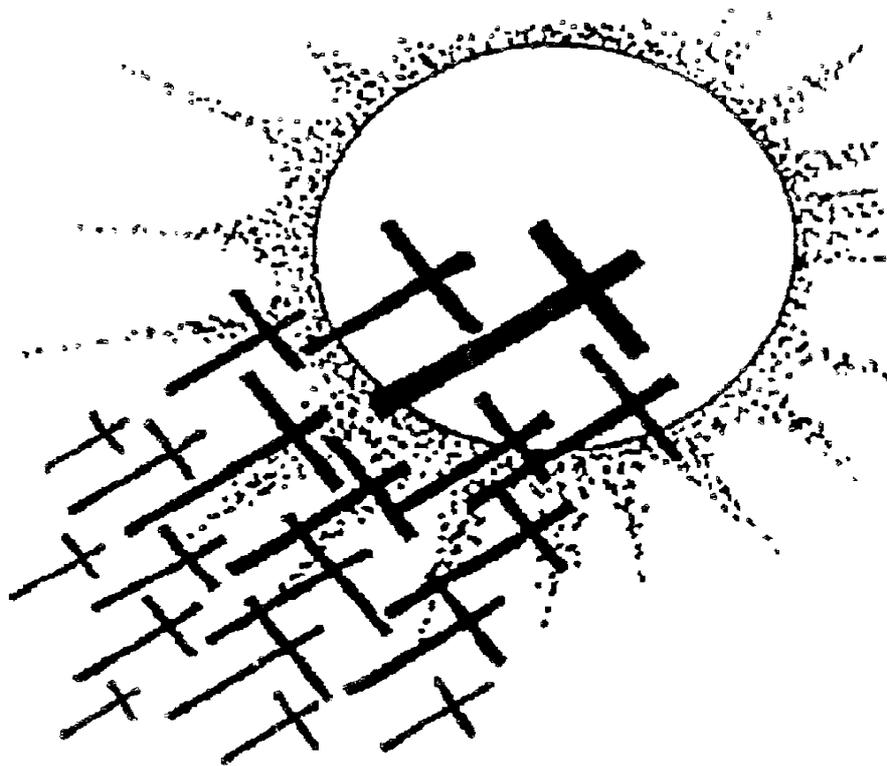


Welcome to  
Holy Trinity Church  
**All Saints**



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

# A Warm Welcome to Holy Trinity, Gosport!

*A Church of England Church in the Anglican Diocese of Portsmouth*

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Welcome! If you are new to Holy Trinity this morning, we hope that you enjoy worshipping "in the round" with us. Everything you need for the service is contained in this booklet. The notices (other service times and coming events) are also in the back of this booklet.

If you are not familiar with our style of worship (perhaps you have never been to a service in a circle, or experienced incense [holy smoke!] or bells) then we are sure you will find it valuable to experience Holy Trinity more than once, and gradually find out more about the meaning and symbolism of our worship. At the time of Holy Communion the church family gather around the altar - please come forward with them. If you are used to receiving Communion in ANY Christian Church you are welcome to receive communion here. If you would prefer a blessing, do still come forward and **hold a service booklet**.

**A collection will be taken during the second (offertory) hymn.....please make a donation to our work as a church, and if you are a tax-payer you can use the giving envelopes to increase the value of your donation, at no cost to you.**

After the service, do stay for a chat, and please come for refreshments in the Capper Room upstairs near the entrance (lift and stairs available!) and make yourself known to us.

**Please turn off, or mute your mobile phone before Mass.**

**The Vestry Bell will ring five times at 10.55am.  
Please keep silence from that point.....**

**Organ:** *Today's composer is Buxtehude (1637 – 1707) - organist in Lubeck (north Germany). The young Bach went there (some 200 kms) to hear him.*

**Ciacona in E minor (variations on a theme)**

**Opening Sentence:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints. Let us join with the angels in joyful praise to the Son of God.

### **Hymn**

For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia, alleluia

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and hold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Prayers of Penitence:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us first call to mind our sin. *(Pause)*

**I confess to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
That I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts,  
and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;  
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints,  
and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself through his Spirit, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria** (*Tune: "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven"*)

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son'**

**Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;**

**As it was from the beginning, evermore shall be, Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:** Let us pray. (*We remain standing*)

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us sit and listen carefully to the Holy Word of God.

