

Welcome!

We're so pleased to see you at St Thomas' today. Whether you're new to Chesterfield and looking for a church or exploring what it means to follow Jesus and who He is, we'd love to meet you. We have an information desk at the back of church and a welcome team on hand!



TODAY

9.30am Holy Communion
11am Service of Word
6pm Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY 6 MAY

9.30am Morning Worship
11am Service of Word
6pm Evening Worship

MISSED A SERVICE?

Recordings of our services can be found on our website www.st-thomas-brampton.org

FOLLOW ST THOMAS'

Apart from this notice sheet you can keep up to date with us at www.st-thomas-brampton.org or find us on Facebook or Twitter by searching for St Thomas Brampton.

If you would like an item to be included in this notice sheet please email it admin@st-thomas-brampton.org by 9am on a Wednesday morning.



GET INVOLVED

If you decide that St Thomas' is the church for you, the best way to settle in is to get involved. We want to be a church where anyone can come, feel welcomed and accepted, and find their way at their own pace. Joining a small group and serving are great ways to get involved and feel part of St Thomas'.

Children and Youth

If you are visiting with children we would love for them to join in with our fun children's activities during the 11am service. They will start off in church and will leave during the service and return before the service ends.

SPARKS Children aged 1-4 can join our Sparks group in the Suite which adjoins church. You will need to take them and collect them afterwards but you may stay with them if you wish.

FLAMES AND TRAILBLAZERS Children aged 5-10 meet in Meeting Room 1 over in the Centre.

PATHFINDERS Children aged 11-14 meet in Meeting Room 2 over in the Centre.

YOUTH For information about our Youth group (Yr9 and up) please see Letty Underdown. admin@st-thomas-brampton.org

For information about our children's work please contact our church office. Email admin@st-thomas-brampton.org

What's on this Week

EVERY SUNDAY

10.15am Prayer in Meeting Room 2

MONDAY 30 APRIL

9.45am - 11.30am Tots' Café in Centre

TUESDAY 1 MAY

10am-12.30pm Knit and Natter in Centre

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY

7.30pm Discipleship Booster in Coffee Bar

THURSDAY 3 MAY

10.30am Rendezvous in Centre

FRIDAY 4 MAY

9.30-10am Prayers in Vestry
7pm-10pm Community Evening,
47 Brookside Glen, S40 3PG

SATURDAY 5 MAY

10am-1.30pm Food Market in Centre

RENDEZVOUS All seniors are welcome to come to First Thursday Rendezvous on 3 May. We will meet for tea/coffee at 10.30am and then welcome back Judy Bennison who will lead us through simple exercises whilst we remain seated. Lunch will follow and Alison and Graham will be with us to talk about Christian Aid and they will have their Traidcraft sales table. We will finish around 1.30pm. Cost £5 each. For any more information, contact David Oldale (272333).

PLEDGE FORMS Please can you put your completed pledge forms in an envelope marked 'The Treasurer', and hand them in to wardens or clergy or into the church office. Many thanks

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE Next Thursday 10 May at 7.30pm.

THE TRAIDCRAFT STALL with cards, gifts and fairtrade foodstuffs will be at the Food Market on 5 May and in church for each of the Services on Sunday 6 May.



TRAIDCRAFT

Support Traidcraft and help to fight poverty around the world.

CHURCH COLLECTION for Christian Aid Week on 13 May Envelopes for donations to Christian Aid Week are at the back of church and there will be a retiring collection after all the services on that day.

DISCIPLESHIP BOOSTER Starting this Wednesday 2 May at 7:30pm. We're piloting a Discipleship Booster, looking at how we can best follow Jesus together and live as disciples making disciples. It is envisaged that this will be 10-12 sessions, in the coffee bar, led by Mark Depledge and Andy Smith, with a view to launching a new 'life group' (small/house group). If anyone is interested please talk to Mark Depledge, mark.deppy@gmail.com or contact the office.

FLOWERS This week's flowers have been paid for by David and Carol Barker in celebration of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, on the 29 April.

PRAYERS for Christian Aid Week and Thy Kingdom Come. Christian Aid Week falls within the global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' in which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ (www.thykingdomcome.global). To help in prayer a devotional for Christian Aid Week and Thy Kingdom Come has been produced. Copies are available at the back of church but you can join in via the website or order your own copy at www.caweek.org/devotional

CENTRE BBQ This Sunday 6 May, 12.30-4.30pm. £10 Adult, £5 Child. Tickets can be purchased from the Centre reception.

TAX AND GIFT AID At the APCM our Treasurer, David Oldale, appealed for all those donors who pay tax to consider agreeing to sign a gift aid form so that the Church, which is a registered charity, can claim back tax which means the donation is increased by 25%. If you have already signed a gift aid form, then that will last as long as you pay sufficient tax. If you have any questions please have a word with David Oldale. Whilst on the subject of Gift Aid, please note that other organisations associated with our churches (e.g. Hope House) cannot claim tax back.

You're invited to join our Big Brekkie!

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and fill up at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving up a delicious morning meal, and raising money to help fight poverty and injustice.

Sunday 13th May
St Thomas' Centre
10.15am - 11.15am

Sign up at the back of Church or at the Centre Reception

christian aid
13-19 MAY

PRE 11AM SERVICE PRAYERS In order to allow more people to be involved, prepare better for the 11am service and have time for God to speak about what is on his heart, David Owens has suggested we meet at 10.15-10.30 am in Meeting Room 2 in the Centre. We have been trialling this recently and are finding it is working really well, so we hope to continue with this arrangement. We would love to see any who are involved in the service in any way,(prayers, welcomers, readers, musicians, distributors, sound and visual operators etc), plus any who feel called to pray. We appreciate the effort needed to be in church early, but feel sure you will find it worthwhile. Those already involved find it a very special and uplifting time, which we know is affecting how we worship in our service. The group is growing in number and we believe God will bless the commitment that we make to pray together in this way. Another advantage of being in church early, as well as the importance of feeling more prepared to worship, is that we have time to meet and mix and chat with people, both 9.30am and 11am worshippers. Please consider prayerfully if this is something God is calling you to do. We look forward to welcoming you.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS STRONGER THAN STORMS

- is the theme for this year's Christian Aid Week which has a particular focus on Haiti. Volunteers are needed to help with the house to house collection during Christian Aid Week. We have lost a lot of collectors

(who have moved from St Thomas' since last year) so new collectors are most welcome. If you have already committed to a round(s) you will find a named slip with envelopes



and supporting information today at the back of church. There will be a sign-up sheet for new volunteers and envelopes etc for rounds in our parish. Please contact Alison or Graham Wells, alisonjanew@sky.com or 01246 566257 if you have any questions about collecting etc.

FOOD MARKET in the Centre this Saturday 5 May. 10am - 1.30pm. Come and support local businesses and pick up your favourite foodstuffs!

THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER We are once again called by our Archbishops to pray for our community during the Thy Kingdom Come week of prayer. From Monday 14 May to Friday 18 May there will be opportunity to pray in church for 15 minutes at 7.30am and 12 noon. Please commit to as many as you can. If coming to church is not practical for you during the week, you could commit to pray wherever you are, pray for those in our community to come to know the love of Jesus.

NEW TO ST THOMAS'?

We would LOVE to connect with you and tell you all about life at St Thomas'. If you would like to complete the form below and hand to a member of our welcome team we will get in touch with you.

Name/s:

Contact numbers:

Email Address:

Address:

Which service do you attend? 9.30am 11am 6pm