

# Holy Trinity St Mary's

in partnership with  
Guildford Methodist Church

a member of the cluster group with  
St Nicolas' and St Saviour's, Guildford

## PARISH



Friday 31st January  
Trinity Centre

6.15pm  
for 6.30pm start

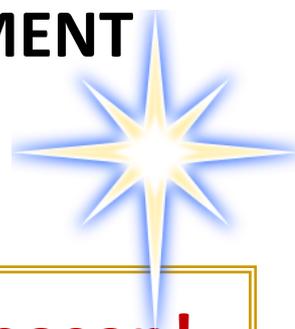
Fish & chip supper  
or bring your own

Everyone warmly invited -  
you can't be too young or  
old. No expertise needed.  
Just come along and  
have some fun.

To book your place  
contact Pippa

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## NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT January 2020



### What a Christmas Season!

The new Welcome Area at St Mary's looked stunning, especially at night. Many visitors and worshippers were completely bowled over by the beauty of this place. From the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Service to the Christmas Carol service, from "Carols at lunchtime" to the two Crib Services, from Night Vision to quiet early morning services – and much more – the church was home to grace, peace and awe-inspiring moments.

For Holy Trinity, December was busier than ever: there was a seasonal event happening on practically every day leading up to Christmas. Numbers attending were higher than ever, with people particularly commenting on the "magical" atmosphere and the kindness of the welcome. We estimate that over 6,000 people came through the doors, including about 500 on Christmas Day itself.

We are keen to continue to encourage full use of all our buildings, both as a part of our outreach to the town and also as part of our parish income.

So, a warm and heart-felt thank you to all those who decorated, greeted, sang, read, publicised, organised, cleaned, tidied and tidied again, and sat quietly between major events, praying for all our visitors and attendees.

*Robert*

### To all Newsletter Supplement Contributors

To help us manage our time more effectively, the **copy deadline is now the Monday prior to publication**. For longer items (450-500 words max) please check in with us first. Thank you for all your contributions - they are greatly valued. Happy New Year! *Corinne & Michèle*.

For newsletters, events and more visit [www.holytrinityguildford.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityguildford.org.uk)

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Please submit items for the February supplement no later than **MONDAY 27 JANUARY**

**Tuesday Mix** restarts for the New Year with meetings between 2.30 – 4.00pm on 14 and 28 January. The Salvation Army is kindly accommodating our meetings during this phase of the building works. Do come along. For details please contact Rosamund: 01483 577766.

**Star of Wonder at Guildford Cathedral, 15-18 January.** A 45 minute experience celebrating the 12 days of Christmas in a stunning star-themed light and sound show from the team who created *Poppy Fields*. Slots from 6.30pm available. Ticket £5 or £7.50 adults on the door, 3-15 year £2.50, under 3s free. [www.guildford-cathedral.org](http://www.guildford-cathedral.org).

**Silent Prayer** – On Monday 20 January 2020 at 12.30 pm at Holy Trinity in the Queen's Chapel. Come for the quiet and the stillness and the time to share with God. *Brian*

**Parish Walking Group.** The next walk will be on Feb 1st starting at 10am. Location to be decided but please register your interest by emailing Yvonne Cameron [cameronjam@aol.com](mailto:cameronjam@aol.com).

**A very Anglican Praxis.** Adrian Leak will be speaking at the *Bloxham Festival of Faith and Literature* on Saturday 22 February at 4pm. For details see [www.adrianleak.co.uk/lectures](http://www.adrianleak.co.uk/lectures).

# TRINITY CLUB

## New Year Party

**Tuesday 14 January at 10.30am**  
**Trinity Centre**

Drink delicious mulled wine and eat gorgeous mince pies, and come up with ideas on what we should be discussing in 2020.

## The Story of Ruth & Naomi; a world on fire

**Tuesday 28 January at 10.30am**  
**Trinity Centre**

David Uzzell will discuss some of the issues around what is now being called the 'climate emergency'. The starting point for the discussion will be two recently published books. The first is Ruth Valerio's *Saying Yes to Life*, which is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020. The second book is Naomi Klein's recently published *On Fire: The Burning Case for a Green New Deal*. Each offer a very different agenda for our priorities in terms of dealing with the climate emergency.

