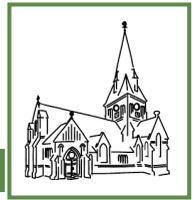


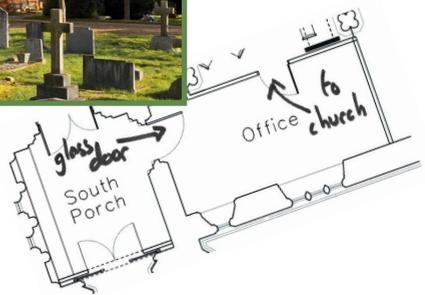
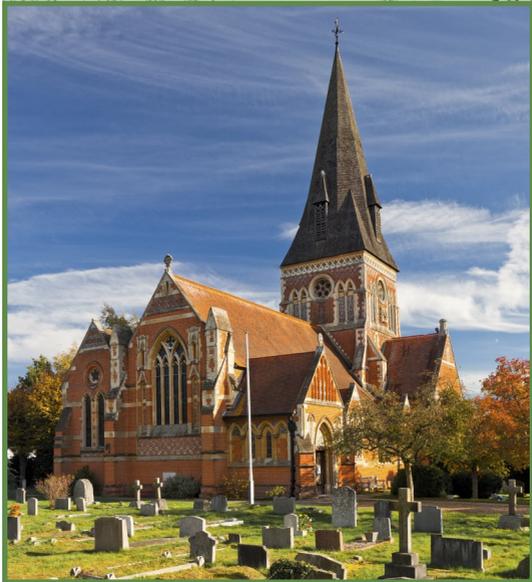
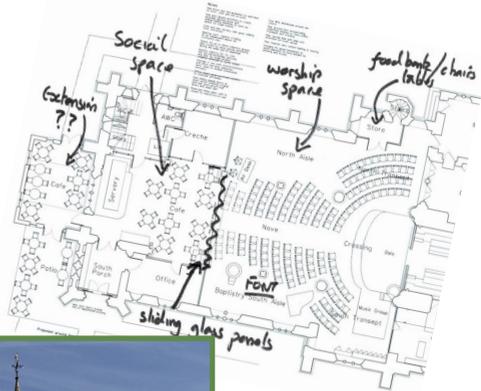
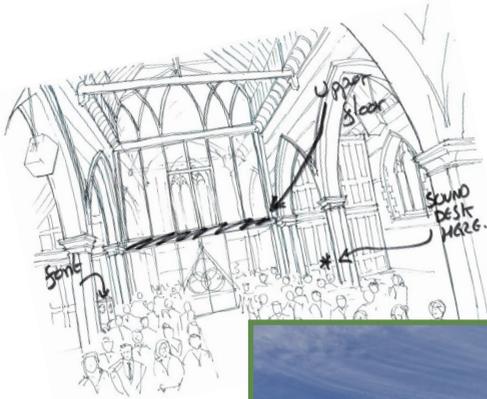
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## One Step at a Time

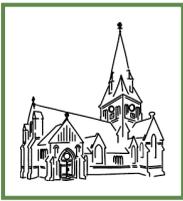
### Holy Trinity Church and Community

Sharing God's Love



**Transforming Trinity is live!**  
Re-imagining church, re-creating our space.  
Retaining all that makes Holy Trinity special.

