

'ADVENT JOY' Sunday 3rd December, 2.30pm at St Peter's Church, Wrecclesham: A concert by the Chase Singers with popular Advent & Christmas music. Tickets £10 (u16s free) including tea, from Christopher Ellis 714480

**Farnham URC Lunchtime Concerts: Wednesday, 1-1.45pm December 6th 2017**, with music students from Frensham Heights School, with future concerts on January 31st, March 7th and May 2nd in 2018.

**Wintershall Nativity Play 13–17th December 2017:** We are already sold out for our performance on Saturday 16th at 5:30pm, please book without delay by going to [www.wintershall-estate.com/nativity-play](http://www.wintershall-estate.com/nativity-play).

**Farnham Assist Carol Singing Sunday 10th December 11.45am-12.30pm** All ages welcome! Part of the Christmas Market organised by Farnham Town Council. Please gather outside Pizza Express in Castle Street—look out for our banner! Carol sheets will be provided.

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### Please pray for:

- unwell:** Helen Sale, Simon Hillard, Rosie Hirst, Suzanne Vandervell, David Moore, Clive Webb, Jacqui Sellers, Margaret Stuttaford & Carly Fenn
- RIP:** Ann Garrett, John Bonds & William Monroe
- parish:** Buzz Club & Time Out – our two parish youth clubs.
- national:** those who are homeless during this time of year.
- global:** Nazanin Ratcliffe and her family in their ongoing time of need.  
All those in Zimbabwe who are affected by political uncertainties.  
All those affected by the volcano erupting in Bali.
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### Gift Aid Envelopes

Many of you are very generous with your cash and we thank you! However, if you put your cash into a yellow envelope from the chair in front of you, and complete it clearly with your name & address. We can reclaim the tax you have paid on that money at no cost to you (as long as you are a tax payer). This means an extra £2.50 for every £10 you put in which could help us to balance our books & maintain our mission.

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### Clergy:

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**Cheques payable to:** 'The Bourne PCC'

**Website:** [www.thebourne.org.uk](http://www.thebourne.org.uk)

**The Function Rooms at St Thomas'** are available and are particularly suitable for receptions after baptisms and funerals, and for talks, meetings and formal events.

**St Thomas-on-The Bourne,  
St Martin by the Green & Brambleton**

**3rd December 2017: Advent Sunday**

Welcome to our services today.

Please stay for coffee after morning services.

**Our Parish Vision: Radiating God's love, transforming lives and communities**

### A letter from Pastoral Assistant Yvonne Bryant

Dear Friends,

It would be remiss of me not to mention the joyful news of Prince Harry's engagement to Meghan Markle. Let us wish them much happiness. I noticed the way she held Harry's hand during their interview with both hands – interesting to interpret!

Shortly after hearing the above news I was reading The Times magazine and was touched by an article by Melanie Reid who writes the Spinal Column. Melanie is tetraplegic after breaking her neck and back in a riding accident in 2010. Her article concentrates on the importance of touch. She expresses her concerns about how, every week, we hear of accusations of - He touched me! My leg was stroked! My teacher touched my arm – its abuse!

Melanie writes that she sits in her chair, a metal stockade, fenced off from touch, despairing at how we cheapen and threaten something so precious. Experts are becoming appalled at how touch-averse we are becoming. The concern is that if the present madness continues experts believe that there is a real danger of social deprivation, of being 'untouched'.

It is well known that premature babies who experience touch, put on 50% more weight, are able to leave hospital six days earlier, and a year later have better mental and physical abilities than those who had not experienced touch.

How many of our society live alone and do not have contact with a loved one? Several years ago I visited an elderly lady and spent an hour talking to her indoors. When the time came to leave I found somehow I couldn't and I said to her 'Can I give you a hug?' She said I haven't had a hug in years! Perhaps we should simply hug everyone who looks like they need one.

Every blessing,

*Yvonne*

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**Readings for today:** Isaiah 64.1-9 Mark 13.24-end

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 40.1-11 Mark 1.1-8

**St Thomas' Music: 10am: Setting: Thorne Anthem:** Thy word is a lamp to my feet: *Mawby* **Motets:** Litany to the Holy Spirit: *Hurford* Panis Angelicus: *Franck* **Voluntary:** Von Himmel hoch: *Pachelbel* **6pm:** Matin Responsary: *adpt. Palestrina* Creator of the stars of night: *Archer* Kyrie - Missa aeterna Christi munera: *Palestrina* O magnum mysterium: *Lauridsen* People look East: *arr. Ferguson* **Voluntary:** Passacaglia and Fugue in C minor BWV 582: *Bach*

