

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

Weekly News

Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Sunday



10:15am at St Thomas': Holy Communion:

refreshments **10:15 am** service starts **10:45am** - Led by
Martyn Whittock & Simon Pope

10:00am at St John's: Holy Communion: Led by Simon
Pope

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

Mark 16:6-7

Welcome

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

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Services for Sunday 12th April 2026

Easter 2

10:30 am at St Thomas': Bible Society Mission Focus:

- Led by John Chettleburgh with visiting speaker

Administrative Assistant – St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge

St Thomas' Church is looking for a friendly, organised Administrative Assistant to support the Church Administrator for at least 4 flexible hours per week (ideally Thursdays and Fridays). The role involves helping with the weekly news sheet, service preparation, simple publicity, and office enquiries. Good IT and communication skills are essential.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact the church office for more information and an application pack.

Cleaner – St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge

We are looking to employ a new cleaner (or cleaners) for both the St Thomas' and Holy Trinity sites.

Working hours:	A minimum of 8 hours per week is required overall, but exact details are open to discussion. There is flexibility about when in the week the hours are worked.
Rate of pay:	£13 per hour

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be, please contact Frankie in the Church Office, or one of the Churchwardens (John C or Paul E).

Uganda Evening

If you would like to know more about Jane's trip to Uganda come along to an informal photo evening with coffee and biscuits. Tuesday 21st April 7:30pm in the lounge.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

If you wish to stand for election to the **Deanery Synod or PCC** at the APCM on 28th April please can you complete a nomination form (available on the notice board at the back of church) and either give it to Harriet H, PCC Secretary or put it in the church postbox located outside near the office. Please can you do so by Sunday 26th April at the latest so we know whether to print ballot slips in the event of more nominations than the 3 spaces available on each. There is more information about what is involved in being on the PCC in the February Monthly news and for the Deanery Synod this was in the March news.

The Island

The Island team are looking for one or two more volunteers to help after Gwen and Fiona move. Harriet & Geoff H and Mandi A help every week, Paul E and John C take turns once a fortnight and Martyn W and Ivor S help once a month. We are looking for someone to help serve hot chocolate, donuts and Val's homemade goodies and wash up mugs afterwards. If you enjoy playing boardgames, table tennis, badminton or snooker that would be beneficial but not essential. A heart for young people and the ability to listen with interest is essential however.

We meet every Tuesday in term time at Holy Trinity to set up at 14.30 and pray before the children arrive from 1500. They leave at 16.45 and we are normally all packed up and had a final time of prayer by 17.00. If you're not physically fit enough to move chairs and tables that is fine -we have enough helpers to do that. There is always a very happy relaxed atmosphere and it doesn't feel like a burden. Please speak to one of our existing helpers if you are interested and you are welcome to come and visit us before offering to help. Anyone volunteering on a regular basis would need to have a DBS check completed.

We are so grateful to Gwen and Fiona who have only had a couple of weeks off since we set up the Island 3 years ago with them. They will be hugely missed by the young people for their warmth and kindness and by the rest of the team for being such faithful servants and a joy to work and play with.

Easter on Paxcroft Mead and Castle Mead

Thank you for praying for our Easter Experience presentations at The Mead and Castle Mead Schools last week: we had great fun and everyone involved seemed to enjoy it. The teachers commented that we really reinforced what they've been learning in their RE lessons. We had some great questions including "Why do you (all) believe in God?" Please pray that the seeds planted (both physical and spiritual) will grow.



We are also running an Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday (6th April). We need volunteers to help and donations of chocolate prizes (either Malteser Easter Bunnies or chocolate eggs (creme egg or similar)). (For more details please see the Monthly Magazine, or ask Stephen or Alice B.)

Joining a Small Group

Within St Thomas's, we have 11 Small Groups where people meet for fellowship, to learn together from the Bible and to pray. They meet at different times in the week. At the moment, there is room for a few more people; now is the time to join a group for the new studies on 'The Bible as God's Big Story' after Easter. There is space on:

- Monday afternoon at 2.30pm
- Tuesday afternoon at 2.30pm (Ladies group)
- Tuesday evening at 7.30pm
- Wednesday evening at 7.30pm
- and Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

Contact Alison F, Small Group Coordinator, to find out more.

