



**13 July 2022**

Dear Friends,

It's with heavy hearts that Maria Vittoria, Chiara and I say goodbye to you this coming week. Our time here has flown by and much has changed since we arrived, but your friendship and support have been a constant from day one and we will miss you very much.

Being a curate is an odd thing; you arrive in a parish knowing that you'll soon (in relative terms) be leaving, but that in the meantime you've got much to do and learn as well as building relationships in the parish. I was so glad to have had nine months here before the pandemic took hold and so I'd had the chance to meet many of you before our churches were closed. Despite the numerous challenges, lockdown brought us new opportunities and I'll never forget us gathering on Zoom on Sunday mornings to worship together and then catching up over virtual coffee nor how quickly we began to see livestreaming services as the norm.

When I first came to look around the parish, Robert told me that it was place of warmth and community. I've lost track of the homes we've visited over the last three years as you've welcomed us at your dining tables and we'll forever be grateful for the kindness and generosity you showed us when little Chiara arrived and you kept us fed as we grappled with the challenges of first-time parenting.

Robert also told me that he'd keep me busy here – he kept his promise! Having plenty to get stuck into is great for a curate and I have loved being part of different groups and working with different people. It may be a cliché, but curates always seem to end up running the youth group. Café club, junior church and the choirs all pre-dated me, but I admit to feeling especially delighted when I you (our youngsters) at our BBQ a few weeks ago, socialising together and celebrating the fact that everyone can find a home here whether that's up the front or at the back, serving, singing, welcoming and of course just being.

Our community is far wider than those whom we see in church on Sundays. As soon as I arrived I joined the pastoral care group, some of the many unsung parish angels who work hard to ensure that those unable to be with us physically on Sundays feel in communion with us. I've been humbled to walk alongside so many of you and be welcomed into your homes during pastoral visits, praying together while enjoying tea, cakes and of course a good natter.

On Sunday there'll be a chance for me to say a few special thank yous, but here I'd like to record our thanks to you all for making these three years such great fun, for teaching me so much and for allowing us to journey with you for this short while.

**- Tom Pote**

We have been very fortunate to have had Tom here as curate, over the last three years. He arrived, already with great assurance and composure, and has developed in delightful ways in his ministry. Tom is much loved by young and old alike. He is great at remembering names, at making a quick phone call to encourage, and in dropping in to occasions so that people are aware of his kindly attention. Tom has been brilliant in helping the parish make the most of opportunities arising from having to deal with Covid. Tom, with Pippa, has helped grow Café Club to an extent that there can be 20 teenagers relaxing together on a Thursday afternoon - all of whom are making contributions to parish worship. He has taken to preaching without notes, without a lectern or pulpit for support - a remarkable skill - so that we are drawn into a deeper listening as he seems to make the sermon up as he goes along!

Maria Vittoria and Chiara have been a beautiful, smiling presence, making days brighter whenever we see them. Tom is now going into school chaplaincy - but I can easily picture him making a great contribution to parish ministry in the years ahead, with the hope that he will find a forum for making his voice heard on the wider stage. I am not the only person who will miss Tom's friendship and wisdom, his gentleness and strength.

"Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord"!

- Robert

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## Rector's Notes

### Director of Music

As he takes up his new role as Director of Music, Nick also has a new email address. Could you please add [music@holyltrinityguildford.org.uk](mailto:music@holyltrinityguildford.org.uk) to your address books.

Please do keep an eye out, just in case any emails go into people's spam folder. Thank you!

### NCS (National Citizen Service)

Throughout the summer, [NCS](#) are making use of our buildings. Encouraging youngsters to thrive in different settings, with a different peer group, this programme is excellent and one we are happy for our buildings to be used for. All the money that they raise this year are going towards supporting one of our charities, [Oakleaf](#). If you see them on the steps at Holy Trinity, do consider stopping to say hello, or purchasing a delicious glass of homemade lemonade - they are doing great work!

### Office Opening during the Summer Holidays (15th July - 1 September) A reminder!!

Corinne and Chloe will be in the office over the summer but the opening hours will vary. The [What's On](#) calendar will be updated regularly, should the office need to close on any particular day.

If you need to make an appointment to see one of them or need to collect anything from the office, please either email [Corinne](#) or [Chloe](#) or call the office on 01483 567716 and leave a message. Thank you.

