

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

## Weekly News

**Sunday 17th November 2024**

**Trinity 25**



**10.30am: St Thomas': All Age Service:** Led by John Chettleburgh

**10.30am: St John's: Holy Communion:** Led by Liz Gifford

## Wednesday 20th November

BCP communion 2pm in church followed by tea in the Audrey Prentice room

The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

*Luke 12:42-48*

## 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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## Service for 24th November 2024 Christ the King

**10.30am: St Thomas': Mission-Flame: speaker Ian Fall**  
**"Being set free":** Led by Paul Edwards  
Flowers: Barbara R

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding expresses God's love, by acting as a community which strives to protect all from harm, listens to all with concerns, and supports any victims and survivors of abuse. St Thomas' Church takes its responsibilities regarding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults who may be at risk, very seriously, and works in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practice at all times. Regular mandatory training is carried out by all those in positions of responsibility & authority; we follow practices of safer recruiting; we DBS-check widely. Because this is so important, we will be regularly drawing our Safeguarding policy & structure to your attention.

Our Parish Safeguarding Policy can be accessed from the church website, which also gives other Safeguarding Contact Details.

If you have any Safeguarding questions or concerns you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officers, **Liz Atkins** (Vulnerable Adults) & **Martyn Whittock** (Children and Young People) by speaking to us directly, or phoning or emailing the Church Office or the dedicated Safeguarding Email Address (see church website). Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. More information (and contact information) is on the church website. **Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole community. If you have a concern – report it.**

### Lifts to Church Needed

It is really good to have seen Wendy A with us in church again after many months of immobility in hospital and at home. Volunteers are needed to help transport Wendy to church on Sunday mornings and someone to organise a rota for this. Can you help? If so please contact the Church Office.

## MenUnited Curry Evening

Friday 22nd November Speaker Rev Graeme Ross.  
Booking close Monday 18th November. For more details contact John R or Geoff T.



## Thank you from Kingfisher

We would like to say a big "thank you" to all the members of St Thomas' who came to the Kingfisher Celebration Service last Sunday afternoon, and helped us to celebrate, remember and give thanks for the last 15 years of Kingfisher Church. Your presence and support helped to make it a very memorable, if sad, occasion.

## Living Nativity in Schools

### Volunteer Opportunity - Friday 6th December

The Kingfisher team are continuing their tradition of taking a Living Nativity - interactive telling of the Christmas story - into the Mead and Castle Mead Schools. This is a great outreach opportunity, and has reached hundreds of children over the years. We are going into both schools on Friday 6th December (morning and afternoon). Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered: we could do with one or two more people for the afternoon. If you feel you might be able to help with this then please speak to Alice B or Paul E as soon as possible. Please also pray for our preparations, for us working well together, for health on the day, and for the children and staff to enjoy the experience and understand the message. Thank you.

**CATA Annual Celebration**  
**Making a Difference in Trowbridge**  
**Guest speaker Roger Sutton**  
**CEO of the Gather Movement**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**6:30pm**  
**St James' Church, Trowbridge**  
**All welcome!**

The poster features a background image of a street in Trowbridge with St James' Church in the distance. The CATA logo is visible in the bottom left and right corners.