



Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Mike Harle
Genesis 50 p56

9.30am ALL AGE & BAPTISM

Leaders: Emma Coy
and Richard Rugg
Genesis 50 p56

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Mike Harle
Genesis 50 p56

4pm CAROLS ON THE GREEN

6.30pm ILLUMINATE CAROL SERVICE

Leaders: Richard Rugg
and Mike Barton

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 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, 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: Linda Morgan, Mike Harle, Emma Coy, Richard Rugg and Mike Barton.
- Pray for the range of events taking place at Holy Trinity this week, including school carol services, our special 'Illuminate' carol service this Sunday evening, the informal men's Beer and Carols on Thursday evening, and our pre-Christmas PCC meeting on Monday evening.
- Continue to pray for the Advent Prayer room and for those that have used it and will do so over the Advent season.
- Pray for those working in the church office, and those volunteering to help them during a particularly busy period.
- Pray for Rufus Kidd who is being baptised at our 9.30am service today, and for his parents, godparents and family.
- Pray for David Overington and Jean Frost who will be married here on Saturday 17 Dec.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You: grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight; for You are alive and reign with the Father 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, Wendy Howe, Laura James, Jen Marshall, Margaret Standish, Beryl Tunnicliff, Mollie Woodward and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the families and friends of Mark Sprackland, Colin Mays and Lynda Fisher, and for the Hobart / Redman family following the death of Deborah's father.

Mission

- Pray for the work of the Ukraine Christian Partnership, and particularly for the continuing health and work of the ministers Zoltan and Atilla and their wives, and for the many people in the villages suffering from ill health. Pray for a successful medical mission in January led by Michael Webb Peplow and that enough people will come forward for the winter and summer missions.

World

- Pray for the care of the elderly, as many face Christmas separated from family, alone and infirm. Carers at home or in nursing homes need our prayers too: locally for residents and carers at Wingham Court and the elderly at the Firs.
- Pray for the political future of Italy, following the resignation of Matteo Renzi, and its place within the European Union.
- Pray for leadership in the world which is open-hearted, courageous and promotes justice and fairness. Pray for leaders in troubled nations, particularly Syria.

This week's notices

Carols on The Green today

Everyone is welcome to join us at 4pm today for Carols on The Green, followed by mulled wine and mince pies! Come along for a short service led by Philip, and sing some carols accompanied by the Scout and Guide band.

Advent Prayer Room

The Prayer Room has been transformed into a drop-in Advent prayer space, continuing until Fri 23 Dec. It is an opportunity to spiritually recharge during Advent and spend 5 or 50 mins engaging with God - all ages welcome! Even if you have already dropped in once, do come back - **the prayer activities are changing on a weekly basis**. The prayer room will be open during office hours, and occasional evenings.

Vision Sunday - 8 January 2017

As last year we will start the New Year reflecting at all the Sunday services on the vision God has for us and outline some of the ways we will be seeking to meet that vision in 2017. There will also be information on the budget to meet that vision.

Please put this important Sunday in your diaries, and hold those services in your prayers. There will also be a Vision Meeting on **Monday 16 January** at 8pm, with the opportunity to hear about the coming year in more detail.

Faculty application for work to North Tower

As you may be aware, the clock tower is in need of some urgent repairs as a result of wet rot in some structural timbers. A number of minor repairs to the outside of the tower are also needed, together with a refurbishment of the clock face which is in a poor state of repair. The PCC has unanimously approved an application for a Faculty from the Church of England to allow us to carry out this work. A formal notice of this application can be viewed on the notice boards in the foyer and outside the main entrance. Further details of the proposed work are available for inspection in the Church Office.

Preparing for Christingles

If you are free on Fri 23 Dec please join us to help assemble 500+ Christingles! Come to the foyer from 9.30am onwards - YF members especially welcome!

There will be three Christingle services on Christmas Eve at 3pm, 4.15pm and 5.30pm - do to come to whichever service suits you best. Children are welcome to come dressed up as a character from the Christmas story!

HTC Christmas card

There are still a few bundles of cards left to deliver - so if you can help deliver our Christmas card to everyone in Claygate, please collect a bundle or two from the foyer and deliver asap!

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!

Weekend retreat 2017

Linda Morgan will be running another weekend retreat at St Cuthmans from Fri 22-Sun 24 Sept 2017. To register interest in coming, please contact Katherine in the office as soon as possible.

Alpha Course - starts Thurs 19 Jan

Next term's Alpha Course begins with an Opening Supper on Thurs 19 January at 7.30pm in the Ministry Centre. Do invite a friend or neighbour to come along - invitations available on the welcome desk today! The main sessions of the course run from Thurs 26 Jan to Thurs 23 Mar (with a break for half term on Thurs 16 Feb).

Flowers in memory

The flowers in church today have been given by Jim Brown in memory of his wife Jess.

This week's diary

Mon - Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 12 Dec	8pm	PCC meet in Emmanuel Hall
Tues 13 Dec	10am 2pm	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer Dorcas group meet at 11 Elm Gardens
Wed 14 Dec	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 15 Dec	7.45pm	Beer & Carols for men - see over
Sat 17 Dec	2pm	Wedding of David Overington and Jean Frost in church

Sunday 18 December

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: Linda Morgan	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Richard Rugg	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Anna Lise Gordon Preacher: Richard Rugg	4pm <i>4 O'Clock Church is on Christmas break and restarts on Sun 8 Jan</i>	6.30pm Traditional Carol Service Leader: Mike Barton Preacher: Philip Plyming
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Upcoming Events

Sun 18 Dec	6.30pm	Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Christmas Eve	3, 4.15 & 5.30pm 11.15pm	Christingle Service – come to whichever suits you! Children are welcome to come dressed as a character from the Christmas story Holy Communion
Christmas Day	9am 10.30am	Holy Communion with carols All Age Service
Sun 1 Jan		Normal services at 8am, 9.30am and 11.15am No 4 O'clock Church or 6.30pm service today!
Wed 4 Jan	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting (repeated Sat 7 Jan)
Sat 7 Jan	10am	Small group leaders' meeting (repeat of Wed 4 Jan)
Sun 8 Jan		Vision Sunday
Tues 10 Jan	10am	Connections for Seniors starts new term