

St Thomas' and St John's West Ashton

Welcome to our Services

16 December 2018

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.'

Matthew 5: 38, 39

Sunday 16 December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 10.30am All-Age Christmas Celebration, St Thomas',
Martyn Whittock and the children from
Junior Church
- 10.30am Holy Communion, St John's, Andy Yorke
- 4.00pm Carol Service, Kingfisher Church, Alison Bennett
- 6.00pm Your Kingdom Come, Holy Trinity, Allan Coutts



Sunday 23 December 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

Hospitality: *Steve and Sue Oldrieve, Pam Thomas, Janet Chivers*

Flowers: *All the Flower Arranging Team*

- 10.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church Special, St Thomas',
Martyn Whittock
- 10.30am Carol Service, St John's, Allan Coutts
- 10.30am Holy Communion Service, Kingfisher Church, Reuben Dunnings
followed by Carol Singing at the Red Admiral
- 6.00pm Carol Service, St Thomas', Allan Coutts
followed by coffee, mulled wine and mince pies

WELCOME to our services today

If you are visiting or new to our church please feel comfortable with us, and if you do need to know anything please ask. In St Thomas' our children's groups will be leading much of the service to tell the story of the Nativity

Tea/coffee are served in St Thomas' Hall after the morning service, and squash for the children. Please join us if you can.

What's on next week ...

Mon 17th:	10.00am	Childminders, St Thomas'
Tues 18th	10.0am	Standing Committee Meeting , Vicarage
	7.00pm	Holbrook School Christingle Service, Holy Trinity
Wed 19th:	6.00pm	Walwayne Court School Carol Service, Holy Trinity
Thur 20th:	9.30am	West Ashton School Christmas Service
	6.00pm	Walwayne Court School Carol Service, Holy Trinity
Fri 21st:	4-6.00pm	Prayer, Praise and Prophecy, Holy Trinity
Sat 22nd	10.00am	Decorating St Thomas' for Christmas

CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS: We shall be decorating the Church for Christmas on **Saturday 22nd December** from **10 am**. Please give donations to Marjory Wade. Also, on the Saturday, extra helpers would be most welcome!



The **Kingfisher Carol Service** in the Mead School is this Sunday 16th at **4.00pm - ALL WELCOME** - on **Sunday 23rd** at there will be a short communion service at 10.30 at the Mead School and then we will go down to the Red Admiral to sing carols. Some of us will then stay for lunch at the pub (please let Alison know if you are thinking of coming, so we can book for the correct numbers)



As Christmas approaches it would be good if we were able to offer more to the **Storehouse Food Bank** for those who have less than we do - if you could add some things to the trolley in church that would be good - last week the trolley was full as the Monday night singing group contributed as well as our church members

PRAISE THE LORD and **THANK YOU** to all who were able to help us meet the cost of the scam on the church account (you should have received a letter about)— church members gave in the region of 3 times what was stolen from us and this week our insurance company Ecclesiastical have agreed to make an ex gratia payment of £2,500 towards this loss.

Pray for the Church Development Project:

- Please continue to pray for the Working Group as they plan for this next phase of the project in 2019.
- Continue to pray for Mourad who has a number of big problems in his life. Pray for the way forward in finishing the work on the kitchen in Holy Trinity.

Church Christmas Card Scheme: Instead of sending cards to all in church why not write one card and display it in church.. A great opportunity to give a loving, uplifting, encouraging message and support Tear Fund. Donations to Ivor or Val please.



At the **Recent Christmas Tree Festival** in St James £1400.64 was raised - to be shared by the 'Breakthrough' and 'Stand By Me'



Well done to all who took part in the **Living Nativity** yesterday - it was good to see so many people turn up for this, in a variety of costumes!!

Next Sunday (23rd) **Carol Service on 23 December** we will be serving mulled wine, coffee and mince pies — if you could provide some **mince pies** that would be helpful. Thank you



Please save used **postage stamps for Mercy Ships**. There is a box at the display board in church or you can give them to me. Please leave about 5mm of paper around each stamp - thanks. Angela



As you will know this week has been a turbulent week in the life of our government and country - no matter what your party politics are and however you voted in the referendum **please pray** that the 'right deal' will be negotiated and agreed by our politicians - one that is right for the country and right for the rest of Europe.



A date for your diary: Sunday Worship. Monday Life: 26 January 2019
Day Conference at Wesley Road Methodist Church, details on the notice board

Please pray for...

If you have any prayer requests or updates please contact Keith or Rosemary Earley by Wednesday morning on 01225 763197 or email: keithearley@hotmail.com

All items for the notice sheet by Weds 11.00am to:

The Parish Office 01225 754826 or e-mail office@stthomastrowbridge.org

Office open 9.30am - 1.00pm, Tuesday to Friday

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