

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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Spring 2022

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 am

BCP Communion (1st Sunday only)

10:00 am

Worship Service with Communion

6:00 pm Sunday @ Six - Café-style

intergenerational service with refreshments (term-time only)

SUNNINGDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday

10:30 am Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

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Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm Mass

Sunday

10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

JOEL'S PLACE CHURCH

Sunningdale Village Hall

Lorna Morris

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Sunday

10:30 am Service

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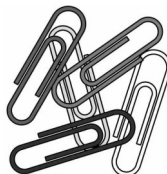
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Monday 9-3

Wednesday 9-3

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:

Greetings everyone. Is it me, or do you too have a sense of déjà vu? Everything seems so uncertain again.

In my last page three column I wrote about the ifs, buts and maybes of our planning. We're still at it. We shall try to put as much up-to-date information in this copy of the magazine but do check the church website to see what events will actually take place.

Things haven't stood still and we are able to do much more, but a ripple of infections across the Borough has pushed the primary school back into restricted bubbles and I know how disappointed they are that the 'normal' range of Christmas activities have to be tempered somewhat. It also restricts the PTA. They do amazing work despite the restrictions, so aid them all you can. (See the many 'for sale' boards around the village.)

Although we might continue to live with uncertainty the message of Christmas is one that is most welcome.

I love the account of the Angel visiting the shepherds. *Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*
Luke Chapter 2

The scared shepherds had really only one choice, to see if the sign existed to prove to themselves they hadn't just had an out-of-body experience. They found the child and returned praising and singing of what they had seen and experienced.

Great joy as the Saviour has come. We have never been exempt from troubles of all kinds, but into our world God came. Emmanuel, God with us. We need that reassurance more than ever. He IS with us. May you know that to be true in unexpected ways this Christmas.

May it truly be a very happy Christmas.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
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Morning Prayers

Monday to Thursday
via Zoom at 8:45 am

Following Celtic Daily Prayer from the Northumbria Community and liturgy from the Society of St Francis.

Please contact the Church Office if you would like to be sent the Zoom link.



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



Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Albert George James Bonnie - 22 August
Alfie Lee Harris - 28 August
Annabel Charlotte Johnstone - 19 September
Theo Lewis Swadling - 10 October

Weddings

We recently celebrated the wedding of:

Charlotte and Peter Entwisle - 25 August (*thanksgiving*)
Rachel Elkins and Fraser Hillman - 28 August
Hayley Viljoen and Will Carrick - 29 August
Dilara Suley Mangil and Benjamin Sutton - 25 September
Sophia Williams and William Mathieson - 15 October
Hayley Russell and Richard Sefton - 29 October

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Margaret Elsie Messer
Brian Perkins (*burial of ashes*)
Jennifer Jane Newport (*burial of ashes*)

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

Services of Worship

One of the outcomes of the pandemic has been the chance to re-assess the worship services we hold. We took time to reflect on what might suit our purposes going forward. The outcome of our deliberations was to create a **new intergenerational service Sunday @ Six** that launched on 14 November and will run in term times deliberately to fit in with the routine of families and young people. Holidays are a time to break routine!

We had some experience of a café Church setting, but for Sunday @ Six we have taken a big step forward. With the Archdeacons permission we have been able to relocate the front four rows of pews in order to create a much more social space that will facilitate our time together. It's hard to talk together when twisting round on a pew.

Intergenerational worship is not new, it's a development on from All Age Worship in the thinking and practice of every generation staying together. It's not easy to get right, but the ideal is that we honour the faith that young people have, the contribution they can make and what older generations can learn from them as well as vice versa. It's viewing children and young people as participants, not a category to be catered for somewhere else. One of the key values is that we worship with each other and create a culture of learning. These are lofty goals and we shall need to review and explore how best it's done. All are welcome to come and experience it. The current series runs to the 12 December and the next series from 16 January.

We aim to have extended lively worship, conversation, a chance to respond and prayer and food and fun! The Revd Simon Chan says that churches that do not play well together do not worship well together! It's early days as we explore how this goes, but I love the goal of creating a community of grace.



Sunday @ Six is not the only development. Started a little while ago our **midday mid-week communion** is gaining popularity and all are welcome to come. Held after the Café every Wednesday morning, we share a spoken liturgical service that is at the opposite end of the scale to Intergenerational Worship and yet...this service too is a community of grace as are the services we hold at Dormy House Care Home and Lynwood village.

At **Lynwood** we take virtually simultaneous services on the first Sunday of the month; in the apartments at 3:15pm and in the nursing home at 3:30pm. At **Dormy** we go on the first Tuesday at 2:30pm. These are very precious events and it has been a joy to reconnect with residents after such a long gap.



