

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Pray for the people of France as they adjust to their new President Emmanuel Macron. Pray that he would bring unity and stability to a time of change.
- Pray for the people of the world who are suffering from shortages of food and basic everyday needs. Pray that they would receive practical help and comfort.
- Pray for our politicians here in the UK. Pray for openness, honesty and integrity in their campaigns for the general election. Pray that difficult policies are approached with thought and consideration.

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, Jackie Hinton, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Heather Patel, Matthew Redman, Sue Rowe, Margaret Standish, Diane Treganowan, Jacquie Whitnall and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Hazel French and Peter Tunnicliff (funeral at Randalls Park Tues 16 May 2.45pm)

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for Jamie Blake and Sarah Tapp as they spend the lunch hour on Wednesdays with the students at Esher High School. Pray for good conversations with students and staff.
- Pray for the young people who will be confirmed at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 May at St Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton - Jasmine de la Touche, Charlotte Hughes, Emma Hurdle, Gabriella Linney and Christopher Wilkinson. Pray for the service and that the candidates continue to build upon what they know and have learnt about God on their journey to confirmation.
- Pray for Climbers for 5-7 year olds, and their leader Helen Forbes. Pray that these children would grow in faith and get to know Jesus.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the work of the local Besom project, and for the givers of time, funds and goods who make the work possible. Pray for those in need who will be blessed by the work of Besom. Pray that Besom will be able to secure rented premises for storage which will allow for collections of more goods and storage of equipment.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for Stephen George as he starts his first week here at HTC as Worship Leader on Mon 15 May.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by Your grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done... Dates for diary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite every parish in the Church of England to join in a second global wave of prayer for the evangelism of our nation in the days between Ascension (25 May) and Pentecost (4 June).

At Holy Trinity, in addition to our regular **Mon - Fri Morning Prayer 8.45 - 9.15am**, there will be:

- **Prayer Room set up with creative ideas to help individuals of all ages pray** (Sun 28 May - Sun 4 June - office hours)
- **Two prayer walks (approx. 1 hour duration):** starting from HTC on Tues 30 May at 10am (all ages welcome, followed by coffee and cake), and on Wed 31 May at 8pm (followed by a drink in the Hare & Hounds)

On Sunday 4 June at 6.30pm, there is a **national Beacon Event at Guildford Cathedral** hosted by Pete Greig - there will not be an evening service at HTC on that evening, as we have 50 tickets to take an HTC group to this event. If you would like one of these free tickets, contact the Church Office.

HTC Ministry Intern programme: Is this for you?

We are seeking two people to fill these full time paid one year positions at HTC. The programme combines practical ministry experience, relevant training and a chance to get involved in the full life of a vibrant church. For this job you need a passion and eagerness to serve God, ability to work well with others, and be willing to work with children and adults of all ages. For more info contact brianhowells@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk or see our website for a job description.

To apply for the position please send your application form and a covering letter to the Church Office by Sunday 18 June 2017. Interviews will be held week commencing 26 June 2017

Praying for Jonas Centre visit

At the end of May a team of 66 people are heading up to the Jonas Centre for HTC's annual working party. Please do pray for them, and if you would like an opportunity to pray with others for this trip do join us on Wed 17 May, 8-9pm at 11 Woodbourne Drive. All welcome but please let Emma know if you'd like to join in emmacoy@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk

Accommodation request

Our new Worship Leader, Stephen George, is looking to rent a room within the parish. If you might be able to help and would like to find out more, please contact the church office.

Large print Bible readings

Sets of large print copies of the Sunday Bible readings for this term are available from the church office.

Men's Beer with Mike H

As mentioned at Beer and Carols, Mike Harle will be available for the next drink and conversation in the Hare and Hounds on **Tues 16 May**, from 8.30pm.

New Youth Minister

We are delighted to announce that Holly Byles has been appointed as our new Youth Minister. Holly will be taking up her role in time for the start of term in September.

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!

Baptism Course

The next 4 week course for parents thinking about baptism for their children starts on Tues 16 May 8.15-9.45pm in the Ministry Centre. Please contact Janet in the office.

Men's walk Sat 20 May

If you would like to join a men's walk around Chilworth in the Surrey Hills on Sat 20 May (leaving Claygate 9.30am and returning mid-afternoon, with a picnic lunch) please contact Gil Bray gil@braysmail.com Walking shoes / boots will be required!

Men's breakfast Sat 17 June

All HTC men (and friends!) welcome to our next breakfast at 8am on Sat 17 June in the church hall. The speaker is Ben Freeth MBE, a Zimbabwean Christian who, with his late father-in-law, Mike Campbell, rose to international prominence in 2007 when they took President Mugabe's government to court due to the regime's ongoing attempts to seize Mike's farm and also their racial discrimination and violence against white farm workers. Ben's talk is entitled 'Standing tall as God's men and felling the Goliaths of this age'.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 16 May	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
	3.30pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service at St Nicholas Thames Ditton
	8.15pm	Baptism Course begins
Wed 17 May	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sat 20 May	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome
	9.30am	Men's walk - see over for details

Sunday 21 May

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: Mike Harle	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Mike Harle	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Mike Harle	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Stephen Valter and Emma Coy	6.30pm Holy Communion Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Peter Meadows
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Upcoming Events

Thurs 25 May	11am	Ascension Day Holy Communion followed by lunch
Thurs 25 May - Sun 4 June		'Thy Kingdom Come' - a national and local period of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost - see over for details
Sat 10 June	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Mon 12 June	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Sat 17 June	8am	Men's breakfast - see over for details
Tues 20 June	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 24 June	8.30am	Women's breakfast - speaker Kate Patterson
Sun 2 July	3pm	Stuart Sadler's Ordination at Guildford Cathedral - all welcome
Wed 12 July	8pm	Small group leaders' skills training (repeated Thurs 13 July 10am)
Thurs 13 July	10am	Small group leaders' skills training (repeat of Wed 12 July 8pm)
Sat 15 July		Claygate Flower Show
	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 16 July		Picnic on The Rec to say farewell to Plyming family