

The Parish Magazine

Holy Trinity Sunningdale

Church and Community

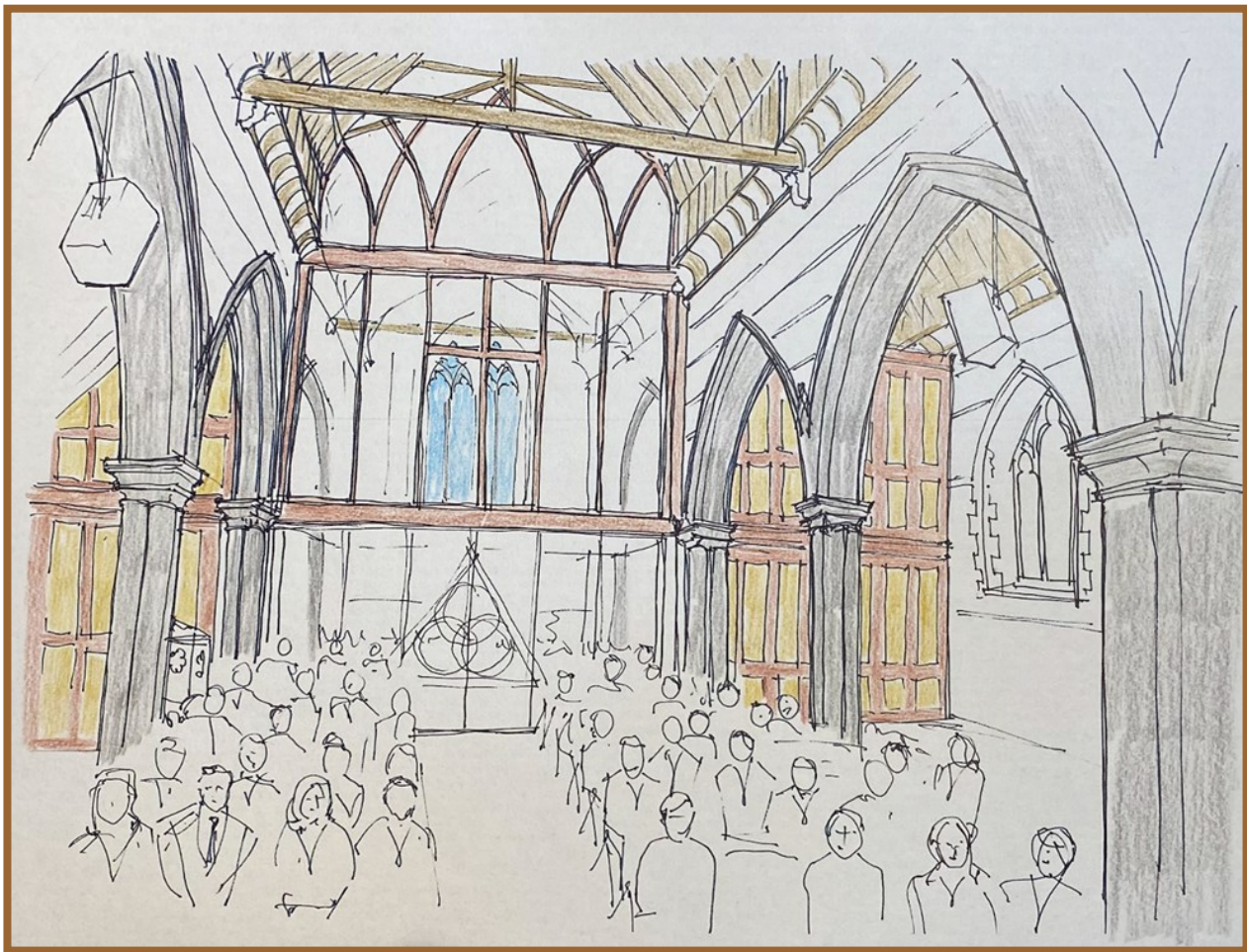
Sharing God's Love

To live by faith, to be known by love, to be a light of hope



www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk

Transforming Trinity – church re-imagined



The Transforming Trinity project can go live with permission to develop detailed plans. The dream of creating a Community Hub starts to take shape. Fund raising can begin in earnest.

