

The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale

Church and Community

Living Faith, Joyful Hope, Loving Service



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How gentle the first flower of Spring,
So innocent and stout
It bursts with strength the icy ring
And waves it's head about.

David McLansky



Spring 2019

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY SUNNINGDALE (C of E)

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Vicar: Jon Hutchinson

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8:00 am

BCP Holy Communion

9:00 am

Liturgical Service

Common Worship Communion service

10:00 - 11:15 am

Refreshments available

10:30 am

Contemporary Service

Café-style service with provision for children

3:30 pm

Service at Lynwood

(in association with other local churches)

SUNNINGDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Linda Brooks

01344 626140

10:30 am Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father Antonio

01344 621238

6:30 pm Saturday Mass

10:00 am Sunday Mass

11:30 am Sunday Mass

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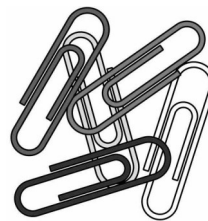
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Monday 9-3

Tuesday 9-12

Wednesday 9-3

and Thursday 9-3



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or someone to help you in
a time of need.



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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

I've been debating with myself which season I like the most in order to list them. This Autumn has been a spectacular season and my very soul is stirred by the colours and beauty of the trees. Summer is wonderful; the heat of the day and the warmth of the evening but do I dare relegate Spring to second or third place?

After the cold dark Winter the returning warmth of the sun and the fresh green growth cause the spirit to soar. Spring first? Without Winter though the cycle couldn't function and there are astonishing sights on a cold frosty day with a clear blue sky.

So currently I'm thinking Autumn, Spring, Summer, Winter. I may reconsider in Spring or next Summer. Or next week when it snows...

Each season has its own unique beauty and the Psalmist often borrows from the beauty of nature to exalt God's majesty. Each part of creation can declare the handiwork of God. Of course, other theories concerning creation are available but the other theories do nothing for my soul.

My hero, Brother Lawrence, had a deep and life changing spiritual experience when considering a tree! *"That in winter, seeing a tree stripped of its leaves, and considering that within a little time the leaves would be renewed and after that the flowers and fruit appear, he received a high view of the providence and power of God, which had never since been effaced from his soul."*

Trust Br. Lawrence to experience the goodness of God through a tree in every season. His lifetime habit was to 'practice the presence of God' and he wouldn't have wasted time with a list, but simply allowed each and every day in all their variety to draw Him again to God's presence. I'm going to practice the same thing.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
htsvicar@gmail.com

Morning Prayers

Monday to
Thursday
8:45 - 9:15 am
in church



All welcome.

We use a simplified version of daily prayer from the Society of St Francis.

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Molly Joan Horn - 4 November
Charles William Angel Wakely - 4 November
Halle Rose Petrie - 25 November

Weddings

We recently celebrated the weddings of:

Mark Rogers & Tracy Duggan - 28 August
Christopher Ward & Hannah Partridge - 22 September
Thomas Christian & Alexandra Viskovic - 29 September
Thomas Filby & Alison Puckett - 13 October
Charles Jarnett & Rachael Todd - 20 October
Alec Williams & Thea Viney - 10 November

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Sir Julian Malby Crofton
James Owen Bath
Irene Chadwick
Anthony Allum
Gladys Mary McKenzie
Gordon Howat Williams
Winifred Lockington

"You may shed tears that they have gone or you can smile because they have lived" Anon

Lunch 'n' Meet

A meeting place for
older people, young at heart

Meal, Friendship, Entertainment and Activity

Last Friday of each month
1 pm – 3 pm
at The Hope Centre
High Street, Sunningdale

For more info please call
Rita on 01344 845123

Rendezvous Café in Church

Usually 2nd Wednesday
of every month

9:15 am - 12:00 noon

January 9, February 13,
March 13

and on April 17 a Special
Crafty Café with activities
for adults and children alike

We'd love to welcome you for tea
or coffee and delicious cake.

Meet up with friends
and make new ones.



Little ones are
welcome.
Free Wi-Fi
available.
Do drop in!

Our Churchyard

Our friends in
8th Squadron
RAF will hopefully
be coming to
Holy Trinity
in late February
to help with
some heavy
duty clearance



 **ROYAL
AIR FORCE**

to open up and develop the
grounds, it will be good to see
them again. They came this year
on the 100th anniversary
(to the day) of the action that saw
Ferdinand (Freddie) West gain a
VC, the first RAF officer to do so.
His grave, cared for by 8th
Squadron, is in the South West
corner of our churchyard.



Meet and Greet

Join us at Costa Coffee
Chobham Road,
Sunningdale

The last Wednesday of every month
10 am - 12 noon

Come for coffee, cake and chat

Open to all

Search out new and old friends

Topic of conversation?

