

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.

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
Fighting poverty through trade

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 'Consecrate them by the truth.
Your word is truth.'**

John 17: 17

Welcome to St. Thomas' Church!

Sunday 16th May 2021

Easter 7 Sunday after the Ascension



11.00am

Holy Communion and Sunday School

Hymns: 165, 172, 305, 170

Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end – Edwin Creer

Gospel: John 17: 6-19



Today's response is 'Strengthen us and restore us'

The flowers this week were donated by Mandy Bailey

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



What's On This Week

Monday 17 th	2.00pm	Craft Group
Friday 21 st	10.30am 12.00pm - 1.30pm	Coffee and chat Charity (Lent) Lunch
Sunday 23 rd Pentecost/ Whit Sunday	11.00am 12.15pm (approx.)	Holy Communion and Sunday School Parish Vestry and Annual Meeting

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!**



Soup Sale!



We have for sale after the service today, a selection of delicious soups! Please see Jacqy to make your purchases – 50p or £1 per container, depending on size. This week's flavours are pea and mint, scotch broth and chicken, bacon and potato.

'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



Strawberry Fayre

As part of our fundraising programme, we are holding a Strawberry Fayre on Saturday 12th June at 2.00pm. Please mark the date in your diaries, and look out for ways you can support us. Thank you.

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! **Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to help on the day! Thank you!**



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.



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.*



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!