*Brian*



## Lunchtime Communion at Holy Trinity

**Wednesday 29th January, 12 noon**  
**followed by refreshments**

## Peter Garnham R.I.P.

Peter Garnham died peacefully last week, after a long, gentle decline in health. He was well cared for at the end. Peter was a long-term regular worshipper at Holy Trinity and then at the 8am service at St Mary's. He was devout, interested in others and very encouraging. His quiet, supportive attitude deeply affected those close to him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Robert*



**Learning to sing, learning to praise**

***Delighting in Alexandra & Catherine***

Listen to Robert's sermon on the website

5th January 2020

## Pastoral Care Group

Much of what the pastoral care group does in the parish is behind the scenes. One important part of our ministry is visiting those who are unwell or who can no longer get out of the house to come to church. Sometimes we take Holy Communion to them, at other times we just pop in for a cup of tea and a good chat. Before Christmas we made many such visits and took Christmas wreaths made by people in the parish to those who find it hard to get out and about.

Of course, visiting the lonely and those who are unwell isn't just a job for members of the group. Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 25 that this is a job for all of us as disciples of Christ and we share in the responsibility to look out for those in need. In the winter, the sense of loneliness and isolation can be great and a visit from a friendly neighbour can make a big difference. If you know of anyone in the parish who would like to receive communion at home or who would like one of the clergy to visit, please speak to Brian or Tom.



## Youth Trip to Kwasa 2020

On Friday 3rd January the participants in the Kwasa '20 trip met for dinner. This was the first time that the youngsters and accompanying adults had come together to share experiences of previous trips and to discuss what we'll be doing in Kwasa this coming summer. There was great energy and excitement in the group as we discussed the plans and we are very excited to move into the next phase of organisation. Watch this space for details about 'Cakes for Kwasa' later in the year.

**We still have space for more youngsters to join the group! Please get in touch asap with Tom or Robert if you/your children/grandchildren are interested or are still undecided. We need to get the list of travellers finalised in the next week or so...**

*Tom*



# n(ight) vision

*... 'looking at life through a different lens'*

*drop into St. Mary's, Guildford between*

*21.00 and 23.30 on Friday 31 January*

*for*

**an evening of calm, reflection and refreshments**

A Common Ground Night Vision initiative



# THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

Holy Trinity  
St Mary's

## Would you like a day out in Gloucester?

*Learning about renovating an ancient church  
– applying some lessons to St Mary's*



St Mary's is looking even more beautiful, open and welcoming than it has in a long while. People have been very good to keep most activities going during the building works. The Sunday congregation seems to be slowly growing, even in this period of turmoil. Now that the Christmas period is over, the builders are on site once again, to complete the under-floor heating, and to install a Meeting Room in the West End. If you have not been to St Mary's recently, do come and appreciate the new Welcome Area (don't miss the toilets – they are there, but don't look like toilets!), enjoy the new kitchen and, especially, delight in the new floor in the north aisle. As well as providing under floor heating, this has brightened the church remarkably.

I have been overwhelmed by the beauty of this place, and the potential that it clearly has. It's always been beautiful and a great sacred space. But these works have delivered much more than I had expected. And that is what I want to make the most of now. There is an exciting period where we can see clearly what SM will look like, after all the works are completed (around Easter??). So now is the time we should be pondering, praying, planning. I imagine that many of the activities that happen at SM will continue. What I am suggesting is that we can create a context for these activities and worship which will help everyone and every event to flourish even more.

I visited a church in Gloucester a few weeks ago, St Mary de Crypt. You can find it at [www.discoverdecrypt.org.uk](http://www.discoverdecrypt.org.uk). The vicar of this place, Nikki Arthy, used to worship at HT. After a £1.7 M Heritage Lottery Fund grant, they have created a truly remarkable space. When visiting, I kept on making connections between what they are doing so creatively, and what we might do. We won't replicate their approach – or even, their activities. But I feel strongly that there is a lot to learn from looking at a church that is at least one year ahead of us in developing its buildings, site and ministry.

