

Issue 4: Looking forward, Looking back

A portrait of Ruth Schofield, a woman with shoulder-length reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue clerical shirt with a white collar and a small earring. The background is a solid blue color.

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Welcome

We Would like to wish you all a very



Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution for this issue with the theme of *Looking forward, Looking back*

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 htmazine@htscf.org.uk

Our March issue will be called *Getting to know you*

Future Events

JANUARY

Messy Church Thursday 31st January
(Doors open 3.30pm Event 4pm-6pm)

FEBRUARY

Saturday Night Special Saturday 2nd February at 7.15pm
(for children in school years 7-11) (until 10pm Fareham Leisure Centre)

MARCH

Saturday Night Special Saturday 9th March at 7.15pm
(for children in school years 7-11) (until 10pm Fareham Leisure Centre)

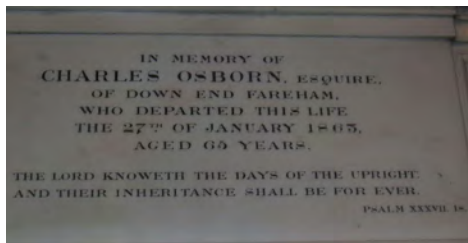
Looking forward, Looking back

The History Around Us

Because of the Korean emergency in 1951 I was recalled into the Navy and, following promotion, marriage, and a number of moves, was transferred to HMS Daedalus at Lee-on-Solent. We bought a bungalow in Portchester and attended St. Mary's Church in the Castle. We were surrounded with fascinating history.

When we moved to Fareham and Holy Trinity Church I became interested in the memorial plaques in the church and the gravestones forming the path to the road.

There is a plaque commemorating the father of John Moresby. John named the town of Port Moresby when he was surveying the coast of New Guinea. There is a memorial for Charles Osborn after whom the road is named.



In the 1881 census, his widow, Mary, is shown to be living at Down End with six relatives and eight servants. These people were well off.

Outside there is a Fullford gravestone, possibly of 6 High Street and a Reynolds of 49 Portland Street. Things get really interesting when, in the 1881 census, you find Michael Coghlan with wife Anne at 8 Portland Street, with eight children.

Alan Seeley

Archives at Holy Trinity



In the back vestry among the stored equipment, the flower arrangers' material and the choir's music is a steel cupboard holding one hundred and thirty years of memories of life at Holy Trinity, from its early foundation to the present day. Many of the most important documents are, of course,

looked after on our behalf by the Portsmouth History Centre but they may be seen there upon application. Our cupboard contains copies of many of these as well as more recent and original documents, photographs and articles.

It is important to preserve a record of our history, but today's events are the history and subject matter for future archives so we need to keep and maintain a record of what we are doing and what is happening now. Please remember the archives before clearing out your notices, photographs, programmes and other material, however trivial they may seem - they will be fascinating to look back on.

Peter Davis (Archivist)

Parish Register

Baptisms and Confirmations

Cora-Leigh Ferguson
Cydney Cush
James Scott

Jenson Roberts
Lucy Haines
Sebastien White

Those who have recently died

Andrew Corben
Anthony Allen
Anthony Usher
Betty Jury
Catherine Edwards
Dena Sturmy
Francis Brewster
Gillian Warren

Joan Ballard
Joyce Shorter
Lesley Pond
Linda Barrett
Mary Reynolds
Maurice Godwin
Muriel Waters
Selina Bown

If you would like to arrange a Baptism, Confirmation or Funeral please contact the Parish Office or drop into Vestry Hour at the back of the church on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10am.

Recent Events

Food, friendship and spiritual nourishment

The Time Together Day on 18th November was so enjoyable. In our bible study group we were able to make an interesting link between the Old Testament, Jesus' miraculous 'mass catering' and our shared Holy Communion. The celebration of the Eucharist afterwards was made all the more poignant as I was able to ponder over the newly-explored link between us and Moses & Elisha. The amazingly prepared lunch afterwards was really tasty and sitting together for a 'proper' meal (rather than a just a quick cuppa with cake), did enable us to embark on some interesting conversations around the table. I'm afraid I missed the scalextric and lego but the whole day was filled with an atmosphere of fellowship and family. I'm so glad I went along. Thank you to everyone who helped create such a good day. Sue Craft

Keith Wickert Graduates



Normally before 'Ordinands' can be ordained they have to pass a Christian Theology degree at a specialist college. Keith attended STETS (The Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme <http://www.stets.ac.uk>) and had his graduation ceremony in Salisbury on Saturday 24th November. The degrees were presented by the Bishop of Salisbury.

