

# The Hailer

## ST. MARY'S-QUARTERLY



**July- Aug- September 2017**

Some of you may know that on the Parish Profile for the Vicar's post, there was a picture of a kite-surfer energetically riding the waves. I remember it well – less from my detailed study of the picture I hasten to add, more from the startled phone call I received from Archdeacon Joanne who I think had been expecting pictures of pretty churches and children's parties. I remember my amusement as I sat in the bishop's office examining this image long before I thought to apply for the post myself, talking through with Joanne what it might mean.



Now, of course, I understand. There's the fact that this is a coastal parish of course, and kitesurfing and watersports of all varieties are important to those who live and play here. But for me, it's more than that. I confess I've yet to go close enough to the water to get my feet wet let alone step onto a surf board. But I do feel as if in my ministerial life I've been riding the waves, sometimes hesitantly sometimes with confidence, at times making rapid calculations and a few outright guesses as to the direction and speed of the wind, doing my best to stay on my feet and once or twice falling in the water with a resounding splash!

My occasional losses of balance notwithstanding, together we're doing something amazing. Under Alan Hoad's leadership and with Kelly Binfield our new Administrator joining us we already have a first version of a shared weekly sheet. And we're moving towards a shared newsletter, a database and other tools that will vastly streamline our administration and improve our communication both internally and outwardly to the community. I appreciate that occasionally there are blips – that's inevitable and valuable as we learn about what's important to us and what has served its time. The mistakes are worth making, and I'm hugely grateful to you all for your honesty and your patience as we make the transitions together.

I hope and trust that you share my excitement and my hope for the future as the Spirit fills our sails and momentum gathers for this new phase in our ministry. And if you do hear the occasional splash coming from my general direction in the coming months, please don't worry – it's good for me to swim a little sometimes, and of course on Hayling we are never far from a boat.

**Jenny Gaffin**



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**St. Mary's Sunday Services**

**Holy Communion 8am**

**Parish Communion 10.30am**

**Evensong 6.30pm**

**Weekly Services**

**Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.15am at St. Mary's**

**Tuesday Holy Communion (BCP) 10am at St. Mary's**

**Friday morning Prayer 8am at St. Mary's**

**Friday morning Pre-School & Carers Service 10am at St. Mary's**

Retired Priest and Lay ministers with permission to Officiate

**The Rev'd Anthony Kemp; 023 9378 6659**

**The Rev'd Malcolm Bull 023 9246 2025**

**The Rev'd David Salt 023 9246 4764**

**Mrs Jackie Brookfield 023 9246 2644: Lay Minister**

**Church Wardens:**

**Mr. Paul Curtis 023 9311 3011**

**Mrs. Sue Lake 023 9307 3319**

**Mrs. Ruth Bunney 023 9246 2799 The Verger**

**Mrs. Pauline Clothier 023 9246 4124 Musical Director**

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**Mrs. Sue Moss 023 9246 7277 Head Server**

**Mrs. Angela Teesdale 023 9246 1166 Jnr Church & FirstSteps.**

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Vestry Hour Wednesday 7.00 to 8.00pm in Church

For Bookings Baptism, Wedding Banns and Weddings

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Items for the weekly sheet or Website should be sent to the Admin. Office by noon on Wednesday.

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Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,  
Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep;  
Nothing can Thy power withstand,  
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Saviour, Thou didst give  
Thine own life that we might live,  
And the hands outstretched to bless  
Bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise Thee every day,  
Gladly all Thy will obey,  
Like Thy blessed ones above  
Happy in Thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear,  
Suffer not my steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest I would go,  
Walking in Thy steps below,  
Till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

## Sheep

As a child when visiting my Godmother, I used to pretend to play her piano and sing this lovely hymn, one of those lasting memories. Special tea and the room with the piano all to myself. (*Having three younger brothers this was luxury*) I never have been a musician but I love to sing, although I cannot read a note, it is all by ear!

When as a child attending Sunday School, we were given a large card with a Shepherd, each week we would have another little sheep to stick on for our attendance, lick and stick of course *no peel off and stick in those days*.

Why sheep, well I just love them, in each room of my house there are sheep in many guises, soft ones, ceramic ones and pictures, I have a collection of



'Ewe and Me' sheep in fantastic woolly jumpers all in ceramics.

Having just returned from Dorset and had my fill of seeing the sheep and the lambs on the hillsides, the Hymn came to mind as my theme for this quarter.