So I have booked a coach for those who may like to visit Gloucester for the day on Thursday 30th January. I know we will be well received there – they will show us around, and explain what they do and how it works. The cathedral is near by – it too has just undergone a similar development of site and mission. This will be a day visit: leaving at 0930, say, and returning by 1700. That will give us a chance to look, reflect, pray, and chatter on the way home.

I do hope that you will consider being part of this trip. There is no charge – the parish is paying for the coach. So far, 20 of the 29 seats have been booked. If you would like to be part of this trip, please let me or the office know soon.

*Robert*

## Stories from our community: Interview with Ken Fuller

'I was born in my grandmother's house in Farnborough in 1943. It's the reason Hitler didn't invade – he cancelled the barges!' Ken's deprecating wicked humour peppers our conversation.

Ken's uncle worked at Sutton Place and aged 8 or 9 Ken would help to exercise the polo ponies. Unfortunately they bite. I prefer pigs, a most intelligent animal. Pigs won't ever wallow in their own dirt, they just need mud to roll in 'cos they over-heat.' Sutton Place was good though: 'I learned to ride a couple of the ponies, rode the sheep and played in the hay-lofts.'

At home, his mother allowed him to create an aviary, an interest that continues to this day. 'As a young lad I had two Indian runner ducks, a mallard, a golden pheasant, pigeons, love birds, finches and a cockatoo. Local children would knock on our door and ask to come and see them.' Eight years ago Ken's son suggested he create a new aviary. 'I keep mostly finches, Australian and African. I deliberately choose non-aggressive birds. I keep it warm with greenhouse heaters on thermostats and have lights as they need 12 hours of daylight to feed, a full spectrum light so they have Vitamin D, and they also need the right diet to breed.'

In contrast, Ken didn't enjoy school and left as soon as he could after his 15th birthday. 'Christmas 1958, we had a ceremony. All the boys leaving tied their ties on to the school railings, doused them in lighter fuel and set fire to one end.'

'After school I joined Martin Harper Engineering as an apprentice working on lathes and drills, spending one day a week at Guildford Tech. I gave my first wage packet to Mum – £2 11s 7d. To celebrate, she went to Woolworths and spent 10s 6d on a roast chicken. Those days you'd only have chicken at Christmas!'

Ken subsequently worked in a variety of jobs: building aircraft cameras, knitting clothing, the Co-op Dairy, a builders merchants where a fork-lift truck rolled over his foot and broke all the bones, the electricity board putting in cabling around the country, driving oil tankers, delivering eggs, post office sorting, maintenance at Queen Elizabeth Park Nursing Home and Guildford Museum. The list goes on.... 'I have itchy feet!' he explains.

Ken's eyes light up as he tells me about one job, working on a farm in Worplesdon. 'We had 300 breeding sows and pedigree cows. I really loved it, especially around calving time when there was a calf in trouble. I'd soap up my arm and reach down to find the calf, put some nylon rope round the hooves of the calf and pull it out'. Pensively he adds: 'I suppose it saved the vets fees! I would have stayed working at the farm but I wanted to marry and needed more money.'

He set up and ran K. F. Knitwear, mostly at Slyfield Industrial Estate for 15 years manufacturing and supplying sportswear to retail and sports clubs in the UK and all over the world including the England Cricket team and Wimbledon.

Ken wanted children and he and his second wife had three: a boy and two girls. Unfortunately his wife was very ill for 18 months so he became a one-parent family but he doesn't remember it as a chore. 'Going shopping was blissful. I'd give the list to the older one, aged 5. He'd read the items, the second one would find them and the little one would watch. I'd make "interesting sandwiches", constructing them into shapes, the kids loved it. Sometimes like Jenga blocks or noughts and crosses but that tended to cause arguments, Stonehenge was always a good one!'

So that Ken could be at home for the children he took night security jobs and was then duty night manager at Horsley Towers Conference Centre and Foxhills Golf and Country Club.

