

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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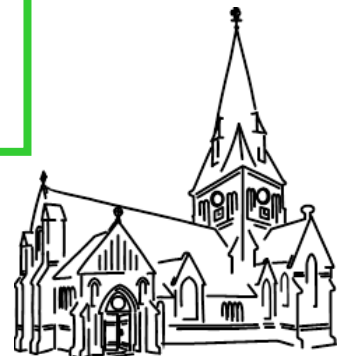


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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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Wednesday
12:00 noon
BCP Communion

Sunday
8:00 am
BCP Communion

10:00 am
Worship Service with Communion
(on every 1st Sunday this is a contemporary worship intergenerational service))

THE HOPE CHURCH SUNNINGDALE

Jo Gunning
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Wednesday
8:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday
10:30 am Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father David Bohnsack
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Monday - Saturday
6:00 pm Mass

Sunday
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

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(term-time only)

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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:

From time to time I find myself in the company of someone who is a specialist. They have a deep knowledge and great experience of the thing they do and usually there is a specialist language to go with it.

Alan Salt is one such person, our organ tuner/repairer. He looks after some of the country's most impressive church organs and we are lucky to have him. He's good at recognising the blank look in my eyes and switching from technical language to simpler explanations...or better still showing me what he's talking about.

Our design team for the Transforming Trinity project is another set of specialists and they also take pity on me and explain what the solution is to some technical issue or other.

Computer buffs, medical people, sportspeople; they all have this deep inside knowledge, and should you ever find yourself with those in education those who serve as Governors know only too well just how long it takes to work out what they are talking about. We even have a glossary in one of the longer reports.

The church is the same and sometimes a theological word means what it means and there's no way around that (the Book of Common prayer is the only time I ever use the word oblation*) but I'm thankful there is a simpler language of faith that all can access.

Recently one of our dear church friends died. In conversation not long before, she told me what her expectation was.

She said "*God is love and God loves me and I'm going to Him and will be enveloped in His love*". At one and the same time this is both simple and utterly profound and is a language that all can understand. I was deeply moved and somehow found a way to reply.

Our mission statement is "sharing God's love" and if we can do that in a simple and meaningful way, then we may find that a great many more people realise that faith isn't a specialist matter for the few, but a real experience for the many.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
htsvicar@gmail.com

* *Oblation* = something presented to God

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.



Annual Church Meeting

Sunday 11 May at 10 am

All welcome



A short service of worship followed by the APCM. This will be an occasion to share the latest on Transforming Trinity with the hope the work can begin on schedule in June.

10 am Sunday worship service

live-streamed and then
available all week on our
YouTube channel:
HTS Vicar



Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

John Thomas Williams
Beryl Bishop (internment ashes)
Jane Helen Thomas
Penelope Ann Letitia Lee
Muriel Hathaway
Gillian (Jill) Marriott
Peter Gilks
Graham Furness (Alan Graham Scott Furness)

Transforming Trinity draws nigh!



From time to time I wonder what life will be like after the Transforming Trinity project is complete. As and when the things we've been working towards all these years have been accomplished...what then? I start to think about all that we shall be able to do that much more easily because the space is there to do them.

In the meantime, the work goes on and the burden has shifted to our design team of specialists and the on-going dialogue between our professionals and the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) and their professionals. There's no end to what they want to know, but the end result of all that is a design that is

appropriate for our heritage building. We have also applied for planning permission from the Borough who give permission for anything external that will impact the parish church.

This includes the three solar panel arrays, a new door in the west end of church and fitting automatic glass sliding doors just outside the existing oak porch doors to help with heat retention. These specific items can be seen in the film clip on our website that explains the whole project. (www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk/transforming-trinity/ and click on link to the video clip).

We also plan to have three air source heat pumps (masked from view by fencing) a terraced area outside the west end, re-order the driveway and have an EV charger and bike racks (the charger being a Borough requirement).