Ananything and everything!

January 30, February 27,
March 27 and April 24

**Come along to our
Monthly Curry Nights**

at the Rajbhoog Restaurant
Sunninghill High Street

4Women - meet on the **last Monday**
at 7:30 pm, £12 per head plus drinks.

4Men - meet on the **second Monday**
at 7:30 pm, £13 per head plus drinks.

Non curry dishes available.
Do join us for a great evening.



**CARING
CUISINE**

Our gift to you, given with love

There can be times when
(due to a variety of life changes)
having a light meal cooked or a cake
baked for you would be a very welcome gift.

In line with the HTS Church Family
ethos of caring in the community,
we are delighted to offer:

Caring Cuisine.

How does it work? We have a team of
volunteers who cook a gift of a meal suitable for
freezing for 2-4 persons, soup in similar
portions, a cake or small cakes. After an illness,
it is nice to be able to offer a lovely slice or
small cake with a cup of coffee or tea, when
visitors call.

Who is eligible? Anyone in the community, not
necessarily in the Church Family. A new baby
arrives. The main carer in a family is ill or has
had an accident. Someone is recuperating after
an operation. Someone is moving house. Any
time when we are going through temporary
challenging changes.

What do I need to do? If you know of someone
you feel needs a caring gift from **Caring
Cuisine** please contact Amanda in the church
office (01344 621886). She will pass on the
details to me and I will call to offer our gift.
Arrangements can then be made to bring the
gift to you at home.

Warmest wishes **Karen Fisher**

Office Facilities in the Church

Open every morning Monday to Thursday

Come and use our local facilities for
photocopying, laminating
and printing.



TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade

Our Traidcraft stall is open
during the 10:30 am Sunday Café service
selling biscuits, chocolate,
tea and coffee, etc.

Traidcraft catalogues are available for
orders of gifts and other items.



We are a
Fairtrade church.
All the tea and
coffee we serve
is fairly traded.



**4Women
Charity Evening
at Sunningdale
Village Hall**

7:30 pm Saturday 16 March

When our speaker will be from
a local charity tackling loneliness.

Join us for an enjoyable evening amongst
friends and share a delicious meal.

Tickets £15

**Please contact the 4Women team
to reserve your place, email
4womensunningdale@gmail.com**

STOP PRESS

Thank you!

The last 4Women Dinner on 28 September 2018
raised a total of £466.70 for Your Sanctuary - for life
without fear, an organisation supporting
survivors of domestic abuse..

Holy Trinity Mission Initiative

The church has always had a passion for doing what it can to change the lives of those less fortunate and at Holy Trinity we are spending the year promoting toilet twinning.



Because the school had no toilets the surrounding area becomes pretty gross and girls in particular drop out of school...no toilet, nowhere to change or wash during their periods.

It could not be simpler. For £60 you 'twin' your toilet with a latrine built overseas thus giving families dignity, better hygiene and often the chance of education. We transform lives for such a small sum.

Any twinned toilet receives a certificate with a picture of the twinned loo and the GPS co-ordinate of where in the world it is. This can be done on-line (toilettwinning.org) or I have a supply of certificates at church. You can choose your country and loo.

I have a hope that Sunningdale will become a toilet twinned village – it depends if we twin enough toilets. Already church members have raised the money to twin the toilets in the Nags Head and the Hope Centre and I've promoted the idea at Charters – we shall see what comes of that.

It's not an idea everyone will respond to...I've discovered just how many charities and causes Sunningdale people champion and it shows what a compassionate people we are. However, the invitation is there and if you would like to know more, pop into church during the week or email me at htsvicar@gmail.com

At Charters I shared with the students the story of Bridget who is 14. She lives in Uganda. At her school a group of students would be chosen each day to go and collect water. At Charters, a tutor group is responsible for setting out the chairs for assembly. How would they feel to miss a couple of lessons, walk back to Sunningdale and haul water to the school? And how would they feel knowing the water is infected because the source is an area that families use as a toilet.

Gross! But it gets worse.

But at Bridget's school they now have a small toilet block and a changing room and running water. No need to fetch infected water and dignity for the girls in particular. After the block was completed and the word spread about, 65 girls re-enrolled at school and are getting their education. Lives changed for the better. What's not to like about that?

I won't be offended if folk have other charitable priorities, but the invitation is there...consider twinning your toilet and (to quote the toilet twinning website) help flush away poverty one toilet at a time.

Thus far church members have twinned their own toilets, raised money to twin toilets at places we frequent and bought twin certificates as gifts for family members. What do you buy for someone who has everything? Twin their loo! Over the coming year I will see if I can visit various locations, businesses, centres, pubs and restaurants and invite them to consider ways of raising the sum and twinning their facilities, if they would like to.

Perhaps there's somewhere you enjoy going and might consider asking if you could raise the funds and twin their loo. Ask gently...it's not a demand, just a request.

We'll never know how many lives we change, the reduction in disease, the people who can work because they are not ill, the children who can study because they are not ashamed to go to school. Perhaps that's the best part of it...genuine compassion, offered freely with no expectation of recognition. Not only will Sunningdale be a toilet twinned village, we'll have "loved our neighbour as ourselves".

That brings a flush of pleasure. (sorry – couldn't resist).

Sunningdale Party in the Park



What a truly fabulous time we had at our Summer party. Thank you to everyone who came, all who had stalls and events and the hoards of people who made it happen.

As you may remember the sun shone kindly on our Party and it's just as well. My over-confidence that I could remain dry was sadly misplaced as the target was regularly hit and water cascaded down. I think my Cassock has shrunk as a result.

The idea of a Party came because we were brainstorming ideas to boost church funds and have fun. The idea just grew and grew and grew so much so we had to relocate to the Primary School as we overspilled the area allocated at the Rec. Thank you to Holy Trinity School for opening up for us and the wonderful caretaker Mrs Hill for patiently putting up with us. We far exceeded our target raising a wonderful £5,500.

I am so grateful to our main sponsor Ben Lynwood...your contribution covered so many of our necessary costs. Thank you to the many businesses and hotels who sponsored raffle prizes – there was hot competition for those. (I didn't win so it wasn't fixed!!).

The BBQ was excellent (as Nigel Lewis promised it would be) and the Hutch did steady business with the drinks as the sun blazed down.



The Rendezvous café was well patronised and became the place to sit and watch the Vicar get his soggy comeuppance.

As this was our first go at something on this scale there was much to learn but the burning question was "will you do it again next year?"

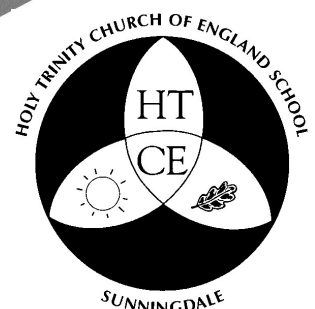
OH YES!!

The dunk tank will be carefully maintained and I'm ready to take substantial sums from people wanting to place someone in the wet seat. Parents – this will make a suitable disciplinary threat to your children. Behave yourself or you are going under the dunk tank!

We've ideas for developing the catering, widening the bar and creating an amphitheatre atmosphere around the field to enhance the experience...Holy Trinity's Party at the Primary will be bigger and better (and very much) wetter in 2019 *so save the date: Sunday September 15 12 noon until 4pm.*

The Spiritual Garden

Holy Trinity Primary School have built a spiritual garden in part of the playground and a beautiful creative space it is too. To see the montage of photographs of its development visit the school website and click on Children's Zone / Gallery. Our children now have a whole variety of ways to spend their break time. I see many hurtling around playing games, some using the outdoor equipment and now there is a space to sit together or to be quiet for a time. What a truly brilliant idea.





CHILDREN & YOUTH

always welcome!

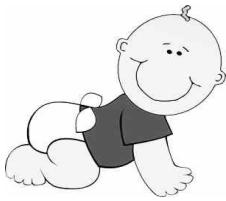
'The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in ones life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.'

Billy Graham

We have different **groups** for all ages on **Sunday morning** in church during the **10:30 am café service**.

CRÈCHE

(from birth to 3 year olds)



Everyone is welcome at HTS even the smallest people. There is a crèche room available for use during the service (the glassed in room to the left of the platform) with a speaker system so Mum or Dad can still follow the service.

BUBBLES AND ZONE

(preschoolers through to 10 year olds)

Games, craft activities, Bible stories, discussion. We begin all together in church at 10:30 and then move into the vestry for our activities.

NEW CREATION

(11 to 14 year olds)

A great opportunity to talk, to think and to discuss ideas in a fun atmosphere. We begin all together in church at 10:30 and then move into the Lady Chapel for our activities.

All our leaders have **DBS** Checks.

What do you believe?

Confirmation

During Lent in 2019 I'll be holding preparation classes for anyone wishing to explore their faith and get confirmed.

Following the announcement that Andrew, Bishop of Reading is to retire at Easter, we will be attending the **Easter Eve Confirmation at Reading Minster** (Saturday 20 April), his last as a serving Bishop. The service is at 7:30 pm.

The preparation classes are for anyone wishing to explore their faith. It doesn't automatically follow that attendance will be followed by confirmation, some may feel they wish to go on considering at a deeper level.

