

# HTC News

## The Big Sleep Easy

Spring 2010

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... and a great deal more to keep you in touch!

### Our vision is:

- more followers of Jesus
- deeper followers of Jesus
- closer followers of Jesus



On a bitter night in January, youngsters from HTC got a taste of sleeping rough overnight in Kingston. Along with 150 other fundraisers they were taking part in the YMCA Sleep Easy in Kingston Memorial Gardens. Each participant raised money through sponsorship for the YMCA and Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness. At last count the

Kingston event raised over £15,000!

Youth Minister Drew Waller said, "We all came away from the experience, thankful that God has provided so richly for us and also with a new sense of awareness and humility when thinking about people in need. While this was a moving experience for us it also was a lot of fun.." **(cont. on p. 4)**

Coffee  
Morning in  
foyer from  
10am on  
Thursday 29  
April to find



out more about the  
Daytime Alpha Course.



20 April, 6 & 18 May

Holy Trinity Claygate

Following Jesus Together

## Daytime Alpha Course

Thursday Daytime Alpha gets underway again this Summer to help people explore the Christian faith in a relaxed environment.

**Every Thursday from 10am - midday starting 6 May through to 1 July 2010 with a break for half term. With Coffee and homemade cake; talk and discussion in small groups; and crèche available.**

## Thanksgivings

### We thank God for the baptisms of

James Ruse 20 December

Isabella Hegarty, Astrid Weatherstone & Juliana Myers 24 January

Matthew West, Katie Morris & Lucy Morris 14 March

### We thank God for the lives of

Nicholas Newton 26 November

Gladys Britchford 4 December

David Hamlyn 9 December

David Webb John Woodland 22 December

Jacqueline Thompson 23 December

Vi Ball 21 January

Phyllis Clarkson 23 January

Ronald Watkinson 30 January

Lily Hale 11 February

Julia Lever 16 February

Royston Lowe 19 February

Edith Stewart 3 March

Martin Taylor 11 March

Graham Sims 13 March

Peter Clarke 14 March

Brian Rhodes

## Letter from the Vicar



'The Church of England has confidence in the Bible' is hopefully not a headline that takes us by surprise! It was, however, the clear conclusion to a debate on the final day of General Synod, which I attended last month. It was a bright end to a week that was not without its challenges (see p. 10).

The reason for the debate was the forthcoming 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011. That masterful translation, and the translations that have followed, have put the Bible into the hands of ordinary people throughout our country and English-speaking countries overseas. William Tyndale, whose earlier translation formed the backbone to the King James Bible, said it was his desire that 'the boy who drives the plough' should know the Bible for himself. Every generation since has had easy access to God's word.

Yet one of the threads within the very positive debate was a sense that the Bible is becoming a distant text for many in our country today. This is certainly my sense is too: while a number of biblical stories are still referred to in schools, many people have not read the Bible in their adult life, and are therefore ignorant of many of the basic aspects of the Christian story. To many the Bible is simply one old religious book among many and not, as the preface to the King James Bible put it 'that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth'.

And yet the great experience I have as I teach and open up the Bible on Alpha, at church and in pastoral meetings is that the Bible is much more accessible and powerful than people often imagine. We give Alpha guests a Bible at the start of the course, and the comments I receive as people read the gospel of Mark is that it is much more engaging and stimulating than they had previously imagined. The person of Jesus is more multi-dimensional than people remember from childhood; some people can't stop reading when they have got started!

Everything we do at Holy Trinity Claygate is rooted in our confidence in the Bible: our Mission of God series in which we are seeing the big picture of God's story of mission, our Lenten Prayer Guide 'Walking with Jesus in which we are asking God to speak to us through his word, our outreach through Messy Church, Holiday Club and Alpha, and our discipleship and training courses.

Of course, the challenge for us all – me included – is to ensure that our confidence in the Bible is lived out daily as we put time aside each day to read God's word and ask him to speak to us through it, that we will hear his voice and be transformed ever more into the likeness of Christ. That will be the best commemoration of the work of William Tyndale, and the translators of the King James Bible.

With my love and prayers



# Lenten Prayer Labyrinth



On Friday 6 March, a team of people emptied the church of its chairs to create a light, airy and peaceful space for HTC's first Prayer Labyrinth. More than 200 people, from toddlers to seniors came along to experience the labyrinth, which was open on the Friday and Saturday. The route led them to 13 sequential prayer points, winding around the church and culminating in an eight foot high cross in the centre.



