

Monthly News for March 2026



Welcome to St Thomas Church

Sunday 1st March	<i>COFFEE Genette & James, CHAIRS Adam & Jane WELCOME to be confirmed</i> Theme – Nehemiah 8.30am – The Reflective One, with early Holy Communion 10:30 – The All-In One, for all ages 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 8th March	<i>COFFEE Julie & Tony, CHAIRS Genette & Keith, WELCOME to be confirmed</i> Theme – Nehemiah 8, Building through obedience to God 10:30 – Lively One with Holy Communion 3pm - Wonderfully Messy Church 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 15th March	<i>COFFEE Helen & Ann, CHAIRS Sue & Simon, WELCOME to be confirmed</i> Theme – Nehemiah 9, Building Through Repentance and Renewal 10:30 – The Lively One 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 22nd March	<i>COFFEE Ed & Jane, CHAIRS Colin & Phil, WELCOME to be confirmed</i> Theme – Nehemiah 10-11 Building a Holy Community 10.30 – The Lively One - 18:30 - The informal one, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)
Sunday 29th March	<i>COFFEE Colin & Sue, CHAIRS Sue & Rich, WELCOME to be confirmed</i> Theme – Nehemiah 12-13, Palm Sunday 10.30 – The Lively One 18:30 - The informal one, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)

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and take care not to block drives 😊**

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A Message From our Vicar David

Look out for an email coming soon,
containing a message for the month of March from David.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS and EASTER DATES

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY - Sending Happy Birthday thoughts from us all, to Jo Beck, who celebrated her 80th Birthday on Wednesday! Happy Birthday Jo!

THIS SUNDAY - We'd like to invite you to bring your favorite snack to church on Sunday at 10:30- and be prepared to share in with those on your table. If you're wondering why - do have a read of Nehemiah 8 to find out what we might be thinking about as we look at "Building on the word".

PLEASE NOTE DON'T BRING NUTS!

FREE BOOK - There are still some books which have been given to us free of charge from our wonderful missionary friends Brian and Chris Clarke. They have written a book called "Together, You, Me & God - ONE!" It contains reflections on 50 Bible passages from 50 years of marriage, and they would like to share them with us. Please feel most welcome to take a copy from the table at the back of church to enjoy.

EXPLORING HEALING SEASON 2, GOING DEEPER - Every Monday, until March 2nd. A weekly course, at Aldridge Parish Church, at 10.15am - 1pm, at the Church Centre. . To book your place, contact Phil & Pauline Wilson or Wendy & Pete Brentnall 07977278808 / 07941831781 or email ava777a@live.co.uk.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - March 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd, 2-4pm at Aldridge Methodist Church. The Bereavement Journey will be running on Monday afternoons. If you have any questions or would like more information please email bereavementjourneywalsall@gmail.com or call 07970808819.

PRAYER & PERCOLATION - Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, at 9.15am in St T's lounge for 30 mins of prayer with coffee or tea.

BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS - Meets every Monday evening in term time.

DANCE LESSONS - Every Tuesday morning for one-to-one tuition for couples. Contact Mandy Daniels for details - amandadaniels119@outlook.com

TOODERS & FOOTPRINTS - Meets every Wednesday in term time. (Toddlers - 10am-11.30am / Footprints - 1pm-2,30pm)

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BRICK CHURCH - Wednesday 4th March, 4pm -5.30pm. Come and enjoy a Bible story told through brick play. Then enjoy a chip shop tea. Usually every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

SPACE TO PRAY - Every Wednesday, 6.30pm at St T's. Come and pray for everything on our hearts.

FILLING STATION - Wednesday 4th March, 7.30pm, at Aldridge Parish Church Centre. Join with the churches of Aldridge, for an evening of worship and teaching, with coffee and cake.

CAFE ON THE CLOSE - Every Thursday, 10am - 12pm. Offering a place to relax and enjoy social time with others over coffee and cake.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP - Every Thursday at 12.15pm. A short 30 minute time of worship, beginning immediately after Café. Arrive early and can enjoy coffee and cake first!

PRAYING FOR THE 34,000 - Join us on Zoom as we gather together across the Diocese to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It's very informal and you can have your camera on or off and feel relaxed as you pray. Taking place virtually every 3rd Thursday at 1pm, for 30 minutes. Meeting Code: 765 1017 3191 Password: PRAY34.

LENT COURSE - Every Thursday evening throughout March. All Life Groups join together for our Lent Course. Arrive at 7.30pm for coffee, the course begins at 7.45pm. If you would like to join but are not in a life group you will be most welcome. Please let Julie Fuggle or the office know in advance for practical arrangements - fugglej@gmail.com / office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk

FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT GROUP - Friday 6th March, 10am - 11.30am at St T's. This is a Christian support group for foster and adoptive parents. The Group aims to meet once a month, alternating between a Friday and a Wednesday, with Friday's at St T's, and Wednesday at another venue. Next meeting anticipated to be Wednesday 1st April (held another venue) contact the office if you would like to know where - office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk.

