



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+ come into church for the beginning of the service before departing for **Fun in the Sun in the church hall**. They will return after the sermon to feedback on what they've learnt today!

Pathfinders and YF have now finished for the summer but all are invited to attend the 6.30pm 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: David Overington
Preacher: David Overington
Psalm 130 p624

9.30am MORNING PRAISE & BAPTISM

Leader: Stuart Sadler
Preacher: Mike Harle
Psalm 130 p624

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Katherine Willis
Preacher: Mike Harle
Psalm 130 p624

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
Psalm 130 p624

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Continue to pray for the current humanitarian crisis in Venezuela. The country does not produce the food or medicine it requires, instead relying on imports, and there is currently a shortage of both. Pray for all who are suffering under President Maduro's regime, especially since he has replaced Venezuela's National Assembly with a new National Constituent Assembly and rewritten the constitution.
- In the shadow of the North Korean missile threat, and an escalating war of words between the US and Pyongyang, pray for a just resolution of differences, and prudence in both speech and action.
- Pray for the family of Heather Heyer, and those injured in the violent confrontations in the far-right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia last week.

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 Sue Rowe 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 Holly Byles, our new Youth Minister, and her family as they settle into Claygate and prepare for Holly starting work here on Mon 4 Sept.
- Pray for the Youth Trip to Soul Survivor, for the leaders and for the young people going. Pray that it would be a great time of learning, faith and fellowship.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) and give thanks for their work supporting churches and leaders across the country. Pray also for those locally who have recently finished the Deanery Growing Leaders course, that God would be at work in their lives. Pray also for the summer camps run by CPAS over the next few weeks.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Please continue to pray for the process of choosing a new vicar for our church.
- Pray for our small groups as we prepare for 40 Days of Community this autumn.

Collect for the Tenth

Sunday after Trinity: Let

Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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 **servicing 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 today and next Sunday (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).

Lost property – deadline Sunday 3 Sept

Please do check under the letter rack in the foyer for your items – anything left after **3 Sept** will be given to charity.

8am service breakfast

On Sun 3 Sept there will be a breakfast for all who regularly attend the 8am service, at the home of Margaret Spittle (20 Beaconsfield Road). Please sign up in the foyer.

Update on vicar application process

Our churchwardens, Anna Lise and Bill, are delighted to announce that, following the shortlisting meeting, three candidates will be invited to HTC for interview on Wed 20 Sept. Please do continue to pray for all those involved in this.

Join us in praying for the whole process on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9.30am at church. All welcome!

North Tower update

As you've probably noticed, the external scaffolding is now down – but there is still some work to complete internally. The refurbished clock is due to be reinstated week commencing 11 September.

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 or sign up in the foyer.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Wed 23 August	2.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Mary Spurgeon
Sat 26 August	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome

Sunday 27 August

8am Holy Communion Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Jon Davey	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Stuart Sadler	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Stuart Sadler	4pm 4 O'clock Church Will restart after summer break on Sunday 3 September	6.30pm Together Evening Praise Leader: Sarah Tapp Preacher: Stuart Sadler
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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