

Monday 31 October Shine parties at 5.30 pm (5-7 years) and 7.30 pm (8-11)
 Wednesday 2 November Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch.
 Sunday 6 November Annual service for the bereaved, 3 pm
 Monday 7 November Men's Fellowship Ladies Night: Malcolm Wells, Canine Partners
 Wednesday 9 November Monthly prayer meeting in church, 8 pm
 Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday: special service at 11 am
 Wednesday 16 November Kalita Ensemble concert in church, 8 pm
 Saturday 19 November Monthly parish walk
 Saturday 19 November OCMS concert: London Concertante String Sextet, 8 pm
 Sunday 20 November Evening service includes Prayer for Healing
 Monday 21 November Anchor: Yioula Talladorou of Tearfund
 Monday 5 December Men's Fellowship: Matt Summerfield of Crusaders
 Wednesday 7 December Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch
 Friday 10-12 February 2006 Parish Weekend away at High Leigh
 Friday 28 July-7 August 2006 Summer Mission to Ukraine

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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ADVERTISEMENTS APPEAR FOR A NEW VICAR OF CLAYGATE

Advertisements have now been published seeking a new Vicar for Holy Trinity. They have been placed by the Church Patronage Trust, Holy Trinity's patrons, in the *Church of England Newspaper* and the *Church Times*.

The closing date for applications is 23rd November, and the advertisements state that interviews will be held on 22nd and 23rd January. The Bishop of Guildford himself will be taking part in the interviews, along with the Archdeacon of Surrey (Ven Stuart Beake), representatives of the Church Patronage Trust and Holy Trinity's own representatives as elected by the PCC, Richard Gordon and Catherine Winchcombe.

The text of the advertisement and of the Statement of Needs are set out in our centre pages this month. Fuller details, including a comprehensive descriptive profile of the parish, are on Holy Trinity's website and on the noticeboard in the church foyer.

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'Remember!' is a key word for this month. 'Remember, remember, the 5th of November...' goes the rhyme, originally exhorting us not to forget the fearful consequences of an act of treason, but now associated in our minds with fireworks and fun. On the first Sunday of November, Holy Trinity holds its annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance, for those who have been bereaved. It is a good opportunity to thank God for people dear to us whom we now miss, and to bring our sadness to Him too, for his comfort and healing. The second Sunday in November is Remembrance Sunday, when the country gives thanks for those who gave up their lives in war, and helped win for us the peace and freedom we enjoy today. At this time, we also pray for those who do not have these privileges, and grieve that humankind is still so ready to enter into war.

Remembering in a formal way does not mean that at other times we forget the people we commemorate. It just means that we have set aside special time to consciously honour them. One of the key words in the story of God, written in the Bible, is 'Remember'. God is often said to 'remember' his people, or an individual, and acts to do something for them. Does this mean that God has somehow forgotten them before, and only just now has recollected their existence? But God never forgets his people – how could He? He is the one who said: 'Can a mother forget her baby? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...'

No, God has His people always in His heart and mind. He never forgets us. What is meant by the phrase – 'God remembered...' is that now the time is right for Him to act. Now, after a time of waiting, is the moment for His intervention. This is God's 'remembering' – when perhaps we finally see the answer to prayer that we have been longing for, or when God meets with us and reveals something about Himself. God's remembering is to do with timing, with Him seeing the 'big picture' in a way that is impossible for us, with Him knowing, as only He can, what is really best for us.

God also calls us to 'remember' Him. Countless times throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to remember God's goodness, to remember all that He has done for us in the past, not to forget His love for us, not to forget, too, His claims upon our lives. It is so easy to take God's presence in our lives for granted, to say 'I believe in God' but not to allow that belief to make a difference in how we think and act. Such 'remembering' of God often takes a conscious, frequent act of the will – a deliberate and constant calling to mind.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy 'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.' Timothy was not about to forget Jesus! But Paul wanted him to think on Him, to derive his strength, encouragement and inspiration from Him, and to be faithful in prayer to Him. Paul knew that it is only by centring our lives on Jesus, 'remembering' Him, that we can have spiritual life and health.

