



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 greetings cards.

Prayer Room

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

Today's Services

8am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: David Overington
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 19:1-10 p1053

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Mike Harle
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 19:1-10 p1053

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Anna Lise Gordon
Preacher: Richard Rugg
Luke 19:1-10 p1053

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Stephen Valter & Julian Coy
Luke 19:1-10 p1053

6.30pm TOGETHER EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg
Preacher: Sarah Slater
Luke 19:1-10 p1053

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- You will have read that the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched an appeal about the crisis in South Sudan, Northern Kenya, Somalia and Southern Ethiopia; Tearfund are already on the ground in East Africa working with their partners to provide humanitarian assistance, sanitation, and health education to vulnerable families. Pray that we in the West will respond generously to this appeal.

Tuesday – 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, Katie Elmore, Yvette Fountaine, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Heather Patel, Margaret Standish, Diane Treganowan and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Elizabeth French and Darren Mann; and for the Martin family following the death of Luc's father.
- Pray for Mike, Caz, Hannah & Isabel Barton as they move into The Vicarage in Longridge today. Pray for God's peace in the busyness of the move and for a few weeks of relaxation for them as a family before Mike's licensing on 2 May.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for the Pathfinder and YF leaders at HTC; Jamie, Sarah, Mikey, Fiona, Emily, Andy, Nicky, Clair, Ada and Nicole. Give thanks that so many serve in this way, preparing young people for the challenges they will meet in later life.
- Pray also for the younger children's groups; for the crèche, scramblers, climbers, jumpers, explorers and trekkers, and all the many leaders of these groups, as they provide the opportunity to hear stories of Jesus, and respond to him.

Thursday – Mission

- In Pakistan religion is connected to national identity, so people who belong to minority faiths – Christians, Shia Muslims, Ahmadi Muslims, and Hindus – are often a target for violence, discrimination and harassment. Please pray that CSW's advocacy will lead to a long-term change in the situation for these vulnerable groups. A team from CSW are flying out to Pakistan this weekend. Please pray for their safety, and for favour on all their meetings.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at next Sunday services (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for Mike's leaving lunch today (Sun 2 April), that many will be able to take the opportunity to express our thanks for all he has accomplished for us during his time at HTC.
- Pray for all the leaders and participants of our small groups, that they will find a level of support and encouragement not always possible in a wider context.

Collect for the Fifth

Sunday of Lent: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of His victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New format for prayers on this page

The prayers on this page follow the same pattern as Morning Prayer (8.45-9.15am on weekdays) - so if you're not able to join us in person, please do join us in prayer as we unite as a community to pray for these topics day by day.

This week's notices

Farewell to Mike B!

Today we say goodbye to Mike, Caz, Hannah & Isabel over lunch starting at 12.30pm. It will be a lovely occasion to chat with Mike & Caz and to pray for them as they head north next week. If you have not signed up for the lunch but would like to come along please speak to Janet after the 9.30am service.

Mike B's **licensing** at St Lawrence with St Paul, Longridge, Preston will take place on Tuesday 2 May 7.30pm. **If you are driving and could offer a lift please contact Janet in the office.**

Leaving arrangements for Philip

Philip's last Sunday will be 23 April with a **leaving tea** starting at 3pm in the church, which will include thanksgiving and will be instead of 4 O'clock Church and the 6.30pm service - please sign up in the foyer (no charge) if you would like to attend. Philip's **Service of Welcome** will be at St Oswald's Church, Durham on Mon 8 May at 6pm, and all are welcome. If you would like to contribute to a **leaving gift**, address your envelope to 'Brian Howells - PP gift' - if appropriate, make cheques payable to 'Claygate PCC' - bring to the office by Fri 21 April.

Passover Supper - Thurs 13 April 6pm

A wonderfully visual and interactive event for the whole church family as we re-enact the traditional Passover meal and reflect on what it means for us as we prepare for Easter. Tickets - adults £6, children £3 - from the Church Office. If you can help serve in various ways, please sign up in the foyer.