Philip Plyming, who designed the labyrinth with Jill Griffiths, said "The idea was to take time out to look at the life of Jesus, reflect on his experiences and teachings and how this relates to us personally. We wanted to focus

on prayer and go deeper in our faith this Lent."

Jill Griffiths added, "Each prayer point not only had a Bible passage, points for reflection and prayer suggestions, but also an interactive activity. The aim was to make it a very sensory experience to encourage people to experience new ways of praying. Activities included attaching your name to a fishing net; planting a seed in a pot of soil; listening to the sound of a storm; lighting a candle from a larger central candle; writing down things we needed to



forgive and be forgiven for, before putting it into a shredding machine; rubbing scented oil on our hands and washing another person's feet in a bowl of water. Eating bread and drinking wine to remind ourselves of the Lord's Supper."

"Many people found the final activity the most moving. This was making a small cross out of clay, then kneeling and praying whilst laying it at the foot of the big cross in the centre of the labyrinth. By the end, the sight of so many crosses laid out was very powerful."

# Walking With Jesus

The church family embarked on a spiritual journey this Lent. A special prayer guide called 'Walking with Jesus' was created to encourage people to make the most of their 'walk' through prayer and reflection as well as fasting with a difference.

The idea was to make space from daily preoccupations and fill it with Jesus and his teachings. Fasting involved giving up TV, treats or even solids for a week.

The guide included 20 'refreshment stops' to help people consider and pray about issues such judgement, compassion, worry, pride, greed, sin, criticism and our relationship with Jesus.

Sarah and Nick Slater said that their walk with Jesus this Lent has been very challenging but rewarding experience. Nick said, "We decided to give up solids for a week which was very hard. But every time I reached for a tub of soup rather than a sandwich it made me stop and think about Jesus' true sacrifice for us." Sarah added, "It's been a spiritually powerful and uplifting experience. The whole family gave up TV for a week but by the end, the children didn't want me to switch it back on! The prayer labyrinth was an especially moving experience. It made us all feel so at peace and connected with God. I hope we can do it again!"

## The Big Sleep Easy



### Cont. from front page...

The youngsters had this to say about their experience:

"We didn't realise how cold it would be. Trying to sleep was useless, I couldn't feel my feet, and I lost my sense of humour very quickly. My sleeping bag was wet, and I wanted to go home, but knowing that some people have to do this every night kept me going." **Robyn Zabari**

"We were all so proud of ourselves when we had finished and some of us even made some new friends. I'm glad we all raised so much money for a charity for people who have to do that everyday because I know I couldn't." **Sam Helen**

"We knew the night was going to be cold, but we had no idea what we were walking into. We arrived at the field and started to build our fort. As we were building we had our first taste of what the cold was and knew that it was only going to get worse. We built an amazing fort

that won first place which lifted our spirits for the night. It was very warm and one of the main reasons we got through the night. We sat down to go to sleep about midnight and by then it was already below



freezing. We huddled in our sleeping bags and told jokes and silly stories. We all got some sleep (amazingly) and woke up the next morning to a frost. We were all very cold and tired but had all learned something about the trials of being homeless."

**Ben Davies**

## FAQs

HTC started getting ready for the forthcoming General Election when Tom Darwent led an FAQ session in February called, "Christianity and Politics – should they mix?" The answer Tom gave was a definite yes, as he outlined the biblical basis for political engagement and the principles that should guide an authentically Christian political framework.

Tom took us through the extent of Christian influence in British politics today and how this has changed historically, as well comparing it with the situation in the US. This included a focus on cross-party movements such as Make Poverty History and Jubilee 2000, part of a new era of Christian social activism.

David Morgan, who attended the session said, "I found it a very persuasive case for why we should be involved and why understanding politics is not an optional extra. The bit about values to promote was particularly useful as it gave lots of practical examples and food for thought. It generated good discussion afterwards."

Tom left the group with some discussion questions, some ideas for prayer and the challenge to everyone to educate themselves politically in order to make informed voting decisions. There is a perfect opportunity to do that on Friday 23 April, when HTC will be hosting a proposed hustings event for local candidates.

