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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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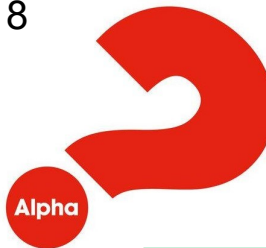
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CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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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

07900 232633

www.hopechurchsunningdale.org.uk

Wednesday

8:00 pm

Bible Study and Prayer

Sunday

10:30 am

Morning Service

SACRED HEART (CATHOLIC CHURCH)

Father David Bohnsack

01344 621238

Monday - Saturday

6:00 pm

Mass

Sunday

10:00 am

Mass

11:30 am

Mass

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Holy Trinity Church
(term-time only)

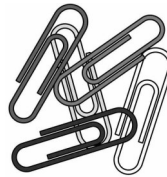
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Monday 9-3

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:

Where would your personal worry meter register if the scale was one to ten? Mine is lower than it used to be. I do still worry sometimes and there are times the needle jumps off the scale, but it is less.

One of the awkward things about following the Christian pathway is when you know a habit is contrary to Jesus' instructions. He didn't suggest we go on a programme of self-help, discovery and aim to improve our overall lifestyle by worrying less. He simply said "don't". (Matthew 6:25-34)

As with any habit it's easier said than done. If you are used to your worry meter hovering comfortably around 5, spiking a couple of times a day to 11 and occasionally dropping nearer to 2 (*when you are sufficiently distracted from the serious business of worrying*), the idea of stopping seems impossible.

At home I have a little picture of myself aged three standing with my father on a pathway through the woods. Our family had been out for an afternoon ramble. I'm holding Dad's hand. I didn't worry about anything when I was three.

This little picture is all the answer I need for the big question "how?" The greater my awareness of the presence of God, the less I'm inclined to worry, in fact I start to see worry as an unnecessary habit and the possibility of my worry meter staying on zero for extended periods.

You might not be one of the Sunningdale community who drops into church on a Sunday morning regularly, but when you do stop by consider this. During the time spent there we are not worrying. Afterwards, we worry less. As time goes by we surprise ourselves by discovering we haven't worried for days and days. It happens almost without effort.

It's true that our Father in Heaven really does care about us and all the things we worry about. You are welcome to stop by any time to ask me about it or challenge what I've said. I'm always happy to explore what others think and experience.

No worries...

Revd Jon Hutchinson, Vicar
htsvicar@gmail.com

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:

Nicola Jamieson and Jake Jauncey - 29 April
Helena Redpath and Delano Viz - 26 August

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

William Richard Case - 14 May
Annabelle Lilly Dartnall - 23 July
Amelia Francesca Dartnall - 23 July
Alexandra Charlotte Dartnall - 23 July

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Margaret Ann Emmins
Jon Langton Blackhouse
Catherine Dunlop Humphreys
Christine Lillian Long
Carol Ann Flaherty

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.



DORMY HOUSE CAREHOME **EVENTS**

Dormy House invite you to their
monthly Café to socialise over a free
cuppa and a slice of cake.

Each Café opens 2pm – 4pm.

Tuesday 26th September

Tuesday 24th October

Tuesday 28th November

Tuesday 19th December

0808 223 5424

manager.dormy@ariacare.co.uk

**Ridgemount Road
Sunningdale SL5 9RL**



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



® 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.



Sunday 1 October

Service collection will be for Holy Trinity Church's Hardship Fund and food gifts will be used for our Foodbank.

**Annual
Memorial Service
Sunday 15 October, 3 pm
followed by
afternoon tea**

An opportunity to remember the loved ones we have lost, either recently or long ago.



**Remembrance
Sunday
12 November**

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

**Church
Foodbank**



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

No referral needed.

September 6th, October 4th
November 1st, December 6th
and January 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.

Holy Trinity – ahead of its time

Have you ever been to a big service at church (a funeral, a Christingle) and ended up on the end of one of the long pews in the north aisle, that's the side nearest high street.

Here's a picture.