January 2024

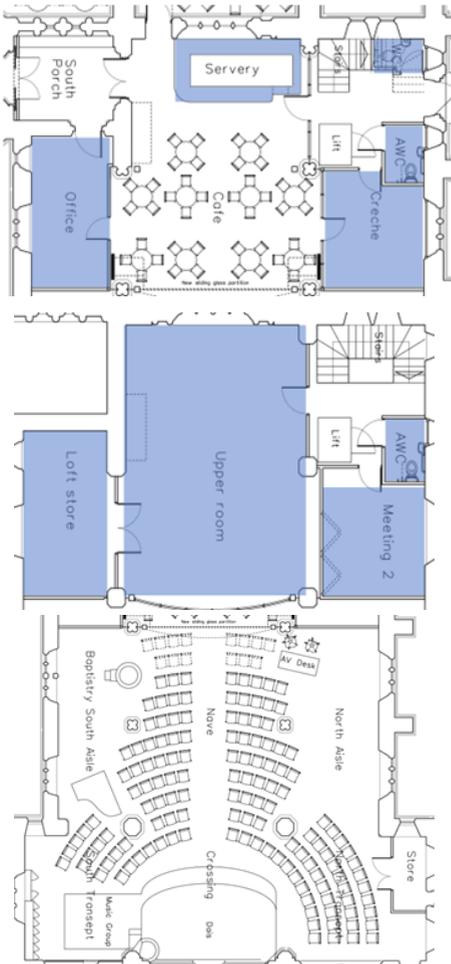


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## One Step at a Time

**Transforming Trinity** is a reimagining of our church building to provide all the facilities we need by using the space we have.

Of primary importance was safeguarding our Victorian Heritage, protecting the chancel and chapel by Street, the notable Harrison organ and all the special features of our church.



All the new facilities will be at the west end using the rear 2/5ths of the nave and aisles. A church office, a crèche room and fully equipped servery will be on the ground floor along with two toilets.

On a mezzanine we shall create a small hall, (upper room) a meeting room, storage space and another toilet.

The front 3/5ths of the nave, the crossing and transepts will be our permanent worship space removing the existing sliding doors and enclosures.

Sliding glass panels will separate the two spaces unless we hold a large service or event.

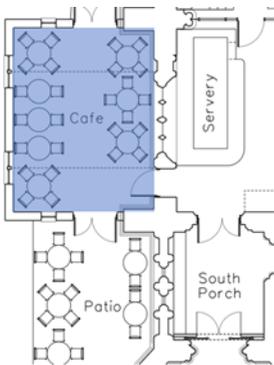
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## One Step at a Time



Our new facilities will allow us to return the chapel to a place for prayer and worship and the vestry will become a purposeful meeting room, it's advantages being the external entrance, kitchen and toilet.

To accompany the work we intend to resolve some long standing issues. A new floor and underfloor heating will remove trip hazards and bring the heat where we need it to be. An air source heat pump and solar panels will be a significant part of becoming a green church meeting the Church of England commitment to being carbon neutral.

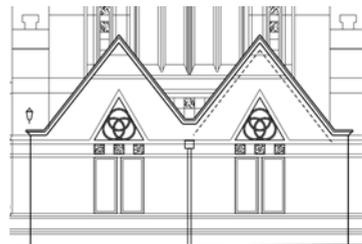


We shall replace our metal halide floodlights with modern LED spotlights similar to the work done in the chancel. With repositioned vision screens and sound systems we will have a building that can accommodate regular worship, much larger events, community functions and have the flexibility to host a number of activities simultaneously.

A question mark still remains over the possibility of a small extension at the west end, this could be phase two of our project.

However permission has been given for a new west door and a patio area outside.

Fuller details of the **Transforming Trinity** project are on our website including the Statements of Need and Significance, a history of our church and the latest news.



New extension with saw-tooth roof



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## Going Live

It may seem curious that it's only now that we have taken the step of making the **Transforming Trinity** project a live one, by which we mean actively fund-raising with the aim of fulfilling the plans shown on pages two and three.

### **Hasn't it been live all along?**

We've been working in the expectation of carrying the project out, but even so the critical decision is not made by the Diocese Advisory Committee, (who need to agree!) or the RBWM planning authority or the Bishop or the Archdeacon!

**The decision to do Transforming Trinity belongs to the church.**

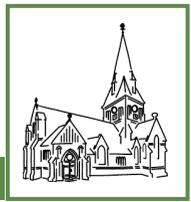
After the DAC checked over our plans and broadly gave their support, Revd Jon gave a presentation of the project in church on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 and invited feedback. Thus far we have received 49 replies and all 49 give positive support. At the PCC meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> the members gave their unanimous decision to go ahead.

