The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale

Church and Community to live by faith, to be known by love, to be a voice of hope





A big warm Sunningdale welcome to our new Vicar, Jon and his wife Kath

Autumn 2017

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY SUNNINGDALE (C OF E)

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Vicar: Jon Hutchinson 01344 620061 htsvicar@gmail.com

8:30 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Morning Service Typically two Morning Worship and

two Communion services per month please see website for further information

3:30 pm

Service at Lynwood (in association with other local churches)

SUNNINGDALE BAPTIST

CHURCH

Linda Brooks 01344 626140

10:30 am Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father Antonio 01344 621238

6:30 pm Saturday Mass

10:00 am	Sunday Mass
11:30 am	Sunday Mass

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Monday 9-3 Tuesday 9-12 Wednesday 9-3 and Thursday 9-3

Pastoral Team

Please call 01344 621886 if you would like someone to talk to or someone to help you in a time of need.



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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

It's lovely to be able to introduce myself and my wife Kath, prior to moving to Sunningdale. For 13 years I have been the Vicar at St Margaret's in Aspley, Nottingham and for the last four years I have also been a part-time chaplain at the local Bluecoat C of E Academy. My wife Kath, is a piano teacher and together we have three adult children.

Our eldest lain, is married to Zoe and they live in Leeds where he works as a barrister. Our middle child Anna, is working in Oxford after taking her Mst and is planning on studying part -time for a PhD in Theology and our youngest Helen, is about to enter her third year at Exeter University studying English Literature.

We are very excited about coming to join the community in Sunningdale and live in such a beautiful place but inevitably there is the sadness of many goodbyes. Kath has over 30 students and I have to bear their wrath because they want to know why I am taking their piano teacher away!? Similarly at church and at the academy the same questions are asked: Does the Bishop move you? (No) Have you been asked to leave? (No!!) Do you work for a set number of years? (No). So why are we moving to Sunningdale?

Simply because God began to place in my heart that it was time to follow Him somewhere new. I felt that conviction most firmly on the day my bible reading said, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'.* Isaiah 30:21.

I realised I had a journey ahead. However, there didn't seem to be anywhere I wanted to be other than St Margaret's, until I discovered this church, Holy Trinity. I resonated deeply with their desire to; live by faith, be known by love and be a voice of hope, and felt God calling me to join with them in living out this mission statement in and around the community of Sunningdale. So here we are, packing up and getting ready to move.

We very much look forward to meeting and getting to know you in the coming weeks and months.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar htsvicar@gmail.com



Sunday 17 September

Same management, new caretaker.

An opportunity to invite those who for whatever reason have slipped out of the habit of attending.

We look forward to welcoming you, your friends and family.

Baptisms

We recently celebrated the baptisms of Theodore James Steel - 18 June

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of

Thomas Peter Hicks Roxanne Moran Nichola de Malpas-Finlay Arthur Jones Maureen Seurre Bertram Watts Dorothy Ackland Thomas Volney Boardman William Charles Hathaway Vera Hopkins

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

#prayfortheworld

Ever since it became simple and speedy to click on a news website I've adopted the habit of checking the news on-line. I still listen to the news while driving or cooking, but most days I click the BBC icon and browse all the latest news. For light relief I click the sport icon and see what's going on there. Currently the British and Irish Lions are in New Zealand but by the time you are reading this they will have either come roaring home or tried to slip back into the country unnoticed.

I try not to get distracted but there are times I seem to visit so frequently I might as well keep the site open. The events following the Brexit vote come to mind. The news of a narrow vote to leave the EU, David Cameron's resignation, the following Conservative leadership contest with all it's twists and turns made one wonder what would happen next? While these things are highly important to us all as a country the media do rather make them into a soap opera and dare I say it, entertainment.

There is nothing entertaining though about the events at Westminster Bridge, the Manchester Arena, London Bridge, outside Finsbury Mosque and the recent fire at Grenfell Tower. The news of these events is so immediate and terrible that we live it vicariously with those caught up in the horror and it feels wrong to turn the news off. Our fascination is not because it is remotely entertaining but because we identify so strongly with those involved; to turn off would feel like "passing by on the other side".

Only a few days after the Manchester Arena bombing, Manchester United played in the final of the UEFA Cup in Stockholm. Normally I might allow myself to have the live text updates in the corner of a screen but it felt wrong to be interested in something so inconsequential in the light of the bombing. Mark Chapman was hosting the coverage on Radio Five Live and expressed with beautiful poignancy that he didn't want to be there, he wanted to be in his home city of Manchester where he couldn't do anything to help but could be there to show that he cared. He hoped that in some small way a victory might comfort the city.

Similarly, after the attack in Paris in 2015, people wanted to respond and the hashtag #prayforparis was re-tweeted thousands and thousands of times. It's not surprising that <u>I</u> want to pray, but it's revealing that many who have no particular religious background or affiliation shared the same desire.