The month of November reminds us that it is good indeed to remember, and also to have confidence in God's 'remembering' of us!

Valerie



From the Parish Registers

We welcome into the family of the Church:

Alfred Benjamin Cherry
Samuel Edward Cherry
Skye Victoria Walters
Jason Anthony Walters
Zachariah Luke Ferydooni
(all baptised on 16th October)

We offer sympathy to the relatives and friends of:

Jean Mary Stickland
(6th August)
Michael Dimitrios Paleocrasses
(7th August)
Edith Gammon
(6th October)
Brian William Boddy
(11th October)



Martin Brown

Our link missionary in Niger was featured in the *Christian Herald* recently, talking about the success of the new Christian radio station *Radio Espoir* which we have helped to get on the air there. Martin told the *Christian Herald* that it had become the third-most-listened-to (out of 16) station in Niamey, with more than half of the one million residents (who are 98% Muslim) tuning in at least from time to time.

Parish Personalities

Mike Harle faces this month's Insight Inquisition.

Where were you brought up?

In Newcastle Upon Tyne.

How long have you lived in Claygate?

For 12 years.

What do you like most about it?

Its church and its people and its respect for traditionalism.

And if there was one thing you could change?

More and more outreach to the young and vulnerable... and speed-limit traffic.

Where would you locate your ideal home?

Despite Rio & Cape Town, I wouldn't swap anywhere for Claygate or St Ives in Cornwall.

What is the least welcome part of your daily round? None; I feel blessed to be alive.

Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome? I have an unappealing fingernail habit and a deep admiration of Barry Manilow.

What food are you most partial to? Oriental and my mother-in-law's roast dinners.

And leave on the side of your plate? Olives.

What do you watch on television?

Sport, Dad's Army and the news.

What would your desert island book be?

Anything written by my son or late wife.

What is your favourite music?

I like all sorts - jazz, classical, country.

And your favourite hymn?

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind".

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

2 Timothy 4. 7.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?

Above everything else, to be a good father and a faithful, growing disciple of Jesus Christ.

Taking the Church to the people

It is now a year since the START group came together for their first meeting. John Amos explains what it is about.

What is START and what is its aim? The format of START is very similar to that of Alpha, in as much as a group of people who are not yet committed to the Christian faith meet on a weekly basis with a team led by Stuart to hear the good news of Jesus. As well as the Christian message, great emphasis is placed on a warm and friendly environment where people feel comfortable to discuss any issues they may have, be they theological or personal.

Where START differs from Alpha is that its primary purpose is to reach out to those in the community who because of background or social circumstances would feel less comfortable in attending a traditional church service. It was Stuart's vision therefore, with Julian's blessing, to take the Church to the people rather than the people to the Church.

From the ten members who formed the group last November, eight are still currently involved, with six leaders including Stuart as overall leader. The highlights of the year's programme have been the public testimony and baptism by immersion of one group member in July, and the recent weekend away (14th-16th October) at Carrot Wood. We were truly blessed by having Phillip and Margaret King as our guest speakers throughout the weekend and we all benefited greatly from the wisdom and guidance they were able to give us. A huge thanks to Janet and Nigel who provided all our culinary needs throughout our stay - and boy did they provide!

A Church in prayer

Wednesday 12th October saw the second in the church's new venture of a monthly prayer meeting in the evening. This is an opportunity for us to get together for round about an hour and a half to pray and is an exciting addition to what is already going on at Holy Trinity. It is being regularly held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and Home Groups are encouraged not to meet during that week and to come along to this prayer meeting instead (other church meetings should be avoided too where possible). This October meeting followed a similar format to the previous one and yet again there has been some good feedback.

