

Wednesday 1 June Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
Monday 6-10 June Seniors House Party at Pilgrim Hall
Thursday 9 June Course on Christian Life and Work begins, 8 pm
Thursday 9 June Organ recital at Guildford Cathedral
Friday 10 June Art exhibition at Guildford Cathedral: "Three in One"
until 18 July 23 paintings by Paul Hobbs on the Holy Trinity
Sunday 26 June Focus on our Ukraine link
Sunday 26 June Strawberries and cream for the 8 am congregation
at Brian and Margaret Mathew's home
Sunday 26 June Deanery Songs of Praise with Bishop Christopher, Hersham
Tuesday 28 June until "The Life of Christ" - Wintershall's open air play
Sunday 3 July 10.15 am - 4.30 pm each day
Sunday 3 July Open Afternoon at Willow Grange, 3 - 5 pm
Monday 18 July Meet Bishop Christopher at Holy Trinity, 7.30 pm
Wednesday 10 August African Children's Choir at Arbrook Lane, 6.30 pm

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion Ord 1	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monthly on a Wednesday (see diary above): Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 2 pm: Toddlers' Praise (in the Church Hall)
Every Wednesday, at 7 am: Prayers for 30 minutes (in the Quiet Room)
Every Thursday, at 3.45 pm: Intercessions (in the Quiet Room)
Monthly on a Thursday, at 11.45 am at Wingham Court: Holy Communion
4th Thursday in month, at 11.30 am at the Day Centre: Holy Communion

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THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR COMES TO CLAYGATE

Although it is not until Wednesday 10th August, tickets are selling fast for the performance by the African Children's Choir at the Church of the Holy Name, organised by Churches Together in Esher and Claygate. Already touring the UK (as this is being written, they are at the Stadium of Light in Newcastle), they will be coming to Claygate only three days after performing at a BBC Prom in the Royal Albert Hall. A stunning concert in an exuberant mix of African song and dance is in prospect.

The choirs comprise children between 7 and 12 selected from schools in 6 African countries. This choir is from the Nkomazi region in the north of South Africa, much ravaged by AIDS, and all the children are orphans. Music for Life, the body behind the Choir, is a Christian humanitarian organisation dedicated to the survival, education and well-being of the abandoned children of Africa, and the money they raise will go to buy water containers and wheelbarrows, food, medical supplies and clothing. STOP PRESS: ALL SEATS SOLD!

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Once a year soon after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the PCC spend time together on a Saturday, reflecting on a number of issues that are relevant to where we are as a church. This year we invited the Revd John Gooding from the Mission Department of the Diocese to guide our thinking about a recent report for the General Synod of the Church of England, called 'Mission-shaped Church'.

To help us focus on our perspective of Holy Trinity, John asked us at one point to say what animal came to mind when we thought of the kind of church Holy Trinity is. As you can imagine, there were some interesting suggestions, ranging from the elephant, because we are large and somewhat cumbersome, to the swan, which is graceful above the surface, but paddling furiously under the water and so the analogies continued. Why not write to the Editor with your suggestion? It could be quite revealing!

Trying to decide what should be the focus of our preaching and teaching programme at any given time is helped hugely by knowing our needs. Over the page you will see the plan for the summer, but I would like to explain the reasons for it.

We shall be teaching about the way we as Christians can witness to our faith in our places of work. Those in work spend so much time away from home that we should help one another to be better in sharing our faith with work colleagues. In addition to Sunday preaching, we shall be running a course starting on 9th June, as well as some groups studying the material in their Home Groups. Witness at work is not appropriate for some and instead those groups will follow a course on being a good listener, a huge need in our busy, fast-moving society, in which everyone seems so short of time.

To remind us of our 2005 motto about being the body of Christ, we shall look at those things which unite us as Christians from 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. At a time when so many issues divide the Church, it is good to focus on the things that unite God's people.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting our corporate prayer life as a Church was commented on as a weakness. A series of sermons on the Psalms as 'inspired prayers' will help us learn to be more committed to prayer and to pray better.

