

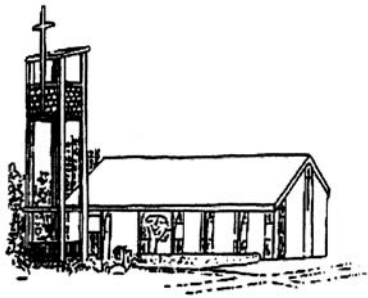
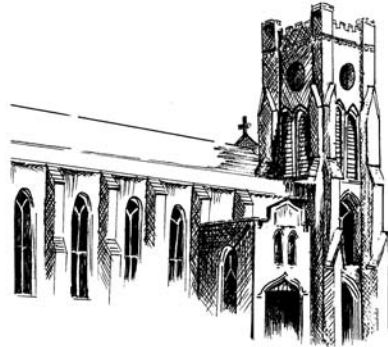


# Welcome to the Parish

The Team Parish of Holy Trinity with St. Columba, Fareham

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If there are activities you would like more details about, or that you would like to be involved with please list them below:-

Would you like a visit from one of the staff team?

Please hand this slip to one of the ministers, church wardens, or sidespeople, return to the Parish Office, West Street, Fareham, PO16 0EL. (rear of Holy Trinity), or send an email to [admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk)



## Welcome to the Parish

Hello! Thank you for picking up this booklet. In it you will find some information about us as a parish of the Church of England and how we try to express our faith in God. There is, of course, information about Sunday services and also about the various activities which go on and how we organize ourselves.

In the Ministry section you see that there are various ways in which we look after each other and stretch out to meet the needs of people who turn to us at times of crisis. Also we have a network to ensure that no member of the church is forgotten.

Around our worship are music and fellowship, and all those special times when we turn to God in thanks or in sorrow. You will see how to make arrangements for weddings, baptisms and funerals. There are opportunities to join in and use your particular talents, be they to talk, listen, administer or beautify.

At the beginning of the booklet you will see the names and contact details of our principal staff and at the end there is a tear-out form which you can use if you simply want to find out more.

Thank you again for looking in, we hope to see you again.

Frank Wright  
Team Rector

# Worship

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

At 8.00 a.m. each Sunday there is a quiet, said service of Holy Communion at both our churches. That is followed at 9.30 a.m. by the main Family Communion Service during which there is a creche and Sunday School. At Holy Trinity only there is a service of Holy Communion using the older language with hymns at 11.15 a.m. On the first Sunday of each month there is a Community Praise service at St Columba at 10.00 am, this is a simple 45 minute service without communion.

## **THIRD SUNDAY**

The 9.30am service at both churches on the third Sunday of each month aim to offer a different style of worship from that at other services. It is particularly suitable for children and young people, as the approach is less formal and the uniformed organisations come to this service.

## **COMMUNITY PRAISE**

Community Praise is an informal all age service where everyone is welcome. It lasts about 40 minutes with songs, prayers, stories, activities, and something to think about.

Come and see for yourself on the 1st Sunday of each month, 10 am at St Columba Church.

## **EVENING SERVICES**

At 6.30p.m. there is an evening service at one of the churches (see weekly pew leaflet for details).

## **IONA WORSHIP**

On the first Sunday of each month, usually at St Columba at 6.30 p.m., our evening worship is in the Iona style using the orders of service and many hymns that have been written by the community living and working at Iona Abbey.

## **MID-WEEK SERVICES**



## **WEB SITE**

The parish has a web site [www.holytrinitystcolumba.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitystcolumba.org.uk) which contains much useful information about the parish.

## **CONTACTS**

If you wish to contact any particular group or person, please get in touch with the parish office on 01329 232688 or [Admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk)

# ADMINISTRATION

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open each weekday morning from 9am till 12 noon. It is the administrative centre of the parish. Many parishioners use the office as a drop-in point for information to and from the clergy and the Rector's Secretary and Parish Administrator are both there to help. The office can be contacted by phone on 01329 232688 or via email [admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:admin@holytrinity-fareham.fsnet.co.uk)

## VESTRY HOUR

Vestry Hour is held at St Columba Church and Holy Trinity Parish Centre every Wednesday between 6.15 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. At Holy Trinity a team of lay people staff the Parish Office/ Lounge for each session. Apart from the necessary documentation, this gives an excellent opportunity to welcome and meet with people about Marriage and Baptism. If you have any queries please contact the parish office.

