

## Prayer topics

### Isaiah 49:13

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

- Our Father, as we stand at the beginning of this New Year we confess our need for your presence and your guidance as we face the future.
- Praise the Lord for the work of Robbie and Lizzie Bellis in Belgium. Ask that in his grace, God would bring those in contact with them to know Him where they have yet to recognise Him as Lord. Pray for God's grace as they continue to develop friendships via different ministries in the church, that these would be fruitful for God's glory.
- We bring to you our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but you alone know what it holds for us, and only you can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. Help us to humbly put our lives into your hands, to trust you and seek your will for our lives during this coming year.
- In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of your unchanging love.
- In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to you for the stability and comfort we will need.
- In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in your sight, regardless of the cost.
- Pray for our nation and our leaders during these difficult times of negotiations with the EU. Pray also for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Cotswold Way to Christ in repentance and faith.

### The First Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children: 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?

### HOME GROUPS | Mark 4:35-41

#### Today 7th January

- 4.30-6.00pm: Ygnite (Yrs 7-9) (Large Hall)
- 7.30-9.00pm: TNG (Yrs 10-13) (Church Flat, 79a PGA)

#### 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)

#### Thursday

- 10.15-11.45am: New Kids on the Block (Guide Hut)

#### Friday

- 9.15-10.15am: Over 60's Ladies Christianity Explored (79a Prince George Avenue)
- 10.30-11.30am: Ladies Bible Study (Guide Hut)
- 6.15pm: Junior Choir
- 7.30pm: Adult Choir
- 7.15pm: Fusion (Large Hall)

#### Next Sunday 14th January

- 10.30am: Morning Service  
**Jesus vs. disaster**  
Mark 4:35-41 | Mark Jackson
- 6.15pm: Evening Service  
**Justified is just the beginning**  
Romans 5:1-11 | Kevin Flink

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

#### 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](http://www.st-toms.org.uk), or on a form available at the back of church. Registered Charity Number 1129369

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# ST THOMAS OAKWOOD

## Notice sheet | 7th January 2018

## 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: All Age Service

**Jesus vs. disaster**

**Mark 4:35-41**

Mark Jackson

### 6.15pm: Evening Service

**Justified is just the beginning**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Kevin Flink

## 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.

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## Annual & Other Events

### Churches Together - United Service

Sunday 21st January, 6.30pm at Christ Church, Southgate, Waterfall Road, N14 7EG.

### SEGP Conference 2018

#### 'Believing in The God of mission'

Friday 2nd February 2.00-4.30pm and or Saturday 3rd February 10.00am-4.30pm at St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate, London EC3A 6AT. Please see flyers at the back of church for full details.

*Coming up....*

### Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 4th February in the Large Hall after the service.

### Over 60's Holiday Club

Wednesday 14th February. An all day event for over 60's, more information coming soon.

### Holiday Club

10th-13th April. Are you able to take some annual leave to help in our holiday club after Easter? If you haven't already done so, please let Harriet or the office know.

### Induction of Rich Alldritt as Vicar of St Thomas

Save the date! The evening of Monday 16th April.

### Summer Camp Bookings

Bookings for summer camps including Sparkford 2 (Y10-13) and Romsey 2 (Y6-9, now renamed Reigate 1) are open through [www.ventures.org.uk](http://www.ventures.org.uk). Places fill up very quickly, so do book early!

## Church Family Notices

*A very Happy New Year to you all!*

### Home Groups

Will start again this week (8-11th January). If you are not in a home group but would like to join or if you are unsure whether this is for you please do speak to Ben Vane.

### Christianity Explored 2018

A new course for women over 60 will be starting on Fridays from 12th January, at 9.15am in the Church Flat (79a Prince George Avenue). For more information please contact Beryl 8366 5126 or the office 8245 9152.

### Real Food

Takes place fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.45pm in the church flat and will be starting again on Thursday 18th January. It's for all 18-30's at St Thomas to get together and learn from the Bible. Please speak to Mark Jackson or just come along to the flat (79A Prince George Avenue).

**The funeral of Olive Crofts** will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 30th January at St Thomas Oakwood.

### Christmas Service Collection

We are very pleased to confirm that the sum of £806.61 was collected at our Christmas services for Tearfund; working tirelessly to help communities around the world escape the effects of poverty and disaster.

### Poppy Appeal Collection

We have also been informed that the sum of £24.95 was collected on Remembrance Sunday.

### 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, 7th January:

Mairi Lewis, Eldine Pope and Eileen Tang.

### Creche Duty Next Sunday, 14th January:

Jenny Hammond, Fotulla Santis and Jennifer Sterlini.

## Monthly Events

### Next Pudding & Prayer Meeting

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

### Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday 20th January, 8.00am at Wetherspoons in Southgate.

### Next Thursday Fellowship

Thursday 25th January, 2.15pm in the Guide Hut.

### Next Bouncy Church

Sunday 28th January, 3.30pm in the Church Building.

### PCC Meeting

Monday 31st January, 8.00pm in the Choir Vestry.

## 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomassoakwood). Since we started in Dec 2011, 44 people have raised over **£2,037.65** 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](mailto:jenmart.hammond@gmail.com)