



APRIL 2024



MONTHLY

Happy Easter everyone!

I hope like me your heart is full! Full of the joy, love and beauty of Jesus Christ. Isn't it wonderful to worship Him and rejoice in the news that death is defeated and Jesus is victorious?

Isn't it also wonderful to rejoice in the ways we have seen God's goodness during Lent and Easter:

Schools week - School Assemblies - Youth Awards evening - Gifts and cards to businesses - New small groups & clusters - Holy Week reflections & Maundy Thursday meal - Messy Easter - Easter Sunday celebrations!

This term we are looking forward to our church weekend at home in May and our Pentecost Sunday celebrations in the Park, but there is also lots coming up in April you can get involved in.

As we allow the power of the resurrection to shape us, let's live for Jesus and encourage each other in our walk with Him.

In Christ,

Gary

New Teaching Series

During the summer term we will be looking at two teaching series exploring what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus.

The first is called 'Serve' and we will be considering who we serve, why we serve, and how we serve.

The second is called 'Meals with Jesus' and we will be thinking about sharing life together with Jesus and the power of hospitality.

To accompany both series there are some great books we would love to recommend, some of them are on the book stall, and others you can get online:

- **Serve** by Steve Robinson
- **Serve Without Sinking** by John Hindley
- **The Gospel Comes with a House Key** by Rosario Butterfield
- **A Meal with Jesus** by Tim Chester
- **Extraordinary Hospitality (for Ordinary People)** by Carolyn Lacey

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SUNDAYS IN APRIL

DATE	GATHERING	THEME	READING
Sun 7th April	9am Communion 10.45am Family Worship 7pm Breathe (St Matts)	Who do we serve and why	1 Peter 2:9-10 & Phil 2:3-7
Sun 14th April	9am Sunday Gathering 10.45am Sunday Gathering	Serve with what God has given you	Romans 12: 6
Sun 21st April	9am Communion 10.45 Communion 7pm Prophetic prayer (Zoom)	Serve where God has placed you	1 Cor 7: 17-24
Sun 28th April	9am Sunday Gathering 10.45am Sunday Gathering	Serve as the person God has made you	Psalms 139: 13-16

Breathe - 7th April @7pm

Breathe is our monthly evening gathering with longer times of sung worship, a message from the Bible and space for reflection and prayer.

We would love you to join us in St Matthews. Coffee served from 6:45pm



Prophetic Prayer - 21st April @7pm

Join us on Zoom (link [here](#)) to listen to God and pray together:

Meeting ID: 862 5514 3770

Passcode: Jesus

COMING UP

Hearing God - 20th April

Our friends at St Mary's & Sale West are holding a 1 day conference on 'Hearing God'. Book through their website or click [here](#)



Welcome Lunch - 21st April



If you have joined Holy Trinity in the last 18 months, or are thinking of joining the church, please join us for lunch to hear a bit more about what goes on and how you can join, and get to know a few people.

All ages are welcome, there will be plenty of toys about to keep us occupied! You can book on [HERE](#) or speak to Gary.

APCM - 22nd April

Monday 22nd April @7.30pm is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Speak to Gary if you are interested to know more about the roles of Church Warden & PCC. Nomination sheets are up in the church lounge.



We are especially in need of more Welcome Team. Would you consider signing up to help once a month to enable us to be more hospitable and keep things running smoothly in the background? (See overleaf for team needs.)

Church Weekend at Home - 10-12th May

We are delighted that Paul & Becky Harcourt will be joining us for our church weekend at home! Paul & Becky previously led New Wine and currently lead All Saints Woodford Wells in London. Provisional plans(tbc):



Fri eve: Quiz & food

Sat morning: Worship, teaching, ministry time & seminars

Sat afternoon: Social time together, choosing from a range of activities

Sat eve: Worship, teaching & ministry time

Sun morning: Celebration and food

There will be some provision for our youth & children. To help us with planning you can register your interest [HERE](#) or on the front page of our website.

(Specific bookings for catering will be open soon - watch this space!)

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FREEDOM IN CHRIST

A 10 WEEK DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

LIVE out your new identity in Christ

BREAK through to spiritual maturity

UNDERSTAND God's purpose for your life

UNCOVER strongholds and deception

RESOLVE issues from the past

BECOME an even more fruitful disciple

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Booking is open for the FREEDOM IN CHRIST course, commencing Tues 14th May (7.30pm). This is a 10 wk course for any Christian and is much like a spiritual MOT!

It will help you discover your true identity in Jesus and enable you to grow in faith, equipping the church to make disciples. This will be an exciting journey as we explore together the freedom that Christ won for us.

The course enables deep spiritual work and gives opportunity for deeper prayer ministry, so places are limited. Please book by 30th April through the church calendar on our website or click [here](#).

(See Karen Revell for more info)

Pentecost in the Park - 19th May

Stalybridge Churches Together will be holding a joint Pentecost celebration in the park. More details to follow.



New Wine Summer Festival 25-30th July

Bookings are now 85% full! Don't miss out, join us in Shepton Mallet for a week of worship, teaching and excellent kids activities with thousands of others from around the country, loads from the church family, and all under canvas!

