

**St Thomas' Trowbridge,
and St John's, West Ashton
Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 18th October 2026
Trinity 20**

**10:30am St Thomas': Morning Worship: Galatians:
Unburdened: Gospel Adoption – Led by John Chettleburgh**

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

Book of Common Prayer Communion

Wednesday 21st October 2pm in church followed by tea in the Audrey Prentice room.



Service
including
confirmations

6th December
10.30 am

Confirm, O Lord,
your servant
with your Holy Spirit.



**We have
confirmations
coming!**

I am very pleased to say we have Bishop Alistair Redfern (retired Bishop of Derby) joining us to take a service and confirm those who would like to take that next step in their Christian

journey. The service is planned for Sunday 6th December, at the usual time of 10.30. If you would like to be confirmed, or confirmed and baptised, or would like to find out more, please do contact Simon before the end of October – vicar@stthomastrowbridge.org

Welcome



You are warmly welcome to join us for any of our services. If you are new here, please fill in one of the Welcome cards at the Information Point at the back of the church, and join us for coffee/tea after the service. To stay in touch you can either use the QR code or go to this link: <https://linktr.ee/StTsTrow>

Service for Sunday 25th October 2026

Trinity 21

10:30am St Thomas': All Age Service: Galatians - Unburdened - Gospel Freedom, Gospel Fruit – Led by Martyn Whittock

Flowers: Ann P

Tearfund Big Quiz

Saturday 14th November 7pm
Holy Trinity Church
£5 per person

Teams of 4 or come and be put in a team.

Bring your own drink and glass.

See Wendy A to reserve a place.

Messy Church

Messy church on Saturday saw 6 families (6 adults and 12 children) focussing on the story of Noah; how he and his family had to be patient and wait for the waters to go down after the rains stopped. The children had the chance to paint, make bookmarks and arks, and even try to make butter from cream (which took a lot of patience!!). We then moved into church, where John helped us explore the story further, including a short time of adults-only discussion. Lunch gave us time to sit down and chat with the families, building on relationships while we enjoyed a lovely bread and cheese lunch.

A big thank you to all our helpers, and those who prayed for the event. The next messy church is Saturday 5th December - if anyone knows any families who would like to come, please encourage them to contact the church office.

Decorating the Church Hall

It's twenty years or so since the Church Hall was last decorated and it's looking a bit tired. The PCC have decided to have a new floor laid in the Hall, so before that happens, it seems the right time to spruce up the interior with a coat of paint.

It would be great to have a working party to do this, although we'd need to use the half term holiday when the Hall isn't heavily used. So, I'm proposing the work to be done on **Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th October**. We may need to use the **Monday 26th October** depending how much is accomplished by then.

If you feel you can spare a couple of hours on any of those days, **please sign the sheet at the Information Point or let John C know**. The more people, the easier and quicker it can be. It's a great opportunity for fun and fellowship while at the same time making our rooms look more inviting.

Small Groups

Is **NOW** the time to consider whether you could help lead a Small Group?

Might you be able to serve our church in this way? Here is an opportunity to find out what it's all about and whether it's for you!

WHEN? Sunday 18th October, for about 30 minutes after the morning service at St Thomas's (12.30 or thereabouts)

WHERE? Audrey Prentice Room.

WHO'S THIS FOR? Anyone who wants to know more about what it means to lead a Small Group.

As a growing church, we hope to establish more Small Groups to accommodate anyone who wants to join a group. We would also like to have potential 'leaders in waiting' who are ready to help establish a new group when it's needed. Training for Small Group Leaders is planned for later in the autumn.

Is God nudging you to offer your gifts to lead a Small Group? This is your opportunity to find out more! So, get your coffee after the service and head for the Audrey Prentice Room to meet with our Vicar, Simon, and Andy B, one of our Small Group Leaders.

It would be helpful if you can let Simon Pope or Alison F (Small Group Coordinator) know in advance that you intend to be there.

ChurchSuite tip of the week:

'My ChurchSuite' allows individual members to access the information and features of ChurchSuite, including the online church directory, calendar, rotas you serve on or manage and your own ChurchSuite data and preferences.

Join our Christmas Carol Choir and Music Group

Are you a singer or musician? We'd love you to be part of our Christmas Carol Service on 20th December!

We're seeking singers (especially those comfortable singing in harmony) and instrumentalists to help lead our worship and celebrations. Rehearsals will start later this month, and we'd love to hear from anyone who can commit to joining us.

To find out more or sign up, email carriejoyfarnell@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER BREAKFAST

Saturday 17th October

Paul Williams

Chief Executive of the British and Foreign
Bible Society.

See Geoff T or John R for further details

