

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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12:00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 am

BCP Communion (1st Sunday only)

10:00 am

Worship Service with Communion

(on every 1st Sunday this is a
Family Communion Service with
children's group)

THE HOPE CHURCH SUNNINGDALE

Linda Brooks

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Wednesday

8:00 pm

Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am

Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father Julio Ocaño

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Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm

Mass

Sunday

10:00 am

Mass

11:30 am

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(term-time only)

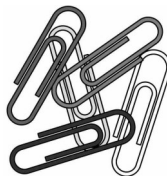
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Wednesday 9-3
and Thursday 9-3



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,
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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

Because my 2023 has been so immersed in the Transforming Trinity project my thoughts drift back to it frequently.

I was thinking about the construction of the church and our cathedrals and how the workmen would carve some intricate detail where no-one would ever see it. It was for the glory of God alone, that was the idea. Only God would see it.

Actually, that's not quite right, because when a building is inspected or repaired then a later generation find these signs and the original craftsmen must have known that. They must have gained pleasure from thinking of their secret being discovered many years later.

In some way or other we all leave a mark. At Holy Trinity various clergy are remembered in the fabric of the building. Revd Raffles for building the chancel and Revd Cree by the installation of the choir pews but that's not the kind of mark I'm thinking of.

The impact we have on the lives of others. As careful as we might wish to be we can bruise the soul of someone we sincerely wish to bless. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us is the right response.

In the beautiful book and film of "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" the question, 'what do you want to be when you grow up' is answered – 'kind'.

Just imagine if every interaction was characterised by kindness; that would truly be a mark to leave behind for the glory of God.

As 2023 unfolds how shall we meet what will shape the year? Do we look ahead fearfully, or hopefully? Will it be a year to remember or one to forget?

I hope we find the opportunity and the courage to leave our mark for the good of others and to the glory of God. Hopefully it will be in secret – those are the most genuine deeds. Seen by God alone and only revealed long after pride can catch up with us.

Yours kindly

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



Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Georgia Imogen Easter - 11 December

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Swami Saraswati
David Paul Kenyon
Michael John Sumner
Pearl Dawson
Marcia Barry
June Patricia Stevens
Roger Herbert Hainge
Anthony Mitchell

CAL - Child Action Lanka

During Lent we invited Stephanie Hynard to share with us about the work she has been doing with children in Sri Lanka.



The charity there provide food for 1000 children attending their centres. They run a mobile school on tea plantations for children who don't attend school and work with the poorest families who live in make-shift buildings.

Steph applied her expertise at the special needs unit where 3 girls with cerebral palsy are carried to school by their Mums. The one wheelchair they have there is broken.

She created a learning centre, a tea table for the parents, created age appropriate areas, taught the parents fun games to have with the children...



...and introduced story massage encouraging parents to run these sessions.

To hear and see Steph's talk please visit YouTube and search for our channel - HTS Vicar. The talk was part of the service on 26 March.

CAL and Holy Trinity's Hardship fund were the charities for our Lent appeal this year.

Transforming Trinity

On our long journey we have reached a notable milestone; the site visit!

In the last magazine I wrote about how we had developed a plan to meet our needs and what the Diocese like to do is to send a small group from the advisory council to discuss the plans and look around the building.

Our site visit was in February and usually one would get feedback from the sub-group but what they have decided to do is to take our draft plans and statements to the full Diocesan meeting in March and give feedback from there.

Before the site visits two large documents had to be submitted, the Statement of Significance and the Statement of Need. I've written elsewhere in the magazine about the historical research required to write the Statement of Significance but in brief we simply have to describe the church and say what is important about it.

The Statement of Need does what it says on the tin. It says what it is we need and how we plan to achieve it.

It's rather sobering to think that the last site visit was nine years ago and the project developed at that time didn't progress. Planning permission for an external building was given, but funding was not forthcoming.

While we wait for feedback – and I anticipate we shall have to adapt our plans and re-write the documents to take account of what is said to us, we go on gathering evidence and experience to lend weight to why the solutions we propose will be better than those we have discarded. It's not a process for anyone in a hurry!

