

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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Autumn/Winter 2024

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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Vicar: Jon Hutchinson
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Wednesday
12:00 noon
BCP Communion

Sunday
8:00 am
BCP Communion
10:00 am

Worship Service with Communion
(on every 1st Sunday this is a contemporary worship intergenerational service)

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)

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Monday - Saturday
6:00 pm Mass

Sunday
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass

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Holy Trinity Church



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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:

I'm building a wall... not a very big wall, it's in the garden and if it stays in place it will retain a garden bed. If it stays up and does the job, whoever lives here next will not know the house without the wall, or the patio I made or the fact I moved the gate at the side of the garage, they'll just accept it the way they find it.

That led me to thinking about the changes we anticipate at church and how anyone who joins post-renovation will only know the church as it's going to be, not as it is.

There are many in Sunningdale who know the church as it is now so you will notice the changes (when we finally make them!) but newcomers to our community will just accept the way it is.

Sometimes we are on both sides of change. We know the before. We know the after. We may want things the way they were. We might be greatly cheered at how things have changed, but it's never without a cost.

It might be the fabric of the church, or the theology and practice of the church! We've had a change in Government, how has that suited you? You might be facing personal change; location, health, bereavement, job and so on. Change can lead us to wistfully wishing it was the way it used to be but change marches on relentlessly.

Perhaps not everywhere. At 8:00am on a Sunday we use the Book of Common Prayer, unchanged since 1662. Other styles of worship have changed, but underlying this is the unchanging truth of the love and grace and God.

The Psalmist wrote of God as "my Rock and Redeemer". As a very old hymn has it 'on Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand'. Change is here to stay, not least in the church, but the eternal truth of love and grace can be relied upon, built upon and unlike my wall...will last eternally.

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:**



Weddings

We recently celebrated the weddings of:

Olivia Offord and Jack Whittall - 26 April
Laura Thomas and Richard Cumner - 30 May
Daisy Gresswell and William Rodnight - 31 August

Baptisms

We welcomed into the church family:

Casper Charles Cyphus Calder - 7 April
Billy Brian Young - 9 June
Frederick John Percy Carpenter - 9 June
Cecile Aurelia Jollivet - 16 June
Sydella Spooner - 17 June
Connor Ryan Lynton Horn - 3 August

Funerals

Please pray for the family and friends of:

Patricia Ann Isted
Peter Parlbay Walton
Christopher Hugh Franklin Woodburn (internment ashes)
Cyril Parsley (internment ashes)
David Ely Flaherty
Barrie Pritchard

A Pilgrim's Progress.

All those who undertake a pilgrimage walk will discover that the true value of such a thing is the journey, not the destination.

In early July I walked St Oswald's Way, from Heavenfield just north of Hexham to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. It's 97 miles.

Like other pilgrims I have stories of people I encountered on the way, losing my way, finding my way, the kindness of strangers and outstanding hospitality.

On the first day, Monday it rained most of the day and I remember coming to a crossroads and meeting another pilgrim coming the other way. She looked as soaked and bedraggled as I must have done.

She was going to stop at a wayside memorial and I had got into my stride and wanted to keep going; ahead of me was a very long uphill stretch, but we called out a hello to each other and a couple of pleasantries.

That night I stayed in Kirkwhelpington and the lovely couple who hosted me told me that the previous night they had had a lady called June to stay, had I met June on my walk?

I said our paths had crossed.

June was doing the walk alone, her husband wasn't well. And she was meeting a cousin at a coffee shop for a break before finishing the walk. (I'd stopped there myself). She reported the grass between Rothbury and Kirkwhelpington was very long and very wet. She wasn't wrong.

On Tuesday I walked through a vast forest finally coming out into a lovely wide-open space with a track that led gently downhill.

The sun was shining and all was as well as it can be when your feet hurt but you are going downhill.



A chap on a mountain bike was toiling up the slope and as we met he stopped for a chat. I hadn't spoken to anyone or even seen anyone all day. Bike Man (Brian) was the first and he was from Rothbury. He retired aged 48. He went cycling every day. Had I met June?

