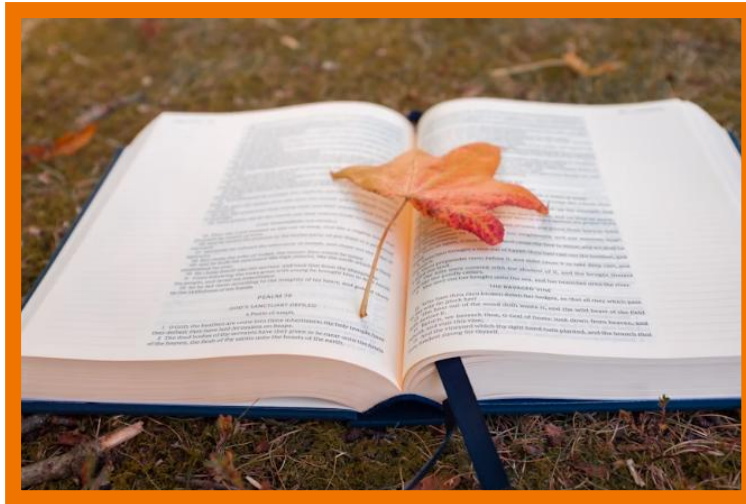


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Welcome to St Thomas Church

Sunday 5 Oct	CHAIRS Geoff & Ed / COFFEE Alison & Spencer / WELCOME ? Theme – Harvest 8.30am – The Reflective Harvest One, with early Holy Communion 10:30 – The Harvest All-In One, for all ages, with visiting farm animals 2.00pm – Harvest Wonderfully Messy Church, with visiting farm animals 18:30 - The Informal One, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)
Sunday 12 Oct	CHAIRS Jane & Adam / COFFEE Helen & Ann / WELCOME ? Theme – Shipwreck, Final Acts, Acts 27-29 10:30 – Lively One with Holy Communion, possible Thanksgiving for Freya No Wonderfully Messy (date changed so children can enjoy the Harvest farm animals) 18:30 – The informal One, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)
Sunday 19 Oct	CHAIRS Sue & Simon / COFFEE Jane & Ed / WELCOME ? Theme – The Ancient of Days, Rev 1:12-18 10:30 – The Lively One 18:30 - The informal one, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)
Sunday 26 Oct	CHAIRS Sue & Rich / COFFEE Colin & Sue / WELCOME ? Theme – The Messiah, John 4: 19-26 10.30 – The Lively One with Baptism of Martha 18:30 - The informal one, (18.30 for coffee, worship begins at 18.45)

We thank you for parking considerately,
please avoid parking in St Thomas Close 😊

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR, DAVID

It seems that, at this time of year, Every school run is delayed by ploughs, tractors, and combines- it's harvest!

When Jesus talked about the harvest though, He wasn't just thinking about wheat and barley alone - He was pointing us to something much bigger. In Matthew 9, He says, "*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*" It's His way of reminding us that there are so many people in the world who are ready to hear the good news, but they need someone to share it with them. That's where the church comes in- where you and I come in!

At St Thomas', we're not just a group of people who meet on Sundays - we're part of the body of Christ, called to live out His love in our community. Think of the harvest as Aldridge and beyond - friends, neighbours, families, and even strangers - all of them people who God loves deeply. The church is meant to be the workers in that harvest field, bringing encouragement, hope, and the message of Jesus to those who might be searching for it, even if they don't know it yet. Going- to love, tell and transform!

Spreading the gospel doesn't have to mean standing on a street corner with a microphone. It's often the small, everyday things: a kind word, a listening ear, an invitation to church, or a conversation over a cup of tea. When we live with Jesus at the centre, those around us notice, and doors open to share why our faith makes a difference.

Jesus promises that when we step out and sow seeds of the gospel, God will bring growth. Some of those seeds will take root quickly, others may take years, but none are wasted. As a church family here in Aldridge, we're called to lift our eyes and see the harvest around us - and to join in the joy of sharing the life-changing love of Jesus. Come Holy Spirit!

David Sims

Vicar

BITS and PIECES

JOB VACANCY - Aldridge Parish Church are looking for a cleaner for the Church Centre.