All in all the exterior of the building won't change a great deal and the most popular view of the church (for example the one shown here) will be unchanged. One part of one of the solar panel arrays will be visible, this photograph shows where that will be.

There is still a long process to work through and the timescale is not in our hands, that is decided by the DAC. At some point there will be another 28 day consultation period, similar to the one the Borough had, but this time asking for comments and input on the whole scheme (exterior and interior) and this time the comments go to the legal department of the Diocese.

For any neighbours who think the road to getting alterations done is a tricky one juggling architects, planning and builders; just imagine doubling it and then adding in the Victorian Society, Historic England and the Church Building Council!

But we are moving steadily towards the time when the work can begin, which we hope to be June 2025. Our focus is on the fund-raising and now is the time for pledges to be fulfilled and grants to be received. If anyone wishes to know more about giving to the project they can email or call the Church Office and we shall gladly assist all we can (email htschurchoffice@gmail.com or call 01344 621886).



An unexpected outcome

Before the Remembrance service in November, the Parish Council asked if we would like some of the banners that had been hung around Sunningdale to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

We had three, and across the bottom of each were the names of those lost in WW2 – the same names recorded on the war memorial.

I mentioned during the service that it was good to have those names displayed because the brass plaque we have at the back of church is only the names of those lost in WW1. It felt good and right to have all the names displayed in church for Remembrance.

I took the afternoon service at Lynwood Apartments and said something similar, then a couple of days later a resident from Lynwood rang to say that if we would like a new plaque to display the WW2 names they would be glad to start a fund for that specific purpose. Their financial offer was very generous indeed.



Because of how the church is to be remodelled, we are planning to move the existing WW1 plaque from the back wall in the north corner to a more prominent place in the choir.

It would be very special to have a new one alongside recording all the WW2 names and others lost in conflict since then.

We are researching manufacturers to choose someone who will meet our requirements, and an indicative cost thus far is £1,800.

I know one church member would like to contribute to the plaque in memory of relatives who lost their lives in WW2 and others may like to do the same. Other families might like to contribute too, whether still living in Sunningdale or having moved away.

Anyone who would like to contribute is welcome to get in touch with Amanda in the Church Office 01344621886 or htschurchoffice@gmail.com



Below: new location for the war memorial plaques

I put the question to the Church Council who readily agreed and so that is what we are planning to do, funds permitting.

As the idea has taken shape it occurred to us that we really ought to check if any other Sunningdale resident has been lost in conflict, in the Falklands or Iraq or Afghanistan and the list of other conflicts. We would want to honour their memory too.





Holy Trinity School

This term we have been looking at our value of Forgiveness and began by reflecting on some of Jesus' words in the 'Sermon on the Mount', containing the statements known as the 'Beatitudes' or How to Bee... (attitudes). We try to follow the Bee in our 4 school rules. Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind, Be Safe! How to Bee attitudes sets out the topsy-turvy manifesto of God's Kingdom. We reflected on how these ideas might help to shape our school community life in the way that we try to treat each other. The How to Bee (attitudes) also lined up with significant calendar events in this term, such as Harvest and Remembrance and how we should share with others, remembering those who have died in the wars and to try to see everyone how God sees us.

Reverend Jon has helped us worship with sharing stories about forgiveness. We then asked Reverend Jon about how we actually forgive. The following week, Reverend Jon returned. He put weights into a backpack of a child in school whenever someone said something unkind. This represented the weight we carry when we are hurt. He then asked the child to do star jumps! The child found this very difficult with all the weight on his back. The weights were taken out the bag after each child who said the hurtful words sought forgiveness. Reverend Jon suggested the following pathway for us to forgive. We hope this helps you too.

Pathway to Forgiveness

1. Admit that hurt!
2. Understand I'm not perfect either.
3. Holding on is not doing me any good
4. Ask Father God to help – you have forgiven me...help me now to forgive.
5. Practice forgiving and letting it go.



