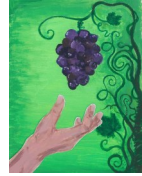


# St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge and St John's, West Ashton

## Weekly News

Sunday 16th March 2025

Lent 2



**10.30am: St Thomas': Morning Worship:** Led by John Chettleburgh

**10:30am: St John's: Holy Communion:** Led by Liz Gifford

"At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

*Luke 13 31-35*

## BCP Communion

Wednesday 19th February, 2pm in the Audrey Prentice Room , led by Rev. Ruth Mecredy followed by tea.

## Welcome

*You are warmly welcome to join us for any of our services - if you are new make yourself known to us and please join us for coffee/tea after the service.*

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## Services for 23rd March 2025

### Lent 3

**10.30am: St Thomas': Morning Worship:** Small Group focus, Led by Hancocks' Small Group

If you need to get hold of the Church Office week and 01225777331 does not work please use 01225 785030 until the new phone line is up and working properly. Thank you

### Suppers for Six - Thank you!

From roulades to lemon meringue and moussaka to roast gammon, the suppers sounded mouthwatering! And yes, while some food was home made, Aldi also came up trumps, we understand.

A big thank you to the folks who so willingly hosted *Suppers for Six (or seven!)* on Friday 7th March. And to all the guests who arrived with their various food and drink contributions for the meals. From all the reports, there were some very tasty meals and interesting conversations; a great opportunity for folks to get to know each other better!

If you weren't able to join in this time, there will be another one at some future date, so keep an eye on the notice sheet for the date, probably in the autumn!

### Lent Course

The Church Lent Course 2025. Thursday evenings at St Thomas' 7.30pm. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April (5 weeks). Full details in the monthly magazine.

For the **Lectio Course this Lent**, you will find it really helpful to have your own Bible with you. If you want to read Pete Greig's book, *How to Hear God, a simple guide for normal people*, which is not essential but is a companion to the series, there are new or cheaper used copies available from lots of on-line book shops.

## Licensing of Simon Pope

We are pleased to announce that the licensing of Simon Pope as vicar of St Thomas' and St John's will take place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm at St Thomas' church. More details to follow in due course, but please put the date in your diary.



## Save the date - Ukrainian Evening

On Saturday 3rd May, there will be a Ukrainian evening which will be at a suitable time for families, organised by Anastasia and friends with Ukrainian food. Look out for further details.

## Date for Your Diary

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for St Thomas' will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm.

## Easter Experience

As you may have seen in the recent monthly news, we will be presenting the 'Easter Experience' at The Mead and Castle Mead

Primary Schools. We now have dates:

**Tuesday 1st April and Thursday 3rd April (8.30 - 11.30am both days)**

We're looking for volunteers to help the children with the activities (and a few actors). Please pray for everything to come together and for the children and staff to really connect with the Easter story. Please talk to Alice or Stephen B if you're interested in helping or would like to know more.