### Tom's last Café Club.

The sun shone, ice creams and chocolate cake were eaten and a present given. Cafe Club made hands with messages about climate change written on the back to send on behalf of Young Christians for Climate Change to the Lambeth Conference, asking attending Bishops to keep Climate Change at the front of the agenda.

### A message from Nick Graham

This August, the girl choristers and adults of the choir are travelling to Wales for the first time to sing at [Llandaff Cathedral](#). Situated in a village slightly outside of Cardiff, Llandaff Cathedral is the centre of the Church in Wales, and the choir will be singing 5 services while visiting. For the first two days of the trip, the girl choristers will sing on their own, providing music for two services of evensong that includes a setting of an Irish Blessing and a dancing setting of the Magnificat by Ben Parry. At the weekend, the



adults will join the group to sing for evensong on Saturday and two services on Sunday, including the Cathedral Eucharist. At this service the choir will sing a newly learnt jazz mass, performed for the first time at Holy Trinity at the end of June.

This trip is the choir's first since 2019, and the first residential trip for the girl choristers in a decade. These tours provide a wonderful chance for the choir to sing together every day, reaching even higher standards than normal, while consolidating and enhancing friendships between the girls, parents, and adults. As well as singing, there will be bingo, a quiz night, rounders, and even a trip to the beach. Please hold the 60 tourers in your thoughts later in August - the choir looks forward to returning to Guildford enriched by the experience at the start of September.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who made last Sunday's Festal Evensong so memorable. It was a very special occasion and not something that will be repeated for at least another 29 years (isn't that right, Nick!). From the music, the delicious food, to the preparation to the tidying up - we could not have done it without you.

Everyone involved made it an evening to remember and it was a superb way to end the academic choir year.



### **Goodbye to Keith Beckingham**

We say farewell to Rev Keith Beckingham, Methodist minister with pastoral charge of St Mary's, who is retiring this month. Keith has been a good friend to the parish, showing unflinching support for the wide range of activities that happen at St Mary's. Keith has contributed to the completion of the refurbishment at St Mary's, a legacy that will be appreciated for many years to come. He has also been the Superintendent minister, encouraging local churches from Addlestone to Cranleigh. Keith deserves his rest – our best wishes to him and his wife, Hilary.

### **Trinity Club**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30am - 12 noon at St Mary's Church**

### **Travel broadens the mind – or does it?**

David Uzzell

Two years of restrictions on travel and the wonderful weather we are now experiencing inevitably lead people to think about holidays and distant places. Many of the congregation who come to the Trinity Club have, over the years, travelled far and wide and seen much of the world. Travel broadens the mind ... or does it? Does travel and an engagement with other cultures lead to *"Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things [which] cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime"*, as Mark Twain suggested, or on the contrary does it lead to young men (and women) returning to England infected with all sorts of dubious manners, tastes and probably diseases, as Roger Ascham wrote in 1570? Do we explore different cultures with a sensitive and open mind, or do we return to this 'sceptred isle' having had our existing stereotypes and prejudices reinforced?

Do come along for what should be a lively discussion and enjoy some 'end of term' cakes and coffee. This will be the last Trinity Club meeting until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. As usual, we will begin at 10.30 to give people time to arrive, collect a cup of coffee and have a brief chat, before we begin the discussion at 10.45. The meeting will finish at 12.00.

David Uzzell

**Wednesday 8th July** - Don't forget to come along to the organ recital at St Mary's today at 1.10pm. Friday. Paul Carr will be playing.

**Friday 15th July:** The Vigil for Ukraine continues to happen every Friday evening at St Mary's from 9-11pm. Please do come along and show your support, light a candle and reflect.

## Sunday Worship • 17th July 2022

### HOLY TRINITY

10am Sung Eucharist  
Sermon by Robert Cotton

Genesis 18.1-10a  
Luke 10.38-end

**6pm - Evening Service**  
**Led by Jonathan Hedgecock**

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### ST MARY'S

8am BCP Holy Communion  
Led by Jonathan Hedgecock

10.30am Morning Worship  
Led by Keith Beckingham

Matthew 10: 13-22, 28-31  
Philippians 2: 1-8

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Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom 8.30am (9.30 Saturday)



**GUILDFORD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
Matthew Lloyd-Wilson : Conductor

**Debussy**  
Prélude a l'après-midi d'un faune

**Berlioz**  
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**Debussy**  
La Mer

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