



Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader and Preacher:

Michael Hepworth

Genesis 46:28-47:12 p52

9.30am ALL AGE & BAPTISMS

Leaders: Philip Plyming

and Emma Coy

Genesis 46:28-47:12 p52

10.55am WAR MEMORIAL

11.15am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leaders: Philip Plyming

and Richard Rugg

Revelation 21:1-5 p1249

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Annabelle Plyming and

Emma Coy

Genesis 46:28-47:12 p52

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Leaders: Sarah Tapp

and Mike Barton

Genesis 46:28-47:12 p52

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+ stay in church today for the all age service.

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.

Refreshments

Tea & Coffee will be served between the end of the 9.30am service and the start of the 11.15am service, and before the 6.30pm 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

Services

- Pray for those leading and preaching at our Sunday services: Michael Hepworth, Philip Plyming, Emma Coy, Richard Rugg, Annabelle Plyming, Mike Barton and Sarah Tapp.
- Pray for the PCC meeting on Monday evening. Pray for wisdom and discernment in all the discussions.
- Pray for the Connections Coffee Stop (Tues) and the final Connecting to Christianity get together (Thurs). Pray that God will bless all those that attend these events.
- Pray for Messy Church on Tuesday. Pray for all those who attend, both young and old, that through all the fun activities they would come to know God more deeply.
- Pray for the men's curry night on Thursday. Pray that this will be a fun time of fellowship where new friendships are formed and existing relationships deepened.
- Pray for Charlie Day and Evie Quayle who are baptised in our 9.30am service today, and for their parents, godparents and wider families.

Collect for the Second Sunday before Advent:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as He is pure; that when He shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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, Mary Cripps, Katie Elmore, Yvette Fountaine, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest (in hospital), Wendy Howe, Laura James, Jen Marshall, Margaret Standish, Mollie Woodward (in hospital) and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for Stuart Sadler and family following the death of his stepfather, and for the families and friends of Richard Ayling, Howard Longley and Dorothy Peart.

Mission

- Pray for the work of the Rhema project in India. Pray for the pastors, who, amongst their persecution and poverty, seek to reach out into their communities in new and relevant ways (programmes in literacy, feeding and upskilling). Pray for the Bible College students as they settle into the new school year. Pray for Archbishop Samuel as he travels around the USA before heading back to India on 21 Nov.

World

- Pray for the American people after Donald Trump won the presidential election. Pray that he will lead the country wisely and be able to bring healing after a divisive campaign
- Pray for the people of Haiti. It has gone out of the news but pray for Haiti as it struggles to rebuild its infrastructure and rehome all the homeless after hurricane Matthew. Pray that the feared cholera epidemic won't happen.
- Continue to pray for all those affected by the fighting in Syria and Iraq, especially those caught up in the continued battle for Mosul.

This week's notices

Men's curry night Thurs 17 Nov

Following the successful evening earlier in the year, another men's curry evening is booked at the Rasoy curry house on the Parade for Thurs 17 Nov. Do please think about inviting someone from outside of HTC and enjoy some great fellowship together. Meet at Platform 3 from 6.30pm, then on to Rasoy at 7.45pm. Please email duncancolyer@gmail.com if you'd like to come!

Preparing for Christingles Fridays 18 and 25 Nov

There is lots of preparation to do in advance for our Christingle services! If you are free on Fridays 18 or 25 Nov 9.30am - 12pm do call in and join us in the foyer to help thread sweets onto cocktail sticks and prepare the candles. Come for as little as half an hour or longer to help – and enjoy coffee and fellowship! **LOTS** of help needed!

Advent Prayer days

All are welcome to join Linda Morgan for our Advent Prayer days on Fri 25 Nov (House of Prayer, Molesey 10am - 3.30pm with a 'bring and share' lunch) and Sat 26 Nov (Ministry Centre 9am – 12.30pm with breakfast included).

It is a great opportunity to slow down, take time out and go deeper with God before the pace of life quickens in the run up to Christmas. Please sign up in the foyer.

Crafts and Carols for women

Following the hugely successful 'Crafts & Carols' for women last year, we are running it again this year on Thursday 1 December from 7.30-10pm. The evening will include a glass or two of bubbly (& nibbles), your choices from a range of Christmas crafts to make on the night and take home, interspersed with carols. Tickets £15 from the church office - do invite a friend!

Toys for Barnardo's project in Tunbridge Wells

Please bring along unwrapped gifts (for ages 2 to 5) to any service on Sun 4 Dec (or to the church office by Mon 5 Dec). Those attending at 9.30am will be invited to bring them up during the children's item. If attending other services, please leave them by the office door. Suggestions include simple books, curriculum based toys (numbers, counting, letters) and transport toys (cars, trains etc).

Lunch for the 11.15am Congregation

On Sunday 11 Dec there will be a lunch for the 11.15am congregation, starting at 12.45pm in the church hall. Please sign up in the foyer - and why not invite a friend along to the service and lunch? Voluntary contributions towards the cost of the lunch can be made on the day. For more details contact Anna Lise Gordon 460273 gordonarrh@aol.com

Advent Prayer Room

From Sun 27 Nov to Fri 23 Dec, the Prayer Room will be transformed into a drop-in Advent prayer space. It is an opportunity to spiritually recharge during Advent and spend 5 or 50 mins in a peaceful, reflective space with God. The prayer room will be open during office hours, and occasional evenings - details to follow!

Beer and Carols for men

Following the success of 'Beer & Carols' for men last year, we are running it again on Thurs 15 Dec from 7.45 to 10pm. The evening will include four half pints of craft beer, a hog roast and carols. Tickets £15 from the church office - do invite a friend!

Dorcas Sale Sun 27 Nov

The Dorcas handicraft group will be having a sales table after the services on 27 Nov in the foyer starting at 9am. The money raised will go to the Ukraine medical fund.

Besom prayer meeting

Everyone is welcome to join members of the Besom team to pray for the work of the Besom project - meeting in Sycamore (upstairs in Ministry Centre) on Mon 28 Nov 9.15-9.45am.

New church directories

The church directory has been reprinted - copies have been left in the letter rack for those who appear in the directory but do not have email addresses listed. Others who prefer a hard copy rather than accessing the online directory can obtain one from the office - suggested donation £2 to cover printing.

Flowers in memory

The flowers in the foyer today have been given by Angela Main in memory of her husband John.

This week's diary

Mon - Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 14 Nov	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Tues 15 Nov	2pm	Dorcas group meet at 11 Elm Gardens
	3.30pm	Messy Church
Wed 16 Nov	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
	12.45pm	Funeral of Howard Longley in church
Thurs 17 Nov	10am	'Connecting with Christianity' for Seniors concludes in foyer Men's Curry Night - see over for details
Fri 18 Nov	9.30-12	Christingle preparation - all welcome to help!

Sunday 20 November

8am Holy Communion Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Richard Rugg	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Barton Preacher: Chris Jennings	11.15am Morning Praise with Confirmations Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Bishop Jo	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Annabelle Plyming and Julian Coy	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Steve Cramer
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Upcoming Events

Fri 25 Nov	10-3.30pm	Advent Prayer Day at House of Prayer - see over
Sat 26 Nov	9-12.30pm	Advent Prayer Morning in Ministry Centre - see over
Sun 27 Nov		Advent Prayer Room opens - see over for details
Thurs 1 Dec	7.30pm	Crafts & Carols for women - see over
Sat 3 Dec	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
	4pm	Lights on The Parade
	12.45pm	Lunch for the 11.15am congregation
Sun 11 Dec	4pm	Carols on The Green followed by mulled wine and mince pies
	6.30pm	Illuminate Carol Service - an 'alternative' carol service
Mon 12 Dec	8pm	PCC meet in Emmanuel Hall
Thurs 15 Dec	7.45pm	Beer & Carols for men - details to follow!
Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm	Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies