

Prayer topics

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

- In our local church prayer circle, intercede for Christ Church Cockfosters, that they would be thankful knowing the Good Shepherd and experience the ultimate peace of safety in his care.
- Praise the Lord for the work of Pathway. Ask that the Lord would bless their endeavours to bring the gospel to primary age children in North London schools. Pray for their assemblies and clubs, that children would be able to see Jesus in their actions and through the word of God being explained to them.
- In our own church, pray for spiritual growth and unity in the forthcoming months of transition and for wisdom to those involved in selecting our new vicar. Please pray that we would not be set in our ways but open to God and his plans for us. Please pray that the right person would be chosen to minister to our congregation.
- Give thanks to God for the opportunity to vote for our government. Pray that politicians would speak with honesty and integrity. Pray for the people involved, that the demands of these weeks would bring out the best in our politicians, and that those elected would take up office in a spirit of humility and service.
- Intercede for Christians who cannot gather with other believers to worship because of persecution. Pray that they would be blessed with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Culgaith Gardens 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, Ansa Celestine, John Churchill, Marjorie Clark, John Coekin, Jill Davis, Elizabeth Duncan, Pam Fleming, Ken Lock, Bill Marchand, Lou Mortimer, Audrey Royan, Peter Shepherd, Joyce Stephens and Jack Thompson.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 14th May

- Christian Aid Bread and Cheese Lunch (see inside)
- NO: Ygnite or TNG

Monday

- 8.00pm PCC Meeting (Choir Vestry)

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 (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)
- 7.30pm for 8pm: Prayer Meeting (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

Next Sunday 21st May

- 10.30am: Holy Communion
Jesus - the one who truly satisfies
John 4:1-26 | Peter Pytches
- 6.15pm Evening Service
Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Daniel 3 | Kevin Flink

Don't just give cash each week! It's safer, easier and more efficient to give with Gift Aid, through the bank or with envelopes. Please speak to Jenny Hammond (01992 301529). The church bank details are on www.st-toms.org.uk, or on a form available at the back of church.

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Notice sheet | 14th May 2017

WELCOME SERVICES FOR TODAY

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 centre of attention

John 3:22-36

Peter Pytches

NO Evening Service (Weekend Away)

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.



Our 10.30am and 6.15pm Sunday services are streamed live on our website and on Youtube and are publicly available. Anyone standing on the platform or in the music group will be in view. The backs of heads of those in the front few rows of the congregation will also be in view, though distant and indiscernible.

Monthly Events

Next Children & Youth Leaders' Training

Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm, St James Church, Muswell Hill. Ian Fry, Assistant Minister for Families at St Ebbe's Oxford will speak on 'Mentoring, discipline, responding to crisis, faith development and conversion'.

Next Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 17th May, 7.45 for 8.00pm in the Guide Hut.

Next Thursday Fellowship

Thursday 18th May, 2.15pm in the Guide Hut. Darren Chubb of Pathway will be speaking to us about their work.

Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday 27th May 8.00am in the Guide Hut. 'Rejoicing in Christ' is the theme for our penultimate meeting before the summer break. Please sign up at the back of church!

Next Men's Dinner: Wednesday 14th June

Next Women's Dinner: Tuesday 27th June

Please save the dates!

Annual Events

SUMMER CAMPS

Have you got a brochure for summer camps?

Several young people from St Thomas will be going.

For 14-18s: 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 space on Woolie 4 15-21 August (with Rich Arnold). Romsey 2 is full.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SUNDAY CLUB

In the summer holidays we like to give the regular Sunday Club leaders time off. If you are willing to help during one morning service, 23, 30 July or 13, 20, 27 August please speak to Mark Jackson or Ben Vane. Material is provided.

JUNIOR CHOIR'S CONCERT

Sunday 18th June 3.00pm

The first half of the concert will be a performance of the pop cantata 'Holy Moses', with solo items in the second half. If any children in the congregation would like to perform a solo item (or duet etc) in the second half, please let Sarah know.

Church Family Notices

Christian Aid | Bread and Cheese Lunch

Today after the service. There is no charge. Donations for Christian Aid Week welcome.

'Dementia Friends Talk'

Saturday 20th May at 10.30am

If you would like to know and understand more about Dementia there will be a one hour informal talk at Christ the King Cockfosters in Bramley Road. Adults and teenagers welcome. (see poster at back of church/visit dementiafriends.org.uk)

Christopher's Starting Service at St Andrew's

Friday 26th May at 7.30pm

All parishioners are very welcome to attend! St Andrew's, Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, SK8 5ET. Please continue to pray for Christopher and Margaret as they settle into their new surroundings; for strength, good health and that they would be received with open and welcoming hearts.

Thank You!

Over £20,000 including Gift Aid was donated, marking Christopher's farewell, for the Repairs and Renewals Fund.

JustOne event with Evangelist J. John

Saturday 8th July, 3.00-6.00pm

Just One Day. Just One Message. Just One Invitation.

Over 40,000 people will gather at the Emirates Stadium to hear how the Good News of Jesus can transform lives and bring purpose. Why not invite just one friend, relative, neighbour or colleague? Further information from www.justone.co.uk. Lower tier £5, Upper tier £10, Club Level £25.

Sean and Hoda hope to do a group booking so please sign up at the back of church or let the office know. You can also speak Sean & Hoda for more details (8882 9269).

Summer Gatherings

In the summer we have social meetings with a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings in August from 8-9.15pm. If you could volunteer your home please let the office know.

Vouchers for the Nursery

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

St Paul's Cathedral

The parish has 4 passes for visiting St Paul's Cathedral. If you would like to visit you can borrow a pass from Christina in the church office.

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.

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.

Internet Fundraising

Every time you buy something on-line we get a small donation! *To register to support St Thomas, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomassoakwood.* Since we started in Dec 2011, 44 people have raised over **£1,785.06** for St Thomas Church, just by buying things they were buying anyway. **If you enter this link:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2Q4EP8/> we get an extra £1 for every one who joins.

You can give by text

Send the following free text to the number 70070: TOMS20 £x where x is either £1,2,5 or £10. You will receive a text with a link for taxpayers to add Gift Aid if you wish.

To Update your Regular Giving

Please speak to Jenny Hammond (01992 301529) or send an email to: jenmart.hammond@gmail.com

Crèche Duty Today, 14th May

Katie Davies, Jenny Hammond and Linda Schofield.

Crèche Duty Next Sunday, 21st May

Kat Peel, Eldine Pope and Fotoulla Santis.

Vacancy for a Musician

We have a vacancy for a musician to lead the music at the evening service one Sunday a month. If you are willing to do this please speak to Mark Jackson or Sarah Gentle.

Kaushal David is to become the Curate in Charge of the parishes of Totternhoe, Stanbridge and Tilsworth in rural Bedfordshire near Dunstable. Licensing on 13 July at All Saints Tilsworth 7.30pm.

Change to Holy Communion Service at 8.30am

This will now only happen on the first Sunday of the month.