**A reading from the Book of Revelation** (*Revelation 21.1-6*)

<sup>1</sup>I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (*from Psalm 24*)

**R. Such are those who seek your face, O Lord.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are those who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Organ intro...



Al - le - lui - a, Al-le-lui - a. Al - le - lui - a,  
Al-le-lui - a. Al - le - lui - a -, Al-le - lui - a. Al - le - lui - a -, Al-le-lui - a.

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**(Repeat Alleluia)**

**Gospel:**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** *(Matthew 5:1-12)*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.

His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**(Repeat Alleluia)**

**Sermon**

Creed:

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Intercessions: Lord in your mercy All hear our prayer.**

*For the departed: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord*

**All and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*May they rest in peace All and rise in glory.*

**All Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.**

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn A COLLECTION will be taken during this hymn**

The bread and wine being presented today has been sponsored by

**Elizabeth Hodgson** in thanksgiving for

**grandson Jonathan's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday;**

**Ed Ball** in loving memory of **Celia.**

We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great high priest,  
o'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast:  
as thou art interceding for us in heaven above,  
thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.

Through thee in every nation thine own their hearts upraise,  
off'ring one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise:  
with thee in blest communion the living and the dead  
are joined in closest union, one body and one head.

O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good,  
who thine own self hast given to be our soul's true food;  
for us thy body broken hung on the cross of shame:  
this bread its hallowed token we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine,  
with our weak nature blending the strength of life divine;  
our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,  
we drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

May we thy word believing thee through thy gifts receive,  
that, thou within us living, we all to God may live;  
draw us from earth to heaven till sin and sorrow cease,  
forgiving and forgiven, in love and joy and peace.

**The Peace:** We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

*It is suggested that you only share the Peace with those immediately around you.*

*As you exchange the Peace, please begin to form a circle around the altar.*

Now, as we gather round God's Holy Throne we offer ourselves, our gifts and our  
prayers, and prepare ourselves to receive the gifts of the kingdom.

## Incensing Song



*(Cantor) I have called to you Lord; hasten to help me! Hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer arise before you like incense, the raising of my hands like a pure morning offering.*



## Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made; it will become for us the bread of life.

### Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become for us our spiritual drink.

### Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. You called us into being and have now gathered us together. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may live to your glory and come to share the life of your kingdom.

### Blessed be God for ever.

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Pour upon the poverty of our love, and the weakness of our praise, the transforming fire of your presence. **Amen.**

The image shows three lines of musical notation in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line has a vocal line starting with a 'v' and a repeat sign with an 'R'. The lyrics are: 'The - Lord be - with - you And - with thy - spi - rit'. The second line also has a vocal line starting with a 'v' and a repeat sign with an 'R'. The lyrics are: 'Lift - up your - hearts We lift them up un - to - the Lord'. The third line has a vocal line starting with a 'v' and a repeat sign with an 'R'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks un - to - our Lord-God. It is meet and right so - to do -'.

**Preface:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wei and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

### Acclamation

Christ has died: Christ is ri-sen: Christ will come a-gain.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence, in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**



There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,  
the song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;  
and they who, with their leader, have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part:  
his only, his for ever, thou shalt be, and thou art!

**Prayer after Communion:** God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Notices** (*verbal notices may be given. Other notices are in the back of this booklet*)

Hymn (*tune: "All creatures of our God and King"*)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, alleluia. Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs, virtues,  
archangels, angels' choirs,  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, alleluia.  
O Mary, bearer of the Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord.:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.....*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
alleluia, alleluia.  
To God the Father, God the Son; and God the Spirit, three in One:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.....*

**Blessing:** The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Organ:** Today's composer is Buxtehude (1637 – 1707) - organist in Lubeck (north Germany). The young Bach went there (some 200 kms) to hear him.

