

## Christmas Greetings from Holy Trinity Church



# Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue with the theme of *Our Church at Christmas*

If you have a contribution that you would like to be considered for a future magazine article, limiting it to 150 words, please email ideas to:  
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Our February issue will be called *Our World - mission charities*.

## Future Events

### DECEMBER

Advent course 2013 'Watching and Waiting'	Sunday 24th November, 1st, 8th and 15th December (see Posters)
Advent meditation with music	Sunday 8th December 6pm
Wykeham House Senior Carol Service	Wednesday 11th December 7pm
Wykeham House Junior Carol Service	Friday 13th December 2pm
Fareham Philharmonic Concert	Saturday 14th December 7.30pm
Traditional Carols at St Columba	Sunday 22nd December

### JANUARY

#### Parish Away Day

We are holding a Study Day at the Study Centre, St John's Church, Shedfield on Saturday 25th January 2014. The day will start at 9.30am with Morning Worship and this will be followed by 3 sessions looking at:-

*The image of God as seen in Jesus*  
*The image of God seen in ourselves*  
*How we live out that image in discipleship*

We will finish around 4pm at a cost of £6.50 which includes tea, coffee, biscuits and a lunch of soup, sandwiches and dessert. To sign up put your name on the form at the back of the church. For more information please contact Keith Wickert.

## Christmas Services

### Holy Trinity

Carols at Town Centre Bandstand	Saturday 21st December 3pm-4pm
Crib Service	Christmas Eve 3pm
Carols by Candlelight	Christmas Eve 7pm
Midnight Mass	Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Holy Communion	Christmas Day 8am
Family Communion	Christmas Day 9.30am



# Christmas at Holy Trinity Church

I do believe Christmas is celebrated with some style at Wykeham House School; we start with a wonderful Christmas Fayre and end with a pantomime performed by our eldest pupils.

However, for me the most treasured moments are those spent as a 'school family' celebrating the true meaning of Christmas at Holy Trinity. We always have two services, inviting our families to join us, one for Juniors and the other

for Seniors. I am always delighted to see the church fill as we congregate and the expectant chatter that goes with arriving to watch your daughter in the Nativity, or to sing the solo verse in one of the carols. At the end when the girls leave, wrapped up in their school scarves, it is lovely to know that they will all have been to Church at this most important time in the Christian year. Lynn Clarke, Headmistress

## Christmas – What comes to mind?

If you ask people what Christmas means to them you will get a range of different answers. Many children will say that it is about presents, parties, sweets and Father Christmas and that Easter is about chocolate eggs, Whitsun is just a holiday time and the fifth of November is the time for fireworks and bonfires. Sadly there are many adults who are equally unaware of the true significance of these commemorative occasions. The history of Christmas is complex. Years before the birth of Jesus the Roman winter solstice festival on 25th December commemorated the sun-god Mithras. The day was adopted to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the Western Church by the 4th Century

and then, in time, by the Eastern Church. Many Christmas practices such as the Yule Log, mistletoe, and present giving are derived from earlier pagan activities in Northern Europe. The Christmas Tree is a more recent feature. It was introduced from Germany at the beginning of the reign of Queen Victoria. The Christmas card dates from 1846 when J C Horley designed a card at the suggestion of Sir Henry Cole. All these concepts and activities divert our attention from the real significance of Christmas. We need to remember what these special days really commemorate and tell others who don't know or have forgotten.

Alan Seeley

## Christmas Services

### St Columba

Festival of lessons and carols  
Christingle  
Carols by Candlelight  
Midnight Mass  
Said Eucharist  
Family Communion

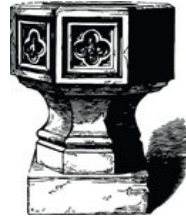
Saturday 22nd December 6.30pm  
Christmas Eve 4pm  
Christmas Eve 7pm  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm  
Christmas Day 8am  
Christmas Day 10am



# Parish Register

## Baptisms

Darcy Main                      Scott Taylor  
Cassidy Taylor                 Summer Taylor  
Danielle Taylor                Tegan Taylor



## Confirmed

Andrea Hall                      Nicki Main  
Clive Dymott

## Baptised and Confirmed

Alexander Main                Connor Elgin  
Clair Lewis

## Those who have recently died

Alice Dyer  
Debbie Whittle  
Denny Hooper  
Eileen Keppel  
Ernie Crouch  
Irene Plested

Michael Nobes  
Nellie Rochford  
Patricia Smith  
Peggie Jeffery  
Reginald Clarke

If you would like to arrange a Baptism, Confirmation or Funeral please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

## A Pilgrimage Trip to the Holy Land

Rev. Bill Day is planning to take a party to the Holy Land between 9th–16th February 2015. He has successfully taken people there in the past for what have been life changing experiences. From being ambivalent about going to the Holy Land, he now believes that if it is possible, and affordable, it is a pilgrimage that will enormously benefit anyone's faith.

He realises that there are pilgrimages being planned for 2014 by the Bishop and he would encourage anyone to journey with him. However, if the 2015 date, and coming with other people from Warsash, Titchfield and elsewhere in our Deanery is important to you

then you are very welcome to join the group.

There are leaflets at the back of the church with some details of the trip and likely costs. There will also be 'Presentation Evenings' with a video and full details:

**6th December 7.30pm**

at St Peter's Church, Titchfield

**7th December 7.30pm**

at St Mary's Church Hall, Warsash

All are welcome to attend no commitment. Interested in going? Just turn up on the evening or give him a ring on 01489 564035.

