

St Thomas', Trowbridge & St John's, West Ashton



Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory!"
Revelation 19: 6,7

Welcome to our worship this morning. A **Hearing Loop** system is installed: please set hearing aids to 'T'. **Large Print** copies of services are often available; please ask one of the wardens or sidesmen standing near the door. If you have any other **special needs**, the wardens or sidesmen will try to help.

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

EPIPHANY 3

	9.00am	Holy Communion BCP, St Thomas'
	10.30am	Morning Prayer, St John's
	10.30am	Family Service, St Thomas'
	6.00pm	Evening Service, St Thomas'
Mon	23 10.00am	Parents & Toddlers, Church Hall
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Tue	24 8.00am	Prayer Unplugged, Holy Trinity
Wed	25 10.30am	Beracah Social
	7.30pm	<i>Impax</i> (Urban Saints) Paxcroft Mead District Centre
	7.45pm	Frome Road Housegroup: 14 Springfield Close
Thur	26 7.00am	Early morning prayer, Audrey Prentice Room
	9.45am	Messy Church, Church Rooms
Fri	27 10.00am	Friday Prayer Group, Audrey Prentice Room
Sat	28 8-9am	Prayer Station, Holy Trinity
	9-10am	Townwide Prayer(Prep for Trowbridge Day of Prayer)

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

EPIPHANY 4

	10.30am	Morning Prayer, St John's
	10.30am	Morning Service, St Thomas' <i>Coffee: Tony & Lesley Smith, Jayne Gibbons</i> <i>Flowers: Angie Sims</i> <i>Crèche: Jennie/Ty, Anne-Marie</i>
	6.00pm	Holy Communion, St Thomas'
Wed	1 2.30pm	Missionary Prayer Meeting
Fri	3 7.30pm	St John's PCC, 22a Bratton Road



Beracah Social Winter Wednesday Warmer

St Thomas' Church Rooms

All ladies welcome!

Wednesday, 25th January at 10.30am
chat coffee & tea cakes children's activities



By popular demand!!

We are holding another Prophetic Art Workshop on 28th January. There are spaces available for first-timers and returnees! If you're interested please speak to Maria Van-Tintelen, or to someone who has been on the course – Julia Ranger or Margaret Hewitt. Last booking date **TODAY**, 22nd January.



Bristol Noise - Evening Celebration Thursday 9th February 7.30pm at Woodlands Church, Bristol

Speaker: Pete Greig, who is one of the founders of the 24-7 Prayer movement, and the Director of Prayer at Holy Trinity Brompton in London.

Viney Hill

After a wonderful weekend in 2010 it's time to book again: Viney Hill Church weekend in the Forest of Dean 11-13th May 2012 For more information and photos of last time please see Geoff or Harriet Heard or contact the Parish Office.

Traidcraft Orders

Thank you to everyone who has ordered from Traidcraft through me over the last 6 months. I have just sent nearly £108 to Toybox. This is the discount off list price which I receive as a Traidcraft "fair trader". I order from Traidcraft relatively often - so if there's anything you'd like me to get hold of please let me know.

Alice Bull (Kingfisher Church)

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE

Starting on 5th Feb, the Pathfinders and Apprentices will begin a 10 session Youth Alpha course on a Sunday morning in the Vicarage.

This is a very exciting opportunity for us to grow in our own faith but also to invite friends along too. We would love it if you could support us by praying for us. We would also be very grateful for any offers of baking so that we could have some cakes/biscuits as part of the 'eating together' aspect of Alpha. If you think you might be able to help please see Helen Shields or contact the Parish Office.

Our Mission Focus for Jan-Feb is Overseas Missionary Fellowship

Each week there will be an OMF Prayer Request on the notice sheet.

It is almost a year since the earthquake and tsunami struck Japan. Nine OMF children attend the Christian Academy in Japan, in Tokyo. Staff and students from the school have been volunteering in Tohoku, the area devastated by the tsunami. Pray for impact from these short visits both in Tohoku and in the student's lives.

Claiming back higher rate tax through Gift Aid

If you pay higher rate tax, you can claim the difference between the higher rate of tax 40 and/or 50 per cent and the basic rate of tax 20 per cent on the total 'gross' value of your donation to the charity.

For example, if you donate £100, the total value of your donation to the charity is £125 - so you can claim back:

£25 - if you pay tax at 40 per cent ($£125 \times 20\%$)

£37.50 - if you pay tax at 50 per cent ($£125 \times 20\%$) plus ($£125 \times 10\%$)

You can make this claim on your Self Assessment tax return, if you were sent one.

If you haven't been claiming it, you may well be able to claim for the seven years previous as well and should check this out with your tax office.

St Thomas' Christmas Card Scheme raised £140, which has been sent to 'Sowing Seeds Ministries' (Started by Gram Seed, who spoke at St Thomas' last year).