

Sunday 19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

NOTICES

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us online. Please join us for refreshments after our services. At St Thomas' you can visit the Fairtrade stall.

Please feel able to wander as needed during the service – especially if you have little ones with you. Toilets & baby-changing facilities are the back of church. Please ask!

Hymns today are on a separate sheet.

The Week Ahead & Information

Today	3.30	Evening Prayer (BCP) <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Monday-Friday	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
Monday	8.45-10.30	Tea, Toast & Tots <i>at St James'</i>
Tuesday	9.30 10am	Thomas' Tots <i>in St Thomas' Hall</i> Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>
Wednesday	11am 7pm	Holy Communion <i>at Raven Croft Community Room</i> Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i>
Thursday	10am 11-1 2pm 7pm	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> St Thomas' Standing Committee <i>in the Refectory</i> Thursday Friends & Food <i>in St Thomas' Hall</i> Lent Course <i>on Zoom</i>
Friday	2pm	Lent Course <i>in St Thomas' Refectory</i>
Saturday	10am	Stations of the Cross & Eucharist for Lady Day <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Next Sunday – 26th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passiontide begins	8am 9.15 10.45	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> Parish Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> Parish Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>

Lent Course – Bread of Life

This continues until Holy Week. Feel free to join in as you can or request the recording of Zoom sessions from Fr David. Based on the Eucharist.

Messy Church for Holy Week & Easter

At St James', Saturday 1st April, 2-4pm. Activities, stories and songs, plus some food, for young families. Free to attend. Please share! Posters available at the back of church. If you'd like to help with an activity or refreshments, please let Fr David know.

Holy Week Services

Please see the posters and fliers for services during Holy Week.

Bacon butties

2nd April (St Thomas) & 16th April (St James). We're helping our Scouts raise money for the World Scout Jamboree. Cash & Card donations welcome!

Eco Church

St Thomas' *Eco Church* group is helping us to look at many different ways we can fulfil a commitment to care for God's creation and its preservation. This week's tip for us all: *An electric blanket costs just 3p per hour so could be used to keep warm if sitting still.*

Virger Vacancy

St James' has a vacancy for a virger. Largely voluntary but some remuneration is offered. Requires Safeguarding training and DBS. Role description available from Fr David.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Please also let us know when someone is unwell or goes in to hospital.

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Lizzie, Rachael, Quentin, John, Frances, Gladys, Olivia, Barbara, Cynthia, Alfie, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Juliette, Jackie, Vivienne, Edna

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*