DOG TRAINING CLASSES - Friday evenings - 6pm - 10pm - Contact Sarah or Kit for more information info@throughthedogseyes.com

WONDERFULLY MESSY CHURCH - Sunday 8th March, at 3pm. Church for children with additional needs and their carers. Future dates are - April 5th, May 10th, June 14th and July 12th.

MONTHLY MUNCH - Tuesday 10th March 2026, at 12.15pm. Join us for a delicious home cooked lunch. It's free of charge with a suggested donation of £3. Everyone is welcome and booking is essential. [email office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk). This is a wonderful monthly meal for the community. We are in desperate need of more team, particularly in the kitchen. We will provide all training required. If you think you can help, please let the office know office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk.

FIZZ - Saturday 14th March, 12pm. Church for adults with additional needs and their carers. Held at Tynings Lane Church, at 12pm, on the second Saturday of the month (except August).

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GUEST SPEAKER - Sunday 15th March, we are looking forward to welcoming Paul Knox from Evangelical Alliance, to our gathering of Evening Worship.

WIDE AWAKE - Saturday 21st March. For Dads, Grandads, Male Carers and kids! Come and enjoy a morning with toys and crafts, including coffee or tea with a breakfast sandwich for adults, toast and squash for kids. Future dates are - 18th Apr, 16th May, 20th Jun, 18th Jul, not meeting in August, 19th Sep, 17th Oct, 21st Nov, 19th Dec.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER - Friday 27th March at 10.30am, in the Annexe. Meeting every last Friday of the month (except for August).

HEALING ON THE STREETS UPDATE - Soon to be running again, look out for details coming soon!

EASTER DATES-

Wednesday 1st April - Brick Church - 1pm

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Gathering (a simple meal, songs & readings) - 6pm

Friday 3rd April Good Friday - Easter Eggstravaganza (crafts & activities for all ages) - 10am

Friday 3rd April Good Friday - Hour at the Cross (space to reflect & remember) - 2pm

Sunday 5th April Easter Day Celebration - (with Bishop Tim, Baptisms & Communion) - 10.30am

Sunday 5th April Easter Day, Evening Celebration - 6.30pm

SAFEGUARDING COURSE - **Thursday 16th April at St Thomas Church.** Please look out for an email coming soon to share the details of this very important course. You must make every effort to attend if your Safeguarding Training is due for renewal. If you are unable to make the date, you will need to complete training independently online themselves. It is important that as many people as possible attend the course, even if they are not involved in a specific role in church, as we understand that the more people that are aware of potential risks, will help to keep our church a safe place for everyone. More detailed information will follow soon.

TEARFUND CHRISTMAS FAYRE - **Saturday 14th November 2026!** Yes, we are way ahead this year and have already booked a date for our Tearfund Christmas Fayre! So pop it in your diary and look forward to coming in November.

TIKTOK VICAR - Hear David on his regular Radio Show (*scroll down to flyer for info*). Also soon to be on God TV date of airing to be shared soon. Finally you watch him on his regular TikTok videos.

CAR PARKING - thank you for parking with consideration to our neighbours, ensuring that their drives are not blocked, and avoiding parking partially on the pavement. Kingshayes Road is best suited to leave your car if the car park is full.

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LET'S PRAY

We meet for **Prayer & Percolation** in the church lounge on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 9.15 am - 9.45 am. Do join us even if you don't like coffee (tea is available).

Space to Pray - Usually meeting on Wednesday evenings in church from 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm (except in August). Time to sit in the Lord's presence & pray as the Spirit leads. Do join us.

Church Prayer List - for prayer support.

Prayer Circle - for confidential prayer support from a small group of prayer warriors.

Remember that nothing is too small or too big for the Lord's help.

Prayer requests to Prayer Co-ordinator: Lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk or 01922 453944

Prayer Focus for March - Let us focus our prayers this month on people we know who need our prayer support. We think of people who are ill or have ongoing long-term illnesses, those who are no longer able to get to church through illness or ageing, those suffering through recent accidents, or mental health issues, or bereavement, or other struggles in life. Lord, you know these people better than we do, so we ask You to touch their lives and bless them with healing and comfort and hope. Amen. *Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5.16*

COOPER & JORDAN SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Parents should be aware that we follow the school's admission policy on attendance & in accordance with Diocesan guidelines 'regular attendance' at **worship** constitutes a minimum of at least **two services per month**. The guidelines suggest that regular attendance should have been for at least two years before application. Please check with one of the Team to ensure your attendance is recorded in the folder which is located on the large table at the back of church.

