

Monthly News for September 2026



Welcome to St Thomas Church

SERVICES

Sunday 6th Sept	COFFEE Allison & Spencer, CHAIRS Geoff & Ed, WELCOME Joyce & Betty Theme – James 1, Christening <i>No Early Holy Communion in September, returning in October</i> 10:30 – The Lively One (please note, not All-In!) 18:30 – The Informal One (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 13th Sept	COFFEE Genette & James, CHAIRS Phil & Colin, WELCOME Gill & Les Theme – James 2:1-13, Favoritism vs Love 10:30 – The Lively One With Holy Communion 4pm Wonderfully Messy Church 18:30 – The Informal One (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 20th Sept	COFFEE Sheila & Maureen, CHAIRS Jane & Adam, WELC Clarice & Hayley Theme – James? 19-25, Baptism by full immersion 10:30 – The Lively One with Baptisms by full immersion 18:30 – Informal Worship (18.30 for coffee, worship begins 18.45)
Sunday 27rd Sept	COFFEE Ed & Jane, CHAIRS Genette & Keith, WELCOME Viv and Kay Theme – James 3, Wisdom and The Tongue 10.30 – The Lively One 18:30 - The Informal One (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)

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Please be kind to our neighbours and avoid parking in St Thomas Close. Thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 31st August is a Bank Holiday so the office will be closed and will open as usual on Tuesday 1st September.

8.30am HOLY COMMUNION & ALL-IN ON 6th SEPTEMBER – Please note that September's All-In will be a week early to accommodate the Return to School Blessing Service (This Sunday! 30th August). Also there will be no 8.30am Holy Communion in September, this will return as normal on Sunday 4th October.

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 – Please note that Afternoon Worship has been cancelled on Thursday 17th September, due to the funeral of Janet Finnemore taking place that day. Our short 30 minute time of worship, (which begins immediately after Café) will take place as normal on September 3rd, and 10th, and then continue weekly on the 24th. Arrive early and you can enjoy coffee and cake at the cafe 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 except for Monday 31st because it is a Bank Holiday. Also every Wednesday & Friday, at 9.15am in St T's lounge for 30 mins of prayer with coffee or tea.

BIBLE PACKING PARTY – Periodically at 11am on Monday mornings, we have a Bible Packing Party, when we gather to pack Bibles to post to our TikTok friends. Look out for our next date coming soon!

THE FUNERAL OF SANDRA WALKER – Monday 7th September at 3pm, at Streetly Crematorium. Followed by a Wake at Stick and Wicket Cricket Club in Aldridge. All who knew and loved Sandra are welcome to attend. Please pray for the whole family.

BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS – Returning after the summer break on 7th September. Usually every Monday evening in term time.

DAMES WHO DINE – Monday 7th September, at 7pm. Dames Who Dine meet on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at The Crown, Aldridge to enjoy good company and good food together. If you would like to join us please contact Joyce Peel - Telephone 01922 456140 / Text 07485 721 905 / Email joycepeel@btinternet.com.

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

MONTHLY MUNCH - Tuesday 8th September, 12.15pm. Join us for a deliciously simply home cooked lunch. Booking is essential for catering purposes and there is a suggested donation of £3. If you would like to add your name please email - office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk (Future dates - Oct 13th, Nov 10th, Dec 8th, Jan 12th, Feb 9th, Mar 9th, Apr 13th, May 11th, Jun 8th).

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

KING OF KINGS CHESS CLUB - Wednesday 9th September, at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join Ryan Keyte-Wilcock for this brand new chess club. There will be a short Bible study followed by games of chess. Future dates 14th October, 11th November and 9th December.

FILLING STATION - Filling Station is taking a prolonged break and a return date has not yet been decided.

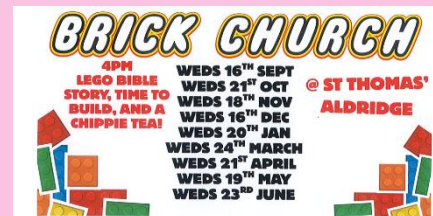
TOODERS & FOOTPRINTS - Returning after the summer break on the 9th September. Usually every Wednesday in term time. (Toddlers - 10am-11.30am and Footprints - 1pm-2.30pm)

FIZZ - Taking a break for the summer and will meet again on Saturday 12th September, 12pm - 2pm when they will be celebrating their **20th BIRTHDAY!** Fizz is church for adults with additional needs and their careers. 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.

BRICK CHURCH - Wednesday 16th September.

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.

Full size flyer at the bottom of the covering email.



THE FUNERAL OF JANET FINNEMORE - Thursday 17th September. There will be a private service of committal for the family. This will be followed by a service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas Church. We advise people to arrive at **12pm**, where coffee will be served as we await the arrival of the family. Please pray for the whole family.

