

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

## Weekly News



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
**Trinity 11**

**10:30am: St Thomas' at Holy Trinity: Morning Worship:** Led by Simon Pope. Giants of Faith – Daniel followed by a church picnic.

Just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

*Colossians 2.6-7 NLT*

### Church Prayer Meetings and BCP communion

The next prayer meetings will be held Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, aligning with The National Week of Prayer (<https://www.nationalweekofprayer.uk/>). The next BCP will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Save the Date

Saturday 4th October – Harvest Supper – details to follow

### 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 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **Trinity 12**

**10:30am: St Thomas': Holy Communion:** Led by Simon Pope.  
Spiritual Gifts 1: What are Spiritual Gifts?

**Don't forget this service will be back at St Thomas' Church!**

Flowers: Linda P

**10:30am: St John's: Morning Worship:** Led by Liz Gifford.

### **Church Picnic Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August, which will be the last of our summer Sundays at Holy Trinity, everyone is invited to bring a picnic and to stay and eat lunch together. We'll have our picnic outside in the churchyard, weather permitting. Hot and cold drinks provided.

### **Autumn 2025: a new opportunity to support each other as disciples of Jesus**

One way we can help each other grow in discipleship is by reading the Bible and praying together and supporting each other as we live that out in our daily life.

Starting in early September at St Thomas', we will begin a new series of sermons which will be linked to discussions in Small Groups meeting midweek.

This is a great opportunity for you to link in with a Small Group, even if just for the autumn series, to share what we are learning and support each other as we work that out in daily living.

As well as the existing 9 Small Groups, an additional new group will be starting in September. There are daytime and evening groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Contact Alison F, Small Group Coordinator,

### **Making Prayer the First Thing**

We meet for prayer half an hour before our Sunday services every week, at 10am, everybody is welcome! This is a relaxed time of prayer, where we seek God and prepare our hearts for the Sunday service. This open prayer is for everyone – you are welcome to join us at the front of church on the right. It usually lasts for about 10 minutes, is very relaxed, join us as and when you can. Also, if you arrive at church and don't fancy it – that is also fine too. We are keen to let everyone know – you are welcome!

## Helpers for Toddlers

Please could you join us in praying for more helpers for Toddlers? We need some more team members and also people who can fill in if someone is unable to be there. Please pray especially for people who have a real heart for reaching out to the lovely families in our community. If you have any thoughts or would like some more information please speak to one of the team, Jane B, Jo D or Ivor S.

## Prayer for Schools

A group of people from churches in the Trowbridge area are keen to give prayer support to our local schools and are initially planning 3 occasions in the autumn to gather people together to pray.

- **Who's it for?** Teachers, School Leaders, School Support Staff, Governors, Trustees, Parents, Grandparents i.e. anyone who wants to see children and those who support them in schools thrive!!
- **Dates;** a trial initially of three monthly 'prayer hours' in Terms 1 & 2 on the third Sunday evening in each month; 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October & 16<sup>th</sup> November
- **Time;** an hour of prayer from 7pm to 8pm
- **Venue;** Emmanuel's Yard, Church Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8RZ. Parking is available within easy walking distance at Love Mead car park
- **Format;** It is likely that 2-3 topics for prayer will be highlighted each time, giving the opportunity to prayer with a small group of others gathered around tables in the main worship area of the church.



Raising money for our 2025 procession

Stalls, Rides, Food,  
Music, Entertainment,  
Car Boot Sale,  
Dog Show,  
and Tug-of-War  
Competition.

**TROWBRIDGE CARNIVAL**

**COUNTRY FAYRE**

Prepare for a day filled with fun, games, and excitement. This event is ideal for families with children of all ages and will guarantee hours of amusement.

**SATURDAY  
6TH SEPTEMBER  
10AM - 4PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

For more information call 0771129488  
or email us at [carnivaltrowbridge@gmail.com](mailto:carnivaltrowbridge@gmail.com)  
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## Church in the Park

Instead of Church in the Park this year CATA (Trowbridge's Churches together) are having a pitch at the Country Fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 10a.m. till 4 p.m. This is our Christian witness on the theme that we are all loved and valuable. Activities include Hook a duck with messages, and special craft activities to show we are all different and unique. We will need a few people to help alongside Geoff Tate and Jean Covington for stints between 10 and 4. Any offers of help for an hour of your time would be great so we can co-ordinate with other churches on the stall. Please let Geoff or Jean know if you can help.

