



Christmas Day Services

9am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Philip Plyming
Preacher: Linda Morgan
Luke 2:1-20 p1027

10.30am ALL AGE WORSHIP

Leaders: Philip Plyming
and Richard Rugg
Luke 2:1-20 p1027

1 January Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader and
Preacher: Michael Hepworth
Luke 2:21-35 p1028

9.30am ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION

Leaders: Mike Harle
and Mike Barton
Luke 2:21-35 p1028

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Mike Harle
Preacher: Michael Hepworth
Luke 2:21-35 p1028

No 4 O'clock Church or 6.30pm service today

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 on **1 January**, children remain in church for the All Age Holy Communion 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

Collect for Christmas Day:

Almighty God, You have given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas:

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in Your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Services

- Pray for all those who will be leading and preaching at the large number of services over this Christmas period. Pray that they will inspire us to look forward with hope and excitement to the New Year.
- Pray that the Christmas period will be a time of real rest and refreshment to all of us.
- Pray for the leaders of our small groups, as they meet early in the New Year to plan the next term's programme. Pray especially that, fresh from the Christmas break, they will be able to share new ideas and initiatives for the future.
- Pray for all the lonely people, in our parish and elsewhere, especially the elderly who have no near relatives or friends, that all Christians everywhere will seek initiatives to alleviate their situation this Christmas, and going forward into the New Year.

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, Ruth Hopwood (in hospital), Wendy Howe, Laura James, Elena Last, Jen Marshall, Keith Pask, 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 Colin Mays and Lynda Fisher, for Marion Thorley and family following the death of her mother-in-law Joan and for Lee Jones and family following the death of her mother.

Mission

- Pray for the Hunslet project in Leeds, and give thanks for all the kids, teens & families they have connected with this year. Pray for a blessed and restful Christmas period for the team. Pray for wisdom and energy looking ahead to 2017, with plans to start new boys' groups and relaunch a faith exploration group.

World

- As news of so many violations of the evacuations in Aleppo grows, please continue to pray for the increasingly desperate plight of all the civilians caught with nowhere to go.
- Pray for God's blessing on communities around the world who offer hospitality to refugees and those who are returning home.
- Pray for those in positions of power in our world who have the means to make a difference; that they will have the resolve and the wisdom to prioritise peace and seek reconciliation, putting political self-interest to one side.

This week's notices

Philip and all the team at HTC wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas Appeal this year is in support of The Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, which provides care and support for patients, their families and carers in our local area. If you are a tax payer, please use a gift aid envelope which will be provided at services on Christmas Day, or available from the welcome desk.

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.

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).

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.

Opportunities to serve in the New Year

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 on the audio / visual desk (3 vacancies), serving in the car park (2 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (3 vacancies), making sandwiches for 4 O'clock Church after 9.30am service (4 vacancies).

Attending 11.15am service: welcoming (4 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (3 vacancies).

Attending 6.30pm service: serving on the audio / visual desk (2 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (4 vacancies).

Church office closed

The church office is currently closed for Christmas, and will re-open on Tuesday 3 January at 9.15am.

Samara's Aid appeal

Could you support this appeal to send humanitarian aid to those displaced from their homes in the Middle East? If you could contribute clothes / shoes / bedding / towels (new or used; for any age group; but must be in good condition), please bring your items to the church office for Sunday 15 January. For more information contact Ian Tatman (01372 468370) or see samarasaidappeal.org

Date for your diary - Ukraine Mission 2017

Next year's Ukraine Summer Mission will run from 28 July – 8 August. We need people aged 8 – 80+ to help with all types of activities there (ranging from simple home visits, to running a holiday club for the children and youth, to specialised medical work). We will be asking people to come forward when this is formally launched in January 2017 but please reserve the dates!!

This week's diary

8.45am Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room - restarts **Tues 3 Jan**

Tues 3 Jan Church office reopens

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)

Sunday 8 January: Vision Sunday

8am Holy Communion Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Philip Plyming	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Philip Plyming	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Philip Plyming	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Emma Coy and Philip Plyming	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Philip Plyming
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Upcoming Events

Sun 8 Jan Vision Sunday

Tues 10 Jan 10am Connections for Seniors starts new term

Wed 11 Jan 10 & 1 Toddlers' Praise starts new term

Sat 14 Jan 10am Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre

Mon 16 Jan 8pm Vision Meeting in church

Tues 17 Jan 3.30pm Messy Church

Thurs 19 Jan 7.30pm Alpha Opening Supper - see over for details

Sat 28 Jan 24 hours of prayer for Commitment Sunday

Sun 29 Jan Commitment Sunday

Tues 31 Jan 8.15pm Baptism course begins

Mon 6 Feb 8pm PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre

Sat 18 Feb 10am Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre

Tues 21 Feb 3.30pm Messy Church

Sat 25 Feb 8am Men's breakfast