

# 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*



[www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk)

Join us at our Summer Party  
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY PROUDLY PRESENT

HOLY TRINITY  
**SUMMER  
FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER  
12PM-4PM

At Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Church Road, SL5 0NJ  
Adults £1 (includes raffle entry), Children free  
Free parking at Broomhall Farm opposite Recreation Ground

- \* Barbecue \* Bar \* Café \* Stalls \*
- \* Shopping Village \* Inflatables \*
- \* Second Hand Bike Sale \* Petting Zoo \*
- \* Games \* Crafts \* Live Music \*
- \* Tombolas \* Grand Raffle (win an iPad) \*
- \* Vehicles \* Face Painting \*
- \* Fancy Dress Parade \*
- \* Tug of War \* Dunk the Vicar \*

Visit our Restored Chapel  
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Come to our Church Fund Raiser: an evening  
of great music on Saturday 2 November  
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# Autumn/Winter 2019

# CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### HOLY TRINITY SUNNINGDALE (C of E)

Church Office

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[www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk](http://www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk)

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**Vicar: Jon Hutchinson**

01344 620061

[htsvicar@gmail.com](mailto:htsvicar@gmail.com)

**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**

### JOEL'S PLACE CHURCH

Sunningdale Village Hall

[info@joelsplacechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@joelsplacechurch.org.uk)

**10:30 am Service**

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## Church Office

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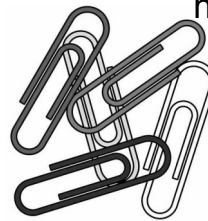
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Monday 9-3

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:

Since moving to Sunningdale I've become fascinated with aeroplanes and only when I realised I could get a flight tracker app has my fascination been satisfied.

I find it tremendously interesting (*while at the same time recognising it will eventually wear off*).

Recently we took visitors out to Cliveden and on a sunny afternoon, while lying on the beautiful lawns, we spent an amusing half hour discussing the destinations of the planes as they rose up in the distance. Reykjavik. Boston. Rome. Heraklion. Charleston. Just at that time it seemed like one a minute. As we watched the planes fly away from us, or over us we discussed all the places we might like to visit. And the ones we've been able to get to.

Because of my vocation I'll occasionally have a conversation about "the final journey".

There are those who think that when this life is done – that's it. End. But by far the greater majority have a sense that there is more to come. People joke "I'm probably heading downwards (or) I hope they have wings in my size" but the conversation allows me to share what I believe and find out what they think might be next.

I do believe there is a 'next' and it's a belief shared very widely across faiths, peoples and cultures. Of course, my beliefs are shaped by a Christian faith with some similarities to others and a few specific contradictions. I think most people realise you can't take anything with you except what is stored in your soul and so it's worth considering the excess baggage and what is eternally valuable.

There's no app for that, but topics like this are frequently aired at Holy Trinity. We specialise in helping people let go of accumulated baggage. All are welcome, passport not required and there's no need to arrive 3 hours before take-off.

**Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar**  
[htsvicar@gmail.com](mailto:htsvicar@gmail.com)

## 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.



## Baptism Services

Sundays at 10:30 am

6 October and  
24 November

## Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Christine Davis - 17 April  
George Richard Sandall - 30 June  
Poppy Rose Sandall - 30 June  
Maisie Violet Sandall - 30 June

## Confirmation

Confirmed by Bishop Andrew at Reading Minster on Saturday 20 April:

Christine Davis  
Manfred Hugo Elsasser  
Liliana Helena Martina Fleming  
Anthony Dennis Hatch  
Annabel Marie Hatten  
Luke Marshall Hatten  
Olivia Susan Ismail  
Terence Edward Ward-Hall

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9*

## Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Philip Randall Lewis  
Charles William Mabey  
Vernon Cox

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

# Hearing from God

Last Summer I had the last bit of decorating to do on the vicarage and a great deal more on a house we own in the Midlands. A tenant had 'decorated' without permission and 'decorated' was not what I would call it.

Normally I would put on the radio but by last Summer I was so heartily sick of A) Brexit and B) political shenanigans and C) teams I wanted to win, losing, I decided to turn elsewhere. Audio Books.

What a revelation! The last person to read me a story was Mr Andoe, class 6, Cherry Grove Junior School, Chester. (Treasure Island).