You might get away with it, but quite a few people end up with the view of a pillar and not much else. Has it crossed your mind, who planned it like this?

I now know the answer. In 1860 the front of the church was completely re-modelled by the renowned architect G E Street. The chancel; the part in the middle with the choir pews and the chapel, which you can see in the centre above, are now the oldest parts of church. In 1887 they knocked down the whole of the rest of the original church to build what we have now.

The new architect, J O Scott felt it was highly important to match the new church with what remained, so he built the north aisle high and wide to lead through and frame the chapel.

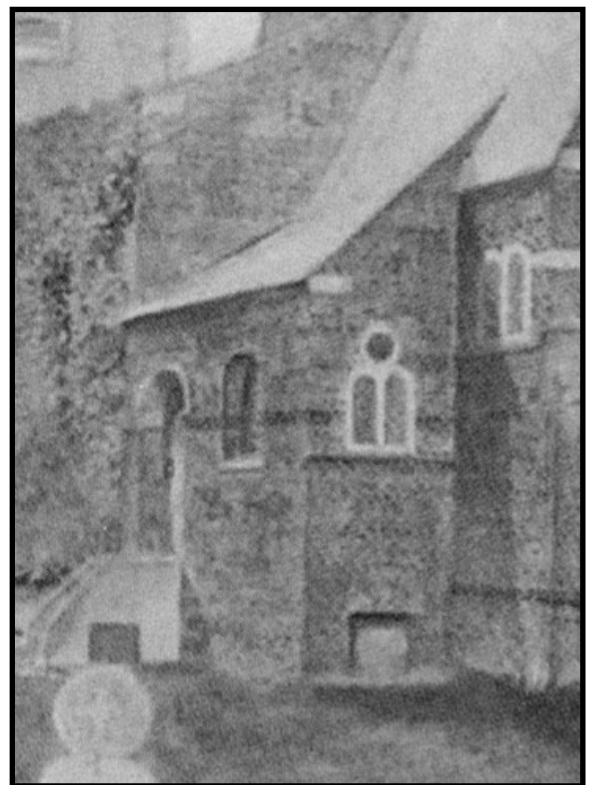
On the south side he had a smaller, narrower aisle with a sloping roof. This was to match the roof on a little clergy vestry. The best picture we have of it is from the painting on F C Hodder's book, *A Short History of Sunningdale*.

They had barely finished all this work when the vestry was given a different roof (1890) to accommodate the Harrison organ we still have. Best laid plans eh? The church was logically and neatly laid out for only 3 years!

Back to the pews. If most of the church was new, why build pews that stuck out into the north aisle creating seating behind the pillars? The answer is cost.

To save the princely sum of £216 they decided to re-use the pews from the original 1839 church. They are 4.2 meters long so the only place they could go was on the north side.

All the other pews were built to the same design (different lengths of course) and the floor was laid out specifically to match the long pews.



It's left generations of worshippers with the oddity of seating that seems rather badly planned, but it should be pointed out that £216 in 1887 is the same as £36,335 today; a not inconsiderable sum.

It's an 1887 version of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. It's amazing to think worshippers have used those long pews since 1839. They haven't got any softer!

Transforming Trinity Latest

Another significant marker has been reached on the long slow process of the Transforming Trinity project.

On the 31st July the latest drawings and booklets have been submitted and we shall wait to see what the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) make of it all.

In my last column about the project I said we would no doubt have to adapt our plans following the February site visit and review of the proposals and I wasn't wrong.

We have addressed every point raised, we have removed items that wouldn't get permission and adapted the scheme to meet other criticisms. All this is to be reviewed at the DAC meeting on the 12th September.