Our teaching should never move far from the Gospels and so during the summer we will consider eight hard sayings of Jesus. Too often the difficult words from His lips seem so hard that we try to ignore them. Instead we should face them and this series is intended to explain their meaning.

So the teaching role of the church is being taken seriously, as we try to engage with each of these important themes of discipleship. Pray for the teachers as they study and preach from God's Word and pray that together we as a church may learn the ways of God for our daily lives, or, as the Apostle Paul puts it in Romans 12, we may be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

With my best wishes, love and prayers,



From the Parish Registers

We offer congratulations on the marriage of:

Mark Douglas Shand and
Louisa Caroline Josey
(married on 15th May)

We offer sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Joyce Betty Smith
(26th April)
Edwin John Alfred Bell
(10th May)

Ordination Anniversaries

This month sees significant milestones for two of our local priests. We send our congratulations and good wishes to:

The Revd Fred Harte
who lives in retirement in Claygate but still serves at St Christopher's Hinchley Wood, and who on 5th June celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Monsignor Barry Wymes
the Parish Priest of the Church of the Holy Name, who on 12th June celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Parish Personalities

This month it is Bill Lowe who faces the Insight Inquisition.

Where were you brought up?

In Perth.

How long have you lived in Claygate?

For thirteen years.

What do you like most about it?

It is close to Central London yet it feels like it is in the country.

And if there was one thing you could change?

The amount of traffic.

Where would you locate your ideal home?

The Lake District.

What is the least welcome part of your daily round?

Commuting.

Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome?

Laziness.

What food are you most partial to?

Roast lamb.

And leave on the side of your plate?

Just the enamel.

What do you watch on television?

Sport.

What would your desert island book be?

Any Ian Rankin novel.

What is your favourite music?

The skirl of the bagpipes.

And your favourite hymn?

"What a friend we have in Jesus".

Which passage of the Bible is most telling for you personally?

John 3. 16-21.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?

A long weekend in Barcelona - watch the Grand Prix, visit museums, eat paella by the marina....

Sermons over the next three months

AT THE 10 am SERVICE

- 29th May Romans 15. 14-22
Faith at work around the world
- 5th June Colossians 3. 22-4.1
Faith at work in my place of work
- 12th June Luke 4. 14-30
Faith at work in our attitude to the poor
- 19th June (All Age) Genesis 41. 37-57
God uses Joseph as Prime Minister
- Then a short series on the search for meaning in Ecclesiastes:*
- 26th June Ecclesiastes 2. 1-11
I've tried it all
- 3rd July Ecclesiastes 2. 12-26
I've worked hard
- 10th July Ecclesiastes 3. 1-14
Only God gives meaning to life
- 17th July (All Age) Exodus 3. 1-10
God meets Moses at work
- Then a short series on what holds the People of God together:*
- 24th July 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11
One God and many gifts
- 31st July 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31
One body and many parts
- 7th August 1 Corinthians 13. 1-7
One way of love
- 14th August 1 Corinthians 13. 8-13
One faith and hope
- 21st August (All Age) Daniel 6. 1-28
God honours Daniel's faithfulness
- 28th August 1 Corinthians 11. 17-34
A right attitude to Holy Communion

AT THE 8 am AND 6.30pm SERVICES

A series on eight hard sayings of Jesus under the title "Surely not?!"

