

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

Weekly News

Sunday 1st March 2026

Lent 2

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



10:30am at St Thomas': Holy Communion:

Lent - Wisdom in the Desert - The Desert as a Place of Loneliness and Kindness – Led by Simon Pope

10:30am at St John's: Morning Worship: Led by Rev Liz Gifford

7pm at St Thomas': Encounter

Spirit filled – spirit led evening service

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

Prayer Meeting

There will be no church prayer meeting in March.

Treasurer News

We now have a card reader machine which is available for offerings and gifts to St Thomas'. It's on the giving table on the left-hand side as you come in through the entrance. Any issues please speak to Lyndsey.

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 8th March 2026

Lent 3

10:30am at St Thomas': Morning Worship:

Lent - Wisdom in the Desert - The Desert as a Place of Self-Denial and Austerity - Led by Martyn Whittock

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 Heard, PCC secretary if you would like to know more and also read the Introduction to the PCC in this month's newsletter.

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 PRAISE God for the opportunity to share the story of Easter with around 100 children and the staff; and PRAY that both children and staff enjoy the experience and gain a deeper personal understanding of the gospel message. (If you would like to help, please let us know.)



We also welcome volunteers and donations of chocolate prizes for the Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday. (For more details, please see the Monthly Magazine or ask Stephen or Alice B.)

New Wine Summer Festival 2026: 28th July to 2nd August

New Wine is a great opportunity for live Spirit-led worship, Bible-based teaching, fellowship and fun alongside thousands of other Christians from across the UK and beyond. There are age-specific groups for children and young people aged from 0 to 18, where they also receive excellent teaching, opportunities for worship, prayer and fun. It all happens at the Royal Bath and West Showground outside Shepton Mallet, less than an hour's drive from Trowbridge. You can either camp with us on site, stay in a local B&B or drive in daily, or just visit for the day. If you feel able to give your time to help the event happen, there are opportunities to volunteer on one of several teams

too. There are already several of us going from St Thomas' this summer, and you're welcome to join us. If you'd like to know more, please ask Stephen or Alice B or Simon or Lyndsey W, or visit the New Wine website: new-wine.org



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.

If you have a hymn that means something special to you, you're invited to tell us why and we may be able to include it. We'd particularly like you to tell us why your chosen hymn speaks to you. If you would like to share a few words of testimony or explanation, that would be great! If you don't want to do it in person, write down your reflection and we'll try to incorporate it.

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

World Day of Prayer 2026 Nigeria

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer on

Friday 6 March 2026.

10.30 am at St James Church

All are welcome

The service they have prepared reflects on the theme,

"I will give you rest."



Each year, women from a different country prepare a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. For 2026, the women of Nigeria have

created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.



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CURRY EVENING

Friday March 13th

Guest Speaker: **CHRIS HUNTER**

Chris is Rector of the Canalside Benefice.

A school teacher for 8 years before entering the ministry.

Chris's wife, Sally, works for Citizens' Advice in Bath. They have two children, who both attend Staverton Primary School.

In his spare time, he enjoys running (without being any good at it), reading and playing video games.

For more information – Geoff T or John R

