



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: Richard Rugg
Preacher: Jon Davey
Luke 10:25-37 p1042

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg
Preacher: Philip Plyming
Luke 10:25-37 p1042

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Tessa Badcock
Preacher: Philip Plyming
Luke 10:25-37 p1042

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Emma Coy
and Denise Stollery
Luke 10:25-37 p1042

6.30pm EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg
Preacher: Sarah Tapp
Luke 10:25-37 p1042

This week's prayers

Collect for the First Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New format for prayers on this page!

As we enter this season of Lent, you will notice that the prayers on this page have been re-formatted. The daily topics follow the same pattern as Morning Prayer (8.45-9.15am on weekdays) - so if you're not able to join us in person, please do join us in prayer as we unite as a community to pray for these topics day by day.

Monday - World

- Continue to pray for those trapped in the city of Mosul by the continual battle for the city. Pray that food, water and any other aid needed can be distributed to those in need. Ask God to bring an end to the violence.
- Pray for the Coptic Christians who are experiencing increased persecution in Egypt. Pray especially for those who have had to flee their homes in the area of North Sinai after a series of killings by Islamists over recent weeks.
- Pray also for the thousands starving in South Sudan after years of conflict in the region. Pray for food and aid to be able to reach those in need and that the conflict would stop.

Tuesday – 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, Katie Elmore, 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 family and friends of Elsie Hurse.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Thank God for all the children and young people that are part of church. Pray for all the leaders and helpers in the church that make running all the groups possible, especially for Emma Coy and Jamie Blake as they continue to lead these areas.
- Pray for the Claygate Youth Club (meeting Thursday evening). Thank God for the growth in numbers of those who attend. Pray for the leaders from HTC that through them God may influence the lives of the young people.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the Charles family and their work with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF). Give thanks that Gerard was able to share his experiences with young people at a conference in Northern Ireland recently. Give thanks that the Year 5 children have responded well to Sarah's Bible classes, and pray that she will continue to be an encouragement to the families who home school their children in East Asia. Pray for the family's visit to HTC on Sunday 12 March, when Gerard will be preaching at 9.30 and 11.15.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those preaching and leading at next Sunday's services (see back page of this newsletter).
- Pray for all of our small groups as they continue to focus on the topic of 'loving community' this term. Thank God for all the support and encouragement of church members that happens in the small groups.
- Pray for all who are attending the Alpha Away Day tomorrow as they explore the work of the Holy Spirit.

This week's notices

Leaving arrangements for Mike B and Philip

Mike B's last Sun is 26 March and his **leaving lunch** is on Sun 2 April, 12.30pm in the church hall - please sign up in the foyer (no charge) if you would like to attend. If you would like to contribute to a **leaving gift**, address your envelope to 'Brian Howells - MB gift' - if appropriate, make cheques payable to 'Claygate PCC' - bring to the office by Fri 31 March. His **licensing** at St Lawrence with St Paul, Longridge, Preston will take place on Tuesday 2 May 7.30pm. It seems unlikely we will have sufficient numbers to hire a coach so if you are driving and could offer a lift please contact Janet in the office.

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 - please sign up in the foyer (no charge) if you would like to attend. Philip's **Service of Welcome** will be at St Oswald's Church, Durham on Mon 8 May at 6pm, and all are welcome.

Women's breakfast Sat 11 Mar 8.30am

With the imminent departure of the Plyming family from Claygate, all HTC women (and friends) are invited to hear from Annabelle some reflections on her time in Claygate. The talk by Cath Winchcombe has been deferred to a future date.

Welcoming Refugees information evening Tues 14 Mar

All welcome to come along at 8pm in the Ministry Centre to hear from long-term resident and former Lib Dem councillor Steve Wells about his experience of welcoming Karim, a Syrian Refugee, into his home. Karim was a brain surgeon before he had to flee Syria and he will be sharing from his perspective what it feels like to be a refugee and how with the help of Elmbridge CAN – a local volunteer organisation - he has been able to resettle his family into the area. You'll also find out more about how you can get involved.

Men's breakfast Sat 25 Mar 8am

Philip Plyming will be speaking under the title 'Ten Things I Have Always Wanted To Say'. Please sign up in the foyer.

Lent Prayer days led by Linda Morgan

All are welcome to join Linda on Fri 24 March (House of Prayer, Molesey 10am - 3.30pm - 'bring and share' lunch) and Sat 1 April (Ministry Centre 9am – 12.30pm - breakfast included. This is a great opportunity to take some time out with God during Lent. Sign up in the foyer or contact Linda for more info.

Passover Supper - Thurs 13 April 6pm

An event for the whole church family as we re-enact the traditional Passover meal and reflect on what it means for us as Christians. It will be a wonderfully visual and interactive way to prepare for Easter. Tickets - adults £6, children £3 - from the Church Office. If you can help serve in various ways during the day or the evening, please sign up in the foyer.

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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 takes place every Saturday between 9 - 9.30am at church. Our prayer time will be led by a member of the PCC each week. All welcome!

Mission Partner Prayer Mon 6 Mar 8pm

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

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.

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.

Bishop's Lent challenge

Bishop Andrew's Lent Challenge supports a water project in Nigeria in addition to local church-based projects funded by the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation. Do pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk

Jigsaw Pre-School vacancy

... for a qualified level 3 (or above) practitioner - 32 hours per week, term time only. Contact Fiona Chapman jigsawmanager@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk

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This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 6 Mar	8pm	Mission Partner prayer evening in church
Tues 7 Mar	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Wed 8 Mar	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 9 Mar	7.30pm	Alpha Course continues in the Ministry Centre
Sat 11 Mar	8.30am	Women's breakfast: speaker Annabelle Plyming
	9am	Prayer through a period of change, all welcome - see over

Sunday 12 March

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: Mike Barton	9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Gerard Charles	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Gerard Charles	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Philip Plyming and Emma Coy	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Mike Barton Preacher: Richard Rugg
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Upcoming Events

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 - see over for details
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	6pm	Passover Supper - see over for details
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