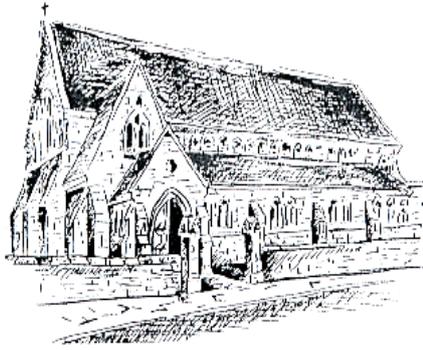


**Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist**  
9.30am, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

# **(All Saints)**

**Welcome to Christ Church!**



[www.christchurchgosport.co.uk](http://www.christchurchgosport.co.uk)

**Main Service on Sunday: 9.30am Parish Communion**

.....Except on every third Sunday:

**10.00am All-Age Communion**

Quiet, said Communions: 8.00am on Sundays; and 10.00am on Wednesdays

*Healing prayer is offered at services on 1<sup>st</sup> Suns and 1<sup>st</sup> Weds each month*

***See back pages of this booklet for more information about this church!***

*Christ Church is united with Holy Trinity, Trinity Green, Haslar Road - a church in the Anglo-Catholic [smells and bells!] tradition, with worship conducted in a circle around a central altar:*

[www.holytrinitygosport.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitygosport.co.uk)

## **Vicar**

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**Please feel free to contact Andy for any information about this church, or if you would like to talk about anything. He is not around for one day a week – usually Monday.**

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**Readers (Lay Ministers)** Roger Miles: 01329 515500 Sue Lambert: 07761 263651

# ¶ The Gathering

*Welcome, followed by silent prayer and:*

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord Amen.**

Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia, alleluia

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

**Confession:** On this Feast of All Saints, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *(Silence is kept)*

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

**Absolution:** May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

**Gloria** (Tune: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven")

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
As it was from the beginning, evermore shall be, Amen.**

**Collect:** Let us pray [all should remain standing]  
*A prayerful silence is kept.....*

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *2 Esdras 2.42-48*

<sup>42</sup>I, Ezra, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. <sup>43</sup>In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound. <sup>44</sup>Then I asked an angel, 'Who are these, my lord?' <sup>45</sup>He answered and said to me, 'These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms.' <sup>46</sup>Then I said to the angel, 'Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?' <sup>47</sup>He answered and said to me, 'He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world.' So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. <sup>48</sup>Then the angel said to me, 'Go, tell my people how great and how many are the wonders of the Lord God that you have seen.'

This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Revelation 21.1-6*

<sup>1</sup>I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
'See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the Word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn**

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their king;

Still to the lowly soul, he doth himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne, chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

**Gospel Reading:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**                      *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Sermon is given

**Affirmation of Faith:** Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** Lord, in your mercy      *All* hear our prayer.  
Lord, hear us      *All* Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father, *All* accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

**The Peace:** We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*All* and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn** (*money will collected during this*)

The bread and wine being presented today has not been sponsored.  
Please see the list at the back for future dates.

We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great high priest,  
o'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast:  
as thou art interceding for us in heaven above,  
thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation thine own their hearts upraise,  
off'ring one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise:  
with thee in blest communion the living and the dead  
are joined in closest union, one body and one head.

O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good,  
who thine own self hast given to be our soul's true food;  
for us thy body broken hung on the cross of shame:  
this bread its hallowed token we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine,  
with our weak nature blending the strength of life divine;  
our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,  
we drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we thy word believing thee through thy gifts receive,  
that, thou within us living, we all to God may live;  
draw us from earth to heaven till sin and sorrow cease,  
forgiving and forgiven, in love and joy and peace.

The Lord is here

**All His spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*(At this point, please feel free to either remain standing; or sit; or kneel)*

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory. On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all

your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ, our Lord, *(All)* **by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, now and forever. Amen.**

*(If you are still standing, please kneel or sit at this point)*

Silence is kept

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

***If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church, you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion before, but have been baptised/ christened, than you can also receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions).  
If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing, please hold this service booklet in your hands.***

**During Communion:**

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there,  
what radiancy of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;  
the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene,  
the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,  
the song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;  
and they who, with their leader, have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part:  
his only, his for ever, thou shalt be, and thou art!

