

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



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Summer 2024

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Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 am

BCP Communion

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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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:

Welcome to the Summer magazine although at the moment the warmer weather is something to look forward to.

To cheer myself along I usually have a tune to hum and of late I've been selecting from Guys and Dolls. I will admit to singing about *The Oldest Established (permanent floating crap game in New York)* while in church tidying things away!

If the size of your bundle, you want to increase / He'll arrange that you go broke in quiet and peace...

Poor old Nathan Detroit...so many gamblers wanting to gamble and he hasn't a venue, if only he could get \$1,000 they would soon be millionaires.

How often have we thought 'if only'?
If only I'd the money I could...
If only I'd the opportunity I would...
If only I'd decided differently back then...
I wonder how much time we waste wishing for 'if only' and consequently miss the blessings and opportunities we do have.

And I wonder if the flip side to the coin is 'I can't'.

A rich young ruler asks Jesus what he needs to do to gain heaven (if only I do...) and Jesus tells him to sell everything, give it away and follow him. The rich fellow sadly leaves (I can't) not realising what a snare his wealth had become.

There are things I wish I'd done and plenty I wish I hadn't, but the discovery of faith is the presence of God who is "I am". In the present. It's the name he gave when Moses said who are you?

I like that God is in the now; He is 'I am'. And I like the promise in Jeremiah that says, "you will hear a voice behind you saying this is the way, walk in it". That takes away the guesswork. So, as we wait for the warmer weather don't miss all that each day has in store and the possibilities that 'I am' has in store for each of us.

And don't forget to share with me what they are!

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:



Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Marie Anita Thomas
Captain David John Roberts ERD
Moya Violet Margaret Holroyd
Anna-Marianna Jackson
Thomas James Twort
Edward Arthur Fredrick Welch
James (Jimmy) Michael Stanley Teague
Patricia Olive Evans
John Purves Stewart
Pauline Robertson

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Evelyn Alicia Reilly - 28 January

Transforming Trinity...All Being Well

I grew up with the phrase 'All Being Well'. I don't think I ever heard any plan being made, any arrangement, any small or large thing without All Being Well getting tacked on the end. It ends up being a default way of thinking.

Unsurprisingly I use it myself. Yes, I'll drive up and collect you from the station – all being well. I'll cook the evening meal tonight – all being well. I'll see you in a week's time after my pilgrimage walk – all being well.

Does it betray a lack of confidence in an ability to plan and the kindness of the universe? Or is it an acceptance that life doesn't always go as smoothly as we would like? Bearing in mind I heard this phrase countless times from my father I would have to say the latter. Life didn't always go smoothly for him and he half expected something to go amiss, which is not a great way to live; permanently anxious that some calamity will occur.

And yet I find it's probably the most appropriate phrase to use when it comes to a timeline for the Transforming Trinity project. If everything occurs in sequence as we hope and pray it will, we shall be closing the church down for major internal re-building in June/July 2025 (all being well).

Our project manager, Paul Sharman, has used his considerable experience to map out a timeline with dates for when certain key things will occur. This gives us a full year for the fundraising and during the year we hope to get the faculty permission from the Diocese (Sep - Nov 24) and from the

planning department at the Borough. To be granted permission from the Diocese we have to present our plans, receive a YES, have a 28 day notification period and then wait for the Diocesan Chancellor's decision. There's a similar time delay with the Borough...but we hope to gain our permissions before the end of this year (ABW).

This gives the architect and associated professionals a 6 month period to do the detailed design work ready to present in September (24) and that work is already underway.

Once we have our permissions in place the project ramps up with the selection of suitable contractors, a recommended tender list, the tender process, a PCC decision and approval and a lovely period of 6 weeks which Paul describes as "mobilisation".

This will have taken us past Easter 2025 and if everything has gone to schedule then the work can begin, which involves closing the church for 38 weeks with the aim of re-opening for Easter 2026.

