



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+ come into church for the beginning of the service before departing for their groups:

Scramblers	aged 3 in the Church Hall
Jumpers	ages 4 & 5 in the Church Hall
Climbers	Y1 & Y2 in the Village Hall
AGS Explorers	Y3 & Y4 in the Village Hall
Trekkers	Y5 & Y6 in Willow (Ministry Centre)
Pathfinders	Y7 - Y9 in in the Village Hall

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

Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is open during office hours Monday to Friday for personal prayer.

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Philip Plyming
Preacher: Jon Davey
Luke 6:17-26 p1034

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Leader: Philip Plyming
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 6:17-26 p1034

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Michael Hepworth
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 6:17-26 p1034

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Julian Coy
and Annabelle Plyming
Luke 6:17-26 p1034

6.30pm EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Sarah Tapp
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 6:17-26 p1034

This week's prayers

Services

- Pray for Michael Hepworth, Jon Davey, Richard Rugg, Philip Plyming, Annabelle Plyming, Sarah Tapp and Julian Coy who will be leading and preaching at our services today.
- Pray for Connections on Tuesday and for Toddlers' Praise as it meets for its usual two sessions on Wednesday, that all those who are at these events will be able to share something of the love of Jesus.
- Pray for those starting the Alpha course on Thursday. Pray that people would quickly feel welcomed and relaxed and that they would really enjoy the first session.
- Pray for us all as we prepare for Commitment Sunday and take part in the 24 hours of prayer that begins on Saturday morning. Pray that God would speak to us as we seek him.

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, Keith Pask, Margaret Standish, Anna-Marja Schmidt, Diane Treganowan and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for Mike Harle and family following the death of his mother, Joyce, for the family and friends of Florence White, Diana Rew, Jean Arnell and Ruth Hopwood (thanksgiving service at HTC Fri 10 Feb 2pm).

Mission

- Pray for the work of Faith in Action Community Development, and particularly for Faith Aguha who is going out to Uganda on 22 Jan for a month. Pray for safe travel and good health for her, for a successful programme of meeting with all the sponsored children at the beginning of a new school year, and that she might be an inspiration and encouragement to the local community and church as she engages with local issues.

World

- Pray for all those involved in negotiating the peaceful end to conflicts across the world. Pray for the peace talks between Syrian rebels and the government taking place in Kazakhstan. Pray also for those meeting to bring peace to Cyprus after many years of tension between the Greek and Turkish sides. Pray that all will work towards reconciliation.
- Pray for all Christians and churches who face persecution, both from extremists of other faiths and from governments intolerant of religion. Pray for North Korea, where there is a growing "refugee church" amongst those who flee to China and then take their faith back to their families. Ask God that will protect these Christians and strengthen their faith as they face great danger and hardship.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany:

Almighty God, in Christ You make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

Vision Sunday and Vision Meeting

If you were not able to attend the **Vision Meeting** on Mon 16 Jan, do listen to the encouraging stories of how God has been at work - recording is available **on the website or on CD**. At our services on 8 Jan we heard from Philip about the vision for 2017 and our giving review. If you were not here, do **listen to his talk online or pick up a CD from the welcome desk**.

Those who were not here to collect their personally addressed envelope should now have received one at home. If not then please collect a blank envelope from the welcome desk and sign the clipboard. **Please bring completed forms to any service on Commitment Sunday 29 January - thank you!**

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).

Alpha Course

This first session of this term's Alpha Course is on Thurs 26 January at 7.30pm in the Ministry Centre. It's not too late to invite a friend or neighbour along!

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.

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/

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.

Large print Bible readings

Sets of large print copies of the Sunday Bible readings for this term are available from the church office.

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.

Jonas Centre visit 2017

This year's working party to the Jonas Centre trip runs from Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June. Places are filling up fast so please do hand in a booking form well before the deadline of Mon 27 Feb if you would like to come! For more info, see the HTC website or contact Emma Coy.

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.

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.

Christmas appeal thank you

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas appeal in support of the Princess Alice Hospice. The total raised (inc. Gift Aid) was £3300.

Besom prayer meeting

All are welcome to join the Besom team to pray for the work of Besom on Mon 30 Jan at 9.30am in the Prayer Room.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 24 Jan	10am	Connections for Seniors in church
Wed 25 Jan	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Thurs 26 Jan	7.30pm	Alpha Course begins in the Ministry Centre
Sat 28 Jan		24 hours of prayer for Commitment Sunday - see over

Sunday 29 January: Commitment Sunday

8am Holy Communion Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Katherine Willis	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Philip Plyming	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Linda Morgan Preacher: Philip Plyming	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Annabelle Plyming and Gerry Valter	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Peter Meadows
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Upcoming Events

Sun 29 Jan		Commitment Sunday
Mon 30 Jan	9.30am	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
Sat 11 Mar	8.30am	Women's breakfast
Mon 13 Mar	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 14 Mar	8pm	Welcoming Refugees information evening - details to follow