We also have to be open to how the project develops and not get too possessive about our current plans. As soon as we get a general approval – we can present to the church family what it is we can afford and get permission for. THAT will be another significant milestone.

The Finishing Line

He's done it!

He's got there!

Revd Terry has completed his curacy and at a gathering of clergy colleagues will transition from being in training to qualified ministry.

This has been a marathon. The Church of England doesn't have a huge amount of imagination when it comes to its ways of doing things and so Terry and a colleague called Katy who is also 'of mature years' have had to complete a four-year curacy even though both have many years of experience.

Terry has attended the requisite number of study events, submitted course work and reflections and met with his curacy support group as well as the weekly routines of working with me and all he does for Holy Trinity.

I can't speak highly enough of how much effort and tenacity it has taken to keep going and see it through, when all along the rest of us have already stopped thinking about it as being anything other than completely normal to have Revd Terry ministering to us.

His latest wizard wheeze has been to explore faith and discipleship through watching episodes of "The Chosen" (you can download the App or watch on Amazon Prime). What is lovely about Terry's ministry is that he introduced this because HE wants to grow in his discipleship and faith and is happy to share the journey with others.

Not so much, "let me tell you" as "let's learn and grow together." His humility and honesty allow us to open up about our questions, uncertainties and hopes and from that great things can come. Now that he's not distracted with curacy things we can enjoy more of his ministry.

Revd Terry

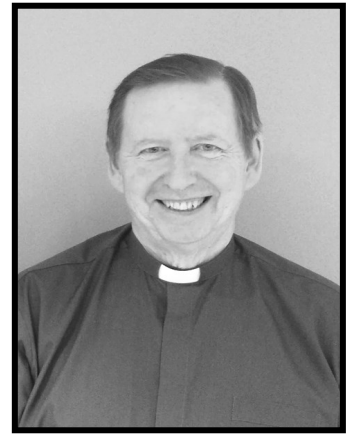
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ... Part 2

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.* Amen to that, and particularly so when visiting Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is one of the world's oldest continually occupied cities in the world and arguably the most interesting melting pot in the entire Middle East where mosques and churches sit side by side within its ancient walled streets and home to some of the holiest sites in the world's three great monotheistic faiths – Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

There is so much I could write about; the panoramic view from the summit of the Mount of Olives; walking through the Garden of Gethsemane with its 2,000 year old olive trees; reading a psalm in the dungeon of the Church of St Peter (the traditional site of the High Priest's house); the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (where the chrism oil for King Charles's coronation was blessed just 2 weeks before I wrote this article)...and so much more.

But the highlight for me was a healing service which we held adjacent to the excavated remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Not only was it a very moving experience to pray for the healing of our loved ones knowing we were in exactly the same place where Jesus prayed for and healed the paralytic man (see John 5:2-9), but I was also able to anoint a number of our group with chrism oil I had purchased in Bethlehem. Not only was this the first time I had anointed someone but also a reminder of when I was anointed by Bishop Olivia at my ordination.



Amateur Historian

In the past few weeks I've found myself having to do some historical research and in the process have satisfied some questions I've had and discovered interesting nuggets that brighten my day, even if others find them of no consequence.

Pearl Buck, an American novelist said *"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday"*. Neatly put.

The reason for turning historical sleuth was the necessity of creating a large document called the Statement of Significance which gives full details of the church, its history and then trying to give a value (the significance) to various items, aspects or areas of church.

This last part is quite tricky, because something I might value could easily be of no consequence to someone else and vice versa.

In the course of my research I became reacquainted with Prince Victor. Churchwarden Carol Elsasser has an information page about him which is on-line. (Visit the church website / Transforming Trinity / History). Not everyone can boast a sculpture of Queen Victoria's favourite nephew in their church!

In FC Hodders book "A short history of Sunningdale" the author recalls seeing a

carriage pull up, a short stout lady climb down and, accompanied by a footman carrying a wreath, visited Prince Victor's grave. He realised later it was Queen Victoria.

My favourite story is that the Duke of Clarence came to Victor's funeral at Holy Trinity, was badly affected by the cold, caught pneumonia and died! The same happened to a member of the choir.



