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Sunday	8.00am	Mass (said) with homily	
	9.30am	Parish Mass (with Junior Church and Creche)	
	11.30am	Holy Baptism (first Sunday of month)	
	6.30pm	Evensong (with Benediction on first Sunday)	
Weekdays	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mass at Hartford Court
		7.00pm	Mass (said)
	Wednesday	10.00am	Mass (said)
	Friday	Noon	Mass (said) first in month

Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm is said on weekdays (except Thursdays) in the St Cross Chapel.

Baptism (Christening), Banns and Wedding arrangements should be made on Saturdays between 9.30am and 10.30am in the Church

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A Plastic Revolution

There have been very few times when I have seen public opinion change so rapidly as in the last year with the awareness of plastic pollution and the immense harm it is doing to our planet. Southsea Beach Café has launched a beach cleaning scheme where you can take a bucket and if you return it with rubbish collected from the beach then a free ice cream and/or a hot drink is your reward. It was a Simon Reeve programme about his travels through the Pacific region that first highlighted for me the pile of plastic that we don't know what to do with. There was literally an island of the waste.

Then, the recent Blue Planet II series caught the public attention as it exposed just how much plastic waste is an issue in our seas. The Prime Minister has called plastic waste '*one of the great environmental scourges of our time.*' The best estimates suggest 10 million tonnes of plastic ends up in our oceans, contaminating and killing sea life. How should we view this issue from a Christian perspective?

When God created the universe, He saw '*everything He had made, and indeed, it was very good.*' (Genesis 1:31). He calls us to share in His care of creation: '*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves on the ground.*' (Genesis 1:28). Our rule over living creatures is not an excuse to exploit them in a selfish way. As those who made in the image of God, we are entrusted to care for them with responsibility and trustworthiness.

Why do the sea creatures being killed by plastic matter? Because of human rebellion against God (see Genesis 3), our relationship with God and His creation was damaged. No longer do we live with living creatures in harmony and interdependence. Yet after the flood, when Noah rescued the animals in the ark, they are included in God's everlasting promise to protect the earth: '*I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that was with you.*' (Genesis 9:9,10). This also points to God's cosmic plan to restore all creation to Himself.

What is our response to be? Where is God calling us, as His people in this time and place, to make a stand in protecting His creation? Time for a plastic revolution? We can, we must all do our bit.

With love,
Fr Paul

And so it finished like this

With apologies to Fr Emmanuel and to you all, the pastoral letter for June should have had this ending ...

and evening prayer. I gave three talks in the Holy Week and also led a session on Theology of Passion and the persecuted Christians of Pakistan. I look ahead to continue having further experience deepening my understanding of personal development, conduct of worship, preaching, mission and evangelism and parish organization skills.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Fr Emmanuel Nazir

Parish Priest's jottings

For this and the coming months

Friday Mass/Parish Lunch

The first Friday of the month is 6 July and so there will be a mass at midday and then the Parish Lunch at 12.30pm. All welcome to both or either.

Craft Club

meets on Friday 6 July from 2pm. All are welcome to learn new skills, practise existing ones and share ideas (and news and current affairs etc).

Monthly requiem mass

for July will be on Tuesday 3 July. An opportunity to come to mass to remember a loved one who died recently or in the month of July.

Roberts Centre Foodbank

Please bring items and place in the box provided and only non-perishable goods please and also they must be 'in date'. Thanks to those who then deliver our collection each month.

Coffee morning

The July coffee morning is on Wednesday 18 July from 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Please do support this social and fundraising effort.

PCC

The PCC meets on Monday 23 July at 7.45pm.

St James' Day

We are being joined as our Preacher by the Revd Dr Richard Wyld, Chaplain to the Bishop of Portsmouth, this year for our patronal celebrations on Tuesday 25 July at **7.30pm**. It will be a delight to welcome him to our church for the first time, formally. The Mass will be followed by a party in the Hall. **There will be no mass at 10am that day.**

Parish BBQ

There will be a BBQ in the Vicarage Garden after the Parish Mass on the Feast of Dedication, Sunday 29 July, starting at 12 Noon. Please sign the list nearer the time so that we can buy enough burgers etc.

Summer Fete

Thank you to all who helped at our Summer Fete which was held on an extremely busy Portsmouth and Milton Saturday in June. As well as church funds being better off by some £2600 it was wonderful to see so many friends with us on the day. And to record such an amazing result!

More tea (with the) Vicar

The tradition that means ladies you are invited to take tea with the Vicar in the Parish Hall on Friday 27 July from 3pm. If you would like to do so, then please sign the list on the noticeboard.

