**CONFIRMATION SERVICE – NEXT SUNDAY (11th February) at 6pm**

Bishop Jill is coming to St Thomas’ for this very special Service. A prayer from a confirmation service:

*Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. Amen.*

A road with trees in the background

Description automatically generatedDiane (O’Hagan) has been a member of St Thomas for many years, she feels prompted by God to look at how our church can be more accessible, she writes “As a church we want to include everyone. So, if you, or anyone you come to church with, are disabled and things can be made easier to participate in the services or are interested in getting involved in the church in any way let me know.”

A date for your diary **Festival of Healing and Renewal: 12th October 2024** in Blackburn Cathedral 9.30am – 4.30pm

*The services for the next few weeks are shown below and opposite*

*Key to leaders and preachers : DOB: Revd Dave O’Brien; LJT: Revd LJ Tiffney; DW: Revd David Wilkinson; VB: Vicky Bentley; IL: Irene Leak*

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*Holy Communion Service of the Word*

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| ***SUNDAY*** | ***10.30am*** | ***6pm*** |
| ***4th February***  ***2nd before Lent*** | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadTheme:*  *Mark 1: 29 - 39*  *Lead: LJT*  *Preach: DOB* | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artWorship brings God’s anointing*  *Acts 4: 23 – 31*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: IL* |
| ***11th February***  ***Sunday before Lent*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Mark 1: 40 – 45*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: LJT* | Catholic Confirmation Clipart | Free Images at Clker.com - vector clip art  online, royalty free & public domain*with Bishop Jill* |
| ***18th February***  ***Lent 1*** | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadTheme:*  *Mark 1: 9 – 15*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: DW* | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artWorship Series*  *Theme:*  *Worship puts God first*  *Matthew 26:36 - 46*  *Lead: DW*  *Preach: DOB* |
| ***25th February***  ***Lent 2*** | *✓ catholic mass free vector eps, cdr, ai, svg vector illustration graphic  artTheme:*  *Mark 8: 31 – 38*  *Lead: DOB*  *Preach: LJT* | *Open Bible Clipart, Bible Clipart, Worship, Read The Bible PNG Transparent  Clipart Image and PSD File for Free DownloadWorship Series Theme: Worship is sacrifical*  *Matthew 26: 6 – 13*  *Lead: VB*  *Preach: DOB* |

**Midweek (Wed)Book of Common Prayer Communion Service at 11am:**

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| **7th February** Matthew 21: 1 – 22  Lead: DW Preach: LJT | **14th February** **ASH WEDNESDAY**  Mark 2: 13 – 22  Lead: DOB Preach: |
| **21st February** Matthew 26:57-end  Lead/Preach: DOB | **28th February** John 2: 1 – end  Lead: DOB Preach: LJT |

Reading through the Bible:

*Mon 5th:* Job 10, Matthew 21, Psalm 16 v 1 - 6

*Tues 6th:* Job 11, Matthew 22,Psalm 16 v 7 - 11

*Wed 7th:* Job 12, Matthew 23, Psalm 17 v 1 - 7

*Thurs 8th :* Job 13, Matthew 24, Psalm 17: 8 - 15

*Fri 9th:* Job 14, Matthew 25, Psalm 18 v 1 - 6

**Day Retreat at St Thomas’: 10am – 4.30pm:** 29th June

*Please see the sign-up sheet or see Ali O’Brien or email*

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