**Prelude and fugue in G minor**

*Do come up the stairs (or in the access lift) for coffee, tea and weekly raffle in the Capper Room!*

## **TODAY**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion**

**Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion**

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

## **THIS WEEK**

**Monday October 29:** *(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)*

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday October 30:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30**

**“Last Tuesday Lunch Club”**

**Wednesday October 31:**

Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

**Holy Trinity, 11.30am Funeral of Alan Hodgson**

Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Friday November 2:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

### **NEXT SUNDAY: November 4<sup>th</sup> [ALL SOULS]**

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion *(with Healing Prayer)*

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion *(with Healing Prayer)*

**Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass [All Souls]**

**Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert:**

**The Speranza Quartet**

**Christ Church, 6.00pm All Souls Service**

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

# Our Weekly Pattern

**Please check the weekly Calendar above for any deviations.**

**Mondays:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice  
(*The Vicar takes Monday as a day off*)

**Tuesdays:** Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

**Wednesdays:** Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion  
Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning  
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

**Fridays:** Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning  
Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

## Key Dates in the next Two months

**Events for today and through to next Sunday, are above.**

**There is an online Calendar - which you could save as a *Bookmark or Favourite*. Just go to our church's website.**

**Tuesday November 6:** Christ Church, 7.30pm P.C.C.

**Wednesday November 7:** (Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)  
Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

**Thursday November 8:** Christ Church, 10.30am Funeral (David Hall)  
Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Friday November 9:**

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Remembrance Service

**Saturday November 10:** Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

**Sunday November 11: Remembrance Sunday**

Christ Church, 11.00am Act of Remembrance

Holy Trinity, 10.50am (N.B.) Parish Mass

**Wednesday November 14:**

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

**Thursday November 15:**

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School

**Sunday November 18:**

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion & **GIVING** Service

**Monday November 19:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School

**Tuesday November 20:**

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School  
7.00pm Mother's Union

Holy Trinity, 7.30pm Joint P.C.C.

**Wednesday November 21:**

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School

**Thursday November 22:**

Christ Church, 1.00pm to 3.00pm Prayer Spaces session for Newtown School

**Friday November 23:**

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm St. Andrews Night Dinner

**Tuesday November 27:**

Christ Church Centre, 11.30 to 2.30 "Last Tuesday Lunch Club"

**Wednesday November 28:**

Holy Trinity, all day, Bay House rehearsals and evening concert  
(no cleaning or 6.30pm Mass)

**Friday November 30:**

Christ Church, 7.00pm to 9.00pm Preparation for Christmas Fair

**Saturday December 1:** Joint Christmas Fair (at Christ Church)

**Sunday December 2:**

(Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 8.00am and 9.30am Services)

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

**Monday December 3:** Christ Church, 6.30pm Christingle-Making

**Tuesday December 4:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Christingle

**Wednesday December 5:** (Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)

**Saturday December 8:** Christ Church, 10.00am Church Cleaning

11.00am to 12noon, Churches together in Gosport: Carols in the High Street

**Sunday December 9:** Holy Trinity, 6.00pm **Civic Carol Service**

**Monday December 10:** Christ Church, 7.00pm Scout Carols

**Tuesday December 11:** Christ Church, 6.00pm Beavers Christingle

**Wednesday December 12:**

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass (The Revd Margaret Hay)

**Thursday December 13:** Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

**Sunday December 16:** Christ Church, 6.30pm **Masonic Carol Service**

**Monday December 17:** Holy Trinity, 1.00pm to 1.30pm Organ Recital

**Tuesday December 18:**

Christ Church, 1.30pm Haselworth School Christmas Service

2.00pm Mother's Union

**Wednesday December 19:**

Christ Church, 11.00am Holy Communion at Hazeldene Nursing Home

Christ Church, 1.30pm Newtown School Christmas Service

**Thursday December 20:**

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm Ruby Funerals Service for the Bereaved

**Christmas Eve, December 24:** 6.30pm Christ Church "Candlelight" Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass at Holy Trinity

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**Christmas Day, December 25:** 8.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

10.00am Mass at Holy Trinity

11.00am Informal Carol Service at Christ Church

# **Notices**

**Alan Hodgson:** Our church family is in mourning, following the loss of Alan; and our love and prayers surround Elizabeth and all the family. Alan's Funeral Service is here at Holy Trinity this Wednesday 31st October, at 11.30am. Afterwards, there are light refreshments at the *Bun Penny* in Lee-on-the-Solent. Donations in Alan's memory are for *The British Heart Foundation*.