We have been fortunate that despite his 'itchy feet' Ken has stayed at Holy Trinity and St Mary's for 11 years, not only using his technical skills but showing kindness and care for people – not forgetting that wicked humour. He informs Robert Cotton: 'There've been lots of people who wanted my 'phone number when they heard I was leaving, in case they needed jobs doing... I gave them yours!!'

*'Tricia McIntosh, December 2019*

## Everyday Neighbours

The latest “Everyday Neighbours” entry in our Parish Blog tells us what it is like to volunteer with the Samaritans [www.htsmguildford.org/parish-blog](http://www.htsmguildford.org/parish-blog)



## St Mary's building works update

The builders have sealed off the Nave, South Aisle and West End and much of the furniture has been moved around with some items taken to storage offsite. The organ has been mothballed and the Loop system reinstated. There is now no access through the West door and no through footpath route across the West of the building. Entry is via the North door and the south door is also accessible for bell ringers and as an emergency exit.

Worship is now taking place in the 'new' North Aisle, with the Kitchen and Welcome area available for use. For larger services, especially those with St Mary's Choir, St John's Chapel will be used. The builders need to work swiftly to make as much progress as possible prior to the closure programme for replacement of the gas main in Quarry Street, due to start in mid-February. To give them a clear run, daytime opening will remain suspended for the time being.

The patience and understanding of all those affected as the works progress is much appreciated.

## LENT 2020

**On Wednesday evenings during Lent** we shall be holding short, reflective services at Holy Trinity. There will be candles and prayers, readings, psalms and poetry – interspersed with times for silent reflection and thought. Please do join us, and bring your friends, for a quiet half-hour.

**Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 March and 1 April  
6.30pm in Holy Trinity**

If you would like to participate (leading, reading, speaking) – please do get in touch with one of us.

*Anne and Stephen Marriott*



**In December, just before Christmas Holy Trinity Church was awarded the Silver Eco Church award.**

**Thanks and well done to all involved.**

## **Some eco New Year resolutions which are easy to keep**



When I was at school there was a report which would upturn the norms of society. This was the Royal College of Physicians' report which concluded that smoking causes lung cancer. Of course, there were some, and some papers, who said this was rubbish "Smoking hasn't done me any harm"; and some who said "It's their choice so it's difficult to interfere with that"; and others who said "Smoking is dangerous so we must put proper controls on it".

It reminds us of the parable of the sower – and also of today's climate debate. There are people (and popular newspapers) who deny the climate crisis, some even saying it is a hoax; there are those who waffle (it's often only a sign that they don't know, or can't decide, what to do); and there are activists, from Greta Thunberg and striking schoolchildren to Extinction Rebellion.

So what can we do which will make a difference? Here are five suggestions to start you thinking:

- 1. Travel fewer fossil-fuelled miles**, by land, sea or especially air. The least damaging air travel is probably medium haul. Short haul uses too much fuel going up and down for a short journey; long haul requires lifting tons and tons of fuel into the air before you start.
- 2. Start moving your home from gas to renewable electricity.** Housing regulations will soon prohibit gas appliances in new homes; but you can start the process now. Change to a renewable electricity company, like *Good Energy* or *Ecotricity*, and then begin to use some electricity instead of gas for, say, cooking; or using the immersion heater more often, perhaps in summer. If you are having a room re-done, you might install electric underfloor heating. With fully renewable electricity, you will not increase your carbon footprint.
- 3. Support Extinction Rebellion and the school strikes.** You may not wish, or be able, to join these yourself, but engage with, and encourage, those who do. Give thanks, for they are working for you.
- 4. Eat less meat and dairy.** Meat farming is a major source of CO<sub>2</sub>. If you eat meat, choose lamb rather than beef (lamb is often fed on upland pasture which cannot be used for other purposes); and eat less pork (problems with pollution and husbandry). Experiment with plant milks, such as oat, almond or soya.
- 5. Familiarise yourself with the science.** The climate emergency is so important that we need to be properly informed and able to see its effects. Here is one example to ponder – there is currently more water flowing along the river Wey than down the Victoria Falls.

Happy New Year!

