

The Parish Magazine

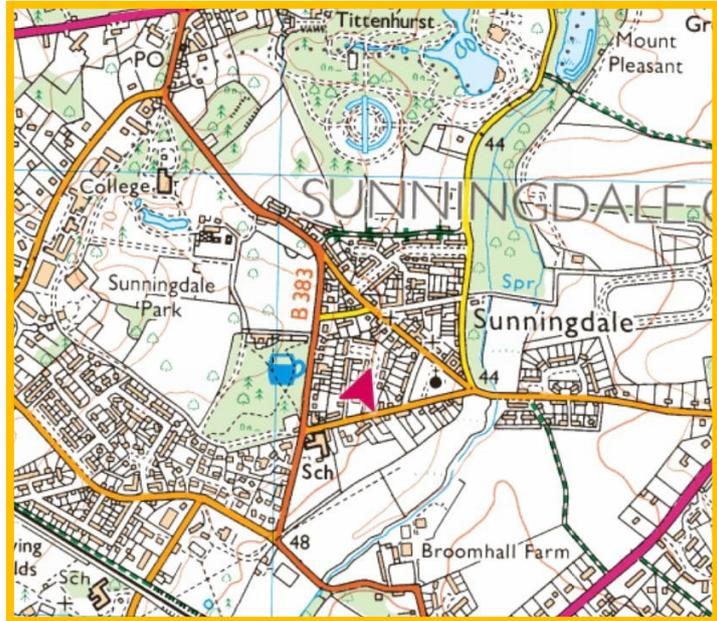
Holy Trinity Sunningdale
Church and Community
Sharing God's Love

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



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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday

10:00 am Worship Service
with Communion

SUNNINGDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Linda Brooks
07789 550439

Sunday

10:30 am Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father Julio Ocaño
01344 621238

Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

JOEL'S PLACE CHURCH

Sunningdale Village Hall

Lorna Morris

07730 930600

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Sunday

10:30 am Service

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To be known by Love
To be a light of Hope*



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In Church: Wednesday 9-3

Open Virtually: Monday 9-3

Tuesday 9-12

and Thursday 9-3

Pastoral Team

We Are Here For You

If you can't get out to do shopping, would enjoy having someone to chat with or would like prayers for anything, please contact the Church Office and someone from our Pastoral Team will get in touch with you.

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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

Life is beginning to get back to something more normal and how welcome that is for everyone; but we are all left with a greater sense of uncertainty.

Our certainties have been challenged and we now approach things with a whole appendage of ifs, buts and maybes.

We aim to have a normal set of services at Christmas IF....

We hope to hold the Act of Remembrance for as many who wish to come BUT....

We don't now have to wear masks and have social distancing at church...but MAYBE for a while it would be wise to be cautious.

We have ended up tentative and leave planning to near an event in case it has to be cancelled. No-one feels they can say with any confidence that we are out of the woods yet.

When all around seems unreliable the answer comes from the saints of old who faced much greater dangers and threats than we do.

They valued the challenges as a means to discover God's reliability and faithfulness. The one thing King David did consistently is to call out in prayer.

"From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61

I like the use of the word Rock to describe God's reliability. The image of a safe place to stand firm when all around is uncertain.

Perhaps this pandemic has been a time to re-discover old, deep truths and our faith will be renewed despite all the suffering and loss. It will give us a new context when we come to the Remembrance Service and I'll pick the Hymn based on Psalm 46.

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea."

Always assuming, that is, that we can actually hold the service this year!

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
htsvicar@gmail.com

Morning Prayers Monday to Thursday via Zoom at 8:45 am

The link is sent out via the church email system along with the links to the Sunday Services.

All are welcome to take part.



Current Sunday Services

9:00 am

Church open

10:00 am

Live worship service with Communion
livestreamed on YouTube channel
HTS Vicar

Sunday worship available
all week on our
YouTube channel:
HTS Vicar



Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Michael Kemp
Tiina End
Winifred Mary Fleming-Jones
Kathleen Jerome

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

Weddings

We recently celebrated the wedding of:

Suzanne Boardman and William Osgood - 22 May

The Holy Art of Getting Lost

I've decided I don't like being lost. What is more I do like the satisfaction of following a planned walking route and arriving at a planned destination.

