

Welcome to our services today. If you are here for the first time, we hope you will soon feel at home. Please take a moment to fill out one of the yellow 'welcome cards' and hand it to one of the service leaders and do stay for refreshments served after the morning service.

Children: There are groups for children of all ages during the morning service. Please see the screens for the details of where each group meets.

SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY AT HA

- 9:45am** Prayer – in church before the service, all welcome
10:00am Communion: Christian Hope – Waiting with Confidence
 Leading: Tim Watson Speaking: Martin Turner
 Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 5: 11
- 6:30pm** Communion
 Leading: Duncan Munro Speaking: Martin Turner
 Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 – 5: 11

CHURCH EVENTS THIS FORTNIGHT

- Mon 25th** 9:15 & 11:00am Sunflowers Stay & Play (church)
- Tues 26th** 10:00am Tuesday Prayer (church)
 1:30pm Mums Together (church)
 8:00pm Music Group Practice (church)
- Wed 27th** 10:30am Coffee & Prayer (6 Ashley Close)
 7:30pm In depth Bible Study on Ruth (church)
- Fri 1st** 10:00am Women's World Day of Prayer Service (St Mary's Charlton Kings)
- Sat 2nd** 10:30am Coffee Concert (church)
- Sun 3rd** 10:00am Morning Worship
 6:30pm Communion

The full calendar including church bookings is available on churchsuite

Homegroups: We have a number of homegroups that run during the week. If you are interested in joining a homegroup please contact John Lawrence or Anna or Rob Swan Smallgroups@holypostles.org.uk

The church office is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:15 – 1pm.
 Contact the church by email at churchoffice@holypostles.org.uk or phone 01242 242570
 Visit the website at www.holypostles.org.uk

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

COFFEE CONCERT

Saturday 2nd March in church. Coffee and homemade cake served from 10:30am. Concert featuring 'The Enigma Duo' starting at 11am.

YFC 60s NIGHT

Youth for Christ is one of our mission partners. They are holding a fundraising 60s night on 2nd March at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane. A fun evening including live music, a buffet and competitions.

For tickets please contact:
 office@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

On Sunday 3rd March we will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight with chocolate tasting after the service! If you are able to make a cake or traybake using FAIRTRADE chocolate/cocoa please let Margaret Clifford know.

HELP NEEDED

CHELTENHAM FOODBANK

At the moment the foodbank are so blessed with food donations that they don't need any more for a while. If you would like to help please consider donating toiletries and household items such as washing powder or washing up liquid. Also, Foodbank manager, Pete Verry, is undertaking a 210 mile cycle ride to raise money for a much needed van. If you would like to sponsor him, please see Lucille Lean.

COMING UP

BALCARRAS SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP

If you are affiliated to Balcarras in any way and would like to join us to pray for the school the prayer group will be meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 8pm at Charlton Park Cottage, St Edwards Walk. Please contact Marianne Kelly or just turn up:
 mariannejrkelly@hotmail.com

MEN'S MINISTRY BEER & SKITTLES

Join us for another beer and skittles evening at The Charlton Kings Club from 7.45pm on Friday 8th March. Please sign up through ChurchSuite or by emailing Richard Simpson by 7th March:
 richardsimpson1@hotmail.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

MORNING

Saturday 9th March, 8:45am till noon in the church hall. All welcome to gather together to explore how we can hear God in what can be a really noisy world. Please sign up via ChurchSuite or chat to Jo Palmer for more information.

ASHLEY'S LICENSING SERVICE

Ashley will be licensed on Tuesday 30th April. Please save the date and more details will follow.



Recordings of the latest Sunday morning talks along with recent noticesheets are now available on the website:

<http://holypostles.org.uk/church-life/news-resources/>

YOUR PCC NEEDS YOU!



PCC Members

At the APCM on 7th April amongst other topics we will need to elect 3 new members to the PCC. Please consider if you would be willing to stand at this exciting time for HA as Ashley takes up the leadership. Nomination forms are available at the back of church.

Churchwarden

It is also time to elect a new churchwarden. Ian Moat has served tirelessly for 4 years and has now reached the maximum allowable term. Please consider this position in your prayers.

If you would like find out more about these positions please speak to Ian, Martin or a member of the PCC.

New Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the church needs to prepare a new electoral roll, this means that even if you have already been on the electoral roll you will need to re-apply this year. The deadline for entry to the roll is 22nd March. If you consider yourself part of the church family at HA please consider this as it means you can vote at the APCM in April.

Everyone registered on ChurchSuite will receive an email in the next few days. It makes administration a lot easier if as many people as can register electronically. Please just follow the instructions in the email. If you don't have access to ChurchSuite please either speak to Amy who can give you access or use a paper electoral roll form (available at the back of church) and return to Amy.

BIBLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 4: 4: 13 – 5: 11

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no Hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

COLLECTION

We do not take a collection during the service but if you would like to contribute to the work of Holy Apostles please use the bowl by the church door. If you would like to know more about giving regularly please pick up a leaflet from the back of church