



Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue
with the theme of *Prayer*

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 April issue will be called *Easter at Holy Trinity*

Future Events

FEBRUARY

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| PraiseMakers | Sunday 1st February 4-5pm
(25 minute service followed by tea) |
| High Time Prayer Breakfast | Saturday 7th February 8.30am |
| Praycation 'Parishes Together' | Saturday 7th February 10am-4pm |
| Fairtrade stall | Sunday 15th Feb after 9.30am service |
| High Time for a Laugh | Sunday 15th Feb 7pm Slug & Lettuce |
| Little Fishes Go BIG | Wednesday 18th Feb at 10.30-12.30 |
| Men's Group Breakfast | Saturday 21st February at 8.30am |
| People Alone Circle - <i>Father Luke Lent</i> | Tuesday 24th February |
| <i>Course 'The Long Road to Heaven'</i> | Tuesday 24th February 7.30 - 9pm |

MARCH

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| PraiseMakers | Sunday 1st March 4-5pm
(25 minute service followed by tea) |
| Saturday Night Special | Saturday 7th March 7.15pm-10pm (for
young people at the Leisure Centre) |
| Fairtrade stall | Sunday 15th March after 9.30am |
| People Alone Circle - Quizzes | Tuesday 24th March |
| Messy Church | Thursday 26th March
(Doors open 3.30pm Event 4pm-6pm) |



PRAYCATION

Saturday 7th February at
St John's, Fareham in place of
the parishes weekend, and is for
Holy Trinity, St Columba, St John's and
St Peter & St Paul churches.

Come and share in a day of prayer
and activities. Open to all ages!

Put the date in your new diary and see
Ruth or Sally for more details.

Prayer

The following prayer was found among the papers of John Ward, an eighteenth century member of parliament:



O Lord, Thou knowest I have
mine estates in the
City of London and likewise that I
have lately purchased an estate in the
County of Essex.
I beseech thee to preserve the two
counties of Middlesex and Essex from
fire and earthquake and, as I have a
mortgage in Hertfordshire,
I beg of Thee likewise to have an eye of
compassion on that county.
For the rest of the counties,
Thou mayest deal with them as
Thou art pleased....

I'm sure that we would all agree that this conveys a slightly warped understanding of why and how we should pray. But what about when we pray sincerely for the wellbeing of others who are in need and God still doesn't seem inclined to intervene?

My own belief is that the light of God's love truly can illuminate the darkness of the world and that prayer is the expression of faith in love's power to transform. When we pray, we are not asking God to 'tinker about' with the mechanism of the world like some sort of heavenly air-traffic controller. Prayer is not about 'getting results', it's a process of inviting God's love into our everyday troubles through faith.

Whether or not prayer 'makes a difference' lies in the hearts of those who pray and those who are prayed for.

The continuing call for our churches to be opened as places of prayer in times of tragedy suggests to me that people really do understand this, even if they might not explain it as I have. The candles that thousands of people lit in churches following the bin lorry disaster in Glasgow this Christmas were prayerful symbols of the power of love to light the darkness. And that fills me with hope.

Richard Wharton

Parish Register

Baptisms

Harvey Bradbury
Lee Bradbury
Lucrezia Cook
Millie Bradbury
Owen Mills
Scarlett Miller



Those who have recently died

Hilda Billimore
Jill Bosberry
Colin Weaver
Elsie Pearson
Roy Bowyer

James Reid
Elsie Stroud
Kathleen Douglass
Enid Macdonald
Iris Holoway

Beatrice Snell
Jean Graham
May Gibson
Lilo Hall
Hilda Daysh.

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

Intercessory Prayer



It is a privilege and an important role to lead the congregation in intercessory prayer in church, leading God's people in prayer, rather than praying on their behalf. We pray together for the natural world and the resources of the earth, the leaders of the nations, the universal church, those who are sick, the bereaved, countries where there is much suffering, for important issues in the media and those who are in any kind of need. Here at Holy Trinity we have Intercessors who regularly write and lead us in prayer. Is this something that God is saying you also could do? Please think and pray about it. No need to feel daunted at the prospect as training, guidance and input are at hand and I am happy to have a chat with anyone who may be interested.

Jenny Hellyer (01329 287757)

Parish People

Angela, Amy and Sophie Wilson



Angela was born in Portsmouth and lived in Alverstoke. She went to St Mary's Church and was confirmed there in 1980. Angela has fond memories of being in the Guides, especially being at camp in 1981 and watching the Royal Wedding on a tiny portable black and white TV.

Her Mum and Dad moved to Wokingham whilst Angela was away on camp but fortunately they did come back and collect her! Angela went on to become a Queen's Guide.

Angela was keen to join the Army and tried to sign up when she was 16 and 18 but was told both times to continue with her education first.