Northumbria doesn't help me remain certain of where I am and where I'm heading as I discovered on our recent holiday.

In theory I can't really ever lose myself unless my phone hasn't got a signal. As long as I have a signal I know where I am, even if I actually have no idea where that is.

Heading North on the A1M some weeks ago the unflappable voice of Mrs Sat Nav (the Google version) took Katherine and I on the wildest detour through the North-East of England because the road ahead was closed due to an accident.

Apparently, I've skirted Thirsk, gone neatly between Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough, avoided the excesses of Sunderland, crossed the Wear, and I would have been interested to see the Tyne Tunnel had not Mrs Sat Nav told me it was now quicker and easier to re-join the A1M just in time to catch a glimpse of the Angel of the North.

I was never 'lost' but I had no idea where I was.

Not so on the west side of the country. Over there I can give Mrs. SN a rest. I know where I am with the M6. I can tell you that heading north, just past junction 26 (Wigan) someone had climbed up to the top of a motorway sign declaring "The North", "Preston" "Carlisle" and added in very small letters 'Egremont' and it makes me laugh every time I see it.

(Egremont is a tiny place near the west coast, south of Whitehaven.)

If Katherine was driving on the M6 and I fell asleep, I would know where I was when I woke up. I can't get lost over there.

But not even my favourite App saved me in Northumbria.

My children laugh at me because I have so few Apps on my phone but I am an Apostle when it comes to having the Ordnance Survey Map App. What a wonder it is.

Every map, every scale and the best bit?? A lovely arrow pointing to wherever I happen to be. Oh what a joy.



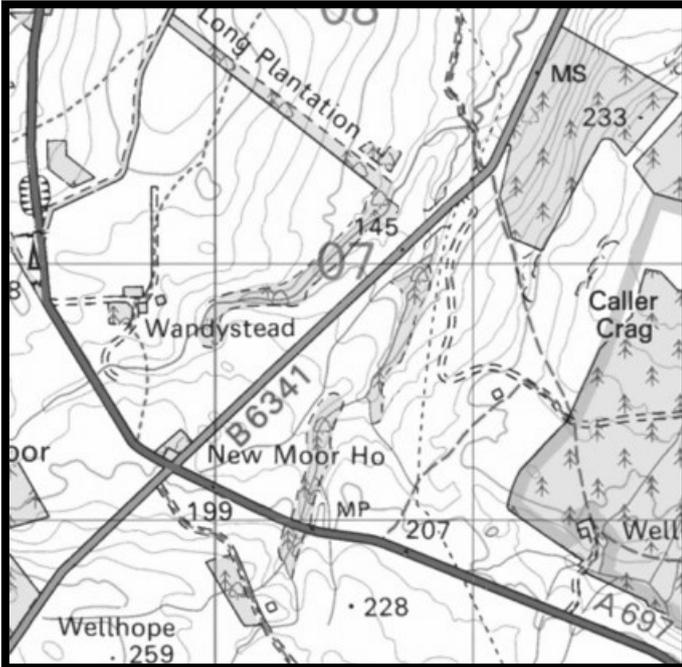
Look – we're at home.

While Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 was busy spreading the Gospel on the south coast, Aidan founded a monastery on Lindisfarne and a church at Bamburgh and became an Apostle to Northumbria. It's the birthplace of Christianity in the north.

It's rich in history with walking trails following the saints like St. Oswald's Way, I know this because my maps tell me they are there, but Northumbria is tricky, some of the paths have disappeared.

In our holiday cottage the owner had left a booklet with walks we could do nearby and we chose one that didn't require

the car. Follow the Main road (easy enough) pass through the gate (re-assuring, a way-marker post) follow the fence to a gate (worrying, there's no gate) walk diagonally on a path across a field....HOLD ON – what path? Where's the path? It's disconcerting when there's no path.



We eventually navigated to an abandoned Shepherds hut and from there to the edge of a forest but after that I wasn't path finding, I was trail blazing. Every so often I would check my OS Map App and the little red arrow was nowhere near where the path was supposed to be but even when I'd wandered far into the middle of a wilderness simply to satisfy myself that I was "on the path" it was a hollow victory. There was no path.

But when you are lost you make discoveries that you would never otherwise make while sticking to what is safe and known and familiar. We discovered a cave on Caller Crag. We weren't supposed to be anywhere near there.

