

## Prayer topics

### Exodus 14:13

Fear not, stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord.

- **Pray for wisdom and boldness so that God will use you in his cause on your Frontline.**  
*Father, Give me eyes to see these people through your eyes: How can I love and serve them?*  
*Jesus, Carpenter King, Give me eyes to see this work through your eyes: How would you have it done?*  
*Spirit of truth and grace, Give me faith to know that you will turn this prayer I utter, the work I offer, and my day lived for you into fruit for your glory.*
- In our local church prayer circle, pray for good training at Christ the King, Cockfosters, to enable them to share the gospel with their community.
- Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity Pathway have to share the gospel with so many children each week in their primary school clubs. Pray for the leaders especially in the weeks leading up to Easter as they re-tell the incredible story of how Jesus showed his humility in washing his disciples' feet and also his power through the resurrection.
- Pray for the Prime Minister and the forthcoming negotiations to exit the EU. Pray that all in charge would act with decency and integrity, seeking to maintain good relationships with each other and moving forward in a manner promoting Godly laws enabling countries to flourish.
- Intercede for Christians in Algeria, that they would boldly share their faith with Muslim neighbours, despite the possibility of imprisonment. Pray for better provision in their constitution for religious freedom.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Linkside flats and Link Side to Christ in repentance and faith.

**Pray for those known to you who are sick or in some kind of need, including:** Barbara Aves, May Bennett, Valerie Bostock, John Churchill, Marjorie Clark, John Coekin, Jill Davis, Elizabeth Duncan, Edward Ellis, Pam Fleming, Ken Lock, Bill Marchand, Lou Mortimer, Audrey Royan, Peter Shepherd, Joyce Stephens, Jack Thompson and Molly Halliday's family.

### The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all those who belong to Christ may reject the things that hurt our walk with him, and hold onto everything that strengthens it; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## What's on this week?

### Today, Sunday 12th March

- 4.30-6.00pm: Ygnite (Yrs 7-9) (Large Hall)
- 7.30-9.00pm: TNG (Yrs 10-13) (22 Curthwaite Gardens)

### Monday

- 7.30 for 8.00pm: APCM (Church)

### Tuesday

- 9.30-11.00am: Parents and Toddlers (Guide Hut)
- 4.00-5.30pm: Cricket (Large Hall)
- 7.30-9.30pm: YCT (St James, Muswell Hill)
- 7.30 for 8.00pm: Women's Dinner (Puntos - see inside)

### Wednesday

- 9.30-11.00am: Parents and Toddlers (Guide Hut)
- 5.30-7.00pm: @Toms (Yrs 3-6) Large Hall
- 5.30-7.00pm: @Tomix (R-Yr2) Guide Hut

### Thursday

- 10.15-11.45am: New Kids on the Block (Guide Hut)
- 2.15pm: Thursday Fellowship (Guide Hut)
- 7.45 for 8.00pm: Real Food (79a Prince George Avenue)

### Friday

- 9.15-11.30am: Ladies Bible Study Group (Guide Hut)
- 6.15pm: Junior Choir
- 7.30pm: Adult Choir
- 7.15pm: Fusion (Yr 6 & above) Large Hall
- 8.00-9.30pm: Handel's Messiah Rehearsal

### Saturday

- 10.00am-3.00pm: OMF Japan Day (Church)

### Next Sunday 19th March

- 8.30am: Holy Communion
- 10.30am: Holy Communion  
**Jesus - the one it all points to**  
John 1:29-42 | Christopher Hobbs
- 6.15pm: Holy Communion  
**The Messiah determined to die**  
Matthew 26:31-68 | Mark Jackson

### Don't just give cash each week!

It's safer, easier & more efficient to give with Gift Aid. Please speak to Jenny Hammond (01992 301529). The church bank details are on [www.st-toms.org.uk](http://www.st-toms.org.uk), or on a form available at the back of church. *Registered Charity Number 1129369*



# ST THOMAS OAKWOOD

Notice sheet | 12th March 2017

## WELCOME SERVICES FOR TODAY

### 8.30am: Holy Communion BCP

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### 10-10.10am: Prayer in the Chapel

You are most welcome to come and pray with us before the service.

### 10.30am: Morning Service

**Jesus - the Lamb of God**

**John 1:19-29**

Ben Vane

### 6.15pm: Evening Service

**How can we be sure of God's promise?**

**Romans 4:13-25**

Phil Peddar

## Visiting?

*If you are visiting today we are delighted to welcome you to our service. Please do make yourself known to others and stay on for refreshments.*

At the 10.30am service, easy-to-join groups are run for 3-18 year olds (except at All Age Services). A supervised crèche for under 3s is held every week. To find your way, follow the crowd. Babies may be fed or comforted in the glassed-in chapel at the back with sound relay. The chapel is also used for Holy Communion but please feel free to stay.

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## Monthly Events

### Children & Youth Leaders' Training

**Tuesday 14th March** at 7.30pm, St James Church, Muswell Hill. Chris Green, Vicar of St James Church, will speak about 'How children and young people fit into the church and are supported by it'.

### Women's Dinner

**Tuesday 14th March 7.30 for 8.00pm**

At Punto Italian restaurant, 838 Green Lanes N21 2RT. £16.00 for 2 courses. Please sign up!

### Next Thursday Fellowship

**Thursday 16th March** at 2.15pm in the Guide Hut.

Steve Boswell will speak about his recent trip to Uganda.

### Men's Dinner

**Thursday 23rd March 7.30 for 8.00pm**

At Village Tandoori restaurant, 11 Chaseville Parade N21 1PG. £15.00 for 2 courses. Please sign up!