What a wonderful thing the audio book is. I now listen while driving, cooking, washing up and gardening. All of which gives me reason to reflect. A week ago I finished the Lord of the Rings trilogy which is 60 hours. (Rob Inglis reads – he is very good and does all the songs as well).

It surprised me how much of my life is drifting by behind the wheel, at the cooker, at the sink and in the garden.

What also interests me is that the characters are different to the ones that formed in my head when I read the books for myself. If I like a book, I'll read it a few times. LOTR I've read at least three times and of course this gives me an authoritative view when watching the films. That didn't happen! That's made up! She didn't appear to him in dreams!

Hearing Rob Inglis tell the story, with different voices for different characters, changed how I thought about them. I was more impressed with Frodo, certainly more than the portrayal in the films.

During Lent, a new thing I did every day was to listen to Pray As You Go. (Visit [pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)) It's an app you download onto your phone and each day it lasts about 12 minutes.

As well as music and space to reflect, they read the scripture for the day, twice. (Hear it, think about it, hear it again.) Hearing it read to you can change how you perceive the passage. Then they prompt ideas about which you might pray. Today was the odd story of Jacob wrestling with God and being re-named Israel, Genesis Chp 32. They asked "what are you wrestling with God about?"

Hearing the scripture helps me 'hear' God. The bible recounts a few stories where someone hears God's voice directly, but otherwise what we mean is that through a combination of prayer, reading the bible (or hearing the bible) sharing with others and simply mulling things over, one arrives at a settled conclusion.

It can sound a bit pretentious to say "I believe God has spoken to me on this..." but the more one prays, reads (listens) and critically is silent and still, the more likelihood of understanding what God is trying to communicate.

Which in turn demonstrates that I do believe God wants to communicate with us. Our trouble is listening.

All that said, a former parishioner called Alan had to go for an MRI and he was very anxious about it as he suffered from claustrophobia and the machine is a long narrow noisy tube. They gave him headphones and on two occasions during his session a voice calmly reassured him. When it was over, he thanked the nurse for getting him through it and her calming words. Looking rather puzzled she wasn't sure what he meant...the headphones had been broken a long time.

I've written elsewhere in this magazine about restoring the Chapel in Holy Trinity. As well as a place of prayer and worship, it's a place to listen and maybe to wrestle with God! It's certainly the place to encounter Him. It's the place to read aloud the bible stories to one another. Live audio book!

# Prayer

It is somewhat frustrating that the people considered to be experts on prayer; whether saints of old, those with deep spirituality or notables in the religious world all end up saying the same thing. It's a mystery.

That doesn't prevent it being something worth exploring but one has to do so recognising there is going to be no absolute fulfilment in terms of knowledge; but as we explore there will be enlightenment.

Of course, it starts with the belief there is a God. That God listens and takes notice. That God responds... which is where most people get stuck or lose interest because nothing seems to occur when they pray. What's that about?

Pete Grieg writes in his book *Red Moon Rising* "greatest theologian of the twentieth century, Karl Barth, said that 'to clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world'"

I'm not sure those dissatisfied with the experience of prayer quite see it that way.

The saints, spirituals and notables believe God always responds therefore it follows that lots of my prayers have been met with the response, No.

So, what is going on? What is prayer? Who can pray? How should we pray? And what does it do to our faith when God doesn't appear to answer?

These and many more questions we shall be exploring on The Prayer Course created by Pete Grieg and the 24/7 prayer organisation.

Over 8 weeks on Sunday evenings through October and November we shall honestly and openly look at the topic of prayer, our experiences of prayer and seek to discover all that we can.

All are very welcome to come. No qualifications, experience or faith background required, just the desire to explore, seek understanding and look into the mystery of it. Further details will be on the church website.

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month

7:30 - 8:30 pm in church

9 September, 14 October,

11 November and 9 December

A quiet hour a month to relax and slow down in order to bring ourselves, and our requests before our Heavenly Father. Includes time for individual reflection, corporate prayer (either out loud or quietly within our hearts) and space to listen to what God might be saying to us individually or as a Church family.



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After last year's church party held at the Primary School we all agreed we should do it again, it was such tremendous fun.