[Click here for flyer and application details](#)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE From Walsall Council Regarding Food Waste Survey -

Walsall Council are providing everyone with the opportunity to vote about how they would prefer their food waste to be collected (due March 2026). [Click here for flyer and info on how to vote](#)

WALK FOR PARKINSONS - Genette will be walking in October to raise funds for Parkinsons, as someone very dear to her is finding their life increasingly complicated by this condition. I would also like to do this for our St T's friend D and in very fond memory of P. If anyone would like to make a small contribution to this cause, please click below -

<https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/fundraisers/genetteandrews>

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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

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.

SPACE TO PRAY - Every Wednesday evening, 6.30pm-7.15pm in church (except August). 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

FILLING STATION - Wednesday 1st October and every first Wednesday of the month. Meeting in the Parish Church Centre next to Cooper and Jordan school from 7.30 for refreshments, 7.45pm start. [Click here for details of this month's Filling Station.](#)

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 (except August), immediately after Café on the Close at 12.15pm, for 30 minutes of worship, often with Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to come

HEALING ON THE STREETS - Saturday 4th October, at 11am - 1pm. Meeting outside Costa in Aldridge Shopping Centre. Takes place every first Saturday of the month.

SONGSMITHS & PSALMISTS - Saturday 4th October, at 1pm when you can join Andrew Clayton at St T's for songwriting sessions, music, prayer and coffee. All musicians and songwriters are welcome.

WONDERFULLY MESSY CHURCH - DATE CHANGE! - 5th October instead of 12th, at the earlier time of 2pm, so the children can enjoy meeting the animals that are visiting for a Harvest celebration. Date and time will return to the normal spot November onwards. This is a Faith based group for littlies with additional needs & their grown-ups. Usually meeting at 3pm - 4.30pm, on the second Sunday of the month (except August). Booking essential, contact vicar@stthomasaldridge.org.uk

BIBLE PACKING PARTY - Monday 6th October, 11am, at St T's.. Come and help package Bibles to send out to our TikTok friends.

BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS - Taking a break for Half Term on Wednesday 27th October. Usually every Monday evening during term time. Contact Steph Chebsie - steph_steps@yahoo.co.uk

FIZZ - Saturday 11th October. Fizz is a 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).

MONTHLY MUNCH - Tuesday 14th October, 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 to reserve your place - office@stthomasaldridge.org.uk.

SWING BAND, AT ST JOHN'S, WALSALL WOOD - 14th November 6.45 doors open, starts 7.30pm. [Click here for details](#)

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TOMS TODDLERS - Taking a break for Half Term on Wednesday 29th October. Usually every Wednesday morning, 10.00am-11.30am in term time, with the last meeting on Wednesday 16th July before breaking for summer. For Children from birth to pre-school age. Contact Hannah Evans - hannahevans@stthomasalldridge.org.uk

FOOTPRINTS - Taking a break for Half Term on Wednesday 29th October. Usually every Wednesday morning, 1.00pm-2.30pm in term time, with the last meeting on Wednesday 16th July before breaking for summer. For children from 2½ to school age. Contact Hannah Evans - hannahevans@stthomasalldridge.org.uk

BRICK CHURCH - Wednesday 15th October. Come and enjoy a Bible story, told through brick play, then enjoy a chip-shop tea together. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month but please note the following changes - **March** - no Brick Church / **April** - the date has been changed to the 1st of April due to Easter.

WIDE AWAKE CLUB - Saturday 18th October. Usually every 3rd Saturday of the month, at 10am-11.30am (except August). For Dads, Grandads & children up to age 10. There's a hot drink & breakfast sandwich for adults, and toys, toast & squash for smaller people.

"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM" DISCUSSIONS - Thursday's, beginning 23rd October, at 7.45pm. If you're not in a Life Group, join us in church for this new weekly discussion group, based on the sermons. (You can catch-up on any sermons you have missed on Facebook or YouTube.) To book your place contact Julie on fugglej@blueyonder.co.uk. [Click here for flyer](#)

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP - Monday 27th October. Usually every last Monday of the month, 12.30pm - 2pm. A friendly and supportive group for adoptive parents and children.