# HTCs Got Talent!



Anyone who attends the 11.15 service will be in no doubt that Katherine Willis is a very talented musician. After watching the 'Britain's Got Talent' show on TV last year, she decided to apply and was thrilled to be asked to play her harp at an initial audition in December. She told us how she got on:

"I didn't tell anyone at that stage as I really didn't expect to get any further! At the audition in Islington last December I played in front of just the producers. Apparently they saw 15,000 people in London alone and similar numbers in the other locations nationwide. I was told that they would only invite 120 people from London back to the next stage, so I wasn't too hopeful. But I got the call in January this year!

My second audition in front of a theatre full of people at the Hammersmith Apollo in early February also went well. It was a very long day as we had to be there by 2pm, but I didn't go on

stage until about 10.30pm! I was happy with how it went and the judges actually made some very nice comments. Unfortunately I didn't get through, which was pretty much as I expected. I got a "Yes" from Piers Morgan, who said he really liked it, but Simon Cowell and Amanda Holden said that it wasn't really 'commercial' enough. However they all seemed to respect and acknowledge that I could actually play the harp well. They were really rude to some of the other acts so I think I got off lightly...!! My audition is likely to be shown on TV in April or May, so I will keep the church family posted!"

## Senior's Concert Tea

Katherine Willis was also the star of a concert tea for HTC Seniors, along with her harp, Hermione. (Most harpists, it seems, give their instruments a name beginning with H!) Katherine was already well-known to many of the 80-odd Seniors who gathered in the

church hall to relax with tea, delicious cakes, music and conversation. In her varied programme, Katherine really brought out the surprising flexibility of the harp, playing in styles ranging from a Welsh folk song, followed by the jazz-inflected 'Ain't Misbehaving', to a popular classic in 'Air on a G string' and finishing with her own arrangement of 'Amazing Grace'.

Everyone was totally absorbed by Katherine's clear and simple explanation of the technicalities of harp playing, including how to tune up, what the pedals are there for, and why some of the strings have different colours! It was particularly special to hear from Katherine a little of her personal story, and what becoming a Christian has meant to her. The words of the hymn 'Amazing Grace' reflect much of her testimony of God's love in her life, seeing her through all her own ups and downs, and giving her hope and confidence for the future.



# Wacky Westerns!



Jill Griffiths reports...

Over the February half term 130 very excited children arrived at church to find it transformed into the wild western town of "Miracle Springs", complete with a sheriff's office, jail cell, stable and town scene. Three days of chaotic cowboy adventure followed presided over by Marshall Jill (me!), Sheriff Andy (Clifton) and their team of helpers. To help the children get into the cowboy spirit, they were sworn in as deputies and each given a cowboy hat, belt and neckerchief.

all week with the children making wanted posters of themselves, dancing cowboys, an edible western scene, a prayer catcher and a giant Bible memory verse. The children were particularly inventive when it came to decorating their team camps (gazebos) and brought all sorts of goodies in from home.

We had our resident story teller, Big Chief Cuning Bear (aka Jon Hidden) located in The Teepee (Quiet Room) which had been transformed into a Native American dwelling. This was an opportunity for more quiet reflective time and Big Chief explored more about our theme



The club kicked off with an ice-breaker challenge of dressing up their team leader as a desert cactus before parading them on stage. The creativity continued

for the week "Who is Jesus?" followed by a time of creative prayer.

On stage during the "Together Times" there was a mixture of lively action songs, jokes (mostly written by the children) and challenges. The talented drama crew of young people, led by Sheriff Andy treated us to several Bible stories linked to our spiritual theme and these were told in imaginative ways using drama,



puppets, dance and mime. There was lots of comedy too, including slapstick, the compulsory use of custard pies and new this year - water pistols! A highlight was Abi Curtis teaching us all a line dancing routine over the three days. We just about had it mastered by the end of the last session and only a few people had fallen over in the process!



To let off steam, cowboy themed team games took place in the hall and on one day we had a giant inflatable slide, much to the delight of the children.

The main holiday club ran for three days, but the fun continued on Friday with a special Mini Western club for 37 children aged 4 and 5. Sheriff Phil (yes, our vicar) joined Marshall Jill in leading the activities and the stories and drama were based around the theme of "We are special to God".

