



## Welcome to our services!

In this newsletter you can find all you need to know about what is happening here, what facilities are available and what else is going on at HTC. If you are new or would like further details about the church and what goes on then please pick up a 'Connect' card from the desk in the foyer and speak to one of those involved in leading the services.

### Children's and Young People's Activities Today

During the **9.30am** service there is a crèche for under 3's in **Oak/ Olive in the Ministry Centre**. All children aged 3+ come into church for the beginning of the service before departing for their groups:

Scramblers	aged 3 in the <b>Church Hall</b>
Jumpers	ages 4 & 5 in the <b>Church Hall</b>
Climbers	Y1 & Y2 in the <b>Village Hall</b>
AGS Explorers	Y3 & Y4 in the <b>Village Hall</b>
Trekkers	Y5 & Y6 in Willow ( <b>Ministry Centre</b> )
Pathfinders	Y7 - Y9 in in the <b>Village Hall</b>

During the **6.30pm service** Pathfinders (11-13) come to the beginning of the service and then go out to the Ministry Centre for teaching and games; and Youth Fellowship (14-18) attend the 6.30pm service, then hold fellowship and small groups after the service.

### Recording of Sermons

Recordings of 9.30am sermons can be listened to online or downloaded from our website or CD copies can be ordered from the Church Office.

We have a hearing loop in the main church which runs down the columns. If you wear a hearing aid with a T setting and wish to take advantage of the hearing loop please sit inside the columns, avoiding the back 4 rows on the left.

### Refreshments

Tea & Coffee will be served between the end of the 9.30am service and the start of the 11.15am service, and before the 6.30pm service. Squash is also available for the children. We would be delighted if you can stay and join us.

### Bookstall

The Bookstall is open each Sunday after the 9.30am service and during weekday office hours for books and

### Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is open during office hours Monday to Friday for personal prayer.

## Today's Services

### 8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader and Preacher:  
Michael Hepworth  
Luke 7:11-17 p1035

### 9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Philip Plyming  
Preacher: Mike Barton  
Luke 7:11-17 p1035

### 11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Katherine Willis  
Preacher: Mike Barton  
Luke 7:11-17 p1035

### 4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Stephen Valter  
and Philip Plyming  
Luke 7:11-17 p1035

### 6.30pm WORLDVIEW: Christian Leadership

Speaker: Tim Cross

# This week's prayers

## Services

- Pray for Michael Hepworth, Philip Plyming, Mike Barton, Katherine Willis, Stephen Valter and Tim Cross who will be leading, preaching and speaking at our services today.
- Pray for the PCC meeting that will take place in the Ministry Centre on Monday evening.
- Pray for the families taking part in the Baptism Course. Pray that they would be drawn closer to God in their exploration of Baptism and what that means for them and their children.
- Continue to pray for the leaders and participants on the Alpha Course, as they consider what is so amazing about God's grace on Thursday evening.

## Pastoral/Church Family

- Pray for members of the church family who are currently unwell and especially for: Barbara Adams, Beryl Bailey, Maureen Boddy, Mary Brows, Gillian Caporn, Mary Cripps, Katie Elmore, Yvette Fountaine, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Laura James, Jen Marshall, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Margaret Standish, Anna-Marja Schmidt, Diane Treganowan and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Florence White, Diana Rew, Jean Arnell, David Hitchins (thanksgiving at HTC Thurs 9 Feb 2.30pm) and Ruth Hopwood (thanksgiving at HTC Fri 10 Feb 2pm).

## Mission

- Give thanks for the medical mission to Ukraine in January, and pray for Ian Vale and the team as they head out for the winter mission at the end of February. Pray for their preparations, and for safe travels in cold weather. Pray for the elders and pastors to be receptive to the amazing insight from the Joseph story, and for hearts to be touched by the Holy Spirit as they spend time together studying the Bible. Pray that the love between separate but united communities and churches grows deeper following the weekend, and that the impact of the weekend inspires the elders to grow in their faith and service - and that all the glory will go to God. Pray also for people of all ages to come forwards to serve on the summer mission (28 July – 7 Aug) which was launched last Sunday (brochures on the welcome desk).

## World

- Pray for displaced people all over the world. Pray for those agencies and governments who seek to support and welcome them. Pray that God's love would break through the growing undercurrents of fear around the world.
- Pray for the humanitarian and migration crisis in Nigeria. Pray for the hundreds of thousands of children who are at risk of starvation. Pray for clear leadership and stability after years of Boko Haram insurgency.

## Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Lent:

O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# This week's notices

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## Commitment Sunday

If you have not yet returned your completed pledge forms, please drop them in to the office this week. Philip will be sharing an update of the overall response on Sun 12 Feb. If you have already returned your form, please check the letter rack as acknowledgment letters are gradually being distributed.

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## Worldview 6.30pm today with Major General (rtd) Tim Cross CBE

Major General (rtd) Tim Cross CBE will be joining us to speak at the 6.30pm worldview service today. Tim spoke at the last Men's Breakfast and was extremely well received. He will be speaking on the topic of Christian Leadership - it will be helpful and relevant to all as he comes with a wealth of experience and is an excellent speaker. Everyone is welcome.

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## Worship Leader recruitment process

From Monday, we will be advertising for a new Worship Leader for HTC - please do be praying for God's guidance in the recruitment process, and for the right person to come forward. For further information see our website.

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## Dates for your diary re Mike B and Philip

**Mike B's** last Sunday is 26 March and his HTC leaving lunch is on Sunday 2 April 12.30pm in the church hall. His licensing at St Lawrence with St Paul, Longridge, Preston will take place on Tuesday 2 May 7.30pm. If you would like to attend please see the sign-up sheet in foyer where you can indicate your preferences regarding coach fare and hotel costs. If there are sufficient numbers we will hire a coach and book accommodation.

**Philip's** last Sunday will be 23 April with a leaving tea starting at 3pm in the church which will include thanksgiving and will be instead of 4 O'clock Church and the 6.30pm service.

All ages are welcome at both leaving events and sign-up sheets will be available soon!

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## HTC member seeking care work

Faith Aguha is seeking work as a carer locally - and would be happy to live in if required. If you know of any job opportunities please contact the church office. Faith is available from the beginning of March.

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## CPAS summer holiday for young people

Several young people from HTC are attending a CPAS holiday (Romsey 2) from 29 July - 5 August near Southampton. It is suitable for ages 10-14 and anyone is welcome to join the HTC group. Brochures are available on the welcome desk. For more information, see [ventures.org.uk](http://ventures.org.uk) or contact Sarah in the office.

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## Lost property

Please check under the letter rack in the foyer for your items - anything left after Sun 19 Feb will be donated to charity!

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## Adult baptism opportunity

There is an opportunity for adults to be baptised by full immersion on Easter Sunday 16 April during the 6.30pm service. For more information please contact Philip or Richard.

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## Ukraine Summer Mission: 28 July - 8 August 2017

All ages are welcome to join the summer mission to the villages of Akli and Gyula. For more information do pick up a booklet from the welcome desk, or an application form from the church office.

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## Jonas Centre visit 2017

This year's working party to the Jonas Centre is now fully booked. However, if you were intending to come but haven't yet handed in your application form then please speak to Emma Coy as we might be able to make alternative accommodation arrangements.

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## Towards a new vicar

Anna Lise Gordon and Bill Lowe, our churchwardens, will be overseeing the process for appointing a new vicar at HTC. If you have any comments about the profile of the new incumbent please do contact Anna Lise or Bill using the contact details in the church directory.

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## Thank you...

... to all who contributed items for the recent **Samara's Aid** collection, and to those who helped with logistics and funding for the transportation. A total of 69 boxes were filled which will be much appreciated.

... to all who contributed to the recent **Leprosy Mission** collection which raised a total of £482.

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# This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 6 Feb	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 7 Feb	10am	Connections for Seniors in church
	8.15pm	Baptism course continues in Ministry Centre
Wed 8 Feb	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 9 Feb	2.30pm	Thanksgiving service for David Hitchins in church
	7.30pm	Alpha Course continues in the Ministry Centre
Fri 10 Feb	2pm	Thanksgiving service for Ruth Hopwood in church

## Sunday 12 February

<b>8am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Mike Barton Preacher: Tessa Badcock	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Morning Praise</b> Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Philip Plyming	<b>11.15am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Philip Plyming	<b>4pm</b> <b>4 O'clock Church</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leaders: Philip Plyming and Stephen Valter	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Together</b> <b>Evening Praise</b> Leader: Jamie Blake Preacher: Richard Rugg
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## Upcoming Events

Sat 18 Feb	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Tues 21 Feb	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 25 Feb	8am	Men's breakfast: speaker Philip Plyming
Wed 1 Mar	11am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and lunch
Mon 6 Mar	8pm	Mission Partner prayer evening in church
Sat 11 Mar	8.30am	Women's breakfast: speaker Cath Winchcombe
Mon 13 Mar	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 14 Mar	8pm	Welcoming Refugees information evening - details to follow
Sat 18 Mar	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Tues 21 Mar	3.30pm	Messy Church
24/25 Mar		Lent Prayer Days - details to follow