



WORSHIP LEADER

THE CHURCH

Holy Trinity Claygate (HTC) is a multi-congregation evangelical Anglican church in the Diocese of Guildford; its usual Sunday attendance across five congregations is around 450 people including 90+ children and young people.

But that is only part of the story. What is unusual about HTC is that it is also very much a parish church. Around 75% of church members live in the village, and in total 90% live within two miles of the church. Being a parish church presents us with tremendous evangelistic opportunities among people of every age, and over the years we have seen God bless us as we seek to make the most of these opportunities.



THE VILLAGE

Claygate has a population of 6500 with a strong village identity and sense of community. There are a significant number of people working in managerial/professional roles, many in London, with many households having 2 incomes.

There is a local authority primary school in the parish and a church primary school just beyond the parish boundary; there are also several pre-schools in the parish (including Jigsaw, owned and run by HTC). There is a Church of England secondary school and another local secondary school into which pupils from both primary schools feed. Shops are excellent for a village of this size, and transport links to London and Guildford are good.

OUR VISION

For the last nine years our vision has been expressed under the phrase: More, Deeper, Closer Followers of Jesus.

More: We want to give everyone in our community and networks the opportunity to hear about Jesus and respond to him.

Deeper: We want to become deeper disciples, growing in the knowledge of God, and in love and service to others.

Closer: We want to be a loving community that cares for one another and models God's love to the world.

This vision has, under God, led to a number of key developments over the last six years.

- 1) The creation of two additional services on Sunday as we seek to explore different ways of worshipping God that are relevant to different people in our community.
- 2) The sending of our previous Associate Vicar with a team of 40 members to a church plant at St Mary's East Molesey.
- 3) In 2015 we ran a parish mission called Life to the Full which saw 2000 people come to a week of events at HTC.

This year we are particularly focusing on becoming Closer Followers of Jesus with the theme of 'A Loving Community.' We want to grow together as a church - to model what loving community looks like in the world where relationships and community are sometimes under threat, and actively seek to share and invite others to explore God's love with us.

In autumn 2017 we will be running a whole church programme called 40 Days of Community - a follow on from Rick Warren's 40 Days of Purpose which was a huge blessing to our church a few years ago.



WORSHIP @ HTC

Worship plays a vital part in the life of HTC. Corporate worship at our Sunday services plays a crucial role in helping us to give glory to and engage with God, and also encourages us to go deeper in our faith.

Through our five different services on Sunday and other midweek activities we seek to worship God in a variety of different ways and styles. We believe that there are many different ways of worshipping God and all can be Spirit-filled.

Over the recent history the particular growth area in the church has been across the band-led contemporary services (9:30am, 4pm & 6:30pm). We are keen to invest and enhance these services further especially through the development and growth of the existing music provision.

The 6:30pm service is at a particular moment of opportunity to explore going deeper and further in their worship of God through music, and the Worship Leader will play a key role with the Associate Vicar in developing this.

WORSHIP LEADER – KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Working with the Associate Vicar and within the senior staff team, the Worship Leader will have a number of key responsibilities.

Primarily the Worship Leader will have a key role in delivering and developing the contemporary worship across HTC. This has two main aspects: the first is identifying, developing, and pastoring existing members of the worship team. There is a strong desire among the existing music team to learn and grow together in worship and their faith.

The second aspect is overseeing worship at 9:30am, 4pm and 6:30pm – with a particular focus on leading worship at the 6:30pm service. The 6:30pm service is the most contemporary service at HTC and the service which seeks to reach out to a younger generation, the service is eager to develop its musical worship further to help connect and reach out to more people in this generation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

HTC has relied heavily on geographic and local networking to grow and reach people in our community, and this will remain a crucial part of our mission to the community. But we recognise the need to raise and develop further our social media profile across the church and village.

As part of the Worship Leader role we would like to make the post-holder responsible for updating and developing HTC's social media content across a variety of platforms. This is not an area where

specialist knowledge is required, but obviously a familiarity with a range of social media platforms will be useful.

MINISTRY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

HTC is a great place to serve and develop in ministry experience with the opportunity to experience a wide range of different settings. The Worship Leader will be able to develop their skills in a supportive and friendly environment, as well as undertake further training if needed. Funds are available through a local charitable trust that supports training for Christian ministry is Claygate.

We believe that HTC is a church where God has been clearly at work over recent years, and, under God, we pray this will be the case in the years to come. We are excited about God calling someone to serve as the next Worship Leader and be part of our future together.

STAFF LIFE

HTC is blessed with a committed and diverse staff team which oversees ministry areas and resources church members in their service within and beyond the church. As team members we are fed through taking part in Morning Prayer together daily and studying the Bible together once a week. We meet as a whole team once a week and in addition once a month as fellowship groups to pray for one another. Across our life as a team, strong relationships and honest humility are really important and we pray a new Worship Leader would welcome playing a key role in the team.



Much more information is available on the church website

www.holytrinityclaygate.org.uk