I'd like to tell you church was considerably warmer but that's one of the issues we are seeking to tackle.

To complete my Statement of Significance I had to give the history of the pews, or more accurately, where and when they went. The Victorians always filled every inch of space with pews but a photograph I have shows an empty space by the organ (*see above*) and church member Ted Reed tells me this was always known as children's corner. The pews in that space were taken out in 1938. Now we know! It puzzles me though that they created a children's corner down at the front where any noise and movement is distracting...the very problem we have now on the other side.

Because a portion of the church was built by the renowned Victorian architect G E Street anything one can connect with him has additional value.

Before now the Victorian Society have claimed the pews were his work but I can safely advise they came much later as did the choir pews. They weren't installed until after 1903 and Street died in 1881.



Okay, I admit...that bit of knowledge brightens my day but it is pretty dull otherwise.

There are many whose lives have been intertwined with the church but they and their families are long gone. The church has its fair share of memorials recalling loved ones – not just royalty but clergy, churchwardens and regular church members. Their stories are our history.

A full record of all the memorials and the stained glass windows are on the same section of the website as the document about Prince Victor.

It's not just church history I've been delving into. I was asked by the headteacher at Holy Trinity Primary School if we had a copy of the original Deed for the school. I was fairly sure we hadn't (and we don't) but the Diocese hold the record. The plot of land for the school was gifted by St. John's College.

WE, the Master and Fellows and Scholars of the College of St John the Evangelist in the University of Cambridge....

Of course, we are tripping over some history right there. King Henry VIII gifted the land of Broomhall Convent to the college (1522) and the college are still custodians of a large portion of land in Sunningdale.

At first glance I thought the Diocese had sent me the wrong Deed. It showed a parcel of land adjacent to Kings Beech Road. Closer inspection showed that the other road was described as "The road from Sunninghill to Broomhall" and on the other two sides it was listed as Broomhill farm.



Further documents showed the same parcel of land so I knew we talking about the right space, but Kings Beech Road??

Then the penny dropped. The first Holy Trinity Church (of which nothing now remains) was completed in 1840 and the deed for the land for the school was granted

in 1842. There had been a road from the bottom of Bedford Lane to the junction with 'the road from Sunninghill to Broomhall' (Station Road) long before the church was built and it wouldn't have been called Church Road. It was Kings Beech Road.



This had got me interested and I found myself looking at a very old OS map. Follow Kings Beech Road straight through Sunningdale Park and across Rise Road and there you find Beech Hill Road.

But the mystery is not completely resolved. One of the photographs handed on to me shows "School Road". I can confirm this is Church Road and the houses shown are there to this day. When, if ever, was the road known as School Road?

So I have solved some mysteries and filled in the gaps when it comes to the matter of pew movements but what will all this delving into the archives at church accomplish (other than my satisfaction).

I return to the quote by Pearl Buck. *"If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday".*

Holy Trinity has been talking about the lack of rooms and spaces since at least 1970 and fifty plus years is a long time without resolving the issue.

If we are to be the ones who resolve that situation, knowing our history and the significance of the church will allow us to cherish the past and add to it, creating a legacy for the future. And I hope my record keeping makes it easier to understand the history we are hoping to create!

Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
of every month in church
between 9.00 and 11.30 am.

No referral needed.

April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th,
July 5th, August 2nd
and September 6th

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.

The Warm Space

I've spoken endlessly about the restrictions
we have at church and in the last magazine
talked about the heating issues we have,
but that doesn't mean we cannot use what
is given. While we are in the grip of the
coldest weather we have enclosed the north
transept and made it our 'warm space'.

We hold the Wednesday café in here during
the morning and the Lent group on
Wednesday evening. A group meets on
Thursday and I've used it for school groups.



When the Diocesan sub-group came to look
at our plans, I brought them in here and
then took them into the cold church for a
contrast!

After worship on Sunday morning we pack
ourselves in and enjoy coffee and tea.