*Hugh Marriage*

## Extinction Rebellion ... in Guildford



Extinction Rebellion describes itself as an international movement that uses non-violent civil disobedience in an attempt to halt mass extinction and minimise the risk of social collapse. It avoids blaming and shaming, since in this toxic system, no one individual is to blame. The actions of Extinction Rebellion as a national organisation may be followed online, but there is a local aspect as well. Locally XR members have been working to ensure Surrey residents stay healthy and happy.

In December a Bug Hotel was built by XR members, together with students, at the County School. Also, in December XR planted 400 Rowan trees, working with the students at Kings College, one for every student in the college.

XR has also supported volunteers at Rosamund Gardens, Longdown Road, by planting trees within a hedgerow. Over the years these trees will absorb carbon and provide a habitat for birds and insects. Rosamund Gardens is a community garden where volunteers grow vegetables organically.

On 14 December, a Swap Shop was held at St. Nicholas Church. Toys, books and festive jumpers were exchanged. An Eco- wrapping workshop was held. This gave children another view of preparing for Christmas.

Global warming has caused both the increased rainfall in this country, which has led to flooding, and the increased temperature, drought, and fires in Australia. We are one planet and need to seek ways to deal with climate change, here and in Guildford (a suburb of Perth), Western Australia.

Australia is the world's biggest coal exporter (37.8% of world total in 2018), but at the Madrid climate summit, it helped to scuttle efforts to increase global greenhouse gas reduction targets. Is this sensible, when Australia is burning ?

I fully understand the anxiety of those who cannot get to work because the road is closed by protesters. But, as a grandmother of children in Australia, I understand the urgency of acting now to ensure that the UK is carbon neutral by 2025.

*Anne Wright (Eco Church Group)*

## PEWLEY DOWNS CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

**This July marks 100 years since the Friary Brewery gifted Pewley Downs to the people of Guildford in perpetuity, in gratitude for the end of the First World War.**

I am currently planning a celebration on the Downs on the morning of **7 July** this year, open to everyone, in partnership with Holy Trinity School. The school will also be mounting a special exhibition. I am collecting memories and photographs of the Down, especially from further back in its history. If you have anything you could contribute to this, no matter how small or trivial, do please get in touch with me **07872 463624** or **jm@financialmodeller.com** or (or you could catch Pippa in church). I would love to hear from you!

*Jonathan Mitchell, Chair, Pewley Down Conservation Volunteers*

**Regular activities are listed separately. Our two churches and the Trinity Centre are also used by a wide range of community groups throughout the week not listed here.**

## January 2020

Sun	12	Orthodox Service	13.00	St Mary's
		Quarter peal of bell	17.00	Holy Trinity
Tue	14	Trinity Club New Year party	10.30	Trinity Centre
		Tuesday Mix	14.30	Salvation Army
		The Upper Room	20.00	The Keep
Wed	15	Holy Communion at Abbot's Hospital	10.00	Abbot's Hospital
		Church sitters' coffee morning	11.00	Holy Trinity
		Deanery Chapter meeting	11.30	Trinity Centre
		Funeral: Peter Garnham	14.30	Holy Trinity
Thu	16	Guildford GCSE Classics conference	14.00	Holy Trinity
Mon	20	Sandfield School Activity Morning	-	Holy Trinity
		Silent Prayer	12.30	Holy Trinity
		PCC Meeting	20.00	Trinity Centre
Wed	22	Lunchtime Concert: Guildford High School music scholars	13.15	Holy Trinity
Thu	23	Coffee & Cake	10.30	St Mary's
Sat	25	Charity Concert: Royal Surrey Hospital Choir	19.30	Holy Trinity
Tue	28	Trinity Club	10.30	Trinity Centre
		Tuesday Mix	14.30	Salvation Army
Wed	29	Lunchtime Communion	12.00	Holy Trinity
Fri	31	Common Ground Night Vision	20.00-23.00	St Mary's