**Post-Communion Prayers:** God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen.*

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Celebrations and Notices

## ¶ The Dismissal

**Blessing:** God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn** (*tune: "All creatures of our God and King"*)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, alleluia. Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, virtues,  
archangels, angels' choirs,  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia.

O Mary, bearer of the Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord.:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.....*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
alleluia, alleluia.

To God the Father, God the Son; and God the Spirit, three in One:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.....*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*If you would like something to go into the notices, please speak to...or email.....or telephone The Vicar, Andy **by 12noon on Thursday**. Contact details are on the front cover!*

**TODAY:**

*Holy Trinity 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction*

**Monday October 31:** Fr Andy's Day Off

6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday November 1:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Holy Communion

**Wednesday November 2:** 10.00am Holy Communion **[With Healing Prayer]**

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Holy Communion

**Friday October 28:** Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Holy Communion

**NEXT SUNDAY: November 6<sup>th</sup> [3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent]**

**8.00am Holy Communion**

*(1st Sunday: anointing and laying on of hands for healing)*

**9.30am Parish Communion**

*(1st Sunday: anointing and laying on of hands for healing)*

*Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass*

**Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert:**

**Nelson Consort**

**6.00pm All Souls Service**

**[See notices]**

*Holy Trinity 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction*

**Calendar for the next two months:**

**Tuesday November 8:** 7.30pm P.C.C.

**Thursday November 10:** 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Saturday November 12:** 10.00am Church Cleaning

12noon to 2.00pm, Soup and Dessert in the Parish Centre (Kathy Smith)

*£6 a ticket. Proceeds to Christ Church Floor Fund and a Cancer Fund*

**[SEE NOTICES]**

**Sunday November 13:**

**Remembrance Sunday** Act of Remembrance after coffee, around 11am

**[SEE NOTICES]**

**Sunday November 20:** 10.00am All-Age GIVING Communion Service

**[SEE NOTICES]**

**Monday November 21:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

**Saturday November 26:** 10.00am to 1.00pm Holy Trinity Christmas Fair

**Sunday November 27:** Alverstoke - 6.00pm Deanery Advent Carols Service

**[SEE "GOSPORT DEANERY" NOTICE]**

**Tuesday November 29:**

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

**Saturday December 3:** 10.30am to 2.00pm Christmas Fair **[SEE NOTICES]**

**Sunday December 4:** Healing Prayer offered at 8.00am and 9.30am Services  
Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

**Monday December 5:** 6.30pm Christingle-Making

**Tuesday December 6:** 6.00pm Christingle Service **[SEE NOTICES]**

**Wednesday December 7:** Healing Prayer offered at 10.00am Service

**Thursday December 8:** 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Friday December 9 to Sunday December 11:** "Angel and Crib Fest"

**[SEE NOTICES]**

**Saturday December 10:** 10.00am Church Cleaning

Mags Mayhead's Coffee Morning **[SEE NOTICES]**

11.00am to 12noon, Churches together in Gosport: Carols in the High Street

**[SEE NOTICES]**

1.30pm Wedding (Kelly and Ward)

**Sunday December 11:** 4.00pm Angel and Crib Fest – Advent Carols

**Thursday December 15:**

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm Ruby Funerals: Service for the Bereaved

**Friday December 16:** 1.30pm Newtown School Christmas Service

**Sunday December 18:** 10.00am All-Age Communion

6.30pm Masonic Carol Service

**Monday December 19:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

**Christmas Eve, December 24:**

6.30pm Christ Church "Candlelight" Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Christ Church

**Christmas Day, December 25:**

8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.00am Mass at Holy Trinity

11.00am Informal Carol Service at Christ Church

**A fuller calendar can be found online at**

<http://www.christchurchgosport.co.uk/calendar/>

**Tomorrow, Monday 31st at 2.00pm there is a meeting about the Crib and Angel Fest in December. If you can spare an hour we would love your involvement and ideas. We shall meet in the Hammond Room. We want to make this a good experience for everyone who comes to Christ Church. Elizabeth Groves**