GIVING TO ST T'S

- Simply scan this QR code with your phone.
- Alternatively, a card reader is located on the large table at the back of church.
- Our Team can also provide you with information to enable you to set-up a regular standing order.
- Don't forget to add Gift Aid, ask a member of our Team for help with this.



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CALENDAR OF ST THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS

Sun 1 March	See Gatherings on Front Page	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 2 March	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers Wardens Meeting	9.15am Evenings Evening (Annexe)
Tues 3 March	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 4 March	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Brick Church Space to Pray Filling Station Dance Lessons	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 4.00pm – 5.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm – 9pm 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Thur 5 March	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> Midweek Gathering <i>No New Life Group</i> Lent Course	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm</i> 12.15-12.45pm <i>Usually 7.30pm (Lounge)</i> 7.30pm coffee / 7.45pm start
Fri 6 March	Prayer & Percolation Foster & Adoptive Parents Group Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 10am – 11.30am 6pm – 9pm
Sat 7 March	Private Room Hire - Party	10.30am – 1.30pm
Sun 8 March	See Gatherings on Front Page Wonderfully Messy Church	10.30am / 6.30pm 3pm – 4.30pm
Mon 9 March	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers DCC Meeting	9.15am Evenings 7.45pm (Annexe)
Tues 10 March	Dance Lessons Monthly Munch Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 12.15pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 11 March	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 12 March	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> Midweek Afternoon Worship <i>No New Life Group</i> Lent Course	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm (Lounge)</i> 12.15-12.45pm <i>Usually 7.30pm (Lounge)</i> 7.30pm coffee / 7.45pm start
Frid 13 March	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 14 March	FIZZ	12pm (Tynings Lane Church)
Sun 15 March	See Gatherings on Front Page Visting Speaker Paul Knox – 6.30pm	6.30pm

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Mon 16 March	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings
Tues 17 March	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 18 March	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 19 March	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> Midweek Gathering <i>No New Life Group</i> Lent Course	10am – 12pm Usually 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm <i>7.30pm (Lounge)</i> 7.30pm coffee / 7.45pm start
Frid 20 March	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 21 March	No Events	
Sun 22 March	See Gatherings on Front Page	
Mon 23 March	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evening
Tue 24 March	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 25 March	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 26 March	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> Midweek Gathering <i>No New Life Group</i> Lent Course	10am – 12pm Usually 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm Usually 7.30pm (Lounge) 7.30pm coffee / 7.45pm start
Fri 27 March	Prayer & Percolation Knit, Stitch & Natter Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 10.30am (Annexe) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 28th March	EASTER HOLIDAY	
Sunday 29th March	See front sheet for gatherings	
Monday 30th March	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evening</i>

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Contacts

- **Clergy –**
Rev David Sims (VICAR) vicar@stthomasaldridge.org.uk, office number 01922 453942
Rev Jeremy Bakewell 07790 986575
Rev Sue Quibell 07889 88554
If you would like to talk please feel free to phone on the numbers above.
- **Church Office –**
Administrator - Genette Andrews. Office hours are **Monday to Thursday from 9 am till 12 pm.**
Genette will be happy to help with your queries.
Telephone - 01922 453942 / Email - office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk
Please note that messages are not be seen or heard on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.
- **Children & Families Worker: Hannah Evans -**
Telephone: office 01922 453942 / home 01922 693298 / mobile 07921 387241
Email: hannahevans@stthomasaldridge.org.uk
Please note that messages are not be seen or heard on Fridays & Saturdays.
- **Prayer Coordinator: Liz Spiers -**
Telephone 01922 453944 / email lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk if you wish to discuss any prayer needs, including ongoing prayer ministry & details of the Prayer Circle.
- **Wardens -**
Sue Grundy: 07772 925069 / susan.grundy@yahoo.com
Andrew Dickson: 07989 143388 / andrewjdickson999@hotmail.com
Lisa Winnall: 07805 114471 / lisawinnall.church@gmail.com
- **Safeguarding -**
Safeguarding is *everybody's* responsibility. If you have concerns about how somebody might be treating you or another person, please do not hesitate to contact the following people –
Sue Grundy (for children) - 07772 925069 / susan.grundy@yahoo.com
Sue Quibell (for adults) - 07889 885545 / s.quibell@goolemail.com
(see poster in church foyer for other numbers & information). A copy of our safeguarding policy is available in the church foyer & church office.
- **Fabrics & Health and Safety –**
Andrew Dickson: 07989 143388 / andrewjdickson999@hotmail.com
- **Websites:**
<https://stthomasaldridge.org.uk/> or www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4121/)