The Big Story of the Bible

Starting Sunday 19th April: The Big Story of God as revealed in the Bible

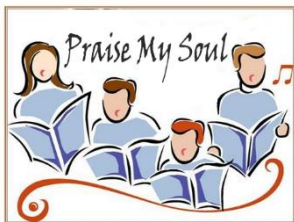
After Easter, for 8 weeks between Sunday 19th April and Sunday 21st June, the whole of St Thomas's church, children, youth and adults will be learning about God's Big Story as told through the whole of the Bible. We'll be using the videos and accompanying guidebook, *The Bible Course*, from The Bible Society.

Sunday sermons will unpack different parts of the Bible so that we can understand better how each part of the Bible fits with the whole Big Story of God. In Small Groups, we will be following the videos provided by *The Bible Course*, using the accompanying guidebook. Small Group leaders will order the books for their members.

If you are not in a Small Group but would like to watch the videos at home yourself, accompanied by the guidebook to *The Bible Course*, please email Alison F to order your copy **by Easter Sunday at the latest**. Or speak to her to order on Easter Sunday.

The books cost £10; if you can pay that much, great! But we want everyone who would like a book to follow *The Bible Course* to have one. So, don't be put off by the price. If you struggle to find £10, please just pay what you can afford. Maybe £5? Or simply order a book for FREE! **But you must order a copy, whatever you are paying.** Payment by cash on delivery, or money transfer into the church account referenced BIBLE BOOK.

Praise My Soul - April 12th St Thomas' Church, 4pm



An opportunity to worship and sing some traditional hymns chosen by some of our congregation and accompanied by the organ. All welcome.

If you would like to help provide a cake for refreshments, see John C or Kay C

If you expect to be there, you can add your name

at the back of church. – not essential but will give us an idea of how many we're catering for.

There will be an offering for the Kadugli Diocese in Sudan that is linked to our Deanery.



Broads Adventure 2026

28th March to 4th April

Thank God for the joy of sailing on the Norfolk Broads and please Pray:

- that we get to know God better
- for us as we sail
- for our safety
- for our teamwork
- for our worship
- that the Lord's message may spread!

(1 Thes 3v2)



Broads Adventure

There are 11 teenagers from Trowbridge (mostly all linked to St T / Impax) joining us on the Broads Adventure cruise this Easter.

EASTER SERVICES & EVENTS AT ST THOMAS' & ST JOHN'S

**THURSDAY
2ND APRIL**

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE

ST THOMAS'. COFFEE & HOT
CROSS BUNS AT 7.30PM.
TENEBRAE STARTS 8PM.

**GOOD
FRIDAY
3RD APRIL**

**UNITED SERVICE & MARCH
OF WITNESS**

10AM SERVICE AT ST JAMES'.
MARCH STARTS AT 11AM FROM ST
JAMES' CHURCHYARD

**GOOD
FRIDAY
3RD APRIL**

AN HOUR AT THE CROSS

ST JOHN'S, WEST ASHTON 2-3PM

**EASTER
SUNDAY
5TH APRIL**

ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION

ST THOMAS'. REFRESHMENTS AT
10:15AM, SERVICE FROM 10:45AM

**EASTER
SUNDAY
5TH APRIL**

COMMUNION SERVICE

ST JOHN'S. 10AM (NOTE
EARLIER TIME)

**EASTER
MONDAY
6TH APRIL**

EASTER EGG HUNT

STARTING FROM THE RED
ADMIRAL, PAXCROST MEAD 11AM
-4PM

**YOU CAN NOW FIND DETAILS OF ALL OF OUR
FORTHCOMING SERVICES ON THE SERVICES PAGE
OF OUR CHURCH WEBSITE;
STTHOMASTROWBRIDGE.ORG/SERVICES**

MENUNITED-Trowbridge

MEN's BREAKFAST - Saturday April

25th

JONATHAN AITKEN

A former Member of Parliament, Cabinet Minister, and ex-prisoner - He is now a Prison Chaplain at HMP Pentonville - Assistant Minister in St Matthew's Church Westminster and St Peter's Notting Hill.

Author of nineteen books including award winning biographies of John Newton, the author of Amazing Grace; former US President Richard M Nixon and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

---For more information see **Geoff T** or **John R**---