

Gift Bags!

Jacqy is again collecting used gift bags for stalls at the fairs. Please save yours and any from family and friends – she needs 300!



Leprosy Mission



The Leprosy Mission raise valuable funds by selling used postage stamps. Please save your stamps, trim them with a 1cm border and place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you

Traidcraft Stall

The Traidcraft stall is still available at the back of church. Please take the opportunity to purchase fairly traded goods, and so help the individuals and communities who produce them. Thank you!



We are very pleased to pray for individuals in services, or via the newsletter, but please note that this requires the express consent of the person concerned (or, if incapacitated, of a close relative)

Jesus said 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.'

John 15: 9-17

Welcome to St. Thomas' Church!

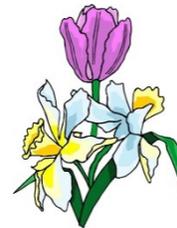
Sunday 9th May 2021

Easter 6



11.00am

Holy Communion and Sunday School
Hymns: MP 295, 146, 515, 518
For the Epistle: Acts 10: 44-end – Mandy Bailey
Gospel: John 15: 9-17



Today's response is 'Your will be done'

The flowers this week were donated by Jacqy Frear

Please feel welcome to join us in the upper vestry for tea and coffee after the service.



What's On This Week

Monday 10 th	2.00pm	Craft Group
Tuesday 11 th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union – Flower arranging - demonstration & practical workshop
	7.00pm	PCC Standing Committee
Thursday 12 th Ascension Day	7.00pm	Holy Communion



Friday 14 th	10.30am	Coffee and chat
	12.00pm -	Charity (Lent) Lunch
	1.30pm	
Sunday 16 th Easter 7	11.00am	Holy Communion and Sunday School

Lent Lunches

As the lockdown prevented us holding lunches during lent, we are holding a series of five each Friday, commencing on 7th May at 12.30pm. A simple meal, proceeds as originally intended to be shared between church funds and 'Bridge the Gap' – a facility at Nobles Hospital for young people (aged 16-24) undergoing extended periods of hospitalisation or frequent outpatients appointments. **Please sign the lists at the**



back of church to help with puddings, serving, washing up etc. Thank You!

'Thy Kingdom Come'

We still have a few copies of 'Thy Kingdom Come,' the prayer novena for the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. If you would like one, please see Philip



Digital Hearing Aids



We have received some advice from the Rev. Jeanette Hamer regarding difficulties people sometimes experience when using digital hearing aids in conjunction with loop systems. If you are having problems, please see Philip.

Paddy's Market

Paddy's Market – an opportunity to pick up some real bargains, and boost church funds. In the lane, Saturday 29th May 10.00am onwards. Inside if wet. Don't miss it!



Parish Annual Meeting

The Parish Annual is on Sunday 23rd May after the morning service. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting, at which we elect our wardens and vacancies for the PCC, and receive reports from the various church groups.



Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week this year runs from 10th-16th May. If you would like to assist with collections etc, please see Philip for details.



Gift Cards



A newly augmented range of beautiful hand-made cards, is now available at the back of church. Please browse and buy – all proceeds to church funds. *Whilst you are choosing your cards, don't forget the book and CD stall – plenty to choose from and, again, all proceeds to church funds.*