Tom Cole and his sister Evie went along to the Mini Western on the Friday. They said, "We loved making the dancing cowboys and the naughty fish puppets that kept appearing really made us laugh!". Elisa and Martha Aylmer-Hall also really enjoyed

Holiday Club. Martha said, "I really loved the singing." Elisa added, "My favourite bit was making the cactus and cowgirl biscuits!" Barbara Hunter helped out at Wacky Western. She said, "Holy Trinity should be very proud of its holiday club as it allows children to have fun and be creative in a church environment. What's more, the Bible themes are presented in a gentle and accessible way."



The event was a great success and much appreciated by all the children and their parents. Our aim was to share God's love with the children and teach

them about Jesus and what he can mean to them in their own lives. We really felt blessed and empowered by the spirit during the whole week.

The club involved a large number of helpers not only during the club itself, but during the lead up and afterwards. I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way.



# Journeys of Faith



*"Bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you".*

Deuteronomy 16:17 can be a real challenge to people living in affluent Surrey as we are all so incredibly blessed. We have a roof over our head, food on the table and family and friends to name a few. But for Stephen and Gerry Valter, who regularly attend services at HTC, this verse has really stretched them. At a 9.30 service back in January, nobody could have failed to have been moved when the couple spoke of an incredible blessing that arrived in their lives just over a year ago; their beautiful son Maddox.

Stephen and Gerry had been trying to conceive a child for almost 10 years. After six failed attempts at IVF they were starting to come to terms with the reality that they might never have a child of their own. In May 2008, Gerry found out she was seven weeks pregnant. Gerry said, "Surprisingly for both of us, we had conceived naturally after all the pain and heartache of trying and failing for nearly 10 years. It was through this miracle that we

knew we had truly been blessed by God's grace."

It was not until a few months later, after receiving a letter through the post announcing the additional Sunday services at HTC, when they really began to examine their faith. The letter also stirred up memories of a conversation they had had a couple of years earlier about Alpha, with a neighbour who was also a member of HTC. The following Sunday the Valters arrived at church to a warm welcome and were made to feel right at home.

Since that first Sunday the Valters have regularly attended the 9:30 service and after Maddox was born in December 2008 he has been right there with them. They still thank God every day and have continued on their journey to explore their faith, attending a baptism course in May 2009 which culminated in Maddox being baptised in October. They also participated in the Alpha course in the autumn. Gerry said, "Our involvement at the church has grown significantly since arriving that first Sunday. Maddox is a regular at Toddlers' Praise where I volunteer to help and we are meeting with the friends we made on Alpha. We often have great debates about what it means to be a Christian in today's world!"

The Valters have given up their lives in worship of our Lord, the only way they feel they can give back to God in proportion to the blessing they have received.



Vicky Hennessy is about to embark on an exciting project when she leaves school this year. She's been accepted by the Christian action group Oasis, to join a project in Waterloo.

"The project I'm interested in helps elderly people, young people and the homeless. I wanted to get involved because the thought of just going to University and studying didn't appeal to me. I wanted to do something different and exciting but also to serve God.

When I was growing up I went to church but never really truly believed that God was always there. Then one day I was on the computer and I felt the Holy Spirit come down. After that I started sharing my experience of God with my mates. This was a major change in me, seeing as I was pretty shy and insecure. Since then I always knew God wanted me to share my faith with others.

When my dad was diagnosed with cancer, it was a major shock. I was really angry and cried out to God, 'Why is this happening?' Then suddenly, for no reason at all, I felt peace. My faith is the centre of my life it keeps all the other bits functioning. Also it helps me stand up against all the pressures on my age group, like sex before marriage. My friends don't agree with my views but they are respectful and particularly admire my morals and that I'm different to the norm. I share my faith but I don't burden people with it."