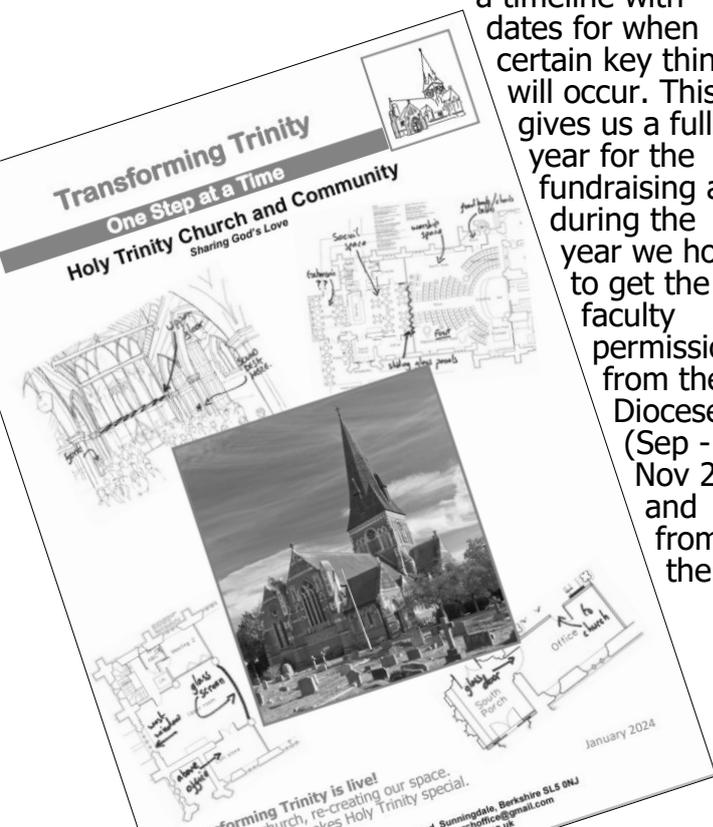
All being well.

I think the big mistake would be to hold on to the timeline and dates as if life itself depended upon them. There are so many steps on the journey, all different and all quite complex, anything can occur that might cause a delay, but without a basic plan to work to there would be no idea about when the project might actually occur. Better to have a plan that gets delayed than no plan at all. So after all this time and all the work and all the conversations and all the efforts made we have reached a stage where we can start talking about when it will happen - June/July 2025 (ABW).

This allows us to plan for church life in exile as we won't be able to use the building, and this might be highly relevant to local families who are thinking about a wedding in 2025. Make it before 31st May is my advice!!

There's a long way to go but we are beginning to see when it will be accomplished.

All Being Well.



Each quarter	2024				2025				2026
	J/F/M	A/M/J	J/A/S	O/N/D	J/F/M	A/M/J	J/A/S	O/N/D	J/F/M
1 Fundraising	█								
2 Faculty preparation	█	█	█						
3 Diocesan process			█	█					
4 Planning Application			█	█					
5 Contractor Selection				█	█				
6 Tender process				█	█	█			
7 Mobilisation						█	█		
8 Construction							█	█	█
9 Return									█

This table is a simplified version of Paul Sharman’s more detailed timeline for the project.

1. *Fundraising – see below.*
2. *Faculty preparation. The extensive amount of paperwork, drawings, plans and details we have to present to the Diocese for their approval including the statements of need and significance.*
3. *Assuming the Diocesan Advisory Council approve the plans, we have a statutory 28 day notice period for anyone to comment, and then await the Chancellor’s decision.*
4. *In the same time frame we shall apply to the Borough for the external aspects of the plan.*
- 5/6. *The whole tender process begins with shortlisting suitable contractors and taking it through to signing contract documents.*
7. *Mobilisation. In essence, getting essential preparation done so that nothing holds up phase 8.*
8. *Construction.*
9. *Re-equipping and preparing for a return to the church building.*

Transforming Trinity : Fundraising.