Speak to Sue Green if you would like to know more, or you can book on [HERE](#)



Sabbatical

Gary will be taking a Sabbatical later in the year. This is an extended time of Sabbath and involves resting and recharging to bring about rejuvenation. Sabbaticals are commonly practised in many church denominations, including the Church of England. Chester Diocese encourages their church leaders to take a sabbatical once every 7 years.

When? June to August 2024

What will he be doing?

Reading, praying, walking, reflecting and making space to hear from God. In August the Kennaughs will be spending the month in Hawaii serving a church on the Big Island.

Who is holding the fort?

Gary does not lead the church in isolation. At HTS we have brilliant leaders, a wonderful staff team, great wardens, and a fantastic PCC.

What can we do while he is away?

If you regard yourself as belonging to the church family, then we trust that you will pray for Gary and the family and support the staff team and wardens.

After that, we'd love to encourage you to get involved. Our hope and expectations are that the church will continue to grow as we seek the Lord, bear fruit in our discipleship, and love our town.

CHILDRENS' MINISTRY UPDATE



We've had another busy term with our children and wonderful opportunities to invite in the locals schools through assemblies, Schools Week, Messy Church and more!

What a privilege to share the Gospel in this way!



We also hosted the Powerpack 'Raising up a Supernatural Generation' conference, hosting over 60 children's workers from other churches around Greater Manchester and beyond.

The team had a wonderful time encountering God and being inspired how we can introduce our children to the Holy Spirit and be led by Him.



We would love more team to join us so we can expand our work with the children! Please speak to Fleur or email:

Fleur@hts.church

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

A highlight of ours this month has to be the Youth 2024 Hatsa Awards Night!

26 youth enjoyed an amazing sit down meal put together by Clive and a fab team of waiters. We had nominations in categories like the 'crimes against fashion' and 'dazzlingly daring' Awards. 12 winners took home the glory and the tiniest of Oscar style trophies! With loo roll fashion challenges and the 'Gary gargles' quiz, it was definitely a night to remember.



We would also love more team to join us so we can expand our work with the youth! Please speak to Sam or email: Sam@hts.church



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MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS

There are many ways to get involved and serve at HTS!

See our website for more details of our ministries

www.hts.church/serving

With so much happening in church, we need more people skilled and passionate in the following areas to bring their gifts to support our ministries and events. We are looking to build:

CATERING TEAM

Are you a great cook? Experienced in catering for large groups? Or not experienced but keen to offer your skills/ willing to receive some basic food hygiene training or help with serving food/ food prep etc? Or like to bake and happy to offer bakes for our gatherings/ other events?

Speak to Sue Green or email: ops@hts.church

SET UP/ PACK DOWN TEAM

Are you physically fit/able to lift & shift furniture and help set up various resources for events? Could you spare the odd hour or two either on an adhoc basis or to regularly support one of our ministries through the week in this way?

Speak to Sue Green or email: ops@hts.church

WELCOME TEAM

We would love to expand and improve how we do welcome as a church. Do you have a friendly face?! Do you have a heart for hospitality and an eye on including those on the fringes? Do you love getting to know new people or are you an introvert that needs an excuse to talk to people?! Or do you prefer to help in the background, assisting with setting up/tidying away/ hoovering up/ checking facilities etc? We have a different team for each of the gatherings (9am & 10.45) Could you offer one Sunday a month?

If you are interested, add your name to the sign up sheet in the church lounge and/or speak to Mike Green or email: mike@hts.church

Prayer

During our morning gatherings we are making more space to pray together as a church and we also have regular prayer meetings. Visit the WEBSITE for more info & zoom links

- Wednesdays (in term time)
- In person: 9:15am in church building for 45 mins
- Zoom: 6:30am for 45 mins (code on website)
- Monthly Prophetic Prayer on 3rd Sunday (21st April)
on Zoom: 7pm for 40 mins
- Termly Prayer & Praise night coming up: 9th May @7:30pm
Coffee/ Worship/ Prayer



Regular Activities

Trinity Tots: Mon 9.30-11am (term time)

Men's Footy & Snooker: Mon 8pm

Cascade: Tues 1-3pm

He-Brews Cafe: Wed at 10am)

Communion Service: Wed 10.30-11.15am

Blaze Youth: Wed 6.30-8:00pm (term time)

Ignite Youth: Wed 7:30-9:00pm (term time)

DON'T FORGET ABOUT..

SMALL GROUPS, CLUSTERS, DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS..

Why not join a midweek community?

See our website: <https://hts.church/communities>



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**TOGETHER
WITH GOD**

Building authentic, praying community

BOOKSTALL

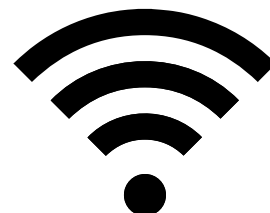
Check out the Bookstall and the new titles www.hts.church/bookstall

GIVING

If you want to join our giving scheme and support the ministry of HTS, visit our website www.hts.church/give or scan the QR code:



If in doubt have a look at
www.hts.church/calendar
or email info@hts.church



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