The more spiritually minded (*I'm referring to Katherine*) was quicker to see the significance. Shifting from Revd Jon lost in Northumbria to metaphor, there's something quite holy and special about being lost.

In her book "An Altar in the World" Barbara Brown Taylor says this.

In my life I have lost my way more times than I can count. I set out to be married and ended up divorced. I set out to be healthy and ended up sick. I set out to live in New England and ended up in Georgia. I set out to be a parish priest....and now I teach school. While none of these displacements was pleasant at first, I would not give one single one back. I have found things while I was lost that I might never have discovered if I had stayed on the path. God does some of God's best work with people who are truly, seriously lost.

There are many experiences that come our way unlooked for that leave us feeling lost. Bereavement, losing a job or home, health issues, losing love. I felt lost when the pandemic closed the church.

However it happens, take heart. Others before you have found a way in the wilderness where there are as many Angels as wild beasts and plenty of other lost people too. All it takes is for one of them to find you, or you to find one of them.

I'm never too sure what people imagine the church congregation to be like, but one shared characteristic is that we have all felt lost, and still feel lost at times and are perhaps more willing to admit to being lost than is socially acceptable.

In a weird contradiction, the familiarity of worship can re-assure us that although we might feel lost and have no idea of the way ahead we are not alone, we are not without a guide we are not far from new discoveries. It gives us courage to allow ourselves to stay lost long enough to hear a still small voice and be truly found.

For those of you confidently and safely staying put – try getting just a little bit lost. And for those of you lost then Holy Trinity is on Church Road and it's an excellent place for finding a small red arrow to show you where you really are, that God has been waiting for you to ask, and that there is a surprising discovery now you are here.

Revd Jon Hutchinson

Securing the future for 1st Sunningdale Scouts: building a new Scout hut

For 111 years, 1st Sunningdale Scouts has been an inspiration and hub of activity for the young people of Sunningdale and its surrounding villages.

Providing long lasting and varied benefits, our Scouts have forged new friendships, learned new skills, undertaken personal challenges, provided services to the local community, and raised money for charity, all with integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation – our Scout Laws.

With our much-loved Scout Hut at its centre, many generations of Scouts have embarked on their own personal journeys of discovery and adventure. However, whilst our diverse programmes of skills and learning have evolved and progressed, our hut has not. Built in 1967, it is now in desperate need of a rebuild to take us through the next 50 years.



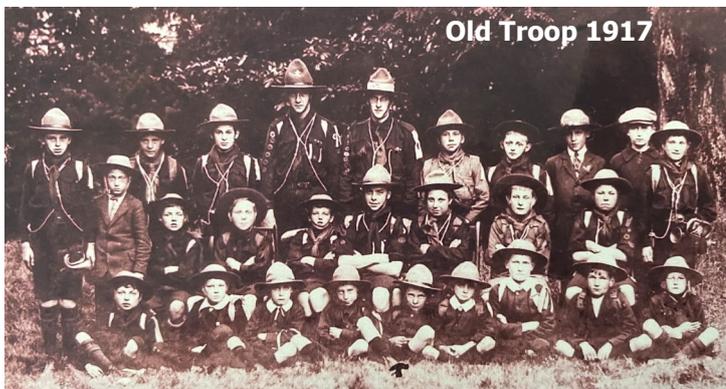
Opening of the current Hut 1967

Renewing our hut will not only give us a fresh, safe environment in which to enjoy Scouting activities and have fun, but it will help us to maximise the space available. More importantly, it will also give us the opportunity to expand and offer the Scouting experience to even more young people in the area.

As residents of Sunningdale we would love to hear what local Scouting and our new hut could mean to you. If you would like to share your thoughts, please send us an email - all feedback is welcome. Once we have gathered initial feedback, and worked with our local architects, **we will hold two open mornings on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October from 10.00 to 11.30 at the existing hut, Sandy Lane**, where you can view the plans and talk to our Scout Leaders and Committee about any questions you may have.



Construction of building 1929



Old Troop 1917

At this point we would like to encourage any individuals and/or local businesses to contact us if they feel they can help with our rebuilding goals – whether it be advice, donations, or sponsorship opportunities.

