



Welcome

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

If you have a contribution that you would like to be considered for a future magazine article, limiting it to 250 words, please email ideas to:

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Our November issue will be called *Famous Families in Fareham*

Future Events

SEPTEMBER

Breakfast and Prayers	Saturday 3rd September 8.30am
Joint Service at St Columba no 9.30am at Holy Trinity	Sunday 4th September 10am
PraiseMakers	Sunday 4th September 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
Ride and Stride	Saturday 10th September
Godly Play	Sunday 11th September at 9.30am service
YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 11th September 5pm-7pm (URC)
Djembe drumming	Saturday 17th September 10.30am
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 18th Sept after 9.30am service
Men's Group - Visit Rev'd Keith	Wednesday 21st September
People Alone Circle	Tuesday 27th September
Lunchtime Concert	Tuesday 27th September 12.30pm-1.15pm (bring lunch, tea & coffee available)
<i>Fareham Leisure Centre 50+ Choir</i>	Thursday 29th September
<i>Messy Church - Ruth and Naomi</i>	(Doors open 3.30pm Event 4pm-6pm)

OCTOBER

Breakfast and Prayers	Saturday 1st October 8.30am
PraiseMakers	Sunday 2nd October 4-5pm (25 minute service followed by tea)
Godly Play	Sunday 9th October at 9.30am service
YOUTH Group - Parent Free Zone	Sunday 9th October 5pm-7pm (URC)
Djembe drumming	Saturday 15th October 10.30am
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 16th October after 9.30am service
Lunchtime Concert	Tuesday 25th October 12.30pm-1.15pm (bring lunch, tea & coffee available)
<i>Oliver MacFarlane - Organ</i>	Wednesday 26th October 10.30-12.30
<i>Little Fishes Go BIG</i>	

Front Cover Photo taken by Julie Wharton - "Children in our Windows"

What are our young people doing next?



Amy
Starts second year
at College

Sophie
Starts Year 10 at
Senior School



Tom
Starts at University in the
Autumn



Joshua
Starts preschool
in September



Caitlin
Starts
Year 9 at
Senior
School

Josh
Starts his last
year at
Junior
School

Meghan
Starts
Year 4 at
Junior
School

Communion Before Confirmation

For some of our children and young people at Holy Trinity with St Columba, Easter this year was even more special. Hazel Lee & Hazel Whiteley were baptised and, along with Caitlin Roberts, Eathen Frape, Kalli Frape, Joshua Lauben-Pearson, Joshua Roberts, Meghan Roberts & Sam Sturt received Holy Communion for the first time. In the lead up to their special days, we met as a group along with Donna Irving, Nicky Roberts, Elizabeth Whiteley, Megan Lee and Sophie Wilson to share food together and think about 'Faith, Life & Holy Communion'.

We recently met together again and talked about our time together, the Baptisms, receiving Holy Communion for the first time and what our hopes and prayers are for the future. Here are just a few quotes from our children and young people:

What did you enjoy about our meeting together?

"Eating together was really fun. We shared with each other as we talked to each other."

"I really enjoyed learning about all the things the Priest wears and the Chalice and things we use."

"I really liked the taste testing*. You had to trust the person feeding you." *We were blindfolded as Donna fed us different foods. We had to think about what the taste reminded us of.

"It was good not to have to sit in silence. Often in church, as soon as we open our mouths, we are told to be quiet!"

"After we practised Communion, we stood around the Altar and lit a candle and prayed in silence. That was nice as we are not silent in church often."

What was special about your Baptism and receiving Holy Communion?

"It really made us feel connected to God & Jesus."

"Having the Oil on my head felt special. It was warm and gentle."

"Starting the Baptism service in the dark and slowly moving into light was special."

"It was so exciting!" "I was welcomed as a new member." "It was nice to have everyone watching, we felt like a family." "It made me happy and connected."

"It was a big step." "It made me feel proud." "I felt more involved. Everyone else used to get bread and wine but now I feel part of it."

What would you like to do in the future?

"We would like to keep meeting together." "We would like the older members of church to talk with us." "We would like to take part in the services."

"Could we help give people bread and wine?" "We wonder if others remember their Baptism or first Communion?"

