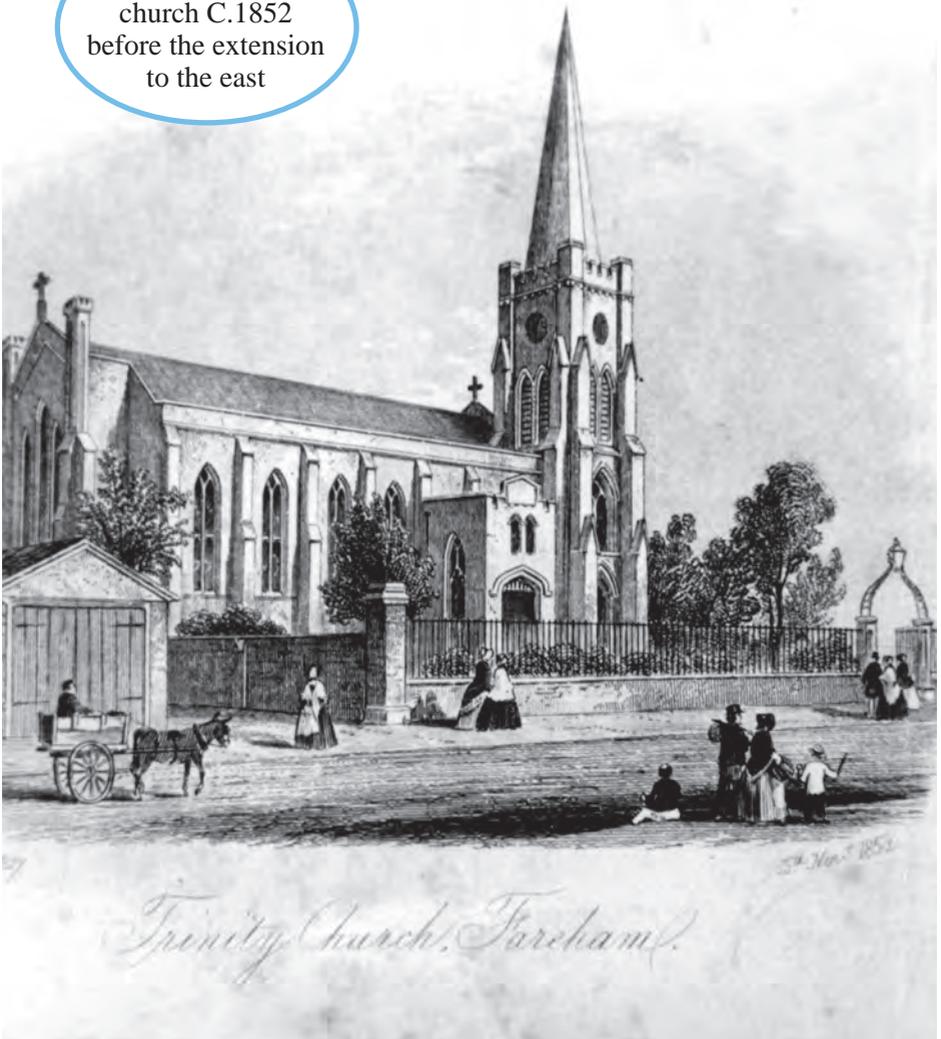


*Issue 5: Looking forward,
Looking back-part two*

Holy Trinity
church C.1852
before the extension
to the east



Welcome

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

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 May issue will be called *Garden Life at Holy Trinity*

