

The Parish Magazine

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Church and Community

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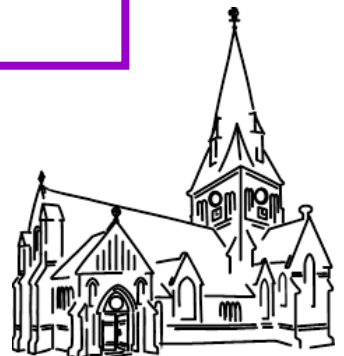
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Autumn/Winter 2026

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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)

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Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Course

12 - 1:00 pm Food Share

Wednesday

8:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am Morning Service

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Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm Mass

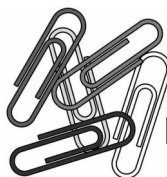
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10:00 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

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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:

How's it going?

Over the last few months this has been the question people have asked me as I'm out and about. How's it going?

Where I am concerned "it" is the building work at Holy Trinity and I'll write more about it in this magazine.

"How's it going" is a good open question to ask anybody and their answer might be about anything depending what's at the forefront of their minds on the day.

The weather has been a constant topic for many of us or how the garden is looking but if we have the courage to ask the question it can open the door for a deeper discussion about how things really are.

It's tempting to avoid topics like bereavement, health, relationships and work because we end up not knowing what to say or feeling helpless so we stick to the weather because it feels less awkward.

But it's not about what we say but having the grace to listen to how it's going and having the compassion to allow someone to share their story of how things are at the moment.

When people take the time to ask the question and listen to the answer "it" is already changing because "it" no longer must be hidden or ignored. There's tremendous truth in the old saying, "a problem shared is a problem halved".

I see this happening every week at our café – generously hosted in the Hope Church while our building is closed.

Asking an open question reminds me of St Aidan (early 7th century) who walked through Northumbria stopping to speak to whomever he met asking similar open questions.

Without demanding anything or even a particular response he allowed the people he met to tell their story and grace was present in the encounter.

May such grace be present as we meet and greet one another. It all adds to Sunningdale being the compassionate community that it is.

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**



Weddings

We recently celebrated the weddings of:

Emily Robinson & Thomas Killick - 6 June
Minna Raban & Daniel Kupusarevic - 18 July

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Margaret Victoria Somerset Osgood - 2 August

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Geoffrey Maud Gledhill
Elizabeth Beaumont Cox
Benjamin Hallowell Dorman

The Transforming Trinity Project

The last thing I expected the Transforming Trinity project to uncover was the foundations of the original 1839 church. Thinking about it now they only took down the original walls as far as they needed to; why make work for yourself removing foundations that would soon be buried again?

It did hold us up and when I have answered the "How's it going?" question (see page 3) to explain that we are about three weeks behind schedule I usually receive knowing looks and the comment "well that's building for you".

Once the old foundations were uncovered the work had to stop, the archaeologist called in and we had to work round the old foundations until permission was given to remove another couple of layers of brick before we could start bringing in the new base layer.

The old church had a square tower at the west end and was very much smaller than the church we have today and the illustration above shows it's outline within the current church.

This photograph is the foundation of that tower.

Just to the right of this picture is a wooden box. That is the protection around the font that was moved in week one of the build.

Once the old foundations were discovered and with reference to old archives, I've come to realise that we have relocated the

font to (almost) it's original position in the 1839 church. There is a pleasing circularity about that, something new replicating something old and original.

With permission granted the work could develop with the new lightweight base layer being laid, new foundations being poured and works outside going on to first evict the bats, make roof repairs and then install bespoke new bat homes. When access around

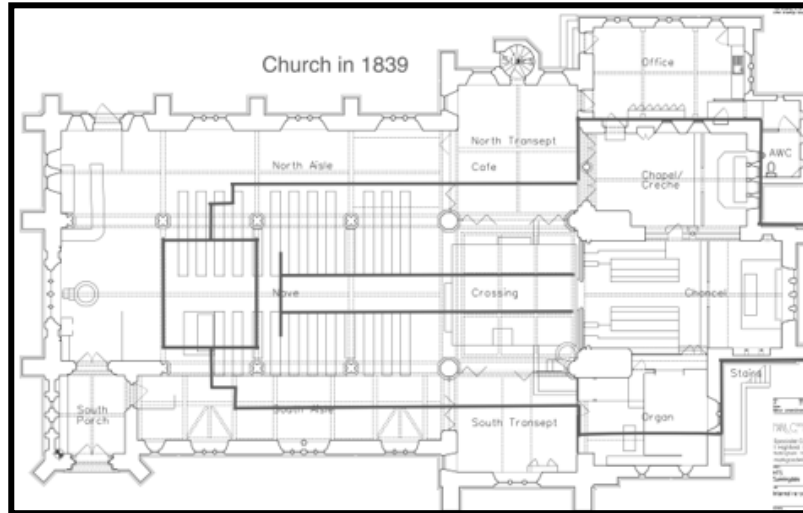
church is restored, look out for the bat friendly curved tiles.

