

## **Christmas Greetings from Holy Trinity**



This baby boy was born safely in hospital after his mother arrived by motorbike at 4 am. *Read article page 3*



# Welcome

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

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Our February issue will be called *Prayer*

## Future Events

### DECEMBER

High Time Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 6th December 8.30am
PraiseMakers	Saturday 7th December Nov 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
Advent Course Week 3	Sunday 14th December 4-5.30pm
Christmas Carol Spectacular	Thurs 18th Dec 5.30-7pm at the Bandstand, Fareham (Collingwood Band with Christians Together 6.05-6.25pm)
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 21st Dec after 9.30am service
Advent Course Week 4	Sunday 21st December 4-5.30pm

**Christmas Services**  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FAREHAM

**Christmas Eve**  
3pm - Crib Service  
7pm - Carols by Candlelight  
11.30pm - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
8am - Holy Communion  
9.30am - Family Communion

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# Future Events



 ST COLUMBA CHURCH, FAREHAM

**Sunday December 21st**  
6.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm - Christingle  
7pm - Carols by Candlelight  
11.30pm - Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**  
9.30am - Family Communion



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## JANUARY

High Time Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 3rd January 8.30am
PraiseMakers	Sunday 4th January 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
High Time for a Laugh	Comedy at Slug and Lettuce 7pm
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 18th Jan after 9.30am service
High Time Interactive Musical performance of The Gift	Sunday 18th Jan 5.30pm
Saturday Night Special	Saturday 24th January 7.15pm-10pm

## FEBRUARY

High Time Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 7th February 8.30am
PraiseMakers	Sunday 1st February 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
Men's Group Breakfast	Saturday 13th Dec 8.45am Parish Centre
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 15th Feb after 9.30am service

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

Brodie Dalingwater  
Lois Moorman

Rory Butler  
Rowan Clinch

## Weddings

8th November 2014 • Andrea Hall & Gordon Brady

## Those who have recently died

David Pattison  
Dennis Gammon  
Edna Holmes  
Frederick Tanner

Gladys Woodford  
Irene Smith  
Jean Gleeson  
Molly Day

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

## Delivering hope this Christmas

At Christmas, we celebrate the safe arrival of God's promised Saviour and Son, Jesus Christ. As we remember Mary's arduous and life-threatening journey to Bethlehem, we sigh with relief that it is so different for us today. But sadly, for thousands of women in Kenya, the dangers and struggles experienced by the young mother of our Saviour are all too real.

Emily Mutai, Head Nurse at Lolgorian Sub-District hospital, has seen her fair share of loss. Although over an hour by car from many of the Maasai communities it serves – the majority of whom will have to walk the journey – Lolgorian is still the closest health facility.

This Christmas why not support Christian Aid and their dedicated partners as they work to reach women and to support nurses like Emily. Through locally-based groups like TRDP, part of the Anglican Church of Kenya, they're providing mobile health clinics to ensure that families in some of the most remote parts of Kenya can access life-saving healthcare. Working closely with a community, TRDP sets up and supports mother-to-mother and father-to-father groups, providing safe environments for people to share concerns and get advice. And through its training and support of community health workers, women are encouraged to deliver in hospital, where complications can be spotted and treated. The uncertainty and danger that Mary faced 2000 years ago should be history. Emily provides life-saving healthcare. But it is not enough. This Christmas, we can save more lives in childbirth, now and for years to come. Our church is joining with thousands of others to pray for women across the world and raise money for the Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.



*Thank you so much for all you can give.*

# Parish People

## The Ellis Family



Steve, aka Parish Webmaster, PCC member and bass guitar player on 3rd Sundays was born in Blackbrook Maternity home in 1967. He has lived in Fareham all his life and attended Trinity pre-school as a young boy. After leaving Bishopsfield Secondary School, he completed an apprenticeship in engineering and worked in Gosport. Due to redundancy, Steve took a complete career change in 2007 and is now a police officer working in the Cosham area.

Nikki was born in Somerset and moved several times as a child because her father was in retail management. She came to live in Fareham in 1980 and attended St Anne's School (now Fareham Academy) before going on to complete a secretarial course at Highbury College. Little did she know, that 30 years or so later, she would be using those skills in the Parish Office!

Steve came from a Christian family and went to the Oak Road Women's Institute Sunday School where they used to walk over to St Columba Church. It was here that Steve became head choir boy and he was confirmed

at Holy Trinity in 1979. Music has always been an important part in Steve's life. He started learning to play the recorder at school and a brief experience with a trumpet followed before his parents decided it was too loud! Steve learnt to play guitar and has been part of the Holy Trinity band for over thirty years. Nikki first went to church with her grandparents and started attending Holy Trinity before being confirmed at Portsmouth Cathedral. Nikki enjoys listening to music and is also a very creative person. She is a competent cross stitcher, knitter and crocheter.

Nikki and Steve first met when they were only 14 at Bath Lane Recreation Ground when Steve retrieved a stray cricket ball near to where Nikki was playing tennis. The 22nd June 1984 was the date of this significant encounter and their engagement followed on 22 June 1989 and their wedding on the same day in 1991.

Their daughter Laura arrived in 1997 - not on the 22nd of June though - and is also a talented musician playing the flute with the church band. Laura was confirmed at the Cathedral and is currently studying Geography, Psychology and English Language at Bay House Sixth Form. She thinks she would like to work in an office when she leaves school although her avid interest in Sherlock Holmes may lead into a similar career to her Dad!

As a family they enjoy spending time together in Bournemouth where they can relax away from the pressures of a busy office, college and police station.

Donna Irving

# Thoughts from our Rector

All I want for Christmas is.....



Two front teeth?  
The latest X-box?  
A Beetle?  
World peace.....?

Whatever you're hoping for this Christmas, I doubt that you'd be content with a plastic plate or a toilet roll.

Since Holy Trinity hosted the Maasai Warriors in November 2011 (how could we forget their exuberant dancing and singing!) I've retained links with a charity that is very active among these indigenous, strong yet vulnerable people. The school for the Maasai children that was just a dream spoken of that evening has now become a reality; 7 classrooms with an 8th planned for the new year and a health clinic in the school grounds that is up and running.

Merit awards at the last assembly of the year for the students could be

either a plastic plate or a toilet roll - the children were thrilled.

Without the partnership of others from distant countries, these children would still be wandering with the family's goats, collecting water or gathering sticks for the fire. Instead, they are receiving an education and that will surely provide a greater protection for them from some of life's harsh experiences to which previous generations of Maasai were exposed.

We really need to hear these stories of courage, perseverance and trust. So often they spring from the vision and energy of just one or two people, as in the case of this particular charity. They help me make sense of 'the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ' - a story of vulnerability, courage and trust. The story that we shall hear told, sung and prayed again this Christmas.

Courage, perseverance and trust - these are the characteristics we need in abundance - not just for Christmas.

May God grant us generous hearts and a readiness to make dreams real in the lives of others and may we be thankful for whatever opportunities come our way this Christmas.



# 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	8.30am	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

Congratulations if you found the engraving.

What is this?  
What is it called?



Ordnance survey bench mark and bolt

Answer to the November  
Just for FUN

You can find the engraving at the west end of the church, at the foot of the tower and opposite the area set aside for memorial stones and ashes.



## 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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