Year 6 Holy Trinity Spiritual Leaders



Grief is hard. Death can impact all of life.

The Bereavement Journey comprises 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime.

The next course at Holy Trinity starts on Thursday evenings in March 2025: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, April 3 and 10 and concludes on Saturday morning 12 April.

To find out more please email: htsbereavementjourney@gmail.com

How long does it take after the death of someone close to you for life to...to what? Settle back down? Return to normal? (And how can it be normal?) For the loss not to be the all encompassing aspect of day and night?

Each of us will experience bereavement uniquely and yet there are common themes and issues. The Bereavement Journey gently unpacks these themes to give those attending an opportunity to reflect and explore the impact loss has had.

These topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The impact and pain of bereavement
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Adjusting to change
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Moving forward healthily.

In a kind and supportive group that makes no demands, participants are able to consider their experience of bereavement and where they are on the journey. All are welcome whatever the passage of time since bereavement occurred.

What do you believe?

It's time to ask yourself what you believe.

Back in 1989, the film Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade culminated in the scene where his dad is deliberately shot, to force Indiana to face the last three challenges and find the fabled Holy Grail. The scene and the question have stayed with me, not least for the amazing optical illusion of the last challenge.

The question always comes to mind when I plan a confirmation course because it's an opportunity for everyone to explore questions and doubts about faith. What do you believe?

This Lent we shall widen the invitation to all who would like to take a deep dive into examining and exploring the heart of the Christian Faith and for some this might lead to confirmation.

Confirmation is a public declaration of faith confirming the promises made at baptism and becomes a wonderful celebration for those who want to take this step. ***Please see page 9 in this magazine for details of when the courses will run.***

Rev'd Jon Hutchison

Holy Trinity's Ministry within local care homes and retired communities

Members of Holy Trinity's pastoral team conduct monthly services at:

Dormy House Care Home

2.30 pm on first Tuesday of each month

Lynwood Care Home

3.00 pm on first Sunday of each month

Lynwood Village

3.00 pm on second Sunday of each month held in Berkshire Suite, Cedar Lodge

If you would like any further information about these services please contact the Church Office on 01344 621886



Rev'd Terry

Did you make any New Year's resolutions (ie promises) and have you kept them thus far? On New Year's Day 2024, I weighed

15 stone 5 lbs – considerably overweight for a man of my age and height - so I promised my dear wife that I would lose weight.

Today (2 December 2024), I've just weighed myself again. I have good news and bad news to share. The good news is I've lost weight,

I have kept the promise I made. The not so good news...ok, the bad news is... I've only lost 1lb.

Although I've kept my promise for over 11 months, come 31 December I will have broken it because of the 8 days remote working (aka holiday) we have planned and the Christmas festivities still to come during the remaining 29 days of December.

At best I will be disappointed, at worst I will....well.... I'll leave you to fill in the appropriate words. What my effort does show, though, is that not only is a promise a commitment which has to be taken seriously but also hard work.

If only I had the tenacity, courage and ability to be like Jesus. There are over 30 instances in the New Testament where Jesus makes a promise, and they are always kept and usually prefaced by the words "I will".

My favourite promise is Matthew 11: 28 'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and ***I will*** give you rest'. Well, I'm certainly weary of trying to lose weight. I certainly feel burdened by my failure but it's weight down, not being weighed down, that I want.

So, my New Year Resolution 2025: "I will give up my weight worries, burdens and fears to Jesus in prayer and worship"and maybe add in exercise and calorie control too.

Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
of every month in church
between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

No referral needed.

January 8th, February 5th, March 5th,
April 2nd, May 7th 2025.

If you cannot make these dates,
we can arrange a suitable time
to open it for you.

Please contact the Church Office
on 01344 621886.

We understand it is a challenging
time financially for many people
at the moment, and we can offer
a range of essential food,
household and toiletry items
to anyone in need.