Our own routine of a **Book of Common Prayer service** has resumed at 8:00am on a Sunday morning, but for now only the first Sunday of the month. We shall review this pattern in the light of attendance. And by no means least we continue with a **weekly service of Holy Communion at 10:00am** each Sunday and this service is live-streamed to our **YouTube channel HTS VICAR.**

The Churchyard

Anyone passing by on Saturday 16 October will have spotted a working party helping bring the churchyard back into shape. The work has been underway for some time with John Rose coming weekly on behalf of the Parish Council who now have responsibility. *(NB – when churchyards are 'closed' for new burials the responsibility for maintenance passes to the Borough, but we requested it be handed back more locally.)*

Those who visit and walk through the grounds will have noticed the high standard John is maintaining and bit by bit he is pushing the work further to correct the neglect from years of minimal work. Our aim for the working party was to take a large chunk out of that work.



Three key areas were tackled.

- A skip was provided for the tremendous amount of junk that has accumulated around the building. It's surprising just how much has been left around.



- Work was done inside the graveyard to prune back bushes, level up dips and hollows and remove old debris left around the graves. One enthusiast carried on into the next week bringing topsoil and turf and levelling out unsightly areas. John had been busy uncovering graves under the huge sequoia that had been lost as the tree sheds needles. This was put to good use levelling up the grounds.
- Tackling the hedge on the Church Road side of the grounds was our major task and we were glad when a neighbour on Church Road came over to lend a hand. The hedge needed a really severe cutting to rediscover some pavement and allow passers-by to see the church over the hedge. I lost count of how many trips we made to the recreation ground to tip the cuttings.

Update on our Christmas services

Monday 13 December

Charters School

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

7:00 pm

Sunday 19 December

Carol Singing around the Village

from 6:00 pm

Please look at the Church website for details of the route.

Please book places at the following services via the Church Office as capacity is limited:

Christmas Eve

Friday 24 December

Midnight

Communion Service

11:00 pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December

Family Communion

10:00 am



We are a long way from finished but have made a very satisfactory start. My grateful thanks to all the workers, those who provided refreshments and to Ruth our Parish Clerk, who along with Carol as Church Warden, planned the day, provided equipment and kept it safe!

News from Sandy Lane

Since our last update, we at 1st Sunningdale Scouts have been incredibly busy having fun and fundraising for our new Scout Hut. So far, at time of going to press, we have secured £40,400 of our £300,000 target, which is fantastic news.

Thank you to all the 168 attendees who came and supported our Quiz Night at Holy Trinity Church in October. It was a night of cerebral challenges and gastronomic delights. With 21 teams in total, we were able to raise an impressive £3,919 for our hut, whilst also contributing to the church's "Transforming Trinity" project. It was a close call, but the victors were "Professor Quiz Witty." A fun night was had by all, so keep an eye out for our next one in the new year.



On the 16 and 17 October, we held an Open Morning where, for the first time, we were able to share our plans for our new hut. It was the time for residents to come and take a look, have their say and have any questions answered by our Scout Leaders and representatives from the Executive Committee. We were delighted to be joined by Cllr Mrs Allison Sharpe, Chair of the Sunninghill & Ascot Parish. We received a lot of great feedback, and will be holding more Open Mornings in the future.



In regards to our sections, it's been a busy term. Our Beavers have been busily completing their Digital Creator badge and enjoying getting muddy for their Gardening badge, whilst the Cubs have made traditional Diwali sweets, gone snow tubing in Guildford and completed the brand-new Money Skills badge. The Scouts have had sleepovers, playing games with international Scouts, hiked, eaten good food and had camp fires and films; whilst our intrepid Explorers have recently spent a weekend caving and abseiling in the Mendips. All making the most of what the wonderful world of Scouting has to offer.

Most importantly, we marched, together, on a



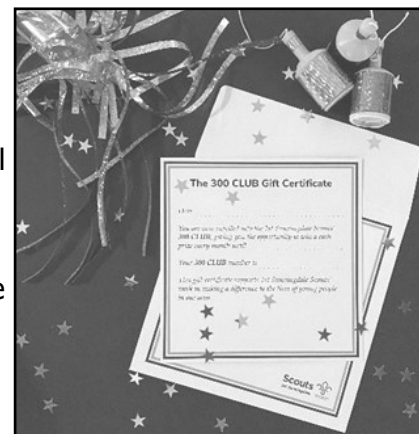
sombre, but beautiful Remembrance Sunday - reminding our Scouts about the ultimate sacrifice that so many made.