If you have ever considered becoming a Scout leader or helper, or have any expertise that you can lend, we would love to hear from you. We currently have over 100 young people within 1st Sunningdale Scouts, and a waiting list of over 50 across all ages, so are always looking for volunteers. If you feel you have any time you would like to contribute, please visit our website to find out how to get involved.

We would also love to hear from any of our alumni. If you have ever been involved in 1st Sunningdale Scouting either as a young person, helper, or Leader, why not join our Alumni Facebook page for the chance to share your stories and reconnect with old friends.

And lastly, we're calling on all quiz lovers to come and join **our fun and friendly Quiz Night fundraiser at Holy Trinity Church on the 7th October**. If you would like to book a table and help us raise funds for our new hut, please visit our website for more information.

Thank you in advance for your support, 1st Sunningdale Scouts.

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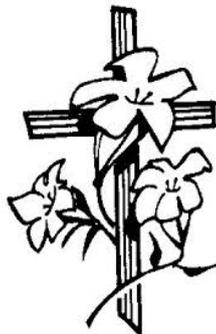
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1st Sunningdale Scout Group 2019

**Annual
Memorial Service
Sunday 10 October, 3 pm
followed by
afternoon tea**

An opportunity to
remember
the loved ones we
have lost,
either recently or
long ago.



**Holy Trinity's
Annual Memorial
Service**

One of the most painful aspects of the pandemic restrictions was the impact upon funerals.

In our culture, grief finds comfort in the embrace of loved ones, the numbers who attend funeral services, the kind words and gestures that mean so much. Flowers left on a doorstep, meals cooked, time spent listening. It was all prevented.

It was agony to take a service with only 13 people allowed in and social distancing preventing us from holding those in tears.

We took shortened graveside services and I felt deep shock observing a family standing 2 metres apart, isolated from each other and numbed in grief.

I promised myself that we would do all we could to help mitigate the un-expressed grief, the sense of loss being greater than it usually is. Not only have we lost a cherished person, we've lost being able to do the right things, the usual things.

This makes our annual memorial service all the more important this year. At 3 pm on Sunday 10 October we shall gather at Holy Trinity to remember, to give thanks, to celebrate and to mourn.

It can be tempting to let it be...to have moved on and got past it, over it, reconciled to loss. And yet those who allow themselves to admit there will always be a part of us mourning and empty find a deep sense of peace in being able to share that with others.

For those who endured a funeral with minimal attendance and no singing allowed I encourage you to come and experience an occasion of deep connection with one another, heartfelt prayers, the opportunity to light a candle and hear named those who are no longer with us.

And afterwards? Afternoon tea and a relaxed opportunity to talk and share together. Let us know you are coming and how many are coming, all will be welcomed.

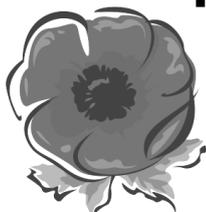
Email attendance to Amanda
htschurchoffice@gmail.com



Sunday 3 October

All food gifts and the service collection will be donated to local Foodbanks

**Remembrance
Sunday
14 November**



Gather at the War Memorial at 10:45 am, two minute silence at 11:00 am, followed by Service of Remembrance in church.

Service collection will be for The Royal British Legion.



Scouts QUIZ NIGHT

1st Sunningdale

Scouts Quiz Night Fundraiser

Thursday 7 October 7 pm

at Holy Trinity Church

Tickets £15 including meal and first drink.

Also drinks bar and raffle.

To book a table of 8 please email

quiz_night@sunningdalecouts.onmicrosoft.com



Christmas 2021

We sincerely hope we can celebrate Christmas this year with our usual pattern of services and our anticipation is not diminished by a raft of restrictions. All being well...

Monday 13 December

Charters School

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

7:00 pm

Sunday 19 December

Carol Service

6:00 pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

Friday 24 December

Christingle Services

3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

Midnight Communion Service

11:00 pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December

Family Communion

10:00 am



Transforming Trinity An Update

In the last Magazine I gave 2½ pages over to the Transforming Trinity project to share as widely as possible the ideas we have for taking church forward in practical ways.

The stage we have reached now is much quieter as I visit every church member to discuss the ideas with them and find out who might be able to pledge towards this work.

