

Trinity

Update

May 2018



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALDERSHOT
'Church for Everyone'

SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters is Holy Trinity's answer to good fun, fellowship and generally a great laugh for all "the ladies" – young (over 14 years) and more mature.



REMINDER: Our weekend away at the Greenhouse Christian Centre in Poole is getting closer and we are looking forward to having a great time of fellowship fun and food together. The cost is £140' and the dates are 22nd to 24th June. Please speak to either Trisha or me if you need to spread the cost or would like some more information about it.

Jacquie Kellagher
On behalf of Soul Sisters

Verse for the year 2018:

**'We will, in all things, grow up into...Christ.
From Him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in
love, as each part does its work.'**
Ephesians 4:15-16

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue, including to Natalie Mitchell for proof-reading and to Wendy Sear for final assembly of the magazine and prayer leaflet. Thanks to Tat for ongoing technical help.

Please note that the June 2018 issue of Update will be in Church on Sunday 27th May.

The LAST date for June articles will be Sunday 20th May.

WOMEN'S HOUR

On 29th March we had a Communion service in church, led by Cara and John K. They both made it special, as always, and Cara introduced the large Cross decorated by the children.

On 5th.April Sally Balls (Daphne's daughter) came with Lucy, her friend from Guiding, who has been blind from birth. Sally showed pictures of guide uniforms through the ages and gave us lots of info during her talk. Most of our Ladies had been Guides or Brownies. Lucy then talked of how she copes with her disability and her hopes of going to Uni. An amazing 17year old !

On 12th.April we had Tom Chittock who talked about and showed us slides of his amazing time spent on the ship Logos Hope. What a brilliant afternoon, as Tom gave an amazing account of his past three years. The young man who went away came back as a confident speaker and a great caring young man. Thank you, Tom.

On 19th.April Our very own Cara came to Women's Hour and took us through her time spent in Rwanda. Such an amazing experience for Cara. Our Ladies really enjoyed her talk and pictures, it made us think how much we take for granted in our lives.

At 3.30 pm Jonathan was invited to join us, as we wanted to thank Jon and Sue with a gift for all the help they have been to Women's Hour and to many of our members on a personal level.

Daphne and Jean V.

P.S. We are looking for someone to help with making our cups of tea at 3.30pm on a Thursday, as many of our ladies find hot water and carrying trays quite difficult. Thanks

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

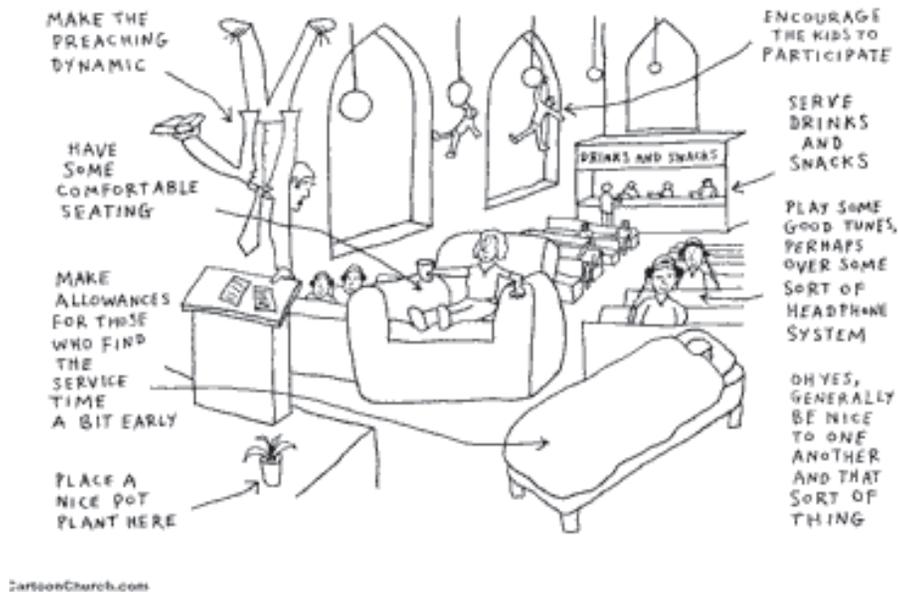
The **First Friday Club** for men meets usually on the first Friday of each month and provides an opportunity for men to get together and to share their experiences.

This month the First Friday Club will be at 7.00pm on Friday 4th April..

Meet at church.