- 29th May Mark 4. 1-20
Prevented from believing
- 5th June Matthew 22. 1-14
Few are chosen
- 12th June Mark 10. 17-27
The danger of riches
- 19th June Matthew 20. 1-16
The last will be first
- 26th June Luke 16. 19-31
A great gulf
- 3rd July Matthew 10. 32-42
Hatred for one's family
- 10th July Luke 9. 57-62
The cost of discipleship
- 17th July Matthew 7. 13-23
I never knew you

*Then a series on inspired prayers:
A selection of Psalms*

- 24th July Psalm 95
- 31st July Psalm 96
- 7th August Psalm 97
- 14th August Psalm 98
- 21st August Psalm 99
- 28th August Psalm 100

This year's Financial Review

Holy Trinity's annual finance review was launched on 24th April, and we thank all those who have responded. If however you have not so far done so, would you please complete and return your Finance Review (and perhaps also Crisis Support) pledge form to Brian Howells, HTC Pledge and Gift Secretary, as soon as possible!

Uncovering the story of Lt Burmester

A memorial tablet on Holy Trinity's north wall commemorates Lieutenant Maurice Burmester, who died at Gallipoli on 15th August 1915, aged 41. Howard Mallinson has been finding out more.

Maurice Burmester was the second son of Mr F G Burmester of Carberry, Foley Road, Claygate*. He attended Winchester School and during the Boer War he served with the Imperial Yeomanry Regiment, and later with the Essex Regiment. When war broke out in 1914 he was in California but returned to take up a commission with the Essex Regiment.

Although the tablet in Holy Trinity says he was serving with the 3rd Battalion of the Essex Regiment, he was in fact attached to the 1st Battalion, the 3rd being a holding battalion which made good the attrition suffered by the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

The stalemate of the 25 April landings at the Helles tip of the Gallipoli peninsula was to be overcome by a new landing behind the enemy lines further up the coast at Suvla Bay. It was a brilliant concept, and with better generalship, the operation would have succeeded in first taking the high ground above the bay, then by linking up with a new push from the south, combining the two fronts to take the hills overlooking the Dardanelles. This would have allowed the Dardanelles to be forced, and would have brought about the objective of the Campaign – the fall of Constantinople, and the exit of Turkey from the war.

That Suvla Bay failed was not only a tragedy of wasted lives, but it meant that the stalemate was reinforced: the men had been 'led by donkeys' and the campaign, now judged a failure, was aborted by a withdrawal which was completed in

January 1916.

The Regimental History tells us that Lieutenant Burmester died of wounds, but he has no known grave, being remembered along with thousands of others on the huge memorial at Helles to those with no grave. Fire was a particular hazard at Suvla, the dry scrub being easily ignited: 'The flames spread rapidly and caused the death of many wounded whom it was found impossible to remove' because of Turkish sniping, says the Regimental History.

By coincidence, one of Mr Burmester's other sons, Capt R M Burmester RN, who was captain of the cruiser, HMS *Euryalus*, had already played a key role in the Gallipoli landings on 25 April 1915. His ship had landed the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, at dawn; the men were rowed ashore in ships' boats against cliffs defended with automatic weapons and, showing sublime bravery, in taking possession of the cliffs, they famously won 'six VCs before breakfast'; the beach they had taken was renamed *Lancashire Landing* in their honour. Capt Burmester survived the war and continued a very successful naval career.

The research was conducted for my book: Where is Gallipoli?, an autobiographical account of how I discovered the loss at Gallipoli of a family member – a fact which had remained a dark secret until I started the research. The book is available at Regency Bookshop, Surbiton or direct from me, price: £14.

** I am grateful to Mr John Salter, who discovered this fact in the Surrey Comet: 5 December 1914.*

Preparing for the Ukraine visit

Sunday congregations on 26th June will be given the opportunity to hear about and consider their own support for this summer's mission to Akli and Gyula in Ukraine. 36 people, from Holy Trinity and from Petersfield United Reformed Church, will be leaving for 10 days there on Friday 29th July. As with last year, their purpose is threefold: to provide a medical and dental service, to offer English language teaching and to help local churches in Christian mission.

This year, there is a specific project that the team wishes to see accomplished. Those who went last year were shocked by the toilet facilities at the school in Gyula which 200 children were expected to use. If the necessary funds can be raised, there are plans for the building of a simple block comprising six toilets for the children, a staff toilet and a shower. The plan is not for British volunteers to undertake this construction; a local contractor has already been identified so, apart from providing a valuable facility, the work would be a boost for the depressed local economy.

