

This Week

Monday	April 27 th	1.30pm	Thanksgiving Service for Carol Quicke
Tuesday	April 28 th	7.30pm	Life Groups
Wednesday	April 29 th	2.30pm	Welcome Café
Thursday	April 30 th	9.15am	Ark Toddler Group
		2.0pm	Thanksgiving Service for Glenda Unwin
Friday	May 1 st	7.0pm	Youth Club
Sunday	May 3 rd	10am	Prayer before the service
		10.30am	Worship Service
			Theme: Public Faith
			Phillippians 2: 27-30

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(Keith is part-time and works mornings Monday-Thursday. Emails or phone messages received outside of these hours will be picked up on the following workday morning)
- website:** www.histonbaptist.org.uk

HBC has its own Facebook page



Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to each other

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21).

Sunday April 26th, 2026

The service is led by **Hilary Allen**
The Rev Chris Farmer brings us the message.
Theme: To live is Christ, to die is gain.
Reading: Phillippians 1: 12-25

Services in Church You can connect to the service via your **telephone landline on 0330 088 5830**. There may be an automatic answer asking for the meeting ID, but it may just wait, in which case just put in the number: **238 183 824 #** Ignore the next question (about your ID or password) and press **#** again. You will be able to hear and speak to everyone.

The Zoom Meeting ID: 238 183 824

You can join Zoom for the live service; Recordings of the Sunday sermons are available on the Church Website.

Please see the HBC website at www.histonbaptist.org.uk

Prayer Corner If you would like someone to pray with you, the Prayer Corner is open after each morning service. All matters are treated as confidential unless there is need to report a safeguarding concern.

Please Pray For

Ian Boundy,
The family of Glenda Unwin,
Michael Quicke and family,
Harry and Carole Gelsthorpe,

Carol's Thanksgiving Service - Catering

Many thanks to all who have offered food and help for tomorrow's thanksgiving service for Carol. If you haven't already brought the food to the kitchen, please bring it between 10am -11.30am tomorrow.

We have lots of help in the morning before the service, but we shall need help serving tea/coffee and replenishing plates with food from 2.30- 5pm, then help clearing away. Thanks **Ann**

Glenda Unwin's Thanksgiving Service will be at HBC on **Thursday 30th April, 2pm**. The service will be followed by an afternoon tea. If you are able to contribute a cake for this then please speak to Margaret Jude.

The family look forward to seeing those of you who can make it - and let us continue to hold them in our prayers at this time.

Friday Night Youth - this term we are introducing a new 'After Hours' slot. After our normal youth session on a Friday, for those young people interested, we will be having hot chocolate, cake, watching a short video and spending some time looking at faith together. We will be using the 'Start the Stir' resource which can be found online, should you wish to have a look. This week we will be exploring 'spirituality'. Please pray for us and the young people as we seek to guide them through their journey of faith. If you have any questions, please speak to **Kate Farmer**.

Repair Café Many thanks to all those who helped in various ways with the Repair Cafe at HBC last Saturday, whether by baking in advance, volunteering on the day, or bringing stuff to be repaired. We had a great day, with our volunteer repairers tackling 75 items - perhaps the oldest being a 160-year-old sewing machine! We are planning our next event in the autumn, so watch this space! **Tony Russell**

Happy Birthday to Mary Parker, Rebecca Morgan and Sam Rice (all on the 27th) and Craig Robinson (30th)

Come Dine with Me - Sunday 10th May 4.00-6.00pm. There is still time to sign up for this before the deadline of 30th April. Sign-up sheets at coffee hatch on Sunday or email Catrina - catrina.zarkos-smith@ntlworld.com. This is a wonderful opportunity to extend church family time by enjoying a meal in our homes. Please make sure you don't miss out! **Catrina**

HBC Welcome Café is open to 20th May

Our community café is continuing for longer than last year, running every Wednesday from 2.30-4.30pm up to the 20th May. If you haven't been before, come along for refreshments and a chat. The more from HBC the better

HBC Missions Do take a look at the Missions board (which is situated on the wall above the welcome desk.) We are presently focusing on the work in Albania being done by our mission partners TekUra, and hope that this will give you ideas on how/what to pray for. **Ruth Willingham**

Eco prayer

Each year since 1970, April 22 has been designated as Earth Day; this year it also marks exactly 10 years since the Paris Agreement was signed by 160 countries committed to limiting global warming. Reflecting on the various developments over the past decade, we pray that:

- In seeking greater energy security in these uncertain times, countries will prioritise sources of energy that are sustainable in the long term.
- Priority will be given to support food security for those nations already most affected by climate change.
- Governments will recognise the huge damage to the environment, as well as the economic and social impacts resulting from warfare.

To mark Earth Day, you might enjoy this short quiz:

<https://edition.cnn.com/interactive/2019/04/specials/climate-change-solutions-quiz/index.html> **Tony Russell**