This is a snap shot of some of the comments of our young people. Can I encourage you to talk with them about their experience and share your own memories with them. Our children and young people may appear shy to begin with but they love nothing more than talking!

Rev'd Garry August 2016

Heroes Week

“This is the most amazing time!”

I think that sums up the Christians Together Holiday Club week pretty well. It was a remark a 5 year-old boy made to me while in the process of making expanding foam in superhero school. And that wasn't the only amazing moment.

Individuals from Holy Trinity, St John's, the Community Church, the United Reformed Church and the Methodist Church came together to provide a week of fun, games and food for 60 children.

We were based in the Methodist church where 'Kid Central', the organisation running the week, had set up the superhero themed fun. During the week, the children did crafts, played on a bouncy castle, rode go-karts, raced cars, bounced on space hoppers, dressed up as superheroes and sang and danced an awful lot!

There were so many blessed and amazing things that happened during the week, I hope to summarise a few for you:

- We had a number of children with additional needs who were given a one-to-one adult to be with them so they would be able to join in with all the activities alongside the other children. We had a letter from one of the parents (of a child with autism) thanking us for the care we provided for her daughter and how much she had enjoyed herself.
- The parents and carers of the 60 children had every morning for an entire week to themselves. So many parents thanked us, saying what fun their children had had and how much

they appreciated it.

- The children loved it. They were engaged in singing about Jesus as our superhero and listening to the story of his life. Who knows what seeds of faith were set or nurtured?

- The leaders and helpers from our churches worked together. Christians Together in Fareham is a wonderful group and, between all the adults, there was a great sense of unity and togetherness which grew as the week progressed.

- We had a letter from HomeFayre House next door to Holy Trinity's grass area where we held the bouncy castle, go-karts and space hoppers. The residents had so much fun watching the children enjoying themselves. We gave the elderly residents the gift of joy, an unexpected outcome to our efforts.

Overall, the week became more than just a holiday club for the children. We gave space and 'time off' to busy parents, particularly welcomed by parents whose children had additional needs.

All the adults involved from across our Fareham Church community thrived on the unity that came from working together.

We told the story of Jesus to 60 children, some of whom had never heard of him before, and we brought joy and entertainment to the residents of HomeFayre House.

It was a wonderful week, and in the words of a certain 5-year old boy, it was the most amazing time.

Laura Craft

What is your passion?

Why do you work with children?

Well, I have to say that the same questions come to mind as I stand in the church link at 4pm on a Messy Church Thursday, just 30 minutes after saying goodbye to my class at Ranvilles School where I am a Teaching Assistant.



Alongside me, our other helpers are busy preparing resources, activities and food as the families arrive. Two hours later, I get my answers as the children leave with bags filled with their crafty creations, smiles and thank yous all round. We have made a difference and everybody has learnt something: whether it's about church, God, others or themselves.

For me, I love working with children. The energy, trust, innocence, acceptance, sponge-like minds and the fun they have mean they are great to be around. Speaking for myself, but am sure for other helpers too, suddenly all the preparations are worth it.

I have always been around children whether it is with my family, hours of babysitting as a teenager or in my employment as a respite carer. Alongside my school work, I still do respite care, providing support for children with additional needs and their families and I love how rewarding it is. The role is very varied: sometimes

I'm within the young person's home helping with normal daily routines, at other times it involves taking them out to enjoy favourite activities such as swimming or initiating a new social experience such as shopping or a train ride. The smallest of steps to us, such as licking a new flavour crisp, wearing different clothes or going a new way in the woods is such a major milestone for some and I feel really privileged to have been part of their journeys.

I have always been amazed and quite humbled by how accepting children are of their peers who have difficulties and I do wish that as adults we could learn from this and be more respectful and supportive of others.

When I started my own family ten years ago, I began to attend baby and toddler groups and appreciated a different angle; I still loved the atmosphere children provided but the support I gained personally from the volunteers and other parents was so important too.

Feeling part of something and listened to was quite often the key to helping me through some tough times. When my children began preschool and school, I wanted to continue helping at our church group 'Little Fishes', to continue to support parents and their children and provide somewhere where children can be children and we can all have fun and learn together. It is always lovely how children happily run in to see us on a Wednesday morning and in so many ways they remind us of how to explore, learn, accept and have fun. In return, we try to provide good role-models as children will learn the most when they are having fun and feel safe, respected and accepted.

