

Welcome to
Holy Trinity Church
Remembrance Sunday



REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 11th November 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 service will commence at 10:50. If inclement, all will take place inside but if weather permits, the Act of Remembrance will be held outside with the remainder of the service being held inside. Please follow the procession as it leaves the church and take your service sheets with you.

Organ:

Chorale Prelude "O mankind – we bewail our grievous sins" (Bach 1685–1750)

(Organ Music stops at 10:50am – if the procession is leaving church, it will lead the congregation to the war memorial)

Act of Remembrance

We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Last Post

Two minutes silence

Reveille

The Exhortation *(read by Tim Holt, in loving memory of Alan Hodgson, who has read this for us in the past.....)*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

All We will remember them.

(A wreath is laid)

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all mankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.

The Kohima Epitaph

(Also read by Tim Holt, in loving memory of Alan Hodgson, who has read this for us in the past.....)

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen, long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen. Send her victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us, God save the Queen.

(If outside, we process back into church)

Opening Sentence: Greater love has no-one than this: that they lay down their life for their friend *(If we have been outside, the opening sentence is said from the glass doors leading to the church – and bells may be rung to signal start of first hymn)*

Hymn

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone.
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun

O God, our help in ages past our hope for years to come
be our defence while troubles last, and our eternal home.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All Amen**

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

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us also confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek that peace which God wills for his children.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us pardon and forgive us our sins and bring us to eternal life. **All Amen.**

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

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

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

A reading from the Letter to the Romans (Romans 8:31 – 39)

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (from Psalm 71)

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people and save the children of the needy **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation



Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

(Repeat Alleluia)

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John
Glory to you, O Lord. *(John 15.9-17)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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.

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, *All* 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 Matthew's 6th birthday;
Mandy Laming in thanksgiving for her daughter, Christine's 50th birthday,
and in birthday remembrance for Granny Florence Brightwell.

(Tune: 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind')

O God of hope, your prophets spoke of days when war would cease:
when taught to see each person's worth, and faithful stewards of the earth,
we all would live in peace, we all would live in peace.

We pray that our divided world may hear their words anew:
Then lift for good the curse of war, let bread with justice bless the poor,
And turn in hope to you, and turn in hope to you.

Earth's fragile web of life demands our reverence and our care,
Lest in our folly, sloth and greed, deaf both to you and others' need,
We lay our planet bare, we lay our planet bare.

Earth's rich resources give us power to build or to destroy:
Your Spirit urges us to turn from selfish, fear-bound ways, and learn
His selfless trust and joy, his selfless trust and joy.

The Prince of Peace is calling us to shun the way of strife;
He brings us healing through his pain; our shattered hope is born again
Through his victorious life, through his victorious life.

The Peace: Jesus says to his disciples, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

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.

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: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

The - Lord be - with - you And - with thy - spi - rit
Lift - up your - hearts We lift them up un - to - the Lord
Let us give thanks un - to - our Lord-God. It is meet and right so - to do -

(For Remembrance Sunday, the following Eucharistic Prayer is a special one for peace, justice and reconciliation.)

Preface: It is right to give unceasing thanks and boundless praise to you, Holy God, ruler of the universe and giver of life. You brought the world into being and declared it good; you made humankind in your image and entrusted to us the stewardship of all creation. Despite our failings you showed us mercy. Never abandoning us to our sinfulness, you came among us and showed us the path of life. Therefore, we praise you, joining the saints and angels, evermore praising you and singing:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer 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.

Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He pronounced the blessedness of peacemakers, all those who are willing to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. Jesus yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. We returned violence for his friendship, crucifixion for his self-offering. Yet even this you turned to blessing and transformed his unjust death into the means of salvation. On the night before he died for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said "Drink this, all of you This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Acclamation



Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this memorial of our redemption. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Send your Spirit upon us also, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness. Through the abiding presence of Christ, empower us to live the gospel of peace and bring reconciliation to the world in his Name. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

(all) By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. All Amen.

Let us pray with confidence to the Father 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. (Pause)

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.**

(Organ) Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us. world, Grant us peace.

[A period of silence is kept, to prepare to receive Christ.]

Communion Antiphon: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

If you have ever received Communion in ANY Christian church, you are welcome to do so here. If you have never received Communion before, but have been baptised/ christened, than you can also receive Communion – this includes children, if those responsible for them are happy for them to. (Ask the priest if you have any questions). If you are not receiving Communion, but would like a blessing, please hold this service booklet in your hands.