Once the foundation layer of Glapor¹ was in, the contractors constructed the framing for the trenches through which pipes and cables will run and then built the next layer – Limecrete across the front of church where the underfloor heating will

be and sand-free concrete across the back of church where the office, social space and crèche will be. Limecrete takes weeks and weeks to dry out but has greater thermal properties than concrete.

Then the steel was delivered.

The biggest change to the church is the construction of a mezzanine floor across the back of church allowing us to have a large upper room, a smaller meeting room and a large store above the office. There will also be another toilet on that floor.



The uprights had to be manhandled into position and then the cross members lifted into place using two hand-wound winches.

Watching the slow steady progress of the build taking place was fascinating and noticing how the steel is connected to the church.

We are not allowed to cut into the stonework, only the brickwork. The reason? If there is ever a plan to remove everything then it will only be brickwork that needs replacing, not the stone! It's hard to imagine anyone taking all this back out, but I imagine the congregation in 1839 had no idea that in less than 50 years their church would be flattened.

With the steel in place the joiners could begin, fitting beams into the steel and then joists between the beams. Slowly the upper floor started to take shape.

Work has continued outside with the digging for the drainage working around the west end and north side and the gas pipe being laid from Church Road to the



the Diocesan Sub-Committee detailed to oversee the project.

We selected the 'finishes' which in essence are the shades and type of wood for the floor, chairs and joinery. We completed the lighting design and every time something is a variance from the original plans we need that signing off, for example the new internal door will be rectangular rather than arched (we couldn't source fire rated arched doors) and the new staircase will be oak rather than steel.

So, how's it going? It's going well thank you. We are behind schedule and the full scope will be restricted due to financial pressure, but no-one ever said this huge undertaking would be easy. It wasn't when they built this church in 1887. They were short of money back then and so decided to keep the pews from 1860 to make a saving.

Keep an eye on the church



south side. It's been hot work for the contractors.

While the build takes place there are many other decisions we must have signed off by

website – www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk – selecting the Transforming Trinity tab and the 'Project latest'. There you will find the films we've made recording the work thus far.

¹For the technically inclined. Glapor is a lightweight, non-combustible, pressure resistant, water-resistant building foundation. It's made from 100% recycled glass and gives thermal insulation while allowing the ground beneath to breathe.

Food, not so glorious food

On Monday 15th June I was a little surprised to find a new food waste caddy out by my waste bin.

The recycling had already been collected and I'd put our blue bin and food caddy away. Where had this new one come from? I looked about. One neighbour also had a new one, but others had their old ones.

What made it a bit odd was that I'd received a new one only a few weeks earlier, the last having split open. *(I sent an email to RBWM and voila – a new one arrived.)*

The mystery was soon solved. I was due at school and on the way there met Heather Mynott who works for the Borough. She and colleagues were out and about delivering new caddy's wherever they thought a house was without one.

I know Heather because her previous role was on the climate team and through her we made a successful bid for the funds to put solar panels on Holy Trinity (most of which you won't ever see, that's a whole other story.) Her new role is to try and increase food waste recycling.

I was astonished to learn that only 20% of homes across the Borough recycle waste food.

I didn't know what happened to the waste food; I'd gone along with the vague notion that it was fed to pigs.

What actually happens is that the food is composted and the gases naturally created are used to produce energy. Then the composted waste is eventually burned creating more energy, the whole process being green.

Imagine the benefit if an additional four homes out of every five recycled food waste.

Just how good would it be if Sunningdale became the place where more homes than anywhere else recycled food waste.