Angela completed her A-levels before going to Reading University to study Geography. She then specialised in Cartography at Oxford Polytechnic.

Whilst at university, Angela decided to join the officer training corps at Oxford and although she gained many new skills (including her HGV licence!) she changed her mind about a career in the Army and became a cartographer.

After working for a commercial map-making company, a design company and being self-employed, Angela sought

a new challenge and currently works for the MoD producing maps of a top secret nature.

Angela moved to Fareham in 1998 and Amy arrived in February 1999. Sophie was born in Blackbrook 3 years later and Angela was visited by the chaplain, Rev'd Ann Burr which led to Angela attending Holy Trinity.

Angela is an active member of the church. She has been on the PCC, helps with church events and her main current roles include Godly Play, Wedding Welcomer and editing this magazine. Angela is very interested in developing children's ministry.

Amy is in Year 11 at Cams Hill School. Her favourite subjects are art and media studies. Amy started learning the flute when she was 9 and enjoys playing in the band on Third Sundays. She also plays the bell lyre in the Fareham Scout Band. Amy was confirmed in April 2011 by Bishop Christopher. Amy is now a server at Holy Trinity.

Sophie is 12 and recently had her hair cut in aid of The Little Princess Trust. She raised over £500 and her hair will be made into a wig for a child who has lost theirs due to cancer treatment. Sophie took her first communion in 2011 with her sister. She enjoys gymnastics and free style dance and has passed all her exams with honours.

Both girls are part of the newly formed church youth group and are looking forward to visiting Rock Up Whiteley in February. If any other teenagers would like to try out their climbing skills, please contact Emma Bournier via the Parish Office.

Donna Irving

Thoughts from our Curate

How Should I Pray Properly?



I have often heard people comment that they are unsure if they pray properly. They believe the words they use are not 'worthy'. This anxiety often arises because they hear someone else pray using more elaborate words. Worry not I say because if you pray to God with integrity and focus and avoid presenting to him a self-focussed wishlist, He will be more than pleased with your petitions. Prayer is about making a spiritual connection to God, not wooing Him with clever words.

Prayer does need proper commitment and preparation though and it is worth considering these suggestions.

1. Take the time to pray. It can be difficult to find time for prayer when your life is busy. So one way to deal with this is to make prayer part of your daily routine, such as praying as soon as you wake up in the morning. There is no wrong time to pray.

2. Prepare for praying. It is important that you get in the right mind set for prayer - turn your mind away from the distractions of the world and back to God. A previous Archbishop was asked how long he spends in personal prayer each day. It is reported he said 'only about 10 minutes, but I spend at least 30 minutes preparing to pray'. You should prepare in whichever way you feel is comfortable. During the week, my routine prior to praying is to listen to 'Thought for the Day' as I look at Rublev's icon then reflect on something that touched me as I listened.

3. Find the right spot where you are away from distractions. You may also find it useful to join a prayer group or find a prayer companion to pray with but it is probably best to find a group or someone who prays in a similar fashion to you. Otherwise you may find the difference in style challenging and the prayer not the wonderful enlightening experience it can be.

Rev'd Keith Wickert

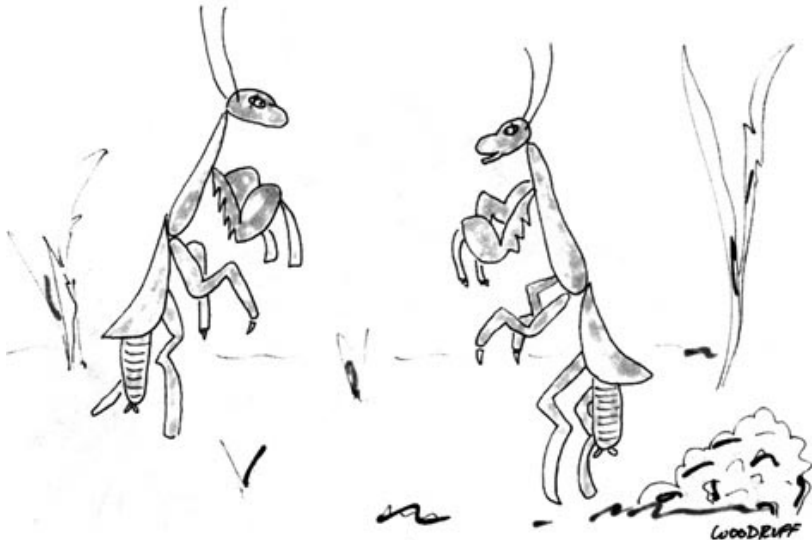
Services

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



"Sure, everyone thinks we're praying,
but do any of us actually make the time for it?"

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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Flower Arrangers • [Sue Purcell](#) • 01329 280472 • spurcell@btopenworld.com

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

Holy Dusters • [Sylvia Coghlan](#) • 01329 232200

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