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

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 Holiday with Jesus

Well it started weeks ago, the influx of holidaymakers to our city and area as they take holiday and the queues on the routes through our city (and our parish) have built. But it is August that is the month when schools are off and many of us go on holiday. Although the temptation, when by the seaside, is to enjoy the summer here and spend other time away on holiday when, maybe, we can make the holiday season last that little bit longer. Whenever we take them, this month or another, the trouble is that holidays soon come to an end! Yet Jesus offers us a rest which has no end:

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.' (Matthew 11: 28-29). Are you tired or burdened? Jesus invites you to take a holiday with Him!

The Invitation: Our holiday destination is Jesus himself: *'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.'* We can come just as we are, with all the burdens, weaknesses and sinfulness that we carry. Jesus doesn't offer a *'10 steps programme'* to deal with our issues; He simply offers himself!

The Promise: Jesus promises us the gift of refreshing, sustaining and everlasting rest. When we go on holiday, we usually look forward to doing very little and yet this is not the kind of rest Jesus offers. His rest involves taking up His yoke and learning from Him! A yoke was the wooden collar that ran across the shoulders of a pair of oxen and enabled them to work the fields. Jesus says to us: *'My yokes fit well. They do not rub your neck and shoulders. Come to me and get yoked to me. Make an act of loyal obedience and trust in me. And you will find a deep peace and satisfaction that you could never find anywhere else. I have come for you. Come to me!'*

What's so amazing about this holiday is that you don't have to go anywhere; you can find rest by simply staying at home!

So, whether you having a staycation, or travelling away for a holiday this year. Enjoy your rest and we look forward to hearing all about it!

With love

Fr Paul

Parish Priest's jottings

Evensong in August

There will be no Sunday evensongs during the month of August at St James. The first Evensong after the break will be on Sunday 2 September.

Friday Mass/Parish Lunch

It being August we are affording ourselves a break and therefore there will be no parish lunch on the first Friday of the month. The next one will be on Friday 7 September.

Monthly requiem

is on Tuesday 7 August at 7pm. This is the service at which we pray for the souls of the recently departed and also of those whose anniversaries of death occur in the month of August. Please do contemplate this service if a loved one is to be remembered then.

Craft Club

will meet on Friday 3 August from 2pm. All are welcome to learn new skills, practise existing ones and share ideas. In particular, Gail will be demonstrating how to make Yorkshire buttons. (I am told she will be using yarn and not chocolate)

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 Lynn and Lorry who then deliver our collection each month.

New priest at Church of the Ascension and St Saviour's, Stamshaw

Fr Ben Weitzmann is being licenced as Priest in Charge of these two parishes on Monday 6 August at 7pm in the Church of the Ascension. The service is being conducted by Bishop Christopher in the presence of Bishop Norman. All are invited to support them there that evening.

Licensing of Fr Russell Lawson

Fr Russell is being licensed as Priest in Charge of Holy Spirit, Southsea, on Monday 13 August at 7pm. The service is being conducted by Bishop Christopher in the presence of Bishop Norman. We are all invited to be there as they celebrate the next step in the life of their community. There will be refreshments after the service.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

falls on Wednesday 15 August and will be the occasion of Fr Russell's first mass in the parish. All are invited to join him (and them) at 7.30pm that evening for the Sung Mass.

Jimmy's Curry Night

Will be on Saturday 18 July from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each which includes a charitable donation towards Garfield's Challenge (Graham Harfield doing his three events for Dementia Research charities). 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 breakfast

There will be a men's breakfast on Monday 27 August at 9am. Gentlemen, if you wish to be here, then please sign the list when it becomes available.

Table top sale

Our next table top sale is on Saturday 1 September opening at **10am**. Please see poster for details.

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.

All in the month of August

It was:

100 years ago, from 8th August to 11th November that the Hundred Days Offensive in France and Belgium, took place. Allied Victory leading to the end of the 1st World War and the collapse of the German empire.

90 years ago, on 6th August 1928 that Andy Warhol, iconic American Pop artist, photographer and film-maker was born.

80 years ago, on 3rd August 1938 that Sir Terry Wogan, Irish-born radio and TV presenter was born. Popular for his droll comments, amiable banter and self-deprecating wit, he hosted BBC Radio 2 shows and the TV chat show *Wogan*. He also hosted the annual *Children in Need* telethon and game show *Blankety Blank*.

