

## Monthly News for June 2025



### Welcome to St Thomas'

<b>Sunday 1 June</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b> Phil & Colin / <b>COFFEE</b> Alison & Spencer / <b>WELCOME</b> Joyce & Geoff Theme – Acts 6 & 7 8:30 - The reflective one with Holy Communion 10:30 - The lively All-In one With Baptism 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
<b>Sunday 8 June</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b> Simon & Sue / <b>COFFEE</b> Nigel & Jo / <b>WELCOME</b> Eric Theme – Acts 7 10:30 - The lively one with Holy Communion 15.00 – Wonderfully Messy Church 18:30 – No gathering at St T's, instead there is a shared Celebration of Pentecost at St Matthew's Church, Walsall.
<b>Sunday 15 June</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b> Sue & Rich / <b>COFFEE</b> Colin & Sue / <b>WELCOME</b> Ann Theme – Acts 8 10:30 - The lively one 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
<b>Sunday 22 June</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b> Ed & Geoff / <b>COFFEE</b> Brian & Margaret / <b>WELCOME</b> Gill & Les Theme – Acts 9 10.30 - Morning Gathering 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
<b>Sunday 29 June</b>	<b>CHAIRS</b> Clive & Genette / <b>COFFEE</b> Sheila & Maureen / <b>WELCOME</b> Clive Theme – Acts 10 & 11 10.30 - Morning Gathering 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45

**We thank you for parking considerately,  
and avoiding St Thomas Close 😊**

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR DAVID

Ascension Day is one of those moments in the Christian calendar that can feel a bit mysterious and, (let's be honest), just a bit weird. Jesus going up into heaven, clouds, awe struck disciples, and angels. But it's also a significant moment. It's not Jesus leaving us behind—it's Him commissioning us to continue His work. That's powerful. He calls us to carry on His mission here on earth, in the power of the Spirit. There's something really moving about that. The disciples watched Him go, probably feeling a mix of wonder and worry, but they didn't stay frozen there. They got moving. They went out, shared the good news, and changed the world. And that's our call too. Mission isn't just for a select few—it's for all of us, wherever we are. It's in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our friendships. Here at St T's we long to be a church that is gathering, growing and going- in the power of the Spirit. In the same way that after the ascension the disciples waited for the Spirit, so we are called to do the same. To pray for those who don't yet know him. And, of course, that old adage is true- that what goes up, must come down. And one day he will return, physically, to make all things new.

Every Blessing In Jesus' Name

**David Sims**  
Vicar

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### UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

**BAPTISM & CONFIRMATIONS** - Join us this Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> June) at 10.30am, to support and celebrate with little Elijah Byrne who is being Baptised. Then at 4pm, Bishop Tim will be coming to Aldridge Parish Church to lead a service of Confirmation, for a number of people within the parish. Everyone is welcome to come and support those being Confirmed.

**RACE FOR LIFE** - Hannah and Emily Evans are doing 'Race for Life' (in aid of Cancer research) with Hannah's brother, Richard and the Lichfield Diocesan team on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm at Trentham Gardens. They are racing in memory of Sue and Michael Barrett as well as other family members and church members who have or are battling cancer. If you would like to donate for any of us, or support us by cheering us on, on the day, that would be marvellous. Any sponsorship can be given online:

**Emily's:** <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/emilys-race-for-life-12105192590>

**Hannah's:** <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hannahs-race-for-life-32746570173755222692>

**(Richard's:** <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/richards-race-for-life-2022327472447> )

Any emotional or financial support gratefully received with many thanks, x

**PRAYER & PERCOLATION** - Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9.15am. Come and join us for coffee in the church lounge, while we pray for our church, the world and each other.

**BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS** - Every Monday evenings during in term time - Contact Steph Chebsie - [steph\\_steps@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steph_steps@yahoo.co.uk)

**TOMS TODDLERS** - Every Wednesday morning at 10.00am-11.30am in term time. For Children from birth to pre-school age. Contact Hannah Evans - [hannahevans@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto:hannahevans@stthomasaldridge.org.uk)

**FOOTPRINTS** - Every Wednesday in term time, 1pm - 2.30pm. For children from 2½ to school age. Contact Hannah Evans - [hannahevans@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto:hannahevans@stthomasaldridge.org.uk)

**SPACE TO PRAY** - Every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm-7.15pm in church. Sit in the presence of the Lord; to lay before him the burdens of our hearts or just to sit at his feet and be refreshed. All welcome. For more details contact Liz Spiers, [lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk)

**FILLING STATION** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Come and join the Churches of Aldridge for this time of worship and teaching. Taking place on the first Wednesday of the month, at Aldridge Parish Centre, at 7.45pm for refreshments and an 8pm start.

