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Welcome to St Thomas Church

SERVICES

Sunday 5th July	<i>COFFEE</i> Colin & Sue, <i>CHAIRS</i> Sue & Simon Theme – Ephesians 5:1-21, Walking in Love & Light 8.30am – Early Holy Communion 10:30 – The All-In, for all ages 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 14th July	<i>COFFEE</i> Julie and Tony, <i>CHAIRS</i> Phil & Colin Theme – Ephesians 5:22-6:9, Christ Centered Relationships 10:30 – The Lively One with Holy Communion 3pm - Wonderfully Messy Church 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 21st July	<i>COFFEE</i> Jane & Ed, <i>CHAIRS</i> Geoff & Ed Theme – Ephesians 6:10-24, Standing in the Battle 10:30 – All age, Summer Holiday Special 18:30 – Reflective Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 26th July	<i>COFFEE</i> Helen & Ann B, <i>CHAIRS</i> Genette & Keith Theme – (Yet to be Shared) 10.30 – All age, Summer Holiday Special 18:30 - The informal one, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)

**Please avoid parking in St Thomas Close
and take care not to block drives ☺**

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NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION

3838 Bibles have now been sent out to our TikTok friends! 😊

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT TREASURER - We are still looking for someone (or a couple of people) to step into this treasurer role. We're looking at the idea of splitting it into two roles- One being a more "day to day" role of paying expenses, etc, with the other role of presenting accounts etc at our DCC meetings which take place every few months- we have some accounting software to help with this. If you would like to know more, please do get in touch. We won't assume that you want it- and will be happy to share a bit more information about what the role(s) might look like. If you'd like to know more about this please feel welcome to contact Ron for a no strings attached chat - finance@stthomasaldridge.org.uk!

CAFE ON THE CLOSE - Open 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 - Every 3rd Thursday, at 1pm. 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. Meeting Code: 765 1017 3191 Password: PRAY34.

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

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

BIBLE PACKING PARTY - Come and help pack Bibles to send out to our TikTok friends. This generally takes places on Monday mornings at 11am. We'd love to see you if you are available to help.

BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS - Last one on Monday 13th July and then breaking for the summer. Usually 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 - Last one on Wednesday 15th July, before breaking for the summer. Usually every Wednesday in term time. (Toddlers - 10am-11.30am and Footprints - 1pm-2.30pm)

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

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER - Last one on Friday 26th June, at 10.30am, in the Annexe, and then taking a break for the summer. Usually meeting every last Friday of the month (except for August).

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THOMAS PROJECT COMMUNITY FAYRE - June 27th, 11am - 3pm. . Come along to Aldridge Community Centre to enjoy this fun day for all of the community. There will be a variety of stalls offering food, crafts and much more! **See the flyer in the covering email.**

ARMED FORCES DAY - Sunday 28th June, at Walsall Arboretum. There will be food, music, activities, armed forces vehicles and a military display. Free Entry. See flyer in the covering email.

FILLING STATION - Wednesday 1st July, 7.30pm. At Aldridge Parish Church Centre. Join us for Spirit filled worship, teaching and ministry.

FIZZ - Saturday 11th July, 12pm - 2pm. There will not be a meeting in August. Fizz is 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). Future dates - July 11, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12.

ALPHA COURSE - Every Wednesday until 22nd July, at 7.30pm. This is the perfect course to help unpack the basics of Faith and an opportunity to address the niggly questions or uncertainties that may be resting in the back of your mind! There will be coffee and cake too! Do let us know if you'd like to come. See the flyer in the covering email.

BISHOP MICHAEL - Sunday 16th August. Bishop Michael will be retiring soon and hopefully he will have the opportunity to join us for the last time, on Sunday 16th August. We hope you will all be able to be there, to pray for him and to wish him well in his retirement. Bishop Michael has shared a prayer for the the discernment of the 100th Bishop of Lichfield, as together we continue to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad (the first Bishop of Lichfield). Please see his prayer in the flyers section of the covering email.

MANNOR FARM SUMMER FEYTE & COMMUNITY DAY - Tuesday 25th August, 11am - 3pm, at Manor Farm Centre. Please see the flyer in the covering email.

BRICK CHURCH - Has finished for the Summer and will be back again in September at 4pm, when you will be able to join us for some brick-fun and a Bible story, followed by a chip-shop-tea! 😊 It helps with catering if you can let us know if you are coming, so keep a look out for new dates coming soon.

TEARFUND CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Saturday 14th November 2026! Please save the date!

TIKTOK VICAR - Hear David on his regular Radio Show (*see flyer in covering email*). Also soon to be on God TV date of airing to be shared soon. Finally don't forget watch David's regular TikTok videos.

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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 July - So let us pray again this month for world peace, and that the Lord would raise up peacemakers amidst the turmoil and give wisdom to world leaders in their negotiations. Come Holy Spirit, bring light into the darkness. *Jesus said: "My Father is at his work to this day and I too am working". John 5.17*

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

Please contact the office if you wish to check availability of the Annexe 😊

Wed 1 July -	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Alpha Filling Station Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm (Annexe)
Thur 2 July -	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Afternoon Worship	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm
Frid 3 July -	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 4 July -	Healing on the Streets	10.30am (Methodist Church Car Park)
Sun 5 July	See Gatherings on Front Page Wonderfully Messy Church	10.30 & 6.30pm 3pm
Mon 6 July	Prayer & Percolation Funeral of Irene Webb Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am 2pm Crematorium / 2.45pm Church Evenings
Tues 7 July	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 8 July	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Alpha Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm 7.30pm (Annexe)
Thur 9 July	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm
Frid 10 July	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 11 July	FIZZ	12pm (Tynings Lane)
Sun 12 July	See Gatherings on Front Page	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 13 July	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers DCC Meeting	9.15am Evening 7.45pm
Tue 14 July	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 15 July	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Brick Church Space to Pray Alpha Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 4pm 6.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm (Annexe)
Thur 16 July	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm

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Fri 17 July	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 18 July - SUMMER		
Sun 19 July -SUMMER	See front sheet for gatherings	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 20 July - SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evening</i>
Tues 21 July - SUMMER	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 22 July - SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am <i>Usually 10am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 23 July - SUMMER	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> <i>No Midweek Gathering</i>	10am – 12pm <i>10am – 12pm (Lounge)</i> <i>12.15-12.45pm</i>
Fri 24 July - SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 25 July - SUMMER		
Sun 26 July - SUMMER	See front sheet for gatherings	10am / 6.30pm
Mon 27 July - SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evening</i>
Tue 28 July - SUMMER	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 29 July - SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am <i>Usually 10am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 30th July - SUMMER	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> <i>No Midweek Gathering</i>	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm (Lounge)</i> <i>Usually 12.15-12.45pm</i>
Frid 31st July- SUMMER	Prayer & Percolation Knit, Stitch & Natter Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 10.30am (Annexe) 6.30pm – 9pm

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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@gmail.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/)