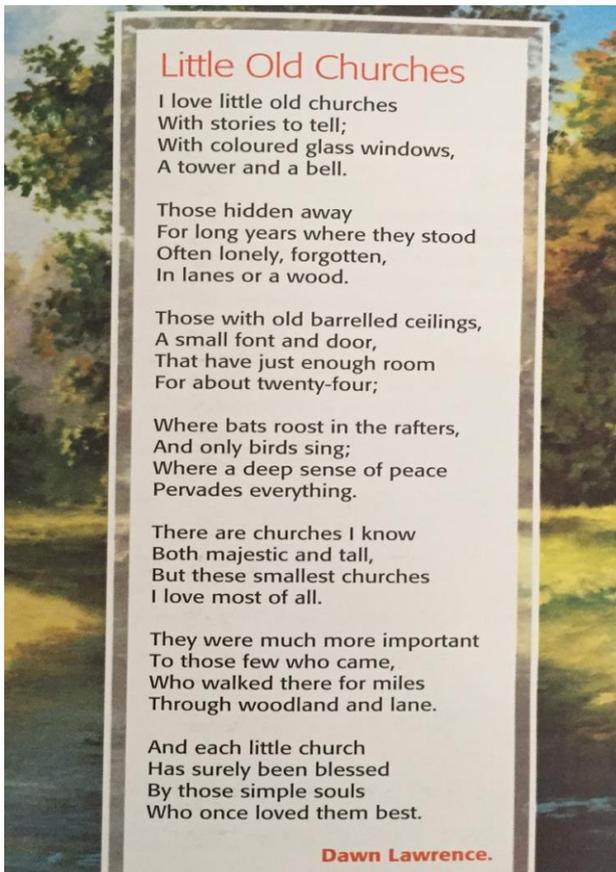


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St Faith's Great Crosby



This charming poem was sent in by Barbara Gleeson and reminded me of a leisurely walk through the leafy lanes of Little Crosby and Thornton led by Chris Dawson a few years ago

## Teamwork

As many of you know, I am involved with a number of 'organisations' other than St Faith's, and it struck me last week just how similar those organisations are, and how many similarities are shared with just about everything we do together.

Whether it is singing in a chorus or writing up minutes for committees, outside organisations or being a member of our congregation. The common word that connects these and countless others is the word **TEAM**.

We are all part of the larger **TEAM** that supports St Faith's: the Standing committee works as a **TEAM** to implement the decisions of the PCC, the choir perform as a **TEAM** to give their excellent musical support to us. Probably without realising it we are all members of separate **TEAMS** that are essential to the smooth running of our society.

Having had this thought, I then tried to decide just what a team is and how do we do our best to make sure that our **TEAM** is at the top of the list, chart or league of whatever we are doing.

Once again, I found some obvious similarities wherever I looked - **TEAMS** set goals, we (usually) agree on a way to achieve those goals in the most worthwhile way, we work hard and then we pat ourselves on the back and get on with the next challenge.

**TEAMS** are a great social force - they allow us to mix with each other (Covid restrictions permitting), to discuss, disagree, to unite, to laugh, to smile and to work together:- and to deliver!

OK, so we can't all be top of the league, not every **TEAM** is destined to take home the trophy, but, while respecting other **TEAMS** in the game, every **TEAM** has the satisfaction of working together towards a common goal and hopefully achieving their aims.

Wearing the name of St Faith's on our sleeves, let's do our very best to meet the challenges that we face over the next few months as we emerge from a very difficult couple of years and deal with the realities of a tough old world.

Rick

## View from the Engineers Desk.

The **Back of Church** project has been on hold these past few months due to the uncertainty of our parish finances and the need to temporarily dip into the Back of Church Fund to cover our running and maintenance expenses. However, with the generosity of many of you, things are now looking healthier, and we can push forward again, once we've recovered from the . . . . .

**Christmas Tree Festival** is obviously fast approaching, and I was surprised to see that this will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year since Margaret Houghton brought the idea to us. Over those years we must have done some good, as many of the 30 plus charities that we supported all those years ago are even now emailing and 'phoning me asking for a tree this year.

The huge difficulties of last year didn't stop us raising lots of money for the charities and St Faith's, but with your encouragement I'm sure that 2021 will break all records.

Once again we have several 'outside' stallholders vying for a table to augment the excellent cakes, crafts, jams, giant raffle and attractions that we are famous for and this time we have a spectacular concert lined up for Friday night - two of the soloists from the Summer concert series have agreed to come along so this will be a real treat for us as we welcome back the brilliant guitarist John O'Connell and the singer/pianist

Katy Bradley.

Keep safe and keep well,

Rick

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## Next time you are in church . . . . .

Have you seen the new boilers? Probably not, but if you talk nicely to Fr John or Gareth, I'm sure they will let you have a peep! There are two of them side by side in the Priests Vestry and they have been expertly installed in amongst an array of very smart chrome pipework and electrics! A far cry from the old coke furnace that still languishes beneath the church that our former Verger Jim Burgess coaxed into life every winter. (Sorry, I couldn't resist the pun!)

We look forward to many years of a warm church!

Have you seen the little red box by the door of church?

A **Defibrillator** has been installed for emergency use in the church or hall, and members of the PCC have had some instruction in its use. Although we hope never to need it, it is reassuring to know it is there. Many thanks to Kevin Mulholland who has been the driving force behind the idea, and for the support of our uniformed organisations who are contributing towards the cost.

**A Quiz Night** will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October towards the defibrillator cost and to boost our Back of Church fund, with a ticket price of just £8 it includes food! More detail from Christine or Corinne, previous quiz nights have proved very popular so book early.

Come along and see the original 1925 black & white silent version of the **Phantom of the Opera** on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Starting at 7.00 the film will be accompanied by music by Martin Baker, who is a past President of the Royal College of Organists.

The evening will be a true cinema experience with popcorn sweets crisps and all the other essential accoutrements! At £10 a ticket it will a night of nostalgia for us all and a boost to the organ fund.

**Alison Davies**, who has sung several times at St Faith's is presenting a charity Concert on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30. She is being accompanied on the piano by a well-known former Vicar of this parish.

## **Dates at St Faith's during October & Early November**

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 10.30	Patronal Festival Eucharist followed by meal
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 3.00	Evensong
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> at 12.00	Eucharist for St Faith's Day
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00	Parish Eucharist
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 3.00	Choir at Anglican Cathedral
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> at 11.00	Parish Eucharist
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> at 10.00	Standing cttee
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 12.00	Said Eucharist for All Souls' Day
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00	Parish Eucharist
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30	'Come and Sing' Concert - Faure Requiem
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30	Alison Davies Concert
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10.45	Parish Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00	PCC meeting in church
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00	Cinema Concert - Phantom of the Opera