**Commemoration of "All Souls":** Around **All Souls Day**, each year, we have special services to remember the departed, including our own departed loved ones. **Next Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate All Souls at our 11.00am Parish Mass.** Invitations will be sent to those who have had funerals of loved ones through our parish in recent times. There will be a chance to light a candle in church to remember our loved ones. **If you would like (a) departed loved one(s) prayed for by name at the Mass, please tick their name on the alphabetical list on the table at the back of church [which includes recent funeral names] – or add any other names.** *Please note, there is also an All Souls Day Service (not a Communion) at Christ Church at 6.00pm on the same day, and there is a list at Christ Church for that service.*

**Sunday November 12:** is Remembrance Sunday. The Mass will begin at 10.50am, with an Act of Remembrance, so please be here earlier!

**Changes in Gosport Deanery:** *Fr Andy writes:* "The Diocese proposes to merge our two parishes with Forton and Elson. On the 19th June next year, it is proposed that I will be given six months' notice that my post as Vicar of Christ Church and Holy Trinity is being dissolved. During those six months, it is proposed that new posts will be advertised, to work within our four parishes, and within the other proposed new unit of Rowner and Bridgemary. There would be some - but fewer - parish clergy posts, and some "pioneer" (community based) posts - that could be filled by either clergy or lay people (there will be more full-time posts than before, but different ones). Those posts will begin in January 2020, so they will be filled during the period that the present deanery clergy are "working out" their notice. Along with several of my clergy colleagues in the deanery, I will be "welcome to apply" for any of the available posts in the deanery (i.e including the Pioneer posts) but because all the posts will be advertised, we could all be unsuccessful. If we are unsuccessful (or choose not to apply) there is a "redundancy package", whereby we will receive our stipend, and be housed somewhere (or receive an accommodation grant) for a period of a year. Also, of the four church buildings, it is (apparently) proposed that at least one will remain a parish church, whilst the others may become "mission hubs" (it is not clear at this stage what that might mean in practice....). Our PCC's have until 30th November to respond to the proposal to merge the four parishes.

- I have already drafted a written response to the diocese.
- the four churchwardens will meet with me to discuss and amend the draft.
- the amended draft will be presented through our already planned PCC meetings: (Christ Church, 6th Nov, Holy Trinity, 14th Nov)
- **it will then be circulated to both congregations for comments and questions.**

- there will be a special, "Joint PCC" to finalize the written response.
- the final version of the written response will be submitted to the Diocese very soon after.....and before the 30th November deadline.

**Donations for Christmas Giving** Once again, we are looking for cash donations so that we can 1) buy some Christmas presents for local people who might not otherwise receive them; 2) make a donation near Christmas to a crisis abroad.....  
**There are special envelopes available – donations will be taken to Christ Church, to add to what is being donated there, so that the gifts are given jointly by our two parishes.....**

## **Joint Christmas Fair!**

**Christ Church, Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10.30am to 2.00pm**

*(Optional "Prep Session": 7.00pm to 9.00pm the night before)*

**WE NEED:** Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Jams and preserves; Bottles; high quality Bric a Brac; Jewellery; Craft items; Toys; Books; New or nearly new clothes; CDs/DVD's and Jigsaws, etc, etc.....

The Joint Summer and Christmas Fairs so far have raised lots of money and brought in many people from the local community! Let's keep the momentum going! *Remember: if you are muttering about one of the fairs not being at "your" church, and don't get involved, you will simply miss out on a great community event.....and less money will be raised for "your" church!*

**Can you donate raffle prizes, or good quality items to sell?? Can you help on the day?? Can you work with someone from the other church without catching something nasty(??!!) PLEASE SPEAK TO/CONTACT THE VICAR WITH ANY OFFERS, COMMENTS, IDEAS!!**

**St Andrew's Night Dinner:** Friday 23rd November, 6.30pm. Cock a Leekie Soup with Crusty Bread; Haggis, Champit Tatties and Bashed Neeps; Fruit Pie for dessert; (Vegetarian Haggis available and for those not keen on the little beastie, Salmon will be an option for them!) Bring your own choice of liquid refreshment and your own glasses. **Cost £10.00 per person.** Scottish Dress - Tartan of your Clan, Formal or smart casual wear - Your Choice. **Get your Ticket Now if you wish to attend** - Numbers are strictly limited - **Closing Date is Sunday 18th November.** **Further information contact Geoff or Chrissie O'Neill on 023 9235 8974 or [gjdoneill@aol.com](mailto:gjdoneill@aol.com)**