Parish People

Vickie Williams



Vickie is a relatively new worshipper at Holy Trinity - although it is nearly a year since she first stepped through the doors. Vickie chose to move to Holy Trinity because she found it a vibrant, welcoming parish at the centre of a large community and with mission at

the heart. As a child she went to church in Plymouth and attended Sunday School, but only returned to church during her adult life. As many of you know already, she is discerning God's calling to Ordained Ministry so 2013 looks to be a busy year. In January, she is being interviewed by Ripon College Cuddesdon for a place to study at the residential college from September. Early in the summer, she will be attending the Bishops Advisory Panel, a process which seeks to determine God's will and suitability for training. Vickie will continue to worship at Holy Trinity and be involved in the life, work and witness of the Parish. Please keep her in your prayers and introduce yourself, if you have not already met her, as she is keen to get to know more people at Holy Trinity.

Judy Jacobs

Judy is one of the longest serving members of the congregation at Holy Trinity. Judy was evacuated during the war to a boarding school in St Ives (that was actually a hotel) and also attended Wykeham House School. Judy has been attending church as far back as she can remember. She married Lesley, the verger, at the church in 1951 and has been an active member for over 60 years. After her daughter Anna was born in 1952, Judy started a Young Wives Group as there were lots of disdainful looks when her baby squeaked at a Mothers' Union meeting! Nowadays, as well as leading the Mothers' Union, Judy also organises the offertory rota and if you would like to take up the communion

bread and wine, please let her know. Judy also organises the Iona services held on the first Sunday of the month and would love to see you there!



Thoughts from our Vicar

I said to the man
Who stood at the gate of the year,
“Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown.”

And he replied,
“Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you
Better than the light
And safer than a known way!”
So I went forth
And finding the hand of God
Trode gladly into the light.

I often think of this poem at New Year.
I wonder where God is going to lead

us in 2013? We've recently welcomed Ruth Schofield as Team Vicar at St Columba and feel excited that she, John, Ben and Helena have come to be with us. We shall introduce Ruth properly in the March edition.

Epiphany follows on from the Christmas story where those previously excluded are already drawn into God's salvation. I wonder whose hand we might be encouraged to take in the darkness and then discover we too are seeing God in a new light? We step out and are not alone. Let us tread gladly together into His light. Sally Davenport

We've noticed more homeless people are seeking refuge in church. Jayne is one; a frequent visitor and friend. With encouragement, she's written this to give us more insight into her life.

I have thin times sometimes, usually when I have to buy boots. This means that I have little or no money and rely on soup runs, day centres, bins or handouts. Recently, the soup kitchen has been mobbed by a combination of hostel boys and the influx of the homeless and food was gone in a minute. It was raining, I was hungry and in pain. As I walked through town I checked the bins for McDonalds stickers so that I could get a cuppa and get out of the rain. A man shouted out 'hey' to me and asked if I was looking in the bins for food; he sounded incredulous. When I explained, he pulled out a handful of loose change and told me to go and get a cuppa. I was in tears of gratitude and, as I hadn't been begging and he had offered the money, I felt able to accept it. He had given

me £3.90 and as I hurried to get my tea I realised I could afford painkillers and hurried into Tesco to get some. As I sheltered in McDonalds and had several cups of tea, the pain eased and I went to sleep that night a lot happier.

A few days later, again busily raiding the bins, another man asked me if I was looking for food. 'Go to Tesco,' he sneered. I said if I could I would, but he stayed there jeering at me until I asked him if he would care to try being a rough sleeper and then give his opinion.

Homeless people encounter a range of people's attitudes: from kindness and respect to contempt and cruelty. Scornful attitudes are often accompanied by fear or ignorance where people have had bad experiences of the homeless or think we should all go and get jobs and that will solve it. Kindness often comes from people who have understanding or empathy in one form or another, are just naturally caring or are true Christians. Jayne

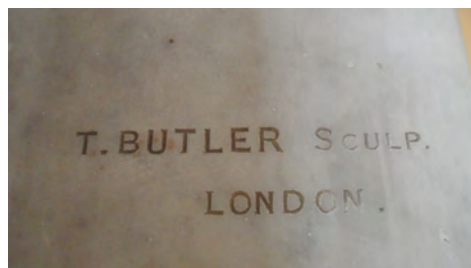
Services

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	9.15am	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



Can you find this inscription
in the church?

Answer in March issue

Answer to the November Just for FUN

Verger plaque on back pew

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 • [Hazel Ricketts](#) • 01329 284717 • hazel.ricketts@gmail.com

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 • scraft@btinternet.com

Junior Church • [Helen Cobb](#) • 01329 234750 • hmcathome@btinternet.com

Little Fishes • [Hazel Ricketts](#) • 01329 284717 • hazel.ricketts@gmail.com

Mothers' Union • [Judy Jacobs](#) • 01329 232855 • jeyjey@ic24.net

PAC (People Alone Club) • [Beulah Brewer](#) • 01329 233236

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