# Parish People

## Sandy, Nicki and Darcy Main



Sandy and Nicki moved to Fareham three years ago from Portsmouth. They started attending Holy Trinity after Sandy proposed to Nicki and they looked for a church to get married in. Sandy was attracted to Holy Trinity as the traditional church building reminded him of the church from his home town of Dunbar in Scotland.

Sandy and Nicki met through an internet dating site and have not looked back since. After their wedding at Holy Trinity on 15th October 2011 they continued to attend and became more interested in the Christian faith. Sandy and Nicki were made to feel welcome by particular members of the congregation who took the time to get to know them as a couple.

They both felt well supported by the clergy as they experienced difficulties trying to start a family. Nicki says that the prayers and support at this stressful time kept her going and she soon found she was pregnant without having to undertake IVF treatment.

The birth of Darcy in January 2013 strengthened their faith and Sandy and Nicki explored confirmation together. Darcy was baptised in October this year and a week later Sandy was baptised and then confirmed alongside Nicki at Portsmouth Cathedral. They found this a moving moment in their lives and continue to meet with the confirmation group regularly to explore biblical themes and pray together.

Sandy, Nicki and Darcy enjoy coming to church as a family and like to sit near the front so that they feel part of the service and Darcy can watch what is going on. Nicki enjoys uplifting music and positive sermons that inspire her as a person rather than making her feel guilty or not good enough.

Sandy used to play rugby and now enjoys watching all kinds of sport. His son, Logan, 13, now plays rugby at Christ's Hospital Independent Boarding School. Nicki sings in a choir called Vox Pop and has sung to her hero Rick Stein. Sandy achieved his Blue Peter Badge by abseiling down the dome of the London Planetarium for Red Nose Day and his body was also used by the sculptors at Madame Tussaud's when they were making a model of Brad Pitt!

2013 has been a momentous year for the Main family and as we enter a new year we hope they continue to feel part of the family at Holy Trinity and that Darcy continues to entertain us with her smiles and rude noises! We wish them and all the young families at Holy Trinity a very Happy Christmas and exciting New Year.

Donna Irving

# Thoughts from our Priest-in-Charge

## Making room for others



Christmas gives us a great opportunity to welcome others into our homes. Perhaps family or friends are coming to stay and so we get ready by moving things around a bit, tidying up and making room for our guests. That's just what we do in church as we prepare to throw open the doors and welcome lots of people in.

In Advent, we go without flowers but then the church is beautifully 'dressed up' thanks to the talents of our flower team. The musicians and choir fit in extra rehearsals as well as singing engagements; the crib is set up, we replenish our stock of candles and special orders of service are prepared in the office and the photocopier generates a lot of heat! Servers, welcomers, furniture movers and sidespeople are all standing by to do

what needs to be done. The work that goes into these elaborate preparations is definitely worth it as we gather again to celebrate the birth of Jesus. People - being together with friends and strangers - make it all worthwhile.

It's fair to say, though, that the season is not without its tensions. Guests don't always know what to expect and we need to take special care that the welcome is sensitive as well as warm. Rather like the nativity scene, where Mary and Joseph had to find room - physically and in their hearts - for their unexpected visitors, so we need to make space for each other. We definitely need to hang on to our sense of humour - I remember one occasion when we sang *While Shepherds Watched*... to a different tune. There was much grumbling on the way out. Some people do like to be reassured that absolutely nothing changes in the church year by year!

The new parents may have been exhausted: Joseph, on account of being responsible for Mary's safety on the journey; Mary, having just given birth in difficult circumstances. Yet I like to think the joy and wonder shown by their guests as they met Jesus was infectious and energising. I hope and pray that, together with everyone who comes to our churches this Christmas we shall know we are welcome, shall find room for Jesus in our hearts and shall encounter Him in the faces of those around us.

# Services

## Regular services at Holy Trinity

SUNDAY	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Communion
MONDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer @ the Highlands Hub
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Little Fishes
	10.30am	Holy Communion
THURSDAY	9.15am	Morning Prayer @ the Highlands Hub

We look forward to welcoming you to our church community

## Just for FUN

Answer to the November  
Just for FUN



Rodney has been in our Choir  
for 70 years and  
Sam is in his 1st year.

**WORDSEARCH** by **Steve Ellis**

S O P S T R A W O K P E  
D H S Y E K N O D A I C  
X L E V Y E N R U O J A  
U D O E N E M E S I W M  
P S W G P H R R Y M V E  
B A B Y J E S U S R N L  
S B E T H L E H E M M G  
M U R S D R E H P E H S  
N Y Y U B H M A N G E R  
G R K L E I R B A G E U  
S A M T S I R H C C S G  
G M C T L H P E S O J J

BABY	JESUS	GABRIEL	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM		GOLD	SHEEP
CAMEL		JOSEPH	SHEPHERDS
CHRISTMAS		JOURNEY	STRAW
DONKEY		MANAGER	WISEMEN
		MARY	

Answers to wordsearch in  
February issue

## Church Groups

There are many groups at Holy Trinity, if you would like to find out more, please contact the group leader or the Parish Office

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Gardeners • [Ed and Margaret Pearce](#) • 01329 238068

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