We've also launched our 300CLUB gift card, just in time for

Christmas. For the price of £5 per month, your gift card recipient has a chance to win 1 of 6 cash prizes, up to £250 each month, when all tickets are sold.

Sign up for 6 or 12 months and not only do you have a perfect pressie, but you'll be spreading some Christmas cheer and helping us secure the future of 1st Sunningdale Scouts with our new hut. It's the gift that keeps giving. For more information visit

www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk



Lastly, we have been humbled by the generosity of so many who have helped us with our target so far, and we hope that we can raise even more through fun and engaging events for everyone in 2022.

Thank you so much for your support, and from all of us at 1st Sunningdale Scouts, we wish you and your family and friends a wonderful Christmas, and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Transforming Trinity

Although it seems very quiet regarding this most important aspect of church life, I have been getting on with the one to one visits to discuss the project with church members and have reached halfway. I have enjoyed every visit and it has been wonderful to hear the ideas and thoughts of everyone I've seen.



What has prevented me going any quicker has been all the other aspects of church life, not least the internal works to prepare for Sunday @ Six and the launch of this new service. My plan though is to clear the diary as much as I can in January and February and make the remaining visits.

My visits thus far have been chosen entirely at random and thus the pledges made have not been because I thought church members might be particularly enthusiastic, supportive and wealthy. The random nature of the visits and the response have been an indication to the PCC of the resources we are likely to create. From here on I can visit church members in any order so if you would like a visit sooner than later do let me know.

While this work is going on the PCC had an evening together devoted to the project. Our topics were varied and challenging, my favourite being the one about sacred cows! I couldn't think of another way to describe the issue. In India cows are untouchable, sacred beings. Did we have aspects of the church building that really must be left alone? Of course there are; for example the sanctuary and chapel. But interesting ideas emerged that pushed our thinking to be more open and imaginative.

We also talked about the varied way in which the church might be used and how many events we thought could be accommodated at one time. As the church is now we could only do two things concurrently assuming someone is in the main church space and someone else uses the vestry. Our music practice on Monday for example pretty much excludes anyone else from using the church. However we would like to create spaces and places where more could happen without intruding on each other, where all users have access to toilets and catering facilities without going through each others spaces.

We also spoke about the feel and character of the church and you will be pleased to know the PCC are aiming for an awe inspiring, worshipful place. One where there is peace, and places that are quiet as well as space for children and practical functions. And we all agreed we need more storage!

What I take particular note of are church members who are saying the same things, having the same ideas and challenging the same assumptions. It leads me to believe that when our slow processes come to maturity we will find a common mind and approach to Transforming Trinity.

If I have not visited you yet – I will see you early in 2022.



2 March at 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.

2022 Lent Course

**Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm
9, 16, 23, 30 March and 6 April**

This year our Lent course is an exploration of the Christian faith, particularly for those considering Confirmation.

We shall consider the fundamentals of the Christian faith, its uniqueness and the challenge of the baptismal/confirmation questions.



Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 14 April, 7:30 pm
Bring and share

Good Friday

Friday 15 April, 2:00 pm
An hour before the cross

Easter Sunday

Sunday 17 April, 10:00 am



The Leprosy Mission
England and Wales

Our Lent Charity

This global Christian charity has one straightforward goal. To eradicate leprosy. It can be treated, individuals can be protected from it, transmission can be halted, those who have had it can be aided and yet there are more than 200,000 new cases every year.

They work in four key areas. Diagnosing and treating leprosy, caring for those disabled by leprosy, fighting stigma and advocating change and doing pioneering research.

I believe this charity’s work resonates with many Christians because we read of Jesus healing those with leprosy. It’s shameful to think that there are effective treatments and vaccines and yet it’s still impacting so many lives.

For many of us, we relegate leprosy to something that occurred in bible times and something that still occurs in countries far from home, but this year’s Lord Mayor’s Show in London was a reminder that this disease was just as prevalent here at one time. Alderman Vincent Keaveny the current Lord Mayor is a senior member of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem and a long-time supporter of the Leprosy Mission.

At one time leprosy was a huge problem for people living in London. Anyone with the disease was excluded from the city being sent to a hospice at St Giles in the Fields. The hospice was assigned to the order of St Lazarus in 1299. St James’s Palace is built on the site of another leprosy hospice. It was only via an improvement in public health (sanitation, fresh water, housing) that cases began to drop, eventually to be eradicated.