As events are unfolding I don't need to think about what to pray because compassion leads the way. I pray for those suffering and those injured and give thanks for the amazing kindness and goodness of so many people who rush to help. But recently I found myself stuck. How and what do I pray for the people who planned a terrorist attack – or rather those who might be planning one? Jesus says to pray for our enemies...but what do I pray?

We read in the book of Acts that Saul hated Christians. With approval from the religious hierarchy he was persecuting them, throwing some in prison and seeing others put to death. I wonder what the Christians prayed at the time about him? Then on the Damascus road, this man with a hate-filled heart came face to face with Jesus. It so astounded and challenged him that he was converted and turned his life around. Saul was renamed Paul and as an Apostle carried the good news of Jesus across the region and beyond. St Paul became a missionary, theologian and prolific writer and his letters in the New Testament reflect his own amazement that God should show him – the worst of sinners – such compassion.

So I pray for those with hate-filled hearts that they too might have a Damascus Road experience. I pray that those who are deeply angry might find a way to express that anger to change the world for good, not drag it further down into hatred and bitterness. The explosion of anger at the Grenfell Fire has revealed the painful divisions in society and the casual neglect of the safety and wellbeing of those who are poor. How might we cry for justice and seek an outcome that will serve the needs of the poor, without causing further division and hurt? We pray for hard hearts to be transformed.

We live in unsettling and surprising times but instinctively people seem to know how to respond. Great loss is met by great generosity. Brutality is met with acts of kindness. The threat and carnage at one concert is answered by another concert with singing, dancing and standing together. With camera's everywhere and uploads happening all the time, the news website can relay in real time the response of ordinary people. Did you see the policeman dancing with children near the concert at the Old Trafford cricket ground?

Should we ever find ourselves in a position to assist we would all want to do what we can to help, but thanks to instant news and updates whether we are there or not we can pray that in His very great mercy God will transform and heal the brokenness displayed in front of us into something beautiful.

Jon Hutchinson

Rendezvous Café in Church 2nd Wednesday of every month 9:15 am - 12:00 noon September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13

We'd love to welcome you for tea or coffee and home baked cake. Meet up with your friends or come alone. Crèche room available for little ones and free Wi-Fi. Do drop in!



Lunch 'n' Meet!

A meeting place for older people, young at heart

Meal, Friendship and Activity

Last Friday of each month 1 pm – 3 pm at The Hope Centre High Street, Sunningdale *All Welcome* For more info please call Rita on 01344 845123



Our gift to you, given with love

There can be times when (due to a variety of life changes) having a light meal cooked or a cake baked for you would be a very welcome gift. In line with the HTS Church Family ethos of caring in the community, we are delighted to offer:

Caring Cuisine.

<u>How does it work</u>? We have a team of volunteers who cook a gift of a meal suitable for freezing for 2-4 persons, soup in similar portions, a cake or small cakes. After an illness, it is nice to be able to offer a lovely slice or small cake with a cup of coffee or tea, when visitors call.

Who is eligible? Anyone in the community, not necessarily in the Church Family. A new baby arrives. The main carer in a family is ill or has had an accident. Someone is recuperating after an operation. Someone is moving house. Any time when we are going through temporary challenging changes.

What do I need to do? If you know of someone you feel needs a caring gift from **Caring Cuisine** please contact Amanda in the church office (01344 621886). She will pass on the details to me and I will call to offer our gift. Arrangements can then be made to bring the gift to you at home.

Warmest wishes Karen Fisher (07770 211971)

Youth Café

Twice a month during term-time. 1st and 3rd Friday evenings @ HTS 7 pm to 8:30 pm All secondary age children

September 8 and 22 October 6 and 20 November 3 and 17 December 1 and 15



Service for the Bereaved Sunday 8 October 5 pm



40 minute service followed by refreshments. Please invite family and friends to come with you. They will be very welcome. An opportunity to give thanks and remember.



4Women Monthly Curry Nights

We meet on the 4th Monday of each

month at the Rajbhoog Restaurant, Sunninghill High Street. Do join us for a great evening.

4Women Charity Dinner 7:45 pm, Friday 13 October 2017 "Homelessness" at Sunningdale Village Hall

Invite your friends to join us at our next 4Women Charity dinner. As well as sharing another delicious home cooked meal, we will be learning about homelessness in our area.

Tickets £15 Please contact the 4Women team to reserve your place email 4womensunningdale@gmail.com

STOP PRESS

The last 4Women Dinner on 12 May raised an amazing £632.17 for allergy awareness charities, thank you to everyone who attended and we look forward to seeing you again in October.



Sunday 1 October 10:00 am

Food gifts will be donated to Bracknell Food Bank and the Ascot Day Centre. Service collection for Tearfund.