Anchor

Alison Shine will be speaking to this month's Anchor meeting, on Monday 20th June, about life as a GP. It is at 7.30 for 8 pm at 15 Claremont Road.

Insight

The deadline for contributions to the July/August issue of the Parish Magazine - the last for two months - will be Saturday 18th June.

Can work be part of God's plan?

A six-session course on "Christian Life and Work", led by Mark Greene from the London Bible College, will be starting at Holy Trinity on Thursday 9th June at 8 pm. It will cover everyday issues we face wherever we work, and help us learn how to support one another in our work and to discover opportunities for ministry, witness and spiritual growth in our workplaces.

There is a clipboard in the church foyer on which those who would like to come can sign up for the course. If you would like further information, please speak to Mike Harle on 463578. You may also like to look at - and even buy! - Mark Greene's book *Thank God it's Monday* on the church bookstall, price £6.99.

Deanery Songs of Praise

What we advertised last month as a Deanery Evensong, at St Peter's Hershaw on Sunday 26th June, is now going to be a Songs of Praise service. Bishop Christopher will be the preacher.

Visit Willow Grange

There is to be an Open Afternoon at Willow Grange in Guildford, the home of the Bishop of Guildford and his wife, on Sunday 3rd July between 3 and 5 pm. There is to be a marquee in the garden, stalls highlighting the work of many local charities and offering goods for sale, and refreshments. Bishop Christopher and Mrs Hilary Hill extend a warm invitation to you to join them for the occasion.

At the end of the Open Afternoon, at 5.30 pm, there will be Songs of Praise in the marquee.

A Night in New Orleans yields worthwhile benefit

The concert of traditional jazz organised by the Men's Fellowship on 23rd April, briefly reported in last month's magazine, enabled them to send Macmillan Cancer Relief a cheque for £493. This represented the surplus left from ticket sales and the interval bar after paying the cost of the French Quarter All-Stars and other expenses, boosted significantly by a retiring collection of £281.

This generosity shown by the audience was just one sign of how much the concert had been enjoyed and appreciated.

Sorry to deprive you!

We are sorry if our indefatigable team of proof-readers prevent you from enjoying the kind of misprints that can enliven other publications.

The winner of the Parish Pump Misprint Award for the Best Error in a Church Magazine, voted on by readers of the Ship of Fools website and announced at last month's Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park, came from an Ambleside Baptist magazine, which invited members to a church meeting which "will be gin with prayer".

Perhaps those who attended might have ended up what is known as tired and devotional.

Church of England Newspaper is relaunched

If you are one of Holy Trinity's members who has not so far taken advantage of subscribing through the Church to the Church of England Newspaper, now is the time to think again.

The weekly paper has just been relaunched with a new look and a bigger and better range of news and features. Look for a free sample copy in the foyer and seize the opportunity of ordering it regularly at a discount price. Then you'll be able to collect it each week from the church letter-rack.



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May I say what an honour it is to be preaching from one of the tallest pulpits in the world?

Learning from the Bible

Do you live in an ideal world? What is there in your experience that you can regard as an unalloyed good? We often tell ourselves that we have to take the bad with the good, or the rough with the smooth. Even in the world of nature there are tensions. The rainfall which sustains life on our planet can sometimes be excessive, causing floods, or inadequate, giving rise to drought, and much human suffering can result. The majestic grandeur of mountains, which can spark our wonder and lift our spirits, results from the same natural forces which lay behind the destructive power of the Boxing Day tsunami.

Perfection in human life and institutions may be an unattainable ideal. We see things happening around us which would not happen in an ideal world. We may be horrified by suicide bombers, appalled by the greedy ruthlessness of criminals, depressed by local vandalism. But all of us approach challenges, or even everyday life, with mixed motives, some more worthy than others. The Apostle Paul said that "When I want to do good, evil is right there with me" (Romans 7.21).