June had stopped at Rothbury the night before. He'd met June and knew all about her. Her husband wasn't well. She was meeting a cousin at a coffee shop and was taking a detour before finishing the walk. Seems like the two of them had got to know each other quite well. Had I met June?

I explained that our paths had crossed.

Off he went and I continued on my way thinking about the impression June had

made on the people she met and the randomness of meeting someone in the middle of nowhere who asked me if I'd met her.

The people I met and the openness with which many shared details of their lives reminded me that this was the land of St Aidan, the Irish monk who had come to Iona before responding to King Oswald's plea for a missionary to share the Gospel with his people.

Aidan would walk everywhere and would stop and chat to everyone he met. His opening question was "do you know God"?

If the answer was yes, he would say, "do you want to know him more"? If the answer was no, he would ask "would you like to?"

His reputation was of gentleness and kindness. He offered hospitality on Lindisfarne and he gave away all he could on his travels. He tirelessly walked the land asking his question and speaking to the people of the love of God.

I began to feel that the land and the people had somehow absorbed his character and demeanour.

When we encounter strangers our default conversation is usually the weather. It's a non-threatening conversation we feel comfortable with. Nice day now! Wet, isn't it? Enjoy the sun, it's due to rain later. The Northumbrians seemed more open and direct and didn't need these usual conventions.

Where are you from? Are you on your own? Where are you going? Have you met June? I resolved to be more open to a deeper encounter with the people I meet.

My walk of 97 miles became 99 because I decided on a one mile there and one mile back detour to St Cuthbert's Cave. To save Cuthbert's relics from Viking raiders the monks carried his body in a wooden coffin across the land for seven years and it's said one resting place was the cave I walked to.

I didn't loiter there long. Every inch of the cave walls has been covered in graffiti and it did nothing to inspire me. I've never quite understood the desire to write on the walls of a holy place and have written before about the graffiti on the walls and pillars of the church of the Nativity (Bethlehem) and the church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jerusalem).

If I'm being at my most charitable I guess it's the modern equivalent of a prayer near the relics of a great saint – it's said many healing miracles occurred in answer to prayers near Cuthbert's grave. Perhaps people were seeking something on their pilgrimage and to record their name in Cuthbert's cave was a part of that. It's a mystery.

In my brief visit I didn't spot "June was here".

On I went... encountering different people and different places with the time to allow extended reflection on the deeper things of life.

Sunday came and the final five miles, three of which were across the pilgrim's trail to Holy Island.

Those last miles were the most memorable but not as a walk on the sands left behind by the receding tide. Not because this was the path for Aidan, Cuthbert and the monks of Lindisfarne but because like life itself the journey was...mixed.

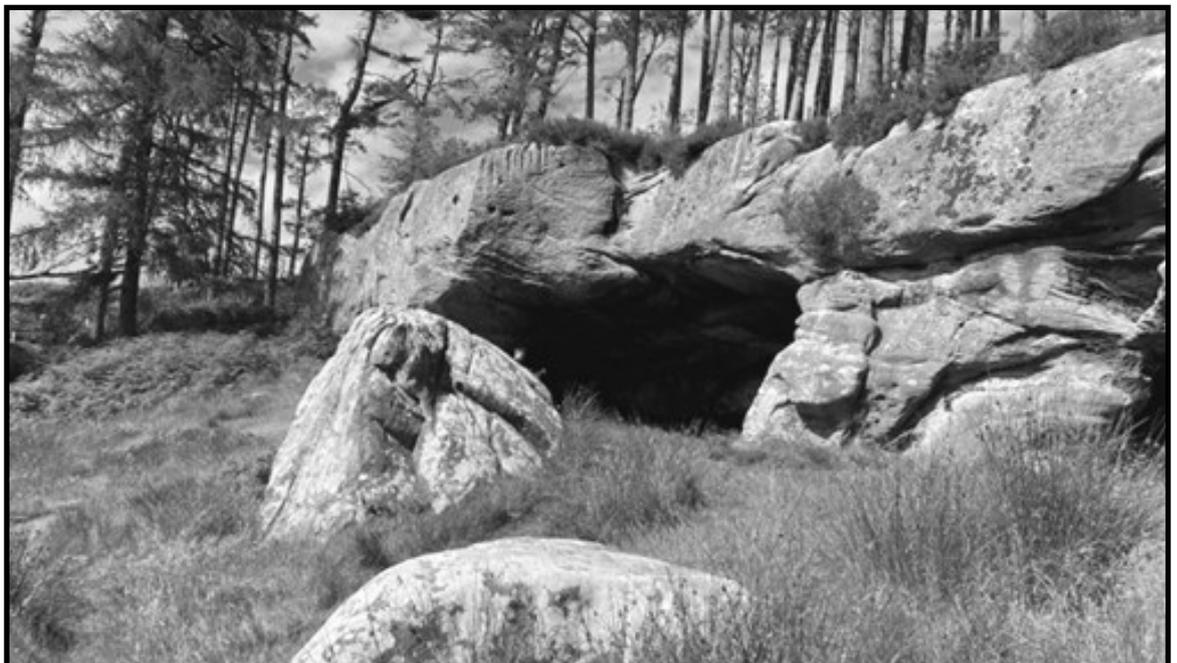
It's very muddy and you get splashed and quite wet. I waded two creeks. You keep walking passing pole after pole and don't seem to get any closer. There's a weird and haunting hooting noise from the seals basking on a sand bank – quite eerie unless you know what it is. It takes at least an hour whereas away to my left people drove to the island on the causeway in 8 minutes.

But the sun was shining, the view was spectacular and a great sense of satisfaction and joy began to settle over me. How like life's journey. Joys and sorrows. The sun on my face and mud all over my feet.

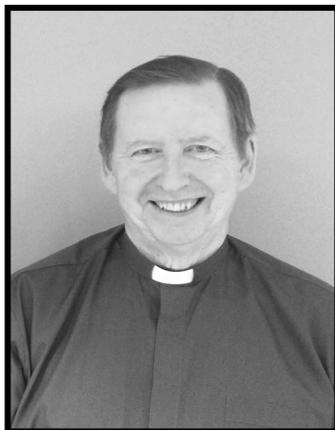
The last three miles gave me time to reflect on all I'd experienced, the highs and lows of a week alone walking through Northumbria.

Except I was never alone. I'm no Moses/Samuel/Elijah. God doesn't talk to me in an audible voice or accompany me in a pillar of cloud. But I know what he's been saying to me all the same and His presence was a constant reassurance...and that the end of the journey on Lindisfarne was simply the beginning of the next. It was the most fantastic adventure of a lifetime. Thus far.

And I even met June. Briefly.



Revd Terry



Recently I sat down to re-watch the academy award winning film *Chariots of Fire*, based on the true

story of two British athletes competing in the 1924 Olympics – held, as it was this year, in Paris. The two main characters are Harold Abrahams an English Jew (played by Ben Cross) who runs to win acclaim and thus overcome severe anti-Semitic prejudice and Eric Liddell (Ian Charleson), a devout Christian who runs for the glory of God.

My favourite scene is where Liddle is asked why he dedicates time and energy to running which was impacting on his studies to become a missionary. He replies '*I believe God made me for a purpose – but he also made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure*'. As a youngster I was a county 400m athlete, but I can't remember ever thinking about God's pleasure – more like '*when I run, I feel the pain*'.

Abraham's bulldog approach to '*win at all costs*' and Liddell's refusal to run his favoured 100m race because the heats were to be held on a Sunday made them both heroes to some, and villains to others. I wonder how folk would have reacted at this year's Olympics if two athletes had taken the same positions – particularly in our era of instant social media, likes/ dislikes and fake news.

Would today's Liddell be pilloried for refusing to compromise his faith or praised? What would today's Abraham have to do to prove that being a Jew did not disqualify him from being 100% British? Sadly, I don't know the answers to those questions. Do you?

One final thought: The film was written by Colin Welland, who once said "I'm a lifelong atheist. If one man could change my mind, it would be Eric Liddell. God bless him."