# 'Discoverers' - New Children's Group



A new group has been up and running during the 9.30 service since the Autumn for youngsters with special needs at HTC. Fiona Clifton, whose nine year old son Joseph has Down's Syndrome, tells us why she set up 'Discoverers':

"For a while I had sensed my calling had been to serve the needs of disabled children and young adults, as well as their families in our community. This may be considered a busman's holiday, given that I already 'do special needs' 24 hours a day, with my delightful Joseph. However, I soon realised that it



was because of God's gift of Joseph to our family that I was so well-equipped to plan and set-up a dedicated special needs group at HTC. After 9 years of

'on the job' training, it felt right to use the gifts I'd been given to help develop this exciting new area of ministry. In Isaiah we are told the Lord says, "He who made you, who formed you in the womb." How amazing to think we are all perfectly formed as part of God's unique creation! Therefore we need to remember that He has a purpose for each and everyone



of us, and that includes our wonderful children in Discoverers. It is such a privilege for all of us working with the children to help develop their own unique faith.

So, last Autumn we launched Discoverers, with the children choosing the name of their new group themselves. Our vision is the same as for the rest of the children's groups and the wider church family; we study the central sermon series to help our children develop a closer and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. And we have loads of fun presenting these lessons in a highly visual, adapted and interactive way to get the message across. We also have a new friend, "Zac", who helps with the stories, and the drink

and biscuit break always goes down a treat!

Looking ahead, we hope to see our group grow, although with the required 1:1 ratio of adult support for each child, our space is already somewhat compromised! However, it is important as a church family that we continue to identify and support families who have a disabled family member. This can often make people feel isolated and vulnerable.

What I think particularly works well and is so rewarding, is to see that we are able to meet the wide-ranging needs of the children with such a diverse group of helpers, from the YF teenagers, through to Seniors and plenty of other ages in between! They do a fantastic job, despite the fact that many



of them have little or no experience of supporting children with special needs. It's wonderful to see how much the helpers get out of Discoverers too!"



# Archbishop's Visit to Diocese



*The Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Christopher*

Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams paid a visit to the Diocese of Guildford at the beginning of March – and Claygate was one of the churches whose story he heard.

The Archbishop had been invited for a day-long visit to the diocese to hear about the life of local churches as well as speak to the clergy of the diocese and take part in a Q&A session at the University of Surrey.

During the morning Dr Williams was at Pyrford Church and four vicars from the diocese were invited to share the stories of the churches where they serve. HTC Vicar Philip Plyming gave a snapshot of life at Claygate and spoke about the recent growth through new congregations and Messy Church, as well as the challenges of discipleship in an increasingly secular culture.

Archbishop Rowan responded warmly to HTC's Mission of God initiative. He said, "Scripture is

not a place we visit but a place we live in. The Bible is about broken people being put back together again. People like us."

In the afternoon Archbishop Rowan spoke to all diocesan clergy and invited lay representatives at Guildford Cathedral on the subject 'The Finality of Christ in a Plural World'. He argued that it was important to carry on speaking about the uniqueness of Christ even though our society might find those claims increasingly uncomfortable. However it was the way that we do it that matters. He said, "We need to approach other people with a generous desire to share, a humble desire to listen, and patience to let God do his work."

Philip, who also had lunch with the Archbishop as a General Synod representative, said, "Rowan Williams is a striking example of humble Christian leadership, and with the range of responsibilities he has needs our prayers. We were blessed to have him among us in the diocese today."

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## HTC at General Synod

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HTC Vicar Philip Plyming had his first experience of General Synod following his recent election as one of the four clergy representatives from Guildford Diocese. The session, which took place at Church House, Westminster, over five days from 8-12 February was

attended by over 400 bishops, clergy and lay people from across England.

During the week the Synod discussed matters such as the churches work among children and young people, the relationship between Christianity and science, and the work of military chaplains. It also made decisions on more controversial areas such the extension of pension provision to the civil partners of clergy.



Philip said, "It was encouraging to meet a number of mission-minded clergy and laity during the week. The debate over clergy civil partners pension provision was quite a wake-up call, though, as it reminded me how difficult it is to speak up for a biblical understanding of sexuality in a society which has largely left this behind. I came away with the feeling that the church needs to grapple with how it can build for further growth across the country. There's a sense in some quarters that decline is inevitable, whereas in Claygate we know it isn't – praise God!"

## Out of Africa!



**Meg Merrifield, HTC's Mission Partner in Kenya, has retired after teaching and lecturing in Africa for more than 30 years. We caught up with her a couple of weeks after she returned to the UK:**

**How does it feel to be back home?** It's a little disorientating as I haven't been back to the UK for five years. But I am immensely grateful to God for bringing me home as it was time I retired and put down some roots.