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

**MIDWEEK GATHERING** - Every Thursday immediately after Café on the Close at 12.15pm, for 30 minutes of worship, often with Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to come.

**ALPHA COURSE** - Every Thursday, at 7.45pm. Booking essential! An opportunity to explore the Christian Faith in an open and friendly way. Everyone is welcome. Contact Julie Fuggle to reserve your place or to find out more information - [fugglej@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fugglej@blueyonder.co.uk).

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**PRAYER OPPORTUNITY** - If you would like to pray with others about the Assisted Dying Bill, there will be an opportunity to do so on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am.

**HEALING ON THE STREETS** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 11am. Every first Saturday of the month, 11am - 1pm. Meeting outside Costa in Aldridge Shopping Centre.

**SONGSMITHS & PSALMISTS** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm. Join Andrew Clayton at St T's for songwriting sessions, music prayer and coffee. All musicians and songwriters are welcome.

**WONDERFULLY MESSY CHURCH** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, at 3pm. A Faith based group for littlies with additional needs & their grown-ups. Meeting on the second Sunday of the month, 3pm-4.30pm. Booking essential, contact [vicar@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stthomasaldridge.org.uk)

**SHARED PENTECOST CELEBRATION** - There will be **no evening gathering** at St T's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Instead, there will be a shared evening gathering to celebrate Pentecost, at St Matthew's Church, Walsall.

**MONTHLY MUNCH** - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 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 to reserve your place - [office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk).

**FIZZ** - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Church for adults with learning difficulties or special needs & their carers. Meeting at Tynings Lane Church at 12pm - 2pm, on the second Saturday of each month, (except August).

**BRICK CHURCH** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at 4pm-5.30pm. Takes place once a month, dates can vary. Hear a Bible story, have fun with bricks & share a chip-shop tea. Please note that dates vary each month, and we don't meet in the Summer Holidays. Booking is essential!

**WIDE AWAKE CLUB** - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Usually every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, at 10am-11.30am. For Dads, Grandads & children up to age 10. There's a hot drink & breakfast sandwich for adults, and toys, toast & squash for smaller people.

**KNIT STITCH & NATTER** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Meeting on the last Friday of the month (excluding August & December), in the Annexe, 10.30-12.00pm. All welcome, bring your crafts. Contact [lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk)

**ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP** - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Usually every Monday of the month, 12.30pm - 2pm.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING, Coming Soon!** - We encourage everyone who is required to complete safeguarding to do so online. For those who may find this difficult, we will be holding a group-based training course at church. The date of this course has been postponed, so keep a look out for a new date coming soon!

**TEARFUND CHRISTMAS FAYRE** - We are looking forward to our Tearfund Christmas Fayre which will take place at St T's, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for more details nearer the time.

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### WELCOME BOX FOR NEW NEIGHBOURS

Speak to Sue Quibell or one of the Team if you would like to welcome new neighbours with an informative pack from St T's (including a little gift of chocolate too!)

### EXTERNAL EVENTS THAT YOU CAN JOIN

**Dance Lessons** - with one to one tuition for adult couples. Every Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening. Contact Mandy Daniels for more information - [amandadaniels119@outlook.com](mailto:amandadaniels119@outlook.com).

**Dog Training Classes, Through The Dog's Eyes** - A wonderful new opportunity to join dog training classes. Taking place at St Thomas Church. Email Sarah & Kit for details - [info@throughthedogseyes.com](mailto:info@throughthedogseyes.com)

### 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** - Wednesday evenings in church from 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm. 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](mailto:Lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk) or 01922 453944

**Prayer Focus for June** - This month let us continue with 'Thy Kingdom Come' global wave of prayer, from 29th May-8th June, praying for our five people to come to know the Lord. Also, as the Assisted Dying Bill is being debated in parliament and there will be a vote on Friday 13th June, let us pray for all MPs and those involved in making life and death decisions. We pray that the Lord will guide their decisions and that focus would turn from ending lives to preserving life and much improved end of life care. *Acts 5.29 'But Peter and the apostles answered "we must obey God rather than men"'*.