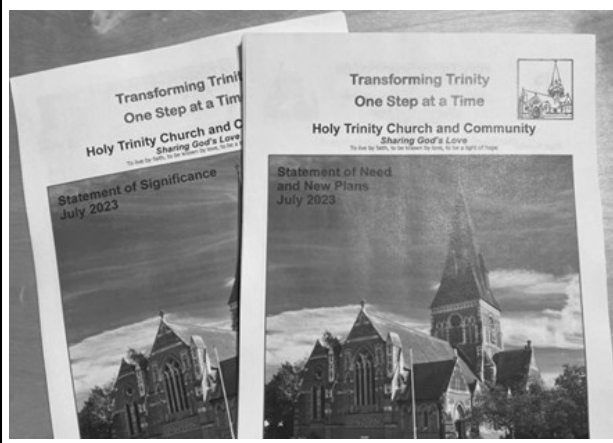
We have also taken steps concerning how we heat the remodelled building.

A full heating report was commissioned, and the PCC (church governing body) took the decision that we shall rule out using a gas boiler as part of the solution, relying on ASHP – air source heat pumps.

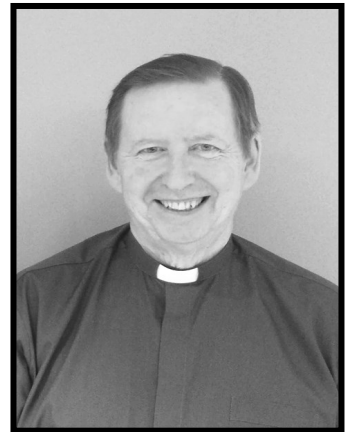
We are also exploring the potential for solar panels. Bearing in mind the church is a grade 2 listed building in a conservation area the first step is simply to ask the planning department of RBWM for an opinion.

As we continue to work on the project the words of Dr Furness; church member and former churchwarden, come to mind.

Renewing a classic and beautiful Victorian church to create a community hub, making it fit for our times, open to all, and providing a legacy for generations to come.



Revd Terry



One of the highlights of our pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a visit to Nazareth in northern Israel. This was, of course, Jesus' hometown...or rather village of probably 400 people. A far cry from the bustling city of 75,000 today. If you think the M25 is Europe's largest car park, well that's nothing to the traffic conditions we experienced trying to get into and out of the city!

And yet, we discovered an oasis of tranquillity on a piece of land that has remained largely unchanged since the time of Jesus, the Nazareth Village. Nazareth Village was created in the past few years to preserve the past and bring the first-century to life in vivid, archaeologically-accurate detail. In other words, it is a living museum re-creating 1st century Nazareth.

All the staff were dressed in first-century costume and we watched as the carpenter worked at his lathe, and his wife spun wool on a drop spindle and one brave member of our party tried this out, with varied success (to put it kindly). We walked amidst crudely cut and cultivated terraces, past an ancient winepress, watchtower and stone quarry to gain access to the village's working replica of a 1st century olive press.

Two final treats for us to savour. Firstly, our guide re-enacted Jesus' teaching and his rejection by the people of Nazareth based on Luke 4: 16-30 inside the village's authentically built synagogue. Secondly, a 1st century style lunch was prepared and served to us and was truly one of the best meals we ate during our whole pilgrimageindeed watching my own flat bread being prepared and baked on an open fire and served on a wooden platter after a morning immersed in 1st century life made me feel as one with Jesus, the bread of life.

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Follow Me

Back where you started: but not who you were.

Have you watched the BBC 1 series *Race around the World*? It's available on BBC iPlayer if you wish to see all three series.

It's a reality TV programme. Various couples (father-daughter, married, brothers, friends) are given the full air-fare from A to B but they are to travel overland stopping at various rest points on the way. The latest series was a zig-zag line across Canada from west coast to east. The money isn't enough but there are chances to earn extra cash on the way.

There are two aspects I find enthralling.

The first is the kindness of strangers. Someone will offer the couple a lift, maybe for a bit of a contribution towards petrol, but then on the journey will offer to put them up for the night, give them a meal and then take them a long way out of their way the next day. Then refuse any money!

All the contestants found this the most humbling, moving and delightful aspect of the experience.

I suppose it's the parable of the Good Samaritan being lived out in the everyday lives of ordinary people who for no reason other than kindness will help someone else.

The second aspect was how the experience changed the contestants. I'm not surprised about that because pilgrimage is known for the transformation it can bring.

