

The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale

Church and Community

Living Faith, Joyful Hope, Loving Service



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PROUDLY PRESENT

HOLY TRINITY
**SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
12PM-4PM

BARBECUE • DRINKS • CAFE
GAMES • STALLS • RAFFLE • CRAFTS
FANCY DRESS • DUNK THE VICAR

AT HOLY TRINITY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHURCH ROAD SL5 0NJ



Another opportunity to dunk the vicar!



Summer 2019

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SERVICES

HOLY TRINITY SUNNINGDALE (C of E)

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Vicar: Jon Hutchinson
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8:00 am
BCP Holy Communion

9:00 am
Liturgical Service
Common Worship Communion service

10:00 - 11:15 am
Refreshments available

10:30 am
Contemporary Service
Café-style service with provision for children

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

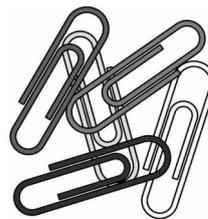
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Monday 9-3
Tuesday 9-12
Wednesday 9-3
and Thursday 9-3

Pastoral Team

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or someone to help you in
a time of need.



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A MESSAGE FROM JON:

It's probably time I confessed my allegiance to a particular football club. At my school the majority of boys followed either Manchester United or Liverpool. It shouldn't be too hard to work out which corner of the country I grew up.

In the need for true confession I am the worst of all supporters, I've never even been to a game. I usually keep an eye on the score from the BBC website while working. Last year though I made the most determined effort yet to stop paying attention to it. The manager made me so miserable!

My son, whose life I blighted with the same allegiance would text from Leeds "*I am so miserable...this is dreadful*". We shared the misery. And then along came Ole.

Of course I am aware that by the time you pick up this magazine and browse through it Ole Gunnar-Solskjaer may have come and gone from the hallowed turf of Old Trafford but I would be surprised because to date he's put the smile back. The radio phone-ins are full of Mancunians saying "we've got our club back...he's a legend...we've been saved".

Being saved is something I know a bit about. First of all you have to realise you're lost. Then you have to want to do something about it.

I never attend football matches, but I can be found in church regularly enough. It's there we explore the biggest of life's themes and questions. Being lost is just one of them.

We have our own legend of course and like Ole, he's real – not a myth. He also puts a smile on our faces. Not all the time, we have our losses and setbacks, but when the supporters sing, and lives are transformed to what they were meant to be...you can't help but smile. You'd be welcome on our terraces anytime.

I can't predict the future for Ole (although I hope it goes well), I can't predict my own... but I know who has my future safe in his hands. My Saviour is the real deal.

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
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Morning Prayers

Monday to Thursday

8:45 - 9:15 am

in church

All welcome.

We use a simplified version of daily prayer from the Society of St Francis.



Monthly Prayer Meetings

2nd Monday of every month

7:30 - 8:30 pm in church

April 8, May 13, June 10,

July 8 and September 9

This hour a month is a place, to relax, find peace and space in our busy lives. We offer a slightly different emphasis each month so hopefully you can discover a way of praying that suits you. There is no need to say a word. Hopefully you will find, just being there, when you can make it, a blessing.

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Evalyn Rose Oakley-Hazell - 6 March

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Nancy Iris Dove
Roger Hadden-Wight
Dorothy Jessie May Pedan
Morris Charles Frederick Quaintance
Ronald Thomas Edward Earley
Albert Alexander Chalker
Martha Brett
Shirley Ann White
Patricia Alice Elsasser
Ronald Middleton
Douglas Nichols
Graham Cox

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

Transforming Trinity - One step at a time

One of the aspects that attracted me to Holy Trinity as the next Vicar was the desire to be a centre for both church and community. That hope is tempered somewhat by the restricted space and the nature of a classic Victorian Church.

Sunningdale residents will recall how extensive the church and community activity became when the church had the use of the CMI building on Church Road. Plans were drawn up to refurbish and extend Holy Trinity to create the space needed when the CMI passed on to other use. *(It's now occupied by Dreamcatchers Nursery).*

When the plans were first published in September 2014 as The Heritage Project, the idea of doing everything, all in one go, appears to have been a key reason development didn't progress beyond planning permission.

The need though has not diminished; neither the practical needs (for example the sub-floor is failing in places) or the development of additional space. The key is to re-visit the plans and review what might be done and how it might be phased.

The PCC has no desire to re-do all of the research and broadly accepts the conclusions of the feasibility study previously undertaken and approved by the Diocese. There is though scope to consider details and aspects of the 'preferred option'. The PCC have recruited an independent consultant to review and comment on the plans, to advise how to phase the work, and to offer alternative solutions for discussion.

We hope to be able to come to a decision at our PCC away-day in May on what the priorities are and where best to begin.