### MISSION FOCUS

We periodically share emails, containing updates from our Mission Partners. After the email has been sent, it is uploaded to our website (A Church Near You) - Click the following link to see our latest update - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/78262/view/>

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### COOPER & JORDAN SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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 further 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.



### WHAT'S ON ...

Sun 1 June	See Gatherings on Front Page Wonderfully Messy Church Confirmation Service	3pm – 5.30pm 4pm (Aldridge Parish Church)
Mon 2 June	Prayer & Percolation No Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings
Tues 3 June	External – Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	9am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 4 June	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Filling Station Dance Lessons/Practice	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm (APC Centre) 7.30pm
Thurs 5 June	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group Alpha Course	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge) 7.45pm
Fri 6 June	Prayer & Percolation Prayer (Assisted Dying Bill) Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 4pm 6pm – 9pm
Sat 7 June	Songsmiths & Psalmists	1pm – 4pm
Sun 8 June	See Gatherings On Front Sheet NO EVENING GATHERING AT ST T's Shared Pentecost Celebration at St Matthews, Walsall	6.30pm
Mon 9 June	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings



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<b>Tues 10 June</b>	Dance Lessons Monthly Munch Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 12.15pm 1.00pm-3pm 7.30pm – 9pm
<b>Wed 11 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Dance Lessons/Practice	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
<b>Thur 12 June</b>	Café on the Close Diocese Training Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group Alpha Course	10am – 12pm 9.30am onwards (Annexe & Church) 10am – 12pm 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge) 7.45pm
<b>Frid 13 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Prayer (Assisted Dying Bill) Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 9.15am 6pm – 9pm
<b>Sat 14 June</b>	Possible Private Room Hire tbc FIZZ	10am – 4pm (tbc) 12.00pm – 2pm (Tynings Lane)
<b>Sun 15 June</b>	See Gatherings on Front Page	
<b>Mon 16 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Church Suite Training Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am 9.30am – 3pm Evenings
<b>Tue 17 June</b>	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice/Lessons	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
<b>Wed 18 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Brick Church Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 4pm – 5.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
<b>Thurs 19 June</b>	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group Alpha Course	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Annexe) Usually 7.45pm
<b>Frid 20 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6pm – 9pm
<b>Sat 21 June</b>	Wide Awake Club	11.00am – 11.30am
<b>Sun 22 June</b>	See Gatherings on Front Page	
<b>Mon 23 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings
<b>Tues 24 June</b>	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
<b>Wed 25 June</b>	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm

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	Space to Pray	6.30pm – 7.15pm
	Dance Lessons	7.30pm
Thur 26 June	Café on the Close	10am – 12pm
	Diocese Training Day	9.30am – 12.45 (Annexe)
	Refresh Life Group	10am – 12pm
	Diocese Training Day	12.45 – 3.30pm (Church)
	Midweek Gathering	12.15-12.45pm
	New Life Group	7.30pm (Lounge)
Fri 27 June	Prayer & Percolation	9.15am (Lounge)
	Dog Training Classes	6pm – 9pm
	Knit, Stitch & Natter	10.30am-12pm (Annexe)
Sat 28 June		
Sun 29 June	See Gatherings on Front Page	
Mon 30 June	Prayer & Percolation	9.15am
	Brownies/Guides/Rangers	Evenings

## Contacts

- **Clergy –**  
**Rev David Sims (VICAR)** [vicar@stthomasaldridge.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk)  
 Please note that messages are not be seen or heard on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.
- **Children & Families Worker: Hannah Evans -**  
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*Please note that messages are not be seen or heard on Fridays & Saturdays.*
- **Prayer Coordinator: Liz Spiers -**  
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- **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](mailto:susan.grundy@yahoo.com)  
**Sue Quibell (for adults)** - 07889 885545 / [s.quibell@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:andrewjdickson999@hotmail.com)

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