40 years ago, on 4th August 1978 that the leader of Britain's Liberal Party, Jeremy Thorpe, was charged with conspiracy to murder Norman Scott, a male model who claimed that Thorpe was his homosexual lover. Thorpe was also charged with incitement to murder. He was acquitted in 1979, but refused to testify or explain, and the case destroyed his career and reputation.

30 years ago, on 11th August 1988 that the terrorist organisation Al-Qaeda was founded by Osama bin Laden.

25 years ago, on 4th August, 1993 that the three-year Rwandan Civil War ended with the signing of the Arusha Accords in Tanzania.

20 years ago, on 15th August 1998 that a car bomb in Omagh Northern Ireland killed 29 people and injured 370. It was the deadliest act of violence in the 30-year history of the Troubles.

15 years ago, on 5th August 2003 that the Anglican Church in America appointed its first gay bishop, prompting anger from religious leaders around the world.

10 years ago, on 8th to 24th August that the 2008 Summer Olympic Games were held in Beijing China.

High Days and Holy Days in August

1st August Ethelwold - the Wessex saint who founded the first monastic cathedral

St Ethelwold (c.912 - 84) did great things for the church at Winchester, which in those days was the principle town of Wessex. He began as a simple monk, eager to restore the Rule of Benedictine in England, a major reform for the church of the time. So, after serving at the abbey in Glastonbury, he was sent on to restore the old abbey at Abingdon. The king thought highly of him, and used him to teach his son, the future king, Edgar.

When in 963 Ethelwold became Bishop of Winchester, he replaced the cathedral canons with monks, thus founding the first monastic cathedral in the land. This was a uniquely English institution, which remained until the Reformation. The monastic reform quickly gained momentum: with the King's support, Ethelwold restored old monasteries such as Milton (Dorset), New Minster and Nunnaminster in Winchester, while new monasteries were founded and richly endowed at Peterborough (966), Ely (970) and Thorney (972).

Ethelwold was austere, able and dynamic. Under his leadership, the monks excelled at music, illumination and writing. When Ethelwold set the monks to work with the masons in the cathedral at Winchester, he built the most powerful organ of its time in England: it was played by two monks, and had 400 pipes and 36 bellows. In music, Ethelwold's Winchester had the distinction of producing the first English polyphony in the Winchester Troper.

Ethelwold's' monasteries also produced a surpassing new style of illumination, and his school of vernacular writing was the most important of its time: with accurate, linguistically significant translations. A major event of his episcopate was the consecration of Winchester Cathedral in 980.

27th & 28th August Monica and Augustine - Mother and Son

On consecutive days this month (27th and 28th) the Christian Church celebrates, a mother and her son. The mother is Monica, and her son is Augustine. The story of their relationship and how, after a long process, they both came to share the same Christian faith is a moving one, and perhaps has a message for anxious parents today.

Augustine was born in 354 and grew up in north Africa in the area we now call Algeria. His mother, Monica, was a deeply committed Christian. His father was not. In those circumstances she was deeply (one might say desperately) concerned that her clever young son should also believe and be baptised. But, in the way of wilful offspring, he steadfastly refused. Eventually Monica's patience ran out. She stood outside the priest's house and noisily asked why a mother's anxious prayers had not been answered. He appeared at a window and rebuked her. 'It is not possible', he said, 'that God has not heard your prayers and will answer them in his own way'.

He was right, but it took a long while. By now Augustine had a mistress and a young son, and had moved to Milan in Italy, where he became Public Orator. However, it eventually happened – a moment of conversion in a garden, instruction and then baptism by the great Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Monica's prayers were answered. Her gifted son was ordained and shortly became a bishop in Hippo, north Africa, and one of the greatest theologians and teachers of the Christian Church. Monica died the year before that happened, but I think we may assume that she died content. Her priest many years earlier had been right!

You can read the story of Augustine's journey to faith in his 'Confessions'.

.Diary of a Momentous Year August 1918 - the Battle of Amiens

Many historians of the First World War consider that two battles in the summer of 1918 were the final turning points in the eventual outcome of the war and of the settlement which followed it.

The second Battle of Marne was in July, and the even more significant Battle of Amiens was in August, exactly a century ago this month. The Germans had launched an attack in the Amiens area, a strategic target in northern France near the Belgian border. The Allies were ready for it and responded with devastating force. Hundreds of tanks, soldiers from at least four nationalities, and – a new development in warfare – ground attack aircraft, drove the Germans out of the city.

In the first few hours of the battle the Allies took 17,000 prisoners of war. Commentators consider that at least some of them were German soldiers who had had enough of a war they were obviously going to lose. The city of Amiens and much territory beyond it were recaptured, but the impact of the victory was greater than territory taken. The whole balance of military strength had changed beyond dispute.

