



# This week's prayers

## Monday - World

- Pray for the people of Texas and Louisiana whose lives have been affected by the high winds and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. Pray that shelter will be found for the thousands forced to flee their homes, and give thanks for the way communities, including churches, have been closely supporting each other during this crisis.
- Pray for the thousands suffering from disease and starvation in Yemen, where the Civil War continues to rage. Pray that both sides will allow food and medical supplies to reach those most at need, and that greater effort will be made by all sides involved in the conflict to bring it to an end.

## 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 Browns, 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 Patricia Squire and Michael Whitnell.

## Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for Jigsaw Pre-School as their new term starts today. Pray for the manager Vicky Marsh and all the staff and for the children, especially those who will be away from their parents for the first time. Pray for everyone to settle quickly into routines and flourish during their time here.
- Pray for our new Youth Minister, Holly Byles, in her first few days working at HTC. Pray that she quickly feels settled and that she starts some great relationships with the young people as many of them meet her for the first time this week.

## 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 the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for the small group leaders at their training meetings this week. Pray that God would equip and encourage them in their roles, especially this autumn as they have a key role leading us through 40 Days of Community.
- Pray for the Cricket Match on Sunday that it would be a great time for us all to enjoy fellowship and grow closer together.

## Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen.

# This week's notices

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## 24 hours of prayer prior to vicar interviews

Our churchwardens, Anna Lise and Bill, are delighted to announce that, following the shortlisting meeting, three candidates have been invited for interview on Wed 20 Sept.

There is an opportunity for us all to join together in prayer and commit the interview process, and all those involved, to God. The **24 hours of prayer** runs from 6pm on Fri 15 Sept till 6pm on Sat 16 Sept and will take place in Willow (downstairs in the **Ministry Centre**). Resources provided to help you pray. Please sign up in the foyer for a half hour slot.

There is also a weekly opportunity to pray for the whole process on Saturdays from 9 - 9.30am at church. All welcome!

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## 40 Days of Community – sign up today!

40 Days of Community is a whole-church programme of worship, teaching and small group discussions to explore community together, and all small groups will join together in church on Wednesday evenings (8pm) or Thursday mornings (10am - with crèche) to take part. To find out more, see the flyer in this newsletter for more details, or contact Richard Rugg or Katherine Willis.

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 – please **sign up in the foyer** today.

40DOC begins on Sunday 1 October, and there are **daily readings for us all** to accompany the small group programme. **Pick up your copy of the 40DOC Devotional book** from the foyer today, together with a **bookmark** which explains which short reading falls on each day. If you are able to make a donation of £5 towards the cost of the book this would be welcome, but please do not let this prevent you from taking your copy today.

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## 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! 1<sup>st</sup> Innings will start at 2pm, and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

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## 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.

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## Welcome Holly!

Holly Byles, our new Youth Minister, starts her new role tomorrow. Holly will be based in Emmanuel Hall, and can be contacted on 01372 466982 [hollybyles@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk](mailto:hollybyles@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk)

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## Registration Sunday for children's groups

Today the children's groups start up again for the new term and some children will be starting in new groups. Please check the front of this newsletter for details of who goes where. We also need to register all children at the start of the year so please could you take or collect your own children from their groups this morning, rather than sending them along with friends, and be prepared to fill in a form for each child. If you have a pen on you it would also be really helpful to take that to speed up the process! Emma will be in the foyer if you have any questions.

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## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who helped out with Fun in the Sun this summer and joined in with such enthusiasm. The regular children's leaders and helpers have been able to enjoy a well-deserved break and the children have had a great time worshipping together.

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## Lost property – deadline today

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

# This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 4 Sept	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 5 Sept	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Wed 6 Sept	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting (repeated Sat 9 Sept)
Fri 8 Sept	2pm	Funeral of Michael Whitnell in church
Sat 9 Sept	10am	Small group leaders' meeting (repeat of Wed 6 Sept)

## Sunday 10 September

<b>8am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader and Preacher: Mike Harle	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Morning Praise</b> Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Richard Rugg	<b>11.15am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Richard Rugg	<i>No 4 O'clock          Church today but          do join us for the          Cricket Match on          The Rec from 2pm          (tea at 3.30pm)</i>	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Evening Praise</b> Leader: Stephen George Preacher: Richard Rugg
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## Upcoming Events

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
Sat 21 Oct	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre