



Newsletter

Holy Trinity Sunningdale
Church and Community
Sharing God's Love

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Services now on YouTube HTS Vicar

Whilst we are unable to gather together for worship at Holy Trinity two Sunday services are being uploaded to the HTS Vicar YouTube channel weekly : a main worship service and a short service for families with craft activities.

Morning Prayers are also added daily during the week.

Do take a look and join us.

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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Usually when I write to you I'm advising on current initiatives, plans for the coming months, issues about the building or changes to some aspect of church life. It's odd to have everything on hold.

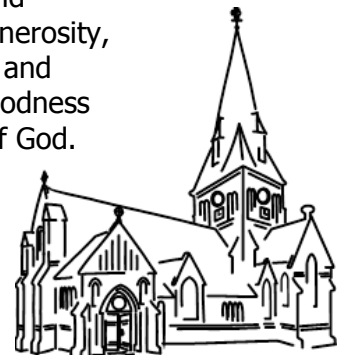
Of course the life of our church and community is not on hold and much is going on as other parts of this newsletter detail, but all the usual aspects of church life were made dormant and we are only just beginning to move back to slightly more freedom. If there's one thing our shared experience of late March to May has shown us, the moment you think you know what the status quo is, it changes. Last week (10th to 16th May) only one person and their household was allowed into church. This week (17th to 23rd May) different people can go in at different times. While we wait for the full freedom to meet and worship together, I hope we can have the freedom to allow anyone to come for prayer as we did on Mothering Sunday.

Our learning curve has been extremely steep but we are getting to grips with "how to" Zoom meetings, recorded services and live worship. We're learning "how long" some of these things take. Our situation creates big questions about worship, communion, prayer and the corporate nature of church done in isolation and yet in some ways we have drawn closer together through this shared experience.

Our situation also highlights how difficult it is to share experiences if someone has less technology or doesn't like using technology. The decision to use YouTube as the place for our church videos was partly because that is the easiest place to open up from mobile, tablet, laptop, computer or your smart TV. In the same way you can browse for BBC iPlayer or Netflix, you can navigate to YouTube and search for HTS Vicar. Here you will find all the videos we have made.

Until we can meet again in church or outdoors, whether socially distanced or not, we pray for all affected and suffering from the pandemic, those managing and dealing with the crisis, and thank God for the blessings that have come unexpectedly and frequently. Tremendous generosity, friendship, neighbourliness and kindness. In dark times, goodness shines bright to the glory of God.

Revd Jon Hutchinson



May 2020

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

Covid-19 Support Hub

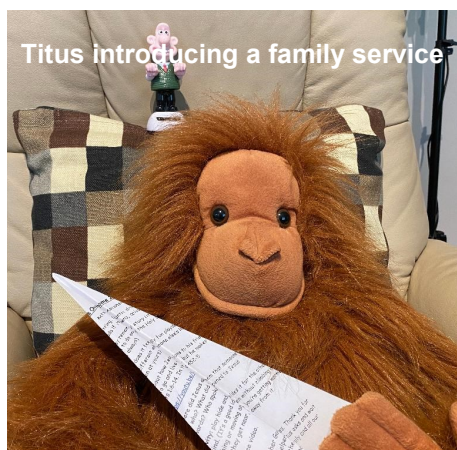
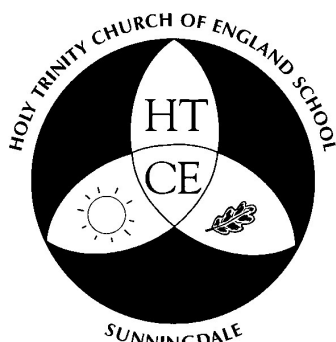
The Hub is a RBWM initiative organised through Ascot and Sunninghill Parish Council working with local charities and churches to offer support to the local community during these difficult times.

Holy Trinity Church is focusing on helping individuals and families who are finding it difficult in this financially testing time and are responding quickly to support all referrals from the Hub. By accident, we became the depository for gifted non-perishable foods from individuals and corporate organisations, including the local army base. When supply of foods exceeds our local needs any excess is passed onto Bracknell Foodbank.

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Holy Trinity School Re-opening

Plans change the moment you write something, however when Holy Trinity Primary does re-open (perhaps 1st June) even with limited numbers of pupils, there will be a need to keep social distance as children are dropped off at school and collected. The pavements on Station Road and Church Road will be busy places with parents queuing 2m apart. If you can avoid this area when walking or heading to the shops at the usual school times it would be helpful.



Fleur Pelly who prepares the weekly plan and craft activity for the Children's YouTube service reflects on her reaction to Lockdown

When lockdown was announced I was shocked! Could the virus really be so bad? Could it really be here?

Could lockdown really protect everyone? And more personally, what about all the things I normally do? The haircut, the gym, the visits to grandchildren in Warfield and Burnham? Would we even be allowed to take the dog for a walk?

And now, this is how we live: fitness videos, walks on Chobham Common or over the golf course, untidy hair, gardening and jobs round the house, 'assembly' every day with the grandchildren. However, it's this routine which has saved the day for us. I love preparing a story, craft and prayer for the children every day (and the Sunday ones too), I appreciate walks in quiet streets, the house and garden have never been so tidy. I have been reading. It used to be a paragraph at bedtime; now I might read a chapter! But most of all, I am grateful. Grateful for husband, home and family (however distant) grateful for the phone and the internet to keep in touch, grateful for good health to enjoy it all. Grateful that friends feel able to ask for prayer and grateful for the comfort and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

All our service videos and activity sheets can be found on our website via the Sermons tab: www.holytrinitysunningdale.co.uk

Update on Pastoral Team activity: Phone Buddies and Shopping Angels

Currently we have thirty five families and individuals, who are being regularly contacted by one of our twenty-one **Phone Buddies**. Sometimes this is just to have a chat and make sure they are OK, but it can also be to arrange for shopping or to collect prescriptions, which is then done by one of our thirteen **Shopping Angels**. We have families to whom we regularly deliver items from our church Foodbank and many others have been given one-off donations, including several families referred from the Support Hub.



As you can imagine, all of this is hugely appreciated by all the recipients and we have received many cards and messages of appreciation and thanks, one lovely hand made one is reproduced here.

Roz Doherty