

Christ Church, Gosport Parish Eucharist
9.30am, Sunday 23rd October 2016

Last Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to Christ Church!



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 1st Suns and 1st 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

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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¶ 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

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given
the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one Eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all. *(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.....

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17*

- ¹²Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
¹³For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
¹⁴Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
¹⁵and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
¹⁶He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
¹⁷He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

2nd Reading: *2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18*

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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All Thanks be to God

Hymn

O thou who camest from above, the pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love, on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return, in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my hearts desire to work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal, and make my sacrifice complete.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 18.9-14

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A Sermon is given

**Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
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: God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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 been sponsored by
Julie Byrne in loving memory of **Nellie Dawson**.

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, Redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore 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, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer is sung *(as it used to be, here at Christ Church!)*

Priest is given notes to sing: As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray....

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for 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

Sweet sacrament Divine, hid in thy earthly home,
Lo ! round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise, in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart,
there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery,
sweet sacrament of peace, sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore,
save us, for still the tempest raves; save, lest we sink beneath the waves
sweet sacrament of rest, sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, that earthly joys may pass away,
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Post-Communion Prayers: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All Amen**

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrations and Notices

¶ The Dismissal

Blessing: God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **All Amen**

Hymn

He's got the whole world in his hands (4 times)

He's got you and me brother in his hands (3 times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me sister in his hands (3 times)

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the little tiny baby in his hands (3 times)

He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands (3 times)

He's got the whole world in his hands

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 24: Fr Andy's Day Off

6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday October 25: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Holy Communion

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

2.00pm Funeral of Graham Slaymaker

Wednesday October 26: 10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Holy Communion

Thursday October 27: 11.00am Funeral of Robert Buckley

Friday October 28:

(In church) 10.30am to 1.00pm

Coffee Morning for Alzheimer's Charities

[SEE NOTICES]

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Holy Communion

CLOCKS BACK!!

NEXT SUNDAY: October 30th [All Saints Sunday]

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

*Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass
Holy Trinity 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction*

Calendar for the next two months:

Wednesday November 2: Healing Prayer offered at 10.00am Service

Sunday November 6: Healing Prayer offered at 8.00am and 9.30am Services

All Souls: 11.00am at HT/ 6.00pm at CC [SEE NOTICES]

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

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

A fuller calendar can be found online at

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

Coffee Morning for Alzheimer's Charities: THIS FRIDAY October 28 (In church)

10.30am to 1.00pm. More details from Pat Hewitt 023 92 524558

p.hewitt_48@btinternet.com

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!

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 4th Sunday of every month.....

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Saturday December 3rd, 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

Commemoration of “All Souls”: Around **All Souls Day**, each year, we have special services to remember the departed, including our own departed loved ones. **On Sunday November 6th**, 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 12th 12noon to 2.00pm, £6 a ticket. Proceeds to Christ Church Floor Fund and a Cancer Fund

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

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 6.30pm. 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 10th 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 10th 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....**