



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LESSONS IN
COMMUNITY LIVING
FROM 1 JOHN

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. 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: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Tessa Badcock
1 John 1:1-4 p1225

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Stuart Sadler
Preacher: Richard Rugg
1 John 1:1-4 p1225

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Linda Morgan
Preacher: Richard Rugg
1 John 1:1-4 p1225

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Gerry Valter
and Denise Stollery
1 John 1:1-4 p1225

6.30pm EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Sarah Slater
Preacher: Richard Rugg
1 John 1:1-4 p1225

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Pray for the people of France as they vote in the second round of the Presidential elections on Sunday. Pray that the campaign will go peacefully and that the successful candidate will reflect God's love and justice for all.
- Pray also for the UK local elections this Thursday and the General Election next month. Pray that candidates will act with sensitivity, honesty and generosity of spirit.

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, Jackie Hinton, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Heather Patel, Matthew Redman (recovering from surgery), Sue Rowe, Margaret Standish, Diane Treganowan, Jacquie Whitnall (in hospital) and those going through any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Darren Mann, John Salter, Hazel French and Peter Tunnicliff.
- Pray for Mike Barton as he is licensed this evening. Pray that God will bless him and the family as they minister in Longridge and that they too would be a blessing.
- Pray for the Plyming family as Philip and Sam settle into their new house in Durham, as Sam starts at his new school today and as Annabelle and James get used to having them both away.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for the young people preparing for confirmation and meeting together for their next confirmation class next Sunday. Pray that this would be a pivotal time for each of them in their growth towards Jesus.
- Pray for our Jumpers group for 4 and 5 year olds, led by Maxine Smith. Pray for this energetic group of children that they would have fun and enjoy experiencing Jesus.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the team of 66 children and adults heading up to the Jonas Centre at the end of May. Pray for this group as they meet together as a team for the first time on Sunday. Pray for strong relationships to develop, great fellowship to be enjoyed and that each member of the team to find the place where they can serve. Pray that they might be blessed so that they can be a blessing to all those who work at and visit the Jonas Centre.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for our small groups as they have their first meetings this term. Pray that as they study 1 John together they would learn more what it means to love one another.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter: Almighty Father, who in Your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve You continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

Thank you...

Philip writes: Thank you so much for a wonderful farewell tea last Sunday and for all your kindness and generosity to me and my family. We will treasure the pictures and presents, and spend your gift wisely! I thank God for you all and will hold you in my prayers.

Philip and Sam's new address (and Annabelle and James' in due course!) will be 16 Briardene, Durham, DH1 4QU / 0191 375 7211.

Thank you...

Mike B writes: To all our dear friends at HTC, thank you for all the kind words of encouragement, the cards, and the generous financial gift you gave to support my family and I as we headed north to begin our new lives in Longridge 3 weeks ago. It has been a considerable help in the settling in process. Hannah and Isabel have both made good starts in their new school and nursery respectively and Caz and I are beginning to make the vicarage feel like a home in the beautiful scenery of the Ribble Valley. We look forward to seeing a few of you for my Licensing service this Tuesday night and we'd be very grateful for your ongoing prayers as we start this next adventure with God.

Philip's service of welcome in Durham

Philip's Service of Welcome will be at St Oswald's Church, Durham on Mon 8 May at 6pm, and all are welcome - **please let Janet know if you plan to attend so we can book you a ticket!**

Please do also hold the date in your diary for a **leaving picnic** for the Plyming family on **Sunday 16 July** on The Rec.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done... Dates for diary

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite every parish in the Church of England to join in a second global wave of prayer for the evangelism of our nation in the days between Ascension (25 May) and Pentecost (4 June).

More details about how all ages can get involved at HTC will follow soon.

On Sunday 4 June at 6.30pm, there is a **national Beacon Event at Guildford Cathedral** hosted by Pete Greig - there will not be an evening service at HTC on that evening, as we have 50 tickets to take an HTC group to this event. If you would like one of these free tickets, contact the Church Office.

Living alone?

As mentioned at Women's Breakfast in March, Sonia Etheridge is proposing to meet up with any ladies who might be interested in getting together with others in a similar situation for coffee / walks / outings at Garson's Garden Centre Cafe on Saturday 6 May, from 2-4pm. Feel free to join her then, or contact her on 07799 804511 or email sonia.2902@talktalk.net for more information. Alternatively contact Alison Shine on 07791 556769 or alisonshine@doctors.org.uk

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HTC News

The next edition of HTC News is now published - do pick up your copy from the foyer today.

APCM last Monday - election news

We congratulate the following on their elections: Bill Lowe and Anna Lise Gordon (Churchwardens); Gillian Hall, Janet Hepworth, Nicholas Lescure, John Smith and Stephen Valter (Deanery Synod); Duncan Colyer, Denise Pavey, Ruth Ray, Andrew Reid (PCC).

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!

North Tower repairs

The North Tower repair work will start on Mon 8 May and will continue until early September.

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.

Men's walk Sat 20 May

If you would like to join a men's walk around Chilworth in the Surrey Hills on Sat 20 May (leaving Claygate 9.30am and returning mid-afternoon, with a picnic lunch) please contact Gil Bray for more info gil@braysmail.com Walking shoes / boots will be required!

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This week's diary

Tues-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room (not Bank Holiday Monday!)
Mon 1 May		Bank Holiday - Church Office closed!
Tues 2 May	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
	2.30pm	Funeral of John Salter in church
Wed 3 May	10 & 1	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting - repeat of Sat 22 Apr
Thurs 4 May	2pm	Memorial Service for Darren Mann in church
Sat 6 May	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome

Sunday 7 May

8am Holy Communion Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Jon Davey	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Stuart Sadler	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Anna Lise Gordon Preacher: Stuart Sadler	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Julian Coy and Annabelle Plyming	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Richard Rugg Preacher: Stuart Sadler
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Upcoming Events

Sat 13 May	9-3.30pm	PCC Away Day in Windlesham
	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Tues 16 May	3.30pm	Messy Church
	7.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service at St Nicholas Thames Ditton
	8.15pm	Baptism Course begins
Sat 20 May		Men's walk - see over for details
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
Sat 10 June	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Mon 12 June	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Sat 17 June	8am	Men's breakfast
Tues 20 June	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 24 June	8.30am	Women's breakfast - speaker Kate Patterson
Sun 2 July	3pm	Stuart Sadler's Ordination at Guildford Cathedral - all welcome