

Prayer topics

2 John 1:6

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

- In our local church prayer circle, pray for Christ Church Cockfosters, that God would support them during the interregnum by helping them to be more obedient and faithful.
- Praise the Lord for the way that Peter and Janet Dallman are settling in Japan. Continue to pray that they would get to know the local area, make friends and get used to Tokyo. Pray for Peter and colleague Rosanne, as they plan and prepare two courses. Pray also for Janet, that God would help her to come to grips with her new role in OMF. Ask the Lord to lead them to a church where they can feel at home and grow in their faith.
- In our church, please commit to the Lord all those involved in Real Food. Pray that their lives would be enriched by studying God's word and walking faithfully with him. Pray for valuable conversations with colleagues and for boldness as they witness in their place of work.
- Lift up our country to the Lord. Pray for stability and peace but especially for unity as major dealings are being settled between the EU and ourselves. Pray for wisdom for all those involved in these negotiations.
- Pray for God's protection over all those who are being persecuted, that God would give them strength and hope.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Oakwood Parade/ Bramley Road to Christ in repentance and faith.

Pray for those known to you who are sick or in some kind of need, including: Barbara Aves, Valerie Bostock, John Churchill, Marjorie Clark, John Coekin, Elizabeth Duncan, Edward Ellis, Pam Fleming, David Henson (Judith's father), Ken Lock, Bill Marchand, Joyce Stephens and Jack Thompson.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 8th October

- 4.30-6.00pm: Ygnite (Yrs 6-9) (Large Hall)
- 7.30-9.00pm: TNG (Yrs 10-13) (22 Curthwaite Gdns)

Monday

- 8.00pm: F&GP Meeting (Choir Vestry)

Tuesday

- 4.00-5.30pm: Cricket (Large Hall)

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)
- 7.45 for 8.00pm: Pudding & Prayer (Guide Hut)

Thursday

- 10.15-11.45am: New Kids on the Block (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 (Large Hall)

Saturday

- 3.15-8.00pm: London Women's Convention (see inside)

Next Sunday 15th October

- 10.30am: Holy Communion
Ministry in the face of opposition
2 Timothy 2:14-26 | Ben Vane
- 3.30pm: **Bouncy Church**
- 6.15pm: Holy Communion
Jesus, are you starting a new religion?
Mark 2:18-22 | Mark Jackson

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. *Registered Charity Number 1129369*

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Notice sheet | 8th October 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 | Guest Service

Ministry: suffering now, glory later

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Ben Vane

6.15pm: Evening Service

Jesus, who have you come for?

Mark 2:1-17

Anthony David

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.

Christianity EXPLORED

A seven week course about the basics of the Christian faith.

Christianity Explored gives time and space to think about the big questions of life. By focusing on Mark's gospel it allows people to explore the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. Please contact Ben Vane (020 8352 2536, benvane@gmail.com).

Monthly Events

'Pudding & Prayer'

Wednesday 11th October Refreshments at 7.45pm, for 8.00pm start, in the Guide Hut. Led by Mark Jackson.

Next Bouncy Church

Sunday 15th October, 3.30-4.30pm in the Church building for all children from just a few months old to school Reception Year.

Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday 21st October at 8.00am in the Guide Hut with a small talk from Kevin Flink.

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.

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 **£1,932.60** 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.

Crèche Duty Today, 8th October

Eldine Pope and Catherine Vane.

Crèche Duty Next Sunday 15th October

Mairi Lewis, Jennifer Sterlini and Catherine Vane

Church Family Notices

Parish Directory

Thank you to those of you that have provided your updated details. The new directory will be printed soon. Please contact the office if there are any amendments you would like noted in the directory on office@st-toms.org.uk.

'None Like Him'

If you are interested in reading this book by Jen Wilkin, (speaker at the London Women's Convention) either on your own or as part of a group (reading and discussing 2 chapters per week) please let Elsa know.

Coming up...

St Thomas Men's Annual Dinner

Wednesday 22nd November, 7.30pm at Punto Italian Restaurant, 838 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 2RT. Cost £20.00. Please sign up at the back of church!

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.

To update your regular giving

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

Can you help?

Do you have/know of a 2 bedroomed flat or house that can be rented to someone in our church family? The property would be required for a week or a month if possible from 14th October. If you can help, please let Ben or the office know as soon as possible! Thank you.

Annual Events

London Women's Convention:

'How Great is our God?'

Saturday 14th October 9.30am-2.30pm or 3.15-8.00pm at the Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW. Speaker, Jen Wilkin, will lead us as we "contemplate (God's) character and celebrate how magnificent He *really* is". Tickets £25. For information visit: <https://christianconventions.org.uk/lwc/authentic>. Please sign up at the back for our group booking!

Churches Together Autumn Seminar:

Wednesday 22nd November, 8.00pm at Southgate Methodist Church. Please save the date! All welcome.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th November, 10.00am-12noon in the Guide Hut for **The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre**. Please join us and help raise money for this centre launched in 2002 to help people affected by cancer in Enfield.

Capital Youthworks presents Sorted 'Who Are You?'

Saturday 11th November, 10.30am-4.30pm at Westminster Chapel Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6BS. Sorted is a day of Bible teaching about Jesus for youth groups (14-18s) and their leaders. They will be looking at the issues of identity in our world today and discovering the true identity we can have in Jesus. Cost £11.00. Please see flier at the back of church or speak to Mark Jackson.

9:38 Conference: 'A Life's Work'

Saturday 25th November, 9.30am-4.15pm at Christ Church Kensington, Victoria Road, London, W8 5RQ. Explore what full-time gospel ministry really involves and how God guides people into it or other walks of life. Cost £5.00. Booking deadline 18 October. Please see flier at the back of church.