

Oaklands Open Evening

Oaklands annual open evening is on Thursday, 25th September from 6.00 –8.00p.m. All parents are invited and prospective parents are especially welcome. Governors are now considering applications for 11+ entry for September 2009.

Diary

Monday, 15th – 7.00p.m. Pastoral Council meeting.

Tuesday, 16th – 7.30p.m. Stewardship working party meeting.
Parish bible study group. Liam on (01243) 379646.

Saturday, 20th – Jumble Sale.

Saturday, 27th – Emsworth Methodist Church Harvest Craft and Gift Fair, International Hall, 10.00a.m.

Tuesday, 30th – Confirmation at St. Michael's, Leigh Park.

Wanted – Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Please save your tops for the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. Leave in church porch for Paul Keeping.

'Living Faith'

'Living Faith' for October to December is now available at £1.

Parish Pastoral Council

Monday, September 15th. If you would like something included in the agenda, please inform a member of the council. If you would like to join the PPC, please make yourself known to a council member!

'Personal Integrity'

The Waterside Ecumenical Community's talk on Friday, 19th at 7.30pm at the Emsworth U.R.C. is entitled "Personal Integrity – To thine own self be true". The speaker is Carole Wynn, former head of the University of Portsmouth Careers Service. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Jumble Sale, Saturday, 20th September, 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m.

Help needed on Friday, 19th from 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. to set up, as well as help on the day. Please mark clearly 'new clothes'. Deirdre (023) 9248 6230.

Parish Mail Drop

This week people living in Tavistock Gardens, the Gardens and Luard Court will receive a letter from the parish stating that we are here and that we shall pray for them during the coming weeks. Many thanks to those who do the mail drop despite the awful weather.

Newsletter Competition

Last week's answer was the bell in St. Joseph's. It rings twice a day and three times on Saturday and Sunday. This week's quiz is, 'I always greet people in a most unusual way with water and fire. What am I?' Answers in by Wednesday.

Flying the Nest!

Please keep in touch by receiving the weekly eNewsletter. To register, send your name and e-mail address to newsletter_havant_emsworth@fsmail.net

Havant Literary Festival

Thursday, 25th September to Sunday, 28th. This is a 'first' for Havant. The programme of events is now available at various outlets including the local libraries. Visit www.havantlitfest.hampshire.org.uk for information.

Feast of the Holy Cross

The 24th Sunday of the year is replaced today by the Feast of the Holy Cross. Readings are, Numbers 21, 4–9, Psalm 77, Phil. 2, 6–11, John 3, 13–17.

Christmas Carol

We would like to organise a parish trip to the theatre at Christmas and have reserved tickets to see the Christmas Carol at Chichester on 18th December. Tickets, adults £16.20, children £9. If you would like to join us please ring Emma Luck on (023) 9248 0355 before 30th September.

Child Protection

As we begin this new school year, we have been looking to update our procedures regarding child protection for children's liturgy. We have decided we need to introduce a system of registration this term and will need parents to co-operate in completing forms with some information about children in case of any unforeseen incidents. Due to the requirements of the high ratio of adults to children for under 5's we have decided that we are unable to provide enough liturgy leaders to support them. Therefore children under 5 will need to be with their parents at all times.

At Emsworth due to lack of space this will mean only children of 5 and over will be invited upstairs although children may use the room at the back of church where books are provided. At Havant children under 5 may join the liturgy in the Hall but will need to have an adult (over 18) with them at all times. We realise that these changes may seem rather difficult but I am sure everyone understands that child protection is extremely important.

Mass Times at Ss. Thomas

Sun, 14th – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Jim & John Rowlands RIP*)

Sun, 14th – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Nora Ryan RIP*)

Tues, 16th – 10.00a.m. Mass (*John Evans RIP*)

Sat, 20th – 10.30a.m. Mass (*Miss C.R. Hammond RIP*)

Sun, 21st – 9.00a.m. Mass (*Alice Boyle's Intention*)

Sun, 21st – 6.00p.m. Mass (*Canon James Daly RIP*)

Mass Times at St. Joseph's

Sat, 13th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Noel O'Reilly RIP*)

Sun, 14th – 11.00a.m. Mass (*John William Barwick RIP*)

Mon, 15th – 9.30a.m. Mass (*Helen May Pratt RIP*)

Weds, 17th – 9.30a.m. Mass
(*Herbert Frank & Monica Barlow RIP*)

Sat, 20th – 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass (*Marguerite McHale RIP*)

Sun, 21st – 11.00a.m. Mass (*Tony Carroll RIP*)