

# St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge and St John's, West Ashton

## Weekly News

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Trinity 13**



**10:30am: St Thomas': Morning Worship:** Led by John Chettleburgh. Spiritual Gifts 2: Equipping the Saints for ministry.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13

### **BCP communion**

BCP will be this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2pm starting in church, followed by tea in the Audrey Prentice room.

### **Save the Date**

Saturday 4th October – Harvest Supper – details to follow.

### **Welcome**

*You are warmly welcome to join us for any of our services - if you are new make yourself known to us and please join us for coffee/tea after the service.*

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## Services for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

### Trinity 14

**10:30am: St Thomas': Mercy Ships Mission Service:** Speaker Stephanie Elcock. This is not an all age service as 28<sup>th</sup> is harvest service and will be an all age service

Flowers: Ann P

**10:30am: St John's: Holy Communion:** Led by Simon Pope

### Autumn 2025: a new opportunity to support each other as disciples of Jesus

One way we can help each other grow in discipleship is by reading the Bible and praying together and supporting each other as we live that out in our daily life.

Starting in early September at St Thomas', we will begin a new series of sermons which will be linked to discussions in Small Groups meeting midweek.

This is a great opportunity for you to link in with a Small Group, even if just for the autumn series, to share what we are learning and support each other as we work that out in daily living.

As well as the existing 9 Small Groups, an additional new group will be starting in September. There are daytime and evening groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Alison F, Small Group Coordinator, to arrange joining a group.

**STOP PRESS: There is space to join existing Small Groups on Tuesday afternoon (ladies) or Tuesday evening, or a new group beginning on Thursday 18 September at 7.30. We also have extra leaders ready to lead an additional group if needed.**

### Cake Sale for Mercy Ships

After the Mercy Ships service on 21st September there will be a cake sale, if you could make cakes for this and bring them on the day that would be much appreciated. Please also pray for the service and that all the preparations go smoothly. Many thanks Caroline

### Updating Gift Aid Records

We want to be sure that our Gift Aid Declaration records are up to date, so we are asking you to complete and sign a new form if you are a UK taxpayer and able to Gift Aid on your giving to St Thomas'.

The Gift Aid Declaration form is attached to the email sent out with this Weekly News. It explains all you need to know, but feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Please print out the form, complete and sign it, then return it to me or the Church Office by 30 September 2025. (If you don't have access to a printer, there will be some printed copies available in the Church for you to use.)

Many thanks, Esther B (Assistant Treasurer)

## Prayer for Schools

A group of people from churches in the Trowbridge area are keen to give prayer support to our local schools and are initially planning 3 occasions in the autumn to gather people together to pray.

- **Dates;** a trial initially of three monthly 'prayer hours' in Terms 1 & 2 on the third Sunday evening in each month; 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October & 16<sup>th</sup> November
- **Time;** an hour of prayer from 7pm to 8pm
- **Venue;** Emmanuel's Yard, Church Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8RZ. Parking is available within easy walking distance at Love Mead car park

## Prayers for Mercy Ships

Pray for the education, training and advocacy teams who are working with local health care professionals in

Madagascar and Sierra Leone. For wisdom and perseverance for these teams, and for those health care professionals who are being trained that they are equipped with all the skills they need.

Pray for all the patients who will be operated on in the next few months, for healing and protection for them.

Pray for some roles which are urgently needed on board including a hospital director, ward nurses, Senior Chaplain, chief engineer, and chief electrician. Please pray that the right people are found for these roles. Pray for the Mercy Ships service and for Stephanie Elcock who is coming to talk about Mercy Ships on 21st September.

**Could your relationship be on autopilot?**

In the early days of a relationship, it feels exciting to be starting a new adventure. But without active effort and intentionality, it can be easy to drift apart over time.

We want to help you find simple ways to prioritise each other and stop just going through the motions.

Going the Distance gives you a rare chance to stop, take stock and invest in your relationship. We'll explore the essential areas that will help you spot warning signs, avoid roadblocks and continue your journey together.

**Autumn tour 2025**

Location	Date
Swindon	21 October
Oxford	22 October
Bristol	23 October

All events 7.30pm

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