It really isn't too troublesome and the worry that rats will multiply is nonsense, the caddy's have a self-locking handle. I don't even have flies getting into mine.

Speaking of the primary school – my original destination before meeting up with Heather – a little while ago I sat in on an assembly led by the school eco-warriors. It happened to be on food waste.

They quizzed their classmates on how much food was bought and thrown away, how much left to go bad, what they thought happened to it. (Pigs were not mentioned.)

It is true that separating food waste from the general rubbish does reveal how much we throw out. Peelings, banana skins, apple cores and the bits scraped off a plate all seem fair enough. But when I'm required to throw out food we've ignored or forgotten it's a timely reminder to get our act together.

No-one in our household will forget the Coconut Yogurt incident. It was ignored for so long an alternative life-form had developed. Gross.

So how about it?

You need a small caddy for your kitchen worktop and some bio-degradable bags and that's the sum of it. Whenever it's getting full pop the bag in the outside caddy, lock the lid with the handle and remember to put it out with the blue bin. How hard can this be?

Let's make Sunningdale the flagship village for the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead...more homes recycling food here than anywhere else.

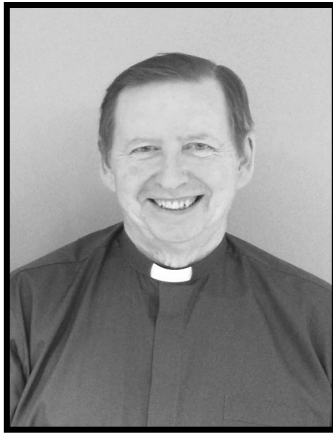
It might also make us a little less wasteful in terms of buying food and throwing it away unused.

{And from Google AI – it is strictly illegal to feed kitchen scraps and restaurant waste to pigs following the devastating foot and mouth disease outbreak in 2001. Now we know!}



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Revd Terry

COMPETITION

Here's your chance to win a bottle of fine wine.....read on.

Most of our sermons during the early part of this summer focussed on some of the 55 parables that Jesus used to teach how God's rule works in human hearts and the world.

Some parables are very long eg the prodigal son (Luke 15) is 21 verses, whilst others are very short eg the lost pearl and the hidden treasure (Matthew 13) are both just one verse long.

The parables usually start with the expression "the Kingdom of Heaven (or God) is like...." and Jesus would go on to illustrate God's kingdom in everyday life.

However, there's no getting away from the fact that the parables were aimed at a first century Jewish audience who would all be familiar with the everyday objects or subjects Jesus spoke about. Two thousand years on my understanding of mustard seeds, different soil types, weeds and throwing a net into the sea to catch fish is very limited - never mind experiencing herding sheep, vineyard labouring or hand digging the foundations of my house.

So maybe it would be helpful to use modern day illustrations:

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who moves into a new block of flats and installs an ultra-fast wi-fi router and instead of locking it with a secret complex password, he leaves the network open named Free Grace Access for all his neighbours to use.

Or, the kingdom of God is like a widow at our Wednesday Rendezvous church café who, having journeyed through her own bereavement, befriends a newly widowed stranger still consumed by grief.

Or, the kingdom of heaven is like.... What?

Send your own modern parable to **htsrevterry@gmail.com** I'll give a bottle of fine wine to the best example.

Blessings, Terry

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Save the Date

Saturday 19 December Christmas Musical Celebration

Nick Wium and Friends
with special guest artist
Marianthe Panas.

At midday followed by lunch.

Further details about this event will be on our website and emailed to our church newsletter recipients.

If you would like to receive details please contact htschurchoffice@gmail.com



Grief is hard. Death can impact all of life.

The Bereavement Journey comprises 7 sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime.

The next course will start at Holy Trinity on Thursday evenings in 2027: February 11 to March 18 and concludes on Saturday morning 20 March.

To find out more please email: htsbereavementjourney@gmail.com

In a kind and supportive group that makes no demands, participants are able to consider their experience of bereavement and where they are on the journey. All are welcome whatever the passage of time since bereavement occurred.

Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
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between 9:30 and 11:30 am.
Currently located behind our church,
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No referral needed.

September 2nd, October 7th,
November 4th, December 2nd 2026
and January 6th 2027.

