

## Prayer topics

**Prayers on Mothering Sunday:** Thank God for the commitment, sacrifice and love of mothers. Pray that God would strengthen and encourage women experiencing great joy and fulfilment, as well as those whose lives are not easy at this time. Pray that they would all come to know and love our Lord, Jesus Christ.

- In our local church prayer circle, pray for Christ the King Cockfosters, that the Lord would help them to devote themselves to his service.
- “Blessed is he who is kind to the needy”. Thank the Lord that many people who receive help through the work of the Mahalir Aran Trust in South India, also hear God’s word. Pray that they would be able to discover the hope of the gospel and receive eternal life.
- Praise the Lord that His Spirit guides us into all truth. Thank God for His word; pray for the leaders and children in Sunday Club, that they would grow in their understanding of God’s love for them.
- Rejoice that “the Lord acts justly and loves mercy”. Pray that He would help our government to recognise its responsibility to do whatever good it can in every area of our lives. Pray also that with God’s help the government would give the church courage to stand up on behalf of others denied human rights and justice.
- Pray for the protection of Christians in refugee camps around the world, that in the midst of adversity, the light of their love for Jesus Christ would continue to shine and enable them to live a life worthy of the calling they have received.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Brayton 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, Tim Bellis, May Bennett, Valerie Bostock, John Churchill, John Coekin, Elizabeth Duncan, Edward Ellis, David Henson (Judith’s father), Ken Lock, Bill Marchand, Joyce Stephens and Jack Thompson.

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent | Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and heal; 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 forever. Amen.

## What’s on this week?

### Today 11th March

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

### Monday

- 8.00pm: Holiday Club Prep Meeting (Church)

### 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)  
@Tomix R-Yr2 (Guide Hut)
- 8.00pm: PCC Meeting (Choir Vestry)

### Thursday

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

### Friday

- 9.15-10.15am: 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
- 8.00-9.30pm: Stainer’s ‘The Crucifixion’ rehearsal

### Next Sunday 18th March

- 10.30am: Holy Communion  
**Why should I listen to Jesus?**  
Mark 9:2-13 | Tim Ward
- 6.15pm: Holy Communion  
**Thirsting for God, even when it’s hard**  
Psalm 42 | Aled Seago

**Proverbs 16:3** Commit to the Lord whatever you do.

### 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 | 11th March 2018

## 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 | Mothering Sunday

**Come die with me**

**Mark 8:31-9:1**

Mark Jackson

### 6.15pm: Evening Service

**More than conquerors**

**Romans 8:31-39**

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. For more details please contact Ben Vane (020 8352 2536, [benvane@gmail.com](mailto:benvane@gmail.com)).

## Church Family Notices

### Annual Church Meeting

At the Annual meeting on Wednesday 21st March, we will elect two Churchwardens and ten members of the PCC. Forms for Nomination (a proposer and seconder are needed) are on the table at the back of church. Please return them to Ben or the office on or before Sunday 18th March.

### 'Walking all over Cancer'

Jenny and Laura Hammond are fund raising for Cancer Research by walking 10,000 steps each day during March. You can sponsor them by donating to Cancer Research UK on <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/jenny-walks-all-over-cancer-65> There is also a form at the back of church.

### Marathons

John Churchill is running the Brighton Marathon on 15th April for Prostate Cancer and Dee Churchill is running the London Marathon on 22nd April for Cherry Lodge Cancer Care in Barnet. Sponsors welcome (forms at back of church).

## Annual & Other Events

### OMF 'Jesus in the Jungle'

Saturday 17th March, 10.00am-3.00pm at All Soul's Clubhouse 141 Cleveland Street, London, W1T 6QG.

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

Monday 16th April, 7.30pm. Save the date!

### 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!

## Easter Services



**Maundy Thursday** | Thursday 29th March 7.30pm  
A reflective service of Holy Communion.

**Good Friday** | Friday 30th March 9.15am  
**Walk of Witness**  
Starting at Christ Church Southgate finishing with a service at St Andrew's Southgate.

**Family Service:** 10.30am  
A short and very accessible service for families.

**An Hour at the Cross:** 1.00pm  
A quiet and reflective service with hymns.

**Stainer's 'The Crucifixion':** 7.00pm  
A devotional performance with augmented choir, organ and soloists.

**Easter Sunday** | Sunday 1st April 8.30am  
**Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion:**

**All-Age Communion:** 10.30am  
Our main Easter day all-age service, including Holy Communion.

**Easter Praise:** 6.15pm  
An informal, simple service.

### Holiday Club *The KING'S QUEST*

10th-13th April

Please save egg boxes for the Holiday Club if you can. Booking forms are available at the back of church! Please register your child even if you are helping with Holiday Club. If you would like to help, please let Harriet or the office know if you haven't already done so.

### Crèche Duty Today, 11th March:

Izabela Bell, Eldine Pope and Jennifer Sterlini.

### Creche Duty Next Sunday, 18th March

Kat Peel and Eileen Tang.

## Monthly & Other Events

### Holiday Club Preparation Meeting

Monday 12th March, 8.00pm in the Church Building.

### PCC Meeting

Wednesday 14th March, 8.00pm in the Choir Vestry.

### Annual Church Meeting

Wednesday 21st March in the Church Building.

### Bouncy Church

Sunday 25th March in the Church Building.

### Thursday Fellowship

Thursday 22nd March in the Guide Hut with a talk by Norman Brooker.

### Pudding and Prayer Meeting (Holiday Club)

Wednesday 28th March, 7.45 for 8.00pm start in the Guide Hut. Please come and pray for this wonderful mission opportunity!

### Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday 28th April, 8.00am at Wetherspoons with a brief talk from Rich Alldritt.

## Weekly Notices

### Supporting our church abroad

**Please support our missionaries in prayer.** The latest prayer letter from Andrew Chard is 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 **£2,105.23** 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.