Annual leave

Fr Paul will be taking a period of annual leave from Thursday 28 June to Thursday 12 July inclusive. All priestly requests should be made to Fr Emmanuel during this time.

Ride and Stride

Advanced notice that Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 8 September. If anyone would like to walk/run/cycle/ride on that day the funds raised are split 50:50 between Hampshire Historic Churches Trust and St James. Speak to Ann Kerle who is our contact point.

Brenda Cook will be one such participant and will be looking for sponsorship and fellow travellers along the way. So do please join her.

Jimmy's Curry Night

Will be on Saturday 7 July from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each which includes a charitable donation. Fauzia and Fr Emmanuel will be looking for ideas for future causes to support, so please do put your thinking caps on. If you are coming then please sign the list and pay the £10 to reserve your place.

Men's Fellowship

meets next on 2nd. July in the RMA Club at 7pm. If attending please put your name on the list at the back of the Church for catering purposes. The Talk is 'Seeing is believing' given by Mr. Arthur Smith-Weston.

Singercise

meets every Thursday throughout the year from 11.30am. A fun way to gently exercise upper body (and vocal chords). Time for tea, coffee and chat afterwards. Please come along and see for yourself.

Ladies Guild dates for the month of July

4th July - Bingo

11th July - Closing for summer with Afternoon Tea at Stansted House

Gone to the beach!!! (Summer break until September)

Ladies Guild Summer Outing to the Watercress Line

Once again, the members of the Guild are indebted to Val Knight for our annual outing. Thirty-one members boarded the coach at 10am to Alresford where we stopped for coffee and a bit of shopping. Then boarded the coach again en route to Ropley and the Watercress Line. Lunch was served on the train which was delicious and you could even have a glass of your favourite tippie. After our journey to Alton and back to Alresford for a walk along the river bank, we boarded the coach for home.

But what a day! Superb!

Jill and members

200 club results

Draw no.540 drawn 10th June 2018 after 9.30 service

1st	£15	92	Mrs A Threkeld
2nd	£11	54	Mrs B Wade
3rd	£9	13	Mrs G Wilkins
4th	£7	89	Mrs I Parkyn
5th	£5	63	Mrs P Tallent

Summer Fete Draw on Saturday 16th June 2018

1st	£150	182	Mrs M Bunn
2nd	£75	101	Miss L Simpson
3rd	£40	164	Mrs M Donnachaidh
4th	£25	141	Mrs I Jackson
5th	£10	21	Mrs M Chapman

Diary of a Momentous Year: July 1918

WHEN FRIENDS COME TO HELP

It is called 'World War I' and certainly no previous conflict had spread its ugly fingers so widely. Of course, we tend to think of the Western Front. Our default image of the War is of men in trenches, of mud and blood and soldiers with drawn bayonets going 'over the top'. In fact, the War was being fought on many Fronts: the Eastern Front (Germany/Russia, about to end with the new Russian regime); the Ottoman Front, in the Middle East; the Italian Front (Italy and France against the 'Central Powers'). Then there was the Ocean Front (U-boats against Allied shipping), the only one where the Germans were winning.

Not surprisingly, in view of all that, the War became one of resources, human, military and economic; and by 1918 the Allies had a great advantage. Hard-pressed armies were being continuously refreshed by the arrival of well-trained and committed troops from many quarters, notably Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and decisively the United States. These soldiers, and many from other countries in the British Empire, were now being equipped with newly designed, modern equipment. At last the Allies outnumbered the Germans in tanks and aircraft – and the new planes were faster, better equipped and armed.

All of this was, of course, evident to the German High Command, and persuaded them to launch in July 1918 what one historian, Gary Sheffield, has described as perhaps the defining battle of the War, the second Battle of the Marne. It was a desperate attempt to inflict a heavy defeat on the Allies – not in the vain hope of winning the War, but of getting a better bargaining position in the peace negotiations that everyone expected. Launched on July 15th, it succeeded in driving the Allies back across the Marne. But they had been prepared for it, and three days later launched a massive counter-attack. Two French divisions captured 15,000 men and 500 tanks in a single morning, and then went on to drive the Germans back across the Marne. From now on the Allies knew they could win the War, and the Germans finally accepted that they could not.

.All in the month of JULY

It was:

200 years ago, on 30th July, that Emily Bronte, the British writer, was born. She was best known for her novel, *Wuthering Heights*.

175 years ago, on 19th July that the British steamship SS Great Britain, was launched. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was the longest passenger ship in the world at the time. It is now a museum ship and visitor attraction in Bristol Harbour.