Valerie and Ian led the evening and there was a brief introduction from Ian as to why the Evangelism Team are now also taking on the role of the Prayer Co-ordination Team.

Prayers were said from the front but there was still opportunity for some quiet time and also to pray in small groups later in the evening. One of these groups had someone leading the prayers so that the others did not feel pressured to pray out loud; this is proving to be a real comfort to some.

Holy Trinity is really focusing on being a church in prayer and you are encouraged to come to the next monthly prayer evening on Wednesday 9th November. If you would like to find out a little more about what goes on, have a look at one of the leaflets used last Wednesday - they can be found in the foyer and are called "Time To Pray". Alternatively talk to Ian Vale. The rest of the Prayer Co-ordination Team are Valerie Bagley, Kim Cross and Vicki Schmidt (the team will be growing as time goes by).

Holy Trinity's youthwork reviewed

At its October meeting, the PCC reviewed the Church's youthwork on the basis of a comprehensive overview by Asa Humphreys. This edited summary puts Asa's monthly Insight snapshots into the broader context.

The Holy Trinity Youth Fellowship and Pathfinders, quite rightly, take up the vast majority of my time, but I am hugely blessed that we have a very capable team of volunteers led by Anna Lisa Gordon to run Pathfinders, which continues to be well-attended and a good alternative to staying in church. We have had a near faultless transition from Pathfinders through to Youth Fellowship, which was an initial objective and points to the increasing sustainability of this work.

It is noticeable that more of YF now stay in church each Sunday, largely due to the fellowship that this group of young people are beginning to foster and enjoy. They are attending church because their friends are attending church. This is an opportunity for us all, and I urge others to come across to the back left corner after the morning service to get to know these young people.

Jon Hidden's constancy has been important in this work, and it is sad that the joys that he and I know remain largely unknown amongst the wider church, especially as regards what is the pinnacle of our teaching each year, the Haslemere CYFA, which received little attention in church. Seeing the Spirit at work and prayers answered is a massive privilege, and the encouragement it gives cannot be over-stated. No one attending YF over the last year would recognise common assertions that the Christian church is dying. One church member asked if they could come along, and what they saw astonished them so much that they could not wait to help out more.

What Jon and I are doing is not revolutionary, it is simply building relationships based on trust and the Gospel. This year I shall be teaching YF about how best to share their faith with others and thereby be encouraged in the truth they know, which will set others free. All this is merely first fruits from two years of teaching and the prayerful hopes of young idealists. Success will only truly be known when these young people leave home for good and start out on their own. If they seek a church as their first thought, I will rejoice.

Beyond the church itself, I have been involved with:

The Scouts - I have been able to share the gospel at several Scouts Own meetings, was asked to attend the AGM and have helped some of the Beaver colonies to attain their World Faith badges, which I was then asked to present.

The Church of the Holy Name - Following an approach from Monsignor Barry Wynter to Julian, I have led a youth group in Arbrook Lane every other Friday night, which is well-attended and enjoys a humbling degree of support from volunteers.

Hinchley Wood Secondary School - I have taken the reins of the Christian Union, with the help of a good team of teachers and other youth workers, as well as tutoring students with special needs.

St John's Leatherhead - I lead a twice-monthly lunchtime Bible study group there, and have visited other schools in Esher, Leatherhead, Dorking, Surbiton and Cranleigh for assemblies and Christian Unions.

Preparing for the big events of 2006

Now is the time to be thinking about your participation in two of Holy Trinity's substantial initiatives for next year. Both will take you beyond the usual experiences of church, and there are many who testify how valuable they have found one or the other, often to their own surprise!

THE PARISH WEEKEND
10th to 12th February

The planning team have been working hard to make this an event which all the church family, from children to the elderly, can enjoy and gain value from. It is being held, as last time, at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Paddy Beresford, the former Senior Pastor of Esher Green Baptist Church, will be leading the adult teaching over the weekend, based around the theme "Prayer - The Ultimate in Wireless Communication". Full details, and a booking form, are now available in the church foyer. Applications need to be in by 20th November.