Debbie Le Fevre

Groups who use our Parish Centre

Little Fishes baby and toddler group is run by a team of volunteers here at Holy Trinity Church. As a mum of two children, I have found Little Fishes to be a fun, engaging and safe play environment for my children. Both of my children really love coming to Little Fishes. Little Fishes has many unique features, making it an appealing setting for me as a parent who is seeking activities to do with my toddlers in the local area. For example, Little Fishes is open every Wednesday (with the exception of Christmas) and this means that I do not have to consider finding alternative activities that run during the holiday period. Older siblings are welcomed to Little Fishes during the holidays meaning that I can continue to attend when my daughter is school age.

On arrival at Little Fishes, I am greeted by friendly faces that are passionate about ensuring that my children and I have a safe and enjoyable time. Each session follows a similar structure of free play, tidy up time, snack time, trucks and tunnels and music time. Each week, a range of art and craft activities are made available for the children to do if they so wish and these activities have a religious theme relating to the specific time of the year. Little Fishes is well staffed meaning that there is always someone on hand to provide practical or emotional support if I need it. Asking for a small voluntary contribution makes it an affordable activity for us to attend. Little Fishes also offer a healthy snack of fruit and vegetables to all children and this has provided my children with the opportunity to eat in a sociable setting, which they would not otherwise experience in the home setting.

All volunteers that run Little Fishes are involved in other aspects of the church community. For example, a number of the volunteers that run Little Fishes are also involved with the running of PraiseMakers (a special church service aimed at families with young children). Seeing the same faces in both settings was important for my children because it helped encourage a smooth transition from the baby and toddler group (Little Fishes) to that of a church service (PraiseMakers).

Little Fishes feels like a little community of other parents with babies and toddlers. This provides opportunities for friendships to form and, most importantly, it provides time for me to bond with my children.

In summary, Little Fishes baby and toddler group has played an important role in the development of my children's physical, social and emotional wellbeing. This group would not run without the dedication of the volunteers of Holy Trinity Church. I commend and, along with others, appreciate their efforts.



Helen Young

Parish Register

Baptisms

Adam Scott
Amelia Farrell
Brooke Dean
Esme Webb
Kasper Munns
Logan Troy
Mason and Ivy-May Jones
Matthew Jordan



Mitchell Johnson
Niamh and Amber Jennings
Noah Maloney
Reginal Smith
Rose Leung
Tayla Coates
Tristan Clinch
Zachary Tower

Weddings

16th July 2016 • Andrew Silver and Katy Rowson



Those who have recently died

Arthur Stevens
Eileen Richards
Geordie Longstaff
Ivy Clarke
June Ruskin
Joy Reid
Lesley Cole
Margaret Pringle

Mary Low
Nora Walker
Pat Simmons
Peggy Godden
Peter Borham
Peter Palmer
Richard Merryweather
Trevor Barnes

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

Parish People

Sheila and Karen Taylor

Sheila was born in Fareham and has lived here all her life. She went to Fareham College and completed a secretarial language course. She worked for Brown Brothers then Portsmouth Polytechnic before working as a housing solicitor in 1998 and is now an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives.

Sheila has long connections with Holy

Trinity Church as she was baptised there as a child, confirmed there as a teenager and married there in 1978. She has three children: Claire, 36, Mark, 29 and Karen, 22. All were baptised at Holy Trinity and all were confirmed through the church, along with her husband Bill. Her three children have all been servers. She has 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 12.

Parish People Cont...

Sheila and Karen Taylor Cont...

Sheila has been a regular member of the congregation for the last 23 years and been a member of the choir since 2000. She joined the choir after her two younger children started singing. Her favourite anthem is 'Hear My Prayer' by Mendelssohn because of the variety in the piece and the challenge of it. There is a sense of accomplishment when singing it.

When relaxing, Sheila likes reading and cross-stitch, spending time with her family and baking.