The parable which Jesus told about the weeds helps us to deal with the way that good and bad seem to be inextricably linked in our lives and experience. A man sowed good wheat seed in his field but during the night an enemy came along and scattered weed seed among the wheat. In his article here a few months ago, Brian

"When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared."

Matthew chap. 13, verse 26.

Mathew identified the weed as darnel, whose shoots are difficult to distinguish from wheat and whose roots are likely to become intertwined with the wheat by the time the weed is noticed. So the owner told his servants not to try to pull up the weeds, for fear of pulling up the wheat as well, but to let them grow together until harvest time.

Jesus explained the parable, but not straight away: the explanation comes in verses 37 to 43 of chapter 13. It is the Devil who sows evil in the world, and the harvest is to be seen as the end of the age, when God will ensure that evil is finally rooted out.

The message for us is that we may have to live alongside evil, because sin is in us all and for us to attempt a premature harvest of our own might do much harm in rooting out good along with evil. We are surely aware of enough history to know that if we were part of a community which decided to root out sinners from its midst, it would not be long before the knock came on our own door.

As we live with evil, we can be assured that God's purposes have not been overturned. We can continue to trust him in the knowledge that good and evil will ultimately be separated in a decisive way, and that "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father".

Scribatus

When you talk you only repeat what you already know, but if you listen you may learn something.

Young people today....

May has been a month of miracles. Trends have been bucked, lives have been changed and faith deepened. It has been one of those all too brief moments in time that you treasure, nay cling to, in order to know sustenance when your most precious treasure seems buried beneath the shifting sands of time.

From the word go May has been a tumble of surprise. I took the opportunity afforded by May Day to help some of YF with their revision. I got a tan sitting in their garden and reminisced about the medical policies of Hippocrates and Jenner. This has been a recurrent theme of helping YF and their friends from school to enjoy some variety in this term of crushing pressure, work achieved with a smile and not sleepless tearful nights. You may feel that I am being unduly overdramatic, but let me assure you I see all too regularly the spark of youthful exuberance extinguished by onerous pressures from without and within, both justified and imagined. I have been visiting Hinchley Wood Secondary more regularly and doing some unpaid tutoring there helping such young people deal better with the pressure and look beyond the millstone of grades towards the character that Christ exhibits and offers.

My schools work has also been boosted this term by the extra pressures teachers are under and so I have taken up some of the extra-curricular activities at Heathside and St John's Leatherhead as well as Hinchley Wood. This has led to me being witness to some amazing things. 12 year old kids inviting friends from different religious backgrounds to Christian Union meetings and

having them over-running by nearly 45 minutes simply due to the questions that these young people have about Jesus and what happens when they die. This is challenging on so many levels it actually hurts thinking about it. There is a fearlessness to some of these young people that shames me.

As such I have had to revisit my motivations and actions in regard to every aspect of my faith. I have had several occasions to embrace that fearlessness I have seen displayed by those in my care. They have been difficult conversations and to remain gentle whilst protecting relationships for the future is often used as an excuse for saying nothing. But sure enough, as if it was ever in doubt, trusting God prayerfully and honestly meant that these conversations merely served to deepen the relationships and not damage them.

Further evidence of God's goodness was evident just this week, when I attended Heathside Christian Union. Now, those who know me would probably not consider me sensationalist in the least. However, I had prepared for and indeed expected only 10-15 young people to turn up, but including me there were 25 people. How my handouts stretched so that everyone could have one each, when palpably I had not done enough, remains an utter mystery. As Holmes said, what is left, no matter how improbable, must be true. So May has been a month of miracles. God be praised.

Asa

From the pulpit: "At the outset of my sermon this morning, I'll reassure you that I asked my secretary to leave out anything that was confusing or boring. So in conclusion..."

