

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



Our Transformation has started!

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Victorian parquet floor
blocks for sale
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And work has started on
the Scout Hut too
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Summer 2026

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Wednesday at the Hope Church

12:00 noon

BCP Communion

Sunday at Holy Trinity School

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

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Tuesday

12:00-1:00 pm Food Share

Wednesday

8:00 pm

Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am

Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father David Bohnsack

01344 621238

Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm

Mass

Sunday

10:00 am

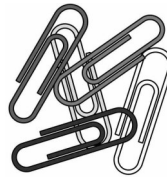
Mass

11:30 am

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Office available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-3 pm, please contact Amanda to check location.

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:

Finally, the waiting was over and on Monday 16 March 2026 the Transforming Trinity project began in earnest.

Inevitably it has all been a little bit surreal and I imagine you've had similar experiences if you've been in a chain when hoping to move house. You wait for what seems to be forever and then suddenly it's exchange, completion and the keys are yours!

Then you move. We certainly had plenty to move and we shall include some pictures in this magazine showing the activity that has dominated the opening weeks of the project.

The most immediate impact has been to relocate our worship to Holy Trinity Primary School and start to settle into a routine for Sunday worship and the Wednesday study group. On the first week I had to walk home four times to collect things I'd forgotten.

I then realised there wouldn't be enough space for worship on Easter Day – it's one thing to have 120 children who will sit cross legged on the floor, quite another to fit in adults. We made a plea for as many as possible to come at 8:00am and thankfully over 30 people did leaving sufficient room for the 10:00am service.

There have been many immediate impacts; for example, to walk from High Street to Church Road through the churchyard it's safer if you walk round the church to the east, but what has come home is that church is not a building. We always knew it wasn't, but it's made abundantly clear when we're not in the usual building.

Church is people and when people gather for worship the surroundings don't seem to matter as much as one might think.

I'm sure there'll be many lessons from our time in exile from the building, but maybe none so valuable. It's the people that matter most.

Grace and Peace

Rev'd 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**



Wednesday Evening Bible Study Group

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.
Please contact the Church Office if you would like to find out more.



Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Chloe Juliet Shipley - 12 April

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Richard Arthur Woodward
Margaret and James Henderson (interment of ashes)
John Frederick Gard Jones

The Missing Key

There are three famous parables that fill chapter 15 of Luke's gospel. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. We now have a fourth. The lost key.

In an old church like ours locks and keys have been changed over the years, and we have a tin filled with keys we can't get rid of because we're not sure what locks they are for and although you think you know where all the locks are, you can never be too sure.

In the preparatory works for relocating the office the tin with the keys went missing.