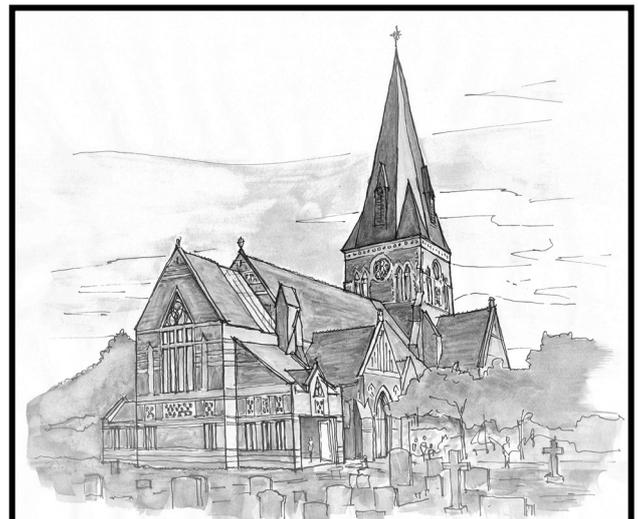
It has been fascinating and encouraging to have these conversations and I am slowly and steadily making the visits. This process will reveal what resources we will have and what we can afford to do.

Although it will take some time to visit everyone the purpose is clear, everyone can have their say, everyone will be heard; from those who don't feel it's necessary or worthwhile to those keen to see it done.

Each time I make the same statement. This is what we would like to do – but what we can afford to do might be different. We won't know until pledges are made and plans adjusted accordingly. Then a new process begins – not one of speculation, but commitment to an affordable scheme.

If you wonder why you haven't been visited yet it's quite simple, I draw the names at random and yours hasn't come out yet, but it will, and I'll be in touch.

Rev. Jon Hutchinson



Rendezvous Café in Church Open EVERY Wednesday 9:45 - 11:45 am

An ideal meeting place
where you will always receive
a friendly welcome
from our volunteer staff.
Come alone or bring your friends.

Excellent value.
Tea/coffee and a slice of cake
just £2.



Little ones
welcomed,
toys available.

Free Wi-Fi.

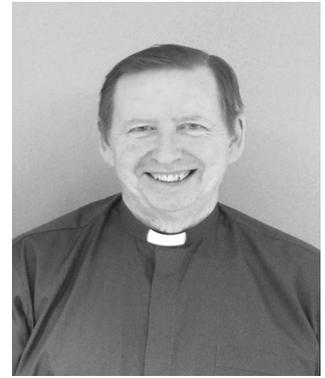


TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Thank you to everyone who has supported
Traidcraft by generously ordering Advent
Calendars and Easter Eggs for the church
Foodbank. The recipients were very grateful
and it will be helping the producers in
vulnerable communities around the world.

While our Traidcraft stall in church won't be
open for the time being, you can still buy the
cards from the display stands and order items
through me, either for yourself or to donate
to Foodbank. Buying tea, biscuits, pasta etc, is
a great way to support Traidcraft and its
suppliers. Please take a catalogue from the
Traidcraft table, and to place an order, please
speak to me in church or email me on
rozdoherthy@aol.com

Revd Terry



May I be the first
to wish you all a
very Merry
Christmas? No,
I haven't lost the
plot, nor will I be the first. That
distinction goes to the Revd Rachel
Phillips of Dunstable Priory Church
where over 100 people attended a
Christmas Day service there on
25th July.

I'm not sure if the service was delayed
from 2020 because of the Covid
restrictions in place at that time or if it
was decided to celebrate Christmas
2021 in the summer just in case we
get a fierce, fourth wave of Covid this
winter forcing churches to close once
again.

Many of you will have heard the old
jest 'if you take Christ out of Christmas
all you're left with is M & S'. But what
are you left with if you take M & S out
of Christmas? The answer, of course,
is Christ.

I hope it goes without saying that
Christ was, is and always will be
central to our Christmas celebrations
here at Holy Trinity, but maybe this is
the year to think out of the box.

A few years ago, The RSPCA ran a
campaign to remind everyone that a
pet isn't just for Christmas, it's for life.
Perhaps we ought to be thinking along
similar lines.....Christ isn't just for
Christmas, he is the way, the truth and
the life (John 14:6).

Maybe this year we should be
considering new or different ways to
share the good news of Jesus Christ's
birth within our community.

I would welcome your ideas and
thoughts.

Revd Terry Ward-Hall