At about the same time two or three of us
thought it would be so much more
convenient to have a café servery in there
rather than at the back of church and while
looking at the stack of platform pieces I had
a light bulb moment. A day later we had a
temporary surface from which to serve.

The whole experience lends itself as
evidence to what we have been saying,
we need spaces that are flexible and multi-
purpose.

Enclosed we can make it warm and draft
free. For a large service or regular worship
event I can push back the doors, line up the
chairs and away we go.

In our current development plans we have
replicated the idea in two areas; a store and
a prayer room or open space for a worship
event.

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.



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.
In line with the HTS Church Family
ethos of offering care within our
community, we are delighted to offer
Caring Cuisine.

How does it work? Dedicated volunteers
cook meals or soup suitable for freezing
for 2-4 persons and large or small cakes.

Who is eligible? Anyone in our
community, not necessarily from the
Church Family. 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



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.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Very sadly Traidcraft plc is going into
administration. The company has been
struggling financially for some time and
in spite of a re launch in 2019, with a
slimmed-down business, it has now been
forced to appoint administrators.

Thank you to all the people who have
supported the Traidcraft stall in church over
the past twenty four years. It has helped
many people in developing countries to
transform their lives.

News from Sandy Lane

Time has flown since our last update, with the fantastic news that we have grown our ranks. Our new section, **Squirrels** (4 & 5 year olds) started at the end of February. The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with our

activities being enjoyed by all and most importantly, four new leaders have volunteered to run our Drey. This section increase means that 1st Sunningdale Scouts are helping 4-18 year olds get active in the community, quite an feat!



Talking of achievements, our new hut project is progressing well and our fundraising continues to go from strength to strength – we've now broken £60,000! March helps us up this figure with another bike sale (re-cycling over 50 bikes for sale), a quiz night with a raffle and silent auction. We are also pleased to confirm we have recently submitted our grant applications for the building work to Sunningdale and Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Councils, from which we, fingers crossed (!), hope to hear positive news in May.

As part of building our applications we've been considering all that Scouting and 1st Sunningdale Scouts provides to the area... They say it takes a village to raise a child, and the stats show that we're doing our bit to help raise the skillset, confidence, community spirit and activity levels of all the 126 young people (4-18 years) who attend our 5 sections. This amazing work is only possible thanks to our wonderful 16 adult leaders, 30 adult volunteers, 2 young leaders (14-18 years) and 3 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. We've estimated that each of our current adult leaders devote around 200 voluntary hours a year to the group. Their planning, organising and attending activities and training equates to 3,200 hours or 133 days a year, that's what I call dedication!

Here's a snapshot of what that planning looks like, and what each section has been up to since last time:

No January would be complete without all the sections going to the Quince Players annual Panto and this year they really outdid themselves with *The Wizard of Oz*. Thoroughly enjoyed by all, with leaders and young people providing a great deal of audience participation!

Our **Beavers** have taken a trip to Imperial College, Silwood Campus, to look closely at bugs, made fantastical marble runs, as well as producing some amazing Beaver biscuits (aka piling as much icing sugar & mini marshmallows onto one rich tea biscuit as possible).

Meanwhile the **Cubs** have been creating 'towers of strength' with paper, as well as decrypting codes and learning their promise in British Sign Language for the Communication badge. The Cubs also found (!) and checked their pulse before and after exercise, as well as being completely captivated listening to local resident Richard Pelly about his time in the Royal Navy.

Our **Scouts** have been on the high ropes strung up in the hut, played all the popular Scout games, had a visit from the Household Cavalry and had a session with some Birds of Prey, as well as having their own cooking competition.



Meanwhile our **Explorers** supported 1st South Ascot Scouts' fundraising activities by attending their "silent disco", made sushi, and put their navigation skills to great use on the "Monopoly Run" in London (along with 8,000 other Scouts!!) and still found time to flip a pancake or two – although not at the same time!

And back by popular request we also have a golf day planned for Friday 29 September - if you're interested in attending, email

Golf_Day@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com

Please keep an eye on our website

www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk for all our other fundraising events.

Thank you for all your continued support and we hope that you have a wonderful Easter. Please wish us luck and keep your fingers crossed for us for our grant applications!