I cannot think of a better analogy for Jesus, a loving shepherd of his sheep, how we long for the quiet pastures and the deep peace. It is not such a bad thing in this world of turmoil and unrest to picture the quiet pastures and the assurance of a good shepherd.

Sue Titcomb

Editor

# The Reverend Pennie Payne

"Where is Pennie?" says four year old Joseph every Friday when he comes to church.

"Will she come when we ring the bell?"

"Well no" we have to say. "She will not be coming today".

"Why not?" says Stanley.

We have to explain that Pennie will not be sharing our Pre School Service any more—or any other services at ST Mary's. This is sad for us but we know that she is looking forward, very happily, to moving to her new home in Portsmouth and to 'helping out' at her local church there.

Members of our Junior Church at St Mary's will really miss her warmth and approachability." She has been so supportive to me and my family," said one young mother. "I felt that she was my friend as well as my Minister". We shall not forget her stories, her sense of humour, her artistic ability and her beautiful singing voice. The children particularly remember their tradition at Lent when they tempted her with their chocolate Easter Egg!

Our services and Young people's work shops have been enhanced by her knowledge and gentle way of explaining things.....by giving us her time she made us feel valued and encouraged many to go on to learn more. Pennie has touched the lives of many on Hayling, both young and old, and we want to thank her for leaving us with so many good memories.

Good Luck! Pennie. Come back and see us soon.

**Angela Teesdale and the young ones at St Mary's.**



**Pennie**

It was 11 years ago when we moved here, I decided to go St Mary's for the 8am communion, there to find Pennie taking the service, I was given such a warm welcome from Pennie and the congregation, I felt at home.

I always associate Pennie with Angels, she wrote a beautiful piece on her belief in Angels for the Hailer last year.

Pennie's understanding and warmth are a blessing to all she comes into contact with, and I know of many of the people on Hayling who through times great and small, the Christenings, Weddings and sadly Illness and Death she has been there with that gift of the Holy Spirit in the midst of us. Pennie gives so much of herself in her ministry and I am sure North End welcomed her back with open arms. Thank you Pennie, God Bless and keep you and Michael as you take another step along the path of life. Sue T.



## FIRST STEPS

Every Friday without fail First Steps is open to all the under fives of the Island, from babes in arms to the rising fives.

The hall is open from 9.30am and the short service in church starts at 10.00am. If you hear the church bell at that time, it is the children all lined in a row at the end of the bell rope.....helping an adult ring the bell, all enhanced by the singing of the children.

*'Come to Church, come to church, hear the church bell ringing hear the church bell ringing, ding dong bell, ding dong bell,'*

*'Come to Church, come to church, hear the church bell ringing hear the church bell ringing, ding dong bell, ding dong bell,'*

Everyone takes their place for more music, this time everyone takes a percussion instrument and shake away while they all sing *'Jesus Love is very wonderful.....'*

The instruments returned, the long kneelers come out and the children sit on the floor for the story, not necessarily a bible story but certainly with a moral for everyday life.

After more singing, the children say Our Father together, and learn from a very young age especially AMEN.

Next birthdays are celebrated with a special mention, and a verse of 'Jesus Blessing on you, Jesus Blessing on you, Jesus Blessing on those named. Jesus Blessing on you'. A nice touch I always think.

Finally comes Shalom, when everyone joins hands in a circle and goes to and fro.

Then follows a collection basket and a sweet basket.....guess which the children dive for!

Back to the hall where mums can chat over a cup of tea or coffee and the children can play with the wonderful selection of toys.

So a Friday morning passes, all due to **Angela Teesdale** and her helpers who continue all year round.

If you are new to the area or you have just had a baby why not take time to visit, you will be very welcome.

S.T.

## Churchwardens Report

The summer is here according to the weather forecasters and that can mean only one thing, grass growing faster than we can cut it. Not only around the graves but on them as well. With our small army of dedicated mowers and strimmer's assisting the Churchwardens, we are just managing to keep on top. **We have held two Churchyard working parties this year; the next one is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 9am-12noon.** Do join us if you can. A few people have adopted a patch in St Mary's Churchyard which they regularly mow and care for. If you can do this the Churchwardens would be very happy to help you choose a plot, big or small. Mick "the mower" has continued with his sterling work of keeping the 'Garden of Peace' looking good



and this on top of his recent illnesses. He is to be commended for his continued support and effort. All the garden machinery has been returned after service however, we did have a few problems with fuel which hopefully have now been resolved. Remember to wear your safety gear that has been provided for your safety when using Churchyard owned machinery. Our safety equipment is not to be used for private machinery, which should be provided by the owner.

