



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 for the All Age service today.

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 and Preacher:

Mike Harle

Luke 14:1-14 p1047

9.30am ALL AGE with Baptisms

Leaders: Mike Barton and Richard Rugg

Luke 14:1-14 p1047

11.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Linda Morgan

Preacher: Tessa Badcock

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4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Julian Coy and Richard Rugg

Luke 14:1-14 p1047

6.30pm EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Philip Plyming

Preacher: Stuart Wright

Luke 14:1-14 p1047

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Pray for those caught up in famine and severe shortages of food and water in East Africa, that the droughts and conflicts creating such shortages might be brought to an end.
- Pray for the aid agencies involved in mobilising to meet the need and that those in a position to do so, might be generous-hearted in contributing to the relief effort.
- As Scotland looks set to seek a second referendum on its independence from the UK, pray for wisdom for politicians on both sides of the argument.

Tuesday – Pastoral/Church Family

- Pray for members of the church family who are currently unwell and especially for: Barbara Adams, Beryl Bailey, Maureen Boddy, Pru Bodger (recovering from surgery), Mary Brows, Gillian Caporn, Katie Elmore, Yvette Fountaine, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Heather Patel, 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 and Elizabeth French and for the Martin family following the death of Luc's father.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for the appointment of a new Youth Minister at HTC. Pray that those whom God seeks for the post might be moved to put themselves forward.
- Pray for Messy Church on 21 March. Give thanks for those who serve, and pray for all who attend to enjoy fellowship and worship together.
- Pray for Finnley Roome and Benjamin Simpson who were baptised last Sunday, and for their parents and godparents.
- Pray for our crèche for under 3s and for the leaders: Melanie Myers, Fiona Ball, Sonia Etheridge and Nicole Van der Merwe. Pray for these very little ones at the start of their journey with Jesus, that they would experience God's love.

Thursday – Mission

- Give thanks for the recent Winter Mission to Ukraine and pray for the elders as they work in the communities of Akli and Gyula. Pray for the continuing work of the ministers Atilla and Zoltan in the challenging circumstances. Pray also for more people to come forward and volunteer in the Summer Mission in the school, youth and community teams.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at next Sunday's services (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for Stuart Wright and Tessa Badcock as they preach today, and for their ongoing ministries in Hounslow and Walton-on-Thames respectively.
- Pray for our upcoming Lent Prayer Days, for Linda Morgan as she leads them, and that those attending might enjoy the company of God and times of peace and reflection.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New format for prayers on this page!

The prayers on this page 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.

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. **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.

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

A wonderfully visual and interactive event for the whole church family as we re-enact the traditional Passover meal and reflect on what it means for us as we prepare for Easter. Tickets - adults £6, children £3 - from the Church Office. If you can help serve in various ways, please sign up in the foyer.

Updating the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll (formal membership list for the church) will be updated between 12-26 March. Existing members need take no action as their names will be carried forward but anyone wishing to join the Roll should pick up a form from the Welcome Desk in the foyer. Members must be baptised and aged 16 or older. For further info, contact the church office.

Election of Churchwardens, PCC and Emly Deanery Synod members - Mon 24 April

At this year's Annual Meeting (APCM) there will be the annual election for two Churchwardens, also elections to fill 4 vacancies on the PCC and 5 vacancies on Emly Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available from the welcome desk (return by Sun 16 Apr), but meanwhile do think and pray about whether you might be interested in standing for one of these vacancies. To find out more please speak to Richard. To stand for these vacancies, you need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months.

Welcome Stuart Wright

Stuart Wright (former HTC Youth Minister and now Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hounslow) is visiting us today to preach at 6.30pm.

Newcomers' welcome today

If you've recently starting attending HTC, do join us today from 10.30-11.30am in the Ministry Centre for coffee. All ages welcome.

Philip at St Mary's today

Please do pray for Philip this morning as he visits St Mary's East Molesey and preaches at their morning service.

Weekly prayer through a period of change

The PCC invite you to join them for weekly prayer as we move through a period of change at HTC - every Saturday between 9 - 9.30am at church. Our prayer time will be led by a member of the PCC each week. All welcome!

Mothering Sunday flowers

Lots of help needed preparing flowers for Mothering Sunday on Fri 24 March 9am -12noon in the foyer. **Please sign up if you can help.** If you have spare foliage in your garden please bring to the office Wed 22 / Thurs 23 March.

Adult baptism / confirmation

There is an opportunity for adults to be baptised by full immersion on Easter Sunday, 16 April during the 6.30pm service, or to be confirmed on Tues 16 May at St Nicholas, Thames Ditton. Contact Philip or Richard for info.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 21 Mar	10am 3.30pm	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer Messy Church
Wed 22 Mar	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 23 Mar	7.30pm	Alpha Course concludes in the Ministry Centre
Fri 24 Mar	9-12 10-3.30	Preparing flowers for Mothering Sunday - lots of help needed Lent Prayer Day at House of Prayer - see over for details
Sat 25 Mar	8am 9am	Men's breakfast: speaker - Philip Plyming Prayer through a period of change, all welcome - see over

Sunday 26 March - Mothering Sunday

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

Sun 26 Mar		Mike B's last Sunday
Sat 1 Apr	9-12.30	Lent Prayer Morning - see over for details
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 10.30am 2pm	Meet in station car park for Walk of Witness All age service for Good Friday Reflective service for Good Friday
Sat 15 Apr	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sat 22 Apr	10am	Small group leaders' meeting - repeated Wed 26 Apr
Sun 23 Apr	3pm	Leaving tea for Philip - see over for details
Mon 24 Apr	8pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church
Wed 26 Apr	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting - repeat of Sat 22 Apr