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Spring 2024

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 am

BCP Communion (1st Sunday only)

10:00 am

Worship Service with Communion

(on every 1st Sunday this is a Family Communion Service with children's group)

THE HOPE CHURCH SUNNINGDALE

Jo Gunning

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Wednesday

8:00 pm

Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am

Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father David Bohnsack

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Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm

Mass

Sunday

10:00 am

Mass

11:30 am

Mass

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Wednesday 9-3
and Thursday 9-3



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:

Those of us who gather for our Morning Prayers during November have been immersed in learning about Jewish ways of living their faith. The coincidence of our daily prayer and Israel being in the news has not been lost on us (see Revd. Terry's column for a fuller comment).

A story is told of a Jewish farmer who carelessly leaves it too late to return home for Sabbath and spends the time in the fields. When he finally reaches home his perturbed Rabbi chides him and finally asks "did you at least pray?" The Farmer replies "I am not a clever man, I don't know how to pray properly, so I recited the alphabet all day and let God make the words up himself."

All we can offer God is the alphabet of our lives, the substance of what is ours. If our hearts and minds are full of warmth, love, enthusiasm, song and dance, this is what we bring. If our lives are full of tiredness, despair, blandness, pain and boredom then those are the letters of our prayers, it's what we bring.

One of my wife Katherine's ancestors had poor health and a disability. Her family were clergymen and missionaries and active in the church and 'all' she could do was stay home; using her love of poetry and music to compose hymns. She still felt it wasn't enough.

However, her clergyman brother told her that one hymn in particular "*Just as I am without one plea*" had a greater impact on congregations than all of his ministry put together. She gave what she could and it was enough.

We can never hide how things are for us from God, our opening prayer at Holy Communion says "*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open...*" so there's no point pretending. That's a relief.

We can come, just as we are and know ourselves to be truly understood and welcomed. So come when you can. Not because you must, but because you may.

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



Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Christine Anne Vane
Brenda Marjorie Watts
Gillian Gresswell
Barrett Andrew Ollier
Myra Jean Brown
Iris Corina Stubbings

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Maddox Reginald Simmons-Wright - 24 September
Dexter John Simmons-Wright - 24 September
Honor Tallulah Scout Severn - 8 October
Cecelia Alba Vivienne Severn - 8 October
Matilda Carolyn Ranken Lyle - 10 December

Fund Raising in Earnest

On pages 6,7 and 8 you can read about the plans we submitted for the church building and taking the Transforming Trinity project live, which means we begin the active fund-raising. Thankfully we anticipate no clash with the Scouts who we fully support in their work towards rebuilding the Scout Hut. More details of the funding we have and the next steps on the project can be found on the church website. We shall be looking to apply to the relevant grant-making funders, many of whom we have identified but if you know of any organisation or institution that might be relevant we would love to hear about them. Contact the church office on htschurchoffice@gmail.com.



® 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.

Rendezvous Café in Church



**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.

A special welcome offered to Ukrainian families and their hosts to meet up and get to know one another, now with informal English lessons.

Excellent value. Tea/coffee and a slice of cake just £2.

Little ones welcomed, toys available.
Free Wi-Fi.



CARING CUISINE

Our gift to you, given with love.

There can be times when receiving a ready prepared meal or a home baked cake would be a very welcome gift.

In line with the HTS Church Family ethos of offering care within our community, we are delighted to offer **Caring Cuisine**.

How does it work? Dedicated volunteers cook meals or soup suitable for freezing for 2-4 persons and large or small cakes.

Who is eligible? Anyone in our community, not necessarily from the Church Family. A new baby has arrived. A member of the family is ill, or recuperating after an operation, or has had an accident. A new home has been moved into. Literally any time when someone is facing temporary challenging changes.

What do I need to do? If you know of someone you feel would appreciate a gift from **Caring Cuisine** please contact Amanda in the Church Office (01344 621886). She will pass on the details and I will call to offer our gift and arrange to deliver it.

Warmest wishes Karen Fisher



14 February at 7:30 pm

Our evening service will be Holy Communion with "the imposition of ashes".

As a sign of penitence and mortality, the sign of the cross is made on the forehead. For Christians it is a recognition of our own failings and the need we have for the grace of God shown in Jesus Christ. It begins a journey through Lent to its climax on Easter Sunday.