Our friends at Broomhall Farm are letting us park on the field again, and the Primary School are letting us use their premises for which we are very grateful.

There are more stalls, more activities, the BBQ and Beer tent, our church Rendezvous Café and live music.

I'll be back under the dunk tank once again laughing at what a terrible shot most of you are – and spluttering damply when my criticism is misplaced.

It's a great afternoon out for the whole community, so whether you like to sit with a cup of tea, pass the time with everyone's favourite barman (there's only one Badger), pick up a second hand bike from the scouts, browse the stalls, play football darts, fling yourself on the bouncy castle, win something on the raffle or tombola or indeed, seek to dunk the Vicar – all are most welcome.

Entry is £1 with a free raffle ticket and as you would expect, raffles and tombolas are for adults.

It's important to note that Holy Trinity Primary School and grounds are a nut-free zone. All the food on offer is nut-free. If bringing your own snacks (why would you we have a terrific BBQ??) please make sure – no nuts!

# Rendezvous Café in Church

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of every month

9:15 am - 12:00 noon

September 11, October 9,  
November 13  
and December 11

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

**C**ome for coffee, cake and chat

**O**pen to all

**S**earch out new and old friends

**T**opic of conversation?

**A**nanything and everything!

**August 28, September 25,  
October 30 and November 27**

# 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



**4Women  
Charity Evening  
at Sunningdale  
Village Hall**

**Friday 4 October at 7:45 pm**

Our speaker will be from a local  
charity supporting veterans from the  
armed forces and their families.

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**

# Office Facilities in the Church

Open every morning Monday to Thursday

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

**STOP PRESS** Thank you!

Over the last 2 years the 4Women Charity Evenings  
have raised over £4,000 for local charities  
including those supporting people with visual  
impairment and severe allergies, a women's refuge,  
the homeless, a befriending service supporting  
the elderly and the local primary school.



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

We meet up for a chat and a get together on the last Monday of every month at the Nags Head on Sunningdale High Street from 7:30 pm

We hope you'll be able to join us  
September 30, October 28  
and November 25



## 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**

## Church Fund Raiser

Join us for a great evening of  
50s and 60s music (some 70s)  
with Breakthru'  
A Cliff and the Shadows  
Tribute Band



Saturday 2 November at 7.30 pm  
in Holy Trinity Church

Tickets £20 including a glass of wine  
and nibbles. Under 16s free.

Cash bar and Raffle

Tickets from the Church Office  
01344 621886



Holy Trinity is a Fairtrade church. The tea and coffee we serve in church is fairly traded and 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.



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

Our Traidcraft stall is open during the coffee break between the 9 am and 10:30 am services selling biscuits, chocolate, tea and coffee, etc. At Christmas we sell the fair trade Advent Calendars. Traidcraft catalogues are available for orders of gifts and other items.

# Transforming Trinity - One step at a time

In the last magazine I wrote about the steps we were taking to refresh the vision for creating a centre for church and community.

The short period that the church had the use of the CMI building over the road demonstrated how valuable extra rooms and offices could be.



Since I last wrote an architect has visited as our consultant to help us think through the priorities and offer some new ideas on achieving what we believe is necessary.

These ideas were agreed as a broad outline by the PCC and were tested out on the DAC (the Diocesan Advisory Committee who oversee all church development). Happily they gave approval. Our next step is to carefully consider the professional partners to make such dreams become reality.

With all this going on, I came across an article in a magazine handed on to me by a long-standing church member.

In 1987 the church held a special evensong to celebrate 100 years of the new Nave. The original church (above) was configured very differently to the one we are familiar with. The tower is at the west end. I'll make sure this picture is posted on our website for anyone interested to have a closer look.

The sanctuary and chapel were retained, but much else was demolished to make way for the nave and aisles we are familiar with now. It was done between 1887 and 1890.

Scroll forward to the magazine 'Trinity 87' and the opening article by Robin Warne. His penultimate paragraph says "*Once again the question of accommodation has arisen. Not that the church itself is too small – would that it were! – but there is a need for a small hall for Sunday School to use during the morning service, and the opportunity would be welcome to the parish to provide a separate choir vestry and a parish office as well*".

What has been round comes round and my sincere aim is to finally make those extra spaces!

