

Farnham Assist: Understanding computers runs regularly on Wednesdays at the Farnham Methodist church between 10am-12pm. This is individual tuition and problem solving suitable for the over 60's of all abilities. Please contact Farnham ASSIST to book a space 01252 717710 or email info@farnham-assist.org.uk

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

Please pray for:

- unwell:** Simon Hillard, Rosie Hirst, Suzanne Vandervell, Clive Webb, Jacqui Sellers & Carly Fenn
- parish:** our choir, our children and youth activities as they resume after Christmas - that our young people will thrive and flourish.
- national:** our emergency services often under pressure during winter. For our local NHS services, police and fire and rescue service. For our local schools and college - pupils, students and staff as they face the demands of a new term.
- global:** peace and goodwill throughout the world. For all in political leadership
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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.

Clergy:

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10am - 12.30pm

Cheques payable to: 'The Bourne PCC'

Website: 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
14th January 2018: Second Sunday of Epiphany**



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 Revd John Morris

Dear Friends,

Our parish is blessed with many people who volunteer their time in the service of the church. From flowers to coffee to readers to leaders of prayer, our parish would not flourish and grow without the willing volunteers that help in so many varied and interesting ways. Furthermore, so much of this work is done willingly and with such good grace.

I recently met a person who I thanked for they help with one particularly tedious job (as far as I was concerned). Their immediate response was that it was an honour and a privilege to serve their church and that they enjoyed doing it anyway!

In a few weeks time we will be holding the Annual Parish General Meeting. It is at this meeting that various officers of the church are elected and we are actively looking for someone who may like to be considered to become a Churchwarden. As this is a job with lots of responsibility, it may be that you would first prefer to be a Deputy Churchwarden for a year, learning the role and the way you support the clergy and the parish. We have been blessed with some extremely talented and hardworking churchwardens over the last few years, but please don't assume that because others have done the job in a particular way, that's the only way to do it.

Please talk to me if you are interested.

Every blessing,

John

Readings for this Sunday: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 John 1.43-51

Readings for next week: Genesis 14.17-20 John 2.1-11

St Thomas' Music: 10am: Setting: Harris in F (Gloria: *Thorne*) **Anthem:** All my heart rejoices: *Stroope* **Motets:** Here I am, Lord: *arr. Courtney* A Gaelic blessing: *Rutter* **Voluntary:** Postlude in G: *Stanford*

6pm: Responses: *Rose* **Canticles:** Magnificat: Blair in B minor Nunc Dimittis: *Holst* **Anthem:** Bethlehem Down: *Warlock* **Voluntary:** Allegretto from Sonata in B flat: *Mendelssohn*

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.

Sun 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i>
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas': <i>Elaine Collins</i>
	10.00am	Service of the Word at Brambleton: <i>Deirdre Leggett</i>
	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Martin's': <i>John Morris</i>
	2-5pm	Private booking in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	4.00pm	gather@4 at St Martins': <i>Becky Speyer & Elaine Collins</i>
6.00pm	Choral Evensong at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i>	
Mon 15th	9.30-11.30am	Babes and Tots at St Thomas'
	5.30-7.00pm	Buzz at Brambelton Hall
	7.45pm	Private booking at St Thomas'
Tues 16th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i>
	4.45-9.15pm	Slimming World in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	4.30-6.00pm	Time Out at Brambleton Hall
	8.00pm	Vox rehearsing at St Thomas'
Weds 17th	10.30-11.30am	Private booking in the Cobbett Room at St Thomas'
Thurs 18th	10-11am	Private booking in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting at St Thomas'
Fri 19th	8.30-12.30pm	Slimming World in the Rooms at St. Thomas'
Sat 20th	10-11.15am	Choir Training at St Thomas'
	10.30-11.30am	Week of Christian Prayer meeting in the Rooms at St Thomas'
	2.00-4.00pm	Private Booking in St Thomas' Church
	6.30pm	Charity Music Concert at St Thomas'
Sun 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
	8.45am	Welcome back Breakfast at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
	10.00am	Service of the Word at Brambleton
	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Martin's
	5.30pm	Churches Together in Farnham United Service at St. Andrew's

Locking up: St Thomas' from 15th January: Roger Bradley (715902)
St Martin's from 14th January: Brian & Helen White

NEWS AND EVENTS:

'Welcomers' Meeting at 11.45am (or as soon after the service as the vicar can get back from St Martins!) today. All welcomers should already be aware of this request, so please get your coffee and be ready to meet in the back of the Church as soon as the vicar arrives. The vicar would like to have a quick discussion about what happens when new people come to church.

Welcome Back Breakfast Sunday 21st January, 8.45am at St Thomas'. You are welcome to chat with friends whilst you enjoy coffee and croissants. Served after the 8am service and before the 10am service. We look forward to seeing you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th to 25th January. Daily prayer meetings at various venues, with a meeting at St Thomas' at 10.30am on Saturday 20th.

Churches Together in Farnham Annual United Service: Sunday 21st January, 5.30pm, St Andrew's Church. All welcome. No Evening Service at St Thomas' that day.

Charity Music Concert: Saturday 20th January 6.30pm at St Thomas': Choristers Joe Edwards and Eliza Craig invite you to this musical extravaganza which will include vocal & instrumental pieces by local music students & music from members of St Thomas' Choir. Free admission with retiring collection & licensed bar!

Farnham Help for Refugees: Collection taking place Weds 24th Jan at St Thomas' Church 2-7pm. Items needed:- Warm winter clothes for adults & children, new socks & underwear, toiletries, nappies etc. Full list on poster in the Lantern or speak to Angela Tuck (01252 716119)

Eat and Speak Lunch, Thursday 1st February, 12.30pm at St Thomas'. Our own Rev John Morris will be speaking, "All at Sea: Some insights into my previous life as a Chaplain RN". Tickets £7 from Yvonne Bryant or the Parish Office.

Last week's sermon from 10am at St Thomas' is on the website for you to read if you missed the service or to re-read for reflection. Look in Latest News on the home page of www.thebourne.org.uk

Music in the Vineyard, 3-5pm, Sunday 28th January. Refreshments will be supplied by Farnham ASSIST. This is a great opportunity to get out and beat the winter blues whilst eating cake and listening to Out of the Shadows play hits from the 60's.

Confirmation: As previously advertised, the Bishop of Guildford will be coming to St Andrews Church, Farnham on Sunday 22nd April to hold a confirmation service at 10.00am. St Thomas's and St Martin's will have NO SERVICE that morning and we will all be going to join with St Andrews for a joint celebration and confirmation. A number of people have expressed an interest in being confirmed. Please let the Clergy or the Parish Office know ASAP if you would like to explore being confirmed by the Bishop on that day.