Future Events

MARCH

Lent Evening Prayer	Sunday 3rd March 6.00-6.30pm
Saturday Night Special (for children in school years 7-11)	Saturday 9th March at 7.15pm (until 10pm Fareham Leisure Centre)
Lent Evening Prayer	Sunday 10th March 6.00-6.30pm
Fairtrade stall	Sunday 17th March after 9.30am service
Lent Evening Prayer	Sunday 17th March 6.00-6.30pm
Passiontide Service	Sunday 17th March evening
Messy Church	Thursday 21st March (Doors open 3.30pm Event 4pm-6pm)
Palm Sunday - morning study group	Sunday 24th March 11.00-11.45am
Lent Evening Prayer	Sunday 24th March 6.00-6.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Meditation at St Columba	Monday 25th, 26th and 27th 7.30pm
Commemoration of the Last Supper	Thursday 28th March 7.30pm
Activities for children	Good Friday 29th March 12-12.50pm
Meditation stations	Good Friday 29th March 1.00-1.55pm
Last hour at the cross (with choir)	Good Friday 29th March 2.00-3.00
The Blessing of the Light	Easter Saturday 30th March 7.30pm
Holy Communion service	Easter Sunday 31st March 8am
Breakfast	Easter Sunday 31st March 8.45-9.45am
Family Communion service	Easter Sunday 31st March 9.45am

APRIL

Saturday Night Special (for children in school years 7-11)	Saturday 20th April at 7.15pm (until 10pm Fareham Leisure Centre)
Sunday morning study group	Sunday 28th April 11.00-11.45am

MAY

Little Fishes Go BIG Wednesday 29th May at 10.30am

Looking forward, Looking back (part two)

The History Around Us – a Sequel

You may have got the impression from my January article that the people of Fareham in 1881 were quite well off. The large houses in Osborn Road were occupied by some families and individuals who could afford a very comfortable lifestyle.

However, at 4 Portland Street for example, was Charles Hopgood, general labourer, with his wife Annie and five children. At 5 was Henry Hadley, general labourer, with his wife Ann. There was a wide range of occupations and incomes.

Fareham Union Workhouse, which later became St. Christopher's Hospital, had over one hundred inmates. The oldest was John Pittis, a farmer pauper aged 88. The youngest was James Ayers, a pauper infant, aged 9 months. His mother was Emily, general servant pauper, aged 38. James had two brothers and two sisters classified as pauper scholars.

There was a wide range of incomes amongst the people of Fareham as there is today but nobody is faced with the prospect of living in the workhouse.

Alan Seeley

Rock Choir rocks at Holy Trinity

On Friday 15th February, 160 members of 'Rock Choir' from Portsmouth, Chandlers Ford, Winchester and Meon Valley came to entertain an audience of just over 300 people at Holy Trinity. The evening's entertainment ranged from Rock Choir classics such as Annie Lennox's 'Walking on Broken Glass' and ELO's 'Mr Blue Sky' to the newest pieces in their wide ranging repertoire - Heather Small's 'Proud' and Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep'.

The evening also saw the merger of two local school choirs. 50 children from Wellstead Primary School and Droxford Junior School entertained the audience with 'Sing' by Gary Barlow.

As well as being a really enjoyable event, the Rock Choir raised an amazing £1860 which has been split between Holy Trinity Church and Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you to Sarah Bourner and her amazing team for refreshments throughout the evening!

Stewardship Programme 2012

From March, there will be a noticeboard at the back of Holy Trinity dedicated to the stewardship campaign. This will allow the stewardship committee to communicate even more regularly to members of our congregation about our financial situation.

When the campaign was launched in 2012, an increase in giving of £450 per week was set as a target. Since then,

there has been an increase in giving of £330 per week.

In addition, lump sums totalling £7645 have been received. This generated a Gift Aid recovery of £1669 giving a total of £9314.

In 2013, we need £2300 per week to meet our costs, so we are £200 short. If you have not responded yet, can you help?

Parish Register

Baptisms and Confirmations

Danni-Marie Coates
Harley Ryan
Niamh Clinch

Ruben Stephen
Spencer Clay

Those who have recently died

Alexander Huryn
Brian Clark
Carol Mckeown
Chris Cowell
Joan Trinder
Joan Wheeler
John Coghlan
Joan Comerford

John Skevington
Joyce Riley
Len Reeve
Marian/Muriel Smith
Maurice Puddephatt
Neil Parry
Norah Sayer
Shirley Futter

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.

