

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us on online for our services. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Hall. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of church before the service begins or use the QR code on each pew or use the card machine.

Hymns

| | St Thomas | St James |
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| Processional | 76 | 234 |
| Before the Gospel | 120 | 507 |
| Offertory | 492 | 79 |
| During Communion | 360 | 414 |
| | 353 Part I | |
| Final | 561 | 205 |

The Week Ahead & Information

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| Today | 2pm | Interment of ashes <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
| | 3.30 | Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
| Mon-Fri | 9am | Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook page</i> |
| Monday | 8.45 | Tea, Toast & Tots <i>at St James'</i> |
| Tuesday | 9.30 | Thomas' Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i> |
| | 10am | Eucharist <i>at St James'</i> |
| | 7pm | Lent Course <i>at St James'</i> |
| Wednesday | 9am | St James' School KSI service <i>in church</i> |
| | 2pm | Lent Course <i>at 438 Holcombe Road</i> |
| | 7pm | Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i> |
| Thursday | 10am | Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
| | 2pm | Mothers' Union <i>at St James'</i> |
| Next Sunday – 10th March – 4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday | | |
| | 8am | Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
| | 9.15 | Parish Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> followed by 200 Club draw |
| | 10.45 | Parish Eucharist <i>at St James'</i> |

Lent Groups *continue this week. Great attendance last week. Room for more!*

Easter Flowers

Donations welcomed! Please see Liz Smart (St Thomas') & Marjorie Charnley (St James').

Messy Lent *Saturday 16th March, 2-4pm, St Thomas' Church Hall*

Please share the date and invite people to come. The team have been planning and are working hard to make it another great success.

Quiz Night *Friday 15th March, 7pm, St Thomas' Hall*

FULLY BOOKED!

St Thomas' Spring Coffee Morning *Saturday 23rd March, 10-1*

A date for the diary! We're raising funds for church. Please leave donations for raffle, bottles and chocolate for the tombola, unwanted gifts, preserves, books, White Elephant, crafts etc. in the box at the back of church.

St Thomas' 200 Club

If you've not yet renewed your subscription (which was due on 1st January!) **please** do it today! See Tricia with any questions, or to purchase a number!

Thomas' Tots

Happy 2nd birthday to our Tots group, this week!

Visitors are invited to join our Tots on Tuesday morning for their birthday party.

There's a **volunteer vacancy** for Tots, each Tuesday morning in term time, for 45 minutes. If you can help with being a welcomer, collecting money, checking children are registered with us, please take a role descriptor from the back of St Thomas' today. Have a word with Fr David or Lin Cutforth for more information.

St Thomas' Tower & Spire Project Survey

The PCC is keen to know what people locally think about the proposed repairs to the tower and spire, including how people might help with fundraising and which of the 3 proposals they favour. We're launching our community survey today, inviting as many people as possible to respond. It's available via our Facebook page, our website and by scanning the QR code below. For those who don't use the internet, paper copies *should* be available at church and at Neary's. Please encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey – it will provide great evidence if we come to apply for grants.



Holy Week & Easter

Please take on fliers with details of special services. If you can display a poster for others to see, please take on of those too. Bishop Philip is with us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. **Please** make it a priority to come to church, especially on these days!

Fr David's departure

Fr David's last Sunday in our parishes will be Sunday 7th April. There will be a joint service at 10am at St James'. Fr David's licensing date at Boston will be Monday 29th April at 7pm. It's a long way but anyone who'd like to attend would be **very** welcome.

From the Churchwardens: Sparking Afternoon Tea on Sunday 7th April, to 'celebrate' the departure of Father David. Doors will open at 1.45pm for 2pm at St Thomas' Church Hall. Please add your name to the list in the back of either church if you would like to attend. Places will be limited, so act quickly.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Unfortunately, this year's pilgrimage has been cancelled. We hope to go again in 2025. If you've paid a deposit, someone will be in touch about refunding it. Apologies for inconvenience and disappointment.

Morning Prayer

Fr David's departure leaves another gap on the rota for daily prayer online. If you are able to help by leading this, on a rota basis, please let Fr Simon know. Help would be **really** appreciated.

March's Eco Tips *from Eco Church*

Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the [PI@ntNet](#) app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with our Lent resources at arocha.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-overlent/

Recycling *at St Thomas'*

Please continue to deposit used printer cartridges and blister packs from tablets and pills at the back of church.

Weekly Prayer List for the sick

Please contact one of the clergy to include a name on the weekly prayer list.

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

For your prayers

Sarah, Charley, Rachel, Quentin, John, Mother Mo, Sophie, Jean, Lizzie, Frances, Margaret, Adrienne, Kathleen, Vivienne, Alicia, Arnold, 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.*