To be fair these couples are not on a classic pilgrimage by any means. Riding trains, catching buses, begging lifts is a far cry from walking day by day the 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago for example.

But any journey can be an opportunity to experience something new, discover more of oneself, encounter new people and return a different person.

The whole point of the experience is not really the destination but the journey and the potential for the journey to bring enlightenment.

The most frequently used quote summing this up is from T S Elliot and the poem *Little Gidding*.
*We shall not cease from exploration
and the end of our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
and to know the place for the first time.*

It just so happened that during our walking holiday this year, the founder of Lectio 365¹, Pete Grieg was reliving a pilgrimage he took from Iona (west coast) to Lindisfarne (east coast) 300 miles. We were walking to Lindisfarne ourselves along the coast.

On one of his daily videos Pete began to speak about an experience he had on the journey where for the first time in his life he allowed himself to consider the sadness he carries within himself which he visualised as a blue cube. It was very moving and for Pete, life-changing. The archive of his daily videos can be found on You Tube, just type Pilgrim Podcast Day 1 (2,3,4 etc).

What is your reaction? *"No thanks! – I don't need the exercise or the heartache!"* Why presume what your experience might be?



Or perhaps it's to be intrigued and drawn to the possibility of the deeper discoveries of oneself – to return to the place you started and know it for the first time.

It occurs to me that J R R Tolkien was fully aware of these ideas and weaved them into his tale *The Hobbit*. Bilbo rushes out on an adventure and returns a very different Hobbit to the timid, sedentary creature he had been.

The opportunity is given to all of us. The invitation is there. Jesus didn't say "have you thought about this?" He said.... "Follow me".

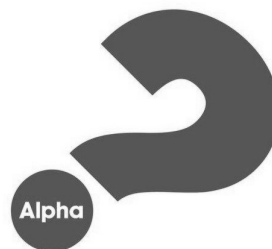
Want to know more? Why not join our Alpha course this September.

¹A free daily devotional. A prayer app on your phone.

Alpha course at Holy Trinity

Alpha provides a safe place to get together and ask the big questions of life.

We will explore the basics of the Christian faith over 12 sessions watching a DVD and sharing a meal together with plenty of time for discussion.



If you would like to join our Alpha course which starts on 27 September

please contact the Church Office on
htschurchoffice@gmail.com
or call 01344 621886

Christmas 2023 at Holy Trinity



Tuesday 12 December
**Charters School
Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols**
7:00 pm

Saturday 16 December
**12 Hours of Christmas
Piano-A-Thon**
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
(see details opposite)

Sunday 17 December
Carol Service
6:00 pm
*Followed by mulled wine
and mince pies*

Christmas Eve
Sunday 24 December
Christingle Services
3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

**Midnight Communion
Service**
Beginning 11:00 pm

Christmas Day
Monday 25 December
Family Communion
10:00 am

12 Hours of Christmas Piano-A-Thon Saturday 16 December Fundraising Event for Transforming Trinity

Drop in and out as often as you like and support the performers with a donation towards Transforming Trinity. Light lunches served 12-2 pm.

8-9 am QUIET REFLECTION

Start your day with quiet meditation in church.
Reflective music to still your soul.

9-10 am JAZZY WAKE UP

Get going into the day with jazzy upbeat Christmas fun.
Why not bring some wrapping to do?
Table, sellotape and scissors provided!

10-11 am PIANO CAFÉ

Christmas café - enjoy drinks, cake and a chat with live piano music. Make a decoration for the tree in remembrance of a loved one this Christmas.

11-12 pm DUETS & TRIOS & MORE!

How many people do you need to play jingle bells?

12-1 pm BAR HUMBUG CLASSICAL RESPITE

Had enough of Christmas tunes?
Come to our Bar-Humbug hour and enjoy some respite with classical piano music!

1-2 pm CHILDREN'S INTERACTIVE HOUR

Bring along your toddlers, pre-schoolers and young children to sing, play and dance Christmas tunes.

