



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 **Church Hall**
- Jumpers ages 4 & 5 in the **Church Hall**
- Climbers Y1 & Y2 in the **Village Hall**
- AGS Explorers Y3 & Y4 in the **Village Hall**
- Trekkers Y5 & Y6 in Willow (**Ministry Centre**)
- Pathfinders Y7 - Y9 in in the **Village Hall**

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 greetings cards.

Prayer Room

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

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Mike Barton
Preacher: Tessa Badcock
Luke 7:36-50 p1036

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg
Preacher: Philip Plyming
Luke 7:36-50 p1036

11.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Philip Plyming
Luke 7:36-50 p1036

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Philip Plyming
and Stephen Valter
Luke 7:36-50 p1036

6.30pm TOGETHER EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Jamie Blake
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 7:36-50 p1036

This week's prayers

Services

- Pray for those leading and preaching at our Sunday services: Mike Barton, Tessa Badcock, Richard Rugg, Philip Plyming, Linda Morgan, Stephen Valter and Jamie Blake. Pray that God will speak to us through His word as we worship Him together.
- Pray for Dads' Toddlers' Praise on Saturday, and for all those who will be attending. Pray for a great time of fellowship, worship and fun.
- Pray for Esher High School Christian Union as they continue with the youth alpha course after half term. Pray that the young people encounter God and learn more of His love and plan for them.
- Pray for children and families on half term this week, for times of rest, refreshment and fellowship together.

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, Yvette Fountaine, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Laura James, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Margaret Standish, Diane Treganowan and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of David Hitchins and Ruth Hopwood, and for the Tarcy family following the death of Andrew's father.

Mission

- Pray for the work of the Jonas Centre in Yorkshire, and give thanks for those who have signed up to join the HTC working party in May half term. Pray for the preparations for their visit, and for safe travel. Give thanks for the work of the centre, and pray for the team of staff and trustees as they oversee the running of the centre. Pray for all who use the Centre, that they will know the love of God through words and practical actions.

World

- Continue to 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.
- Pray for God's love and blessing on communities on the world that are affected by war, persecution and terrorism. Pray for God's care and guidance for those affected. Give thanks for those who provide a safe place and compassion.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world who are providing support, care and protection for those who are persecuted due to their gender, faith or ethnicity. Pray particularly for the work of Christian aid charities such as Tearfund, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Medair.

Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give Your people grace so to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

Commitment Sunday

Today Philip will be sharing a financial update of the overall response following Commitment Sunday. If you have already returned your form, please check the letter rack as acknowledgment letters are gradually being distributed.

Worship Leader recruitment process

We are currently 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.

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!

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.

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 or contact Sarah in the office.

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!

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.

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.

Newcomers' welcome

If you've recently starting attending HTC, do join us on Sun 19 March from 10.30-11.30am in the Ministry Centre for our newcomers' welcome coffee. Invitations are available on the welcome desk - or just turn up! All ages welcome. More info from Sarah in the office.

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.

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.

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.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri 8.45am Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room

Sat 18 Feb 10am Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre

Sunday 19 February

8am Holy Communion Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Mike Barton	9.30am All age with baptism Leaders: Emma Coy and Mike Barton	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Anna Lise Gordon Preacher: Linda Morgan	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Gerry Valter and Mike Barton	6.30pm Holy Communion Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Richard Rugg
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Upcoming Events

Tues 21 Feb 3.30pm Messy Church

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 Mar / 1 Apr Lent Prayer Days - details to follow

Sat 25 Mar 8am Men's breakfast: speaker - Philip Plyming

Sun 26 Mar Mike B's last Sunday

Sun 2 Apr 12.30pm Mike B's leaving lunch - see over for details

10-12 Apr 8pm Compline (Evening Prayer) for Holy Week

Thurs 13 Apr Passover Supper - details to follow

Fri 14 Apr 10am Meet in station car park for Walk of Witness
10.30am All age service for Good Friday
2pm Reflective service for Good Friday