SUMMER MISSION TO UKRAINE
28th July to 7th August

Also now available in the foyer is a leaflet about the third of our working holidays to villages in the Trans-Carpathia region of Ukraine. Although the main aim is to be a helpful presence in the villages of Akli, Uj Akli and Gyula, members of the last two years' parties have emphasised just how much they have also benefited. So there is every reason to find out more by picking up a leaflet and reflecting on the part you could play. Application forms, available from the Church Office, need to be in by 19th November, so do not delay!

Men's season gets under way

Apologies for the Men's Fellowship not being entirely prepared for the numbers of members, including new ones, turning up for the opening supper of the new season, but at least there was enough of Tony Banks' excellent food to go round. Stuart Sadler treated us to an illustrated talk about this summer's visit to the Ukraine, and he and Roger Marsden answered questions about it afterwards.

Ladies are warmly invited to join us for this month's meeting, on Monday 7th November, in the Church Hall at 7.45 for 8 pm, when Malcolm Wells will be talking about ways in which dogs can be of benefit to less fortunate humans.

Tearfund for Anchor

Anchor's November meeting, on the 21st in the church foyer at 7.30 for 8 pm, will be hearing from Yioula Talladorou, the London manager of Tearfund. All enquiries to Gill Caporn on 01372 464827.

CONCERTS IN HOLY TRINITY

Wednesday 16th November at 8 pm

THE KALITA ENSEMBLE

This small girls' choir from Ukraine will be performing traditional, contemporary and Christian song and dance, for "Hope Now"

Saturday 19th November at 8 pm
LONDON CONCERTANTE

This string sextet will be giving the latest recital in the OCMS series. Tickets £10.

Saturday 17th December
HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Make a note now of this much-loved

Archdeacon Julian well supported

At Guildford Cathedral on 9th October, the Dean of Guildford thought it necessary to offer a special welcome "to Claygate", as a full coach and a stream of cars disgorged their passengers from their journey down the A3. For Julian was being installed as Archdeacon of Dorking and a large number from his former Claygate congregation wished to be there to support him.

The Cathedral was so well attended for the occasion that it clearly took by surprise the staff whose print run of service sheets was exhausted 15 minutes before the service began, and more had to be hurriedly produced. It was a great occasion.

Harvest Appeal

This year's Harvest Appeal, in aid of Tearfund's relief work in famine-stricken West Africa, yielded the sum of £1522, including tax recovery. Thank you all.

Henderson thanks

It is hard for us to know what to say after all your love and kindness to us. We have been deeply moved by your thoughtfulness and very generous gifts, and want the whole church family to know how truly grateful we are for all we have been given over the years - let me say it again, it has been a wonderful privilege, a load of fun, and a great challenge to be the vicar of Claygate and we take with us many happy memories of our time here. We assure you all of our ongoing love and prayers, especially during this interregnum time, and look forward to hearing encouraging reports of what God continues to do in your life as a church.

Once again, thank you so much for your love and care of us over the years. We feel very cherished and trust that those who follow us will find HTC and Claygate to be as special and enriching as we have.

As ever in Christ,
Julian, Heather, Susannah and Jamie.

Scaffolding will be going up

The Quinquennial Inspection of the church buildings has shown the need for some re-pointing over the apse, the older part of the church closest to Church Road. So that will explain the scaffolding, which should be down again before Christmas.



Learning from the Bible

"Come, follow me", Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.'"

Matthew chap. 4, verse 19.

How comfortable do you feel in church? This is not a survey question about the quality of our furniture, but part of a reflection about our attitudes towards God. Is he someone with whom we are comfortable and, if he is, why? What is it in our relationship that gives us comfort?