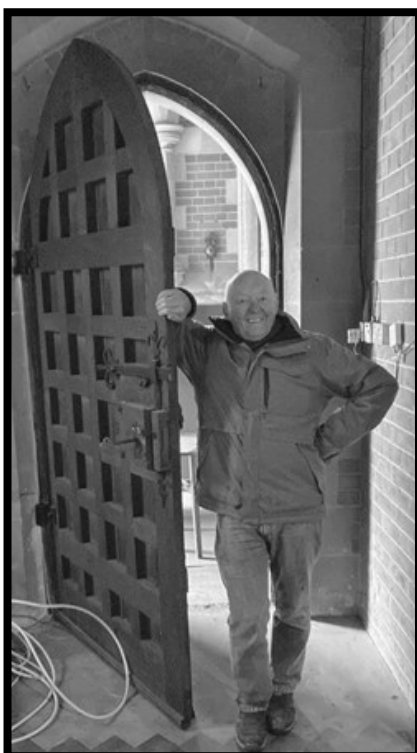
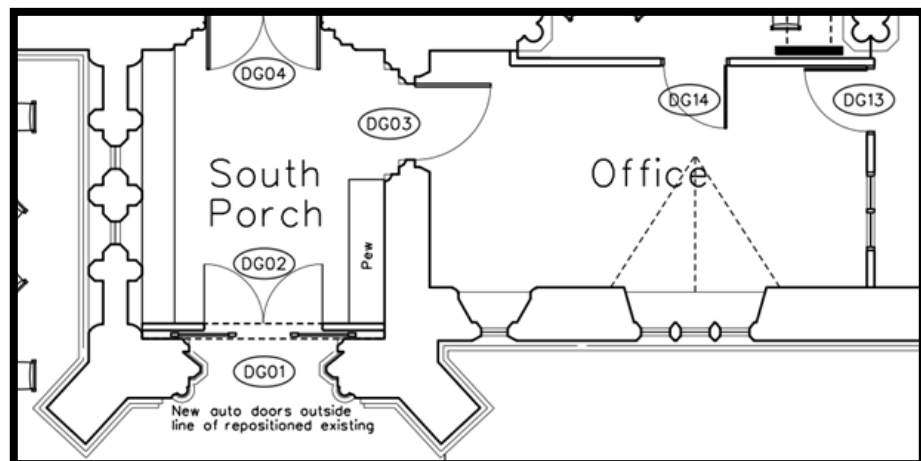
It wouldn't have mattered a great deal if it wasn't for the need to find the key for the door that has remained unused for decades; the big oak door in the porch that opens into the south aisle...or more to the point it opens into where the new church office is going to be.

It's labelled DG03 on this drawing.

means. So, the door will remain in place and be given a make-over like the other doors we've had done. By the way I should add that had we been able to replace oak with glass the door would have been kept and re-used elsewhere.

Where was the key? Who had moved the tin? Why had the tin been moved because it hadn't been troublesome? Who saw the tin last? The finger of suspicion was pointed directly at me. I was seen with tin in hand.

I did what all of us do when something (glasses, keys, wallet, spouse) goes missing. I retraced my steps. A great many things went into store in the room high



Our plan had been to replace this huge oak door with a glass door making it easy to see into and out of the office.

Unfortunately, there is no off-the-shelf glass door that has been fire rated...ie tested to resist fire for 30 minutes and to have one made, tested and installed was way beyond our

above the crossing, just under the spire. It wasn't there. I looked where everyone else had looked at least twice and why did I disbelieve them?? But I felt I needed to look as well. Of course it wasn't there. I started unpacking sealed boxes from a cupboard labelled "office items" and lo and behold, the tin that was lost was found. Great Joy.

Inside was a huge old key and it fitted the lock. Of course, it wouldn't turn until churchwarden Paul Cartwright leaned on the door and with a deep satisfying clunk the lock turned and the door opened.

From this we learn three things. (1) If something is lost, it's probably the Vicar that lost it. (2) If something needs to be found, ask the Vicar because (see point one). (3) If you want a problem solved, ask the churchwarden.

Hidden in the Dirt

In a building like Holy Trinity it's not difficult to spot cobwebs and there are places we cannot reach that are very dusty, but by and large it's been reasonably clean, hasn't it? At least I thought so.

Taking up the parquet flooring revealed the dust we carry in on our shoes that has filtered down through the cracks. It's fascinating that some areas are dustier than others (*alright, I find it fascinating*) and it's not because the flooring is tighter or better laid but that some places are used more frequently.

A long time before the platform was introduced the church decided to put a carpet down the centre aisle. Near the front a grating runs from side to side (it was hidden under the platform).

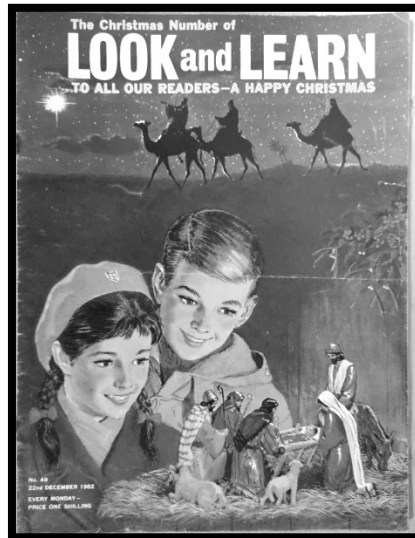
Generations of worshippers and in particular our wedding couples have stepped over the grating, but placing a carpet over it

might have led to an awkward scene. Imagine a Bride poking the heel of her shoe through the carpet and getting it stuck in the grating. It wouldn't be how she imagined walking down the aisle.

