 **St Thomas’ Church**

*“Building the Kingdom…….”*

At the 10.30am Service on **28th November (Advent Sunday)** there will be the **baptisms of adults** currently going through baptism preparation. On **Sunday 5th December** at the 10.30am service we welcome **Bishop Julian** to celebrate Holy Communion and preach. That evening at 6pm is our Tree Lighting Service.

*Service schedule from this Christ the King Sunday through the season of ADVENT:*

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| Sunday 21st November  Sunday before Advent  **CHRIST THE KING** | 9am Holy Communion Reading: John 18 v 28 - 40  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES Theme: Christ the King  10.30am Service of the Word Reading: John 18 v 28 - 40  Leader: ES Preacher: DOB  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread VB/CB |
| Wed. 24th November | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Acts 17 v 16 – end  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES |
| Sunday 28th November  ADVENT 1 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 21 v 25 - 36  Leader/Celebrant: ES Preacher: DOB Theme: Jesus is coming back  10.30am **Adult Baptisms** Reading: Luke 21 v 25 - 36  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher : ES  6pm Prayer Gathering DOB/GS |
| Wed. 1st December | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Mark 2 v 1 – 22  Leader: ES Preacher: DOB Celebrant: ES |
| Sunday 5th December  ADVENT 2 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 1 – 6  Leader/Celebrant/Preacher: DOB Theme: Prepare the way for Jesus  10.30am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 1 – 6  Leader: ES Preacher/Celebrant: **Bishop Julian**  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread **TREE LIGHTING**  Theme: Jesus the Light of the World SH/DOB |
| Wed. 8th December | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Mark 8 v 11 – 9 v 1  Leader: DOB Preacher: VB Celebrant: DOB |
| Sunday 12th December  ADVENT 3 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 3 v 7 – 18  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES Theme: Clean hands and hearts  10.30am Holy Communion Reading : Luke 3 v 7 – 18  Leader: DOB Preacher: ES Celebrant: DOB  6pm Prayer Gathering VB/YB |
| Sunday 19th December  ADVENT 4 | 9am Holy Communion Reading: Luke 1 v 46 – 55  Leader/Celebrant/Preacher: DOB Theme: Mary’s Song  10.30am Service of the Word Reading: Luke 1 v 46 – 55  Leader: ES Preacher: CB  6pm **Service of Readings and Carols** |

Our morning and evening readings for the coming week:

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|  | **Morning Readings** | **Evening Readings** |
| Monday 22nd November  *Cecilia, martyr, c. 230* | Psalm 96; Isaiah 14 v 3 – 20;  Matthew 9 v 18 – 34 | Psalm 80; Isaiah 40 v 1 – 11;  Revelation 14 v 1 - 13 |
| Tuesday 23rd November  Clement, bishop, martyr, c 100 | Psalm 97; Isaiah 17;  Matthew 9 v 35 – 10 v 15 | Psalm 101; Isaiah 40 v 12 – 26;  Revelation 14 v 14 – end of 15 |
| Wednesday 24th November | Psalm 119 v 105 – 128; Isaiah 19;  Matthew 10 v 16 – 33 | Psalm 122; Isaiah 40 v 27 – 41 v 7; Revelation 16 v 1 - 11 |
| Thursday 25th November  *Catherine, martyr, 4th Cent.*  *Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748* | Psalm 125; Isaiah 21 v 1 – 12;  Matthew 10 v 34 – 11 v 1 | Psalm 133; Isaiah 41 v 8 – 20;  Revelation 16 v 12 - end |
| Friday 26th November | Psalm 139; Isaiah 22 v 1 – 14;  Matthew 11 v 2 – 19 | Psalm 146;  Isaiah 41 v 21 – 42 v 9; Revelation 17 |
| Saturday 27th November | Psalm 145; Isaiah 24;  Matthew 11 v 20 – end | Revelation 150;  Isaiah 42 v 10 – 17; Revelation 18 |

**(the LORD said…) Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.** (2 Chronicles 7 v 15)