But while the process can be slow, we have been busy. We gained permission from the DAC for the "Summer Shuffle"; to make the very best use of the church as it is now while we plan for bigger things.

To our great satisfaction the Lady Chapel has been restored as a chapel; a place of prayer and worship. This is very great joy. The office is in the vestry and this gave us the space to plan a pleasant and functional office. Other spaces in church have been cleared, or cleaned, or sorted, or all three, so that the church is able to function as well as we can in the space that we have. There has been a lot of work by a very enthusiastic and committed band of workers. Thank you to them all.

So while we work and wait for long held needs to finally be met...we have a place to bring our prayers. Thanks be to God.







# 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.'*

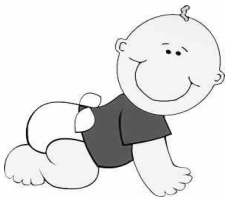
*Billy Graham*

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

All our leaders have **DBS Checks.**

## 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 & 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.

## YOUTH CLUB

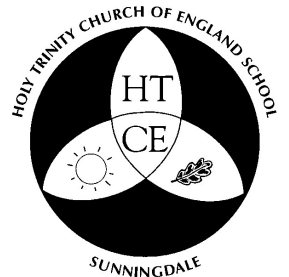
(School Year 7 and above)

A joint event with Sacred Heart Church held at their hall. Friday evenings 6.30 - 9 pm.

September 20, October 11, November 8  
Football and games AND pizza and cake!

And on Saturday November 30  
a film night at Holy Trinity Church  
For further information please contact  
htschurchoffice@gmail.com

# Holy Trinity School



As part of the fundraising initiatives for Holy Trinity School, the School PTA, with approval from School and the Governors, have joined **Your School Lottery** which anyone can take part in.



**Your School Lottery** is a vetted organisation and allows players to support their local school directly. As a supporter, you can join for as little as £1 per week and for this you will then have the chance of winning a guaranteed weekly prize for someone within the school community. The more people that participate, the bigger this guaranteed prize becomes and the more money raised for our school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 every week!

Every Saturday, both draws take place and results are posted on the **Your School Lottery** website. Winners are advised directly and paid automatically. All you need is to be over 16 and have a bank account, so please share with others in the community who may be interested in joining.

Joining 'Your School lottery' is easy. Just go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play> and follow the instructions. You'll receive your tickets within minutes.

### How does the draw work?

There are 2 chances to win every week.

When you start supporting, you get your own unique 6 digit ticket number. You can purchase more than one number if you wish. The more numbers that are issued within our school community, the bigger the prize becomes. Each school will have its own weekly draw which only their supporters are entered into. This means that someone from within our school community is guaranteed to win every week. The size of the prize is published on the **Your School Lottery** website in the lead up to each weekly draw.

On top of this, a separate weekly draw will take place where 6 numbers (each being 0 to 9), will be drawn at random. If your six digit number(s) matches the six numbers drawn in sequence, then you've won £25,000!

And finally, in contrast to the National Lottery, who only pass on 28p in every pound, or the Health Lottery who pass on 20p to good causes, **Your School Lottery** promises a minimum PTA contribution of 40%!

**Holy Trinity School PTA**



## Remembrance Sunday 10 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 Royal British Legion.

## Annual Memorial Event 6 October, 3 pm followed by afternoon tea



An opportunity to remember  
the loved ones we have lost,  
either recently or long ago.

### Keeping the Balance

A day to de-stress and be blessed  
An opportunity to meet with God and each other  
Relax and catch your breath for a few hours

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
10.30 am - 2.30 pm  
St Peter's Church  
Hatchet Lane  
Cranbourne  
SL4 2EG

Free (booking essential)  
Refreshments included  
The day is our gift to you

For more information and to book  
your place please contact Pat Fletcher  
on tel 01344 884498 or email [pmcb46@btinternet.com](mailto:pmcb46@btinternet.com)



## Sunday 13 October

Food gifts will be donated to  
Bracknell Food Bank and  
the Ascot Day Centre.

# CHRISTMAS at Holy Trinity

Wednesday 18 December, 7:00 pm

**Charters School, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Sunday 22 December, 6:00 pm

**Carol Service** followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

### Christingle Services

11:00 pm

### Midnight Communion Service

### Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December, 10:00 am

### Family Communion

