

*Issue 23: Come and Sing!*



# Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue with the theme of *Come and Sing!*

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 June issue will be called *Time (Giving time and making time)*

## Future Events

### APRIL

#### High Time Prayer Breakfast

Godly Play

PraiseMakers

YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone

YOUTH Group - Saturday Night Special

*Activities for Year 7 or above*

Fairtrade stall

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

(APCM)

#### High Time Celebration Event

Lunchtime Concert

*Zephyr Wind Ensemble*

People Alone Circle

Messy Church - *The Lost Sheep*

#### Saturday 2nd April

Sunday 3rd April

Sunday 3rd April 4-5pm

(25 minute service followed by tea)

Sunday 10th April 5pm-7pm (URC)

Saturday 16th April 7.30pm-10pm

at Fareham Leisure Centre

Sunday 17th April after 9.30am service

Wednesday 20th April 7pm short service

(starts at 7.30pm)

#### Friday 22nd April

**Tuesday 26th April 12.30pm-1.15pm**

**(bring lunch, tea & coffee available)**

Tuesday 26th April

Thursday 28th April

(Doors open 3.30pm Event 4pm-6pm)

### MAY

#### High Time Events

highlighted

PraiseMakers

Sunday 1st May 4-5pm

(25 minute service followed by tea)

#### Saturday 7th May

Sunday 8th May 5pm-7pm (URC)

Sunday 15th May after 9.30am service

**Tuesday 31st May 12.30pm-1.15pm**

**(bring lunch, tea & coffee available)**

#### High Time Prayer Breakfast

YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone

Fairtrade stall

Lunchtime Concert

*Sarah Sanders and Peter Hallam*

Her Majesty the Queen was born on April 21st 1926, which means that this year she reaches the age of 90. The Borough actual birthday in June. As churches are being encouraged to mark the event in some way we are working on plans for a big tea party at Holy Trinity on Saturday June 11th (on the grass outside if fine, in the hall if wet). We hope that this celebration will be an opportunity to welcome people into the church, and show a wider audience the improvements that have been made during the High Time project. Please note that if you would be able to help in any way.



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# Come and Sing!

## ***Do you enjoy singing?***

### ***Have you considered joining our church choir?***

The church choir forms an important part of leading our worship. And I emphasise “leading” our worship. Everyone can join in singing during our services – we are not a Cathedral, where generally the tradition is that the choir sings and everyone else listens. Holy Trinity Church has enjoyed a long tradition of choral singing going back to the time when it was first built in 1835. Originally, the choir was formed of men and boys but over the years this tradition lapsed and our choir now welcomes everyone who would like to sing.

For many of us, joining the church choir as a child was an introduction to choral singing but it is never too late to start singing in a choir. You do not have

to read music – we have weekly choir practices where everyone can learn the music that we are singing.

I am sure that you will have seen that our numbers have reduced over the last year or so, mainly due to choir members moving away from Fareham but also to illness and members living overseas for part of the year - so we are looking to recruit new members!

In today’s busy world, it is not always possible for us to be at church every week and we allow for this in our music planning. I am hoping that over the next few months we can recruit people of all ages to come and sing with us. You may not be able to come every week but would you be prepared to sing on special occasions? It would be great to be able to have “extras” for say, Easter Sunday. If you are tempted, why not have a word with me? Singing is a good way of offering Time and Talents!

Gordon Uphill

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Our involvement usually starts with,

### ***“We’re doing something for children, can you help?”.***

Music is a great way to engage youngsters, especially if there are actions, whilst at the same time passing on stories and messages. We often choose nursery rhymes with different words: we finish every Little Fishes with, ‘Thank you Jesus for the day, watch me while I work and play’ sung to ‘Twinkle, twinkle little star’.

Pete is always joined at the piano by as

many enthusiastic toddlers as can safely sit alongside him, all playing along in their own way! Meanwhile, the others try to sing along with Debbie – it’s good to see them doing the actions even if they can’t yet speak.

Each different group has its own identity. For example, Messy Church starts with the all-inclusive ‘Welcome everybody, it’s good to have you here’, while Praisemakers has ‘I reach up high’. Everyone enjoys the opportunity to experience and participate in live music!

Pete and Sue Hall

# Parish Register

## Baptisms

Emily Lee  
Frankie Edwards  
Roselyn Wykes



## Those who have recently died

Beryl Bourton  
Dennis Ralph  
Elsie Houghton  
Ernest Piper  
Gillian May  
Ingeborg Cooper  
Jean McFarlane  
Margaret Hunt  
Marion Keets

Maureen Perry  
Patricia Tracey  
Pierrie Hill  
Patricia Leahy  
Patricia Stokes  
Sheila Slater  
Susan Stoneham  
William Johnson

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

## Come and Sing!



Many choirs including the Rock Choir, Fareham Philharmonic (as seen above) and local school choirs have enjoyed singing at Holy Trinity. If you belong to a choir that would like to use this special space for a performance please give the Parish Office a ring (01329 232688 Open 9am – 12 noon Monday to Friday).