John Coghlan

15th May 1928 - 30th December 2012



John was born the same year as the television was invented, although he was always too busy trying to work out how to use the remote control to ever have time to watch it! He married Sylvia in 1953; they met at Holy Trinity Church

youth club which was then in the old hall on West Street. At 8 years old, John joined Holy Trinity Choir, where he remained until December 2012, making him one of the longest serving members. As well as his love of painting sea scenes of St Ives, John's other passion was walking dogs. So much so that he would borrow dogs, Flossy, Tally, Jess or Oscar when he did not have one of his own. Another passion was cycling, which he could do backwards as well as forwards and continued regularly into his 80s. Determined not to give up, he cycled the annual Historical Churches Cycle Ride only a few years ago with son Richard on a tandem. His 43 years membership made him the longest surviving member of Fareham Rotary Club. With all his passions, it is amazing he had time to run the successful 150-year-old family funeral firm. John was an incredible man - thank the Lord for the life that he lived to the full.

Parish People

WELCOME Ruth Schofield



We welcome Ruth to our parish as Team Vicar. She is working for three days plus Sunday for the parish, 1.5 days clergy training and 0.5 days as a hospital chaplain so no time to get bored!

Ruth grew up in an active church family. She was born in Beaconsfield and moved with the family to Manchester then to Shirrell Heath age 9. She claimed faith for herself as a teenager through the church youth group in Shedfield.

Ruth, who was sponsored by British Rail met her husband John in Derby. He was working as an engineer sponsored by Rolls Royce. Ruth took up rowing in Derby as John was already an avid rower, then she studied engineering in London. They married in 1989 and have two children. Helena is 20 and studying

medicine at Cambridge and president of Cambridge University Women's Boat Club. Ben is 16 and at Portsmouth Grammar School studying for A levels.

Many pointers kept suggesting that Ruth should offer herself to the ministry but she busied herself in the life of the church when working part time - including being on the cleaning rota and leading junior church. In Ruth's words she 'was trying to shut God up with committees and thought if I'm busy he won't bother me'. However, during that time she was restless and couldn't sleep for thinking about all the spiritual indicators. Her vicar suggested she attended a vocations morning and so the story of her journey to ordination began and Ruth was able to sleep peacefully again. Ruth trained at STETS, completed her curacy in Botley, Curdridge and Durley and this is her first job as a vicar.

When she has time to relax, Ruth goes sailing on the Solent with John. Ruth also enjoys stitching - she has hand stitched quilts and even made her own wedding dress.

Ruth is passionate about life and 'gets fired up when she sees God changing lives'. She is looking forward to meeting new people, excited by the church development project, connecting with local schools and being involved with The Hub at the heart of St Columba community.

Thoughts from our Vicar



Belonging to a church is often referred to as a 'fellowship' or 'community' or 'a family'. It reminds me of the quip "you can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family!" Yet, it is God who does the choosing and as we hear God's voice or sense God coming close to us, we respond, slowly, possibly hesitantly. In doing so, we often find ourselves becoming part of another immense family. In God's wisdom, we have to work out the meaning and practice of faith for life in this big, mixed-up, exasperating, caring and so often deeply inspiring family! I think that one of the great things about the season of Lent and Holy Week is the additional worship, prayer times and discussion groups that draw us together; it's a dangerous business for we 'risk' opening up a broader, richer picture of what God is like. Lent offers opportunities to get to know each other better and we may also discover God's face in the face

of each other. If we choose to opt out, then not only do we miss out, but so too do others in the family.

Yet, I'm also aware that there are other 'cousins' who, if I look and listen attentively, give me a glimpse of the face of God: a child, worried about me giving away all my pancakes after our worship time together because my husband and I wouldn't have enough for our tea; one wounded person fetching another a cup of tea in their shared 'special' home; an angry outburst from someone who challenges my 'churchy' preoccupations and reminds me what is important to God - and that the call to discipleship is costly.

Encounters with friends and strangers are full of surprises. It is here that God's kingdom breaks in.

Sally Davenport

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

Answer to the January Just for FUN
Memorial on North Wall left of the altar



What information is wrong on our
church noticeboard?
Answer in May issue



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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