



St Thomas News

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April Worship

**April 5th, 10:00 am
Holy Communion**

Palm Sunday

Readings: Mark 11:1-11

**April 6th, 7th, 8th,
8:00 pm Meditation in
Holy Week**

**April 9th, Maundy
Thursday**

**2:00 pm Mothers Union
Holy Communion - all
welcome, 8 pm Holy
Communion**

Readings: Ex 12:1-14,
1 Cor 11:23-36, John 13:21-
32

**April 10th, 10:00 am
Good Friday - all age
service**

Readings: Isa 52:13; Isa
53:12; Heb 10:1-10

**April 12th, 8:30 am
Easter Day, Meet to
prepare the church and
share Breakfast**

10:00am, all age service

Readings: Acts 10:34-43;
John 20:1-16

**April 19th, 10:00 am
Holy Communion , all
age service
Easter 1**

Readings: Acts 4:32-35;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-
end

**April 26th, 10:00 am
Holy Communion
Easter 2**

Readings: Acts 3:12-19;
John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Jesus had decided that he must go to Jerusalem. He had no option. A day trip on the Oyster card was the last thing on his mind. Get me a colt to ride on and we'll go into the city together for Passover. Jesus was about to provoke a major showdown and the city was full of pilgrims. He knew that such an entry into town would arouse great suspicions among the Jewish religious leaders but he was not doing this lightly - I have to fulfil the will of my Father.

Holy Week begins today and we have to follow our Lord and Saviour into his agony to Good Friday. The course of this week is to remain on the journey with Jesus, to know what he has accomplished and to thank God for his mercy in defeating the power of evil, even though it fights back hard, as we have been warned.

So in this holy season, remember to fight against evil and follow Christ, not with bottle throwing, not with bad-mouthing, but with the spirit of God enabling and setting the agenda. This will lead us to a joyful Easter, celebrating the victory of God in the resurrection.

It is God who gives us new life, and the daily demand is to follow Christ, i.e. to be disciples, in this new life. Stand then with this saving God and join in the daily walk of freedom in God's Love

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll and Annual Meeting

If you are not on the current electoral roll of St Thomas Becontree, all you need to do is complete a form, available in church, and hand it to Pennie who is the electoral roll officer at present by **Saturday April 11th**.

Qualification for being on the roll is that you are baptised, age sixteen years or over, and have signed an application form for enrolment, which is self-explanatory.

Membership of the roll enables you to vote at the annual meeting which is on April 26th after the service.

At the meeting we will elect two wardens, 7 members to the PCC (currently there are 2 co-opted members) and, if there are any nominations 2 members to the Deanery Synod who automatically become members of the PCC.

We will also take reports on church life and receive the accounts for 2008.

What's On

April 9th Mother's Union 2:00pm
Communion with Philip

April 25th Quiz Night at 7:00pm in the
Church Hall

April 10th Good Friday 11:30am Walk of
Witness. St Thomas/St Vincent to
Morrison's with other churches

April 26th Annual Meeting

May 2nd Quiet morning in the Chapel from
9:30am onwards

Parent and Toddlers 9.45am every Monday

Tiddlywinks 9.30am every Wednesday

Line Dancing 9.45am - 10.45am every Tuesday

Music group 7.30pm every Friday

Beavers 5.15pm - 6.30pm every Wednesday

Rainbows Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm

Cubs Mondays 6.30 - 7.45pm

Brownies Meets Tuesdays 5.45 - 7.15pm

Guides Meets Thursdays 7.30 - 8.45pm

Christians against Poverty Debt Counselling Centre

On March 23, Peter, Corina and Philip met Mike Phillips, senior Community Development Officer from LBBB to agree procedures and to talk through the work and it's monitoring. It was a very productive meeting and it has moved on our relationship with the Borough, to whom we are very grateful for their commitment to the Project. We have now set up a separate account for the Centre and we are working towards completion.

Building Project

On March 17, Gerald Barrett met with Philip to discuss the responses to the letter detailing 'rough' overall costs of the proposed scheme. It was agreed at that meeting that Gerald would simplify the chapel part of the scheme and produce the redesign and costs for the Annual Meeting on 26 April.



Please Pray!

Please pray for

- Those who are sick and haven't got a diagnosis
- For Holy Week and Easter Services and meditations
- For children on holiday
- For Debt Counseling project
- For building project
- For those attending confirmation classes

Recently Bereaved

Please pray for those who mourn the death of:

Brian Eyles
Eric Perry
Eva Moody