In the long process of developing this project we were working towards a budget of 1.1 million pounds and our architect designed various options for us to choose from with that figure in mind. Once the back and forth discussions with the Diocese had taken place, plans were revised and submitted again and time has passed by, time that has also allowed for inflation. Our budget is now £1,525,000!!

We are in a good position to add to the funds already raised and have appointed a professional fundraiser to assist with applications to grant making bodies whose criteria match our own.

Our invitation is to anyone and everyone local to Sunningdale to consider whether or not a gift to the church matches their own aspirations and hopes for the community.

By re-imagining and re-designing the church building we are creating a community hub; a place where all can come and all can use. The re-design will create the café, social space and additional rooms, but that is just one aspect. Our intention is to make an impact on isolation and loneliness, deprivation and the burden of carers and parents.

Knowing there’s a place you can always come to and always be welcome, to enjoy activity or simply to enjoy conversation lies at the heart of the Transforming Trinity project and we would welcome a conversation with anyone who is in a position to assist with funding.

Note also – some of the pledges made were to fund the project over a three-year period and this is highly relevant to us. We shall commit to build what we know we can afford and knowing that funds will still be coming in

Fundraising for Transforming Trinity	
Property sale	£400,000
Church member gifts	£ 83,000
Additional pledges	£247,317
Trust funds	£125,000
Total	£850,317
<i>Target to raise</i>	<i>£674,683</i>

Revd Terry

Funerals: A Question of Faith?

Questions are always at the heart of my funeral ministry, for families as well as for myself. I'm not sure if that's because my funeral ministry is now in its second decade or because I'm living in my eighth, but my faith increasingly assures me that the Christian funeral is both a repetition and rehearsal of the Easter promise that there is something more, something that transcends our immediate experience of grief and loss, that death is not the final word. That is not to say, I have all the answers. No, there is so much I don't know. But I do have faith.

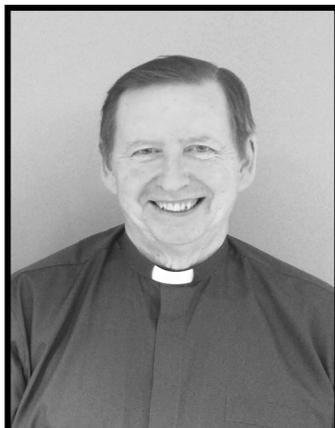
Stephen Cotterill, the Archbishop of York defined faith as not holding out your hand in the dark and *knowing* it will be held but holding out your hand in the dark and *believing* it will be held. Otherwise, faith becomes a certainty and uncertainty, or doubt is an integral part of Christian faith; they are two sides of the same coin; they belong together.

Faith is a relationship just like a marriage. And as in any marriage whilst there will be times of joy and happiness there will also be times of un-knowing and uncertainty, times of doubt and despair, none more so perhaps than when we face up to our own imminent death or the death of a loved one.

My faith tells me it's ok to have questions like ...what will happen to me after I breathe my last? Where is heaven? When will I meet Jesus face to face? Will I be reunited with my loved ones at some point? ...without knowing the answers.

If you have questions like those, why wait until planning a funeral to ask them? Let's talk things through over coffee one morning.

Revd Terry Ward-Hall



**Grief is hard.
Death can impact all of life.**

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

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



Save the date

Saturday 13 July

12 - 3 pm



Summer Recital

at Holy Trinity Church

Fundraiser for Transforming Trinity

12.00

Much admired local concert pianist

Daniel Hill

plays a selection of pieces including Prokofiev's Sonata No 8, one of the greatest piano works of the 20th Century

12.50

Light Lunches

available from Rendezvous Café

1.45

Summer Songs

performed by Jayne Strand
accompanied by Katherine Hutchinson
Music from the stage and silver screen

Admission FREE - all donations will go towards the Transforming Trinity Project

Harrison and Harrison – Premier League

I imagine most of you reading this will have been in the parish church for an event where the church organ has been played. Although we have a digital keyboard with an astonishing range of sounds – not least church organ sounds – there is nothing quite like the genuine article partly because it can be felt as well as heard. When the stops are all open the deep bass notes send a tremor through the building and the souls who are singing, there is nothing quite like it.

