

# St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge and St John's, West Ashton

## Weekly News



**Sunday 20th November 2022 , Christ the King**

**10.30am, St Thomas: All Age Worship** led by Paul E with  
Baptism led by Colin T.

**10.30am, Kingfisher: Morning Service** led by Alison  
Bennett/Andrew at The Mead School

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over  
all creation. For in him all things were created: things in  
heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones  
or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been cre-  
ated through him and for him.

*Colossians 1: 15 & 16*

### *Welcome*

*You are warmly welcome to join us for any of our services -  
if you are new please make yourself known to us and please join us  
for coffee or tea after the service.*

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## Services for 27th November 2022 - Advent Sunday

**10.30am, St Thomas: Mission Focus Ugandaid** led by Angela Grist and Steve E.

Flowers: Pam T.

**10.30am, Kingfisher: Informal Service** led by Ed at The Mead School

**4pm, St John's: Christingle Service**

### Warm Spaces

There will be a short meeting in the church rooms about 12.15 after the morning service on 20th November for anyone interested in helping or just gathering information about the Warm Space Welcome initiative that St Thomas will be engaging with. Geoff T.

### Mission on Paxcroft and Castle Meads

Give thanks for a generous donation (a car full!) of used books in good condition, which we have taken to Castle Mead School. These were given via Sharon G, and were very gratefully received.

Give thanks that this week Ruth has been given opportunities at the Parent and Toddler group, her dance fitness class in the Community Centre, and Castle Mead School this week to explain why she does what she does - that she is part of Kingfisher Church which tries to support the community by helping out when there is a need, and to encourage the staff. Pray that she will be able to build on these contacts, and talk about her faith in future conversations.

Give thanks for a good meeting between Alison and a new Christian member of staff at the Mead School, Chris B, and pray that we will be able to support and encourage him through our involvement with the school.

Please pray for Alison, Ruth and Jean C as they prepare to lead the Christingle Service at St John's West Ashton on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## Pam P's Funeral

The funeral of Pam P, who passed away in The Wingfield Care Home on 27th October at the age of 91, will take place at midday on 23 November at St Thomas Church, followed by committal at Hilperton and the wake at Trowbridge Rugby Club. Your support of the family at this sad time by your presence will be appreciated.

## Church Christmas Card Scheme

Instead of buying cards for lots of people in the church, why not put one up and give the money to charity. This year's charity is Ugandaid.



There will be a board up in church, from **11th December**, for you to put your card on and a box for your donations.

See Ivor S for details

## After School Club

A few people from St Thomas Church feel it is the right time to set up an After School Club at Holy Trinity to serve our three secondary schools. They are still seeking God's will and very much in the planning phase. If you would be interested in supporting such a venture either by volunteering, praying or have any wisdom to impart from previous experience then please could you contact Geoff H at [geoffharriet@gmail.com](mailto:geoffharriet@gmail.com). You would also be welcome to join in prayer at Holy Trinity 3pm on Tuesday 15th November as the students file past after school.

## Coffee Morning

Gordon and Celia R invite you to their annual Bible Society Coffee Morning which this year is a joint effort with, and to be held at, North Bradley Baptist Church on Saturday 3rd December 10 am to 12 noon. Lots of parking. We look forward to seeing you.



## Old Christmas Cards wanted

Religious preferred. For cutting up at a Messy Church event. Please pass to me (or another member of the Messy Church Team) by Sun 27th Nov.

Many thanks, Anita



## Christmas Tree Festival

St James' Church

Tuesday 29th Nov—Sunday 3rd Dec, open daily 10am—5pm except Sat till 4pm.



## Bring and Share Supper for UGANDAID

We would love you to join us for an informal Bring and Share Supper on the November 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 St Thomas' Church Rooms to meet Steve E, one of the core members of the Ugandaid team. Please sign up on the list on the notice board in the Church Rooms corridor if you'd like to come. Also if anyone would like to bring some cakes to share after the Sunday service (27th) that would be great. We will give any money donations to Ugandaid.

## St James Players

"Do you have people in your church who would like to join St James' Players for the 2023 Holy Week Play (April 2nd to 7th - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Good Friday)? Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons from early 2023. Please contact Angela G on 012254 762472"



All proceeds to church funds

Friday 2 December  
at 7.30pm

An evening of traditional and popular  
Christmas songs and singalong with  
The Wiltshire Council Singers

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Tickets £6 under 12s free

Includes welcome mulled  
wine and mince pie

St John's Church,  
West Ashton, BA14 6AT



Tickets from Jo Walkins 753196 / Jean Robertson 760368



***St John's Parish Church, West Ashton  
Warmly Invite You To Rejoice In The  
Following Christmas Services***

*Experience the magic of the candlelit  
**Christingle Service***

*Sunday, 27 November, 2022 at 4.00pm*

*Commemorate Our Saviour's Birth and Join Us For  
**St John's Carols & Readings***

*Sunday, 18 December, 2022 at 10.30am*

*Celebrate Christmas Eve Communion  
Saturday, 24 December, 2022 at 3.00pm*

*The Miracle Birth Of Jesus -  
**Christmas Day***

*Sunday, 25 December, 2022 at 10.30am*

*A Family Service At St Thomas' Church, Trowbridge*