## THE PARISH MAGAZINE

The magazine is published once a month on the last Sunday. There are contributions from members of our congregations. It also includes information about what's on, news about our activities, house groups, special events and about other parishes in our Deanery. A small editorial group meets once a month to plan the next month's magazine. Items for the magazine can be left in the parish office or sent directly to the magazine editor at [htsccparishnews@hotmail.com](mailto:htsccparishnews@hotmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

We give to God, through the church, a certain amount of our money. This booklet will suggest some of the ways you can use your time and talents for God through his church. You might want to suggest others.....

The following weekday services are held in the parish:-

Mondays	9.00 am - Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Tuesdays	9.00 am - Holy Communion at St Columba
Wednesdays	9.00 am - Morning Prayer at St. Columba 10.15 am - Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
Thursday	7.00 am - Holy Communion at Holy Trinity (First Thursday of each month only) 9.00 am - Holy Communion at St Columba

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

The job of the Server is to prepare the vestments, holy vessels and the sanctuary for the Eucharist service, to take an active part in the service, serving the Deacon and President and, finally, to clear up after the service. The duties are not particularly hard, but they are very rewarding. All servers are given full training before undertaking their duties for the first time and will be eased into the duty list as quickly or as slowly as they wish.

## **INTERCESSION LEADERS**

Members of the congregation lead the Intercessions at the 9.30 am Family Communion at each Church.

## **THE HEALING MINISTRY**

We seek help to open ourselves to God's healing love in whatever way is right at the time. Within the Parish many people have committed themselves to pray at home regularly for the long term sick of the Parish.

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

The death of someone you have loved leaves a deep aching wound. Wounds do heal but often need a lot of attention while they do.

In the parish there is a team of people trained to travel with those who are bereaved and listen to them. We offer this service to everyone who has had the unfortunate job of arranging a funeral and to anyone who feels they would benefit. Please ask if we can be of help.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

A Pastoral scheme helps keep in touch with members of the congregation. This is based upon Pastoral Leaders keeping in contact with 5/6 families who live near to them. The sick and housebound are, of course, visited in their own homes. All parishioners are prayed for individually at the mid-week services during a weekly Cycle of Prayer.

## **HOLY TRINITY GARDENING GROUP**



The care and maintenance of the gardens to the front of the church and the quadrangle between the church and parish centre give an indication of how much we value the environment. At present each week throughout the year one volunteer looks after the surrounding borders, prunes the shrubs and keeps the areas clear of litter. During the grass growing season a rota of six mow the grass. The members of the group would welcome further help.

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SITTERS**

This team of lay people ensure that Holy Trinity Church is normally open Monday to Friday from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Each team of two people covers a 2 hour period in the morning or afternoon. New volunteers are always welcome and if you would like to help or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## **TRAIIDCRAFT**

Traidcraft is a Christian trading company based on *fair shares, concern for people and care for the environment*. It markets a wide range of quality products, jewellery, clothing, household items, handicrafts, teas, coffees and foodstuffs which are bought, at fair prices from producers in developing countries who give their workers a good deal and pursue responsible social policies. It also sells a range of recycled paper products which are made in Europe. Traidcraft is creating opportunities for the poor in the third world to work their way to a better quality of life, and for people here, when they go shopping, to play a part in creating a fairer, more caring world. Traidcraft goods are available from "The Well" a Christian Bookshop and cafe at 116-118 West Street, nearby to Holy Trinity.

## **COMMUNITY & WORLD CARE**

This committee exists to strengthen the links between the Church and local organisations and the community and between churches of all denominations; also the work of "Churches Together in Fareham". One of our responsibilities is to oversee the Mission giving of the Parish, and to decide how it should be allocated.

# PARISH GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

## TRICOLEX MORRIS DANCERS

This Parish group was formed in 1991, regularly dancing at Parish events and local fetes, occasionally weddings, and even town twinning events at home and abroad. There are currently about a dozen dancers. New members are welcome no previous experience or ability being necessary.

## HOLY TRINITY FLOWER ARRANGERS

Flowers in the Church are a symbol of beauty and worship and those who arrange them do so to the glory of God. We are always looking for new helpers who will be welcomed and given every assistance. You can also help with donations for flowers in memory of someone or for anniversaries which you would like to be commemorated in this way.



## St. COLUMBA FLOWER ARRANGERS

This is a group of men and women, who enjoy using flowers to beautify our Church and as a form of thanksgiving and worship. Members usually arrange one or two altar pedestals a year and help at festivals when possible.

