



St Thomas'
FAIR OAK &
HORTON HEATH

OUTLOOK

Welcome to St. Thomas' Church where our aim is:



*"To know Jesus better
and to make Him better known."*

It Starts With Prayer!

Malachi 3:10 says "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse." Prayer is one of our offerings to God and our challenge is how we pray, how often we pray and to pray corporately. These are exciting times for us at the moment, seeking to fulfil the vision we believe God has given for our area. Because of that, there will be an opportunity to pray in the church building on Monday evenings from 7-8pm beginning from 11th September.



Home Church leaders meeting

The meeting for Home Church leaders has been changed to Thursday 14th September at 8pm in the extension.

New Term Dates

Monday Seniors Club returns on Monday 11th Sept
Teddy Bear Club returns on Tuesday 12th Sept
Fountain Cafe returns on Wednesday 13th Sept
See over for Youth meetings planned so far...

Thank you

Thank you again for your generosity on Gift Day in July. On 7 Sep the PCC decided to allocate £7,500 of the Gift Day money to the development of the Fountain café and £4,000 to replacing audio-visual equipment for our services. Hallelujah.
Thank you also to those of you who have recently amended your regular giving to the Lord. From 17 September we are back to having 7 members of paid staff ministering to us, across all the ages, in addition to the clergy. We need to honour them by being able to pay their salaries to extend the Kingdom in this parish and beyond. "Those who honour me, I will honour", says the Lord in 1 Samuel 2:30. Bless you all Dave Alford, Treasurer. davealford@aol.com

Contact us:

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9am - 12pm

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September 10th

9.30am Morning Communion - church building
10.00am Family Service - Wyvern main hall
7.00pm Deeper Service - church building

September 17th - welcoming Sean Marsh!

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This Fortnight @ ST. TOMS

Sunday 10th Sept	9.30am 10.00 10.30 7pm	Morning Service - church building Coffee at Wyvern College Family Service - Wyvern main hall Deeper - church building
Monday	10-3 7pm	Monday Seniors' Club - extension 'It Starts With Prayer' - church building
Tuesday	9.30am 1.30pm	Teddy Bear Club - extension Teddy Bear Club - extension
Wednesday	6am 9am 10am 10am 2pm	Prayer - church building Fountain Cafe in Wyvern Windows Midweek Communion - church building Oasis - extension Wednesday Home Church - extension
Thursday	7pm 8pm	Youth Club for all year groups - Loft Home Church Leaders Meeting - extension
Friday	12noon	Friday Seniors' Lunch Club - extension
Sunday 17th Sept	9.30am 10.00 10.30 7pm	Morning Service - church building Coffee at Wyvern College Family Service at Wyvern main hall Deeper - church building
Monday	10-3 7pm 7.30pm	Monday Seniors' Club - extension 'It Starts With Prayer' - church building Mental Health Support Group - Loft
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Thursday	7-9pm 6.45pm	Youth Pizza Night for all year groups - Loft Alpha Course starts - extension
Friday	12noon	Friday Seniors' Lunch Club - extension
Sunday 24th Sept	9.30am 10.00 10.30 7pm	Morning Service - church building Coffee at Wyvern College Family Service at Wyvern main hall Deeper - church building

News & Communication

Communicating with everyone connected with St Thomas' is principally done via: Outlook news sheet in church; Weekly Newsletter email; video news shown in services; Facebook page and website.

If you currently do not receive the Weekly Newsletter email, you can sign up for it via the website or pass your email address to the office.

If you are a parent of a child in Youth Network, you can also sign up for the Parents Newsletter. Again, sign up via website or pass your email to the office.



Alpha 2017

The Alpha Course has been around for over 30 years and has been attended by more than 27 million people world wide. Alpha is for everyone, but particularly for those who would not describe themselves as

Christians or church goers. It is typically run over 11 weeks with one day away and where anyone can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. There is no charge, it is completely free. St Thomas' will be running Alpha starting Thursday 21st September 6.45pm for 7pm. The evening will start with a meal, followed by a talk and a time for discussion and any questions. If you are interested in helping or attending, please get in touch with the Alpha Team at alpha@sttoms.co.uk or call the Church office on 023 8069 5786 or at office@sttoms.co.uk.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this years Alpha course.

We need :

- Small group leaders ,
- Washer uppers
- Setter uppers
- Clear uppers
- Food makers
- Pray-ers

Please let us know asap if you can help and perhaps start thinking - who you could ask and bring along!!



Contactless and Chip & Pin Giving at Wyvern

We are trialing a card giving system at our Wyvern service! At the back of Wyvern hall, there will be a 'chip and pin' reader and tablet. Simply select the giving icon and choose your amount. Present card when prompted. Feedback on the process greatly appreciated!



Street Pastor training

Training opportunities are available in September for new Street Pastors. Please contact Ali 02381 783018 ali@sttoms.co.uk , see Liz Richardson or email fair oak@streetpastors.org.uk for more information.

Sunday Readings

10th Sept	Exodus	12:1-14
	Galatians	1:10-24
	Matthew	18:1-20
17th Sept	Exodus	14:19-25
	Galatians	2:1-10
	Matthew	18:21-35
24th Sept	Exodus	16:1-5
	Galatians	2:11-21
	Matthew	20:1-16



YOUTH NETWORK NEWS

Sean and Abbie

Many of you will be aware that Sean has been appointed as our new Youth Minister. We will be officially welcoming him and his wife, Abbie, on Sunday 17th September at our morning services.

We would like to bless them with a hamper of goodies as a gift of welcome. If you would like to contribute something to that, please leave it with the office or at the back of the church.

Youth Network Meetings

14th September - Youth Club - at the loft - 7-9pm

17th September - Welcome service for Sean

18th September - First Mess at Wyvern (lunchtime)

21st September - Pizza night at the loft to welcome Sean (£4 for pizza)

24th September - Car wash 2-4pm
Fundraising event. Come to the church layby to get your car washed!

WEEKEND AWAY

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th October
Dalesdown, West Sussex

We need to start finalising numbers for our weekend away. It is set to be a brilliant time away, as always. Consent forms available from the office. The cost this year is £90.

PCC Meeting overview from 6th July

- Michelle Pride was nominated as Safeguarding Officer, replacing Josh Heather.
- The PCC was advised that a single candidate would be interviewed by the panel on 12/13th July. The applicant (Sean Marsh) was subsequently recruited.
- A discussion around the provision of a Youth Intern role for Catherine was proposed and approved. Catherine begins this role this month.

Hospital Visits

If you know anyone in hospital who would welcome a visit from either the Pastoral Team or hospital Chaplaincy, please contact the church office or a member of the Pastoral Team.

Please pray for:

Our Clergy: Ali Mepham, Kat Mepham, Bob Nicholls,

Our Readers: Dave Owens, Danny Stuppel, Bruce White

Sean & Abbie Marsh: our new Youth Minister and his wife

'Engine Room': Catherine, Gary, Jane, Julie, Louise, Pam

Healing:

Beryl Applegate, Win Arnold, Roger Davies, Daphne Eade, Evie Johnson, Thelma Powell, Helen Stoll, Pat Wakeford

For bereaved families of:

David Luff, Brian Marchant, Freda Brewer

Please contact the office if you wish to add any name to the prayer list.