



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 3s in **Oak/ Olive in the Ministry Centre.**

All children aged 3+ stay in church today for the all age service.

Pathfinders and YF have now finished for the summer but all are invited to attend the 6.30pm service.

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Michael Hepworth
Preacher: Katherine Willis
Psalm 126 p623

9.30am ALL AGE

Leaders: Jamie Blake and Sarah Tapp
Psalm 126 p623

11.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Michael Hepworth
Preacher: Katherine Willis
Psalm 126 p623

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Will restart after summer break on Sunday 3 September

6.30pm TOGETHER EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Sarah Tapp
Preacher: Jamie Blake
Psalm 126 p623

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.

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Continue to pray for the many refugees who have fled or are fleeing their homes into an uncertain future. Pray for Christian Aid, Tearfund and all their partners working in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Ethiopia, amongst other places.
- In this time of political uncertainty in Britain, pray that we and all Christians will act as arbiters of calm and peacefulness, and lessen the disquiet arising within families, communities and churches.
- Pray for countries where political upheaval is causing violence, particularly in South Africa and Venezuela. Pray that leaders will listen to all, and seek to lessen tension.

Tuesday – Pastoral/Church Family

- Pray for members of the church family who are unwell and especially for: Aria Noor Al-Jawad (born prematurely at 27 weeks end June), Barbara Adams, Mary Brows, Gillian Caporn, Katie Elmore, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Jackie Hinton, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Sarah Quest, Liz Sloggett, Margaret Standish, Shaun Steer and those experiencing any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Norma Budgen, Sue Rowe (funeral HTC Mon 14 Aug 11.30am) and Mary Spurgeon (thanksgiving HTC Wed 23 Aug 2.30pm).

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for the children and young people in this church. Pray that they will grow deeper in faith and in an understanding of God's love for them.
- Pray for all the Sunday children's groups and also for 4 O'clock Church, Messy Church, Toddlers' Praise and Jigsaw Pre-School. Pray for blessings on all the leaders, that this holiday time will be a chance for rest and refreshment.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the Charles family and their work with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF). Now that Gerard is working full time on his PhD, pray that he is able to complete a full draft by September. Pray for Sarah who has started teaching Old Testament to years 5 & 6 at the village school, and also for new recruits for her 'Walk through the Bible' team so that they can go into local schools.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Continue to pray for the process of choosing a new vicar for our church. Pray for the meeting this coming Wednesday when Churchwardens Anna-Lise & Bill, Bishop Andrew, Paul Bryer and Roger Combes will be short-listing candidates.
- Pray for the small groups in our church, and that as a result of 40 Days of Community this autumn, many more people will be encouraged to join a new or existing group.

Collect for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, who sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your Church: open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

40 Days of Community – Dates for the diary!

Everyone is warmly invited to join us this autumn for 40 Days of Community. This is a church-wide programme of worship, teaching and small group discussions to explore community together, and all small groups will join together in church on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings (with crèche) to take part.

If you're not currently in a small group, we would love you to join one of the new groups that will be set up for 40DOC – more details to follow! Please do put the dates in your diary now: 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 Oct & 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 Nov.

HTC Cricket Match and Tea Sunday 10 September

Please do come along to the HTC Annual Cricket Match on Sunday 10 September and support our teams! 1st Innings will start at 2pm, and 2nd Innings at 4pm. **Tea for everyone will be served around 3.30pm.**

Please sign up in the foyer **today** if you can **supply a cake** for the tea at the cricket match (lots of cakes needed as 200+ people are expected for tea!), or if you can help with **setting up**, making and **serving cups of tea** or **clearing up**. Thank you!

Fun in the Sun during the summer

Fun in the Sun for children ages 3 to 11 is taking place during the 9.30am services for the next two Sundays (20 & 27 August). If you would like to help, please sign up **today** in the foyer.

This year's theme is 'Singing on a hike to Jerusalem' and everyone, children and helpers are encouraged to come dressed in their **best walking gear!**

Opportunities to serve

If you don't already serve at HTC, why not prayerfully consider whether you could join one of the following teams, serving once every four weeks on a rota basis? Please contact Katherine in the office!

Attending 9.30am service: serving in the car park (3 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (4 vacancies), making sandwiches for 4 O'clock Church after 9.30am service (3 vacancies).

Attending 11.15am service: welcoming (6 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (3 vacancies).

Attending 6.30pm service: serving tea & coffee (4 vacancies).

Jigsaw Pre-School spaces

Jigsaw have spaces available in September – contact jigsawadmissions@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk to find out more.

Thank you...

Ken Huddart is now home from hospital and thanks the church family for praying for him after his recent stroke.

Weekly prayer

Do you want to play a part in the appointment of a new vicar? You can! Join us in praying for the whole process on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9.30am at church. All welcome!

Update on vicar application process

Following the closing date last week for applications for the vicar vacancy, our churchwardens, Bill and Anna Lise, are looking forward to a shortlisting meeting on Wednesday 16 August with Bishop Andrew, our Archdeacon, Paul Bryer, and Roger Combes who is the representative for our patron, The Church Patronage Trust. Please pray for the shortlisting process and for the five people involved.

Summer at the Bookstall

Do visit our special summer bookstall today - and why not buy one of our recommended books to read over the summer or while you are on holiday?

There are a selection of books suitable for all ages!

Could you help in the vicarage garden?

We are seeking help with maintaining the vicarage garden over the next few months during the vacancy. There are a range of tasks to be done on a regular basis, from light pruning and weeding to lawnmowing (mower provided) so if you could help on an ad hoc basis at a time to suit you (weekdays or weekends) please contact the church office.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 14 August	11.30am	Funeral of Sue Rowe
Tues 15 August	10am	Connections Seaside Special for Seniors
Sat 19 August	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome

Sunday 20 August

8am Holy Communion Leader: David Overington Preacher: David Overington	9.30am Morning Praise + Baptism Leader: Stuart Sadler Preacher: Mike Harle	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Katherine Willis Preacher: Mike Harle	4pm 4 O'clock Church Will restart after summer break on Sunday 3 September	6.30pm Together Holy Communion Leaders: Stuart Sadler and Mike Harle
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Upcoming Events

Mon 4 Sept	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Wed 6 Sept	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting (repeated Sat 9 Sept)
Sat 9 Sept	10am	Small group leaders' meeting (repeat of Wed 6 Sept)
Sun 10 Sept		Annual cricket match and tea
Fri 15 - Sat 16	7pm - 7pm	24 hours of prayer ahead of interviews for new vicar
Tues 19 Sept	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 23 Sept	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 1 Oct		40 Days of Community Opening Sunday (see over for info) Come Home for Lunch Sunday
Wed 4 Oct	8pm	40 Days of Community midweek sessions begin - see over
Thurs 5 Oct	10am	40 Days of Community midweek sessions begin - see over
Sat 7 Oct	8.30am	Women's breakfast – speaker Cath Winchcombe
Mon 9 Oct	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 10 Oct	8.15pm	Baptism course begins in the Ministry Centre
Sat 14 Oct		Faith in Action supper in the church hall – details to follow
Tues 17 Oct	3.30pm	Messy Church