Debs Reflects

HOW TO MAKE CHURCH BRILLIANT



I do love Dave Walker's cartoons and this one made me smile, because all of us if we are really honest have definite ideas about what would make church brilliant! I'm sure if you gave it a few minutes thought you could add some of your own ideas to the cartoon above. It might not be quite as captured here, although acrobatics during the sermon could be quite entertaining – not sure I can quite stretch to that – perhaps George can!

Joking aside, I once knew a bishop who used to say that if you ever found the perfect church you should leave it, before you spoiled it!

I wonder what your experience of church is. Perhaps Holy Trinity is the only church you have ever been to, or maybe it has been your Spiritual home for many years. As I look back over the churches I have belonged to, the

communities I have worshipped with, there have been, as with any family, a variety of seasons. There have been times of great joy and sadness. Times when big prayers seemed to be answered every day and also times when we waited and waited for answers to even the smallest prayers. As I joined with Danny at his last service at St Stephen's in March I had the opportunity to pray individually for a large number of the congregation. Not only was this a wonderful privilege and way to mark the ending of Danny's ministry there, but in each face I saw the recognition, the memory of times shared together through eleven years, times when in God's Presence we had laughed, cried and prayed together, sometimes all at the same time!

I know, as you know and as my friend the bishop knew, that church is made up of people, people who aren't perfect! But I also know that the church is people gathered, centred round Jesus and then sent out, scattered church until we meet again and that is wonderful.

It has been really exciting recently to hear the stories coming out of the SHAPE course that we ran last month, of how God is speaking to individuals and revealing to them more of their unique purpose for God's service in the church and beyond. It has also been great to talk to a number of you about your hunger to go deeper with your faith, for more opportunities to learn together, that ongoing task of discipleship, perhaps through meeting in small groups. It seems to me there is an increased sense of expectation, of God on the move and a greater open-ness for individuals to trust in God's Call and provision. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised when our prayer, our verse for this year is that, 'We will, in all things, grow up into...Christ. From Him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.' (Ephesians 4.15-16).

I believe we are starting to see this through our lives here at HT. Let's keep praying these verses for each other. Let's keep sharing our stories of God's goodness and faithfulness. Let's keep gathering together, even and perhaps especially when we least feel like it and let's expect to see real, life-long, permanent transformation in our lives, the life of our church and in the town of Aldershot and beyond, as each of us plays our part.

Holy Trinity Church *is* brilliant, even without acrobatic preachers!

Debs

JOHN KELLAGHER WRITES

I've been thinking about resurrection recently – it's an appropriate time to think about it, as we have recently celebrated Jesus' resurrection at Easter. But I've been wondering how much I really appreciate that resurrection is something for now, and live in the reality of Jesus' resurrection, rather than just a hope for the future (although it is also that, in terms of the full realization of resurrection.)

One of the prods I got was reading the book 'Say it to God' – by Luigi Goia, which I've written about before, and which I think is one of the best books on prayer I've read in a long time – where I came across this sentence which made me sit up and think – had I read that right? And the sentence is "This takes us to the real meaning of resurrection and its link to prayer (p28)." He's talking about how Jesus is able to come to us when we pray, even during those times when we've lost hope, when our hearts are closed because of fear. And Jesus can do this because after the resurrection closed doors are no barrier to Jesus, as he showed when on the first Easter evening he came to the disciples as they gathered in fear.

He goes on to write "Resurrection is this new capacity that Jesus has acquired to reach us wherever we might be lost or imprisoned....The most insistent promise and assurance God utters in the Old Testament is this '*I will be with you, I am with you*'. Jesus is the fulfilment of the promise. His name is '*Emmanuel, that is God with us*', but only with the resurrection is this promise realized. Only then can Jesus be everywhere at all times in the power of his Spirit so that neither distance, nor darkness, nor even our wish to flee away from him, can escape the reach of his love and his presence any more. (p28/29)".

And this thought that nowhere is beyond or out of the reach of Jesus is perhaps what's behind the two slightly cryptic references in 1 Peter which talk about Jesus going and preaching to the spirits in prison, preaching the gospel to those who are dead (1 Pet 3 v19; 4 v6).

And the more you think about it, the more we realise that death and resurrection are a fundamental part of life, and far more common in nature than we might realise. When writing to the Corinthians and explaining resurrection, Paul uses the picture of how a seed has to die before it can become a plant – and while a tomato seed will give you a tomato plant, it doesn't look anything like the tomato plant it will become. Think of caterpillars and butterflies. No wonder Paul writes that the truth of God is there for all to see. And we talk, don't we, of 'no pain, no gain', how if we want to walk on the water, we have to get out of the boat.

Paul takes his thinking on resurrection further however, in that he says that the only way to resurrection is through death – if we want resurrection / new life, we have to go through death / suffering first; we can't have one without the other, and we have to trust that new life will follow after death.

Do I trust God enough to believe that he is with me, all the time, and that I can depend on him, that there's no situation which is beyond him? There is always the little voice which says – watch out, you could end up looking a fool, I shouldn't do (say) that.

That's what learning to live in the resurrection now is all about. May we know God's blessing as we encourage each other to live in the resurrection day by day.

John

You are warmly invited to a celebration marking the **10th Anniversary of the Aldershot Town Centre Pastoral Team.**

Date: May 11th at 7.00pm

**A short service showcasing the ministry and its impact
Followed by a buffet supper**

**At: Holy Trinity Church
Victoria Road (parking off Windsor Way). Aldershot GU11 1SJ
RSVP to Gwen Wills gwen.willstcpt@yahoo.com 07861 080886**

MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN

We didn't have a meeting this month (April), our next meeting is on 5th May. 10am -12 pm.

Daphne and I are running short of ideas, we want this to be more than just a chat session. We would love anyone with ideas to join us, otherwise we may have to close these meetings

Pat Clare & Daphne Inglis



GEORGE WRITES

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a time of change, with saying farewell to Jonathan and Susan (although we hope to be seeing them around as they aim to be remaining local). But it was also good to be able to announce that we have appointed Alice Stanford to the post of Children and Families Minister and we hope that she will be starting with us on 14th May. This is great news and thank you for all your prayers through the process of recruitment and interview.

There was much to celebrate over the Easter period with a town centre outreach involving socks on Maundy Thursday, as well as a great family Passover Meal that evening, many braving inclement weather to pray for our town on Good Friday (joined by Bishop Andrew) followed by the meditations, the family Easter egg hunt, with a presentation by Alice and some vibrant and moving services on Easter Day itself. Thanks to all who helped, served and took part and may we all continue to be walking in His risen strength.

A key focus of this month will be prayer as we join in churches from all denominations and many countries with the **Thy Kingdom Come, 10 days of prayer** between Ascension and Pentecost. This is something that we have been doing for five or six years, but has now caught on globally! This year there are different events on every day at different times and being hosted by the different churches of Aldershot. Basic details are in this edition of Update, but posters and leaflets with slightly more detail will also be around the church. And on Pentecost Sunday, the end of the 10 day period, we will be having a joint service with both our morning congregations along with the Wellesley church plant and the Nepalese and African congregations, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church. This will be followed by a meal together and in the late afternoon through into the early evening there will be a big celebration called the Beacon Event at Guildford Cathedral. This will have all sorts of different aspects of prayer from lots of different organisations and churches and ministries, along with different times of worship which are listed below.

16:00 – Taizé Worship 1

7:00 – 19:00 – Dedicated Prayer Stations

17:00 – Messy Church in the Chapter House

19:00 – Contemporary Worship

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THY KINGDOM COME: TIMETABLE FOR 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

Date	Church / venue	Time	Topic of prayer
Thurs 10/5	Church of Ascension	7.30pm	Eucharist; Tim Cross as guest preacher. Refreshments
Friday 11/5	HTA	7pm	TCPT
Sat 12/5	Methodist Labyrinth - Wellspring Prayer Walk -	TBA 6.30pm	Wellesley
Sunday 13/5	New Testament Church of God	6.30-7.30 pm	Body of Christ
Monday 14/5	HTA	7.30 pm	Prayer for Aldershot (PPP)
Tuesday 15/5	Park Church	12.30pm & 7.30pm	All God's people in Aldershot – for the fruits of the Holy Spirit to grow and be evident as we serve Him together
Wednesday 16/5	HTA	11.15 (with Communion), 12.30 & 7.30	Family, marriages and ministry into those areas
Thursday 17/5	Redeemed Christian Church of God.	6:30 pm	Revival, youth and peace of God in our community
Friday 18/5	Aldershot Baptist Church	1st Session any time between 12noon and 2pm 2nd Session any time between 7pm and 9pm	"The Health of Aldershot and its people"
Saturday 19/5	Jubilee Church, Wellington School	11am to 12.30pm	Children, youth and schools. Children welcome.

Date	Church / venue	Time	Topic of prayer
Sunday 20/5	Beacon Event - Cathedral	4-8pm	

Two other key things this month are the **10th anniversary service and buffet for the Town Centre Pastoral Team** on May 11th at 7pm at church. This will be a short service of celebration, as well as showcasing the ministry to others interested, with the hope that some councillors as well as possibly the Mayor and MP will also attend.

Then, on Saturday May 12th, there is a meeting for Christians in the area to look at how we respond and minister in the whole area of where people have been abused sexually. This may be of interest to many, especially those with a pastoral role. Please see the separate article for full details and to book in. This is, unfortunately, not uncommon and as Christians we do need to know what the Bible says and how we might respond with care and compassion.

So God bless you as you grow up in Christ and grow together more with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

George

LADIES' PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saturday 19th May 2018 at 8.30 in Crossover

The Ladies Prayer Breakfast is held every two months and is a great opportunity to get to know new people, whilst enjoying a tasty breakfast, followed by a time of prayer.

At present we do not have a couple of volunteers to host the May breakfast – if you feel you could help with this, please tell Trisha Haley (01252 332541) or Christine Ward (01252 320210)

ALDERSHOT CHURCHES PRAYING TOGETHER

The Aldershot Churches Together (ACT) prayer meetings are held monthly on a Monday (normally on the fourth Monday of the month) at the Church of the Ascension, Ayling Hill, at 7.45pm. This month's ACT prayer is on:

Monday 28th May 2018

Ministry in the Aftermath of Sexual Abuse

Saturday 12th May 10am -1pm at St Philip's and St James' Church, Kings Rd, Fleet, GU51 3AR

In 2016, the Church of England produced a document called *The Gospel, Sexual Abuse and the Church*, to provide guidance to dioceses and parishes (available on the Cof E website). Whether we know it or not, our ministry is often exercised in the aftermath of abuse and it is our responsibility to learn and pray together about this most difficult subject. This morning seminar is an important opportunity to confront the terrible reality of abuse, to hear what victims and survivors of abuse have said about the church's response, to engage with the guidance given and to reflect, through the lens of Scripture, on what it would mean for our churches to be open and secure communities that make known Christ's reconciling peace. It would be a good opportunity, especially for those in licensed ministry or serving in pastoral leadership (e.g. small group leader) to confront a reality we might naturally wish not to confront. The recent IICSA hearings have served to underline the need for a thought-out and considered response.

The seminar takes place on Saturday 12th May 10am -1pm at St Philip's and St James' Church, Kings Rd, Fleet, GU51 3AR. It will be supported by staff from both the Diocesan Safeguarding and Discipleship, Vocation and Ministry Teams.

To book a place, contact Jane Jones, cjanejones@gmail.com from the hosting parish.

Jane Jones, LLM at St Philip's and St James' Church and Matt Prior, Diocesan Adult Discipleship Adviser

CARING FOR GOD'S WORLD

We are created beings, part of the whole community of creation, joining together to praise God (Psalm 148)

But we have also been given a special task – to look after the rest of what God has made (Genesis 1:26-28; Gen. 2:15). This is not an optional extra for a few keen environmentalists, but a fundamental part of what it means to be human. (A Rocha)

Plastic bottles

How often do you buy a bottle of water – may be you are out somewhere and you suddenly feel thirsty or maybe you are on a lunch break and you need to buy something for lunch and you need to include a drink (is it part of the meal-deal)? We are now familiar with the amount of plastic in the oceans and in landfills so can we avoid buying a bottle of water. There are lots of drinks bottles available to buy which can be reused many times. We could all invest in one and ensure it is with us wherever we go.

Jane Newton

NEWS FROM TOM CHITTOCK

Dear Church family

As you may be aware and would have seen me around in church, I am now back from my adventure down the Rhine on a riverboat these past 3 months. It was a real blessing and privilege to be a part of this project and to see God at work in Europe. Europe is tough ground, but we pray that God will continue to soften the hearts of the people there.

I have been back about three weeks now and I am back for the near future, while I pray and seek the Lord and His guidance. I want to say a huge thank you for everything you have done for me these three years; I could not have done it without you all. The Lord has been gracious to me and shown me His faithfulness in many ways. I recently did a talk at Women's Hour, which was a great time to share with all the ladies there.

As for now, well one of the ways in which I have seen the Lord's graciousness towards me is that I applied for a job at Enterprise and got offered a job working in their offices in Aldershot starting 14th May, so I get a month off. Both are a huge blessing; another huge blessing was that Mike handed me a cheque for a sum of money which I was not expecting, so I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave towards that and may the Lord's blessing be with you all.

So all that is left is to say a huge thanks and it's great to be back worshipping at HT with you all again. I want to leave you with this verse, which has been with me this past week.

Lamentations 3:22-25

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail, for they are new every morning. Great is your Faithfulness, I say to myself and to you all; the Lord is our portion, therefore we will wait for him. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him.

God bless you all
Tom Chittock

Whom do I tell...

...when something needs to be done in the HT building or site?

When **something is broken** or needs replacing, tell **Don Payne** (01252 653182).

For toilet rolls and paper towels – tell Jean Embelton. (01252 320926)

FUN NIGHT OUT – THE BIBLE COURSE ON TOUR

Kristin Stevenson of the Bible Society writes:

I am excited to let you know that we are taking The Bible Course on tour and that The Greatest Story Ever Toured is coming to a venue near you. You will be able to exercise your brain cells, your funny bone and your vocal chords all in one fantastic night.

For more information please visit <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/the-bible-course-on-tour/>. It would be great if you could share this with your church and any other contacts in the area that you feel would enjoy a great night out.

If you'd like some postcards to help us promote the event I'd be happy to send some and if you want to show the video in church the link is, <https://youtu.be/EVCeGneAVqU>.

As a thank you for promoting and bringing along some friends, I will have a thank you gift on the evening. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Kristin Stevenson

Church Relationship Manager – South and East; Laurel Cottage, Acres Rise, Ticehurst, TN5 7DD

Events near to Guildford:

Friday 29 June 2018 | Guildford | St John's Stoke

Friday 8 June 2018 | Reigate | Reigate Baptist Church

Thursday 14 June 2018 | London | Praise Christian Centre

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

A series of short articles drawn from the parish magazines of yesteryear.

This item from 1899 was described as "a homely old adage from the early magazines".

A Sunday well spent brings a week of content
And strength from the toils of the morrow
A Sunday profaned, what e'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow

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There is a **hearing loop** in the main church building and also in Crossover.

To tune into the loop use the "T" mode setting on your hearing aid.

UPDATE IN LARGER PRINT

A small number of copies of Update and the Prayer Diary in larger print are available at the back of church. Please tell Christine Ward (01252 320210) if more copies are needed.

Large print **hymn books** are also available at the back of church – if you need one, please ask a sidesperson.



HELP WITH CLEANING OR IRONING

Deirdre Baker, a member of HT, offers a cleaning and/or ironing service, which can be for a short one-off blitz. If interested, contact Deirdre on 317833.

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MAY 2018 DIARY

1	2.00 & 7.30pm	Fellowship Groups	(Tuesdays)
2	11.15am	Holy Communion	
	2.30, 7.15 & 8.00pm	Fellowship Groups	
	7.30pm	POD Groups	
	7.30 for 7.45pm	SHAPE course in Crossover	
3	10-11.30am	Contact for parents and toddlers	(Thursdays in term*)
	2.30pm	Women's Hour	(Thursdays)
	7.30pm	POD Groups	
4	9.30-11am	Parent POD	(Fridays in term*)
	10.30am	Fellowship Group at Kingsley Court	(alternate Fridays)
	6-7pm	Kids Club	(Fridays in term*)
	7.00pm	First Friday Club for men – meet at church	(See page 3)
5	10.00am to 12	Mental Health Drop In	(See page 7)
6	MISSION SUPPORT SUNDAY – BIBLE SOCIETY		(See page 13)
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
	1.30-3.30pm	20s30s lunch at Jenny's café	
	6.30-8.00pm	Re:Form, HT Youth, ages 11-16 (Sundays in term)	
9	11.15am	Holy Communion with Praise, Prayer and Prophecy	
11	7.00pm	Celebration of 10 th Anniversary of TCPT	(See page 7)
13	SUNDAY		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
14	7.30pm	PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	
16	11.15am	Holy Communion / PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROPHECY	(Weds)
18	7.45pm	Worship Team practice	
19	8.30am	Ladies Prayer Breakfast in Crossover	(See page 10)
20	SUNDAY – FOUR CONGREGATION SERVICE		
	9.30am	Morning Praise	
	11.15am	Holy Communion	
	4.00pm	Beacon event at the Cathedral	(see pages 8&9)
26	10am–12noon	Prayer ministry team gathering	
27	SUNDAY –		
	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Children's Service in Galpin Hall	
	11.15am	Alternative Service	
28	7.45pm	ACT Prayer at Church of the Ascension	(see page x)

* Check dates/times with group leaders

The Spring Bank holiday in Hampshire schools is from 28th May to 1st June.