



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+ stay in church today for the all age service.

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: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Linda Morgan
Luke 8:1-3 & 19-21 p1037

9.30am ALL AGE & BAPTISM

Leaders: Emma Coy
and Mike Barton
Luke 8:1-3 & 19-21 p1037

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Anna Lise Gordon
Preacher: Linda Morgan
Luke 8:1-3 & 19-21 p1037

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Gerry Valter
and Mike Barton
Luke 8:1-3 & 19-21 p1037

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Philip Plyming
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 8:1-3 & 19-21 p1037

This week's prayers

Services

- Pray for those leading and preaching at our Sunday services: Linda Morgan, Mike Barton, Emma Coy, Anna Lise Gordon, Gerry Valter, Philip Plyming, Richard Rugg.
- Pray for Messy Church this Tuesday, that everyone who attends would feel a warm welcome and experience God's love.
- Pray for the children and young people in this church. Pray that they will grow deeper in faith and in an understanding of God's love for them.
- Pray for Thomas Springett who is being baptised at our 9.30am service today, and for his parents, godparents and wider family.

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, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Margaret Standish, Diane Treganowan and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the Tarcy family following the death of Andrew's father and for the Martin family following the death of Julie's father.

Mission

- Pray for the work of the Rhema Gardens in India. Pray particularly for the US Team and HTC members John & Sheila Snelling who are currently in India and for the time they spend at the Garden. Please pray for Sherry Secker and Alice Hepworth as they head to India at the end of this month to meet with Archbishop Samuel and the children at the Rhema Garden. Praise God for the funds that have been confirmed to set up a nursery school in the Garden to enable poor mums to earn money to feed their children. Pray for the Pastors who continue to suffer for their faith, pray for strength, courage and wisdom as they seek to show the love of Jesus to those in their communities.

World

- Pray for peace in North Korea and surrounding countries, after the test missile launch this week. Pray that countries will not respond in a violent way, but that peace and connections would be made with the wider world.
- Pray for God's protection and blessing on those affected by war in Syria. Pray that those affected would find a safe place and refuge in God. Give thanks for those charities on the ground that provide relief.
- 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.

Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent:

Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in Your own image: teach us to discern Your hand in all Your works and Your likeness in all Your children; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's notices

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!

Mission Partner Prayer

Please join us on Mon 6 March at 8pm in church to pray for our mission partners - all are welcome.

Women's breakfast

All HTC women (and friends) are invited on Sat 11 Mar at 8.30am to hear from former HTC member Cath Winchcombe. Please sign up in the foyer.

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.

Commitment Sunday

If you have returned your pledge 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.

Ukraine Summer Mission: 28 July - 8 August 2017

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

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.

Weekly prayer through a period of change

The PCC would like to invite you to join them in a weekly time of prayer as we move through a period of change in the life of HTC. Prayer will take place every Saturday between 9 - 9.30am at church, starting on Saturday 4 March (on this occasion in the Ministry Centre). Our prayer time will be led by a member of the PCC each week. All welcome!

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.

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.

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.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Tues 21 Feb	3.30pm	Messy Church
	8.15pm	Baptism Course continues in the Ministry Centre
Wed 22 Feb	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 23 Feb	7.30pm	Alpha Course continues in the Ministry Centre

Sunday 26 February

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: Philip Plyming	9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Mike Harle	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Mike Harle	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Denise Stollery and Julian Coy	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Sarah Tapp Preacher: Mike Barton
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Upcoming Events

Wed 1 Mar	11am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and lunch - all welcome
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
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
	10am	Meet in station car park for Walk of Witness
Fri 14 Apr	10.30am	All age service for Good Friday
	2pm	Reflective service for Good Friday