The apparent contrast between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament is often remarked upon. Some Christians regard the accounts as incompatible and prefer to concentrate on what the New Testament tells us of the nature of God. He is more clearly a God of love, full of forgiving compassion. We would feel no need to shut him away behind a series of walls, as in the Jerusalem Temple, as if he were a dangerous nuclear reactor, to be approached only by a select few with the suitable protection.

"Fear of the Lord", a very common concept in the Old Testament, doesn't much figure in our Christian thinking. Even though "fear" in that context entailed respect, reverence and obedience rather than terror, we may often prefer to think in terms of God as our loving father and "what a friend we have in Jesus".

But, as one church leader put it recently, "the slogan 'God is love' often reeks of cosiness rather than holiness". It is right that we ask ourselves whether we are in danger of trivialising the awesome nature of God and his demands on us. If we regard our religion as a warm bath in which we can lie

back in comfortable relaxation, then we almost certainly are. The gospels do contain a great deal of comfort, but that is not to be gained without the challenges they also throw down to us.

When Jesus approached his first disciples with the invitation "Come, follow me", it was a tremendous challenge, there and then to give up their existing working lives, families and friends. How many of us would readily respond to a challenge of that order, as the disciples did?

The challenge did not end there. Following Jesus was not the route to popularity and acclaim. The world would hate the disciples, as it hated Jesus (John 15.18-19) and their lives would not be safe. We know that some of them did indeed suffer death for their faith, just as others have done across the centuries and in modern times.

And there is the reality of judgement. "Each of us will give an account of himself to God", wrote Paul (Romans 14.12), and we will need to show how we have stood in relation to him and his requirements on us. We can be comfortable about that only, perhaps, if like Paul we can say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4.7).

Being a Christian is daunting and dangerous. Let us beware of comfort.

Scribatius

My great concern is not whether God is on our side, my great concern is to be on God's side. - Abraham Lincoln

Young people today....

This month we get to reflect on the vagaries of what goes on within YF and Eternal each Sunday. I know that what goes on in the big white house each Sunday has a somewhat mysterious quality; those in the 6.30 congregation get to see me running around beforehand with a look of panic whilst I gather up pens and pencils and the odd stash of paper.

But that ends as soon as the hordes arrive for cell group, and I start making tea whilst they sit down with their minstrels and shortbread. We then split into the boy's cell group (small and dedicated) and the girl's cell group (large and lively) to chat about Ephesians which is our study this term. Then with kids arriving all the time we turn to prayer and at 7.30ish YF begins.

I say begins, but there is always a good half hour of chat before we get started. As all the young people go to pretty much every different school you can think of, it is a great time for them to hang out and catch up about their various weeks. It is quite a sight to behold so many teenagers just chatting without any other activity needed to entertain them. It is a real encouragement and probably the reason why so many come so regularly.

Then we dive into the Bible, not in the sense of a Bible study like in home groups, but always activity driven. I believe the technical term is 'kinesthetic learning', but it is certainly a lot of fun. We have used methods from a focus group through to 'Blankety Blank', via a rubbish catwalk quiche eating competition. Sometimes these can be quite entertaining and only

occasionally does the teaching point get lost amongst the laughter!

We have looked at what Jesus said and how people reacted to that in my first year here. Last year we looked at the Gospel for two terms by going through the creed and then through what words like 'sanctification' mean, topping it off last term with the fruits and gifts of the Spirit.

This year we are looking at some very practical things namely, how we can ensure that people ask us about our faith, by what we say, do and think. Then after the parish weekend we shall look at how we can practically share our faith. This term's topics were chosen by YF themselves, an example of sofa government perhaps, but it does lend itself to greater ownership. Moreover, targeted teaching for teenagers is reckoned to be quite effective so it's a rare win-win situation. Always ending with prayer these times are generally great fun, but challenging too.

