

Monthly News for August 2025



Welcome to St Thomas Church

Sunday 3 August	CHAIRS Jane & Adam / COFFEE Genette / WELCOME Geoff Theme – Jonah and the Fish There is no 8.30am gathering this month! 10:30 – Summer Gathering for all ages 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
Sunday 10 August	CHAIRS Phil & Colin / COFFEE Helen & Ann / WELCOME Clive Theme – 1 Samuel 17, David and Goliath 10:30 - Summer Gathering for all ages with Holy Communion No Wonderfully Messy Church in August! 18:30 – The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
Sunday 17 August	CHAIRS Sue & Rich / COFFEE Sheila & Ann / WELCOME Ann Theme – Luke 15:11-32, The Prodigal Son 10:30 – Summer Gathering for all ages 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
Sunday 24 August	CHAIRS Clive & Genette / COFFEE Jo with Genette helping / WELCOME Eric Theme – Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan 10.30 – Summer Gathering for all ages 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45
Sunday 31 August	CHAIRS Geoff & Ed / COFFEE Helen & Sylvia / WELCOME Gill & Les Theme – Acts 16, Genesis 2:4 3:24 10.30 – Summer Gathering for all ages 18:30 - The informal one, enjoy coffee before worship begins at 18.45

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

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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

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

HEALING ON THE STREETS - Saturday 2nd August, at 11am - 1pm. Meeting outside Costa in Aldridge Shopping Centre. Takes place every first Saturday of the month.

A VISIT FROM THE HUGHES-BUNGERS - Tuesday 5th August 3-4 pm. Ruth and Luke Hughes Bunger, previous members of St T now living in Canada, are visiting the UK and would like to invite all who know them to an open house at Tynings Lane Church.

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

TYNINGS LANE, RECONNECT CAFÉ - Saturday 30th August, 3.30pm - 5pm.

BRICK CHURCH - Brick Church is taking a break over the summer and will return on Wednesday 3rd September. Come and have fun with bricks & share a chip-shop tea. Please note that dates vary each month, and we don't meet in August. Booking is essential!

SPACE TO PRAY - Taking a break in August and will meet again on Wednesday 3rd September. Usually 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 - Taking a break for the summer and returning on Wednesday 3rd September when you can join with the Churches of Aldridge for this special time of worship and teaching. Usually taking place on the first Wednesday of the month (except August), at Aldridge Parish Centre, at 7.45pm for refreshments and an 8pm start.

BROWNIES, GUIDES & RANGERS - Taking a break for the summer and returning on Monday 8th September. Usually every Monday evening during term time. Contact Steph Chebsie - steph_steps@yahoo.co.uk

MONTHLY MUNCH - Monthly Munch is taking a break over the Summer and will return on Tuesday 9th September, 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.

TOMS TODDLERS - Taking a break for the summer and returning on Wednesday 10th September. 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@stthomasaldridge.org.uk

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FOOTPRINTS - Taking a break for the summer and returning on Wednesday 10th September. 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 2½ to school age. Contact Hannah Evans -hannahevans@stthomasalldridge.org.uk

FIZZ - Taking a break for the summer and returning on Saturday 13th September. 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).

WONDERFULLY MESSY CHURCH - Taking a break for the summer. Please also note the following changes:

September has changed to the 7th, instead of the 14th, due to the exciting news that we have Messy Church Baptisms!

October has changed to the 5th instead of 12th, with the revised time of 2pm, so that we can see the animals that are visiting the 10.30am Harvest Gathering.

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@stthomasalldridge.org.uk

MIDWEEK GATHERING - Taking a break for the summer and returning in September (date to be confirmed). Usually every Thursday (except during August) immediately after Café on the Close at 12.15pm, for 30 minutes of worship, often with Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to come

SONGSMITHS & PSALMISTS - Taking a break for the summer and returning on 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.

BISHOP TIM'S CALL TO PRAYER - Friday 19th September, at St T's, at 7pm.

WIDE AWAKE CLUB - Taking a break for August and will return on Saturday 20th September. 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.

KNIT STITCH & NATTER - Taking a break for August and will return on Friday 26th September. 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

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP - Meeting on the revised date of Monday 4th August and returning on Monday 29th September. Usually every last 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 15th 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.

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 - Space to Pray will be taking a break in August. We will meet this Wednesday 30th July and then again on 3rd September. Usually meeting on 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 or 01922 453944

Prayer Focus for August - As we move into the month of August our daily routines may change for the summer. The school run and regular activities stop and there are opportunities for days out, holidays and relaxing with family. But let us think of and pray for those in leadership positions in our church, who continue to work throughout the summer for our benefit; our minister, our administrator, children's worker, wardens and all group leaders. We thank the Lord for each of them and pray He may refresh and rejuvenate them all as they seek to do His will. *Matt.25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"*

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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 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.