**Are you a Knitter?** If so, Karen Haycock (who has recently joined Christ Church) has a knitting group at her house (6 Herbert Road, Gosport). It meets once a fortnight, and the next one is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 12.30pm to 2.30pm. For more details, you can contact Karen on 07969537564

**"Prayer Spaces" in Church:** Children from Newtown School will once again be coming to Christ Church, one year group at a time from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, to experience four "Prayer Spaces". These are interactive and sensory ways of praying. We are looking for people to help prepare

materials, and to be present when they come, to welcome and help them. **You would need to be available on weekdays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. If you are willing to be involved – either in preparations, or when they come – please speak to the Vicar!**

**The Revd Margaret Hay:** will be presiding once a month at the Wednesday 6.30pm Masses on these dates: 7th November, 12th December.

**Civic Carols:** We are delighted and honoured to – once again – be hosting the Civic Carol Service, in the presence of the Mayor, which is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm.

**Christingle:** There is a Christingle Service at Christ Church on **Tuesday December 4 at 6.00pm**. Children receive a decorated orange, with a candle in the top, which is a sign of Jesus, the light of the world. The services usually take place during Advent or near Christmas, and collect money to support the work of the Church of England charity, The Children's Society.

### **Carols in the High Street – “Churches Together in Gosport” (CTiG)**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, from 11.00am to 12noon, there will be Carols – in Nat Gonella Square, outside the main entrance to the Town Hall in the High Street, with the Mayor present, and readings and reflections from “Churches Together” .....do come along and join with other local Christians!

**Uniformed Groups – Carol Services:** For the first time this year, Christ Church is hosting the Scout Carol Service on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm, and the Beaver's Christingle Service on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. As District Scout Chaplain, the Vicar will take both services.

**[UPDATED!] "Heart for the Homeless": WE NEED** (as we are running out of the following and the weather is getting colder, especially at night time) Sleeping bags (no duvets or pillows); track trousers (Men/women) or thick trousers small waist 32"/34" (not many over-weight homeless); women/ men's trainers and boots or strong shoes; warm weather proof coats (men/women); warm cotton sweaters; socks (men/women's); small toiletries always welcome (they can't carry large bottles etc.); packets of cough sweets; small tubs of sudocrem, Vick or Vaseline.

We at Heart for the Homeless really appreciate your kind and generous donation **"Heart for the Homeless"** is a "Churches Together in Gosport" (CTiG) project, which is actively supported by members of Christ Church and Holy Trinity. There is a free lunch in Christ Church Centre: 1.00pm to 3.00pm every 4th Sunday. Please spread the word about the lunch....

**Fair Trade Stall** Thanks to David and Tessa Bloodworth, there is a Fair Trade stall here at Holy Trinity (usually on the Second Sunday of the month, but this may vary) for you to peruse after Mass. Established in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty, Traidcraft is the UK's leading fairtrade organisation. Its mission is to fight poverty through trade, pioneering, practising and promoting approaches to trade that

help poor people in developing countries transform their lives. David and Tessa take no profit and cover their own costs - so the prices are 10% less than in the catalogue. **David and Tessa write:** *"Some will have heard that Traidcraft, sadly, are in difficulties. We should like to reassure our supporters that nothing will change before the end of the year and orders will go in as usual. We hope to stock up with ginger cookies and other favourites if necessary and possible."*

**Sunday Raffles!** Two recent Sunday Raffles were enhanced by a couple of additional donations bringing the total to £150.00 for Cystic Fibrosis. We started doing the Sunday Raffles in September 2009 and **we have now passed the £10,000.00 mark!!** A superb achievement (and thanks to the wonderful support from those who have donated prizes and bought raffle tickets). We have raised money for Holy Trinity and for good causes (*which has included donations to; Street Pastors, The Yemen Crisis Appeal, The Grenfell Fire Appeal, Cystic Fibrosis and the annual Bishops Lent Appeals*). If you are able to support this venture by providing a prize, a list is on the table at the back of the Church. **Well done everyone!**

**Prayer List:** Praying for people by name during our services is important and special. But to save the list getting longer and longer, please let us know if a name can be removed.....