The grating was covered with a thin sheet of metal and to deaden any sound between metal and grating some newspaper was folded and placed in between. It was the Daily Mail, Saturday 21 April 1962.

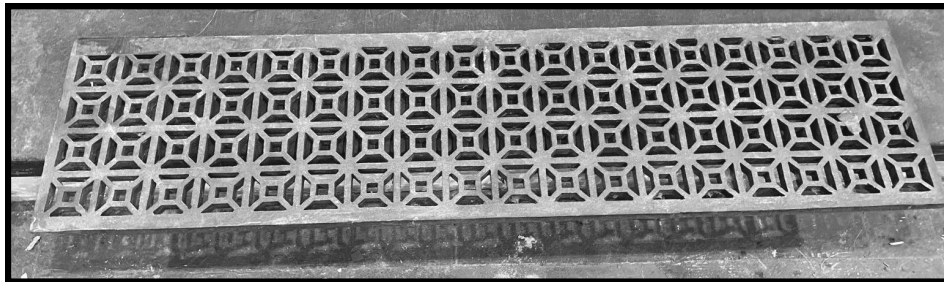
Quentin Crew reports on the films he's seen that week including Walt Disney's "The Prince and the Pauper" which he says is done quite well but is scathing about "Forever My Love" shown at the Odeon, Marble Arch. (Olivia De Havilland will have been disappointed with such a poor review)

Wolves were leading Chelsea 5:1 only for Chelsea to come roaring back into it...but still managed to lose 5:4. Some things don't change do they? No doubt Manchester City fans were looking forward to hosting Blackpool the next week. Spurs managed a handsome win beating Blackburn 4:1. If Spurs are relegated the two sides will meet next year!



Look and Learn is being advertised for children (did St George really slay a dragon?) and it describes itself as 'the finest weekly for boys and girls'. It cost a shilling. A shilling became 5p and due to inflation *Look and Learn* would now cost £1.35.

On the home news page is the tragic story of two brothers who died in a house fire. Because their parents had separated, the boys were living in a children's home but had been looking forward to spending the Easter weekend with their father. He was injured trying to rescue them.



In some ways the news is no different to today although the style of reporting and vocabulary

is different. Some of the adverts are familiar. You can still buy Bostick glue. Fisons will help you get a luxurious green lawn. I'm not sure anyone would want to win a Mark 3 Zodiac that does 100mph combining luxury with reliability, not with petrol at its current price!



Finding the newspaper has given me an idea though. A time capsule placed somewhere into the building that might, some decades hence, be uncovered by those who follow us. What shall we put in? Photographs? News? Booklets about the project? Information about what is current in Sunningdale in 2026? I would love your ideas... do get in touch.

The Transforming Trinity Project

My involvement in the project began way back in January 2017 when I read the profile for Holy Trinity Sunningdale, the booklet the church produced advertising for a new vicar. One particular page referenced the desire to become a community hub; sharing the church with the whole community and being there to serve everyone's needs. I thought I could help with that.

On arrival I discovered much more and this included a project that had stalled creating a whole range of emotions. I realised that individuals had been working towards the community hub for some years already.

We picked up the project again in 2018. By the end of 2019 we were ready for launch, then COVID came. At the end of 2020 I started visiting church members to gain insight, opinion and pledges!

Through 2021 the work developed and a budget was prepared. By 2022 plans were drawn and the Church Council were debating priorities.

The application to Transform Trinity was placed with the Diocese on 1 February 2023.