New volunteers are always welcome: no particular level of expertise is required and help is available. Alternatively you may wish to donate the flowers for one Sunday as a thanksgiving or memorial: we can arrange these for you.

## CLEANING GROUPS

### HOLY TRINITY CLEANING GROUP

If you visit Holy Trinity Church on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 11.00 am you will find the "Guild of the Holy Dusters" in action. There are about 10 members, and we all have our own "patch" to clean. After completing the sweeping, vacuuming, dusting and polishing, we adjourn to the kitchen for a cup of tea or coffee.

People are welcome to join us and the St. Columba group of cleaners.

## MEDITATION

At 12:45 pm each Wednesday afternoon at Holy Trinity Church there is a short meditation service. This is led by one of a team of 10 people which includes both lay people and clergy. The service is open to all and often brings in lunch time visitors and passers-by who come and experience 10 minutes peace.

## TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday morning, a small group of parish members, meet in the Prayer corner of Holy Trinity church and once a month at St Columba. We pray for the life of the Parish, our town, and offer prayers on behalf of those with special concerns.

## PRAYERS FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Every Thursday lunchtime at 1.00 pm in Holy Trinity Chapel area there is a regular time of prayer for justice and peace, this usually lasts for between 10 & 15 minutes. These prayers are usually linked to the information provided on the Community and World Care notice board at the back of the church. Each month the display is changed, and we pray for local and national issues. We are a small gathering, several people come along from other churches in the town, and we would be delighted for more people to attend our time together.

## HOLY TRINITY BAPTISM GROUP

The Baptism Group is a small group of committed people who have taken on the responsibilities of attending monthly baptism preparations (on a rota) in the Parish Centre, of supporting and getting to know the families of the children who are to be baptised, and of attending the baptism.

The group is also responsible for sending a card on the anniversary of the baptism for the following four years. The members of the group see themselves as an important link between the congregation and the baptism families, and a friendly face when they join us for worship on Sundays.

## **THE CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRY**

There is a Prayer Ministry Team who ensure that there is always someone available for personal prayer after the 9.30 am Sunday services at both churches. There are also occasional healing services where personal ministry is offered for those who are ill or who need prayer support for other reasons. Any of the clergy will be able to refer you to a member of the team if you would find this helpful at any time. In addition, within the Parish there are those who have committed themselves to pray at home regularly for anyone with a longer term need,

Together with other churches in the town we run 'Love and Cherish' a Friday evening and Saturday morning when we invite you to come along and think about being married and living together.

If one of you has a former partner living (in other words you are divorced) that does not mean that you may not be married in one of our churches but we will want to talk to you at length before deciding if we can go ahead with a wedding. You will be asked this question when you first apply. Obviously this takes a little time and although ordinarily a wedding can be arranged within a month, more time is needed.

## **SERVICE OF PRAYER & DEDICATION**

If you have decided to marry in a Register office, you may wish to come to church afterwards for a service of Prayer and Dedication, usually known as a Blessing. If you would like that please apply to vestry hour.

## **RENEWAL OF VOWS**

Occasionally people like to renew their marriage vows on an anniversary or following some life event. Services like this can be arranged in church or in your home and can be as elaborate or as simple as you wish. Again please contact vestry hour.

## **FUNERALS**

If you have to arrange a funeral you have a number of choices, which a funeral director will put before you. You may want to ask a Church minister to conduct a funeral and this is arranged through the funeral director. When we are notified of a funeral we will meet you to discuss your needs and to offer you support in your bereavement.

Funerals are conducted at the Crematorium, sometimes at the Cemetery, and often in church. The church service allows you more time and you may wish to consider that. It is very helpful in arranging for a minister if we are involved before the date and time are fixed.

## **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

If you wish a memorial service can be arranged to take place on a different day to the funeral, for more information please contact a member of the clergy, or the parish office.

# SPECIAL OCCASIONS

## BAPTISMS



If you live in the Parish and wish to have your child baptised, arrangements can be made at vestry hour in the parish office at Holy Trinity each Wednesday between 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm, vestry hour is also held at St Columba.

If you don't live in the parish we may be able to baptise your child with the agreement of the church in your area.

## CONFIRMATION

Many of us were baptised as small children and remember nothing about it. Later in life we may wish to confirm all that our parents and godparents said for us at the time. We call this Confirmation, when the Bishop hears our promises and lays his hands on us just as Jesus did to the first people he gathered around him. We offer this opportunity from time to time, usually about once a year. After preparation the Baptised children of worshipping parents are admitted to communion.