Ways of donating to our Foodbank

If you would like to donate
items these can be put in the church
Foodbank box, which is to be found
inside the church porch on the left hand
side, during office hours or on Sunday
morning.

Alternatively, you could donate a
supermarket gift card or give to
Holy Trinity Church's Hardship Fund.
Please contact the Church Office
for more details.

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.

A special welcome offered to Ukrainian
families and their hosts to meet up and get
to know one another, now with informal
English lessons.

Excellent value. Tea/coffee and a slice of cake
just £2. Little ones welcomed, toys available.
Free Wi-Fi.



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.



CARING CUISINE

Our gift to you, given with love.

There can be times when receiving
a ready prepared meal or a home baked
cake would be a very welcome gift.

Who is eligible? Anyone in our community.
A new baby has arrived. A member of the
family is ill, or recuperating after an operation,
or has had an accident. A new home has
been moved into. Literally any time when
someone is facing temporary challenging
changes.

What do I need to do? If you know of
someone you feel would appreciate a gift
from **Caring Cuisine** please contact
Amanda in the Church Office (01344 621886).
She will pass on the details and I will call to
offer our gift and arrange to deliver it.

Warmest wishes Karen Fisher



5 March at 7:30 pm

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

Our 2025 Lent Charities

We continue to support two charities during Lent :

Holy Trinity’s Hardship Fund

This fund enables us to provide practical or financial support to those in need in our community in addition to what we can provide via our Foodbank.

and

Child Action Lanka

A charity focused on ensuring vulnerable children in Sri Lanka have a better future.



A member of our congregation has a personal link to this charity and we will hear more about how our giving continues to make a difference during Lent.

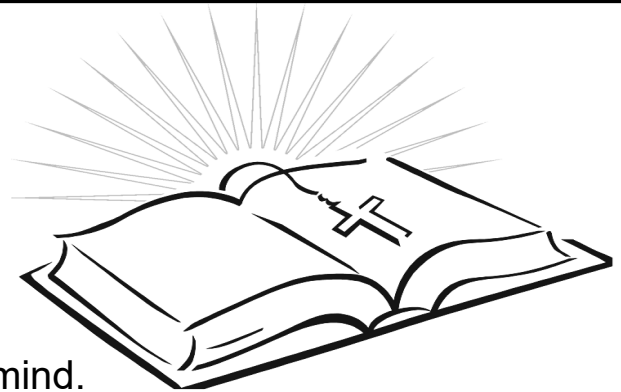
Envelopes will be available in church so you can indicate how you would like your donation to be split between these two charities.

2024 Lent Course

Wednesday evenings: 7:30 pm
12, 19 and 26 March,
2 and 9 April

Our weekly topics will allow us to explore the Christian Faith asking any and every question that comes to mind.

- Week 1: Exploring the promises made at Baptism
- Week 2: Examining the centrality of the Cross
- Week 3: The Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Week 4: Confirmation and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Week 5: Living by faith with doubts and questions



Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 17 April, 7:30 pm
Bring and share

Good Friday

Friday 18 April, 11:00 am
An hour before the cross

Easter Sunday

Sunday 20 April, 10:00 am

Scouts

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Scouting in Sunningdale
for over 110 years

News from Sandy Lane

What a busy 2024 we had, and we are looking forward to the new year and hopefully a new hut.

As many of you know, we were able to announce that we had surpassed our fund-raising target of £100,000 in September, and were delighted to be able to add to this figure in October when Sunninghill and Ascot Parish Council committed £50,000 to the project. We are continuing to work closely with Sunningdale Parish Council and will submit our application in December – fingers crossed for more good news!