What followed has been detailed in various editions of the Parish Magazine and involved changes to the plans, frustrating delays in clarifying issues the Diocese wanted to raise and wide consultation with the groups known as 'the amenity societies' including the Victorian Society.

As very slow progress was made and setbacks overcome, we also applied ourselves to fund raising and that proved to be rewarding (no pun intended) and encouraging. When a grant making body with no connection to Sunningdale reads our application, believes in what we are doing and offers to support, it is very affirming.

On 5 January 2026 we were given our Faculty; the permission document from the Diocese of Oxford allowing us to begin. Negotiations began with our main contractor and a strategy for the project emerged. There's what we know we can afford to do because we have the money and there's what we hope to also accomplish if current funding bids are granted.





pews except those we intend to keep. The ancient candelabra came down for safety's sake.

Then we could start on the floor. Blocks, blocks and always more blocks! Paul Sharman decided it would be helpful if we could remove redundant wiring, storage heaters and panels heaters. We took all that out.

Then could we do the metal conduits in the floor. We took those out.

Then the wooden beading that went around the parquet flooring. We took all that out.

To explain that...there are certain funding sources you cannot apply for until you have the Faculty document. Then when you apply you must fit in with their funding timetable, for example the next National Heritage Lottery funding round is early April.

Because of inflation, the need to keep the contractors on board (they cannot keep endlessly waiting for us to decide to start as they allocate people resources to the work) it was necessary to begin phase one as we wait to find out about further funds. I for one am heartily glad we have project manager Paul Sharman dealing with all these complexities.

On 16 March 2026 we closed the church doors to services and relocated our worship to the primary school. What followed has been four weeks of "soft works" in preparation to hand over to the contractors on 13 April

The soft works are anything but 'soft'. Volunteers have been removing furniture into safe storage, stripping out the whole sound system and vision system. Taking away the platform and removing all the

How is this described as 'soft works' ???

During this time the specialists have been at work, relocating three monuments and moving the font. The site manager and his team have been preparing the building, and the electrician and carpenters have been in carrying out further works.

And all this work on our beloved church has begun to reveal sights we haven't seen before, or at least most of us haven't. As structures are removed we see the architecture in all it's fullness and anticipate being able to explore and enjoy the building in new ways.



It has been a very busy four weeks, but as soon as we hand over we shall start to update our website

and include photographs and videos so that you can track progress. What started for some in 2012, and for me in 2017, has started in earnest in 2026, 139 years since the last major works on Holy Trinity. May it be *Sol Deo Gloria*. To the Glory of God.

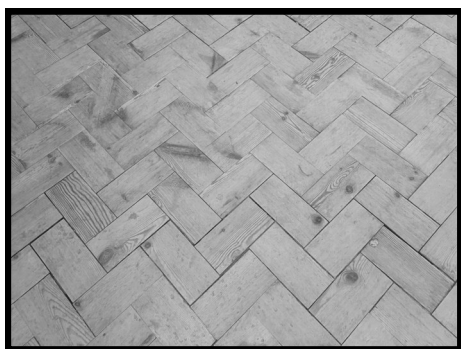
Holy Parquet Flooring for sale



As you may recall, we are installing underfloor heating in large parts of the church and to re-instate the existing parquet flooring would be a mistake. It's pine and two inches thick and would insulate us from the heat and so we have a large quantity we can sell with the proceeds going to the build fund.



The measurements are imperial and two blocks together are a fraction under 8 inches square. We calculate 60 blocks to a square metre. There are also splines; thin strips of wood that hold the blocks neatly together. Ours have been in a herringbone pattern – classic parquet flooring - and was originally laid in the 1880s.



Anyone interested in purchasing a quantity of these blocks (£20/m²) is welcome to get in touch via the Church Office. 01344 621886 or htschurchoffice@gmail.com



Revd Terry

I'm writing this on Easter Monday. In yesterday's service we heard that when the disciple whom Jesus loved entered the empty tomb 'He saw and believed'.