## Weekly Notices

### Supporting our church abroad

**Please support our missionaries in prayer.** The latest prayer letters are available in the missionary corner. You can also ask the office to send them to you by email.

**The support needed for Robbie and Lizzie Bellis** to be missionaries in Belgium has gone up since they now have become employees (taxes etc) rather than students. If anyone in the congregation is in a position to help them you could speak to Chris Goodlad and give through the church.

**Janet and Peter Dallman also need more support** to return to Japan (partly because of the lower pound, and partly because they will be moving to Tokyo). If anyone in the congregation is in a position to help them you could speak to Chris Goodlad and give through the church.

**Molly Halliday's Funeral** will take place on Tuesday 28th March, 12 noon at Enfield Crematorium.

### Prayer app for St Thomas Church

'Prayer Mate' is a great mobile app to help organise what you pray for each day. Download it to subscribe to the St Thomas Church feed of things to pray for.

### Crèche Duty Today, 12th March

Jenny Hammond, Carol Moore, Lucy Peddar, & Pippa Reid.

### Crèche Duty Next Sunday, 19th March

Jackie Boswell, Katie Davies, Kat Peel & Catherine Vane.

## Church Family Notices

### This week:

Next Sunday we will have the commissioning of Ambassadors by Robert Wickham, the Bishop of Edmonton. If you wish to be commissioned please give your name to Christopher or the office.

The Church Annual Meeting is tomorrow night, 13th March, starting at 8.00pm, with refreshments first from 7.30pm. The following people have been proposed and seconded and given their consent:

- Andy Reid and Sean Tiptaft as Churchwardens  
- John Chapman, Chris Goodlad, Charles Maycock standing for Deanery Synod.

There are also ten places for members of the PCC. Please make sure completed forms are handed in today to Christopher/office.

The agenda and papers for the meeting are available today at the back of church, so that you can ask Chris Goodlad about specific matters to do with the finances if you wish to. The full accounts are pinned up in the porch, together with the electoral roll.

### OMF Japan Day at St Thomas Oakwood

**Next Saturday 18th March 10.00am-3.00pm**

An opportunity to learn more about OMF work in Japan, so that you can pray for and support it better. All welcome!

### Red Card Gambling Awareness Event

**Saturday 25th March 3.00-5.00pm**

Hosted by ex footballer/CEO Tony Kelly at St George's Parish Hall and Community Centre, 710 Hertford Road, EN3 6NR. See poster at the back of church for details.

### Coffee Morning in aid of 'Purulia' North East India

**Tuesday 28 March 10.00am-12.30pm**

At Nicola McDowall's home (16 Avenue Close, N14 4BJ). Proceeds will help the Leprosy Mission build a much needed hospital department. Entrance £2.00 for coffee and first cake.

### 'The Roots of Jazz' at Oak Hill Theological College

**Friday 31st March 7.30-9.30pm**

Invite a friend to join you for an evening of live music and a talk exploring the Christian influence on jazz. Tickets £7.50 Enter [tinyurl.com/oakhilljazz](http://tinyurl.com/oakhilljazz) or call Tom 07825 913286.

### Keep On Running - A Music Marathon

**Saturday 22nd April 2017 6.00pm, St Thomas Church Hall.**

A unique evening of live music - three bands, with one common thread. £5.00 adults, under-11s free. For tickets and information: Luigi 07960 758647, Mohan 07786 190671. All proceeds to support Jennifer Sterlini's 2017 London Marathon run [www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JSterlini](http://www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JSterlini)

St Thomas

WEEKEND  
AWAY

at Latimer Place 12th-14th May  
Please may we receive forms & payment. Thank you!

## Annual Events

### Holiday Club 4th-7th April 'Lift Off 2017'



Please sign up if you can help!

Also please save these for the Holiday Club:- unwanted CDs (cases not needed), large clear plastic bottles (1.5l), cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls but longer ones), cardboard egg boxes (not plastic). Please place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you!

### Preparation Meeting for Holiday Club

**Tuesday 28th March, 8pm** in the church building, for all leaders.

### Summer Camps

Have you got a brochure for Summer Camps? For 14-18s: Sparkford 2 is full, but Sparkford 3, 9-17 August (with Andy Liggins) and Maidwell 1, 5-13 August (with Steve Boswell) and Sedbergh 19-27 August (with Jonnie Deja) have spaces. For 9-14's (School Yrs 5-9), there is room on Romsey 2, 29 July-5 August (with Ben Vane) and Rich Arnold is a leader on Woolie 4 (15-21 August).

### Vouchers for the Nursery

Stella Roberts would be happy to receive Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for the Nursery. Thank You!

### Mums Need Help!

Mums with small children need help: 1) On the crèche rota for Friday mornings 10.30-11.30 so we can study the Bible together (2 volunteers per week to join Selina would be great – speak to Mairi Lewis). 2) Serving tea/coffee and chat to parents/carers at Parents & Toddlers on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.00 [1 volunteer per week, or 2 on the last meeting each term – speak to Catherine (Wed) or Margaret (Tue)].

### Children Need Help!

@toms and @tomix could do with more helpers, to help with games, crafts and tidying up. (Weds 5.30-7.00pm or part of that time) Speak to Val Weddell, 8090 5090.

### Christopher will become the Vicar of St Andrew's

Cheadle Hulme in Manchester. Christopher and Margaret's last Sunday here will be 7th of May, and their starting service there will be on Friday 26th May in the evening.