Focus on the Parochial Church Council

Who is on the PCC?

Ex officio members

Canon Julian Henderson (Chairman)
Valerie Bagley
Revd David King
Revd Prof Linda Morgan
Stuart Wright

Churchwardens

Penny Alpass
Richard Gordon (Vice Chairman)

Diocesan Synod member

Andrew Stroud (Secretary)

Deanery Synod members

Lesley Cross
Rose-Marie Francis
Rodney Luff
Dudley Sloggett

Elected to the PCC

Sylvia Andrews
Simon Botham
Jackie Burton
Emma Carter
Gilly Hayes
Jem Salter (Treasurer)
John Spooner
Barry Wakefield
David Wakefield
Michael Webb-Peploe
Colin Wheatley
Catherine Winchcombe

After last month's reports on the Annual Church Meeting, we bring you up to date with the current membership of the Church Council and provide a little background on its new members.

Penny Alpass (Churchwarden)

Penny was born in Lichfield and educated there, in Birmingham and in Newcastle-upon Tyne. She worked originally as a civil servant but more recently as the church administrator at St Peter's Norbiton. She is now retired.

She is married to John, our parish organist; they came to Claygate in 1978, and have been members of Holy Trinity ever since. They have three grown-up children (but all still students!). Over the years, she has been involved at Holy Trinity with the Pram Service, Scramblers, as leader of a Bible study group, a member of the PCC and as Secretary to the Building Project Team. But she still finds time for swimming, cards, gardening, cooking, walking, visiting art galleries and museums, singing, reading and learning to play the recorder. And if you visit Brazil, mention her great uncle - he was responsible for introducing football to the country!

Jackie Burton (PCC member)

Jackie was born and brought up on the Tolworth/ Worcester Park borders, and all her family live close by. She has been married to Ashley for 24 years and they have two teenage daughters, Amelia and Candice. She formerly worked in public relations and in BT's press office (and in her youth as a tour guide and travel rep in Spain), but is now a teaching assistant.

Jackie and Ashley formerly lived in Surbiton, where Jackie helped in the children's church at Christ Church, but they moved to Claygate twelve years ago and have been members of Holy

Trinity ever since. She helped with, and then led, the Climbers group for nine years. When she can fit it in between the demands of her family, Jackie enjoys walking, swimming and bird-watching, as well as watching sport on television. When you meet her, try taking a discreet look to see if you recognise her hands - they were featured on *Crimewatch* for several years!

Gilly Hayes (PCC member)

Gilly was born and brought up in West London and says that before she and Bob (he a former churchwarden and more recently chairman of the Staff Advisory Group) moved to the village twenty years ago they sussed out all the local churches before deciding that Claygate and Holy Trinity would be the right home for them. They now have two children, Tamsin and Angus. Gilly used to work in academic research, investigating Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's. She now works with Bob in his dental practice - quite a change, but more compatible with family life.

Gilly is the leader of Holy Trinity's Music Group, and has been involved with music for quite a while. Music is something she really enjoys, as part of everyday life, not just for Sundays. She hadn't seen herself as a Committee person but says that, having benefited from the hard work of past PCCs, she thought it about time she made her own contribution.

Rodney Luff (Deanery Synod)

Rodney was born in Kingston and grew up in New Malden (when it was called a village!). He went to Surbiton Grammar and did all his cross country running around Claygate. He has now lived here for seven years. He is married to Linda and they have four children between them, and Samuel, their first grandson. Rodney retired in 2003 having spent 39 years in financial services in the actuarial, stockbroking and accountancy professions. He is the Chairman of Holy Trinity's Finance Advisory Group.

Rodney is involved with a number of charities and in his spare time enjoys walking - completing the Thames path both ways in 2004 - photography and travel. And as a warning to Julian, it can be revealed here that Rodney was once suspended as Head Choirboy after leading a snowball ambush on the vicar. "Oh", he says, "the sadness of global warming!"