KNIT STITCH & NATTER - Friday 31st October. Usually 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

RECONNECT CAFÉ AT TYNINGS LANE - Saturday 15th November. Usually taking place every other month, on the 3rd Saturday, 3pm - 5pm.

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 15th November. Tables are now available to hire at a cost of £10 and can be booked by emailing Liz Spiers lizspiers55@blueyonder.co.uk.

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!)

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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.

Dog Training Classes, Through The Dog's Eyes - A wonderful new opportunity to join dog training classes. A number of 6-week training sessions take place at St Thomas Church. Email Sarah & Kit for details - 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 - 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 October - Do you pray over the news whilst you watch? As we watch disturbing events on TV it is so easy to get upset and disillusioned by what we hear and see, so we need to pray for all the issues that bother us. By praying about and lifting an issue to the Lord, he will either give us peace about it or keep reminding us to continue to pray about it for a while. Also, on social media there is so much false news and misinformation it is hard to know what to believe. Again, we need to pray for discernment to discover what is truth before we believe. *Jesus said "let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me" John 14:1*

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/>

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 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 ...

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Wed 1 October	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 (Aldridge Parish Church Centre) 7.30pm
Thur 2 October	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group	10am – 12pm 10.30am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge)
Frid 3 October	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6pm – 9pm
Sat 4 October	Healing on The Streets Songsmiths & Psalmists	11am – 1pm (Aldridge Centre, Nr Costa) 1pm – 4.30pm
Sun 5 October	HARVEST See Gatherings on Front Page Wonderfully Messy Church	8.30am / 10.30am / 2pm / 6.30pm 2pm- 3pm (<i>earlier date & time</i>)
Mon 6 October	Prayer & Percolation Bible Packing Party Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am 11am Evenings
Tue 7 October	Dance Lessons Monthly Munch Toddler Set-Up Band Practice/Lessons	10am – 1.00pm 12.15pm – 1.45pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 8 October	Prayer & Percolation Toddlers Footprints Space to Pray Dance Lessons	9.15am (Lounge) 10.00am – 11.30am 1pm – 2.30pm 6.30pm – 7.15pm 7.30pm
Thurs 9 October	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group	10am – 12pm 10.30am – 12pm 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge)
Frid 10 October	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6pm – 9pm
Sat 11 October	FIZZ	12pm – 2pm at Tynings Lane Church
Sun 12 October	See Gatherings on Front Page Possible Thanksgiving of Freya <i>No Wonderfully Messy (date change)</i>	10.30am / 6.30pm 10.30am (<i>date unconfirmed</i>)
Mon 13 October	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings
Tues 14 October	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 15 October	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
Thur 16 October	Café on the Close	10am – 12pm

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	Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group	10am – 12pm 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge)
Fri 17 October	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6pm – 9pm
Sat 18 October	Wide Awake Club	10am – 11.30am
Sun 19 October	See Gatherings on Front Page	10.30am / 6.30pm
Mon 20 October	Prayer & Percolation Brownies/Guides/Rangers	9.15am Evenings
Tues 21 October	Dance Lessons Toddler Set-Up Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm 1.00pm-3pm 7pm – 9pm
Wed 22 October	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 23 October	Café on the Close Refresh Life Group Midweek Gathering New Life Group “Who Do You Say I Am” Discussions	10am – 12pm 10am – 12pm (Lounge) 12.15-12.45pm 7.30pm (Lounge) 7.45pm
Frid 24 October	Prayer & Percolation Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 6.30pm – 9pm
Sat 25 October	<i>No Events</i>	
Sun 26 October	See Gatherings on Front Page Baptism of Martha	10.30am / 6.30pm 10.30am
Mon 27 October	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evenings</i>
Tues 28 October	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 29 October	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 30 October	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> Midweek Gathering <i>No New Life Group</i>	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm (Lounge)</i> 12.15-12.45pm <i>Usually 7.30pm (Lounge)</i>
Frid 31 October	Prayer & Percolation Knit, Stitch & Natter Dog Training Classes	9.15am (Lounge) 10.30am – 12pm 6pm – 9pm

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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.
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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
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/