### **Yes. We are doing this.**

At any time to date we could have backed off such far-reaching plans and tackled a single aspect of the project, the uneven floor and heating for example. We could have refunded any money given for TT if we hadn't gone ahead or only done a small aspect.

However, we are committed to the full **Transforming Trinity** project and seeing it through, achieving as much of the plan as we are able. We'll just keep working away at it, one step at a time.

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## Fund Raising

Our working target, decided upon after the one-to-one visits Revd Jon made and the scale of pledging, is 1.1million pounds. We are in a really quite healthy position to push on and reach this target.

From the sale of 62 Park Crescent	£400,000
Money already given by church members	£ 83,000
Additional pledges made by church members	£247,317
Access to trust funds (if required)	£125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£850,317</b>

This gives us a target (give or take a few pounds) of £250,000 to raise from grant making bodies and funders including the Diocesan Development Fund.

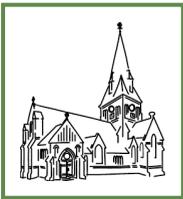
Ideally all the work we anticipate will be fully funded but we stay with our feet on the ground. When Paul and Mark\* come to put an up-to-date price on the project near the work beginning we may have to adjust, but £1.1million is our target. If we need to adjust the project to balance cost and funds then the PCC will have a priority list so that the essentials are tackled first. No-one wants to do a major piece of work and realise we missed what was essential and obvious.

Now that we are 'live' we invite all those who pledged and feel they can give to do so. Circumstances may have changed of course which is only to be expected on such a long project, but whether it's monthly, annually or a lump sum the account is open and we are glad to receive every donation towards our target.

Grants. If church members come across anyone; charity, employer, business who you think might assist in raising our funds please do share that information.

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\* Project Manager Paul Sharman and Architect Mark Goodwill Hodgson



# Transforming Trinity

## Community Hub

Many church members will remember when we had access to the CMI building. Church as a Community Hub stems from those days and the loss of that building has been keenly felt.

In our first **Transforming Trinity** booklet, Rob Fleming wrote this:



*If we think back, one of the big losses we had as a community was the closure of the CMI. A space where there was a café and where community activities took*

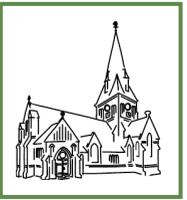
*place. It meant we all met each other just that little bit more often, linkages between different people of different ages/backgrounds were just that little bit better. When the CMI closed it was almost as if the village had lost some of its soul. The amazing street parties we had (hog roast/band) stopped, so did the children's youth workers who brought so much vibrancy. We also saw different parts of the community gradually drifting apart.*

At the heart of the CMI activity was Rendezvous Café; a drop in for parents after the school run and before collecting children. It was for local people who might not meet or speak to another person all day. For parents with pre-school children needing to get out of the house! It was a welcoming space to come to whatever the reason. Of all the facilities the CMI offered it's Rendezvous that is missed the most.

Although the church lost the use of the CMI building, it hasn't lost the dream of re-creating the facilities to recapture being the Community Hub.

**Transforming Trinity** will fulfil that dream.

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## Community Hub

With the facilities we have currently and the issues we face there are many challenges, but our Wednesday mornings are a sign of the future and a reminder of how things used to be.

The café runs in the north transept, which we enclose and keep warm in winter.

The Foodbank is discreetly operated from another space in the church so that those who come for a collection can also enjoy coffee and cake and a catch up.



After having refreshments our Ukrainian guests use another area of the church to have an English lesson.

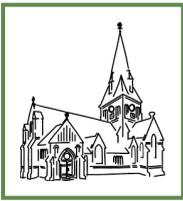
Church and community members often stop by because they know they can track the clergy down...we are there ready to take the midday service of Holy Communion.



Our Wednesday is the seed from which activities will grow again and **Transforming Trinity** the means by which the Community Hub can be a reality again.

As is noted elsewhere, having facilities is no guarantee of anything, but not having them is a

barrier to serving the community and sharing the wonderful building we inherit with the school, community groups and organisations.