**Commemoration of "All Souls":** Around **All Souls Day**, each year, we have special services to remember the departed, including our own departed loved ones. **NEXT SUNDAY November 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **All Souls** at a 6.00pm Service

(N.B. No Communion). There will be a chance to light a candle in church for our loved ones. **If you would like (a) departed loved one(s) prayed for by name at the Service, please tick their name on the alphabetical list at the back of church [which includes recent funeral names] – or add any other names.** *Please note, All Souls will be commemorated at Holy Trinity at the 11.00am Parish Mass on the same day.*

**Soup and Dessert in the Parish Centre:** Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> 12noon to 2.00pm, £6 a ticket. Proceeds to Christ Church Floor Fund and a Cancer Fund

**Remembrance Sunday (Nov 13<sup>th</sup>)** On this day, the 9.30am will have a Remembrance theme, and there will be simple “Act of Remembrance” after coffee, around 11.00am.

**Gifts for Christmas Presents** Like last year, we will be looking for cash donations so that we can buy some special presents for needy families – under the guidance of local Social Services..... **There are envelopes available - please see Kathy Court or Thelm O’Toole**

**Faith Exploration:** Would you like the chance to explore your faith a little more? In the New Year, Fr Andy will be leading 10 – 12 sessions of faith exploration, and hopes that a variety of people might join him. Perhaps you are thinking of baptism or Confirmation? Perhaps you are new to the church (or to this church!) and want to find out a bit more? Perhaps you have been here for many years and would just like a “refresher course”? If you are interested, let Fr Andy know, and he will then organise the dates and times of the sessions according to what interested folk can do. It will be for both our churches, so some sessions will be at one, and some at the other!

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR!**

**Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10.30am to 2.00pm.** Setting up: 7.00pm the night before, and on the morning of the Fair.

**Please volunteer help to the Vicar – but he will ask you anyway!**

### **WE WILL NEED:**

Posters taken and displayed

Raffle tickets to be sold by you!

Raffle prizes.....**PLEASE BRING RAFFLE PRIZES BEFORE THE DAY, SO THEY CAN BE NUMBERED IN ADVANCE!**

**WE ALSO NEED:** Home-made produce [Cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, sweets, etc], bottles, tombola gifts, toys, craft items, new or nearly new bric-a-brac, jewellery, books, accessories, etc

**If you like the Book of Common Prayer (B.C.P.) 1662 Communion:** ...then you may wish to know that the 8.00am Service at Christ Church is now celebrated according to this rite on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.....

**Christingle:** Our Christingle Service is on **Tuesday December 6 at 6.00pm**. If you would like to make a Christingle donation to the Children's Society, envelopes and boxes will be available for you!

**Two requests:**

- 1) Can you help with Christingle making (if only for half an hour?) from 6.30pm in church, the Monday evening before the Service?**
- 2) Could you be one of a team of 10-15 who would have a taper at the service, and help light the children's' Christingles?**

**Crib and Angel Fest** to be held from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th December. This will include an "Advent Carol Service" on Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm. If you have a crib set or angels that you would be willing to lend us we would be very grateful. We hope to run it on the lines of the flower festival so there will be a list at the back of church for you to volunteer help. **More details from The Reverend Elizabeth Groves: rev.elizabeth@btinternet.com 07732957667**

**Carols in the High Street – "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG)** On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 11.00am to 12noon, there will be Carols – in Nat Gonella Square, outside the main entrance to the Town Hall in the High Street, with readings and reflections from "Churches Together".....do come along and join with other local Christians!

**Mags Mayhead invites you to a Christmas Coffee Morning**.....and bring and buy: Saturday December 10th, 10.00.a.m – 12noon, 36 Grove Avenue. Come for coffee and mince pies, meet up with old and new friends and enjoy the log fire! This is its 21st year. £400.00 raised last year. All proceeds to be shared between Harbour Cancer Centre and Bowel Cancer UK

**Wintershall "Live Nativity":** a coach trip is booked for Friday 16th December, leaving Gosport at 4.30pm for a 7.00pm performance which lasts 90 minutes. Booking forms are available from Kathy Ford.

**Mike Ford's Tapestry:** Do have a look in the right-hand side of the Lady Chapel, where there is a tapestry of the Last Supper, made – with great care and dedication, and during illness - by the late Mike Ford.