I was reminded of the very first time I went to the cinema on my 12th birthday. Granny gave me the half-crown (2 shillings and 6 pence) entrance fee and my older sisters gave me sixpence for an ice cream.

The film? Summer Holiday, set in sun-filled Greece and starring Cliff Richard. My sisters had played the title song for months on their record player, so I knew the words (and still mostly do) and afterwards I excitedly ran all the way home and sang (or squawked according to my sisters) one particular verse:

*We're goin' where the sun shines brightly
We're goin' where the sea is blue
We've seen it in the movies
Let's see if it's true*

Sad to say, really, but at the time of black and white TV, I didn't know the sea was blue. The River Humber at Cleethorpes, my hometown 'sea', was yellow, brown, or grey depending on whether or not the sun shone, and the only other seaside town I'd visited was Skegness where the North Sea was either light grey or dark grey....depending on whether or not the sun shone.

I'd heard the song, I'd seen on the screen water that was blue, but it was not until many years later that I 'saw and believed'. Unlike the beloved disciple who had heard what Jesus had said, seen miraculous signs and wonders, and at that very moment maybe, just maybe, sang:

*He's goin' where the light shines brightly
He's goin' where the praise is true
I've seen it in his healings
I know now that it's true:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
of every month
between 9:30 and 11:30 am.

No referral needed.

May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th,
September 2nd, October 7th 2026.

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 brought to our
Sunday services at Holy Trinity School
or to our café at the Hope Church on a
Wednesday 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 at the Hope Church on High Street



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 £3.



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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.

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
11:00 am on first Thursday of each month
held in the Pantry

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

News from Sandy Lane

Sunningdale Scouts is one of the oldest Scout groups in the country. Founded in 1910 we continue to welcome generations of local families through our doors.

We are thrilled to announce that on 8 April 2026, construction officially began for the New Hut project, which is expected to be completed in 8 months. This exciting development will provide the 1st Sunningdale Scout Group with an accessible, safe, and welcoming environment for Scouts to thrive in our community for the next 60 years. Additionally, it will offer much-needed space for community hire.

The journey to this point has been a five-year effort, raising £120,000 directly through various events and generous donations. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the numerous local and national organisations that have supported us financially. Sunningdale Parish Council has been a major contributor, alongside other local supporters such as Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council, The Sunninghill Trust, Ascot Round Table, The Ascot Fire Brigade Trust, Ascot Rotary, and The Horace Moore Charitable Trust.

We are still fundraising through our Brick Appeal to complete the building and its surroundings. If you wish to be part of our

Celebration Wall and have a lasting token of your support at the new hut, please use the QR code below or visit our website to make your donation.

As ever our sections have been active with over 130 young people from the community, ranging in ages from 4 to 18. Along with the standard Scout activities such as hikes and cooking over fires, we supported the Panto where everyone, young and old had an amazing time, had animal adventures, visits from reptiles, visited a Sikh Gurdwara to learn about other faiths, pioneering and first aid.

Our young people and our volunteers have been having a great time learning new things and learning skills for life.

For our youngest sections, Squirrels and Beavers, we are desperately looking for adults willing to volunteer their time to help the sections on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Fridays when the sections meet – if we are unable to find adults to help, then we may need to merge or stop a section night, which would be devastating for the young people.

If you think you may be able to help, please visit <https://sunningdalescouts.org.uk/wp/2025/09/11/twenty-four-for-24/> or email admin@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com.

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to support Scouting in Sunningdale and the surrounding areas.

1st Sunningdale Scouts.



Scouts

1st Sunningdale

SCOUT HUT BRICK APPEAL

**BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR
A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITY**

Help us raise the money still desperately
needed to build our new Scout Hut in 2026
and have your name or message engraved
on a brick that will be displayed on the
celebration wall at the hut.





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To learn more
or place your order, visit
www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk

