

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

Weekly News

Sunday 15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

10:30am at St Thomas': All Age:

Lent - Wisdom in the Desert - The Desert as a Place of Revelation - Led by Martyn Whittock

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

Motto verse 2026

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3.5-6



Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

Soup Run

Is there anyone who would be able to make a loaf of cheese sandwiches for the evening of Tuesday 31st March?

Also, sadly we are having to say goodbye to our faithful ham sandwich maker Fiona. We are therefore looking for a replacement. This entails making a loaf of sandwiches approximately four times a year. We at St Thomas and St John's are committed to the first, third and (occasionally) fifth Tuesday of each month and we do have a rota of willing sandwich makers. If you can help do please let Celia R know (St Thomas) or Joan B (St Johns)

Welcome

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

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Services for Sunday 22nd March 2026

Lent 5

10:30am at St Thomas': All Age:

Lent - Wisdom in the Desert - The Desert as a Place of Revelation - Led by Martyn Whittock

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th April. Please put this date in your diaries as this is the meeting at which we elect new members to the PCC, elect our churchwardens and this year we will also elect 3 members to join the Deanery Synod. Please prayerfully consider whether you wish to be nominated for any of these roles. Nomination forms will be available in April but please speak to Harriet H, PCC secretary if you would like to know more and also read the Introduction to the PCC in this month's newsletter.

Thank you

I just want to say thank you so much for the wonderful prayer support that I received while I was on my trip to Uganda. We had a wonderful and productive trip and I am so grateful to the Lord. We spent a lot of time at Nile Vocational Institute, the college supported by Ugandaid, the charity I travelled with. I was able to meet and get to know Pius who is the student sponsored by St Thomas'. He told me something of his home background and how he is determined to do well so he can support his Grandmother and sister who will be reliant on him. We were also able to meet many ex students all doing well and almost without exception supporting other family members or people in need. We also saw the 1000th Ugandaid student start her course. This trip really emphasised the importance and value of sponsorship and the huge impact it has for those families but also the communities around them.

If anyone reading is interested in sponsoring an NVI student under the Ugandaid scheme or donating through "Friends of Ugandaid" then please get in touch (<https://www.ugandaid.com/sponsor-a-student>). There is a desperate need for support and on this trip we've all seen first hand how Ugandaid can change lives.

Thank you for supporting me.

Blessings Jane

Easter on Paxcroft Mead and Castle Mead

Please be praying for our Easter Experience presentations at The Mead and Castle Mead Schools on 24th and 26th March: you could thank God for good discussions with the Year 5 teachers; and please pray for the practical arrangements and for health of all the volunteers. (If you would like to help, please let us know.)

We are also running an Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday. We need **volunteers to help** and **donations of chocolate prizes** (either Malteser Easter Bunnies or chocolate eggs (creme egg or similar)). (For more details please see the Monthly Magazine, or ask Stephen or Alice B.)

If you like to sing hymns, then make a date in your diary for Sunday April 12th at 4pm.

You're invited to St Thomas' Church at 4pm to share in the singing of some favourite hymns with the recently repaired organ. All are welcome. We anticipate the worship will last about an hour and will include prayer and readings. Afterwards there will be refreshments.

Let us know if you'd like to share some thoughts on a favourite hymn. John C & Jane B

Broads Adventure

There are 11 teenagers from Trowbridge (mostly all linked to St T / Impax) joining us on the Broads Adventure cruise this Easter.



Broads Adventure 2026
28th March to 4th April

Thank God for the joy of sailing on the Norfolk Broads and please Pray:

- that we get to know God better
- for us as we sail
- for our safety
- for our teamwork
- for our worship
- that the Lord's message may spread!

(1 Thes 3v2)



Good Friday Walk of Witness

Service at St James' Church
at 10:00 am

Walk starts at 11:00 am
outside St James' Church

Children's activities at
Vineyard (Emmanuel's Yard)



Upper Studley Baptist Church

**We warmly invite you to our:
Maundy Thursday
Service.**

@ 4.00 p.m.

**The story of the
Last Supper as told
in John Ch 13 &
Matthew Ch 26
(to include: Foot
washing & Holy
Communion)**

This will be followed by a:
"Bring & Share" tea
(a plate of food for yourself
plus a little extra for any guests)

You would be very welcome.



