

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

Weekly News

Sunday 24th November 2024

Christ the King



**10.30am: St Thomas': Mission focus: speaker Rev Ian
Fall of Flame International "Being set free": Led by Paul
Edwards**

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

Isaiah 64:1&2

Welcome

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

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Service for 1st December 2024 Advent Sunday

10.30am: St Thomas': Holy Communion: Led by Helen Durrant-Stevensen

Flowers: Pam Thomas

4pm: St John's: Christingle: Led by Alison Bennett

Celebration Service for Reuben

Following a private cremation, there will be a service to celebrate the life of Reuben D at St Thomas' Church on Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm followed by drinks and cake in the church. The family would love to see many friends there.

Admin Assistant Job Opportunity

We are looking to appoint a n admin assistant to assist the Church Administrator. Up to 4 hrs a week ideally 2 hours Thursday and Friday also covering holidays and sickness. If you are interested or would like to know more please speak to Frankie in the church office or Pat K.

Living Nativity in Schools

Volunteer Opportunity - Friday 6th December

The Kingfisher team are continuing their tradition of taking a Living Nativity - interactive telling of the Christmas story - into the Mead and Castle Mead Schools. This is a great outreach opportunity, and has reached hundreds of children over the years. We are going into both schools on Friday 6th December (morning and afternoon). Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered: *we could do with one or two more people for the afternoon.* **If you feel you might be able to help with this then please speak to Alice B or Paul E as soon as possible.**

We are also **looking for** some **green fabric** to be grass on the 'hillside' and a **white double duvet** (just the duvet without a cover) to be a cloud (for the angel gabriel to stand on!) **If you could lend or give us either of those, please also contact Alice or Paul**

Please also pray for our preparations, for us working well together, for health on the day, and for the children and staff to enjoy the experience and understand the message. Thank you.

CATA Annual Celebration

This year's CATA Celebration Service will be on **Sunday 24 November, 6.30pm, at St James Church.** This is always an uplifting event so would you please publicise this widely in your churches and encourage folks to come along to celebrate the great work being done by many CATA organisations across Trowbridge.

Our special guest speaker this year is Roger Sutton CEO of The Gather Movement. The strap line of the Gather Movement on their website (<https://gathermovement.org>) says that they are *"A movement of over 8,000 churches and charities, based in over 150 cities and towns, working together, on the ground, to see our places transformed."*

It promises to be a really interesting and informative evening as we learn about their work.

Additionally, we wanted to make the most of Roger Sutton being with us and have therefore organised an opportunity for all CATA church/organisation leaders and members of leadership teams to meet with him before the Celebration event to discuss the work of CATA, learn more about Gather's work and to explore how they might be able to help us be even more effective in seeing Trowbridge transformed.

The aim is to have as much as possible an open discussion. The meeting will be from 5.00 - 6.00pm in St James Church Hall at the end of which St James have kindly agreed to provide tea/coffee before we proceed to the main Celebration Meeting. This is an opportunity not to be missed and we hope that you can make it. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers, therefore please can you reply to me (ajandrews@btinternet.com) if you are able to attend?

Yours in Christ

Chris Andrews

Bible Society Coffee Morning

Gordon and Celia R

Invite you to the annual Bible Society Coffee Morning

To be held at North Bradley Baptist Church

On Saturday 7th December 10 am to 12 noon.

All very welcome.



Christmas Card Scheme

I will be offering the Christmas Card Scheme from 5th December this year for anyone who wants to send a greeting to the whole church.

I will provide materials needed for you to put a card on the board in church and a box for you to make a donation to the church funds.

Contact me for more information Ivor S

