**St Thomas’ Church**

*“Building the Kingdom…….”*

**A voice of Hope and a beacon for the Gospel**

**Children and Young People** – Matt and his fantastic team are providing fun, games, food and inspired Biblical input to a group of some 25 children aged 7 to 11 years on Wednesday afternoons. From this Sunday Matt will be leading a Bible Study at 4pm – please keep Matt and Rosie in your prayers as this ministry grows and children and their families are learning about Jesus.

**Starting Point** – this is the name of the group that meets on Monday afternoons from 1pm to 2.30pm in church – it is a space to have a brew and a chat and to connect in with people who will listen. For more information please have a chat with Denise (Moorby).

**Easy Fundraising** – interested in providing money to St Thomas’ without any cost to yourself? From John (Smith) who has found this facility: “We, like many other Churches are now registered with ‘easyfundraising’, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use ‘easyfundraising’ to shop with them..... so we’d really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us as your cause. It’s completely FREE to sign up and use and only takes a moment for you to be able to get going......You can find our ‘easyfundraising’ page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomasblackpool>” THANK YOU!

A reminder that the **Mission week is 13th – 20th March**. Please listen out in the services and look on our church website for more information and how you can get involved.

**SMALL GROUPS** meeting for Bible Studym, fellowship and journeying deeper together with Jesus **–** there will be a launch evening on Wednesday 9th March in church. If you have not already done so, please sign up to join a group – sheets at the back of church.

*Service schedule for the next couple of weeks:*

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| **Sunday 30th January**  Epiphany 4 | 10.30am Service of Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing  Reading: John 5 v 1 - 13 Theme: Jesus the Healer  Leader: DOB Preacher: ES Celebrant: DOB  6pm Prayer Gathering with Prayer for Healing DOB/VB |
| **Wednesday 2nd February** | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Matthew 8 v 23 – 34  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: YB |
| **Sunday 6th February**  4th Sunday before Lent | 10.30am Service of the Word Reading: Luke 24 v 36 - 49  Leader: ES Preacher: DOB Theme: Being witnesses/filled with the Spirit  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread SH/DOB |
| **Wednesday 9thFebruary** | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Matthew 13 v 24 - 30  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: ES |

Our morning and evening readings for the coming week:

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|  | **Morning Readings** | **Evening Readings** |
| Monday 31st January  *John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888* | Psalm 1;  Genesis 18 v 1 – 15;  Matthew 27 v 11 – 26 | Psalm 4;  Hosea 9;  1 Corinthians 12 v 12 - end |
| Tuesday 1st February  *Brigid, abbess, c 525* | Psalm 5; Genesis 18 v 16 – end;  Matthew 27 v 27 – 44 | Psalm 9; Hosea 10;  1 Corinthians 13 |
| Wednesday 2nd February | Psalm 119 v 1 – 32;  Genesis 19 v 1 – 3; v 12 – 29;  Matthew 27 v 45 – 56 | Psalm 11;  Hosea 11 v 1 -11;  1 Corinthians 14 v 1 - 19 |
| Thursday 3rd February  *Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865* | Psalm 15;  Genesis 21 v 1 – 21;  Matthew 27 v 57 – end | Psalm 18;  Hosea 11 v 12 – end of chp 12;  1 Corinthians 14 v 20 - end |
| Friday 4th February  *Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189* | Psalm 19;  Genesis 22 v 1 – 19;  Matthew 28 v 1 – 15 | Psalm 22;  Hosea 13 v 1 – 14;  1 Corinthians 16 v 1 - 9 |
| Saturday 5th February | Psalm 23; Genesis 23;  Matthew 28 v 16 – end | Psalm 24; Hosea 14;  1 Corinthians 16 v 10 - end |

**(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)