

## Prayer topics

### John 3:17

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

- In our local church prayer circle, pray for all of us here at St Thomas Church that we would be worthy of God's calling and strengthened by His power to complete His good purposes for the glory of His name.
- "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain". Thank God for the growth of the church in Serbia and for the training of their leaders through the work of Project Timothy. Please continue to pray for Riste and Tea Micev that they would keep faithful to His word. Pray also that God would open doors for new churches to work with their ministry and that they would continue to be changed by the Gospel.
- Praise the Lord for his awesome, majestic holiness and power. Pray for the Induction of Rich as our new vicar tomorrow, that the service would bear witness to his commitment to the Lord and that of all who attend. Pray that through God's grace, Rich would be able to lead us with humility, love, patience and gentleness.
- Continue to pray for the children and young people who attended 'The King's Quest' Holiday Club and heard about God's salvation last week. Pray that they would turn to the truth and grace of the gospel.
- Intercede for all Christians who are refugees in other countries or who have been displaced within their own country. Ask the Lord to encourage them, to give them words of comfort and to fill them with peace that the world cannot give.
- Ask God to bring the residents of Lindal Crescent 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, Gwen Benford, May Bennett, Valerie Bostock, John Churchill, John Coekin, Marian Coekin, Elizabeth Duncan, Edward Ellis, Vin Fleming, David Henson (Judith's father), Ken Lock, Bill Marchand, Joyce Stephens and Jack Thompson.

### The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 15th April

- NO: Ygnite or TNG

### Monday

- 7.30pm: Induction of Rich Alldritt

### 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)

### Thursday

- 10.15-11.45am: New Kids on the Block (Guide Hut)
- 8.00pm: Home Group Leaders' meet (Vicarage)

### Friday

- 9.15-10.15am: Over 60's Ladies Bible Study (Guide Hut)
- 10.30-11.30am: Ladies Bible Study (Guide Hut)
- 6.15pm: Junior Choir
- 7.15pm: Fusion
- 7.30pm: Adult Choir

### Next Sunday 22nd April

- 10.30am: Morning Service  
**Behind the scenes promise keeping**  
Exodus 1:1-2:10  
Rich Alldritt
- 6.15pm: Evening Service  
**Transforming truth**  
Titus 1:1-4  
Rich Alldritt

### 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 | 15th April 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: Holiday Club | All Age Service

Matthew 28:16-20

Ben Vane

### 6.15pm: Evening Service

How will we rise from death?

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

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## 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)).

## 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 £2,120.12 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).

### 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.

## Church Family Notices

### Holiday Club

An enormous thank you to EVERYONE who helped in some way with 'The King's Quest' and 'Extravagance' Holiday Clubs. What a great success! Thank you for your hard work, dedication, patience, love and commitment. Praise the Lord for His loving care throughout this inspirational week. Please continue to pray for the children who came and their families.

## Tomorrow!

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

Monday 16th April, 7.30pm!

Please do come along to this long awaited service for our new vicar. Bishop Rob Wickham will be presiding with Bishop Rod Thomas and the Archdeacon, John Hawkins also in attendance.

Thank you if you have kindly offered to bring some light 'finger food' for after the service. Please can you kindly take it to the kitchen in the Large Hall between 6.45-7.15pm where Carol and Sue will be waiting to receive it.

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### Creche Duty Today, 15th April:

Izabella Bell and Eldine Pope.

### Crèche Duty next Sunday, 22nd April:

Fotulla Santis and Linda Schofield.

## Monthly & Other Events

### Home Group Leaders Meeting

Thursday 19th April, 8.00pm in the Vicarage.

### Home Groups

Please note that Home Groups will no longer be taking place during the week commencing 16th April. Our meetings will start again during the week commencing Monday 30th April.

### Next Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 22nd April after the Morning Service. Please do come along to welcome Rich, Claire and the children.

### Next Men's Breakfast

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

### Next Bouncy Church

Sunday 29th April at 3.30pm in the Church Building for all Pre-school and Reception children and their parents/carers.

## Annual & Other Events

### Marathons

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

### Summer Camp Bookings

Several young people from St Thomas will be going! Bookings for summer camps including Sparkford 2 (Y10-13) and Romsey 2 (Y6-9, now renamed Reigate 1) are still open through [www.ventures.org.uk](http://www.ventures.org.uk). Speak to Mark or Ben if you have any questions.