THE FUNERAL OF ANNE TAYLOR - Friday 18th September. There will be a service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas Church at 10am. This will be followed by a service of committal at 11am at West Chapel, Streetly Crematorium. Please pray for the whole family.

WIDE AWAKE CLUB - Returning after the summer break on 19th September, at 10am. For Dad's Grandad's, male carers and their small people! An opportunity to chat, play, toys and crafts, with a breakfast sandwich for adults and toast for children. Future dates 17th Oct, 21 Nov, 19th Dec.

BAPTISM SUNDAY - Sunday 20th September. Join us as we celebrate Baptisms by full immersion!

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FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT GROUP – 23 Sept, 2026, 12.30pm – 2pm, in the Annexe. This is a Christian support group for foster and adoptive parents. The Group aims to meet every 4th Wednesday of the month. Future dates, 22 July, 28 Oct, 25 Nov.

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER – Friday 25th September, at 10.30am. If you enjoy crafts of any kind, please come and join us in the Annexe and bring your creative work with you. Enjoy good conversation while working on your craft with others. Usually meeting every last Friday of the month (except for August).

HARVEST SUNDAY – Sunday 4th October, 10.30am. We will be celebrating Harvest at our All-In, and are looking forward to welcoming the farm animals again. Do come and join us as we give thanks to God.

PONDERINGS ON PRAYER & PILGRIMAGE – Monday 12th October, 12pm – 3.30pm. Hosted by Richard Barrett and supported by Laura Lenander. Come and here talks about mission and much more! Free lunch provided, for catering purposes please register interest by email lynnne@fpe.network.org. Please see the 2-page flyer in the covering email for full details.

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.

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 September – Lord as we move into September, we pray for children returning to school after the holidays and ask you Lord to bless them and protect them as they move into new schools, new classes and face new challenges. We think too Lord of those who have received exam results and ask you to help them make the right decisions for their futures. We pray for teachers too Lord and ask that you give them wisdom and understanding in nurturing all the children in their care. Please bless them all Lord. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you..." Is.41 v 10.

"His master said to him, well done good and faithful servant..." Matt.25.23

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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.



CALENDAR OF ST THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS

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

Tues 1 Sept	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 8pm – 9.30pm
Wed 2 Sept	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Space to Pray	9.15am – 9.45am <i>Usually 10am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> 6.30pm – 7.15pm
Thur 3 Sept	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm
Frid 4 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 5 Sept	Healing on the Streets	11am (Ald' Methodist Church Car Park)
Sun 6 Sept	See Gatherings on Front Page	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 7 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Funeral of Sandra Walker Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am 3pm (Streetly Crematorium)
Tue 8 Sept	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 8pm – 9.30pm
Wed 9 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray King of Kings Chess Club	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm

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Thur 10 Sept	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm
Fri 11 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 12 Sept	FIZZ's 20 th Birthday Celebration	12pm (at Tynings Lane)
Sun 13 Sept	See front sheet for gatherings Wonderfully Messy Church	10.30am / 6.30pm 4pm
Mon 14 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers DCC Meeting	9.15am Evening 7.45pm
Tues 15 Sept	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 8pm – 9.30pm
Wed 16 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Brick Church Space to Pray	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 4pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm
Thur 17 Sept	Café on the Close The Funeral of Janet Finnemore <i>No Midweek Gathering</i>	10am – 12pm Arrive in Church at 12pm for Thanksgiving 12.15-12.45pm
Fri 18 Sept	Prayer & Percolation The Funeral of Anne Taylor Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 10am St Thomas Church for Thanksgiving 11am Streetly Crematorium 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 19 Sept	Private Booking	4.30pm onwards
Sun 20 Sept	See front sheet for gatherings	10am / 6.30pm
Mon 21 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evening
Tue 22 Sept	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 8pm – 9.30pm
Wed 23 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Foster & Adoptive Parents Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am – 9.45am 10am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 12.30pm (Annexe) 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thur 24 Sept	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm
Frid 25 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 26 Sept	No events	
Sun 27 Sept	See front sheet for gatherings	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 28 Sept	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evening
Tue 29 Sept	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 8pm – 9.30pm

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Wed 30 Sept	Prayer & Percolation	9.15am – 9.45am
	Toddlers	10am – 11.30am
	Footprints	1pm – 2.30pm
	Space to Pray	12.30pm (Extension)
	Dance Lessons	6.30pm – 7.15pm

CONTACTS

- **Clergy –**
Rev David Sims (VICAR) vicar@stthomasalldridge.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@stthomasalldridge.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@stthomasalldridge.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
Paul Bridge: [07913 964 385](tel:07913964385) / bridgepaul1@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://stthomasalldridge.org.uk/> or www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4121/

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