

Prayer Focus

MONDAY: Love Everlasting Not Temporary. Lord open our lips and let our mouths declare our praise of this wonderful truth.

TUESDAY: We pray that we might be open to your guiding hand as we go about our daily lives.

WEDNESDAY: As we meet for the Lent course tonight we ask, Lord, that we will come with open hearts to hear more of your truths and that you will bless this time together.

THURSDAY: Let us spend some time today asking God to show each one of us how to have a deeper relationship with him.

FRIDAY: As we journey through Lent let us remember the feast you have prepared for us in the resurrection and let us be filled with thanks to you.

SATURDAY: Pray that God might speak to us individually and collectively as a church at each of our services tomorrow.

SUNDAY: This Mothering Sunday we thank you for mothers everywhere and also think of those for whom this day may be difficult, either because they are unable to be mothers or who have lost their mothers recently.

Ann Hoare

THE NEW ADDRESS LIST is available at the back of Church at a cost of 50p. If you would prefer an electronic version please let me know. Thanks Anne

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Please take a moment to introduce yourself to us by filling out this form. You can hand it to the Minister, any member of the Welcome Team or drop it into the Offering Box at the back of church.

Connecting with St T's: If you are looking for a church full of ordinary people serving an extraordinary God then St Thomas' is for you!

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

✓ *Please tick all that apply*

☐ First time/guest/recently started attending

☐ Please send me a welcome pack
(includes information about St Thomas')

☐ I'd like to meet the Minister

Getting involved with St T's:

☐ Becoming a Christian/Alpha Course/Baptism

☐ Children's Ministry ☐ Youth Ministry

☐ Seniors' Ministry ☐ Music Ministry

☐ Home Groups ☐ Social Stuff

**Sermon Response, Prayer Requests,
Comments or Suggestions**

Welcome
to
St Thomas'

11 March 2012



**St Thomas' Coffee Bar opening times
Monday to Friday 9am-3pm**

**Church open for prayer
9.30am – 12.30pm
Monday – Friday**

ST THOMAS' SERVICES

Sunday 11 March

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evening Worship

Sunday 18 March

9.00am Morning Prayer
11.00am All Age Mothering Sunday
6.00pm Evening Worship with YWAM

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES @ 11AM

We welcome children to all our services.

At 11am children start with joint worship in church and then go out to their separate, age appropriate, activities, before returning near the end of the service.

POWERZONE (0-Y5)

Joint crèche (pre-school) and Sparks (foundation to Y1) in meeting room.

TRANSFORMERS (Y2-Y5) Centre

PATHFINDERS (Y6- Y8) Centre

NEXT WEEK

Monday 12 March

9.25 am onwards Maraca Jacks
10am Tots' Café
7.30pm Baptism Preparation Course, in Centre

Tuesday 13 March

Smiles Foundation Event, St Johns Church, Walton at 7.15pm

Wednesday 14 March

7pm (for food) 7.30pm for Lent Course - see Notice

Thursday 15 March

9-10pm Football, Queen's Park

Friday 16 March

7 – 10pm Community Evening

Wednesday 21 March

1.30pm Residential Home Visits.

Saturday 24 March

7.30pm Chesterfield Male Voice Choir concert, Church.
Tickets can be obtained from Jotham

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Next Brampton Food Market - Sat 5 May, 10am-2pm
Jubilee Picnic Lunch Celebration - Sat 2 June, 11.30am-2.30pm
Brampton Food Market- Sat 7 July, 10am-2pm
Sports Summer Event for Young People -24-27 July

ST THOMAS' NEWS

COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Are you available during a Monday to Friday, 9am-3.30pm? If so, please consider coming to volunteer for a few hours in the Coffee Bar. We need more volunteers to help cover holidays, illness and to help during busy periods. If you would like to find out more, talk to a volunteer, or even just come and give it a try, please contact Sian Benson.

SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? We are in need of help [ladies or gents] *once* a month for a number of our services in order to keep providing refreshments. All existing weekly organizers are OK to carry on, but a lot of our help is/has moved on and we need approx 2 people to step for each rota'd week. Can you help set up before the service. If not, fine – but can you help serve and wash up after. Please see Jane Simmond[235844] as soon as possible, so that we can encourage the existing help with support. Are you fairly new? This is an excellent way of getting to know more people.

DOREEN TULLY would like to thank the church family for the prayers and help readily given during the life of her dear husband Reg, also for the very meaningful service conducted by Ruth.

DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Please note these dates in your diaries. The DAGM will be held on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm and the AGM on Sunday 29 April at 6pm.

These meetings will look back at what has happened over the past year and look forward to what is planned in the coming year in St Thomas' and the Parish respectively. There will also be elections to the DCC and PCC. Please make it a priority to attend.

Please check the Notice Board at the back of church for details of vacancies for both the DCC and the PCC. If you would like more information and details of the various roles, please speak to Matt, Ruth or the Wardens. There are information sheets about the PCC and DCC at the back of church.

THE ELECTORAL ROLE IS CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED if you are new to church and have not filled out a form, please see Matt or pick a form up from the back of church.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE REAL EASTER EGG. An Easter egg which helps tell the Easter story (which is also fair trade) is available for the second time this year. It has a copy of the Easter story in booklet form inside the box. The Easter message is also on the outside of the box with three crosses on the front. If you open the lid you will see 'Happy Easter' and there is a quote from the Bible - the resurrection text from Mark. The Real Easter Egg is a unique way to spread the Easter story in 2012. The eggs cost £3.99 each and are selling out fast hence the DEADLINE DATE FOR ORDERS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD TO 18TH MARCH, but please order sooner if you can. Orders can be placed by contacting Alison or Graham Wells on 566257 or at alisonjanew@sky.com. Eggs will also be in sale in the Church Centre coffee shop.

SMILES FOUNDATION EVENT the Smiles Romanian Team present their 'Stories from the Heart' as they share the work of **Making Smiles in Romania**. The event is at St John's Church, Walton on March 13 and starts at 7.15 pm. Entry is free and an Offering will be taken.

MENS EVENT: We are organizing a trip to the **NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM** near Wakefield on **Tuesday 20 March** leaving St Thomas' about 9.30am. There will be a cost to cover transport costs. Admission is free. Further info from David Sanderson Tel 231115 or www.ncm.org.uk If you are interested in coming we need to know numbers in advance. There is a clip board at the back of church for people to sign up.

FUNDRAISING EVENT for OVACOME at Diane Badger's house, 11 Sydney Street, Brampton tel: 555154. Ovacom is a national support network for anyone ever affected by ovarian cancer. Tea, coffee, cakes, tombola, card sales and **awareness raising**. Everyone most welcome to pop in during the day, 21 March.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Despite a number of people planning to be away during Jubilee weekend, it would still be lovely if we could celebrate the event together as a Church. We are looking for people to join a small group to discuss ideas for a Church led activity during the afternoon of Sat 2 June. It would entail a couple of meetings during the next few weeks. If you can help, please contact Sally-Anne Beecham as soon as possible. Thanks

FAMILY ACTIVITY CAMPING WEEKEND Following previous years enjoyable kayaking/canoeing trips there will be a St Thomas' activity weekend being run as follows: When : Friday evening 22 to Sunday 24 June. Where : River Wye and Wye Valley (staying at Lucksall campsite) Activities : A choice of an organised walk or a river trip each day Please contact Steve Lomas Tel 277448 or by e-mail stevellomas11@gmail.com for further information.