Election of Churchwardens, PCC and Emly Deanery Synod members - Mon 24 April

At this year's Annual Meeting (APCM) there will be the annual election for two Churchwardens, also elections to fill 4 vacancies on the PCC and 5 vacancies on Emly Deanery Synod. Nomination forms are available from the welcome desk (return by Sun 16 Apr), but meanwhile do think and pray about whether you might be interested in standing for one of these vacancies. To find out more please speak to Richard. To stand for these vacancies, you need to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months.

Electoral Roll

The new Electoral Roll is available for inspection under the main noticeboard in the foyer.

Fire Drill procedure during Sunday services / groups

On hearing the Fire Alarm you will be directed to the fire exits by the service leaders / service coordinators / welcome teams / group helpers to the Fire Assembly Point which is located between The Vicarage and the Ministry Centre. **Parents please note that your children will be brought to you at the Fire Assembly Point** and you should not go to their groups to try to collect them as this will delay the evacuation.

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Easter cards for delivery

Our parishwide Easter card is now ready for delivery - please collect a bundle or two from the foyer and delivery by Sat 8 Apr.

Weekly prayer through a period of change

The PCC invite you to join them for weekly prayer as we move through a period of change at HTC - every Saturday between 9 - 9.30am at church. Our prayer time will be led by a member of the PCC each week. All welcome!

Night Prayer Mon 10 - Wed 12 April 8pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a half hour service of night prayer ('Compline') in church to help us meditate on the events of Holy Week.

Adult baptism / confirmation

There is an opportunity for adults to be baptised by full immersion on Easter Sunday, 16 April during the 6.30pm service, or to be confirmed on Tues 16 May at St Nicholas, Thames Ditton. Contact Philip or Richard for info.

Prayer weekend 22-24 Sept

Linda Morgan is leading a prayer weekend at St Cuthman's retreat centre near Horsham - there are two twin rooms remaining (£145 per person inc. all meals) and three single rooms (£160 per person inc. all meals). Contact Katherine in the office to book or for more information.

Baptism Course

The next course for parents who are thinking about baptism for their children starts on Tues 16 May 8.15-9.45pm in the Ministry Centre. It continues for 4 weeks (with a break for half term) and ends on 13 June. Please contact Janet in the office if you would like to find out more.

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This week's diary

Mon-Fri 8.45am Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room

Sat 8 Apr 9am Prayer through a period of change, all welcome - see over

Sunday 9 April

8am Holy Communion Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Mike Harle	9.30am Holy Communion Leader: Philip Plyming Preacher: Chris Jennings	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Katherine Willis	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Denise Stollery and Annabelle Plyming	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Sarah Tapp Preacher: Philip Plyming
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Upcoming Events

10-12 Apr	8pm	Compline (Evening Prayer) for Holy Week
Thurs 13 Apr	6pm	Passover Supper - see over for details
Fri 14 Apr	10am	Meet in station car park for Walk of Witness
	10.30am	All age service for Good Friday
	2pm	Reflective service for Good Friday
Sat 15 Apr	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sat 22 Apr	10am	Small group leaders' meeting - repeated Wed 26 Apr
Sun 23 Apr	3pm	Leaving tea for Philip - see over for details
Mon 24 Apr	8pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church
Tues 25 Apr	3.30pm	Messy Church
Wed 26 Apr	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting - repeat of Sat 22 Apr
Sat 13 May		PCC Away Day in Windlesham
	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Tues 16 May	3.30pm	Messy Church
	8.15pm	Baptism Course begins
		Deanery Confirmation Service at St Nicholas Thames Ditton
Thurs 25 May	11am	Ascension Day Holy Communion followed by lunch
Thurs 25 May - Sun 4 June		'Thy Kingdom Come' - a national and local period of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost - more info to follow
Sun 2 July	3pm	Stuart Sadler's Ordination at Guildford Cathedral - all welcome
Sat 15 July		Claygate Flower Show on the Rec