Toward the end of 2023 we received a request from the project manager at Harrison and Harrison who manufactured the organ asking if he could come and inspect the instrument as part of the PhD he was doing into H&H Organ Builders. It seemed too good an opportunity to miss, what more could we learn about the instrument?

We already knew it was second hand. Originally built in 1865 for St. Martin-on-the-Hill, Scarborough who claimed it was insufficiently powerful. Quite what the connection was with Sunningdale is buried in H&H's extensive archive, but negotiation took place to bring it to Holy Trinity.



It replaced a smaller church organ given by Mr Arbuthnot of Coworth Park and when first installed was partly in the old vestry and partly on the opposite side of the chancel – that is, half of it was where it is now and half was somehow on the opposite side where the chapel is. What a shame we have no picture of that! After they had extended the old vestry into the current organ chamber, the whole thing was re-assembled in the one place, just as we still have it. There's more though to the story.

Thomas Harrison was from Rochdale and his business went bust so he headed further north and

settled in Durham. A new firm was started with his son who turned out to be better at building instruments than his dad. It must have been a considerable puzzle to them that St. Martin's rejected the instrument we now have, but undaunted they took it apart, re-assembled it at Holy Trinity and used it as an example of what they were capable of. They brought prospective clients to see and hear our church organ and on the back of this instrument gained commissions to build many more in cathedrals and notable churches. In ten years, they were the premier church organ builders in the UK. All on the back of our (second hand) instrument.

I'm pleased to report that our visitor was able to confirm how well the current tuner (Alan Salt) is looking after the instrument and the quality of his careful repairs to some heavy-handed treatment back in the 80s. All our plans for Transforming Trinity include keeping the organ exactly where it is and maintaining it for future generations to enjoy.

We are exploring the possibility of bringing the fan and lowest bellows out of the cellar room and into the organ chamber but it will depend on room and cost. And who knows, a future generation might decide to add to the existing pipes and make the organ grander still; after all the top manual (keyboard) is a dummy – unconnected to anything. If St. Martin's had paid for the extra pipes perhaps it would have been as powerful as they had intended and it would never have found its way to us. But they didn't and it made its way south. I'm very glad it did.

Church Foodbank



Open on the first Wednesday
of every month in church
between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

No referral needed.

May 8th, June 5th,
July 3rd, August 7th
and September 4th

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.

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.



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.



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.

Who is eligible? Anyone in our community.
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



Child Action Lanka one of our 2024 Lent Charities

CAL is the overseas charity we have been supporting through Stephanie Hynard who is a member of church and works with the charity. It is a tremendous privilege to support CAL and enjoy seeing the progress made. Although currently abroad, Stephanie emailed the following...

It's such a joy to be reporting back on the progress of the special school now established at Gampola in Kandy with 24 young people attending full time education.

A year ago, when I made my visit, children attended on a part-time basis, but the families had to meet the cost of a tuk-tuk to get their children to the unit. The three teachers struggled to provide education in a breeze block building that had no fan or air-conditioning, and only running water for two days a week, and very few education resources.

CAL is a Christian charity, and they were initially undecided whether they would be able to meet the needs of these special children. However, when they received the news that Holy Trinity Church was going to support them, they felt confident to rent a bigger building. Now there are 4 classrooms, a hall and kitchen. Every child has a table and chair and Fathima has a brand new wheelchair.



I've continued to work with the teachers via zoom, showing them how to develop the resources that came from our resource cupboards at the back of the church.