## February 2020

Mon	3	Guildford Shakespeare Company set building/rehearsals <i>(until Friday 7 February)</i>	all day	Holy Trinity
Sat	8	Saturday Coffee at St Mary's (until 7 March inclusive)	10.00-12.00	St Mary's
		Guildford Shakespeare Company: Macbeth <i>(Every evening except Sundays until 29 Feb inclusive)</i>	19.30	Holy Trinity
Tue	11	Tuesday Mix	19.30	Salvation Army
		The Upper Room	20.00	The Keep
Wed	12	Holy Communion at Abbot's Hospital	10.00	Abbot's Hospital
		Guildford Shakespeare Company: Macbeth <i>(Matinée every Wednesday &amp; Saturday until 29 Feb)</i>	14.30	Holy Trinity
		Common Ground Meeting	19.30	St Mary's
Sat	15	Saturday Coffee at St Mary's	10.00-12.00	St Mary's
Mon	17	Silent Prayer	12.30	Holy Trinity
Tue	25	Trinity Club	10.30	Trinity Centre
		Tuesday Mix	14.30	Salvation Army
Wed	26	Ash Wednesday Service at St Nicolas Bury Street	20.00	St Nicolas

*\*term time only*

Sunday	Holy Communion	08.00	St Mary's
	Sung Eucharist ( <i>with children's groups*</i> )	10.00	Holy Trinity
	Morning Service ( <i>Communion 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday</i> )	10.30	St Mary's
	Choral Evensong ( <i>term time</i> ) or Evening Prayer	18.00	Holy Trinity
Monday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	U3A Keep Fit*	9.00 & 10.15	Trinity Centre
	Silent Prayer ( <i>monthly 3rd Monday</i> )	12.30	Holy Trinity
	Guildford Vox Choir practice*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Tuesday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	U3A Yoga Class	10.00	Trinity Centre
	Trinity Club discussion group ( <i>monthly last Tuesday</i> )	10.30	Trinity Centre
	Lunch Club ( <i>monthly 1st Tuesday</i> )	12.30	Trinity Centre
	Lunchtime recital ( <i>monthly 1st Tuesday</i> )	13.15	Holy Trinity
	Tuesday Mix fellowship group ( <i>fortnightly</i> )	14.30	St Mary's
	General Studies bell ringing*	15.00	Holy Trinity
Surrey Rainbow Choir rehearsal	19.15	Trinity Centre	
Wednesday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	Chit Chat*	09.30	St Mary's
	Organ Recital (Mar-Dec, <i>monthly 2nd Wednesday</i> )	13.10	St Mary's
	Shine Time Theatre School*	18.00	Trinity Centre
	Bell ringing practice	20.00	HT or SM
Thursday	Morning Prayer*	08.30	Holy Trinity
	Coffee & Cake ( <i>monthly 4th Thursday</i> )	10.30	St Mary's
	Roman Catholic Lunchtime Mass*	12.45	St Mary's
	Pilates	17.00	Trinity Centre
	HT Choir practice (boy choristers & adults)*	18.15	Holy Trinity
	HT Choir practice (girl choristers)*	18.30	Trinity Centre
	Girl Guides*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Argentine Tango class	21.00	Trinity Centre	
Friday	Keep Fit class	14.00	Holy Trinity
	Brownies*	17.15	Trinity Centre
	Girl Guides*	19.00	Trinity Centre
Saturday	Guildford Theatre School*	all day	Trinity Centre
	Morning Prayer	09.30	Holy Trinity
	Saturday Coffee	10.00-12.00	Holy Trinity

# Guildford Shakespeare Company presents



*This February we are delighted to welcome back Guildford Shakespeare Company for their brand new production of Macbeth.*

## 8-29 February 2020 in Holy Trinity

**Evenings 7.30pm | Matinees 2.30pm**

Wednesdays (12, 19, 26 February)

Saturdays (15, 22, 29 February)

**Post-Show Discussion 20 February**

**Audio Described 29 February, 2.30pm**



For more information and to book tickets

[www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk](http://www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk) | 01483 304384

**This year all services at Holy Trinity will carry on as usual within the set of Macbeth**



Saturday Coffee will take place at St Mary's from 8 February to 7 March inclusive