Organ music during Communion: Chorale Prelude “O sacred head ...”
- the Passion of Jesus, our behalf (Reger 1873-1916)

Communion Hymn

(Tune: O Valiant Hearts)

God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
The lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, Lord, for women, children, men
Who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
High hope to share with all the newly born,
Strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
‘lest we forget’ the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in pow’r,
Teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
Remember forward to a world restored.

Prayer after Communion: Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. **All Amen**

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

Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep, its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word, the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood, upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease, and gave for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee, for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, our brethren's shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee, glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessing: The Lord be with you
and also with you

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God grant to the living: grace; to the departed: rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people: unity, peace and concord; and to us and all God's servants: life everlasting; 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:

Toccata from the 5th Organ Symphony [Resurrection] (Widor 1844-1917)

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

TODAY [REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 9.30am Parish Communion

Christ Church, 11.00am Act of Remembrance

Holy Trinity, 10.50am (NB time) Parish Mass

Holy Trinity, 6.00pm Vespers and Benediction

THIS WEEK

Monday November 12: *(The Vicar takes Monday as a day off)*

Christ Church, 6.00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 13: Holy Trinity, 9.30am Mass

Wednesday November 14:

Christ Church, 10.00am Holy Communion

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, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 6.30pm Mass

Holy Trinity, 7.00pm P.C.C.

Thursday November 15:

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

Friday November 16: Holy Trinity, 1.30pm Church Cleaning

Holy Trinity, 5.00pm Mass

Saturday November 17: Holy Trinity, 12noon Baptism (Milburn)

NEXT SUNDAY: November 18th [2nd Sunday before Advent]

Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion

Christ Church, 10.00am All-Age Communion (Giving Service)

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass

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.

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

Wednesday November 21:

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

Thursday November 22:

Holy Trinity, 10.00am Greek Orthodox Funeral (Hunter)

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

Holy Trinity, 8.00pm Joint P.C.C. [CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME]

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)

St Mary's, Rowner, 6.00pm to 7.00pm Joint PCC

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

Saturday December 29:

Holy Trinity, 5.30pm Wedding (O'Byrne and Pointon)

Sunday December 30: Christ Church, 8.00am Holy Communion **(1662)**

Christ Church, 9.30am Poetry, Carols and Communion

Holy Trinity, 11.00am Parish Mass (*No Vespers at Holy Trinity*)

Wednesday January 2: (Christ Church, Healing Prayer at 10.00am Service)

Sunday January 6: EPIPHANY

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

Holy Trinity, 3.30pm, Tea-Time Concert

Thursday January 10: Christ Church, 7.00pm, Ladies' Group

Notices

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."

Book Stall: Yvonne Riddell is organising our next bookstall for Sunday 25th November. If you would like Yvonne to try and get anything in particular, please can you let her know this Sunday (11th) or next Sunday (18th). There will be an Advent theme to the selection.

Joint Christmas Fair!

Christ Church, Saturday December 1st, 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!!

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.....

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**

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 (over all, 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). 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 proposed that one will remain a parish church, whilst the others may become "mission hubs" (a flexible use building with no parish area, and a base for Pioneer Ministry). Our PCC's have until 30th November to respond to the proposals.

- I have already drafted a written response to the diocese.

- the four churchwardens have met with me to discuss and amend the draft.

- the amended draft (and some new information) has been presented to our already planned PCC meeting at Christ Church, and will be presented to Holy Trinity P.C.C. this Wednesday, 14th Nov)

- **it will then be circulated to both congregations for comments and questions.**

- ***[CHANGE: instead of the proposed Joint P.C.C. On Tues 20th, our PCC's now have two meetings with Diocesan staff on 22nd and 28th November.]***

- the final version of the written response will be submitted to the Diocese before the 30th November deadline.

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 9th 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.

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.....

The Revd Margaret Hay: will be presiding once a month at the Wednesday 6.30pm Masses on 12th December. Dates for 2019 will be published soon.

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

On Saturday 8th 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 10th December at 7.00pm, and the Beaver's Christingle Service on Tuesday 11th 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....

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.

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 15th November**, 12.30pm to 2.30pm. **Even if you don't knit, you could just come for tea and natter!** For more details, you can contact Karen on 07969537564

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!**

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.

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.

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!

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!

@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**

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.