**Proposed "Walking Group" for Christ Church:** to start next year. This would be a social thing: some laughs and company for anyone who would like to do a walk of not more than five miles. To begin with, it would probably every two months. You could bring a packed lunch, or a dog to walk! Anyone interested, please contact Carol Brownlow on 02392504741.

**Thank you for your support of the Historic Churches Trust "Ride + Stride"!**  
*John Jeffs writes:* "A big thank you to the generous members of the Christ Church congregation who sponsored a magnificent £90.00 for the Historic Churches Trust, 50% of which will be returned to Christ Church for much needed maintenance work!"

Thanks also to Riders + Striders Carol and Michelle, who on a wet and windy Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, did a grand tour of various churches in the Meon Valley; while I visited most of the participating churches in Gosport. Not forgetting Rita and Lynn who did a brilliant job welcoming Riders+Striders to Christ Church and providing refreshments. Thank you all!"

**“Trash Café” at St Faith’s Church, Tribe Road, Leesland:**

Unwanted supermarket food is available at St Faith’s in Tribe Road on Tuesdays between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. In a joint project with “Junk Food Project South Coast”, St Faith’s is hosting the project as the “Trash Café”. A variety of groceries are available for a donation, and volunteers cook a healthy meal (also available for a donation).

**2017 Church Diaries are now available:** at the back of church. They are provided free, but if you want to put an extra 50p in the collection if you take one, then feel free!

**Gosport Deanery:** Our Vicar had to resign as Area Dean in June 2015, and for him the issues (including some very concerning behaviour) that lead to his resignation have not been resolved. He has therefore withdrawn completely from deanery life, and has discussed this decision with the Archdeacon. Nonetheless, all church members are encouraged to attend deanery services and events and to pray for the life of the deanery. The Deanery of Gosport is one of eight deaneries in our Diocese of Portsmouth. It is made up of the parishes of St Mary’s Rowner; St Faith’s Lee-on-the-Solent; Christ Church with Holy Trinity; St John’s Forton; St Thomas’s Elson with St Matthew’s Bridgemary; and St Mary’s with St Faith’s and St Francis’s, Alverstoke. A deanery enables local churches to work together more closely. The deanery clergy meet together monthly for a “Chapter” meeting. The “Deanery Synod” meets three times a year (Your PCC will have Deanery Synod Representatives who should report back). During the year there are “Deanery Services”.

**The next Deanery Service is Sunday November 27:**

Alverstoke - 6.00pm Advent Carols Service

**Sue Lambert:** Andy (Vicar) writes: *“Sue is taking a temporary break from her ordination training, whilst the diocesan and training authorities sort out some issues that need addressing from their side. Please keep Sue in your prayers, as she and I ensure that her return and subsequent training is handled in an appropriate and positive manner.”*

**Church Up-Keep and Cleaning:** If you are willing to do gardening, tidying, cleaning, minor odd jobs, repairs etc, Adrian Groves (Deputy Churchwarden) would be pleased to hear from you: **akgroves@btinternet.com** or **023 92 586168**. **In particular, please** help keep our church looking clean on the **second** Saturday of the month. We start at 10am. **Even if you can only spare half an hour, every little helps.**

**Donations to Food Banks:** Thanks to Adrian Groves there is a large plastic box at the back of church for donations of non-perishable foods, also toiletries and cosmetics for local food banks, which are overwhelmed by demand at present.

**Used Ink Cartridges:** Do put your used printer ink cartridges in the box at the back of church.....they do raise some money for our church!

**Support for Sea-farers:** Would you be willing to knit some balaclavas, gloves, mitts for sea-farers? See Kath Ford (our organist) for details, and for a pattern.

**Our Memorial Book:** There is a fee of £10.00 per name, to add a departed loved one to the book....to cover the inscribing and a donation to church funds. **Forms are available in church.**

**Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday:** If a particular Sunday in the year falls on or near a significant date (perhaps the anniversary of a loved one's death; a birthday, an anniversary, etc) you can fill in the details on the list in church, and please put £5.00 into the collection. Your name(s), and the dedication (s) will appear in the service booklet for that week. **SEE LIST....**