



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: Linda Morgan
 Preacher: Mike Barton
 Luke 14:12-24 p1048

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg
 Preacher: Mike Barton
 Luke 14:12-24 p1048

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Linda Morgan
 Preacher: Mike Barton
 Luke 14:12-24 p1048

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Emma Coy
 and Gerry Valter
 Luke 14:12-24 p1048

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Philip Plyming
 Preacher: Mike Barton
 Luke 14:12-24 p1048

This week's prayers

Collect for Mothering Sunday:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to Himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of Your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Monday - World

- Pray for all who were affected by the terrorist attack on London last week, especially for those who have been injured or bereaved. Pray for all working to combat the threat of terrorism in Britain and around the world.
- Pray for God's protection and blessing on those affected by war in Syria. Pray that those affected would find a refuge in God. Give thanks for those charities that provide relief.
- The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal about the crisis in South Sudan, Northern Kenya, Somalia and Southern Ethiopia; Tearfund are already working with their partners to provide humanitarian assistance, sanitation, and health education to vulnerable families. Pray that we in the West will respond generously.

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 Elizabeth French and Darren Mann; and for the Martin family following the death of Luc's father.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- On Mothering Sunday, give thanks for mothers and grandmothers in our own families, at HTC and further afield. Pray for wisdom, compassion and grace for all in parenting and caring roles.
- Pray for the workers amongst young people in our church, that they will be good role models for them, especially as they face such bewildering choices in society at large.
- Pray for our Scramblers group, for 3 year olds, and for their leader Miriam Schafer. Pray for this little group that each one would feel loved and valued and that they would experience something of Jesus in each of their sessions.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray and give thanks for the work of the Princess Alice Hospice – especially for the care they give to the patients and the practical and emotional support they give to the families and friends.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at next Sunday's services (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for the Lent Prayer morning on Saturday, that many will take advantage of this opportunity to take time with God.
- Pray for Mike's leaving lunch next Sunday, that we will all take the opportunity to express our thanks for all he has accomplished for us during his time at HTC.

This week's notices

Leaving arrangements for Mike B and Philip

Mike B's last preaching 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. If you would like to contribute to a **leaving gift**, address your envelope to 'Brian Howells - PP gift' - if appropriate, make cheques payable to 'Claygate PCC' - bring to the office by Fri 21 April.

Lent Prayer morning led by Linda Morgan

All are welcome to join Linda on 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 - last chance today!

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.

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!

Night Prayer Mon 10 - Wed 12 April 8pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a half hour service of night prayer ('Compline') in church to help us meditate on the events of Holy Week.

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.

Prayer weekend 22-24 Sept

Linda Morgan is leading a prayer weekend at St Cuthman's retreat centre near Horsham - there are two twin rooms remaining (£145 per person inc. all meals) and three single rooms (£160 per person inc. all meals). Contact Katherine in the office to book or for more info.

Flowers in memory

The flowers in church today have been given by Sarah Stroud in memory of her husband Andrew.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 28 Mar	10am 2pm	Connections for Seniors in church Dorcas group meet at 11 Elm Gardens, all welcome
Wed 29 Mar	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sat 1 Apr	9am 9-12.30	Prayer through a period of change, all welcome - see over Lent Prayer Morning - see over for details

Sunday 2 April

8am Holy Communion Leader: David Overington Preacher: Richard Rugg	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Richard Rugg	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Anna Lise Gordon Preacher: Richard Rugg	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Stephen Valter and Julian Coy	6.30pm Together Evening Praise Leader: Mike Barton Preacher: Sarah Slater
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Upcoming Events

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
Tues 25 Apr	3.30pm	Messy Church
Wed 26 Apr	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting - repeat of Sat 22 Apr
Sat 13 May	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Tues 16 May	3.30pm 8.15pm	Messy Church Baptism Course begins