

SUNDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday 1 Feb 5th 3 rd Sunday before Lent	8.00am BCP	Holy Communion	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
	10.30am CW	Sung Eucharist	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
	12noon	Lutheran Service	Pastor Albrecht Koestelin Buurma	St Thomas
	3.30 pm	Sanctuary - Sonia Mainstone-Cotton Newcomers Welcome - Call 01761 472768		St Matthews
Sunday 2 Feb 12th 2 nd Sunday before Lent	8.00am CW	Holy Communion	Revd Bill Rumball	St Thomas
	10.30am CW	Morning Prayer	Team Service	St Thomas
Sunday 3 Feb 19th Sunday next before Lent	8.00am BCP	Holy Communion	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
	10.30am CW	Holy Communion	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
Sunday 4 Feb 26th First Sunday of Lent	8.00 am CW	Holy Communion	Revd Bill Rumball	St Thomas
	10.30am BCP	Morning Prayer	Revd Bill Rumball	St Thomas
Sunday 1 March 4th Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am BCP	Holy Communion	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
	10.30am CW	Sung Eucharist	Revd Dee Sircar	St Thomas
	12 noon	Lutheran Service	Pastor Albrecht Koestelin Buurma	St Thomas
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NEWS FROM ST THOMAS AND ST MATTHEW'S CHURCHES

February 2012

We are doing well so far this winter, aren't we? There's no sign of snow, and there's already more light, both in the mornings and evenings. Well that's great, because we've got one or two good things lined up for you this month!

On **February 2nd** there is a Communion service **at 6.30pm** to celebrate Candlemas, or presentation of Christ in the Temple, when he was 40 days old. There will be music and candlelight, and we will have a rendering of the Nunc Dimittis, so do come!

Easter is early this year, so Lent starts early, with an Ash Wednesday service on **22nd February at 6.30pm**, which has both Communion and ashing (for those who want it)! Please note the time for both is **6.30pm**, as some of us don't like going out later on!

On **March 1st** we start our Lent Course at the vicarage. It will be "Reflections on the Return of the Prodigal Son", working from a CD by Henri Nouwen, a celebrated Christian priest, writer and spiritual director. It will be contemplative as well as having discussions, and will set the scene nicely before Holy Week, with 5 sessions, one per week. All are welcome, even if (especially if) you have not been to a Lent course before!

You will shortly be receiving through the post an invitation for the launch on **Sunday March 18th** of our T.R.I.O. giving campaign. Please set aside this date as it is very important for the future of our church. Tony Coverdale and I will be giving a short presentation after the 10.30 service. There will be no sermon but there **WILL** be **canapés and drinks!**

We can't go talking about Holy Week already, can we? No, I'd better stop there! Happy February everybody and I hope to see you this month.

Every blessing,

Dee.

Weekly Services and Feasts

In addition to our regular services:

Thursday 2nd Feb 6.30pm

Candlemas Service St Thomas.

Wednesday 2nd Feb 6.30pm

Ash Wednesday Service St Thomas.

Baptisms

Please pray for twins **Isla and Ruby Brennan** to be baptised on **Sunday**

5th Feb at 2.30pm and

Nicole Martin baptised on **19th Feb** at the 10.30 service.

Weddings

Congratulations to **Nicholas Garner and Karolina Osieczko** who are to be married on **Fri 17th Feb at St Thomas.**

Please pray for them both.

Contemporary Worship

Sundays from 6.30 to 11pm, and also on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30pm, held at St Matthew's. This is a lively session, with over 100 people of all ages to socialise and worship. Live Music.

St Thomas a Becket mugs

Created by Angie Frith and made in Scotland of fine bone china come ready gift-wrapped and make an ideal presents.

£8 a mug or 2 for £15

Join us for Coffee

Served after services on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month (normally after Holy Communion and on special days when these fall on the 2nd or 4th Sundays).

Weekly Prayers

Tuesdays

7.30am Morning Prayer **St Matthews**

6.30pm Evening Prayer **St Thomas**

Thursdays

9.30am Morning Prayer **St Thomas**

4.00pm Evening Prayer **St Matthews**

No morning prayer on **Thurs 9th Feb**

No morning or evening prayer **2nd March**

Church Matters

House Group Over Lent, our topic will be Reflections on the Return of the Prodigal Son, held weekly starting on **Thurs 1st March at 7.30pm.** All are welcome (not only church goers!). We provide coffee and biscuits at the Vicarage. Let Dee know if you are attending...

Church Meeting - 18th March After the 10.30 am service. Revd Dee and Tony Coverdale will be introducing T.R.I.O. There will be a chance to catch up if you miss it **at 7.30 on 21st March,** at the Vicarage.

Next PCC Meeting Mon 20th Feb, 7.30pm at Dee's house.

Dates for your Diary

AN EVENING WITH PETER KING Sat 24TH March 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Join us for a glass of wine and canapés and a rare chance to hear our newly repaired 1896 organ, played by an organist of international standing. Peter King will entertain us with a varied programme, which will demonstrate the versatility and range of this hidden Victorian gem and the evening will finish with a Q&A with Dr King. At St Matthew's Church, Widcombe Hill.

Tickets on the door, **£10 (£8 for Widcombe Association members).** All proceeds to go towards the organ restoration fund.

STEWARDS URGENTLY NEEDED St Thomas is open to visitors from April to September on Sunday afternoons and volunteer stewards are urgently needed for the 2012 season. Should sufficient volunteers come forward, the plan is to open the church on Saturday afternoons as well. No particular expertise is required, other than to welcome visitors and keep a watchful eye over the building. If you can spare one or two afternoons in the spring and summer this year, and would like to spend some time in the peaceful tranquillity of this lovely church and its grounds, then please contact Sian Lewis on 01225 312319 or email sianmlewis@aol.com

MANY THANKS to the Quartet Foundation for a grant of £250 towards the purchase of play equipment for the Haven Club.

HAVEN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Up to 20 children every Tuesday from 3.15 to 4.30pm, in term time. All children welcome of junior school (7-11) age for fun, games, crafts and quiet time. **Volunteers/helpers** needed. Contact Dee or Sophia for more information.

COFFEE MORNING EVERY WEDNESDAY 10am-12

Come and join us in the Parish Hall at St. Matthews. A friendly mix for a sociable couple of hours. All ages welcome.

Widcombe Benefice

St Thomas a Becket, Church Street, Bath BA2 6AZ and **St Matthew's**, Widcombe Hill, Bath BA2 6AA.

For contributions, to rent our hall and churches call Sophia Coleman on 01225 465065 **Write to:** Widcombe Parish Office, The Orchard, Forefield Rise, Bath BA2 4PL

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