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WHAT'S ON ...

Fri 1 August	NEW WINE Prayer & Percolation <i>No Dog Training Classes</i>	ALL DAY 9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 6pm – 9pm</i>
Sat 1 August	NEW WINE Healing on The Streets	ALL DAY 11am (Aldridge Shopping Centre)
Sun 3 August	See Gatherings On Front Sheet Dance Lessons	10am (Annexe)
Mon 4 August	NEW WINE Prayer & Percolation Adoption Support (revised date) <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	LAST DAY 9.15am 12.30pm – 2pm <i>Usually Evenings</i>
Tues 5 August	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7.30pm – 9pm
Wed 6 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Summer Sessions Brick & Build Wonderfully Made Brick & Build <i>No Space to Pray</i> Dance Lessons/Practice	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 10.00am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> 10am – 12pm 2pm – 4pm <i>Usually 6.30pm – 7.15pm</i> 7.30pm
Thur 7 August	Café on the Close No Refresh Life Group <i>No Midweek Gathering</i> <i>No New Life Group</i>	10am – 12pm Usually 10am – 12pm <i>12.15-12.45pm</i> <i>7.30pm (Lounge)</i>
Frid 8 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Dog Training Classes</i>	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 6pm – 9pm</i>
Sat 9 August	<i>No FIZZ</i>	<i>Usually 12.00pm – 2pm (Tynings Lane)</i>
Sun 10 August	See Gatherings on Front Page Dance Lesson	10am (Annexe)
Mon 11 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evenings</i>
Tue 12 August	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice/Lessons	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 13 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Summer Sessions Picnic & Ice Cream Wonderfully Made Picnic & Ice Cream <i>No Space to Pray</i> Dance Lessons	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 10.00am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> 11am – 1pm 2pm – 4pm <i>Usually 6.30pm – 7.15pm</i> 7.30pm
Thurs 14 August	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> <i>No Midweek Gathering</i> <i>No New Life Group</i>	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm</i> <i>Usually 12.15-12.45pm</i> <i>Usually 7.30pm (Annexe)</i>

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Frid 15 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Dog Training Classes</i>	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 6pm – 9pm</i>
Sat 16 August	No Events	
Sun 17 August	See Gatherings on Front Page	
Mon 18 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evenings</i>
Tues 19 August	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 20 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> <i>No Space to Pray</i> Dance Lessons	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 10.00am – 11.30am</i> <i>Usually 1pm – 2.30pm</i> <i>Usually 6.30pm – 7.15pm</i> 7.30pm
Thur 21 August	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> <i>No Midweek Gathering</i> <i>No New Life Group</i>	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm</i> <i>Usually 12.15-12.45pm</i> <i>Usually 7.30pm (Lounge)</i>
Fri 22 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Dog Training Classes</i> <i>No Knit, Stitch & Natter</i>	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 6pm – 9pm</i> <i>Usually 10.30am-12pm (Annexe)</i>
Sat 23 August	No Events	
Sun 24 August	See Gatherings on Front Page	
Mon 25 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Brownies/Guides/Rangers</i>	9.15am <i>Usually Evenings</i>
Tues 26 August	Dance Lessons <i>No Toddler Set-Up</i> Band Practice	10am – 1.00pm <i>Usually 1.00pm-3pm</i> 7pm – 9pm
Wed 27 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> Summer Sessions Inflatable Fun Wonderfully Made Inflatable Fun <i>No Space to Pray</i> Dance Lessons	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Toddlers</i> <i>No Footprints</i> 10am – 12pm 2pm – 4pm <i>Usually 6.30pm – 7.15pm</i> 7.30pm
Thur 28 August	Café on the Close <i>No Refresh Life Group</i> <i>No Midweek Gathering</i> <i>No New Life Group</i>	10am – 12pm <i>Usually 10am – 12pm</i> <i>Usually 12.15-12.45pm</i> <i>Usually 7.30pm (Lounge)</i>
Frid 29 August	Prayer & Percolation <i>No Dog Training Classes</i> No Knit, Stitch & Natter	9.15am (Lounge) <i>Usually 6.30pm – 9pm</i> <i>Usually 10.30am – 12pm</i>
Sat 30 August	Tynings Lane Reconnect Café	3.30pm – 5pm (Tynings Lane Church)
Sun 31 August	See Gatherings on Front Page	

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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.
- **Wardens -**
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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/