And that brings us to Eternal. On the first Sunday of every month we have more fun and games in the church hall with a short talk and lots of time to hang out and catch up properly. Our young people lead surprisingly busy lives, so allowing them to relax and seeing them enjoy a pressure free environment where they can ask any questions they like about life's big issues, is a privilege indeed. Please pray that it may continue thus.

Asa

It was while Mum was trying to shift the obstinate contents of the ketchup bottle that the phone rang and little Emily answered it. "Sorry, Vicar", she said, "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Seeking the right person as our new Vicar

ADVERTISEMENT

Diocese of Guildford
Church Patronage Trust

VICAR

Holy Trinity, Claygate, Surrey

After 13 years of sustained growth (the Electoral Roll now stands at 530) the church is seeking an evangelical minister to follow Julian Henderson on his appointment as Arch-deacon of Dorking. Leading this large congregation will require vision, humility, dependence on God, management skills, the ability to empower others, and some experience of parish ministry.

Leadership of the staff team will be crucial, at present consisting of a curate, lay assistant minister, NSM, two youth workers, and an administrator (with deputy and secretary). The person chosen will be committed to:

- Bible teaching and preaching
- Emphasis on evangelism and outreach
- Involvement in the local community
- Vision for youth and children's work
- Enabling and using the many gifts of the congregation
- Empathy with new ideas of church and new styles of worship

A full parish profile and an application form can be found at <http://www.holytrinityclaygate.org.uk/vacancy.htm>

or received by post from Holy Trinity Church Office
Telephone 01372 463603

Closing date for applications: 23rd November 2005
Interviews: 22nd and 23rd January 2006

Enhanced CRB disclosure required.

Members of the church family will wish to know what kind of person is being encouraged to apply to become the next Vicar of Claygate. We here reproduce (left) the advertisement that has appeared and (below) how our need is stated.

STATEMENT OF NEEDS

We give thanks to God for the way Holy Trinity Church Claygate has grown over the last decade. The challenge is now to move on to the next stage of growth, both in terms of deepening our relationship with God and also reaching out into the wider community and bringing more people to faith.

Considering this as our challenge, the PCC regards it as very important that the new vicar has the following qualities:

Prayerful The new vicar should see prayer as the centre of church life and be able to develop and encourage both corporate and individual prayer life. He/she should be a prayerful person and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Biblically based Preaching and teaching needs to draw on biblical authority. It should communicate biblical truth in a way that is relevant to today's world and is both clear and stimulating.

Involved in local community The vicar of HTC is, by tradition, very involved in the life of Claygate as a whole and it is important that this continues. It is also vital that the new vicar can engage with and be a pastor to the non-Church community if we are to meet our challenge of bringing more people to faith.

Leader and manager of people The new vicar needs to be sufficiently experienced so that HTC can continue as a training parish. As the staff team is quite large, he/she will need to be a strong team leader but one who also delegates well, communicates clearly and enables others. He/she should have good interpersonal skills, be able to manage change in the staff team and absorb the pressure that this creates.

Empathy with the broad church HTC is composed of people with a wide variety of ages and church backgrounds. Their varying needs are met by different services and it is important that this continues. As the number of children in the church is so large, it is important that the new vicar has a love of children and agrees with the vital role of children's work in growing the church. It is also important that he/she can relate to and encourage people who are at very different stages of their journey of faith.

Empathy with new ideas of church The new vicar should be open to new ways of being church, open to developing new styles of worship and actively reach out to those who have no experience of church. He/she should be willing to respond accordingly.

Pastoring/Discipling The new vicar should be committed to the active discipling and training of staff and individuals within the church family. This involves developing and acknowledging other people's gifts and trusting them to use these gifts wisely.

We would expect the new vicar to be evangelical in outlook but to display a diplomatic approach to other views within the Church of England. In short, someone who has a gracious but uncompromising commitment to biblical authority and who can lead the church in being bold in all that it does.

We appreciate that these needs are challenging, but we are sure that the new vicar will find that the existing leaders and the whole HTC family will be prayerfully and practically supportive.