The season of Lent offers the opportunity to consider the needs of others and supporting the Leprosy Mission transforms the lives of people we will never know who nevertheless deserve the same love, care and hope Jesus was able to offer.

www.leprosymission.org.uk

What's in a Name?

On 9 June this year Katherine and I became grandparents. Sam entered the world at 9lbs 1½oz and in that moment we all moved up a generation. Our son Iain is now a Dad!!

We had been speculating for a while about his name having known he was going to be a boy and my liking for some obscure Old Testament names was given the attention it deserved. None.



You don't get many Zerubbabels and I've always thought it had a nice ring to it. He returned from Babylon, he helped rebuild Jerusalem. His name means he was born during exile in Babylon.

Jehoshaphat is another good one. The fourth King of Judah - he generally had a prosperous and peaceful reign. His name means Jehovah has judged.

What was very special was to learn that our grandson was to be called Samuel Jonathan. Added to the new experience of being a grandparent was the curious sensation of seeing my own name as part of his. Samuel, by the way was a great OT prophet. Jonathan was the son of Saul and soulmate of King David.

Names do matter, who knows them and who speaks them. In a wedding the bride and groom make vows using their own and each other's full names so there can be no mistake. It really is them! At the exchange

of rings, they use just the first name. It's intimate and deeply personal.

Names can be changed of course. Simon became Peter as Jesus felt that a name meaning 'rock' was a better description of his destiny. The meaning of my Grandson's names are lovely: God has heard, God has given. He is certainly a gift to our family.

In a poetic passage from the book of Isaiah God reveals himself as the one who will save Israel and says "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine."

His saving grace isn't impersonal but specific. He knows our names; in fact he



Samuel Jonathan Hutchinson

knows absolutely everything about us. I remember being fascinated as a child at a line from Matthew chapter 10. Speaking of God's love and care Jesus says "and even the very hairs of your head are numbered". (v30) Sam's hair seems to be getting lighter and lighter like his Mum. My hair is getting easier and easier to count!

As we draw near to Christmas there is one name that stands alone, Jesus. His name means to rescue, to save. Not only will he save Israel as God promised, He is the Saviour of the world.

Isaiah reminds us "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"; just some of the 25 names in the bible all referring to Jesus.

As we celebrate this Christmas we worship our Saviour and Lord and allow ourselves to pray seeking his love and grace. Our prayers end 'in the name of Jesus – Amen' and we can be reassured. God has heard, God has given.

Annual Church Meeting All welcome



Sunday 3 April at 10 am
Short service of worship
followed by APCM

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

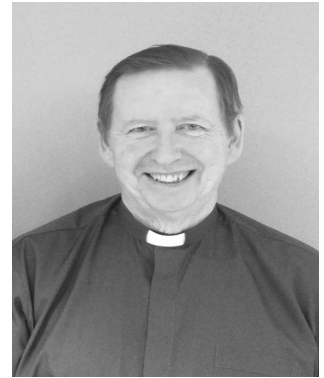
An ideal meeting place
where you will always receive
a friendly welcome
from our volunteer staff.
Come alone or bring your friends.

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



Little ones
welcomed,
toys available.
Free Wi-Fi.

Revd Terry



Early in the New Year, Revd Jon and myself will be in Israel as part of a tour leaders'

research and planning trip to help us prepare for the pilgrimage which we will be leading in September. This will be my first visit since being ordained in 2019 so it will be interesting to see if the visit impacts on my ministry differently to my three previous pilgrimages when, to use a biblical metaphor, I was a sheep rather than a shepherd!

St Jerome said "Five gospels record the life of Jesus. Four you will find in the books and the one you will find in the land they call Holy. Read the fifth gospel and the world of the four will open to you" and that was certainly true not only for me but, going by the many conversations held during and subsequent to the visits, also for my fellow travellers.

All pilgrimages are accompanied by a highly qualified and experienced local Christian guide to help the tour leaders and I have greatly benefitted from the wisdom and insights shared with our groups by Basaam and Dawid.

I'm looking forward to discussing with our local guide how best to experience those items we have included in our daily programme which are not usually included in pilgrimages, such as the opportunity to individually renew our baptismal vows whilst standing in the River Jordan and wandering on foot through the Judean wilderness.

Thus far there are 22 of us booked to travel in September, all from our local community. The cost is £2,345 on a full-board basis sharing a twin-bedded room and we are able to include up to 6 more travellers, so if you would like a brochure or more information, please don't hesitate to contact me or Revd Jon.

Revd Terry Ward-Hall



Thank you to everyone who has supported Traidcraft by generously ordering Advent Calendars 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