Uppermost in mind is the beauty of the church and the special place it holds in the affections of so many people. When a church has been the location of baptisms, weddings and funerals; of school services and Christmas concerts, of Remembrance



services and Harvest celebrations, thoughts of how it might change can be unsettling.

But I'm not sure anyone will object to being warmer, or to improved lighting, or to having a place with additional facilities so that it can be enjoyed more. I shall no doubt have very detailed discussion with the Victorian Society, but I will argue my case that maintaining the church's character does not extend to being cold! Some steps to Transforming Trinity are very small, are uncontroversial and prove to be most helpful.

The current heating solution doesn't cover the area of the choir. I was sitting quietly in the sanctuary one day (that's the other side of the altar rail) and realised that the heaters in the choir pews were still there.

An electrician doing a couple of small jobs investigated and the original wiring was in place. A fix or two later and the heating was restored. Morning prayer, the monthly prayer meeting and the Ash Wednesday service were all conducted with lovely warm feet and knees.

Not everything will be quite so simple or inexpensive...but we'll get there. One step at a time.



A reminder of our Easter services:

Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 18 April, 7:30 pm
Bring and share

Good Friday

Friday 19 April, 2:00 pm
An hour before the cross

Messy Easter

Saturday 20 April, 3:00 - 5:00 pm



Fun family Easter celebration, suitable for all ages. Crafts, drama, Easter egg hunt.

Easter Sunday

Sunday 21 April
Services at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am



Baptism Services
Sundays at 10:30 am
30 June,
6 October and
24 November



Ascension Day
Thursday 30 May
Day of Prayer
Church open all day
Prayer stations
Services
See the website for further details



CHILDREN & YOUTH

always welcome!

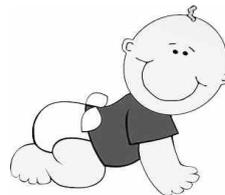
'The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in ones life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.'

Billy Graham

We have different **groups** for all ages on **Sunday morning** in church during the **10:30 am café service.**

CRÈCHE

(from birth to 3 year olds)



Everyone is welcome at HTS even the smallest people. There is a crèche room available for use during the service (the glassed in room to the left of the platform) with a speaker system so Mum or Dad can still follow the service.

BUBBLES AND ZONE

(preschoolers through to 10 year olds)

Games, craft activities, Bible stories, discussion. We begin all together in church at 10:30 and then move into the vestry for our activities.

NEW CREATION

(11 to 14 year olds)

A great opportunity to talk, to think and to discuss ideas in a fun atmosphere. We begin all together in church at 10:30 and then move into the Lady Chapel for our activities.

All our leaders have **DBS** Checks.

Holy Trinity School



Our year got off to a fantastic start with the construction of our new 'Spiritual Garden' in the playground. The garden provides a pleasant spot for reflection and for children who like to sit

and chat at playtime. The winter bulbs are starting to bloom and we're looking forward to our summer planting. The garden was conceived by our School Council and designed by Sebastian Jans, a garden designer and parent at the school, with contributions from the PTA and the community including the 4Women team at Holy Trinity Church. We're really grateful to everyone who helped to turn the children's idea into reality!

We're also really delighted to have received a letter this term from Damian Hinds, the Secretary of State for Education, congratulating us on the very high standard of achievement in Maths in our Key Stage 2 assessments last year. Our results for 2017/18 put us in the top 1% of primary schools in England for maths. Our superb Year 6 class achieved 100% pass rate in both Maths and Grammar and 97% in Reading.

We try hard to balance academic work demanded by the national curriculum with fun and practical learning activities and interesting trips. Year 5 have just completed four days of Bikeability training (you may have seen them in Hi-Viz on the streets of Sunningdale!) The children have enjoyed numerous trips including visits to the theatre, Rushall Farm, Winchester Science Centre, Brookwood Military Cemetery and Harry Potter World to name but a few. Years 5 and 6 also have residential trips to look forward to. Year 5 will be travelling to the Jurassic Coast in Dorset in June and Year 6 will be spending five days at the fabulous Mill on the Brue activity centre in July! Thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers (especially our Governor team) who help to make our school a great place to be.

Mrs P O'Brien and Mrs J Griffith
Co-Headteachers

HT Summer Festival

As our front cover happily advertises, we are planning another party for September.

Our 2018 Party in the Park was tremendous fun and exceeded our hopes in raising funds for the church. We're back for 2019 on September 15th, between Midday and 4pm and this year will be bigger and better.

We shall partner again with other local charities and businesses, have additional stalls and activities and once again the dunking machine will play a prominent part. If you should feel the urge to come and try and dunk the vicar – be my guest.

Businesses: There is an opportunity to sponsor aspects of this fun day for Sunningdale and you are welcome to get in touch and chat over what might be possible.

