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*“Building the Kingdom…….”*

(snowdrop and oxalis, spring is round the corner!)

**What’s On in the week**

**Monday:** 1pm – 2.30pm Starting Point – brew and a chat in church. For more information please talk to Denise (Moorby)

**Tuesday:** The Holy Dusters, cleaning team, in church finishing with Bible reading and prayers.**Wednesday:** 11am BCP Holy Communion in church. 4pm – Kids Club (7 to 11 year olds) in the Parish Centre – please see Matt (Jackson) for more details. **Thursday:** Gardening team (from end of Feb) maintaining the grounds and mowing the grass. Cleaning the downstairs hall and toilets in the Parish Centre – please talk with Pauline our churchwarden for more information on either of these activities. Worship team practice in church in the evening. **Sunday:** In addition to the services shown below - 4pm Children’s Bible Study (7 – 11 year olds) in church with Matt.

**Easy Fundraising** – please see the note from last week’s Newsletter – this online facility 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. Please sign up on our ‘easyfundraising’ page: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stthomasblackpool>before you buy online. THANK YOU!

**SMALL GROUPS** meeting for Bible Study, fellowship and journeying deeper together with Jesus **–** launch evening on Wednesday 9th March in church, where we hope everyone will get together, pray together and be introduced to the pattern we will follow, thereafter the groups will be meeting on different days during the week in people’s homes. If you have not already done so, please sign up – sheets at the back of church.

*Service schedule for the coming weeks:*

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| **Sunday 6th February**  4th Sunday before Lent  Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952 | 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 |
| **Sunday 13thFebruary**  3rdSunday before Lent | 10.30am Holy Communion Reading: Matthew 28: 16 - 20  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: CB Theme: Being witnesses/sharing our faith  6pm Prayer Gathering DOB/VB |
| **Wednesday 16thFebruary** | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Matthew 20: 1 - 16  Leader/Celebrant: DOB Preacher: VB |
| **Sunday 20thFebruary**  2ndSunday before Lent | 10.30am Service of the Word Reading: Matthew 5: 13 - 16  Leader: ES Preacher: DOB Theme: Being witnesses/through our lives  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread SH/CB |
| **Wednesday 23rdFebruary** | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Luke 8: 4 - 15  Leader: ES Celebrant: DOB Preacher: YB |

Our morning and evening readings for the coming week:

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|  | **Morning Readings** | **Evening Readings** |
| Monday 7th February | Psalm 30;  Leviticus 19: 1 – 18, 30 – end;  1 Timothy 1: 1 - 17 | Psalm 28;  1 Chronicles 28: 1 – 10;  John 15: 1 - 11 |
| Tuesday 8th February | Psalm 36’ Leviticus 23: 1 – 22;  1 Timothy 1: 18 – end of chp 2 | Psalm 33; 1 Chronicles 28: 11 – end; John 15: 12 - 17 |
| Wednesday 9th February | Psalm 34: Leviticus 23: 23 – end;  1 Timothy 3 | Psalm 119: 33 – 56; 1 Chronicles 29: 1 – 9; John 15: 18 - end |
| Thursday 10th February  *Scholastica, abbess, c. 543* | Psalm 37; Leviticus 24: 1 – 9;  1 Timothy 4 | Psalm 40; 1 Chronicles 29: 10 – 20; John 16: 1 - 15 |
| Friday 11th February | Psalm 31; Leviticus 25: 1 – 24;  1 Timothy 5: 1 – 16 | Psalm 35; 1 Chronicles 29: 21 – end; John 16: 16 - 22 |
| Saturday 12th February | Psalm 42;  Numbers 6: 1 – 5, 21 – end;  1 Timothy 5: 17 – end | Psalm 46;  2 Chronicles 1: 1 – 13;  John 16: 23 - 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)