In 1946, a year after the second World War ended, my older brother invited me to join him on a visit to France. A family he had been billeted with in Amiens, as a member of the British liberating forces, had invited him to come and spend some time with them in more peaceful circumstances. At 16 I'd never been abroad, so gladly agreed to go. When we got off the train in Amiens I saw for the first time the consequences of what they called 'total war'. We picked our way past ruined buildings and homes in a city that had endured both invasion and four years of enemy occupation.

I had seen the after-effects of the Blitz in London, but this was worse. Even outside the city, the landscape bore all the scars of war. There were few trees, for instance, the long-term result of endless shelling over two wars. As M. Deladier, our host, pointed out, Amiens had been a battle-ground four times in his life (I guess he was about 60) – twice in the first World War and then twice in the Second. The experience helped me to appreciate what the people of northern France had gone through. No wonder in 1945 they were adamant that there should never again be war in Europe like this. The embattled city of Amiens, too often a scene of brutal warfare, reminds us of the preciousness of *peace*.

Calendar for thought and prayer

Wednesday	1	Feria	Holidaymakers
Thursday	2	Feria	Portsmouth FC
Friday	3	Feria	CHIMES
Saturday	4	S John Mary Vianney	All priests
Sunday	5	Trinity 10	Holy Spirit, Southsea
Monday	6	Transfiguration of the Lord	Fr Ben Weitzmann
Tuesday	7	Feria	Departed of August
Wednesday	8	S Dominic	Our Cathedral
Thursday	9	Feria	Sisters of Bethany
Friday	10	S Laurence	All deacons
Saturday	11	S Clare	Those living in poverty
Sunday	12	Trinity 11	Our parish
Monday	13	Feria	Fr Russell Lawson
Tuesday	14	S Maximilian Kolbe	Persecuted Christians
Wednesday	15	Assumption of Our Lady	The Shrine at Walsingham
Thursday	16	Feria	Residential care homes
Friday	17	Feria	Bishop Christopher
Saturday	18	Feria	The Armed Forces
Sunday	19	Trinity 12	Holy Spirit, Southsea
Monday	20	S Bernard	Dementia sufferers
Tuesday	21	Feria	Our Deanery
Wednesday	22	Feria	Our medical practices
Thursday	23	Feria	Migrants and refugees
Friday	24	S Bartholomew	The RNLI
Saturday	25	Feria	City Council
Sunday	26	Trinity 13	Our parish
Monday	27	S Monica	All mothers
Tuesday	28	S Augustine	Our University
Wednesday	29	Beheading of John Baptist	The unemployed
Thursday	30	Feria	Our churchwardens
Friday	31	S Aidan	Our schools

Smile Lines

Don't know nothin'

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. 'Can't you do something?' she demanded forcefully. 'I'm sorry ma'am,' said the reverend gently. 'I'm in sales, not management.'

Elephants

Sign spotted in a safari park: *Elephants, please stay in your car.*

Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. 'Cheer up,' said the layman. 'Remember, you'll eventually be burying me some day.' 'Yes,' said the priest bitterly, 'but even then it will be your hole!'

'Dear Mr Minister...

- I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.
- My father should be a minister too. Every day he gives me a sermon about something. Robert Anderson, age 11.
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.

- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.
- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.

The Lion's Den

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. She described the hunger and ferocity of the lions, and then showed her class a picture of Daniel standing brave and confident right in the middle of them all. Suddenly one little girl began to cry. The teacher paused, 'Oh my dear,' she said. 'Are you afraid for Daniel?' The little girl shook her head. "No, not at all. It's that poor little lion, over in the corner; he isn't going to get any food."

Airport

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

In memory of Sir Ken Dodd

Sir Ken Dodd, the comedian, died on 11th March 2018, aged 90. He was well-known and loved for his endless string of jokes. Such as: 'An official told my big Auntie Nellie to come off the beach, because the tide was waiting to come in.'

'On Friday there was a tap on the door. Funny sense of humour, that plumber.'

Mothers-in-law: 'I haven't spoken to mine for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.'

'I do exercises every day in front of the television. Up, down, up, down, up, down. Then the other eyelid.'
He held the world record for cracking jokes: 1,500 in 3 hours 7 minutes, with no script.

Quotes of the month

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger.

A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and decides to remain anonymous.

Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God?

Here are two things I have learned:
There is a God.
And I'm not Him.

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace.
And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's grace.