90 years ago, on 2nd July 1928 that all women aged 21 and over were granted the right to vote in the UK, when the Representation of the People Act (Equal Franchise) came into effect. This Act made men and women's voting rights equal.

80 years ago, on 9th July, 1938 that 35 million gas masks were issued in Britain, in anticipation of the Second World War.

70 years ago, on 5th July 1948 that Britain's National Health Service began operating.

40 years ago, on 25th July 1978 that the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Joy Brown, took place in Oldham, UK.

30 years ago, on 6th July 1988 that the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster took place. An explosion and fire on the North Sea oil rig Piper Alpha killed 167 people. It was the world's worst offshore oil disaster.

15 years ago, on 27th July 2003 that a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness Monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation and found nothing. The search operation was covered in their documentary *The Search for the Loch Ness Monster*.

10 years ago, on 28th July 2008 that the Grand Pier fire in Weston-super-Mare took place. The pavilion was completely destroyed, but then rebuilt and reopened in October 2010

Calendar for thought and prayer

Sunday	1	Trinity 5	Our parish
Monday	2	Feria	Southsea Foodbank
Tuesday	3	S Thomas	Departed of July
Wednesday	4	Feria	Medical practices
Thursday	5	Feria	RNLI Eastney
Friday	6	Feria	Local shops
Saturday	7	Feria	Bishop Christopher
Sunday	8	Trinity 6	Holy Spirit, Southsea
Monday	9	Feria	Our community centres
Tuesday	10	Feria	Neighbourhood Forums
Wednesday	11	S Benedict	All religious
Thursday	12	Feria	The unemployed
Friday	13	Feria	Funeral directors
Saturday	14	Feria	Roberts Centre
Sunday	15	Trinity 5	Our parish
Monday	16	Feria	All seafarers
Tuesday	17	Feria	The University
Wednesday	18	Feria	The armed forces
Thursday	19	Ss Gregory, Macrina	All migrants
Friday	20	Feria	Our cathedral
Saturday	21	Feria	Our churchwardens
Sunday	22	S Mary Magdalene	Our parish
Monday	23	S Bridget	European nations
Tuesday	24	Feria	Holidaymakers
Wednesday	25	S James	Our parish and people
Thursday	26	Ss Anne, Joachim	All parents
Friday	27	Feria	Security services
Saturday	28	Feria	The Queen
Sunday	29	Feast of Dedication	Our house of prayer
Monday	30	Feria	Sisters of Bethany
Tuesday	31	S Ignatius of Loyola	Retreat houses

Smile lines

Inner peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without wine,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
then you are probably the family dog.

Untimely answered prayer

During the minister's sermon one Sunday, there was suddenly a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Jamie's mother was horrified. She glared him into silence and, after church, asked, 'Jamie, whatever made you do such a thing?'

Jamie explained: 'I've been asking God to teach me to whistle for ages, and suddenly, He did!'

Prayer equality

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). Then for several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing.

My curiosity finally got the best of me and I asked why she always included the part about 'all girls'. She replied, 'Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men.'

Say a prayer

Young Brian and his family sat down to Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. When Brian received his plate, he started eating right away. 'Brian! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always pray before eating at home.'

'That's at our house,' Brian protested. "This is grandma's house, and she can cook!"

You know you are living in 2018 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. Your reason for not staying in touch with various friends and family is that they are not on Facebook.
7. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
8. Every TV advert has a Facebook link at the bottom of the screen.
9. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic and you have to go back and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.

Last time a puzzle like this appeared it caught the imagination and acted as a warm up to this next one. Good luck. (Answers next month!)

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his John-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column.

Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phil-Lemonade booth set a new sales record.

The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.



Cat Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray this cushy life to keep.
I pray for toys that look like mice,
And sofa cushions, soft and nice.

I pray for gourmet kitty snacks,
And someone nice to scratch my back,
For windowsills all warm and bright,
For shadows to explore at night.

I pray I'll always stay real cool
And keep the secret feline rule
To NEVER tell a human that
The world is really ruled by CATS!

Author Unknown

Mary of Magdala

(Lk 23:49, Jn 20:1-18)

She watched, she followed,
she wept, she loved.
She looked into darkness,
she turned to the light.
She didn't know Him,
then she did –
in His speaking of her name,
then she did!
And everything was different, forever,
because the living Jesus spoke her name,

Mary.

He is alive today and always.
He still speaks to those who will turn and listen.
He knows my name.
He changes everything for me as he did for Mary.