Revd Terry Ward-Hall

Transforming Trinity Goes for Gold

Watching the Olympics I was thinking about the incredible amount of hard work and dedication it takes to qualify for the event, but qualification is only the first hurdle (to coin a phrase). There must be a sense of elation, a short period to bask in the achievement and then the training begins in earnest.

The stage we are at in our project is a few days of elation to enjoy hitting a deadline for submitting all the plans, drawings, technical specifications and reports. We've made it this far! We shall draw breath, then start again in earnest.

To stick with my sporting metaphor, we hand the baton to our Diocesan Officer on the Advisory Committee who will circulate everything to the sub-committee, prepare whatever else needs to go to the full board, liaise with the Victorian Society, Historic England, Church Building Council and no doubt ask us some pertinent questions when she's had a chance to digest the information. She has her own marathon to run, our statement is 87 pages long, the technical specification document is 120 pages long and in all there are 69 documents, drawings and reports she has to peruse.

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Holy Trinity's Ministry within local care homes and retired communities

Members of Holy Trinity's pastoral team conduct monthly services at:

Dormy House Care Home

2.00 pm on first Tuesday of each month

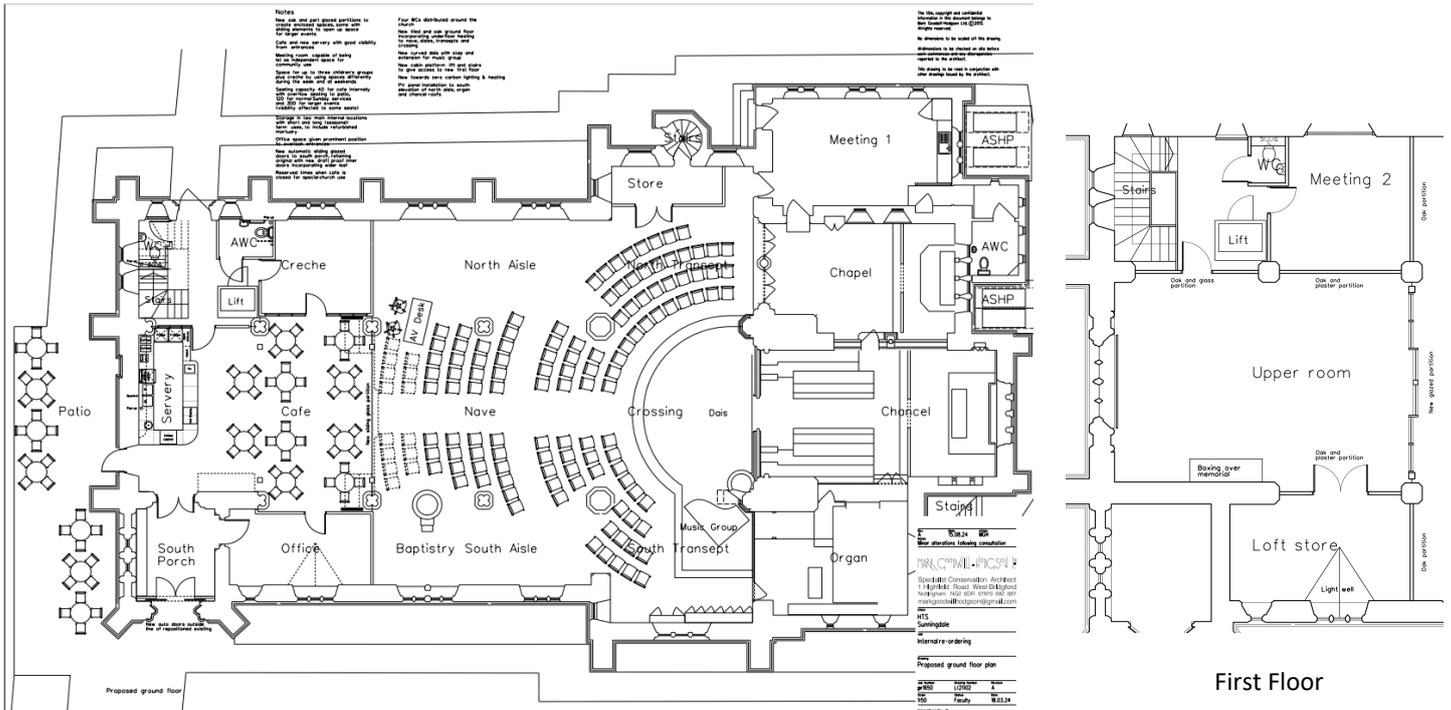
Lynwood Care Home

3.30 pm on first Sunday of each month

Lynwood Village

3.00 pm on second Sunday of each month held in Berkshire Suite, Cedar Lodge

If you would like any further information about these services please contact the Church Office on 01344 621886



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If all is in order, the next milestone on the journey is the Notification of Advice giving 28 days for all to offer their opinion on our project. Let's hope we avoid the sad and distressing outcome for the Australian woman hounded and criticised for her "Breaking" routine at the Paris Games.

You are welcome to pop in and see the most up to date drawings in the church café area and we are always happy to answer questions on the project. If we stay on target the work shall be underway this time next year.



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

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

The next course at Holy Trinity starts on Thursday evenings in March 2025: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, April 3 and 10 and concludes on Saturday morning 12 April.

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

How long does it take after the death of someone close to you for life to...to what? Settle back down? Return to normal? (And how can it be normal?) For the loss not to be the all encompassing aspect of day and night?

Each of us will experience bereavement uniquely and yet there are common themes and issues. The Bereavement Journey gently unpacks these themes to give those attending an opportunity to reflect and explore the impact loss has had.

These topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The impact and pain of bereavement
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Adjusting to change
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Moving forward healthily.

In a kind and supportive group that makes no demands, participants are able to consider their experience of bereavement and where they are on the journey. All are welcome whatever the passage of time since bereavement occurred.

Church Foodbank



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

No referral needed.

September 4th, October 2nd
November 6th, December 4th
and January 8th 2025.

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.

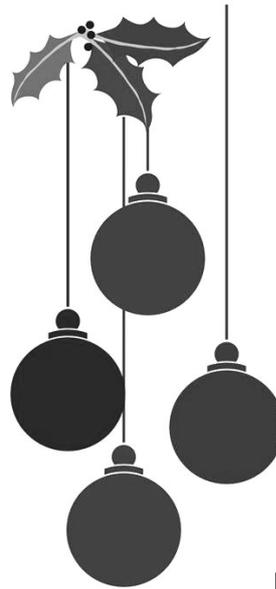
What do I need to do? If you know of
someone you feel would appreciate a gift
from **Caring Cuisine** please contact
Amanda in the Church Office (01344 621886).
She will pass on the details and I will call to
offer our gift and arrange to deliver it.

Warmest wishes Karen Fisher



Sunday 6 October

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



Christmas 2024 at Holy Trinity

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

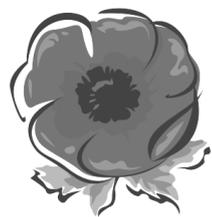
Annual Memorial Service Sunday 20 October, 3 pm followed by afternoon tea

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



Sunday
22 December
Carol Service
6:00 pm
*Followed by mulled wine
and mince pies*
Collection for HTS Hardship Fund

Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24 December
Christingle Services
3:30 pm and 5:00 pm
Collections for The Children's Society

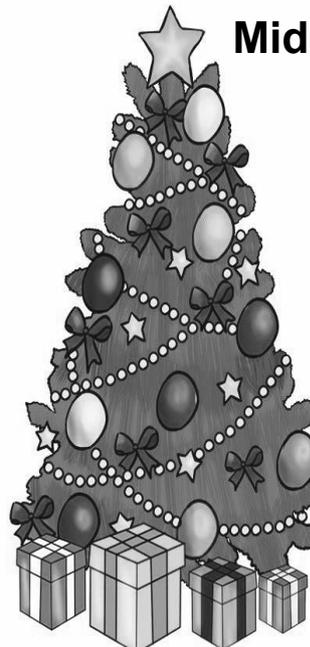


Remembrance Sunday 10 November

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.

Midnight Communion Service

Beginning 11:00 pm
Collection for Crisis



Christmas Day
Wednesday
25 December
**Family
Communion**
10:00 am
Collection for
HTS Hardship Fund

Scouts



1st Sunningdale

Scouting in Sunningdale
for over 110 years

News from Sandy Lane

Thanks to a lot of hard work, amazing events and fantastic support we've broken the £100,000 fund raising barrier! This success is down to many generous contributions from individuals and a plethora of events, including: 14 bikes sales, 10 quiz nights, 3 golf days, 2 go-karting race days, 1 art evening, the 300 Club and more BBQs than we could count. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped on this journey. We are continuing to raise funds, so if you would like to contribute, please visit www.sunningdalecouts.org.uk

We've had an amazing response to our Leader recruitment drive and we are now halfway through our 'Twenty Four for '24' campaign.

We now have an extra 6 Squirrel, 1 Cub and 4 Scout Leaders, meaning an additional 30 young people can enjoy 1st Sunningdale Scouts. That means if we fulfil our Leader goal, we will be able to enhance the lives of over 200 young people with our scouting programme every week.



We are still looking for more leaders for all sections, but especially for **Beavers (6-8yrs)** - for our Tuesday colony and **Explorers (14-18yrs)** - who have the most adventurous programme. If you're interested, but cannot commit to being a Leader, then how about helping with one of our many behind-the-scenes roles... fund raising, events, building operations, mini-bus co-ordinator, admin etc. These roles are just as important in giving our Scouts skills for life. **To express your interest then please visit www.sunningdalecouts.org.uk.** Volunteering at 1st Sunningdale can automatically give your child a place in one of the sections too.



The sections have been busy with their badge programmes, with most sections completing their Project Africa badge, raising money to support the Berkshire Scouts trip to Malawi to build a new care centre.

Back in May almost 70 young people and Leaders attended the District Camp alongside a number of other groups from SE Berkshire. This Olympic themed District Camp was the first of its kind since 2018, and a lot of fun. Hungry hippos, human table football, caving, wooden cresta run were just some of the activities on offer, alongside the spectacularly popular and very entertaining "hobby horse dressage" run by our Explorer leader,

Johnnie. Another recent highlight was our go-karting event, attended by over 130 people, on the grounds of Hall Grove School where mixed age group teams from all the sections propelled themselves around the track.



The **Squirrels** have been out this term earning their Be Active badge. They visited Broomhall Park, had a scavenger hunt at Sunningdale Park and went pond dipping at Silwood Park. After a visit from a fireman and soldier, they completed their local Superhero badge by getting muddy on the allotment at the Holy Trinity School, weeding, watering and moving wood chip. The **Beavers** have been bouldering and learning about water safety, biodiversity and camp craft, creating rafts out of bread sticks and strawberry laces. They earned their Explore badge and found out about how to be fit and healthy with their very own Olympics at Broomhall Rec.

The **Cubs** have been kayaking at Wokingham Waterside Centre, played wide games at Sunningdale Park, whittled tent pegs, built rain fast shelters at Swinley Forest and played the first ever game of Netbase Quidball (a game cleverly devised by Cub leader Emma) which is a combination of Quidditch, netball and baseball. For the first time TWO teams were entered into the District Dragon Boating competition, with one making it through to the semi-finals - so proud! The **Scouts** have been out and about in the community this term. They were once again asked to build the beacon - an 18 foot tall tower of pallets - and run the BBQ for the D-Day 80th Anniversary. They also attended the Charters School Summer Fair where they cooked up a storm, raising funds for more adventures next term and the hut rebuild fund. Additionally, they have also done some rifle shooting, kayaking, orienteering, catapult making and visited the fire brigade.

The **Explorers** have had a relatively quiet time with just a bit of chariot building, making Strava Art, making lots of excellent food/snacks, games and fun, plus planning for the trip to Morocco later this year.

Dates for your diary: Quiz Night Friday 18th October. For tickets email Quiz_night@sunningdalecouts.onmicrosoft.com

Bike Sales 5 September (adult bikes only) and 13 November, visit sunningdalebikesale.weebly.com for updates. Visit www.sunningdalecouts.org.uk for all our other fundraising events.

*Thanks for all your support
1st Sunningdale Scouts*