Toilet Twinning Update

Thank you to everyone who has twinned a toilet, more than one toilet, or twinned a toilet as a gift for someone else. Currently we are at 48 twinned toilets. (Seems to me another milestone number is beckoning!!)



There are now twinned loos in the Nags Head, the Hope Centre, and the Primary School, thanks to the generosity of local people.

We'll keep the campaign running for a little while longer and my thanks to Oakwood Ltd for the loan of a loo. I've managed to take it various places while talking about twinning and not dropped it yet!

Guarantees?

I love a musical and the most recent I was treated too was Guys and Dolls at The Mill, Sonning. As Christmas presents go my in-laws scored a winner.



For weeks after I could be heard humming to myself and the showstopper "sit down you're rockin' the boat" nearly got chosen for a morning service at church.

The background of illegal betting and gambling provides the setting for the boy meets girl love story and in the opening song (Fugue for Tinhorns) Nicely Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet and Rusty Charlie sing of the horses they are going to bet on.

One "Can Do"
One "Has Chance"
One is a "Big Threat"

As their voices blend their hopes for a big score are laid bare and they think they have the inside information for a guaranteed win. That word guarantee. I shiver.

Many years ago I worked in financial services and during the time I was training there was a scandal. Is that a surprise?

A product had folded leaving investors facing big losses, made all the worse because the product was marketed as low risk and had the magic word "guarantee" when it came to the capital.

I asked if any of our investors had been sold the product and the head broker told me that he had been offered it, but it had a whiff about it. I asked for more and he simply said...if the best anyone can do is 11% interest and they all offer 11% interest...you have to question 13%. (You can tell how long ago this was). His reasoning made sense.

I've been out of the industry a long long time, but I did read of something similar happening recently. I'm not criticising investors looking for

safe, looking for a guarantee, being shown a product that ticks all the boxes. I remember Equitable Life.

It wasn't sold through brokerages like ours so it was highly annoying to lose out as teachers, lawyers, doctors, the police and probation service purchased a product that had a guarantee. My Uncle invested with them too.

He was a smart guy. When he came to retire he sold his commercial building business as a buy-out to his senior management. He sold his waste dump land to a development corporation. He came unstuck on one of his pensions. He told me he bought it because of the guarantee.

As it says in Ecclesiastes, what's been round, comes round and there's nothing new under the sun.

I do use the word guarantee myself at weddings. I tell the couple that I would love the certificate I give them to be a guarantee but sadly it's not. I would love them to experience better, richer, health but they might experience worse, poorer, sickness.

I do advise though that there is a guarantee on offer and to be fair, you don't need to be getting married to access it.

God's promises. What he says he will do, he will do, guaranteed. It's a deal sealed in blood after all. I know it to be true because I test it out regularly and He's never let me down. You may want to take that up with me and I'm always happy to discuss. Get in touch htsvicar@gmail.com

Perhaps though I do have another guarantee and this one is also a musical. The Hope Trust are putting on "Oliver" June 13th to 15th at the Cordes Hall. I can guarantee no-one will try harder to entertain and you will not be disappointed. Visit www.thehopetrust.org for further details.

Be warned, "Oliver" is an early example of financial malpractice but it has wonderfully catchy tunes.

You've got to pick a pocket or two...
You've got to pick a pocket or two.

Rendezvous Café in Church

The 2nd Wednesday
of every month

9:15 am - 12:00 noon

May 8, June 12 and July 10
and on

April 17 and August 14
come to the holiday time
Crafty Café with fun free
creative activities for all
ages: children and adults

We'd love to welcome you for tea
or coffee and delicious cake.



Little ones are
welcome.
Free Wi-Fi
available.
Do drop in!



Meet and Greet

Join us at Costa Coffee
Chobham Road,
Sunningdale

Held on the last Wednesday
of every month
10 am - 12 noon

Come for coffee, cake and chat

Open to all

Search out new and old friends

Topic of conversation?

Ananything and everything!

April 24, May 29, June 26,
July 31 and August 28



4Women
Charity Evening
at Sunningdale
Village Hall

Save the date:

Friday 4 October at 7:45 pm
When our speaker will be from
another local charity.

Join us for an enjoyable evening amongst
friends and share a delicious meal.

Tickets £15

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

Lunch 'n' Meet

A meeting place for
older people, young at heart

Meal, Friendship,
Entertainment
and Activity

Last Friday of each month
1 pm – 3 pm
at The Hope Centre
High Street, Sunningdale

For more info please call
Rita on 01344 845123

STOP PRESS

Thank you!

The last 4Women Charity Evening on 16 March
raised a total of £557.77 for Give&TakeCare who
outlined their befriending service mobilising local
communities to combat social isolation and
loneliness amongst older people.
Lunch 'n' Meet also raised £45 for this charity.