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High Days and Holy Days for July

6th July **Thomas More, Reformation martyr**

These days, lawyers and politicians are held in the lowest esteem by the public, along with tabloid journalists and estate agents. St Thomas More was both a lawyer and politician, who is today much admired for holding steadfastly to his faith-based principles. He lived in dangerous times, when anyone, even queens, who displeased King Henry VIII could find themselves in a condemned cell in The Tower of London.

Sir Thomas More held the office of Lord High Chancellor and at one time was the king's most trusted adviser. But when King Henry took personal control of the Church in England in order to divorce his first wife, More courageously opposed him.

Thomas More was a social philosopher and the author of 'Utopia'. This book described an imaginary republic governed by an educated elite who employed reason rather than self-interest for the general good of everyone. He was himself one of the pre-eminent scholars of his age. As a Christian theologian he supported orthodox doctrine, vigorously opposed heresy and argued strongly against the new Protestant ideas taking hold in Europe. Although holding the highest political and legal office he was far from being a pragmatic politician and opportunist lawyer. In every matter he was a man who held firmly to what he believed was right in God's eyes.

When Thomas More fell from favour with the king, as a result of his unflinching views, he was falsely accused of taking bribes. When this charge failed, his enemies accused him of supporting a celebrated seer of the times who was strongly critical of the king. This too failed. He was then required to swear to the Oath of Supremacy, acknowledging Henry's position as head of the Church of England. This he could not do in conscience. He was put on trial and condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered for his treason, a punishment later changed to beheading. He died in 1535 and on the scaffold his final words were 'I die the King's good servant, but God's first.' He has been officially declared a martyr saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

31st July St Joseph of Arimathea – the man who buried Jesus

Have you ever suffered from gossip? Ever discovered that people are saying some really wild things about you? If so, Joseph of Arimathea would understand – and sympathise with you. This decent, godly man of the gospels seems to have fired the imaginations of all sorts of odd people down the centuries.

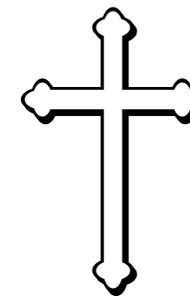
Joseph was a rich, prominent member of the ruling Jewish council – the Sanhedrin. Mark’s gospel describes him as having been ‘waiting for the kingdom of God’ for years, and even being a secret disciple of Jesus. He played no part in the trial or crucifixion.

When Jesus was pronounced dead, Joseph had the seniority needed to approach Pilate for the body – and get it. Near to where Jesus had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, cut deep in the rock. Joseph himself already owned it – and it was still new and empty. So Joseph laid Jesus there, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, according to Jewish burial custom. Joseph did not bury Jesus alone - Nicodemus helped him, while some women who had followed Jesus trailed miserably behind.

Matthew tells us that the last thing Joseph did for Jesus was to sadly roll a big stone across the entrance to the tomb, and then go away. With that, Joseph passes out of history - and into legend. For in the centuries that followed, Joseph was swept up into the Legend of the Holy Grail, the Legend of Glastonbury, and even bits of the Arthurian legends. It was said that the Holy Thorn, which flowers at Christmas, had sprung from his staff

The mind boggles at what Joseph would have made of it all. One suspects he would have preferred to stick to the simple, but far better, true story: as having had the immense, unique privilege of laying the body of Jesus Christ in the tomb. Even if Jesus didn’t stay very long!

From the Registers



Baptism

Murco Martin
Maddie Cully
Emily Austin-Williams
Ace Barter
Jasmin Dunn
Joanna Richards (at Portsmouth Cathedral)

Confirmation at Portsmouth Cathedral

Jackson Richards	Joanna Richards
Jon Richards	David Knowles
Rohan Watkins	

Funerals

Mary Gray	Havant Crematorium
Ken Clark	Havant Crematorium
Margaret Couch	Milton Cemetery
Rita Rowe	Portchester Crematorium
Pearl Millington	Portchester Crematorium
Hetty King	Portchester Crematorium
John Lewis	Portchester Crematorium
Gladys Price	Portchester Crematorium

Burial of Ashes

Mary Gray	Memorial Garden
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On Tuesday 3rd July there will be a requiem mass when we remember before God all the departed of the month and those whose funerals have taken place during the last month.

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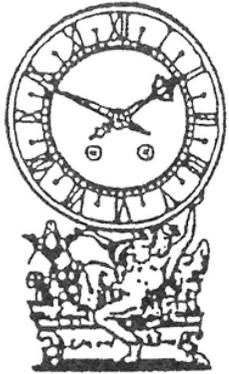
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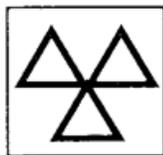
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