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
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Service 11:00 am every Thursday
and communion on first Thursday of the month
held in the Pantry

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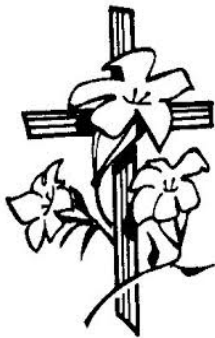


Sunday 4 October

Held in the hall of Holy Trinity School,
service collection will be for
Holy Trinity Church's Hardship Fund
and food gifts used
for our Foodbank.

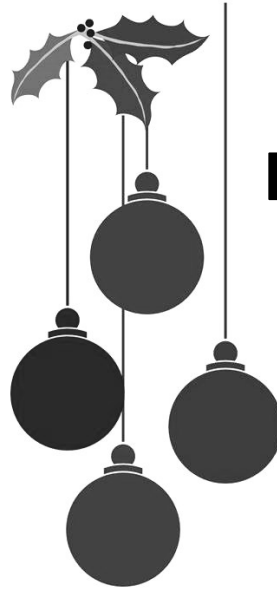
Our Annual Memorial Service followed by afternoon tea will be held in early 2027

Further details
in our next
magazine.



Remembrance Sunday 8 November

Gather at the War Memorial
at 10:45 am, two minute silence
at 11:00 am, followed by
Service of Remembrance held in
the hall of Holy Trinity School.
Service collection will be for
The Royal British Legion.



Christmas 2026 at Holy Trinity back in our transformed building

Sunday
13 December
Carol Service

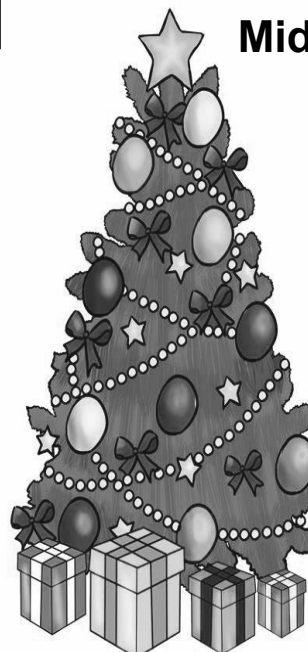
6:00 pm

*Followed by mulled wine
and mince pies*

Collection for Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday
15 December
**Charters School
Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols**
7:00 pm

Christmas Eve
Thursday 24 December
Christingle Services
3:30 pm and 5:00 pm
Collections for The Children's Society



Midnight Communion Service

Beginning 11:00 pm
Collection for Crisis

Christmas Day
Friday
25 December
**Family
Communion**
10:00 am
Collection for
Holy Trinity Church

News from Sandy Lane

We've had a busy Summer term that is for sure. Since Easter, all the sections have been out and about in and around Sunningdale doing scouty stuff, this includes camping in Windsor Great Park, bat walks, litter picking, orienteering, wide games and eating kebabs. This has not only been because of the epic weather we have seen over the last three months, but also because we had to leave the hut so it could be remodelled.

Work on our wonderful new hut got underway on 8th April, and we're delighted to report that progress has been nothing short of fantastic.

Working alongside a local builder, and blessed with some wonderful weather, the team has made tremendous strides. The old, deteriorating fabric of the building has been cleared away, and the drainage and water supply have been fully updated. By the time you're reading this, the shell of the building will be complete, with work moving on to the internal requirements including electrics and plumbing. We're quietly hopeful of improving on our target completion date of November, and we've certainly started well!

There's still a brilliant opportunity to be part of this journey. Our Brick Appeal remains open for a short time, giving you a final chance to have a commemorative tile on our Celebration Wall. Every pound raised goes directly towards completing the new hut and will make a real difference to the quality of the finished build. We'd love your support!

On the fundraising front, we recently enjoyed a superb day out at our 5th Annual Scouts' Golf Day, held on 10th July in collaboration with our friends at 1st South Ascot Scout Group. With 15 teams and perfect sunshine, the atmosphere was wonderful. It was a closely fought competition, with the team 'The Management' ultimately claiming the coveted trophy. A fantastic day all round!

We have five sections with 120 young people across the ages of 4 to 18, this cannot be done without volunteers, both front of house, as it were, and behind the scenes. If you feel you would **be willing to give up some of your time** to join me and the team of other leaders to help make memories for the young people of the village then please get in contact. We will very soon have a brand new hut to start new adventures in!

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