

The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale

Church and Community

Sharing God's Love

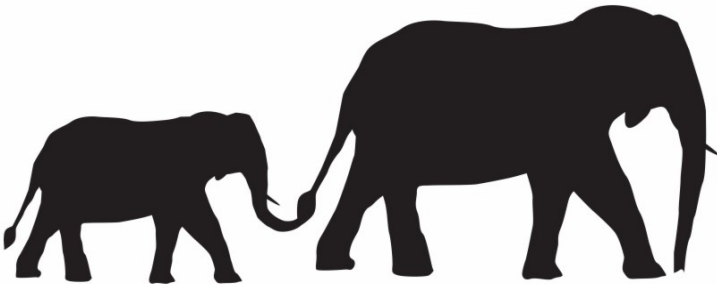
To live by faith, to be known by love, to be a light of hope



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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SERVICES

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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

JOEL'S PLACE CHURCH

Sunningdale Village Hall

info@joelsplacechurch.org.uk

10:30 am Service

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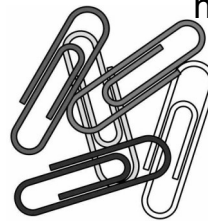
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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

Recently I've had to make two long journeys using M1 and M6 respectively. Both have roadworks to upgrade them to Smart Motorways. Smart?? A Motorway??

I've looked it up. It means a Motorway where you can drive on the hard shoulder, or drive on the hard shoulder sometimes, or have the speed varied to "improve" traffic flow.

I haven't noticed it making any difference and I can't be the only person to think we need more Smart Drivers. It's all very well having four active lanes, but if someone jogs along at 60mph in the 3rd lane it means coming all the way out and all the way back to overtake.

Heading south on the M1 past Luton I nearly gave up the will to live and was only restored by an unusually smooth trip round the M25 (not words one often utters).

The bit I cannot get used to is driving on the hard shoulder. It's legal and encouraged but I've just never done it.

A recent pilgrimage, a study retreat and the prayer course have likewise opened up spiritual roads on which to travel that are new to me. They've always been there and these routes were never forbidden, but my background and experiences meant they weren't taken. Until now.

Like driving on what I still think of as the hard shoulder, it can feel a little disorientating but I do feel I'm getting somewhere. New spiritual insights and experiences don't replace the familiar ones, they add to them and that's exciting. I always admired that my Father was learning and exploring his faith right to the end of his life and I'm not content to just stick with the same old same old.

New spiritual experiences add to my understanding of a verse in the Psalms; "You have brought me out into a broad place." Now...if the planners can achieve that with their Smart Motorways, they will have done something worthwhile.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
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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.



Monthly Prayer Meetings

2nd Monday of the month

7:30 - 8:30 pm in church

13 January, 10 February, 9 March

A quiet hour a month to relax and slow down in order to bring ourselves, and our requests before our Heavenly Father. Includes time for individual reflection, corporate prayer (either out loud or quietly within our hearts) and space to listen to what God might be saying to us individually or as a Church family.

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Grace Jane Cumming - 6 October
Albie William Snape - 6 October
Nola Reef Partridge - 19 October
Carly Sarah Partridge - 19 October
Thomas Campbell Wilson - 24 November
Alexander James Patrick Paton-Philip - 24 November
Frederick Harrison Easter - 1 December

Weddings

We recently celebrated the weddings of:

Peter Fitzgerald & Lindsey Anne Armstrong - 17 August
Ross Andrew Jarman & Katie Louise Brennan - 23 August
Mark Derek Tomlinson & Hayley Louise Ives - 7 December

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Robin Miles Lloyd Humphries
Marjorie Turner
Hanna Shlimon Hanna
Janet Hazel Taylor
Helen Nedham
Caroline Tarrant
Jean Emily Clayton

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

Pilgrimage

This year I had the opportunity to visit Israel for the first time. A trip was offered when I was at theological college, but limited finances didn't allow me to go back then and they still wouldn't if my Father-in-Law hadn't told me that I ought to go and he would help fund the trip whenever I got the chance. He is a man of his word!

I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know how I would feel. Various people told me I would love it and others said that it was a moving and powerful place to be. I went with an open mind to let it be whatever it would be. On day one I could cheerfully have come home.

I was prepared for it to be totally different to the images I have in my mind, but I hadn't realised just how many people would be visiting the same sites. Were we tourists or pilgrims? Worshippers or sightseers? Perhaps most disconcerting was to observe someone deeply moved and caught up in a place that I felt nothing for. It wasn't that I disbelieved the accuracy of the location, but the overlay of the centuries; the building and rebuilding had removed what I realised I was seeking. Something authentic.

It took me a little while to get used to the crowds and a little while to overcome the disorientation but then I experienced my own wonder and had quite profound experiences.

For me they were in the places that were original.

Virtually every notable place one might read of in the Gospels has a church built on the spot. I didn't mind that so much, after all how else would one honour and cherish a particular place?

I found it helpful to re-orientate my mental geography so that I could piece together where the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, High Priest's House, Temple and so on all were in relation to one another.

But my first moment of connection came at the pool of Bethesda.

Its location is just inside the Sheep Gate and inevitably there is a church there. This one was built by the Crusaders and had the most incredible acoustic, but it wasn't the church that mattered. In the grounds they had excavated down and uncovered the original paving, steps and pool where Jesus encountered and healed a lame man. (Read John chapter 5).



Not only was this the spot...but these were the very stones, unmoved and original. Of course we couldn't go down to it, this is a protected site; indeed we were about 10 metres higher...the Jerusalem Jesus knew lay way down beneath our feet. Here though we could see the very place.

Throughout our pilgrimage we read various scriptures relevant to the places we visited. At Bethesda, there was also a simple service with prayer for healing. Experiencing a beautiful service in the grounds of the Church of St. Ann next to the pool of Bethesda had a profound impact upon me. Suddenly the Holy Land had got under my skin.

After this, I could more easily tolerate the places that were crowded and less important to me. Who am I to tell someone what a place should mean to them? Later the same day we visited the church of the Holy Sepulchre and the confusing jumble of chapels, spaces and levels typified the confusing experience of the Holy Land.

Because of its significance and the passage of time inevitably there are controversial claim and counter claims for particular sites, no more so than the place of Jesus' crucifixion and burial.

Our guide was a Palestinian Christian whose MA dissertation was on this very topic. He was convinced that Golgotha (the place of the skull) was a quarry near the walls of the original city. The crucifixion had been on the top of a rocky area and the burial site was much lower down in the same area. The Holy Sepulchre is now on that site.

However in the mid 19th century a garden tomb was discovered near a rocky escarpment that does (*if you squint a bit*) look like a skull. It's now a multi-denominational place of worship although the rocky escarpment does form the boundary of the bus-station. Known as the Garden Tomb, it is a popular place for pilgrims and worshippers near the Damascus gate.

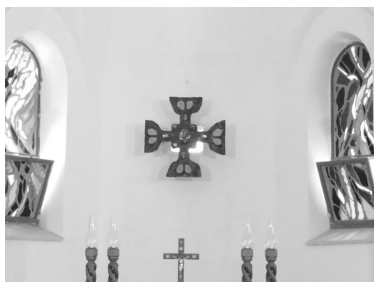
Unlike the pool of Bethesda, neither place held any special resonance for me but it clearly did for others and by the time I visited them I was content to let it be what it was.

After Jerusalem we went to Galilee to a fabulous hotel overlooking the Sea. Here I felt more



connection, because the landscape has not changed. The same hills I saw, Jesus saw. The water I swam in...well, he walked on...but you get the idea.

At the head of the lake we visited the church of St. Peter's Primacy. It's on the shore and is the place (give or take) where Jesus restored Peter to his role as the first Church leader. Although a Franciscan Church (*and they are often ornate*), this one was very simple. Behind the Altar was a Jerusalem cross and it made me feel at home. The ornate one behind the Altar at Holy Trinity is the same design.

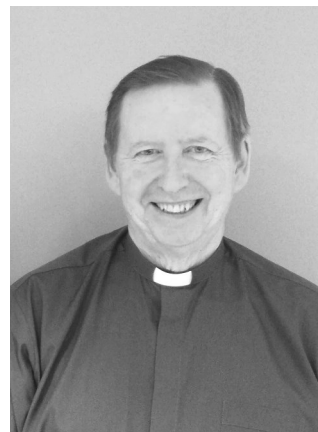


Pilgrimage is not just about the destination but the journey there and the journey afterwards. I was seeking something original and authentic and at first couldn't find it. Then it found me. In various places I was filled with a profound wonder and tremendous joy. I stopped caring whether anyone else felt the same; my journey is my journey.

And the journey goes on. I have returned with new experiences and encounters. Some I can share, others are just for me. I'm convinced though that one doesn't need to go to the Holy Land as if that is the only place to encounter God. Familiar though it is to most of you, I like to think Holy Trinity is also Holy Ground and (perhaps when you are least expecting it), an encounter with God takes place.

It can be crowded and it can be noisy and it can sometimes be confusing. Thankfully, God knows how to reach us and when we can't quite find Him...He finds us.

Revd Terry



Carol, the Warden overseeing the invites to my ordination on 3rd December has just told me that over 160 church family and friends from the wider community intend to

be there supporting me. As I write, I am still trying to come to terms with the fact that it is actually happening, but I am sure about one thing, namely it would not have been possible without the encouragement, support, friendship and love of so many people over the past 16 years.

Yes, it's 16 years since I first sensed being called to self-supporting ordained ministry at Holy Trinity Sunningdale but by the time I responded I was told that I was too old, having reached the grand old age of 55! Instead I trained to be a Lay Minister and was given my blue scarf of office when licensed in 2014. This period was very exciting and challenging in equal proportions, not just on Sundays when leading services and preaching, but particularly during the times when I was engaged in funeral ministry and supporting the bereaved.

Throughout this time though I increasingly felt God was continuing to call me further and deeper into ministry. So shortly after Jon arriving in Sunningdale, as our new Vicar, I began to explore with him the idea of ordination again, more in hope than expectation because by then I was 66. At the very least I would try to test whether this really was God calling or my own wishful thinking. We established the age rule had changed and the rest, as they say, is history.....even if that history entails a lengthy and rigorous selection process and a serious amount of ongoing training.

It is very rare for a person not only to be ordained at the age of 68 but also to continue to serve in their own church so it is a great privilege for me to be able to continue to serve you. I'm not sure what the future has in store for me, but one thing is certain – when God calls the answer, regardless of one's age, is YES!

Rendezvous Café in Church

**The 2nd Wednesday
of every month
9:15 am - 12:00 noon**

**January 8, February 12
and March 11**

**On April 8 we have a
special Easter Crafty Café
with activities for adults
and children alike**



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

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

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**



Meet and Greet

Join us at Costa Coffee
Chobham Road,
Sunningdale

**Held on 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 29, February 26,
March 25, and April 29**



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

Saturday 13 March at 7:30 pm

Our focus this time will be on local
charities that offer support to those
with autism and ADHD.

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!

Via the last 4Women Charity Evening on 4 October
we raised £523.30 (including £57 from
Lunch 'n' Meet) for the **Veterans and Families
Listening Project** - supporting veterans and
families of all ages and circumstances that have
served in the British Armed Forces.

Quiz Night

Friday 24th January 2020
7.30pm start



Venue: 1st Sunningdale Scout Hut,
Sandy Lane, Sunningdale, SL5 0ND

Tickets: £10 per person, includes a Burns Night supper

Tables for teams of up to 8 people

Book your place by emailing quiznight@sunningdalescouts.org.uk

Raising funds for the Scout Hut refresh.



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**



Holy Trinity is a Fairtrade church, which helps make a real difference to the lives of farmers and workers in developing countries. Fairtrade, defined simply, is when producers are paid a fair price for their work, so they can afford life's essentials - like housing, food, education and healthcare.

The tea and coffee we serve in church is fairly traded and since 1998 we have had a Traidcraft stall selling Fairtrade products. Traidcraft's mission is to fight poverty through trade, to help people in developing countries transform their lives. Their vision is for a world freed from poverty, where trade is just, and people and communities can flourish.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Our Traidcraft stall is open during the coffee break between the 9 am and 10:30 am services selling biscuits, chocolate, tea and coffee, etc. At Easter we sell the fair trade Easter Eggs. Traidcraft catalogues are available for orders of gifts and other items.

Transforming Trinity - One step at a time

Since my last magazine article there have been two developments as we seek to make progress in meeting the needs we have to develop as a church and community hub.

One is to consider who our professional partners will be to guide us through the process and make real our ideas and ambitions. The other is to consider the Elephant in the room. Finances.

We invited architect Mark Goodwill-Hodgson to come as a consultant and review the existing plans and ideas. Mark is someone I have known a long time and I worked with him in Nottingham. Knowing the quality of his work and his imaginative creativity it was natural to turn to him as we sought to refresh the vision.

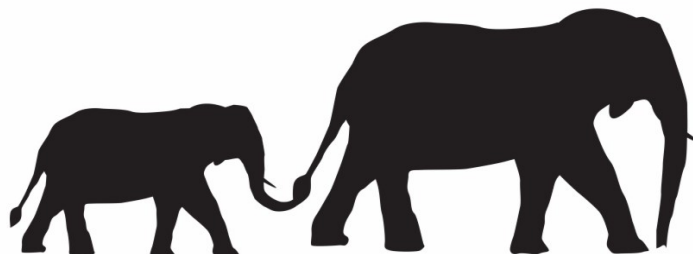
The PCC's response to Mark's ideas made it hard to consider anyone else to take the project forward. I'm glad to say the Diocesan Advisory Committee have accepted his recommendation.

We are also delighted to be working with Paul Sharman in his professional capacity as project manager and quantity surveyor. Paul is a long-time church-member and a former churchwarden. He oversaw the faculty works in 2000/01 which renewed the vestry, glassed in the chapel, created the enclosure of the south transept (music room) and transformed the sanctuary. Some of you may remember the scaffolding in that space and the cleaning of the sanctuary ceiling.

To have the support and help of Paul and Mark as we develop Transforming Trinity is a real blessing.

Their first task is to tell us how big the Elephant is (or how many smaller elephants we have in the herd).

It's always a good idea to know how much everything would cost if we did it all in one go; after all that would be the most cost-effective way to go about it.



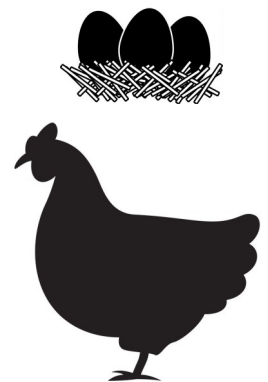
I know from the Parish Profile, written during the vacancy, that phasing any developments was something the PCC and church members felt was advisable and, at a very minimum, we ought to know what each task might cost; from big ticket expenses like an extension to smaller matters like a new servery and additional toilet facilities.

Paul and Mark are using their long experience to give us some informed guidelines although I will say right away in their defence, they can only give guidance on how long a piece of string actually is. (Sorry – elephants/string, I'm mixing my metaphors).

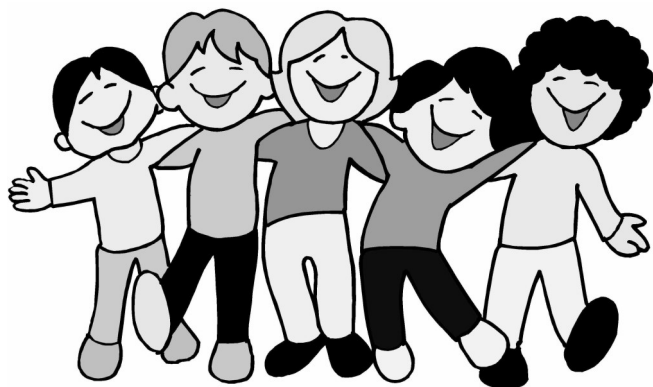
Until surveys are done, plans drawn, plans adapted, plans accepted, permissions are given, projects are costed and quotes received we cannot know exactly what the cost is, but we can have a good idea.

And we need Paul and Mark to provide this guide so that we can then explore what funds we can raise.

To use a third metaphor we are at the chicken and egg stage. Until we know what the costs might be, we cannot discuss what funds we might be able to raise. Until we know what funds we can raise, we don't know what works we might do and find out exactly what they will cost!



To this end the last PCC was about fund-raising and the work involved in that aspect of Transforming Trinity. I am busy working on a booklet that sets out all we hope to achieve, what our professionals think these developments will cost and will invite everyone to consider their response to the plans and how they might be able to help financially. There's a long way to go but we are just taking one step at a time.



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.'

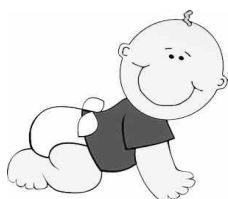
Billy Graham

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

All our leaders have **DBS** Checks.

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.

NEW for 2020: We are able to provide cover in the Crèche on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month whilst older children are involved in their activities.

BUBBLES & 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.



Our Summer Festival remains a memory of great joy. What a totally fabulous day and what a tremendous effort by such a great crew of volunteers. Thank you everyone who made it such a great event. I've shown the photographs set to music, in church but will do so again before the Christingles on Christmas Eve. I know many of you will be there to see them and enjoy remembering.

The funds raised go towards the ordinary expenses and work of the church and it makes a big difference to our accounts. We are pleased though that others find it a financially rewarding day and it's a pleasure to share the event.

It was such a hot day that I was quite glad to get regularly dunked although I think certain students from Holy Trinity Primary most definitely had it in for me. I enjoyed the singing from the bandstand in between Freddie Elsasser playing his hit list and it created a great atmosphere. The BBQ sold out and the Bar wasn't far off doing the same.

A special thank you to those who sponsored the event (Ascot Grange and Carrs Lettings) and those who contributed raffle prizes, your support is most generous and very welcome.

The big question at the end is always the same...shall we do this again next year?

YES we shall. Next year the date is September 6th so that we don't spoil things for the PGA golf championship at Wentworth. It would worry them if we chose the same date.

A reminder of our Christmas Services

Wednesday 18 December, 7:00 pm
Charters School, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 22 December, 6:00 pm
Carol Service

followed by mulled wine and mince pies



Christmas Eve
 Tuesday 24 December
 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm
Christingle Services

11:00 pm
Midnight Communion Service

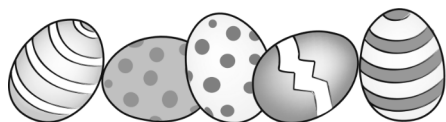
Christmas Day
 Wednesday 25 December,
 10:00 am
Family Communion



Looking ahead to Easter:

Easter Crafty Café

Wednesday 8 April, 9:15 am - 12 noon
 with Easter egg hunt at 11 am



Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 9 April, 7:30 pm
 Bring and share

Good Friday : Friday 10 April, 2:00 pm
 An hour before the cross

Easter Sunday : Sunday 12 April
 Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 7:30 pm

Our evening service will be Holy Communion with "the imposition of ashes".

The tradition is to make ash

from palm crosses used on Palm Sunday the previous year.

As a sign of penitence and mortality, the sign of the cross is made on the forehead.

For Christians it is a recognition of our own failings and the need we have for the grace of God shown in Jesus Christ. It begins a journey through Lent to its climax on Easter Sunday.



2020 Lent Course

Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1



This year the focus will be to explore and experience prayer in a new way. Taking elements of the 24/7 Prayer Course but also the wider resources available on prayer, we shall seek to grow in our understanding, practice and experience of prayer. Our aim is to answer the big prayer question – how to break through from it being a chore to something we seek out and enjoy.

Annual Church Meeting **All welcome**

Sunday 29 March 10 am
 Short Communion service at 9 am, refreshments at 9:30 am followed by APCM