2-3 pm PUPIL CONCERT

Katherine Hutchinson's students perform in their Christmas concert, with a guest star appearance from a local concert pianist.

3-4 pm TRADITIONAL CAROL REQUESTS

Enjoy singing carols? Come along with your request and sing your heart out! The café will be open too.

4-5 pm PIANO PLUS...

The piano takes the backseat to accompany other instruments and voices.

5-6 pm PUPIL CONCERT

The students of Roberta Wolff perform in their Christmas concert.

6-7 pm REMEMBRANCE HOUR

A time to remember and give thanks for loved ones who can't be with us this Christmas by making a tree decoration, lighting a candle or simply remembering them in quiet prayer- all accompanied by peaceful piano music.

7-8 pm MODERN CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

End the day in worship with the Holy Trinity's worship band and some modern Christmas worship songs.

News from Sandy Lane

Since our last update, we were very excited to have Oscar, one of our Explorers, attend the Coronation. As well as attending the service he saw the procession, and even had breakfast with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Congratulations to Oscar, who has been a fantastic Scout since he joined us a long time ago, and it was a real honour for 1st Sunningdale to be chosen too.

We have had an amazing summer, not least with our Group Camp at Bears Rails in Windsor Great Park that brought all five sections of our Group together for the very first time. The theme of the weekend was Birds of Prey, and we had a superb display from a variety of birds, as well as getting up close and personal with them (and their poo!). The Squirrel Drey (ages 4 – 6) joined us for Saturday afternoon to complete the sections at camp.

Elsewhere, Squirrels have been enjoying the great outdoors, making dens and bouldering at Earleywood. They also visited Holy Trinity Church where Revd. Jon presided over a “wedding”! Beavers did a great job getting a beautiful wheelbarrow together for the Royal Windsor Flower Show.

Although we said goodbye to Osprey (Elaine) after many years of volunteering, Beavers are in the capable hands of Magpie (Chan) and fellow leaders. The Cub pack did themselves proud, reaching the semi-finals of the District Dragon Boat Regatta. They’ve also been outside creating shelters and enjoying their own Highland Games at Earleywood. Explorers have been out on the water getting a taste for sailing, been hiking and wild camping in the Black Mountains and have had their summer expedition to Romney Marsh.

New Hut project continues to make good progress. We have now passed £75,000 in fund raising! The final outstanding legal points have been resolved and we hope for formal planning to be completed shortly afterwards. This will be a major milestone achieved for the project as we focus on seeking funding from local parish councils and other sources.



Generosity of the Community Keeps Scouts On the Road. A locally owned business, Aviation Business Continuity, have kindly donated a minibus to 1st Sunningdale Scout Group, which replaces the one stolen earlier in the year. We are so very grateful for their generosity. It is wonderful to see the alumni of 1st Sunningdale Scouts continuing to support us.

It's Good For You Too! Volunteering to help at 1st Sunningdale can be incredibly rewarding and we have a several opportunities where you might be able to get involved:

- Treasurer - to help us manage our finances, including bookkeeping, banking, paying invoices, and expenses.
- Technology Support - to help us administer our MS Outlook email system and MS Teams document store.
- Organisers - ‘many hands make light work’. We need people who will take responsibility, for a minimum of one

year, for a specific activity from the following tasks: Gift Aid reclaim; Bike Sale event support; Quiz Night event support; Fund raising support.

These are generally behind the scenes roles, but they are crucial for the smooth running of the group. Having new volunteers for these roles will also free up time for the leaders, allowing them to do what they do best; providing amazing programmes for our young people.

If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, please send an email to micky@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com or call on 07771 613148 to have a chat, and we can shape a role that works for you and will make a real difference to 1st Sunningdale.

Events Not to Miss. We have a Quiz Night and a Golf Day coming up in October, they are always popular so if you are interested in attending please send an email to the following:

Quiz Night, Friday 6th October

Quiz_night@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com

Golf Day, Friday 13th October

Golf_Day@sunningdalescouts.onmicrosoft.com

Please keep an eye on our website

www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk for all our other fundraising events.