



## 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.

## Today's Services

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### 8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader and Preacher:

Mike Harle

verses from Luke 5 & 6 p1032

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### 9.30am ALL AGE & BAPTISMS

Leaders: Mike Barton

and Emma Coy

verses from Luke 5 & 6 p1032

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### 11.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Leaders: Anna Lise Gordon

and Mike Harle

verses from Luke 5 & 6 p1032

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### 4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Gerry Valter

and Emma Coy

verses from Luke 5 & 6 p1032

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### 6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Mike Barton

verses from Luke 5 & 6 p1032

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# This week's prayers

## Services

- Pray for Mike Harle, Mike Barton, Emma Coy, Anna Lisa Gordon, Gerry Valter and Richard Rugg who will be leading and preaching at our services today.
- Pray for our Vision Meeting on Monday evening, that we might all be encouraged as we hear and share stories of how God has been at work over the past year.
- Pray for Messy Church on Tuesday beginning a new series looking at our shared values. Pray that relationships will be strengthened between those who attend.
- Pray for the Alpha Opening Supper on Thursday and for all those who have been invited and are considering doing the course. Pray that God would be at work in their lives.
- Pray for Annabel Cheadle and Alis Mutafyan who will be baptised in our 9.30am service today, and for their parents, godparents and families.

## 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, Ian McQuade (relative of Sylvia Phillips), Keith Pask, Margaret Standish, Mollie Woodward and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the families and friends of Mary Whimhurst and Roy Knight, for Mike Harle and family following the death of his mother, Joyce, for the family and friends of Florence White and of Ruth Hopwood (funeral details to follow).

## Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as Your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Mission

- "One thing unites every refugee we speak with" says Nigel Harris, Tearfund's new CEO. "They all ask us to pray for peace. If peace comes, they will return, but until then, they cannot ... In human terms, the situation appears hopeless, but our God is a God of hope." Nigel met many of the refugees in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley who told him they are desperate for our prayers. They really value the power of prayer. Please pray for the Tearfund partners and others who work tirelessly to relieve the suffering and despair.

## World

- Pray for America and its people as Donald Trump is inaugurated as President. Pray for the Christian leaders who have been invited to participate and pray at the ceremony and pray that the new President will act peacefully, wisely and justly for the common good.
- Pray for the Orthodox and Coptic churches who have just celebrated Christmas this month. Pray particularly for those Christians who continue to face the threat of severe persecution, and for the Christian churches in Egypt after the bombing of St Mark's Cathedral in Cairo.

# This week's notices

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## Vision Sunday last week and Vision Meeting tomorrow

At our services last Sunday we heard from Philip about the vision for 2017 and our giving review. **If you were not here, do make sure you listen to his talk online or pick up a CD.**

Those who were not here to collect their personally addressed envelope should by now have received one at home. If this is not the case then please collect a blank envelope from the welcome desk and sign the clipboard.

The whole church is invited to a special **Vision meeting** tomorrow, **Mon 16 Jan at 8pm** as we reflect on the vision God has for us and pray together. We will hear about how God was at work last year, including interviews, and will learn more about what He has in store for us in 2017. An evening not to be missed!

Please do sign up in the foyer for a half hour prayer slot as part of our **24 hours of prayer** which runs from 7am Sat 28 Jan to 7am Sun 29 Jan prior to Commitment Sunday (29 Jan).

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## Alpha Course - starts Thurs 19 Jan

This 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).

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## Come Home for Lunch Sunday 29 January

As Philip mentioned in his vision address, Come Home for Lunch Sunday is a great opportunity to invite others for a meal as part of our Loving Community vision for this year. If you need some ideas of who to invite, or would appreciate an invitation, please contact the church office.

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## Crowdfunding appeal for Syrian refugee

Elmbridge CAN have launched an urgent crowd-funding campaign to help Syrian refugee and neurosurgeon, Karim, resettle his family in Elmbridge. Karim, has been staying with a family in Claygate for several months - organised through Refugees at Home. Now, finally, his family reunification application has been granted and his wife and 3 children will be reunited with him after a year apart. For more information see the noticeboard, or visit [crowdfunder.co.uk/help-syrian-refugee-karim-to-resettle-his-family/](http://crowdfunder.co.uk/help-syrian-refugee-karim-to-resettle-his-family/)

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## HTC member seeking care work

Faith Aguha is seeking work as a carer locally - and would be happy to live in if required. If you know of any job opportunities please contact the church office. Faith is available from the beginning of March but could also offer two weeks of cover during January.

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## Welcome Tessa Badcock!

Tessa is in her final year of Licensed Lay Ministry training, studying with our very own Stuart Sadler, and her home church is St Mary with St John Walton. Tessa will be with us at HTC until Easter, including preaching and leading services on Sundays. Tessa can be contacted via [tessabadcock@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk](mailto:tessabadcock@holytrinityclaygate.org.uk).

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## Baptism Course

Our next four week course for parents thinking about infant baptism starts on Tues 31 Jan from 8.15 - 9.45pm in the Ministry Centre. Contact Janet in the office to book a place.

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## 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 today.** For more info, or to arrange a drop off of last minute donations (up till Wed 18 Jan), contact Ian Tatman (01372 468370) or [samarasaidappeal.org](http://samarasaidappeal.org)

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## Men's Beer & Carols

Mike Harle's evening of drink and conversation in the Hare and Hounds has been postponed - alternative date to follow.

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## Date for your diary - Ukraine Mission 2017

This year's Ukraine Summer Mission will run from 28 July – 8 August - more details later this month, but please reserve the dates.

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# This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 16 Jan	8pm	Vision Meeting in church
	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Tues 17 Jan	2pm	Dorcas group meet at 11 Elm Gardens
	3.30pm	Messy Church
Wed 18 Jan	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise
Thurs 19 Jan	7.30pm	Alpha Opening Supper - see over for details

## Sunday 22 January

<b>8am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Jon Davey	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Richard Rugg	<b>11.15am</b> <b>Morning Praise</b> Leader: Michael Hepworth Preacher: Richard Rugg	<b>4pm</b> <b>4 O'clock Church</b> Leaders: Julian Coy and Annabelle Plyming	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Evening Praise</b> Leader: Sarah Tapp Preacher: Richard Rugg
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## Upcoming Events

Sat 28 Jan		24 hours of prayer for Commitment Sunday - see over
Sun 29 Jan		Commitment Sunday
Mon 30 Jan	9.15am	Prayer for the work of Besom in the prayer room - all welcome
Tues 31 Jan	8.15pm	Baptism course begins
Sun 5 Feb	6.30pm	Worldview: speaker Tim Cross - details to follow
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
Wed 1 Mar	11am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and lunch
Mon 6 Mar	8pm	Mission Partner prayer evening in church