In pouring rain, Sue and Rob Lake, Paul Curtis, Alan Hoad and Jenny emptied the old parish office in the Church hall to its new home at the vicarage. The photocopying room at the back of the stage in the Church Hall was sorted out and whatever was not required and being of no use went to the skip. We were all a little damp when we had finished! Access to the photocopying room must be made through Alan until the new administrator arrives. The new parish office serving the 3 Anglican churches on Hayling Island is now in the vicarage.

We have received a grant to help maintain the Yew tree, from which an industrial shredder has been purchased. This will provide mulching to nourish the Yew tree, as recommended by tree experts. It also means that the cuttings taken from our Churchyard can be shredded instead of being burnt. This is better for the environment and will help to nourish the trees.

We were hoping that new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) for dogs would be in place by to prevent dogs being let off their leads and fouling our churchyard. Unfortunately, they are not in place yet but hopefully they will appear soon. The introduction of the signs will be of great help to those mowing and strimming.

The Loop system has not been working for some time now and because of this many people may have turned off the facility on their hearing aids. We have had a technician visit St Mary's and retune the whole system which is now more responsive. One of our congregation, who is challenged with his hearing, has now switched on the facility on his hearing aid and commented on the Loop System working great he said, "I can hear all that is going on". If anyone still has problems with hearing within the Loop system then please contact one of the churchwardens.

Many of you will have seen that the South path to the South door is in poor state of repair at the road end. This path is a 'Right of Way' and is under the jurisdiction of the Hampshire County Council, Countryside Service. Sue and Paul have been assisted and supported by Abby Sullivan (Countryside Access Ranger) in getting a grant together to cover 50% of the repair costs. We have been successful and once the grant is received we shall be putting into place path repairs. There have been some small holes appearing in the gaps of the stones. These have been temporarily filled to aid safety while walking along the path. These temporary fillings will be replaced when the final repairs are made to the path.

If you have any issues or see anything in and around the church which is not right then please let your Churchwardens know in order that they can put the wheels in motion to either rectify, repair or replace. The South door and trim needs repairing because of an unsuccessful attempt to force entry into the Church. Still lots to do! Happiness is the sound of mowers and strimmers working in the Churchyard.

Your Churchwardens, Sue Lake and Paul Curtis

*"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a Mosquito" Dalai Lama*

## The Carvings

One of the glories of St Mary's Priory Church, that many a cathedral would envy, is the carvings.

Because St. Mary's is a 'replacement' church, built to replace the original church, washed away by the inundation of the early 13<sup>th</sup> Century, it is reasonable to assume that the carvings were the work of 'local' craftsmen. The original workmen may have come from Normandy, but 200 + years on after the Norman Conquest, there would surely have been local craftsmen, trained in England, who could spend as much time as was obviously needed to execute the wonderful carvings which they have left behind.



There are virtually no carvings in the Chancel, as here everything was deliberately made 'plain' for the worshiping place of the Prior and his monks, but once one moves from the Chancel into the Nave, it is as though the craftsmen threw their tools into the air, shouted 'whoopee' and really let themselves go. The plain Doric style of the lowest order of architecture (see the capitals of the last columns as you are leaving the Chancel) is replaced by the Corinthian style and decorated



by beautifully carved leaves and these continue on the capitals for most of the length of the Nave. The feet of the columns are decorated by carvings of people or animals. Perhaps the least worn are those which circle the dais which include the face of a boy with curls - but even leaving the Chancel, there is the face of a king at the base of the final pillar, albeit on the Nave side.

Sadly, the Victorians were no respecters of 13<sup>th</sup> C art and, to squeeze their pulpit into sufficient space they cut away some exquisite carvings. One only has to see the depiction of a fight between two animals at the base of the N.W. pillar around the dais, to see what has been lost. Our wonderful workmen, when re-ordering the church in 2010, tried their best to compensate for this loss - which is why we have an elephant and a snake replacing the vandalism.



But where did the original craftsmen's ideas come from, way back in the 13<sup>th</sup> C? Stand at the West Door and look back down the Nave. There, high up you will see two faces, either side the centre. They are similar, but not identical. Did the same carver carve them? Can we note a similar style? Are these carvings of men the carver knew or are they 'any old head'?

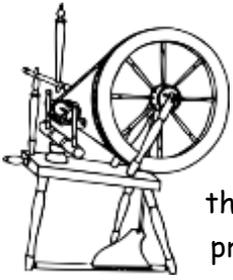
Similarly, the king at the base of the column leaving the south side of the Chancel: is it 'any old king' or is it a particular king? Given the depiction, I would suggest the former. The monarchs who reigned during this period of our little island's history were Henry III and Edward I, both clean-shaven. So that carving fits either, but Henry III had a reasonable reputation. Edward I - the hammer of the Scots - most definitely did not. It would have taken a brave carver to attempt a likeness of him!

Janet Coates-Jones

*If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.*

*If you want to be happy, practice compassion.*

*Dalai Lama*



## Spinning



It is now some years since I owned a spinning wheel - a hobby for which there is no space in a tiny flat. However, for a few years I could sit at my wheel and spin thread which I dyed with natural dyes and then wove into wall hangings. Every piece I produced was an adventure into a creativity which felt totally in touch with the natural world. The choice of fleece was important as this was different for each breed of sheep, and even different because of the place in which the sheep lived and the food it ate. I began to identify different breeds of sheep and to recognize what might be a good fleece to spin. It seems a long time ago and I am sure I have lost any skill I might have had, but I will still look in the garden at a clump of Golden Rod and see the wonderful yellow which might appear as I dye the newly spun wool.

Sheep give us wool for warmth, meat for food, and co-operate with us as they crop the growth on places like the South Downs. We love to see baby lambs in the Spring and they have become one of the symbols we use on our Easter cards. But they remain somewhat separate from our lives on Hayling. It was not so in the time of Our Lord and he used many references to sheep and shepherds with which we remain familiar through the pages of the New Testament. The well-known hymn "The Lord's my Shepherd" is often chosen to be sung at a funeral service as we recollect that though "we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, we fear no evil". Psalm 23 was written by David, King and Shepherd and remains one of the best-loved Psalms in the Old Testament.

Some years ago, my brother bought a cottage in North Wales. He then discovered to his surprise that he also owned part of the hillside behind his cottage and three sheep. Having enlisted the help of a local farmer for the care of these sheep, he continued to care for them until they died of old age! He would go out and call them - he knew each sheep by name - and they would come running to him to be rewarded by titbits and petting! The Good Shepherd knows each one of us by name and calls us to him for care and love.

Modern life may separate us from the natural world but folk law has bequeathed to us symbol and metaphor which may help us to examine and understand our own story. Rumpelstiltskin, a familiar story where the heroine has to spin straw into gold. The meaning of this is the transformation of the most mundane life into a golden era. In the Sleeping Beauty, the heroine has to sleep for 100 years, that is, until the right circumstances arise for her to awaken into her full potential. Each of us may be a 'spinner of tales' as we live our lives and create our own story, not in the manner of Walt Disney, but knowing that each one of us is called by the Good Shepherd to the fullness of a life lived with God.

Jackie Brookfield

Heb 13.v20



Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever Amen.





## THREE CHURCHES SUMMER FETE 2017

**This year our Three Churches Summer Fete will take place in Hayling Park on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August.**

The Fete will soon be here. We have the all the stalls with cakes, preserves, toys, crafts, Face Painting, children's games etc. Some excellent entertainment in the arena. Lots of things of interest for the children. The Donkeys, Giant Jungle Run and the Little Jungle.

Afternoon teas in the Cricket pavilion, the Barbecue, Hot Dogs, Pizza and soft drinks.

The Langstone Cutter Gig will again be at the Fete, Cycle Hayling to challenge your pedal power, and hopefully the Classic cars, which were of such interest last year, and many more.

The Grand Draw with many excellent prizes plus a £250 first prize. Soon you will receive tickets and we hope you will support us by purchasing them yourselves or selling them to your friends. This raises a large amount for the Fete. You will also receive a list of stallholders who would love to receive your donations of goods.

**Please support us on the day and if you are able to help in any way please contact Sheila Schrier on Tel 9246 6511 or Steven Schrier on Tel 9246 3595.**

*Start by doing what's necessary;  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.  
- St. Francis of Assisi*

### **Coming up!!**

#### **Some dates for your diary.**

September 9<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride Church open to Riders and Walkers St Mary's Church throughout the day.

September 9<sup>th</sup> Let the Stones Speak a walk through time in St Mary's Church : Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Patronal Festival St Mary's

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Supper St Mary's Hall: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest Festival St Mary's

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Fair St Mary's Hall.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October Solent Male Voice Choir St Mary's Church Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls St Mary's Church