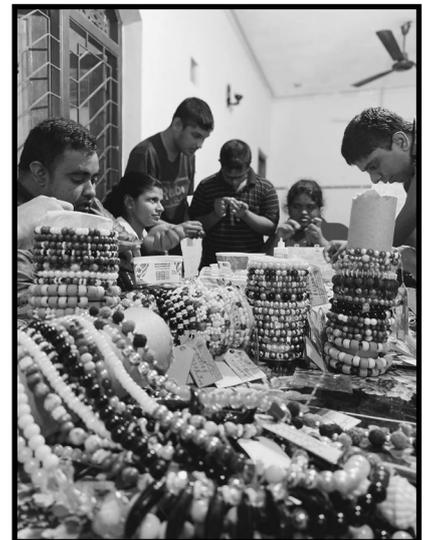
They bought a photocopier and a laminator, which means that materials can be used several times. Rather than trying to teach children in one large group, they now understand the need to divide the children into

age groups or ability groups to make sure that learning can be planned more appropriately. They have created an apprenticeship program for students who are over 18, and they are learning catering and simple maintenance tasks whilst another group is setting up an enterprise based on making jewellery and has already sold bracelets to friends and family.

Every fortnight my WhatsApp inbox is filled with photos of the progress being made. Last week I received photos of 8 young adults in the apprenticeship group making their first train journey, learning how to buy a ticket and sit quietly in the train.

Amazing smiles from all the young people at the pleasure of being treated as young adults.

The staff have also made a commitment to their own continuing professional development. Together we follow a vocational program on special education, and I set them tasks to discuss and feedback their ideas to me. One teacher, Chamila, has been interested in learning how to use sign language and some of the money raised by Holy Trinity Church is funding her course. Another teacher Fatima is completing a certificate in Special Education.



Sam, initially a temporary administrator has now made a commitment to staying with the Gampola School. He sends me wonderful emails, telling me the difference we make. He really appreciates having the support from the church family. The staff and parents are so proud that their progress is shared with other people.

Stephanie Hynard

News from Sandy Lane

With Easter just around the corner, and a feeling of Spring in the air, it is with great optimism that we march into 2024, working towards our dream of a new hut for 1st Sunningdale Scouts – transforming our environment and extending our ability to help more young people in the area. We have now broken £90,000 in self-raised funding and hope to achieve our goal of £100,000 before the end of the year. At this critical time, we need as much community support as possible and as such have put together a survey to get your thoughts, and help. If you could fill it in, and encourage local friends and family to do likewise, we would be very grateful – it will only take a minute or two please follow the QR Code below or go to our website. If you would like to contribute to our fund raising directly, please email:
New_Hut@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com



Working hard for our future, we continue to work closely with Sunningdale Parish Council in the hope that we will be able to become part of their Business Plan – which could help with our funds and make our new hut dream a reality.

Speaking of fund raising, to add to our total we ran our annual Quiz Night in March, and will be hosting our third annual 1st Sunningdale and 1st South Ascot Scouts' Golf Day on 5th July at Sunningdale Heath Golf Club. So, if golf's your

game, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. If you'd like to join us, email Golf_Day@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com Last year was a complete success with 18 teams vying for the top spot.

Following our Volunteer Open Day at our hut in January we have now welcomed three new Scout Leaders and one new Squirrel Leader. We're now focussed on finding more volunteers so we can open a second Squirrel Drey on a Friday and a second Beaver Colony on a Tuesday.



If you would like to know more, details of our Twenty Four for '24 volunteering initiative can be found by visiting our website. As a reminder... volunteering at 1st Sunningdale can automatically give your child a place in one of the sections.

As you can see our new hut plans are keeping us very busy. However, it has not distracted us from creating amazing activities for all our sections. Our Cubs and Scouts recently 'Kipped on a Ship' – and not just any ship, HMS Belfast to be exact - the first time we've been able to run this since Covid. Explorers have also been tearing round London with 8,000 other Scouts on the Monopoly Run, plus we've run signalling and fencing sessions, made pancakes, hiked, visited the panto, and of course made fires.



Thanks again for all your support, it means so much to us, and we wish you and your friends and families a very peaceful Easter.
1st Sunningdale Scouts.
www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk