



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**)

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 and
 Preacher: Linda Morgan
 Matthew 4:1-11 p967

9.30am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Linda Morgan
 Preacher: Richard Rugg
 Matthew 4:1-11 p967

11.15am MORNING PRAISE

Leader: Katherine Willis
 Preacher: Richard Rugg
 Matthew 4:1-11 p967

4pm 4 O'CLOCK CHURCH

Leaders: Julian Coy
 and Gerry Valter
 Matthew 4:1-11 p967

6.30pm EVENING PRAISE

Leader: Kaitlyn Kurz
 Preacher: Richard Rugg
 Matthew 4:1-11 p967

This week's prayers

Monday - World

- Pray for the fragile and potentially volatile relationship between the US and North Korea. Pray that the words used between the two nations would be thoughtful, forward thinking and focused on peace rather than conflict.
- Pray for Puerto Rico and the other nations that have been devastated by the recent hurricanes. Pray for help to continue to be forthcoming and a swift recovery for the people and economies.
- Continue to pray for the Brexit negotiations. Pray for those directly affected by the potential outcomes of the discussions. Pray for balanced media coverage and thoughtful public discourse.

Tuesday – Pastoral/Church Family

- Pray for members of the church family who are unwell and especially for: Aria Noor Al-Jawad (born prematurely), Barbara Adams, Mary Brows, Gillian Caporn, Kaye Chester, Mary Cripps, 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, especially for John Smith and family following the death of his mother Irene, and for the family and friends of Stuart Windsor.

Wednesday – Youth, Children, Families

- Pray that the young people from YF would grow as a community of believers in and after 40 Days of Community. Pray for Holly and Jamie as they lead them in this.
- Pray for Scramblers, our group for 3 year olds led by Miriam Schafer. Pray that each would feel loved and valued and that they would experience something of Jesus in their sessions.
- Pray for Toddlers' Praise - for the leaders and the parents and toddlers that attend. Pray they would enjoy the fellowship and learn something of Jesus' love for them.

Thursday – Mission

- Pray for the work of Faith in Action, and for the supper at HTC in October, that it will raise awareness of the work in Katete, Uganda. Pray for Nelson, Meshak and Kakuru, who graduated from college this summer, that they will find employment where they will be able to use the knowledge that they have gained. Pray also for pastor Duncan and the church in Katete, as it continues to grow.

Friday – Services, Small Groups

- Pray for those leading and preaching at the services next Sunday (see back of this newsletter).
- Pray for 40 Days of Community as it starts this week. Pray that the whole church family would feel involved and part of this community event through our services and small groups.
- Pray for James Elvy and Christiana Hoad who will be married here on Sat 7 Oct.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:

O Lord, we beseech You mercifully to hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's notices

40 Days of Community begins today!

40 Days of Community is a whole-church programme of worship, teaching and small group discussions to explore community together, and all small groups will join together in church on Wednesday evenings (8pm) or Thursday mornings (10am - 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 – it's not too late to **sign up in the foyer** today or just turn up.

The **daily readings for us all** to accompany the small group programme begin today. **Pick up your copy of the 40DOC Devotional book** from the foyer, together with a **bookmark** which explains which short reading falls on each day. If you are able to make a donation of £5 towards the cost of the book this would be welcome, but please do not let this prevent you from taking your copy today.

Women's breakfast Sat 7 Oct 8.30am in church hall

All HTC women (and friends) are welcome to come along to our next Women's Breakfast, to hear from former HTC member Cath Winchcombe. Please sign up in the foyer.

'Ugandan Feast' Sat 14 Oct 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Faith in Action Community Development invite you to join them for a delicious 'Ugandan Feast' on Sat 14 Oct at 7.30pm. The evening includes an opportunity to meet Faith Aguha, hear all about God's amazing work in Katete and enjoy traditional Ugandan food. There is no charge, but donations to cover the cost of the supper are welcome! Please sign up in the foyer or email Miriam Schafer on miris@hotmail.co.uk

Defibrillator training - free of charge and all invited

Now that we have a defibrillator here at HTC (it's in the cloakroom) we are keen to train as many people as possible to use it. In an emergency anyone can use the defibrillator, even without training, but this excellent 1.5 hour training session **will enable you to identify someone who is in cardiac arrest, start performing CPR and feel confident that you know how to use the defibrillator.**

We have booked two sessions for you to choose from so please sign up in the foyer to book your place for either **Saturday 21 October** 10 - 11.30am or **Monday 6 November** 7.45 - 9.15pm. You do not need to have any first aid qualifications as this is a stand-alone training.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Appeal last week

It's not too late to contribute to our Harvest Appeal in support of Tearfund's South Asia Floods appeal. If you are a taxpayer, please use a gift aid envelope from the welcome desk.

Newcomers' welcome

If you've recently started attending HTC, do join us on Sun 22 Oct from 10.30-11.30am in the Ministry Centre for our newcomers' welcome coffee. Invitations are available on the welcome desk - or just turn up! All ages welcome. More info from Kaitlyn in the office.

Baptism Course

The next course for parents who are thinking about baptism for their children starts on Tues 10 Oct 8.15-9.45pm in the Ministry Centre. It continues for 4 weeks (with a break for half term) and ends on 7 Nov. Please contact Janet in the office if you would like to find out more.

Mowing the vicarage grass?

Help is still needed over the next few months during the vacancy (mower provided). If you could help on an ad hoc basis at a time to suit you (weekdays or weekends) please contact Janet in the church office.

Samara's Aid collection

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 (new or used; for any age group; but must be in good condition), contact Ian Tatman (01372 468370) who will need your items by Wed 4 Oct.

This week's diary

Mon-Fri	8.45am	Daily Prayer in the Prayer Room
Tues 3 Oct	10am	Connections Coffee Stop for Seniors in the foyer
Wed 4 Oct	10 & 1 8pm	Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre 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 1pm	Women's breakfast – speaker Cath Winchcombe Wedding of James Elvy and Christiana Hoad in church

Sunday 8 October

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

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
Sat 21 Oct	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 22 Oct		Newcomers' welcome – see over for details
Tues 31 Oct		Shine Parties – details to follow
Sun 5 Nov	3pm	Annual Service of Remembrance for the Bereaved followed by tea
Sat 11 Nov	10am	Dads' Toddlers' Praise in the Ministry Centre
Sun 12 Nov	10.55am 11.15am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Remembrance Day service in church
Mon 13 Nov	8pm	PCC meeting in the Ministry Centre
Sun 19 Nov		40 Days of Community Celebration Sunday Come Home for Lunch Sunday – new date