2023 Lent Course **Wednesday evenings: 7:30 pm**



**21 and 28
February,
6, 13 and 20
March**

This year our Lent course will explore the links between the Old Testament stories of God's ancient people, the links to the events in the life of Jesus and the New Testament and how these are embodied in the life and worship of the church. By exploring the stories we seek to understand their theological importance and ask what does this mean to us today?

Our 2024 Lent Charities

This year the two charities we continue to support during Lent are:

Holy Trinity's Hardship Fund

This fund enables us to provide practical or financial support to those in need in our community in addition to what we can provide via our Foodbank.

and

Child Action Lanka

A charity focused on ensuring vulnerable children in Sri Lanka have a better future.



A member of our congregation has a personal link to this charity and we will hear more about how our giving continues to make a difference during Lent.

Envelopes will be available in church so you can indicate how you would like your donation to be split between these two charities.

Annual Church Meeting **Sunday 28 April at 10 am** **All welcome**



Short service of worship followed by APCM. This meeting will set out the planning of Wardens and officers to meet the demands of both church life and Transforming Trinity as well as an update on the latter.



Maundy Thursday Supper

Thursday 28 March, 7:30 pm
Bring and share

Good Friday

Friday 29 March, 2:00 pm
An hour before the cross

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March, 10:00 am

Transforming Trinity Goes Live

If you keep back copies of the parish magazine you will see I have been writing about Transforming Trinity for a long time. You might then wonder at 'goes live' in the title. Hasn't it always been?

The best illustration I can offer is that of a couple who are in a serious relationship. As they share together their hopes and dreams and work out if they really are compatible, it all seems real enough but remains a potential life-long relationship. Then they get engaged and it's really real.

We've been developing and revising our plans for the church and the latest iteration of them were examined at the Diocese in September. There was broad approval for the scheme and encouragement to take the next steps of fund-raising and developing the detail.

I made a presentation about it all to the church family in early October. It's all very well the Diocese approving, more important is the opinion of the church family.

There was unanimous support for moving ahead with Transforming Trinity although I'm glad to say church members felt they could question and comment on the scheme. Every question and exploration helps develop the project and one can easily support it happening while still questioning certain details.

At the Church Council meeting in November the elected members considered everything carefully and they unanimously agreed to go live and begin the active fund-raising to pay for the work.

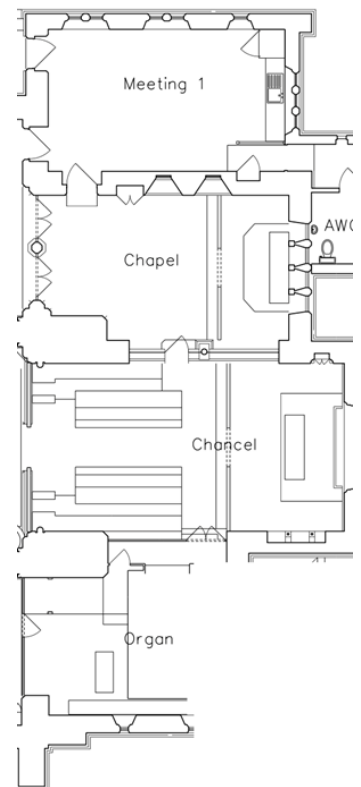
It's a hugely significant moment. It's really real. So, what are the plans? Think of the church in three large sections.

1. The oldest and most historic part of the church is at the **east end**. The chancel and chapel built in 1887, the organ chamber extended in 1890 and the vestry (labelled as Meeting 1) built in 1907.

All these will stay as they are which celebrates our history and reminds us of the long evolution of the church building.

Apart from necessary maintenance - works to insulate the roof of the chapel, renewing the heating method of these spaces - they will remain as they are.

Because we will have an office elsewhere, we can re-purpose the vestry to be a meeting room which anyone can hire and use, it has an external entrance, kitchen and access to the AWC.

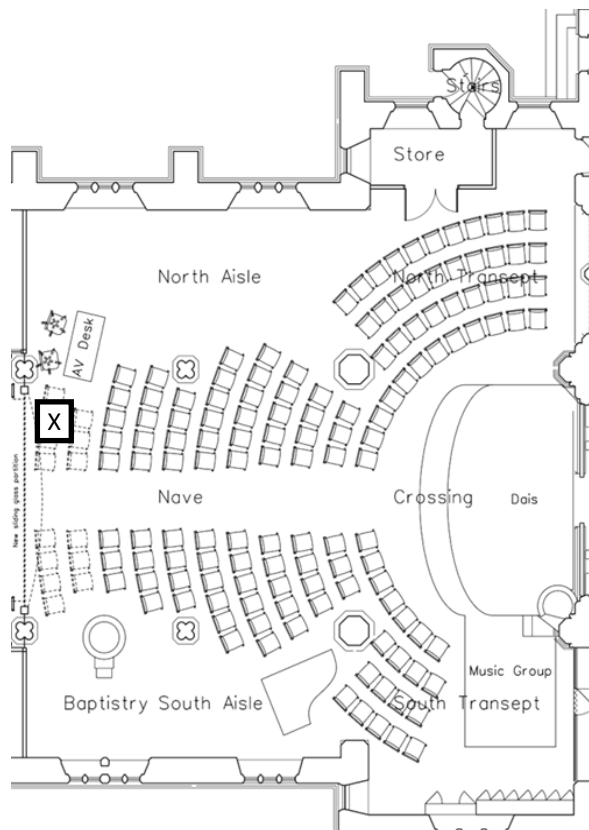


2. The middle section of church will be opened up and will be the space we usually use for worship. The sliding doors and the screens above them will be removed from the north transept (where we have the café at the moment) and the same on the south side, the corner where the musicians and singers are located.

Into the back of the north transept we shall create a large store which will house the foodbank and spare chairs etc.

A new platform will be created, not too different in size from the one that's there now. You might also spot on this drawing that the font has been moved into the South Aisle, the architect has labelled it 'Baptistry'.

You can see on this drawing that the desk for Audio and Vision (AV) has been repositioned. This whole area will have underfloor heating and can be re-configured any way we please. Some pews will be retained in certain parts of church but in this flexible space we shall have the capacity to arrange as we wish.



One final remark. If you were sitting on the back row (X marks the spot) everything in front of you and to the sides will be the church building very much as we have always known it.

3. The west end of church

This is where all the new structures will be. The church office in the south aisle will be accessible from the porch.

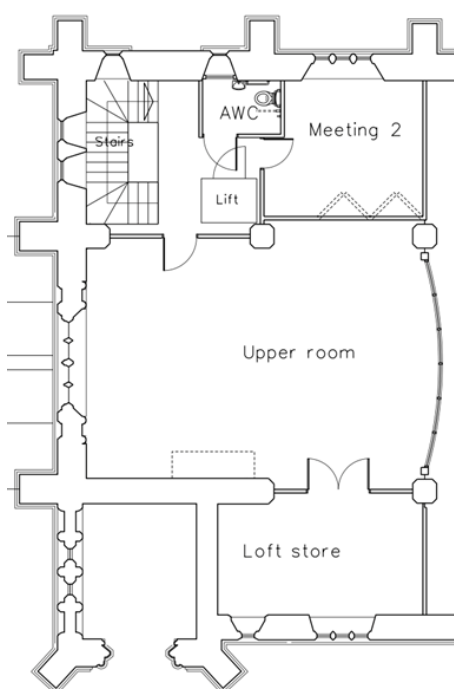
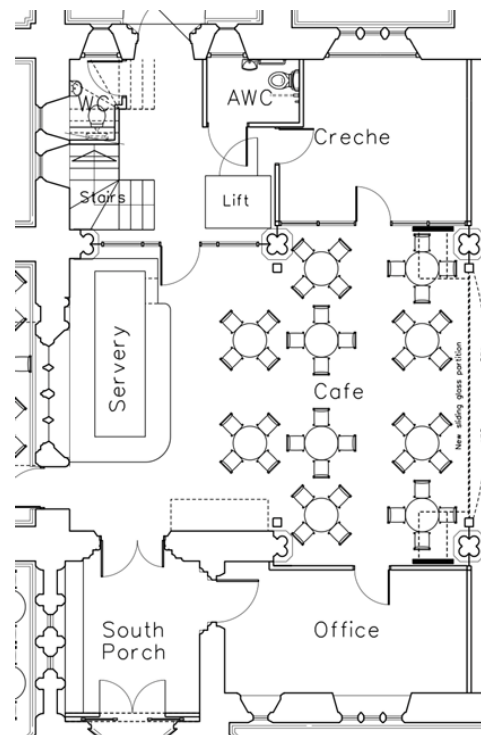
Opposite the office is a new room which will be principally for the crèche.

