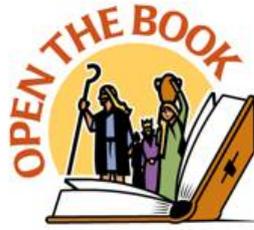


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# Welcome

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

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:

htmagazine@htscf.org.uk

Our April issue will be called *Come and Sing!*

## Future Events

### FEBRUARY

PraiseMakers	Sunday 7th February 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
Christian Aid Curry Evening	Saturday 13th February 6pm
Valentine's Day	Sunday 14th February 9.30am service to celebrate the gift of love and marriage
YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 14th February 5pm-7pm (URC)
Lent Course - Life Calling	Sunday 14th February for 5 weeks
Little Fishes Go BIG	Wednesday 17th February 10.30-12.30
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 21st February after 9.30am service
People Alone Circle	Tuesday 23rd February
Parish Dinner at Lysses Hotel	Tuesday 23rd February 7pm

### MARCH

PraiseMakers	Sunday 6th March 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 13th March
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 20th March after 9.30am service
People Alone Circle	Tuesday 22nd March



## Teaching Eucharist

9:30am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Ever wondered why we do what we do in church?

Maybe you have never been to a church service before  
or have been coming for years and would like to know  
the reasoning behind what we do.

During this service we will be looking at the different elements that  
make up the service and the history behind them.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Education

As Christianity grew and spread, education and learning came increasingly to have a central place within its structures and traditions. It was seen as important that the scriptures should be carefully studied and that the interpretations derived from these should make sense throughout the diverse cultures within which Christianity found itself. This is why most of the ancient universities in Christian countries are church foundations and why the Church of England took a leading role in the establishment of education within our country (see below).

Today, when strident secularists are

increasingly lining up to criticise religion, it is more important than ever that we take time to further our understanding of our faith. This does not mean that we can't be Christians without having degrees in theology but that our faith is deepened by learning about the ways in which others have wrestled with its questions before us. Within our own church, we offer simple opportunities to consider our faith a little more deeply through our Lent courses. For those wishing to take the next step, the diocese offers a very accessible 'Bishop's Certificate' course or the 'Exploring Christianity' course, which runs over two years.

Richard Wharton

Many church-goers are likely to know that some schools are 'Church schools' but have little idea of the place that Church schools have within the diocese. If I'm honest, I didn't really have much understanding of this until Bishop Christopher invited me to sit on the Diocesan Board of Education four years ago.

The idea of free education for all children within our country actually originates from the Church of England. In 1811, the Church of England set out the vision that every parish should have a school to provide elementary education for all children and by 1850, it had managed to establish 12,000 schools across the country. Back in the early 1800s, it was by no means taken for granted among the ruling classes that educating the poor was a good idea, so this was an incredible achievement. As time went on, the state took greater responsibility for building schools but it recognised

that it needed to work alongside the Church in doing so. This partnership continues to the present day, with roughly a third of primary schools being Church of England schools.

Today, we interpret the role of our Church schools as being to provide excellent education for children within an ethos built on Christian values, which enables children to gain an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith. While some would question the place of Church schools in our increasingly secular and diverse society, I believe that they have an important role to play in maintaining the heritage of our country. As the Prime Minister said in his Christmas address, "As a Christian country, I believe that we should reflect on the fact that it is because of these important religious roots and Christian values that Britain has been such a successful home to people of all faiths and none."

Richard Wharton

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

Beau Misselbrook  
Lilly Brown  
Mia Brown  
Wyatt Barker



## Those who have recently died

Anne Ferrier  
Barbara Davis  
Brenda Parker  
Clifford Hearsey  
Edward Durrant  
Eileen Crawford  
Evelyn Page  
Georgie Frost

Graham Sandal  
James Salisbury  
Janet Clarke  
Julia Collins  
Leslie Jacobs  
Robin Cartwright  
Stanley Lane

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

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## Open The Book

I thought I would share with you the work being done by the 'Open The Book' team at St Columba Church.

We present the 'Open The Book' assembly fortnightly at St Columba Academy. The stories are taken from both the Old and New Testaments.

We meet half-termly to read the stories and discuss how they can be visually presented and how we can fully engage both the staff and children.

Audience participation is paramount and it's important that we try and produce good props and costumes making each story meaningful and memorable!

Before each assembly, we gather a number of children, read the story to them and allocate parts. We give some children short speaking parts, others

will act the story whilst the team take the parts of the narrator and the individual characters.

Rev'd Ruth introduces the story and its key points and the story is acted out. The story is rounded up by Ruth highlighting the story's message. It ends with a prayer and a song appropriate to the story and its message.