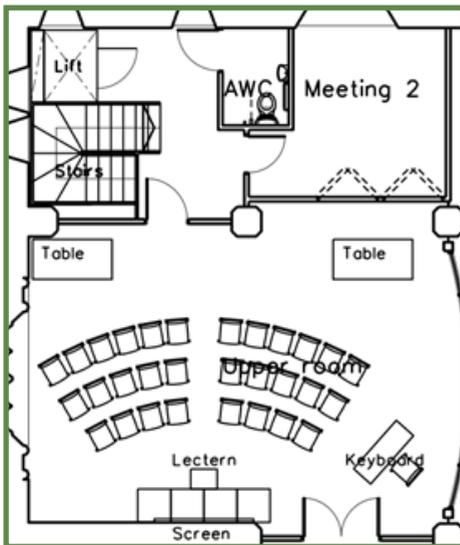
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## Benefits and Outcomes

Through all the documentation and presentations about **Transforming Trinity** we have identified the challenges of our building; a (mostly) 1887 Victorian church. If we simply wanted to fix those issues our project would be very different.

Without ignoring or minimising them our ambition is to do much more. Our aim is to create a building we can readily share with the community, in fact our plans are designed so that a number of activities can happen simultaneously without intruding on each other.

There will be rooms that can be hired regularly or as a one off.

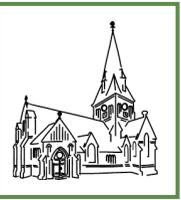


We shall be able to host large events more easily. We can welcome a school class, or hold a dementia friendly café, run a bereavement course that requires privacy and sensitivity, have exhibitions, hold banquet evenings and quiz nights, allow local families to hold a wake following a funeral and each of these and more can be found the right sized space in this iconic building.

Our ambition is to take a big step towards sustainability with Air Source Heat Pump and Solar Panels, this will serve a heating system that can respond to the use of the building, warming the spaces we need, not the whole church.

A **Transformed Trinity**, will make a huge contribution to transforming the community.

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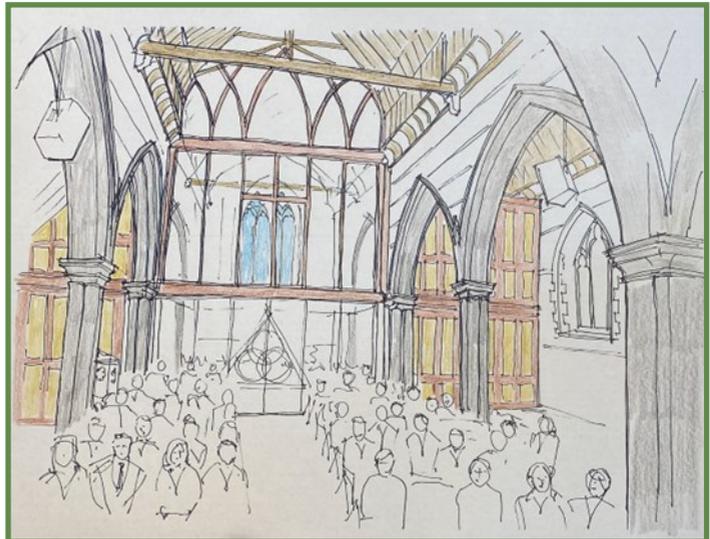
## Benefits and Outcomes

We are aware that Sunningdale appears outwardly prosperous, achieving, comfortable and successful, but we know outward appearances can be deceptive.

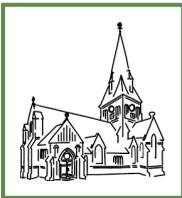
We didn't think Sunningdale needed a Foodbank until Covid ripped away our comfortable blinkers and the real need was exposed. When movement was restricted the scale of isolation became apparent and work was done to connect people by phone.

We already knew of the burden for those caring for a spouse or children. We know of the stress of demanding careers and childcare; juggling responsibilities and only just keeping a step ahead.

We don't pretend new facilities at the church can instantly cure all ills, but they will help us play our part more effectively in tackling isolation, loneliness, deprivation and the burden of caring and family life.



