

St Thomas'

Stopsley Parish Church
19 Mar 2023

Newsletter

Seeking to Share God's Love

Services this week:

Sun: 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am

Wed 10am Midweek Service

Daily Livestream 10am (Apart from Friday)



Join us on Mothering Sunday

Daffodils will be handed out as we celebrate motherhood.
Sunday March 19th at all three services.



Restoring hope to the needy through love and compassion

Hands of Mercy

25th Celebration

Saturday 18th March, 2pm-5pm

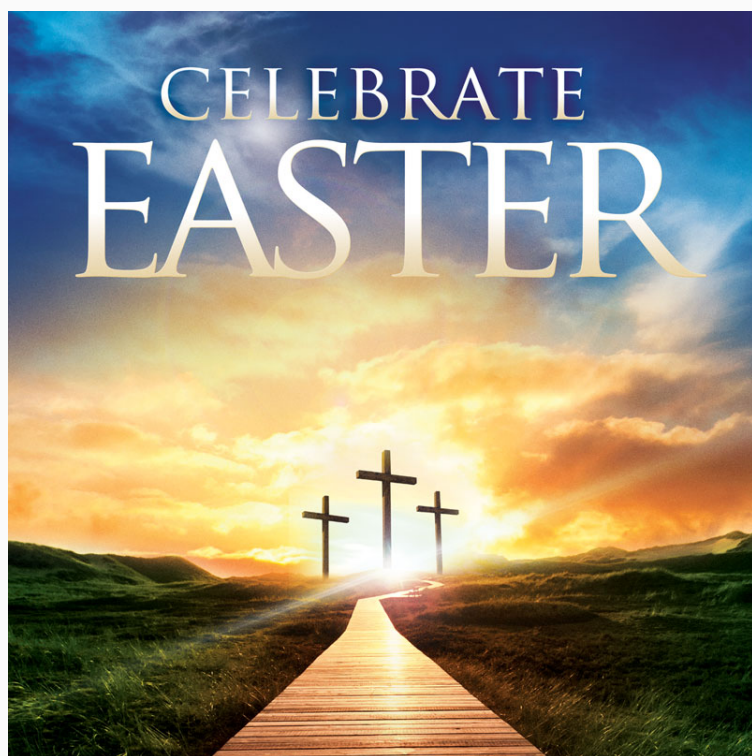
You are warmly invited to celebrate 25 years of Hands of Mercy at a Bring and Share afternoon tea! You will hear from Sally Escoto, Director of Hands of Mercy in the Philippines, about the impact of the work and how lives are being transformed in the needy areas of Mandaluyong, Manila.

This celebration will be held at Stopsley Baptist Church, St. Thomas' Road, Luton, LU2 7XP from 2pm – 5pm.
Further information – info@handsofmercyph.org or call 07467 127023



Filipino Event - Sunday 26th March 4-7pm

We are holding an event in our Church and Hall for Filipinos in Luton. If you know anyone from the Philippines invite them to join us for a gathering for Filipino food, sharing together and a service led by our visitors Sally and Joey Escoto. The event will largely be in Tagalog, which is the main language of the Philippines (although there will be some translation to English, and the songs will be largely in English).



Easter Services 2023

Palm Sunday - April 2

8.30am Communion

10am Easter Nine Lessons and Carols!

11.30am Informal Service

Maundy Thursday - April 6

7.30pm Lord's Supper and Anointing

Good Friday - April 7

9.30am Walk of Witness - start at St Christopher's Round Green and walk via Stopsley, Ashcroft Rd, Ramridge Estate, and to St Francis. Join us at any point. We will pause to pray at each church along the way.

11am Joint Good Friday Service at St Francis Church.

2pm Hour Around the Cross

Easter Eve - Saturday 8 April

8pm Easter Light Service

Easter Sunday - 9 April

6am Meet for Sunrise Service

9am Easter Breakfast - sign up in porch

10.30am Easter Celebration

Sunday Club would like to invite you to Join Us on Easter Sunday For Easter Breakfast



Join us in the church hall at 9am where the Sunday club will look after you and you can choose from a selection of

- Cereal
- Fresh fruit
- Yoghurt
- Jams and Marmalades
- Pastries
- Toast
- Hot cross buns
- Muffins
- Tea
- Coffee
- Fruit Juice
- Bacon
- Sausage
- Scrambled egg
- Beans
- Mushrooms

Please sign up via the sheet in the porch.

Please be aware we are not charging a set price for this but hoping we are able to cover the costs with voluntary donations

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WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?



Come and explore...

What is life all about? What does Christianity have to offer?

Join us to go deeper into Christianity!

The ongoing dates are:

Daytime Group - Tuesday 11am

March 28, April 11

Evening Group - Wednesday 7:30pm

March 29, April 12

Coffee Morning for Book Lovers



A huge thank you to all who supported, contributed and came to our Book Lovers Coffee Morning. A great time was had by all - so much so that we have been asked to hold another one in the summer. We raised around £250 and are delighted to have raised funds and awareness for the charity 'Above and Beyond' - helping cancer sufferers.



Lent Lunches

During Lent we offer Lent Lunches on Wednesdays. If you are able to join us then please come along. Each Wednesday of Lent will have the following programme:

10am Communion Service in Church and on livestream

11am Coffee or Tea

11:30am A Lent Theme - Jesus' 'Sermon on the Mount'

12 Noon - Lunch - Soup and bread

March 22, 29; April 5



Donations towards the daffodils for Mothering Sunday and the Easter flowers will be gratefully received. They can be handed in to the Parish Office, or if in a marked envelope put in the collection box at the back of church.

Is anyone able to help Linda with the flower arranging from time to time? Please speak to Linda in church, or leave a message with the Parish Office.



A very big THANK YOU

to the kind donor of the 160th anniversary mugs, all money that came in from the sales has been profit for St Thomas's, and we have sold around 80 mugs. The mugs have now been reduced to £3 each and any unsold will be withdrawn from sale after Easter – so this is your last chance to get your souvenir mug at a bargain price!



St Thomas' Stopsley

Welcome!
Prayers begin at 10am

Daily Livestream 10am

Most weeks this is every day apart from Fridays - see the header of this newsletter to see details for this week. Join us on the Church Facebook page '[St Thomas Parish Church Stopsley](#)' (click this title, or search for it)

After the service the video will be posted on a [Google Public Folder](#) (click this title to find) and afterwards on our [YouTube Channel](#), and via our [Church Website](#). You can find our [Church Website](#) by clicking the link or searching 'www.stopsleyparish.org'. You can find the [YouTube Channel](#) by clicking the link or searching 'Stopsley Parish Church'.

The Messenger



Get your copy!

We have a new monthly printed publication. Let us know if you would like to receive a copy. Contact themessenger.stopsley@gmail.com



Inspirational Quote:

Prayer imparts a peace within "as high as the mountain, as deep as the sea"—creating a Christlike serenity of soul. *V. L. Crawford*



Birthdays and other Celebrations Congratulations to the following:

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17 Christina Maroudias, Gail Sexton, Emily Jones
18 Phil Walsh, Darren Bond, Debbie Coffey
19 Nicole Clarke, Richard Garwood,
Wedding Anniversary Glenn and Margina Rogers
21 Terry Philpott, Lisa Townson
22 Autumn Parsons
24 Gina Cook
26 Brenda Alexander
27 Caroline Brown, Ruth Barr
28 Nilanka Appuhamy
29 Carol McDougall



Collect Prayer:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Please join the **Parish Giving Scheme** and **Electoral Roll**.
Bank Account: Sort Code 20-53-97 Acct. 10792063

Read The Bible Each Day:

Sunday

1 Samuel 1.20-28 ; Psalm 34.11-20 ; Matthew 20.17-28 ;
1 Corinthians 4.14-20

Monday

2 Samuel 7.4-16 ; Psalm 39 ; Matthew 1.18-25

Tuesday

Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12 ; Psalm 40 ; John 5.1-3, 5-16

Wednesday

Isaiah 49.8-15 ; Psalm 41 ; John 5.17-30

Thursday

Exodus 32.7-14 ; Psalm 42 ; John 5.31-47

Friday

Jeremiah 26.8-11 ; Psalm 34.15-end ; John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Isaiah 7.10-14 ; Psalm 43 ; Luke 1.26-38

Let us Pray:

The sick, including

Sylvia Saunders, Nigel Manning, Sue Manning, Alan Crain,
Josephine Blackburn, Sarah Newbound, Keith Hudson, Jo, Sue
Lynn, Lorraine Parsons-Pinnock, Moira Tomlin, Jacob,
Christopher Pollard, Mike, Sarah, Jane, Janet, Martin, Phyll,
Linda, Hannah, Sami, Scott, Jackie, Anne, Kevin, Graham, Arthur,
Jean Greaves, June, Alan Adair, Clive, Amber, Louise, Janet,
Sadie Oliver, Emma, Peter Ley

Those who are grieving for:

Ken Seng, David Collom, Terry Thompson, Marie Adams, David
Dixon, Brian Nunn, Peter Cain

Lots of love to you.

Vicar David