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** "This regulation comes into force on 25 May 2018 and puts much greater accountability on organisations, including churches and charities, to be transparent about how they use personal data. The information you give to us for our planned giving schemes including Gift Aid envelopes will be held securely and only used for making a Gift Aid repayment claim. It will not be used for marketing nor shared with, or sold to, any other person or organisation. The donations you kindly made under the planned giving schemes to Holy Trinity Church last year enabled us to claim almost £8,000 from H M Revenue and Customs (HMRC) from those who are able to gift aid their donations to us." (*Geoff O'Neill - Hon. Treasurer & Planned Giving & Gift Aid administrator.*)

**Could you be a Gargoyle?** Could you spare two hours a week to provide a welcome to visitors, and help ensure our beautiful church is open for a while every day? We try to be open on weekdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and on Saturdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm; and we need to have at least two people in the church at the same time. Could you help? ....or, if you couldn't manage a two hour slot per week, could you be on a list of "reserves", for stepping in as required?

**Please help keep the church clean!** Church cleaning is done **EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**, while the church is open from 1.30pm to 3.30pm....please help!

**Our Social Life and Fellowship together.... is a very important part of what makes Holy Trinity what it is! Please do make a note of the following "social**

**dates” for next year, especially if you are new to the church.....they are a great way to get to know people better!**

**Saturday January 27:** 7.00pm Douglas's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Chinese Night

**Tuesday February 13:** 6.00pm Pancake Party

**Friday March 23:**

5.45pm (after 5.00pm Mass) Annual Meeting (with fish and chips at 6.30pm)

**Friday April 20:** 6.30pm St. George's Night Bangers & Mash with Quiz Evening

**Saturday June 2:** Joint Summer Fair (at Holy Trinity)

**Friday October 19:** 6.30pm Harvest Supper

**Friday November 23:** 6.30pm St. Andrews Night with Haggis, Apple Pie dessert

**Saturday December 1:** Joint Christmas Fair (at Christ Church)

**Organ Book and DVD:** We have a beautiful book about the history of our famous “Handel Organ”. Copies available for just £5.00! .....and now a DVD (with commentary by Pam Rhodes) for just £10.00!

**Supporting our Food Banks:** by placing gifts of non-perishable food and other useful items in the shopping trolley in church. Gosport Basics Bank have thanked us for the very generous donation of food and other basic needs which we made at Harvest. The need goes on throughout the year and the Bank is finding that more and more people have to call for help, and this is likely to increase further as Universal Credit is rolled out. Among items in short supply at present are jam, sugar and size 6 nappies. UHT milk is always needed. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember that food banks can only give out food which is in date.

**@CofE Portsmouth - Brand New Magazine:** Our diocese's brand new, quarterly magazine **@CofE Portsmouth** has replaced the monthly *Pompey Chimes*. The four editions each year come out in March, June, September and December. Designed to give churchgoers and non-churchgoers an insight into life in our parishes and church schools, combining longer features with stories about people and columns written by the bishop and others on significant issues. Topical news stories and forthcoming events can be found more easily on the Diocese of Portsmouth website: **[www.portsmouth.anglican.org](http://www.portsmouth.anglican.org)**

**Prayer Cards:** When you light a candle for someone, you may wish to let them know that you have remembered and prayed for them at Holy Trinity. Why not take one of our prayer cards, which says, “**a candle has been lit for you and a prayer said today**”? You can give it to them, send it to them, or put it through their door, perhaps with a personal message written on the back. The cards are in small boxes where we light candles - by Our Lady and by St Francis; and on the table in the foyer. Our thanks are due to Tessa and David Bloodworth for passing on the idea and for sponsoring the first batch of 1,000 cards; and to Geoff O'Neill for the design and for organising printing.

**Sponsoring the bread and wine on a Sunday:** You have the opportunity to sponsor the bread and wine which is presented at Parish Mass, for a donation of £5.00. It can be for a departed loved one or for a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. The details will appear in the Sunday booklet. See the list on the back table.

**Church Chairs:** There are dedication plaques on many of our chairs. If you would like have one dedicated to someone (living or departed) there are forms on the back table. A donation of £40.00 is asked.

**“Friends of Holy Trinity”:** If you are not yet a member, and would be happy to pay £12 per year for individual membership, or £20 a year for couple/family membership, please ask Fr Andy for a form. Last year we raised £500.00! We’d like that total to increase year on year, as we use the money to enhance our building.