning Prayer, 9am Monday to Friday
on Facebook**

**Prayer Meeting, 7.00-7.30pm
Thursdays on Zoom**

Zoom meeting details on the church website
<http://stfaithslee.org.uk/prayer-meeting/>





Nourishing and gently provoking food-for-thought for God's people

Not worrying v. not caring

Our willingness to fret about something is not a necessary indication that we care deeply about it. Our unwillingness to fret about something is not a necessary indication that we are ambivalent about it. In times we are fearful, we can make ourselves believe that our worrying displays just how much we care. But it's a false connection. <https://bit.ly/3gEMDnB>

Christianity is the best explanation for reality

If someone asked how you know Christianity is true, how would you answer them? Would you appeal to your transformed life or evidential arguments? Here's another approach - listen carefully to what people claim are the powerful truths they live by, you'll recognize that Christianity is the only worldview that can justify all of them. <https://bit.ly/3gM8okc>

Is God for us?

I often hear people say, "God wants good for me." "Okay, sure, absolutely. I can agree." Here's the issue. What is "good"? That's where I believe we differ. I don't believe God's perspective of "good" is the same as ours. While we may be blessed to experience some good things, God's "goodness" does not necessitate it. <https://bit.ly/3iTCnJq>

Making sense of unanswered prayer

I don't think we can know why God answers some prayers and not others. But we can know... 1) the two main goals God is working towards in our lives regardless of how he answers, 2) two reasons why his response might seem perplexing to us, and 3) the only thing that can sustain us when it comes to unanswered prayer. <https://bit.ly/2SCIPtX>



**Supporting people in need
in our local community**

**St Faith's is a collection point for the
Fareham and Gosport Basics Bank,
our local food bank**

June is the national month of prayer for toddler groups

Toddler groups offer an amazing space for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers to play, experience a warm welcome and develop a supportive community. Our own Rainbow Toddlers and Sunshine and Showers groups have continued to be very popular, and provide an essential space for parents, carers and children to meet when so much has been closed during the pandemic.

Please do pray this month for Rainbow Toddlers and Sunshine and Showers, and for all Toddler groups, that they may be places where the love of God can be experienced in so many ways and where life in all its fullness can be celebrated.

For more information about the National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups, visit the 1277 web site: <https://1277.org.uk/national-month-of-prayer/>



Rainbow Toddlers outside recently



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