Although this is all really positive, with the cost of building supplies rising sharply since we started our fundraising in 2021, we realise we still have a long way to go to make our new hut a reality. Due to the escalating costs, we have decided to resubmit our planning application - to significantly refit the hut rather than rebuild from scratch. We hope to get this approved early in the New Year and get further financial support for our applications from external trusts.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported us so far. If you would like to add to our hut fund, and really kick start the new year, please donate via our new hut page <https://sunningdalescouts.org.uk/wp/new-hut/plans-and-progress/>

Our fundraising endeavours over the last few months have been as popular as ever with our October Quiz Night raising £3,900 after our contribution to Holy Trinity Church. With 22 teams competing, it took a dramatic tie-breaker to crown LV Roadsters as champions. Our next quiz is in March and will be our last event at Holy Trinity Church for 2025 due to their building works. To request a table, please email Quiz_Night@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com

Our equally popular Bike Sale in November raised nearly £1,000 from the sale of 70 bikes. Amazingly, we will soon be marking our 1,000th bike sold over the last 5 years. That's a lot of hours cleaning and fixing up pre-loved bikes while demonstrating our commitment to sustainability in the community.

We say a fond farewell, and a big thank you, to Andrea Williamson who has supported the Trustee Board for the last 3 years, but we welcome onboard Dominic Leigh and Omair Nazimi. Sadly for us, our current Trustee Board Chair, Micky King, will be stepping down in July 2025, and so we are looking for someone to take up the role. You do not need to have any connection with Scouts; having previous Trustee or business experience is a bonus, however the key to this role is enthusiasm.

It's a wonderful team, so please send an email to admin@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com if you would like to find out more.

We're still looking for more volunteer leaders, so if you are interested in helping any of our sections, but especially our Explorers (14-18yrs) – who have the most adventurous programme, please visit www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk

Having a quick glance at what our sections have been doing over the last few months, might inspire you to volunteer..... and can automatically give your child a place in one of the sections too.

Our **Squirrels** had their first experience of camping with our Parent and Child camp in September and later enjoyed such activities as 'axe' throwing, Sunningdale hikes and even an evening in space. A Thanksgiving celebration and Christmas craft evening with badges galore marked the end of the year.

Our **Beavers** spent most of this term adventuring outdoors on Scavenger hunts and learning about community impacts. They also had time to have fun with marbles, celebrated Diwali and will be enjoying epic Lego builds and dark games in the last couple of meetings.

Cubs had an awesome start to the Autumn term, with lots of exciting team building activities, learning about our local community and how to keep safe in the home. We also had some reptiles visit us, which was both scary and fascinating. The Cubs also visited the Grange to entertain the residents with some songs and sing alongs. They also learned about Remembrance Day, and have a Lego building competition and an Air Adventures camp, including a trip to Brooklands Museum, to look forward to.

This term the **Scouts** decided to run a camp with a theme of a popular reality show – "I'm a Scout get me out of here!" we had 12 Scouts who braved Storm Bert and some exotic meats and delicacies from around the world. They also spent time building fires, failing again to visit a fire station due to an emergency, created our own Dragons Den, and had a birds of prey evening. The Patrols also planned and cooked a three course meal for themselves and the brave leaders. Every meal was cooked by the Scouts and the leaders tasted food from the four corners of the globe.

At the end of October, seven of our **Explorers** and two of our leaders flew out to Marrakesh for the start of an amazing experience. The Explorers took to haggling like ducks to water and, after a day wandering the souks, left a bemused cohort of traders in their wake. Heading out over the Atlas mountains, towards the dunes of the sandy Sahara, their next trip was on camel – through the wilderness, padding over the ergs, to a desert camp for the night. After a camp fire and a short sleep, it was back on their camels to their main camp with shooting stars guiding their path until dawn broke. It was then time to head back to Marrakesh, pausing only at casbahs and (very fine) dining spots, and all too soon it was time to fly home. All those involved enjoyed the experience immensely – and was truly the highlight of our Explorer programme for this year.

Wow, what a term it has been!

Thank you again for your all your support, and we wish you and your loved ones a happy 2025.

1st Sunningdale Scouts.