



St Thomas News

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June Worship

June 7th, 10:00 am Holy Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8;

Romans 8:12-17;

John 3:1-17

June 14th, 9:00 am Holy Communion

10:30 all age service

Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24;

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17;

Mark 6:26-34

June 21st, 10:00 am Holy Communion

Readings:

1 Samuel 17:32-49;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

June 28th, 10:00am Holy communion

Readings:

2 Samuel 1:17-27;

2 Corinthians 8:7-15;

Mark 5:21-43

Rejoice and be glad

We received a letter dated 27 May from The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation granting us £8,000 towards the cost of a debt counselling centre service to be run from St Thomas' in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty.

We have stated in previous newsletters that we have to believe that our generous God will supply all our needs and cited 2 Corinthians 9:7-8:

Each one of us should give what s/he has decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

We believe in a God of grace who outstrips our imaginings and places the gift of hope in us so that we can share this hope with our neighbours and work colleagues.

Community Garden in St Thomas Churchyard

Andrew Budd of Grantscape is going to visit St Thomas on June 8th in the afternoon regarding the churchyard being transformed into a community garden. He has asked for further information which will be sent to him before the visit.

Church Building Project- The Beacon Centre

Gerald Barrett is doing a detailed measure of the building at St Thomas to move the building project on to its next phase so that we can go to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) who give comments and have to give approval to any scheme of development.

PCC News 11 May 2009 Meeting

It was decided to make up the shortfall in the money required for a Careforce worker to be applied for, the deadline being in June for a worker this year. The sum involved is a total of £2500 for the worker, whose remit would be work in all aspects of the childrens' work, uniformed and Sunday School.

There were mixed views about the Admission of children to communion, but a proper discussion will take place at the June meeting.

Small groups and prayer disciplines were considered as necessary to life of the church, and the PCC was encouraged to think through the support of each other in our Christian lives and the witness of St Thomas.

What's On

- June 7th** Welcome lunch for recent newcomers to St Thomas
- June 8th** Visit to the church of 2 year 1 groups from Henry Green School
- June 11th** Mothers Union Annual Lunch
Paul Fox –Wood Carving
- June 27th** Quiz Night -do not forget to forget to sponsor Dave Bunn

July 8th Pennie Ley is to be licensed in the Cathedral as a Pastoral Assistant in the parish. Pennie received a distinction for her report on the work of the Redbridge Night Shelter and her learning through this experience. We thank God for this huge encouragement as she nears the end of her formal training!

July 13th PCC

July 18th Fete in Vicarage and church gardens and church hall

- 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

Life after Debt project

Mike Phillips, Senior Community Development Officer in LBBB, has just sent us the funding agreement regarding the Centre which we are going to start in the autumn. This will be signed and returned. Rosie Kendall is the Centre Development Manager for Christians Against Poverty and Corina had a pre-interview conversation with Rosie about the proposed centre at St Thomas'. Following this conversation Corina is going to visit Christians Against Poverty at the Bradford headquarters on the 21st July. Please pray for her and the establishment of the centre



Please Pray!

Please pray for

- Fellowship of the church
- For the church to be thankful
- For those in constant pain
- Those who care for members of their family
- Wisdom and patience in dealing with difficult situations
- For Becontree, St Vincents, Henry Green and Valence Primary schools - All staff, Pupils and parents

Recently Bereaved

Please pray for those who mourn the death of:

Sam Barnes
 Florrie Dods
 Harry Frater
 Frank Glover
 Lesley Paul
 Charles Wilkinson