



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. 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

1 John 2:12-14 p1225

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Mike Harle

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11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Linda Morgan

Preacher: Mike Harle

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4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Stephen Valter
and Emma Coy

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6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Peter Meadows

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This week's prayers

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

God our redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son: grant, that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His continual presence in us He may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Ascension Day:

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with Him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday - World

- Pray for our politicians and our country as the general election draws nearer. Ask God to grant wisdom to those in authority and for the campaigns and voting to be done with respect and dignity.
- Pray that the continuing tension between North Korea and the United States doesn't escalate further, and that peaceful resolution can be found which does not cause suffering.

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, Judith Gascoigne, 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 Peter Tunnicliff.
- Pray for the 225 delegates from churches around the country who will be joining us on Thurs 1 June for our fully-booked national Connections Conference. Pray for Pippa, Mike, Kaitlyn and all who will be serving on the day.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for our Explorers group, for 7-9 year olds and for their leader Adrian Hornzee. Pray that the children would find space, love and support as they begin to grapple with some very real questions about faith.
- Pray for Holly Byles, our new Youth Minister, who starts in September. Pray for her and her family as they prepare to move to Claygate; in particular for the right place to live.
- Continue to pray for Jasmine, Gabriella, Chris, Emma and Lottie who were confirmed last week. Ask that they would continue to know God's peace and presence with them.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the Charles family and their work with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF). Pray for Gerard as he completes his last few weeks with OMF before beginning study leave on 26 May. Pray that he is able to complete his PhD thesis over the next few months. Pray for Sarah as she continues teaching English to foreign students and supports families homeschooling their children in East Asia.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for all our small groups as they continue to focus on the topic of 'loving community' this term. Pray that we would all grow in showing Christ-like love to our communities in both word and action.

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

Jonas Centre mission blog

Please do pray for the team of 66 people who are heading up to the Jonas Centre, one of our mission partners, for the annual working party during May half term. You can follow their progress via the blog, accessible from the home page of the HTC website holytrinityclaygate.org.uk

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'. Please sign up in the foyer.

Welcome Stephen!

Today we welcome Stephen George, our new Worship Leader, who is leading the band at our 9.30am and 6.30pm services. Stephen can be contacted on 01372 463603 or via stephengeorge@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk

Ascension Day Communion

All are welcome to join us for a service of Holy Communion to celebrate Ascension Day at 11am on Thurs 25 May, followed by lunch in the foyer.

Follow us on Facebook!

We now have an HTC facebook page – do search for 'Holy Trinity Claygate' and share as widely as possible! You can also follow us on twitter [@htclaygate](https://twitter.com/htclaygate)

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!

Come Home for Lunch Sunday

Following the success of our first Come Home for Lunch Sunday in January, two more dates are planned for later this year: 18 June and 1 October. Please do pop these in your diary – more details to follow nearer the time!

Lost property

Please do check under the letter rack in the foyer for your items – anything remaining after **Sun 11 June** will be given to charity.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 23 May	10am	Connections for Seniors in church
	8.15pm	Baptism Course continues
Wed 24 May	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
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 27 May	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome

Sunday 28 May

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: David Overington	9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Richard Rugg	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Katherine Willis Preacher: Richard Rugg	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Emma Coy and Sarah Tapp	6.30pm Together Evening Praise Leader: Jamie Blake Preacher: Richard Rugg
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Upcoming Events

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
Sun 18 June		Come Home for Lunch Sunday
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	10am	Claygate Flower Show Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 16 July		Picnic on The Rec to say farewell to Plymington family
Mon 17 July	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre