

**St Thomas' Trowbridge,
and St John's, West Ashton
Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 11th October 2026
Trinity 19**

**10:30am St Thomas': Morning Worship: Galatians:
Unburdened: The Gospel and the Law – Led by Simon
Pope and Angela Grist**

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 its 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 Bennett, one of our Small Group Leaders.

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

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>

Services for Sunday 18th October 2026

Trinity 20

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

Flowers: Sherrie Jones

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

UgandAid

Pauline Butler wrote recently about how she first went on a Mission trip to Uganda with UgandAid in 2012, when she came back and I heard all about her trip I was truly inspired. I too had always wanted to take part in some sort of Mission trip and didn't know how to go about it and also whether I was brave enough!

Pauline introduced me to the local members of the team and I realised this would be a really good way to do something I had always wanted to do so I booked onto the 2013 trip. I absolutely loved it and as Pauline said the people are so generous, friendly and full of faith. I also saw that although many of them have so little, they are resourceful and hardworking and often only need a little bit of help to gain the opportunity to change their lives.

Our greatest joy that year was taking on the sponsorship of a student Pius. We had the joy of meeting Mary Faith and seeing her begin her journey towards becoming a confident, capable woman of faith with a useful qualification. It has been wonderful to continue to be in touch with her and now her family ever since and to meet 2 subsequent students sponsored by St Thomas' Church. **If you would like to know more about student sponsorship which can be done as an individual or alongside other people please pick up a sheet from the Information Point at the back of Church or have a chat with me or with Pauline, Thanks, Jane Bullock.**

ChurchSuite tip of the week:

There is an overview of all room bookings and availability on the 'About us', 'Rooms for hire' page of the church website if you need this information, the information comes directly from ChurchSuite.

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 Chettleburgh** 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.

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 Tate or John
Reynolds for further details*