## WEDDINGS

Everyone enjoys a good wedding and we always try to pull out all the stops to make them go well. If you have decided to marry in church there are a few things you will need to do. In the Church of England the legal and residential qualifications apply in much the same way as for a civil wedding.

The rules are that one of you must live in, or be on the electoral roll of the parish. So the first thing you must do is to find out which parish you live in. There are three Church of England parishes in Fareham corresponding roughly to the main part of the town. Their boundaries are old and difficult to work with but unfortunately we have to. A telephone call to the nearest church will enable you to find out which parish you or your fiancé lives in.

Go along to Vestry Hour (Wednesday 6.15pm- 7.15pm) at Holy Trinity or at St. Columba and you can begin to make your arrangements.

# MUSIC

## HOLY TRINITY CHOIR

Holy Trinity choir is made up of adults, boys and girls. We rehearse each Friday evening between 6.45 pm and 9.00 pm and sing at the 9.30 am and 6.30 pm services on Sunday. We are a friendly group, affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music which forms a good basic training for young children. New members are always very welcome.



## ST. COLUMBA CHOIR

This is a friendly choir of adults, boys and girls singing for the 9.30 am and 6.30 pm services at St Columba. Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings 6.45 pm to 7.45pm. New members (aged 8 to 108 plus) are always welcome.

## THE HOLY TRINITY "THIRD SUNDAY" MUSIC GROUP

A very important contribution to the 9:30 am Third Sunday worship is made by a group of instrumentalists and singers who accompany the hymns and play before and after the service. This group is well established having provided music for some 25 years! It includes a wide variety of instruments and the members span all ages from school age to 'senior citizens'. There are also opportunities to play for other services such as carol services and St George's Day. The group normally holds a monthly practice session. Anyone who can play an instrument or sing and whose sight reading is reasonably good is invited to enquire about joining the group.

## HYMN CHOOSING GROUP

This group from both churches **meets every six weeks** at a member's home to suggest the hymns for most of the 9.30am, 11.15am and 6.30pm Sunday services. The themes of the Readings are very much borne in mind, as well as familiarity, singability and "modernity" (or otherwise). Suggestions for hymns are always very welcome.

# FELLOWSHIP

## COFFEE AFTER WORSHIP



Every Sunday, after the 9.30am Communion Service, coffee, tea and squash are served in our two church halls. This gives us the opportunity to meet and get to know other members of the congregations.

## HOUSE GROUPS

There are various house groups in the Parish, usually meeting fortnightly. They are opportunities to discuss our faith in the informal atmosphere of a small group, in the comfort of a home. In this way we grow as Christians, increasing our confidence and knowledge, through discussions, bible studies, videos etc. Equally important is prayer and loving care for one another. Sharing our worries and concerns can be very helpful, and the group gives support when needed.



## MOTHERS' UNION



The Mothers' Union is a world-wide society whose aim is the advancement of Christian faith in the sphere of family life. It is open to all, men and women, who are prepared to uphold the Aims and Objects of the society. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Holy Trinity Church at 2.15pm for prayers, and in the Parish Centre on the third Tuesday at 2.15pm and occasionally on a Thursday 7.30 pm for other activities. The programme is on the noticeboard.

## ST. COLUMBA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet informally at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month for a chat over afternoon tea. Our venue is St. Columba Church Hall. In addition, the group enjoys other social events throughout the year. Everybody is welcome at all meetings.

## ST. COLUMBA FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The St. Columba Friendship Club is held every Monday from 2.30pm. Membership is drawn from the community.

## HOLY TRINITY AND ST COLUMBA MEN'S GROUP

We meet informally on or around the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm We visit many locations, enjoy talks, visits and fun events. All ages welcome to come along and enjoy the fellowship. See pew sheets for details

## PEOPLE ALONE CIRCLE

The People Alone Circle is a group where the lonely and those who live alone may meet. It focuses on men and women of all ages who are either single or separated, divorced or widowed. P.A.C. meets in the Parish Centre on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm. An informal chat over a cup of tea is followed by a discussion. In these troubled times it is increasingly difficult to go out alone and P.A.C. offers the opportunity for people who are alone to share interests such as the theatre, restaurants, museums, shopping, coach trips etc. and holidays have also been shared.

## WELCOME GROUP

Members of this group ensure that newcomers and visitors to the 9.30 a.m. Service on a Sunday are made welcome. They may introduce them to the Clergy and also suggest that they might like to stay for coffee after the Service when they can meet with other members of the congregation.