Science can add years to your life, but only Christ can add life to your years.

Until you are free to die, you are not free to live. *anon*

Some miscellaneous observations on life today

Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.

Pride is to character like the attic to the house, the highest part and generally the most empty. *Sydney Gay*

If men speak ill of you, live so that no one will believe them. *anon*

Successful man: one who can earn more than his family can spend.

Toe: a part of the foot that is used to find furniture in the dark.

House-keeping problem: when you have too much month left over at the end of the money.

The modern idea of 'roughing it' is to holiday without internet access.

MARRIAGE *by Richard Poupert*

How do you make any marriage work?
Free advice is given you on every side
Don't let problems in dark corners lurk
But go in to marriage with eyes open wide

Always care for each other all the year long.
Say, and mean it, 'I love you.' Every day
Let laughter in your life carry you along.
Don't let jealousy `twixt you ever hold sway

The daily tasks each of you should share
There is nothing wrong in playing your part
And showing the world you are truly a pair.
But, above all, always keep God in your heart

LATER YEARS *by Richard Poupert*

Three score years and ten was the span of yesteryear
Now we live much longer and old age is at snails' pace
Twenty years or more of retirement we should not fear
Time to enjoy the years before us we have yet to face

But when our memories start to fade and us betray
Life can lose its fun and the days before us — too long
We take pills to keep alive and help us through the day
Our limbs begin to ache and our muscles not so strong

When we're no longer certain why we are still alive
Sitting about, aimless, waiting to be called above
Not thinking there is anyone who really seems to care
Not realising our going might upset those we love

The method of our going is not for us to learn
When God calls us it is for Him alone to know
The softest and gentlest exit — are we able to earn?
Or will it come as an unexpected, horrible blow

For some it will come as a great and blessed relief
From a life lived over long with unsought illness
While others will see it as a vindication of belief
And they can, at last, their God be able to bless

ANSWERS TO: 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.

What's Your Talent?

For a number of years, talent shows have become popular on TV. The programmes feature contestants, of any age, performing a short act in front of judges in the hope of being awarded a large sum of money. This may also lead to a new career and fame too!

These programmes feature all kinds of people including singers, comedians, magicians and acrobats. Some acts are good and entertaining while others can be odd, quirky or downright appalling! Some people reveal a talent, while others don't. Some have a big ego or an inflated sense of importance and cannot understand why they are rejected!

The Bible tells us that God is *our* judge. We are on show. He watches us, but He is not looking for the slip-up, the mistake or waiting to condemn. Our God is all-loving, kind, and forgiving and looks for our potential and is pleased when we do our best. He looks to help us, to build us up and desires the best from within us.

In the Bible, we see that God chose all manner of ordinary individuals to fulfil His purposes. Some made errors and committed dreadful sins, but even then God didn't discard them as worthless. For example, Jesus chose a mixed bunch of disciples with all kinds of flaws, yet they became (with the exception of Judas) the ideal men to spread the Good News about Him. God has a plan for each one of our lives, and we are called to be faithful in serving Him, wherever we are. By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian, and the Spirit equips us for service and His greatest activity is amongst the ordinary. Under God's influence, what we regard to be natural talents and gifts, can be enhanced and released by His creative energy.

Isn't this encouraging? We don't have to put ourselves forward and hope to be a winner like contestants on a TV programme. If we give ourselves to God, He will prepare and use us in the way that best suits our gifts and personalities.

From the Registers

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Louisa Riley

Wedding

William Tansom and Gloria Truscott

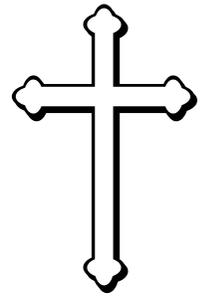
Funerals

James Wiltshire

Portchester Crematorium

Mabel Symon

Havant Crematorium



On Tuesday 7 August 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.

200 Club

Result of Draw no. 541 drawn on Sunday 15th July after 9.30 service

1st	£15	23	Mrs M Bunn
2nd	£11	35	Mr P Wade
3rd	£9	181	Mrs S Bannister
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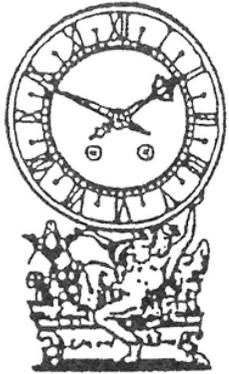


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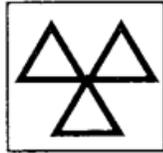
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