The classes for those aged over 11 and under 18 will be on Thursday evenings at 6 pm for 1 hour : **March 14, 21, 28.**

For adults, 7.30 pm on Tuesday evenings : **March 12, 19, 26.**

In times past confirmation was expected before receiving communion, but the church relaxed its stance some years ago admitting children to communion after local preparation. Although the expectation of confirmation by 11 years old (or soon after) remains, I would encourage parents not to feel under any pressure.

Baptism is the more important step, with confirmation being the service where individuals "confirm" the promises made by them, or for them, at baptism. Allowing young people to reach that age of critical reasoning and deeper inquiry will give them the opportunity to make a reasoned and clear decision about their faith and a desire to be publicly confirmed.

A reminder of our Christmas services

Christmas Eve

Monday 24 December

Christingle Services

3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

The first service is slightly shorter and may be more suitable for younger infants



Midnight Communion Service

11:00 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25 December

Family Communion

10:00 am

2019 Lent Course : Les Mis

Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm

March 13, 20 and

27, April 3 and 17

Victor Hugo's

Les Miserables will be the topic for our Lent course in 2019.

Through discussion of the principal

themes and characters from this epic narrative the course explores the grace of God alongside our fallen state and redemption. Great topics for Lent!

There are five dates following Fantine and Cosette / The Bishop of Digne / Jean Valjean / Javert / Redemption and Salvation.



Looking ahead to Easter:

Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 18 April, 7:30 pm

Bring and share

Good Friday

Friday 19 April, 2:00 pm

An hour before the cross

Messy Easter

Saturday 20 April, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Fun family Easter celebration, suitable for all ages. Crafts, drama, Easter egg hunt.



Easter Sunday

Sunday 21 April

Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am



Baptism Services 2019

Sundays

3 March, 30 June,

6 October and

24 November

10:30 am

Annual Church Meeting All welcome

Sunday 24 March 10 am

Short Communion service at 9 am, refreshments at 9:30 am followed by APCM

Small Groups

Friendly weekday small groups meet to share and learn together. Building on what we hear in Church, working out how to put our faith into practice. Currently groups meet on:

Mondays 1:30 - 3:00 pm,

Wednesdays 7:45 - 9:30 pm

and Thursdays 10:30 - 12 noon.

If you would like to find out more please contact the Church Office.

Who are you?

The Disney cartoon of *Alice in Wonderland* has a scene where Alice meets a large caterpillar. Blowing letters out in colourful smoke he asks a number of times “Who R U?” The truthful Alice replies “Well I hardly know sir, I’ve changed so many times since this morning. I cannot explain myself, because I am not myself”.

Many of us will have done a personality exercise, be it a tongue in cheek quiz from a magazine or something more serious your line-manager can use at work. Myers Briggs was a favourite at the Building Society where I worked, but I already knew I was an E for extrovert; no surprises there.

My home grown personality typing is an update of an ancient system. Combining the four temperaments (*borrowed from the Greek physician Hippocrates 460-370BC*) with the lead characters in the *Wind in the Willows* provides a very useful system. Perhaps I should patent it? Mr Toad is Sanguine, Mole is Phlegmatic, Badger Melancholic and the Water Rat Choleric. It’s easy to remember but I have been known to refer to someone as a typical Rat, which can be misconstrued. (*Google “the four temperaments” to read the original system*).

The danger with any personality typing is that having spotted some correlation with who you think you are, you tend to try and fit yourself into the rest of the typical characteristics. Ultimately, we are far more complex and wonderful than any description or type.

Recently my wife and I shared a retreat at Launde Abbey where the Enneagram shone a light to give greater understanding on the “Who R U?” question. This ancient system is not owned or promoted by any specific ethnic or faith group and is best described as a mirror to show you yourself, rather than tell you who you are. It asks different questions to the run of the mill personality type programme. It asks how you became the person you are? What is it you experienced that led you to



be shaped as you are and make sense of survival in the world? I’ve already said enough for you to grasp that it has the potential to ask the very deepest questions. During the retreat week I observed that one or two seemed to have an existential crisis, they weren’t who they thought they were; but by the end it would appear everyone seemed to be accommodating the revelations.

In the Disney film Alice is also having an existential crisis. So much has happened since she fell down the rabbit hole that she no longer knew or trusted anything about herself. The wonderful irony is that she is being questioned by a caterpillar who is most definitely not himself. As the scene progresses he disappears and of course a butterfly has emerged.

In Isaiah 43:1 it says *“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine”*. Throughout my week thinking about who I am, I was held fast by the knowledge of whose I was. Although there may be parts of me I really don’t like, (or maybe – I’m learning to love) I did so in the knowledge that I am loved by God. I am His.

Augustine said *“we are restless until we find our rest in Thee”* and I can’t argue with that, largely because I have found it to be true. Whatever I’m like, I’m made for a relationship with God and it’s only in the context of His love I can truly become my real self.

Revd Jon Hutchinson (Mole)