Remembrance Sunday 12 November

Gather at the War Memorial at 10:45 am.

two minute silence at 11 am, followed by Service of Remembrance in church.

> Service collection for The British Legion.

Remembrance Tea 12 November 3:30 pm



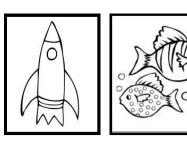
Memories of Wartime Service and Tea

A special afternoon service followed by a delicious tea and musical entertainment.



Children ...

"Children are a vital part of the church today and the leaders of the church of tomorrow." *Mission-Shaped Church*





At Holy Trinity Sunningdale (HTS) we also think **children** are brilliant. We have different **groups** for them, from 0 to 11 years. The groups meet **every week** in term-time. All our leaders have **DBS** Checks.

THE ZONE (School years 1-6): Sunday 9:45 am

- 9:45 am Arrive for refreshments at church
- 10:00 am Service begins

10:10 am Walk to Village Hall with Leaders

10:15 am Games, craft activities, Bible stories, discussion

11:00 am Return to church

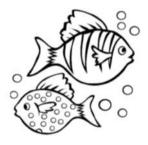
BUBBLES (age 3 to 5 years): Sunday 9:45 am

While our parents are in church in the morning service at 10:00 am, we escape to the Chapel to have our own learning and activity time.

Each week we have a craft project, so we always have something to take home. This reminds us of the story we have heard that day.

Mums and Dads say they really love the things we make at Bubbles.

They even pick up ideas for us to try at home. We love it! It's great!





CRÈCHE (under 3s): Sunday 9:45 am

Even the smallest people are welcome at HTS. There is coffee for Mum and Dad on arrival! From 10:00 am, we spend time with our leaders/helpers in the Church Room, while our parents are in the morning service. It gives Mum and Dad a welcome break! And ... they can take their turn on the rota too.

For more information about any of these groups or if you would like to get involved in one of the teams, please contact Helena Redpath at the Church Office T: 01344 621886 E: htschildrenandyouth@gmail.com

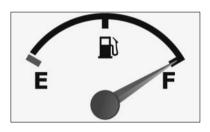


Youth ...

At Holy Trinity Sunningdale (HTS) we know how critical and tricky the teenage years can be for young people. We have several different groups for those aged from 11 to 18 years. Our young people come from various schools in the Ascot area.



FUEL Tuesday 8:00 - 9:30 pm



This is a safe gathering place for those who are in school year 10 up to those who are aged 18. The group meets in Paul and Susie's home.

In a chilled-out atmosphere, we look at what the Bible has to say about current issues, discuss and debate different angles on important things and have fun getting to make new friends.

YOUTH CAFÉ Friday 7:00 - 8:30 pm

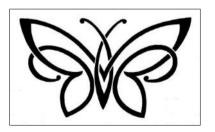


<u>Twice a month</u> on Friday evening (usually 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during term-time) we make the church building available for young people in secondary school (school years 7 through to 13) just to hang out and meet friends in a safe and relaxed environment.

Amazing games, hot chocolate and marshmallows and you can bring your own music too!

This term: September 8 and 22, October 6 and 20, November 3 and 17, December 1 and 15

NEW CREATION Sunday 9:45 - 11:00 am



At the Village Hall, those in school years 6-9 have their own programme in the New Creation group.

It's a great opportunity to talk, to think and to discuss ideas in a fun atmosphere with Barry and Judith.

For more information or to volunteer to help on the teams please call the Church Office on 01344 621886



CHRISTMAS at Holy Trinity

Sunday 10 December 10:00 am Nativity in a Box

Sunday 17 December 6:00 pm **Carol Service** Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December 4:30 pm Christingle Service 11:00 pm Midnight Communion Service

Christmas Day Monday 25 December 10:00 am Family Communion

New Years Eve Sunday 31 December 10:00 am Family Communion St. Mary's School, Ascot Saturday, 28th October, 2017 at 7.30 pm CELEBRITY CHOPIN RECITAL BY THE DISTINGUISHED POLISH PIANIST JANUSZ PIOTROWICZ

"POET OF THE PIANO" IL TEMPO, ROME INTERNATIONAL CHOPIN COMPETITION PRIZE WINNER



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Small Groups Questions? Questions?

Do you ever leave Church with questions? Ever wish you could interrupt the talk and ask "Can you tell me what you mean by....?" The answer may be to join a small group. Friendly weekday small groups meet to share and learn together. Building on what we hear in Church, working out how to put our faith into practice. Currently groups meet on Mondays 1:30-3 pm, Tuesdays 8-9:30 pm, Wednesdays 8-9:45 pm and Thursdays 10:30-12 noon. **If you would like to find out more please** contact the Church Office.