These assemblies are going extremely well at the moment and we have a talented and committed team of volunteers. The children are keen and enthusiastic to take part, are attentive and enjoy the 'Open The Book' presentations.

If any of you are interested in joining the team, please contact myself or Rev'd Ruth Schofield.

Sally Dewberry

# Parish People

## Helen Cobb



Helen has attended Holy Trinity for 38 years and been part of the choir for 33 years. Helen led the 'Young Wives' group when her children were small. She now leads the 'Godly Play' team and is keen to share this approach to develop the spirituality of children where Christian stories and beliefs are shared in a storytelling style, allowing the children to reflect and respond in their own way.

Helen was born in Emsworth and lived on Hayling Island until the family moved to Yorkshire when Helen was three years old. Her father was a chartered surveyor. She has a younger brother, John, who lives in Yorkshire. Helen had a Christian upbringing and her grandfather was a minister in the Church of Scotland.

Helen has always had a passionate interest in plants and after leaving school, went to study horticulture in London where she completed a practical year in the grounds of the Whittington Hospital. During this time Helen realised that although she enjoyed gardening it was a lonely job and she decided that she wanted to

work with people. Helen completed a secretarial course before becoming a medical secretary. She was first employed at Westminster Hospital where she became secretary to the eye department for 4 years then 3 years as PA in the private practice of Mr P Trevor Roper, the senior eye consultant.

During this time Helen attended St Columba's Church of Scotland in London where she was an active member of the youth fellowship. She also led the visiting to dementia patients at St Luke's Hospital.

Helen met her future husband, Christopher, in Staines when he was sent to meet her from the station and take her to a family gathering. They were married in April 1974.

Their first son, Matthew, arrived in 1976 followed by his brother Jonathan two years later. The family moved to Fareham in 1978 near to Christopher's parents. Helen worked for a GP in the town for 11 years then as a receptionist for a local chiropodist until she retired.

Helen and Christopher share a love of gardening and they have 6 grandchildren who keep them busy. Helen enjoys painting with watercolours, walking and making preserves.

She has attended several Godly Play training days including a recent 3 day course. Anyone interested in observing a Godly Play session on the first or fifth Sundays of the month should speak to Helen.

A special thank you to Christopher and Peter Sitch who have made many of the Godly Play resources. Donna Irving

# Thoughts from our Rector



## How do you learn?

“I can wallpaper, because I watched my Dad” says my husband! Sometimes we learn by watching others - sometimes we observe what not to do, too! Some people find out how things work by reading a thick instruction manual, (which would send others to sleep!) or surf the net to find out how to do something. I understand it's even possible to carry out intricate surgery with a visual guide from the net - useful if you are at sea! My preference is a mixture of reading and exploring with others, listening and sharing ideas.

Whatever way we learn, to learn is a key part of being human. Crosswords, sudoku, University of the Third Age, FE Colleges and so on, they are many ways we go on learning and keeping our brains stimulated and our souls nourished long after we leave school. Studying for a degree in theology was tough in my late thirties - especially when in a class of mostly 18-23 year olds! Some life experience, along with

faith and encouragement from others helped me make the most of my studies with delight and the confidence to be changed.

Lent begins this week. There are countless resources available to help so we can grow in faith and insight. For our Lent groups this year we are joining with our friends from other churches in Fareham. I hope many can take the opportunity to take part. The material will help us to focus on our calling as God's people, gifted with unique skills and sent out to live lives that reflect the love of God to others.

Another resource comes from The Revd Ruth Tuschling, Spirituality Advisor for the Diocese: some very accessible and thought-provoking material for Lent which touches on our fears from which God delivers us and God's love and acceptance that Jesus shows from the cross. There's a verse from a Psalm to carry around daily and a suggestion about what we might do in response. A copy is available in church for you to take, or you can download from the Diocesan website:

[http://portsmouth.anglican.org/fileadmin/images/What\\_we\\_do/healing\\_spirituality/2016\\_Lent\\_prayer\\_booklet.pdf](http://portsmouth.anglican.org/fileadmin/images/What_we_do/healing_spirituality/2016_Lent_prayer_booklet.pdf)

A favourite proverb of mine is: It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. (Prov 25:2)

May we begin to uncover what it is to be a king this Lent!

# 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	9.00am	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

## Would you like to play Djembe Drums?

We performed on Sunday 17th January after a one hour training session by Andy Hall. Next drumming sessions are on Saturday 20th February and Saturday 19th March between 10.30am – 11.30am.



Do come and join us!

## 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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