**St Thomas’ Church**

*“Building the Kingdom…….”*

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

**MISSION**

13th – 20th March will be our Mission week. People from Wycliffe College will be joining us and there will be many activities during the week – extending outreach and prayer walking – looking to further reach our community with the Good News of Jesus. Please listen out in the services and look on our church website for more information and how you can get involved.

**SMALL GROUPS**

Please remember, if you have not already done so, to sign up to join one of our new small groups which will be starting to meet in Lent (March this year). Meeting together to study the word of God and pray together is vital for our personal spiritual growth and faith journey. PLEASE FILL IN THE SIGN UP SHEET IN CHURCH OR LET US KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN A SMALL GROUP. Thank you.

*Service schedule for the rest of January and into February:*

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| **Sunday 23rd January**  Epiphany 3 | 10.30am Service of the Word Reading: John 10 v 1 – 18  Leader: ES Preacher: DOBTheme: Jesus the Shepherd  6pm Prayer Gathering/Breaking of Bread DOB/CB |
| **Wednesday 26th January** | 11am BCP Holy Communion Reading: Matthew 8 v 1 - 13  Leader/Celebrant: ES Preacher: DOB |
| **Sunday 30th January**  Epiphany 4 | 10.30am Service of Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing  Reading: Mark 1 v 21 – 34 Theme: Jesus the Healer  Leader: DOB Preacher: ES Celebrant: DOB  6pm Prayer Gathering with Prayer for Healing SH/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 24thJanuary  *Frances de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622* | Psalm 108;  Genesis 11 v 27 – 12 v 9;  Matthew 26 v 1 – 16 | Psalm 138;  Hosea 2 v 18 – end of chp3;  1 Corinthians 9 v 15 - end |
| Tuesday 25thJanuary  **Conversion of Paul** | Psalm 66;  Ezekiel 3 v 22 – end;  Philippians 3 v 1 – 14 | Psalm 119 v 41 – 56;  Isaiah 56 v 1 -8;  Colossians 1 v 24 – 2 v 7 |
| Wednesday 26thJanuary  *Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul* | Psalm 46;  Genesis 14;  Matthew 26 v 36 – 46 | Psalm 29;  Hosea 5 v 1 – 7;  1 Corinthians 10 v 14 – 11 v 1 |
| Thursday 27thJanuary | Psalm 47;  Genesis 15;  Matthew 26 v 47 – 56 | Psalm 24;  Hosea 5 v 8 – 6 v 6;  1 Corinthians 11 v 2 - 16 |
| Friday 28thJanuary  *Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith,* | Psalm 65;  Genesis 16;  Matthew 26 v 57 – end | Psalm 67;  Hosea 6 v 7 – 7 v 2;  1 Corinthians 11 v 17 - end |
| Saturday 29thJanuary | Psalm 68;Genesis 17 v 1 – 22;  Matthew 27 v 1 – 10 | Psalm 72;Hosea 8;  1 Corinthians 12 v 1 - 11 |

**(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)