## **We WELCOME**

all ages to join our choir or sing with the band. Please speak to Gordon Uphill or Sue and Pete Hall.

# Parish People

## Gordon Uphill



Gordon was born into a Christian home in Barnet, Hertfordshire and has one sister, Sylvia. He attended St Andrew's Church and joined the choir on Palm Sunday as a young boy. He learnt to play the piano when he was aged 8 but his parents were not keen for him to study music when he was older.

After leaving school at 16, Gordon joined the Midland Bank, following his mother's side of the family. He worked in London, Kent and Essex before moving to Hampshire in 1992. Redundancy three years later led to a job as Parish Resources Adviser for the Portsmouth Diocese for 11 years. Gordon continues to do training and consultancy work for a firm that does accounting software for charities but is trying to retire!

Gordon met his wife Gilian through a music week organised by Holiday Fellowship Holidays - aka 'Husbands Found Holidays' as there were many successful courtships! They married in 1980 and moved to Kent and then Hertfordshire before their move to Southampton.

As a young man, Gordon decided to learn to play the organ, his uncle was

an organist and his first teacher was a cinema organist. He played in St. Andrew's alongside other people there. After moving to Surrey in 1973, Gordon was asked to help out in the parish of Limpsfield Chart and left 6 years later! Gordon and Gilian moved to the Fareham area in 1998 and, in December of that year, he was asked to play for a service at Holy Trinity. Gordon visited the church a week before to see and hear how the organ was used only to find that there was no organist that week either and he stepped in to play without any familiarisation. He started playing once a month but this increased and Gordon is now the only regular organist at Holy Trinity.

He also chairs the Stewardship Committee, is part of the hymn-choosing group and currently leads the choir - although he hopes that a new choir leader will be found soon as it is challenging to conduct and play the organ!

Gordon enjoys singing with Portsmouth Baroque and the Wyndcliffe Voices. He and his wife play in a harpsichord and recorder ensemble called 'Baroque ad hoc' that they formed with friends. Gordon particularly likes hymns that promote enthusiastic congregational singing such as 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer' or those that have an interesting organ part. He certainly enjoyed playing the organ very loudly at the Last Night of the Proms!

When Gordon has time to relax he enjoys walking their English Springer, Bonnie, walking holidays in Europe, DIY and gardening.

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Donna Irving

## Thoughts from our Rector



“One of the saddest things about the atheist is that he has no one to thank.” wrote the author Hugh Silvester.

5 years ago, in my first magazine article, I commented that giving thanks with grateful hearts was an important characteristic of being a Christian. When we gather to worship, we are saying ‘thank you’ to God in many different ways and thank you to those who help us.

Lent and Holy Week is always a rich season – even though it’s often thought of the time to ‘give up the things we most enjoy’. Yet we never give up thanking and praising God, all the more so in Lent and music is key to inviting us to do this – some of the hymns on Ash Wednesday are sung, literally in a minor key. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, songs of lament provide us with the chance to reflect deeply and honestly on what has been broken between God and us. The generosity of God’s love in taking the initiative that will heal us, through the crucified and risen Christ, leads us to burst into

greater praise again on Easter Day.

We are so fortunate across our two churches to be able to offer a variety of styles of music so we can all find our way to praise God. Some Sundays, we enjoy choral music and hymns familiar to the saints before us. Other Sundays, the band and ever-growing line of singers invite us to praise more informally but no less reverently. Then there’s our lunchtime and other concerts to be enjoyed in our churches for they were made for music – and so are we! Where else, I wonder, is such rich variety of music to be found?

I recently had my first lesson on the djembe drums. I had to concentrate hard on my timing, listening to my fellow drummers, (age range from 80 to 8) but it was so much fun I soon relaxed and enjoyed the sound we were making together. Praise him with the clashing cymbals and djembe drums! (Psalm 150 – adapted!) Together we’re not alone and our tastes are different. We don’t always feel like singing or praising God when we come to church but together we bring our different notes and rhythms and God delights in it all! In this process, we are changed. Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

God of life and love  
whose Son was victorious over sin  
and death,  
make us alive with his life,  
that the whole world may resound  
with your praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 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

## HYMNS

IT IS QUITE EASY TO JOIN IN

- ① FIRST OF ALL FIND THE RIGHT BOOK



- ② THEN FIND THE RIGHT NUMBER

↑	1	3	7	2
4		9		5
	8		6	
5	1	6		
7				9
	8	7	2	
6	3		9	4
1	8	2	3	

HYMN NUMBERS MUST BE CALCULATED BY A COMPLICATED PROCEDURE INVOLVING ADDING ROWS AND COLUMNS

- ③ BE SURE YOU ARE SINGING THE RIGHT TUNE



- ④ MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE VERSE NUMBERS CAREFULLY



(IT CAN BE EMBARRASSING TO KEEP SINGING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE HAS STOPPED)

# 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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