## DIARY:

**Quiet Hour at St Thomas':** Monday to Friday 9-10am

**Morning Prayer: *St Thomas'*** Tuesdays 9.15am & Fridays 8.30am

**Informal Prayer: *St Martin's'*** Wednesday 9.15am

**Coffee Mornings: *St Thomas'*** Tuesday 10.30am ***St Martin's'*** Wednesday 10.30am

**Please be aware there are private bookings in the Centenary Rooms,  
so do check with the parish office beforehand if you wish to access them.**

<b>Sun 3rd</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas': <i>David Adams</i>
	8.00am	Morning Prayer at St Martin's: <i>Geraldine Molony</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas': <i>John Morris &amp; Elaine Collins</i>
	10.30am	Praise Service at St Martin's: <i>Geraldine M &amp; Brian W</i>
	<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Sing-a-Song of Christmas at Brambleton: <i>Deirdre Leggett</i></b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Advent Procession at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i></b>	
<b>Mon 4th</b>	9.30am-11.30am	Babes and Tots in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	5.30-7.00pm	Buzz at Brambleton Hall
	7.45pm	Private booking in the Rooms at St Thomas'
<b>Tues 5th</b>	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Thomas': <i>Elaine Collins</i>
	4.30-6.00pm	Time Out at Brambleton Hall
	4.45-9.15pm	Slimming World in the Rooms at St Thomas'
<b>Weds 6th</b>	10.30-11.30am	Private booking in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	7.00pm	F&B Choral Society rehearsing at St Thomas'
<b>Thurs 7th</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>St Thomas' Parish Office Closing Early</b>
<b>Fri 8th</b>	8.30am-12.30pm	Slimming World in the Rooms at St. Thomas'
<b>Sat 9th</b>	10-11am	Choir Training at St Thomas'
	10am-12noon	Christingle Making at St Thomas'
	11am-7pm	Farnham & Bourne Choral Society rehearsing at St Thomas'
	7.30pm	Farnham & Bourne Choral Society Concert at St Thomas'
<b>Sun 10th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Service of the Word at Brambleton
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service at St Thomas'</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight at St Martin's</b>	

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**Locking up:** St Thomas' from 4th December: Roger Bradley (715902)  
St Martin's from 3rd December: Gill Keighley

## NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Parish Office Closing Early on 7th December.** Due to the Ministry and Staff Christmas Lunch the office will be closing at 12noon on Thursday 7th December.

**Broadsheet notice:** Due to the office closing over Christmas (**21st Dec-2nd Jan inclusive**) if there is anything you want added to the broadsheet for this period it must be sent to the parish office no later than **Monday 18th December**. Thank you.

**Christingle Making:** could you help Becky & Elaine make Christingles on Saturday 9th December from 10am-12noon in the Centenary Rooms at St Thomas'? Please let Becky know if you can help.

**For the latest news on Brambleton and the PCC** please check the 'Latest News' section on the homepage of our website, [www.thebourne.org.uk](http://www.thebourne.org.uk) which includes a link to download the Remembrance Day Sermon given by Revd John Morris.

**Collation and Delivery of Parish Christmas card and December magazine to all households in The Bourne** – a big thank you to all who have kindly helped. This has been a major out-reach exercise by the Parish and your support has been much appreciated.

**Sing-a-Song of Christmas at Brambleton Hall, Sunday 3rd December at 3pm.** Carols, Hymns and readings in a fun informal environment, with Mince Pies and Tea/Coffee. All ages welcome, please do come!

**Christingle Service, Sunday 10th December 4pm at St Thomas'.** Family service with Christingles given out. All welcome.

**Carols by Candlelight, Sunday 10th December at 6pm at St Martin's.** Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in St Martin's Hall. All welcome.

**Tilford Christmas Tree Festival:** Sat 9th & Sun 10th December 11am-4pm All Saint's Church. 12 trees decorated by different groups! Free entry with hot drinks & cakes.

**Open House at the Vicarage:** John & Gillian would like you to join them for Mulled Wine & Mince Pies on one of two dates. Friday 22nd & Friday 29th December. Please sign up on the sheets provided in the Lantern of St Thomas' by Monday 18th.

**Ann Garrett:** Ann passed away on 12th November. Her funeral will be held at St Thomas' on Tuesday 19th December at 1pm followed by a reception at The Fox Pub.

**Bach Christmas Oratorio Part 1 Concert by Farnham & Bourne Choral Society, Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm at St Thomas'.** With carols for choir and audience. Tickets £13/£5(u16's) to include refreshments. Call 01252 721075

**Christmas Coffee Morning Parties:** *St Martin's'* Wednesday 13th December at 10.30am. *St Thomas'* Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am. All welcome to both!

**Join the Christian Aid 'Big Sing'! Christian Aid Carol Singing outside the United Reform Church, South St. Farnham, Saturday 9th December, 2pm.** Everyone welcome! For more information contact Karen on 07977 562567