Sheila's youngest daughter, Karen, has just graduated from Surrey University with a 2:1 in Music. Her interest in music started from the age of 6 when she had keyboard lessons. Karen joined the church choir after attending the last rehearsal, with her brother, before Christmas 1999 and been a member ever since (the chocolate Santa may have been instrumental in this decision). Under the guidance and teaching of Hazel Ricketts, former choir leader, Karen's musical ability

flourished and she achieved Grade 7 piano and Grade 8 clarinet. Karen also had the opportunity to learn the organ for a while through a scheme called 'Pipeliners' in the Portsmouth Diocese. Karen has been actively involved in the life of Holy Trinity as a server, head junior chorister and musical director. Karen has thoroughly enjoyed her time at university and has increased her knowledge about different styles of music and ability to conduct ensembles. She has planned concerts and worked on many satisfying projects. Karen likes performing 20th century piano music and enjoys conducting choirs in a range of music from Handel to the Beach Boys.

Many people have enjoyed the Holy Trinity lunchtime concerts provided by Karen and her musical friends. Her advice for any young people heading off to university this Autumn is to join a society of something they have never thought of

doing before, make friends with people outside of their own subject area and engage with the local community if possible. She thoroughly enjoys leading a local community choir.

Karen is going to spend the next year volunteering for her church community in Surrey whilst she decides which path to take next and we wish her well for her future career which is highly likely to involve people and music!

Donna Irving

Thoughts from our Rector



What did you do in the holidays?

I wonder how many children returning to school will be asked to talk or write about something they did in the summer holidays. I hope that some of the 60 children who attended the Heroes Activity Week in early August might choose that to tell others about. A week of team fun, sport, science, craft, go-karting, scalextric and a bit of healthy competition! Each day we learned something new about Jesus, who calls each of us, no matter how young or small, to be a hero in some unique way.

Organised by a small group of representatives from Christians Together in Fareham (CTiF) it was a special time – for our children and their parents who entrusted them to us! For the 30+ volunteers who caught the vision and wanted to give up their holiday time – and for their families who gave their blessing. We couldn't have done it without Phil from Kid Central, an Assemblies of God minister who has dedicated his life to ministry among children in particular. Even his family are involved: two of his sons made up

the team of 4 others he brought with him.

At a time when division, suspicion and conflict seem to be rife in our communities, our country and the world, it was great to have something as worthwhile as an activity week for children on which to work together. Behind the volunteers were churches and families who were willing to make sacrifices, raise funds and commit to praying and supporting in whatever way was needed.

That same week, I got to hear about the Kids Café in the refugee camp at Calais known as the Jungle. A safe welcoming space for unaccompanied minors in the Calais Jungle, the café provides 200 meals a day, English and French classes and asylum advice for the children. 608 unaccompanied minors currently live in the jungle, the youngest is just 7 years old. It's also a vital way to register and keep track of minors and is one of the few spaces left the kids can call their own.

The French authorities threatened to close down businesses in the Jungle and the Café was in jeopardy - even though not a business. In just a few days, 170,000 signatures were collected from around the world protesting to the closure. We believe this had an influence on the decision not to close the café, but its continued existence is by no means guaranteed. It is important that its profile stays in the public eye.

Two contrasting events; may we never pass up on an opportunity to help, use our influence and invest in our young people – in Holy Trinity, St Columba, Fareham town or further afield.

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

Date for your Diary

Sunday 18th September



11.45 am for 12 noon

HARVEST LUNCH

(Quiche, salad and pudding)

Cost of ticket: £5.00 per adult £2.50 children under 10

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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Choir • [Contact Office](#) • 01329 232688 • office@htscf.org.uk
Circle Dancing • [Trisha Prosser](#) • 01329 235381 • patpro@talktalk.net
Flower Arrangers • [Sue Purcell](#) • 01329 280472 • spurcell@btopenworld.com
Gardeners • [Ed and Margaret Pearce](#) • 01329 238068
Holy Dusters • [Sylvia Coghlan](#) • 01329 232200
House Group • [Sue Craft](#) • 01329 220021 • sel.mec1984@btinternet.com
Junior Church • [Helen Cobb](#) • 01329 234750 • hmcathome@btinternet.com
Little Fishes • [Debbie Le Fevre](#) • 07841 189195 • deb.lefevre@ntlworld.com
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