



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 3s in **Oak/ Olive in the Ministry Centre**.

All children aged 3+ come into church for the beginning of the service before departing for **Fun in the Sun in the church hall**. They will return after the sermon to feedback on what they've learnt today!

Pathfinders and YF have now finished for the summer but all are invited to attend the 6.30pm 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: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Jon Davey

Psalm 131 p625

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Stuart Sadler

Psalm 131 p625

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Richard Rugg

Preacher: Stuart Sadler

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4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Will restart after summer break on Sunday 3 September

6.30pm TOGETHER EVENING PRAISE

Leaders: Sarah Tapp and Stuart Sadler

Psalm 131 p625

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Pray for the 16 million people affected by devastating floods in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Pray for those who have lost loved ones or have been forced to flee their homes. Pray for relief organisations, including Tear Fund, working to provide food, shelter and hygiene kits to all those affected over an extremely wide area.
- Pray for the people of Spain following the terror attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils. Pray for the families and friends of the victims, and for churches and Christian groups working to support all those affected.

Tuesday – Pastoral/Church Family

- Pray for members of the church family who are unwell and especially for: Aria Noor Al-Jawad (born prematurely at 27 weeks end June), Barbara Adams, Mary Brows, Gillian Caporn, Katie Elmore, Kate Gifford, Mike Guest, Jackie Hinton, Laura James, Ann McJannet, Ian McQuade, Keith Pask, Sarah Quest, Liz Sloggett, Margaret Standish, Shaun Steer and those experiencing any difficulty.
- Pray for all who are bereaved, and especially for the family and friends of Mary Spurgeon, Patricia Squire and Michael Whitnell.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray for the Messy Church team as they meet next Tuesday to plan for the next term. Pray that they would be able to build on the positive outcomes of last term's series and that plan sessions that will help those who come to grow ever closer to God.
- Pray for children returning to school next week for a new academic year. Particularly pray for those who will be moving to a new school and those who are feeling apprehensive about starting in a new class.
- Pray for Holly Byles, our new Youth Minister, and her family as they settle into Claygate and prepare for Holly starting work here on Mon 4 September.

Thursday – Mission

- Give thanks for the recent summer mission to Ukraine and pray for all those seen by the medical and community teams. Pray for minister Zoltan and his wife Reka in Gyula, and for minister Atilla and wife Krisztina and their children Jozsef and Dora as they move to minister in a small village in Hungary. Pray for wisdom from the bishop and elders after the vacancy their departure has left in Akli and Uj Alki.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for the PCC as they meet on Monday that they would be open to God's guiding in all their discussions and decisions.
- Please continue to pray for the process of choosing a new vicar for our church.

Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity:

O God, You declare Your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of Your grace, that we, running the way of Your commandments, may receive Your gracious promises, and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

24 hours of prayer prior to vicar interviews

There is an opportunity for us all to join together in prayer and commit the interview process for our new vicar, and all those involved, to God. The **24 hours of prayer** runs from 6pm on Fri 15 Sept till 6pm on Sat 16 Sept and will take place in Willow (downstairs in the **Ministry Centre**). Resources provided to help you pray. Please sign up in the foyer for a half hour slot.

40 Days of Community – Dates for the diary!

Everyone is warmly invited to join us this autumn for 40 Days of Community. This is a church-wide programme of worship, teaching and small group discussions to explore community together, and all small groups will join together in church on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings (with crèche) to take part.

If you're not currently in a small group, we would love you to join one of the new groups that will be set up for 40DOC – more details to follow! Please do put the dates in your diary now: 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 Oct & 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 Nov.

HTC Cricket Match and Tea Sunday 10 September

Please do come along to the HTC Annual Cricket Match on Sunday 10 September and support our teams! 1st Innings will start at 2pm, and 2nd Innings at 4pm. **Tea for everyone will be served around 3.30pm.**

Please sign up in the foyer **today** if you can **supply a cake** for the tea at the cricket match (lots of cakes needed as 200+ people are expected for tea!), or if you can help with **setting up**, making and **serving cups of tea** or **clearing up**. Thank you!

Opportunities to serve

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

Attending 11.15am service: welcoming (6 vacancies), serving tea & coffee (3 vacancies).

Attending 6.30pm service: serving tea & coffee (4 vacancies).

Lost property – deadline Sunday 3 Sept

Please do check under the letter rack in the foyer for your items – anything left after **3 Sept** will be given to charity.

8am service breakfast

On Sun 3 Sept there will be a breakfast for all who regularly attend the 8am service, at the home of Margaret Spittle (20 Beaconsfield Road). Please sign up in the foyer.

Update on vicar application process

Our churchwardens, Anna Lise and Bill, are delighted to announce that, following the shortlisting meeting, three candidates will be invited to HTC for interview on Wed 20 Sept. Please do continue to pray for all those involved in this.

Join us in praying for the whole process on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9.30am at church. All welcome!

North Tower update

As you've probably noticed, the external scaffolding is now down – but there is still some work to complete internally. The refurbished clock is due to be reinstated week commencing 11 September.

Could you help in the vicarage garden?

We are seeking help with maintaining the vicarage garden over the next few months during the vacancy. There are a range of tasks to be done on a regular basis, from light pruning and weeding to lawnmowing (mower provided) so if you could help on an ad hoc basis at a time to suit you (weekdays or weekends) please contact the church office or sign up in the foyer.

Flowers in celebration

The flowers in church today have been given by Michael and Janet Hepworth in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Mon 28 Aug		Bank Holiday – Church Office closed
Tues 29 Aug	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Sat 2 Sept	9am	Prayer through a period of change - all welcome

Sunday 3 September

8am Holy Communion Leader and Preacher: Linda Morgan	9.30am Morning Praise Leader: Mike Harle Preacher: Richard Rugg	11.15am Morning Praise Leader: Anna Lise Gordon Preacher: Richard Rugg	4pm 4 O'clock Church Leaders: Stephen Valter and Emma Coy	6.30pm Evening Praise Leader: Charles Evans Preacher: Richard Rugg
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Upcoming Events

Mon 4 Sept	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Wed 6 Sept	8pm	Small group leaders' meeting (repeated Sat 9 Sept)
Sat 9 Sept	10am	Small group leaders' meeting (repeat of Wed 6 Sept)
Sun 10 Sept		Annual cricket match and tea
Fri 15 - Sat 16	7pm - 7pm	24 hours of prayer ahead of interviews for new vicar
Tues 19 Sept	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sat 23 Sept	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 1 Oct		40 Days of Community Opening Sunday (see over for info) Come Home for Lunch Sunday
Wed 4 Oct	8pm	40 Days of Community midweek sessions begin - see over
Thurs 5 Oct	10am	40 Days of Community midweek sessions begin - see over
Sat 7 Oct	8.30am	Women's breakfast – speaker Cath Winchcombe
Mon 9 Oct	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Tues 10 Oct	8.15pm	Baptism course begins in the Ministry Centre
Sat 14 Oct		Faith in Action supper in the church hall – details to follow
Tues 17 Oct	3.30pm	Messy Church