



Havant
Passion
Play

Newsletter December 2018



Do come and join us on Saturday 22nd December in the Meridian Center in Havant at 10am to sing Carols. We will be downstairs gathered around the piano, Santa hats in place (I have a large bag of them)!

All proceeds from the collection buckets will be for Havant Passion Play, if you can't sing do come and smile and hold a bucket for us.

Havant United Reform Church are having Carols and a Buffet lunch that day instead of their usual Soup Kitchen and have invited us to join them afterwards, if anyone would like to, even if just for a cup of tea or coffee!

We will also be at The Ship Inn in Langstone on Christmas Eve at 2:30pm, buckets to the ready! This is the third year we have been invited back to The Ship - let's make it the best one ever!

ADVENT Celebration Service

A few of us gathered at St Patricks Hayling Island for our Celebration Service on 5th December. It was a joyous evening ending with mince pies! Our thanks to Father Mark for hosting the evening and for making us all so welcome. How did he do that card trick? Thanks also to all who took part singing, reading and praying.

GOOD NEWS!

Recently the Board of Trustees met with James Burke-Dunsmore to discuss our future- and it's looking very rosy! We have recently received a very generous donation of £2,000 from the local Methodist Circuit, personal cheques for £300, £100 and £50 respectively and a cash donation of £10, all of which we are very grateful for. Our bank balance looks healthier by the day! We have agreed to go ahead with the new play James is writing and now need to put our minds to finding our cast of thousands - well 150 at least! We are wanting to spread our net wider into the community this time and need to attract at least 34 young men between the ages of 16-20; 34 young women between 16-20; 34 men between 20-90, 34 women between 20-90, as well as some younger children. This will be a huge challenge and we will need people on the casting team to enable it to happen. Remember how Jesus sent his disciples out in twos to preach? Many of them were fishermen, tax collectors and the like with no experience of what they were required to do - if they can do it, so can we. We just need to find the 12 'casting team disciples', although we will settle for fewer! We have our workshop and rehearsal schedule in place, Havant Park is booked for the production 17/18 August and St Joseph's for the dress rehearsal. We need an assistant Stage Manager and someone to 'shadow' James as producer and director as well as a full back stage crew, scene builders, music director, costume makers, publicity etc etc. If you can help in any way please contact me: jackychong@btinternet.com phone 01243 371074 I will be delighted to hear from you. *'I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, fruit that will last.'* John 15:16