We have re-imagined how the church building can be re-configured to create the Community Hub, whilst remaining the parish church. Our hope is to see Transforming Trinity completed and the opportunities for the community being realised.



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## The Next Steps

After the presentation by Revd Jon on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 we hosted a visit of the Amenity Societies on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These are the Victorian Society (VicSoc), Heritage England (HE) and the Church Building Council (CBC)

Each have written a report giving their thoughts and opinions on the work we are proposing. The CBC have been very positive about the changes and unsurprisingly the VicSoc and HE would like the building to be kept more or less as it is now. We have also had our pre-application advice from RBWM and they have confirmed our thoughts on the likelihood of where we can site our solar panels.

In the light of these reports we make a response either to accept their comments and incorporate them or to stand firm with what we are proposing. Eventually the Diocesan Chancellor will make a decision on our proposals.

Assuming we stay more or less with the plans briefly set out in this booklet, the work of **Transforming Trinity** is carried forward by Mark and Paul.

The project is now developed in much greater detail with drawings and specifications for the works prepared and other professionals are recruited to assist in the design and implementation.

These are a structural engineer, a services engineer (to design and specify the heating and electrical works) and a health and safety advisor / principal designer to provide compliance with health and safety legislation.

Under Paul's project and cost management, we work towards submitting a full detailed specification for faculty as well as a tender document, which is issued to selected contractors to price the works competitively for carrying out the project.

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## The Next Steps

Whilst price is a primary consideration, the capability of the contractors who tender for the works will be assessed also on: their approach / methodology (to undertake the project), the programme/ duration of the works and their experience, with references taken from other similar recent projects.

All of this will be independently reviewed by Paul with input from Mark and the project team to establish the best value and appropriate contractor to undertake the works.

This development work is done in collaboration with the DAC sub-committee so that we get a series of agreements. This means that when it comes to a full faculty decision it's very much more likely to be approved without some last-minute major adjustment.

In the meantime we can focus on fundraising and we are exploring the potential for a professional fund raiser to work alongside our own efforts. There is still a long way to go but the day the works starts is getting closer!

### **Project Team, PCC and Churchwardens**

At Paul's request the project team is quite small to work efficiently. The team will be Paul and Mark, a designated churchwarden, Revd Jon and a PCC representative (the latter three can have deputies if they are unavailable.)

The PCC has developed a new structure so that the ordinary life of the church can continue without putting undue strain on any one individual.

We propose a churchwarden specifically concentrating on the project and a churchwarden supported by deputy wardens overseeing the worship life of the church.

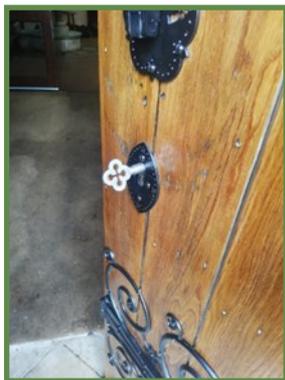


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## A Sign of Things to Come

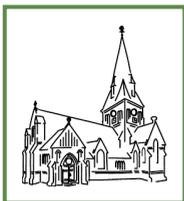
Anyone who regularly takes a walk around the church building may have noticed that the external doors have been refurbished. This work was enabled through a legacy given to us specifically for the maintenance of the church building, yet it's come to symbolise more than just keeping things ship-shape.

These doors were first fitted to the newly rebuilt church in 1887. Over time all the keys to the ancient lock were misplaced, so the locksmith re-made one. A new key, for an old lock. A new life for an old church.



We believe **Transforming Trinity** will unlock the potential we have to make the church building a true community hub and continue to be at the heart of the life of Sunningdale for generations to come.

We look forward to the day when the key is turned in the lock to re-open a Transformed Trinity. If you can help make this happen please get in touch.



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## How to Give

We have a designated **Transforming Trinity** account and the easiest way to give is to email or phone Amanda in the Church Office for the account details. Whether by a direct transfer, cheque or standing order, Amanda will be able to facilitate. Contact her on [htschurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:htschurchoffice@gmail.com) or on 01334 621886.