A new fully equipped servery will be under the west window and the space between office and crèche will be a social space...it's laid out as a café in this drawing.

The social space and the usual worship space will be separated by glass panels, but they can be slid out of the way (see page 8).

In the NW corner we shall tuck two additional toilets, the stairs and lift and of course stairs and lifts have to lead somewhere!

(PS – this area will also have underfloor heating)



Above the office, social space and crèche we shall have **a mezzanine floor** to create the facilities shown left.

The "Upper Room" will be a fabulous new space lit by our impressive west window. It will be separated from the worship space down below by a full height glass screen, this is to allow this room to be used while other events are taking place.

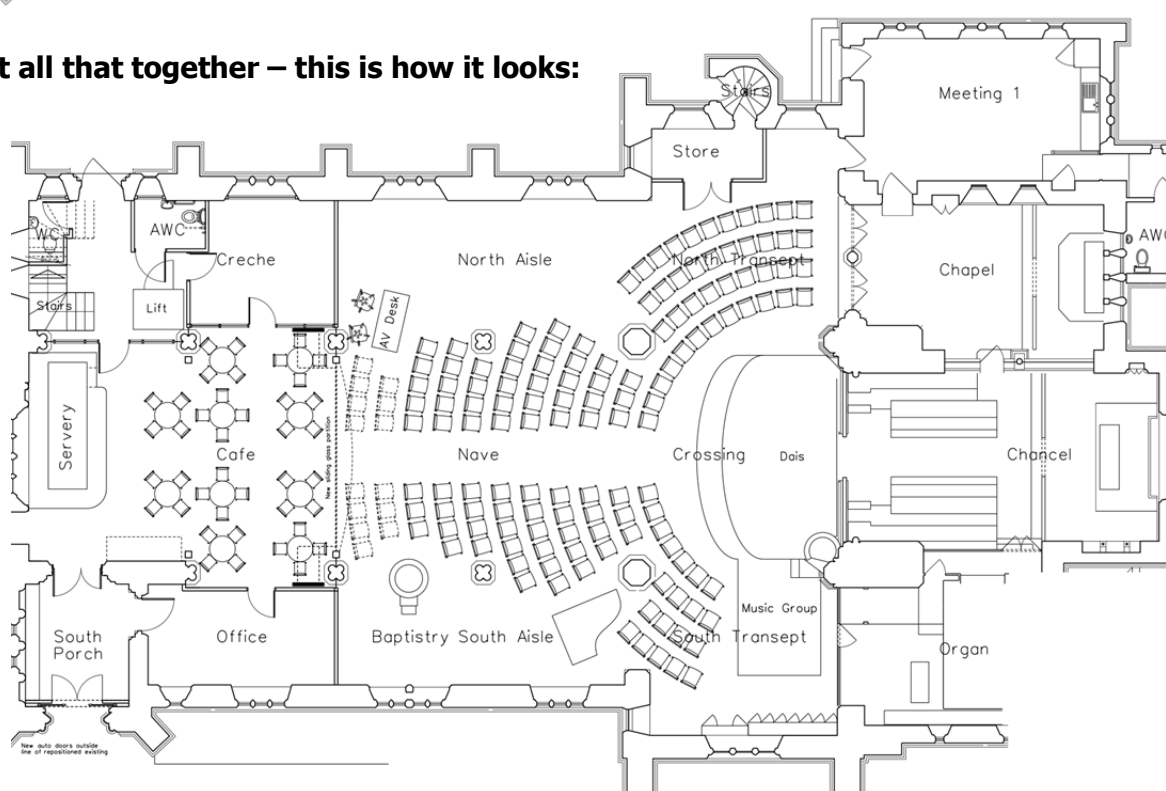
Whether it's a community event, or a school event or the room is being used by another local organisation, this new space will allow all of us to enjoy our church building in a new and imaginative way.

Above the office we shall create more storage space and above the crèche we shall have a small meeting room, although this could be opened up to add to the upper room. Another toilet is also on this floor.

The rooms will have underfloor heating and we shall create an audio feed into the upper room from the ground floor so that should we ever need an overflow space for an extremely large service this space could be used.

And if you put all that together – this is how it looks:

With renewed lighting, heating, sound and vision, the church will retain its atmospheric and historic character while creating new facilities for the whole community to enjoy.

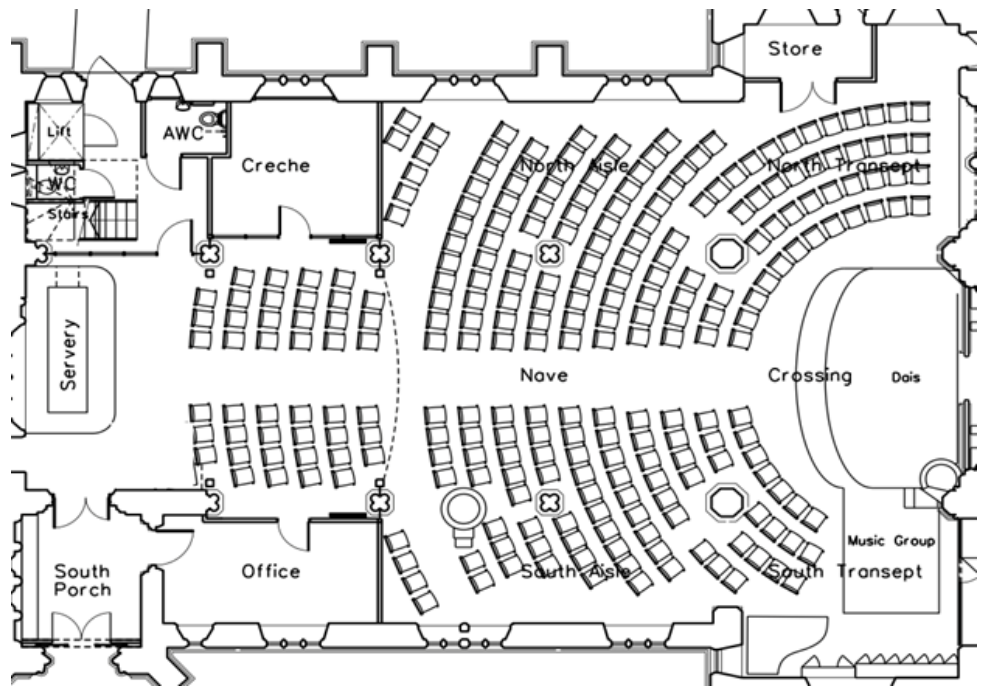


Flexibility and authenticity

Making changes to the church building isn't new and different generations have felt the need to add, knock down, re-model and re-invent. In developing Transforming Trinity, we have held onto the need for it to remain the parish church, capable of holding the services and events we have always held.

In this drawing the architect has shown how we can clear away the social space, open the glass screens and set the church out for a large event, Remembrance Day perhaps, or a wedding or funeral or the school services at Harvest, Easter and Christmas. With the servery shut away and the ground floor laid out like this we aim to seat the same maximum number as we can now.

However, the church building can also become a community space for a whole host of events. We've hosted an opera before now, and more recently the Scouts have held their quiz nights in the building. In the drawing below the architect has used tables for four whereas the Scouts have teams of eight. I think I could have a team of sixteen and I still wouldn't beat the Curry Club!



So the question to ask yourself is this...in a space this large in such an amazing building, how might I use it?

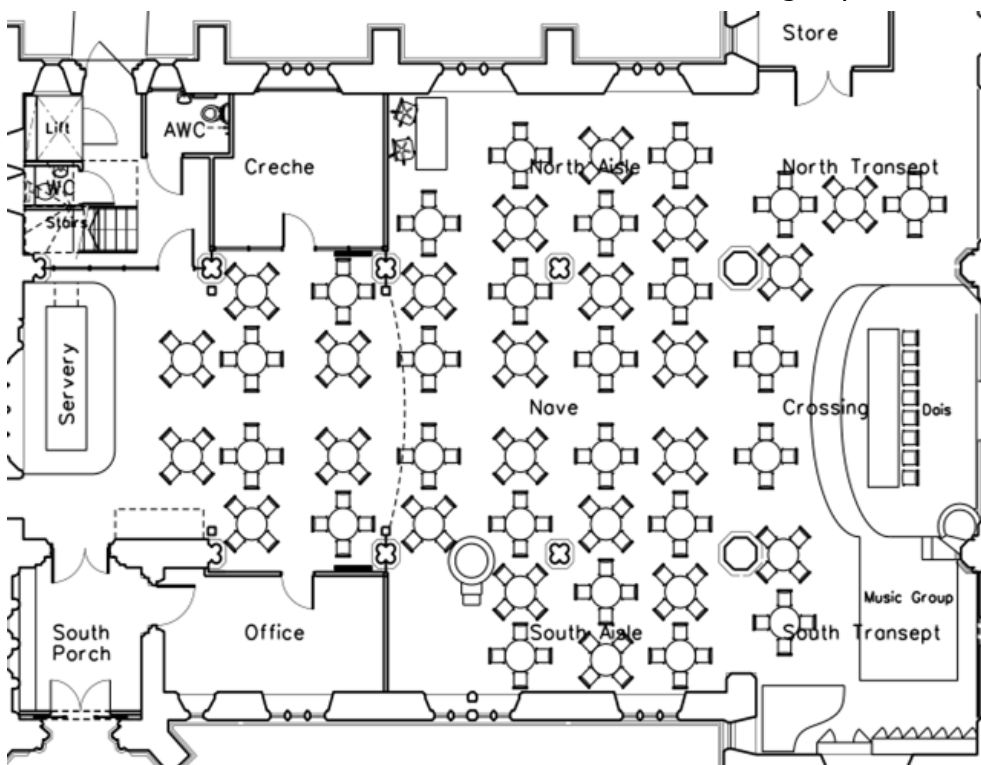
The church has been working on developing the building as a community hub for a very long time. It will always be the parish church where worship and weddings, funerals and christenings take place, and all this has been safeguarded in our plans for the building and the seating numbers and so on.

We will also be in a much better place to share the building with other organisations. It might be a group that meets weekly that needs a room,

access to refreshments and to the loos. Or maybe a one-off event that requires seating for 300 or so and a platform.

It might be that you enjoy the café and the companionship and when that's running you drop in for cake and a coffee. Or you run a course that lasts eight weeks, needs a venue and having a crèche room would be ideal. Holy Trinity church isn't my building – it's our building.

More detail and a short video highlighting these plans can be seen by visiting holytrinitysunnigdale.co.uk/transformingtrinity/



Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
of every month in church
between 9.00 and 11.30 am.

No referral needed.

January 3rd, February 7th,
March 6th
and April 3rd

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.

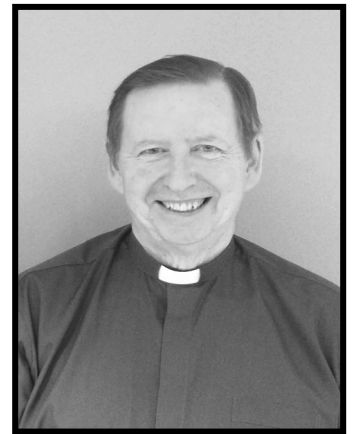
We understand it is a challenging time
financially for many people at the
moment, and we can offer a range of
essential food, household and toiletry
items to anyone in need.

Ways of donating to our Foodbank

If you would like to donate
items these can be put in the church
Foodbank box, which is to be found
inside the church porch on the left hand
side, during office hours or on Sunday
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.

Revd Terry



I've previously written
with joy and excitement
about Jerusalem. Today
(November 2023), I'm
writing with great sorrow
and bewilderment in the
aftermath of the
devastating news of the Hamas-led attacks on
Israel and the country's continuing response
directed by the government from Jerusalem.
Most commentators agree that a state of war
exists.

Ironically, Jerusalem was founded over 3,500
years ago to enable peace and reconciliation
to be brought between two warring rival tribes,
but history has shown that it has rarely been
a city at peace. At least 119 major conflicts
have taken place over it, and it has been
besieged no less than 32 times. Little wonder
it is called the most contested piece of real
estate on earth.

The sad fact is that whilst Jerusalem might
have been founded as a city of peace, it
has become a city of weeping. This was
understood by Jesus when he wept over the
city during his triumphal entry into it (Luke
19:41). Jesus would have been weeping in
full sympathy with those who throughout its
history, had longed for Jerusalem to truly be
a city of peace.

And, surely, Jesus would have felt the anguish
and sorrow for not only the city but also for all
people whom he wanted so desperately to be
blessed with the peace of God that passes all
understanding (Philippians 4:7). The same
peace which seems to be in such short supply
today.

This prayer hangs on a wall in St George's
Cathedral Jerusalem:

*"Pray not for Arab or Jew for Palestinian or
Israeli BUT pray rather for ourselves that we
might not divide them in our prayers but keep
them both together in our hearts"*

Let's do just that. Let's pray for peace and
reconciliation in Jerusalem, just as originally
intended 3,500 years ago.

News from Sandy Lane

How quickly has this year flown? A feeling of excitement has been with us, and continues to grow, since we found out that our planning permission for the new hut has been granted.

Redoubling our efforts to find funds for the build we have managed to raise so far an incredible £83,000. To add to this total, we still have our Bike Sale and our Street Fayre 'turkey and stuffing' stall in Sunninghill – which we hope many of you were able to enjoy. Unfortunately for us, the cost of building has risen substantially since we first raised the idea of a new hut so we are now in need of help from local councils and the local community (thank you for everything you've done so far) so we can approach national bodies such as The National Lottery for additional funding.

For the new year we're launching our **"24 for 24" campaign**. This ambitious plan, to find 24 new leaders to join us in 2024, will allow us to open one new section each for Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs and increase the number of Scout and Explorer leaders too, so we can offer *even more* Scouting opportunities to the Young People of Sunningdale.

And this is where we need **YOUR** help....whether your child is currently part of 1st Sunningdale Scouts, or enjoyed being with us when they were younger, maybe you volunteer with us already or perhaps you were a Scout or a Guide yourself.....we need you to **"spread the word"**. Talk with your friends, your family and your neighbours...let them know how much your young people enjoy Scouting and remember how much **YOU** enjoyed it too! We're looking for enthusiastic adults that would like to get stuck in and experience all that Scouting has to offer, to join us and make our plan a reality.

Plus, by signing up as an adult volunteer, your child can **skip the waiting list** altogether and get stuck into all that Scouting has to offer...immediately.



To find out more about our "24 for 24" campaign please visit our website (www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk).

For those of you who attended the Quiz Night – what a night! Controversy was high – and I'm not talking about Quizmaster Micky's choice of gold sequin jacket! We announced that the winners were 'We Quiz for Fizz' (pictured), however, due to a glitch in our technology, it was revealed that the real victors were none other than 'Curry Club.' Order was soon restored, it just added to the excitement and intrigue of the night! Congratulations to all those who came along, and to add to the cheer, we raised an additional £3K for our new hut appeal, thanks to everyone's generosity. We'll be making sure our scoring system is top notch for our next Quiz Night which will be in March 2024.

Our Golf Day at Sunningdale Heath Golf Club was another success where, together with 1st South Ascot we raised a massive £5,000. Sixteen teams, many of whom returned from last year, took part, with Rambo Fore, made up of; Ben Godber, Tom Godber, Xav Anderson and Piers Collins taking first place. Paul Smith completed the longest drive and Aiden McCarthy drove closest to the pin. Thanks to all who participated and supported the auction event. We are

looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2024!

Our newest addition to the Group - the Squirrel Drey - is going from strength to strength. We are both proud and delighted to announce that our very first Chief Scout's Acorn Award was achieved by Zoé Shannon just before the summer break. To get it, Zoé had to complete all four Challenge Awards and two Activity Badges, showing that she had had adventures, helped her friends, and learned new things. Well done!

A fond farewell: For those who have supported 1st Sunningdale Scouts for a while you will have come across our amazing Grant Wyatt. After 7 years of service, first as a Beaver Leader and then more recently as our Treasurer and dedicated member of the Sunningdale Executive Committee, it is time to

hang up his woggle. His IT and admin support has been an asset to the team, and he will be sorely missed – thank you for all you have done Grant.

As we say goodbye to Grant, we welcome Emma Read, David Heimann, Dan Lynch, Jo Hermon and Kate Baker to the team. Thanks for your support.

Thank you for all your continued support and a very happy New Year! **1st Sunningdale Scouts.**