4Women @ The Pub Come along to our Monthly Get Togethers

We meet up on the last Monday of every month (except July) at the Nags Head on Sunningdale High Street from 7:30 pm to eat or drink or have a coffee.

We hope you'll be able to join us
**April 29, May 27,
June 24 and August 26**



CARING CUISINE

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.

How does it work? 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**



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 and since 1998 we have had a Traidcraft stall selling Fairtrade products. Traidcraft's mission is to fight poverty through trade, to help people in developing countries transform their lives. Their vision is for a world freed from poverty, where trade is just, and people and communities can flourish.

Our Traidcraft stall in church is run by a group of volunteers and operates most Sundays during the coffee break, selling fairly traded items such as chocolate, biscuits, tea and coffee. At Easter and Christmas we sell the fair trade Easter Eggs and Advent calendars.

If you would like more information about Fairtrade and Traidcraft, would like to place an order or can help on the stall please contact the Church Office.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Our Traidcraft stall is open during the 10:30 am Sunday Café service selling biscuits, chocolate, tea and coffee, etc.

Traidcraft catalogues are available for orders of gifts and other items.

Office Facilities in the Church

Open every morning Monday to Thursday

Come and use our local facilities for photocopying, laminating and printing.

1st Sunningdale Scout Group



We were formed in 1910, three years after Scouting was started by Robert Baden-Powell so we are one of the oldest Scout Groups in the area.

Currently we have 23 Beavers (aged 6 to 8), 23 Cubs (aged 8 to 10 ½), 34 Scouts (10 ½ to 14) and 14 Explorers (14 to 18), consisting of both boys and girls.

The popularity of Scouting is totally down to the time, creativity and enthusiasm of our leaders and the Executive Committee, all of whom are volunteers.

What do we do? If you were ever a Scout it is still very much the same, Cubs still do the Shout. Camps are a key feature. Last year we had a District Camp at a site near Watford. It was a very hot weekend, so the main focus was keeping all the youngsters hydrated. Activities included throwing chickens (rubber ones), making woggles and we were all pirates for the weekend 'Aye'!

Beavers attended the Harvest Festival Service, went to see a Hansel and Gretel panto and had a bring a pet session, all of which go towards their badges. They have built shelters, hid from the leaders in Swinley Forest and pond dipped looking for creepy crawlies.

Cubs slept at Henley Fort, Guildford, which was used as a look out during the Second World War. We all dressed up as the Home Guard and soldiers, and learnt what life was like for those billeted there. Cubs took part in the Berkshire Dragon Boat Regatta, where they got through to the semi finals. They have built fires and toasted marshmallows. Cubs put in two wheelbarrows for the Sunninghill wheelbarrow race: the Camouflage Cubs and Clowning Around. They are also looking forward to sleeping on HMS Belfast.

Scouts did a BBQ at Charters Summer Fair, where they met HRH The Duke of Kent, and ran a BBQ stall at the Sunninghill Fair where they sold 200 hot dogs and 120 burgers.

One night of the year all Scouts around the world take to the airwaves making contact with each other. Our Scouts took part via broadband and then slept in the Scout HQ overnight. Scouts built the impressive beacon in Broomhall to celebrate the 'Battles Over' event. Adam Afriyie MP paid the Scouts a visit to talk about current topics, including Brexit.

In January, the Scouts and Explorers went on their annual Winter Camp at Gillwell in Essex, where they had a cold but great time.

Explorer Scouts went caving and climbing in the Mendips. I cannot believe how narrow it was in places and how steep it was; the climbing was on a slate rock face. We stayed in a Caving Hut (a house used by cavers with lots of caving memorabilia). They went on a wild camp expedition to the Lake District, Great End on Sprinkling Tarn, and Langdale.

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers took part in the Remembrance Day Service, always a great honour.

Every quarter we hold a Jumble Sale at our HQ in Sandy Lane. Not only is this a great source of income, but we provide a recycling service and donate left over jumble to local charities and Thames Valley Hospice.

We also sell second hand bikes, another recycling opportunity we provide. Bikes are donated, we repair them as required and check roadworthiness. We will be selling bikes again at the Holy Trinity Summer Festival. We have become so successful we now have bike storage issues!

Every two years we hold a Ball. This year it is at Windlesham Golf Club on Saturday 18th May. The Ball, which is open to all, raises valuable funds for our Scout Group, through ticket sales and auctions. You are welcome to join us or, if you are able, to provide an auction item.

None of this is possible without volunteers. We need more adults to help run the sections. You don't need experience, just enthusiasm. If you would like to find out more about being involved please do get in touch.

Doug Home, Group Scout Leader
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