**Could you chart your career over the past 30 or so years?**

I first went to Africa in 1978 but I felt God calling me to go there since I was 17. Initially I was posted to rural villages in Nigeria to teach health, childcare and a theological education programme. After taking my

Masters in 1992 I became Head of a Theology Department in Awka, Southern Nigeria for four years and then was posted to the Bishop Hannington Theological College in Mombassa, where I became Principal.

**How does life in Mombassa compare with life over here?**

People are used to living in much greater poverty. Most people have very few possessions and not a single coin in their pockets. They receive a small amount from churches for soap and other necessities. My students were mostly from villages where they survive on subsistence farming and get their water from wells. Education is free but many children don't attend school because their parents can't afford to buy the books or uniform.

**Are there any particular highlights?** I had a small group of students who were particularly bright and did better than the University students. In fact they were the only students to get first class degrees.

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## Easter Services

### Passover Supper

**Thursday 1 April 6 - 8pm**

Join us in re-enacting the traditional Passover meal on Maundy Thursday; a wonderfully visual and interactive way for all ages to prepare for Easter.

Tickets - adults £5, children £2.50 from the church office

### Good Friday

**Friday 2 April**

10am March of Witness from station car park to HTC

10.30am All Age service followed by hot cross buns

1 - 2pm Church open for silence, meditation and prayer

2 - 3pm Reflective service for Good Friday

### Easter Sunday

**Sunday 4 April**

6.15am Sunrise service on Telegraph Hill

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Praise

11.15am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Praise

## Children's Ministry Conference

Jill Griffiths led a team of ten children's leaders from HTC down to Eastbourne in January for the annual Children's and Family Ministry Conference. She said, "We spent our time attending workshops, seminars and lectures and stocking up on the latest publications of music and books. There were also lively and uplifting

worship sessions in the main theatre led by Geraldine Latty, stories from Bob Hartman, Doug Horley and Ishmael and drama from Lucy Moore and the Rhema Theatre Group. As you can imagine, with hundreds of uninhibited children's workers it was very lively and interactive! This was a valuable opportunity to take time out from

work and hectic family routines to concentrate on children's ministry. Getting together with other children's workers from a range of churches, denominations and backgrounds was very interesting and inevitably resulted in lots of swapping of ideas and sharing of experiences. There was much food for thought."

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Also many students have gone on to evangelise successfully and grow their own churches.

### How has your faith grown since you first became a Christian?

My faith has developed enormously over the years. I have learnt to trust God in situations that have often been quite traumatic. I believe that you have to trust yourself in every situation, because God is always with you.

Photo

Judi Dench

company's few matinee performances, particularly considering the rave reviews the production was receiving.

Whilst Dame Judi was the headline star (appearing as Titania in a quasi-Elizabeth I style), the whole company was outstanding. The result was a faithful and funny interpretation of one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays. Judi Dench's portrayal of giggly, love-drunk Titania to Oliver Chris' Bottom was a real highlight. Diana Rigg's daughter, Rachel Stirling played Helena.

Our seats were in the front couple of rows. We met with HTC pals old and new, shared lifts and hugely enjoyed the afternoon together. An afternoon made the better for enjoying it with friends!

## Mike Harle reports...

On Wednesday 3 March, 32 HTC seniors visited the Rose Theatre in Kingston upon Thames to see Dame Judi Dench in A Midsummer Night's Dream. We were lucky enough to get a good-sized batch of tickets for one of the

## HTC INFO

### Sunday Services

**8am Traditional**  
**9.30am Lively**  
**11.15am Reflective**  
**6.30pm Contemporary**  
 See website for more details.

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## PCC News

We were delighted to hear that HTC's request to appoint an Associate Vicar has been approved by the Bishop. With Tom Darwent's curacy drawing to a close it became clear that, in order to continue our pattern of growth as a church, we needed to bridge the gap that often occurs in obtaining a replacement curate from the Diocese.

Following investment in the church database in 2009, it is wonderful to see the system is

now up and running with over 650 records on the system. More than 100 church members have already logged onto the system and all adults who provided email addresses will have started receiving emails from Philip! The PCC are committed to extend the use of the system in coming months in order to further improve our communication and to assist ministry and office staff in the administration.

**Michael Porter, PCC Secretary**