

**Women's World Day of Prayer, 10.30am Friday 2nd March, Farnham Methodist Church.** All are very welcome to come and join the women of Suriname (South America) in a wave of worship encircling the globe. Followed by refreshments.

**Farnham URC Lunchtime Concerts: Wednesday, 1-1.45pm, 7th March,** with music students from Frensham Heights School, with a future concert on May 2nd.

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### Please pray for:

- unwell:** Simon Hillard, Rosie Hirst, Suzanne Vandervell, Clive Webb, Jacqui Sellers & Carly Fenn
- R.I.P:** Monica Gudge
- parish:** all who minister in the Parish in their various ways. We give particular thanks for the quiet and unseen ministry of so many.
- national:** our emergency services often under pressure during winter. For our local NHS services, police and fire and rescue service. For those involved in the Brexit Negotiations.
- 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.

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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  
11th February 2018: Sunday next before Lent**

 THE BOURNE  
**PARISH**  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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,

Last week I wrote about how we all need to think and pray long and hard about our commitment to support our Parish financially. The problem won't go away, but there are other ways that we can give and one that presents us with an interesting challenge. The church needs priests and priests need to be trained. Part of a priest's training is working in a parish as a curate. The three criteria that are used to judge whether a parish is given a curate is firstly whether the parish is suitable to be a place to help in the formation of a young (not always in years) priest. Secondly whether the incumbent is suitable to help the curate in their training, and finally, whether the Parish can provide suitable accommodation.

I have been asked whether we would consider applying to have a curate, and I strongly believe that The Bourne with its various traditions and styles of worship is a perfect place for a young priest to start their ministry. With the support of the PCC, I have filled out the application form, but this is an act of faith that somehow, in some way, we will find suitable accommodation for a curate. Join with me in praying that some suitable accommodation will turn up and that someone will be called to come and serve here and learn about being a parish priest, bringing word and sacrament to the people of our churches and the wider community.

*John*

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**Readings for this Sunday 10am:** 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9

**Readings for this Sunday 6pm:** Psalms 2 1 Kings 19.1-16 2 Peter 1.16-end

**Readings for next Sunday:** 1 Peter 3.18-end Mark 1.9-15

**St Thomas' Music: 10am: Setting:** Harris in F (Gloria: *Thorne*) **Anthem:** Jubilate  
Deo: *Britten* **Motets:** View me Lord: *Lloyd* Ave verum: *Mozart* **Voluntary:**  
Praeludium in D Minor: *Walther*

**6pm:** Psalm 2 **Responses:** *Smith* **Canticles:** Stanford in G **Anthem:** Tota pulchra es,  
Maria: *Bruckner* **Voluntary:** Prelude and Fugue in G Minor: *Dupré*

## DIARY:

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

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.

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| <b>Sun 11th</b>  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i>                  |
|                  | 10.00am   | Parish Eucharist at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i>                |
|                  | 10.00am   | Service of the Word at Brambleton: <i>Deirdre L/Geraldine M</i>   |
|                  | 10.30am   | Holy Communion at St Martin's: <i>Chris Herbert</i>               |
|                  | 4.00pm  | gather@4 at St Martin's: <i>Becky Speyer &amp; Elaine Collins</i> |
| 6.00pm           | Choral Evensong at St Thomas': <i>John Morris</i> |   |
| <b>Mon 12th</b>  | 9.30-11.30am                                      | Babes and Tots at St Thomas'                                      |
|                  | 5.30-7.00pm                                       | Buzz at Brambleton Hall   |
|                  | 7.45pm  | Private booking at St Thomas'                                     |
| <b>Tues 13th</b> | 9.15am  | Morning Prayer at St Thomas'                                      |
|                  | 10.00am   | Holy Communion at St Thomas': <i>Elaine Collins</i>               |
|                  | 10.30am   | Coffee Morning at St Thomas'                                      |
|                  | 10-12noon   | Messy Pancake Party at Brambleton Hall                            |
|                  | 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'                      |   |
| <b>Weds 14th</b> | 9.15am  | Informal Prayer at St Martin's                                    |
|                  | 10.30-11.30am                                     | Private booking in the Cobbett Room at St Thomas'                 |
|                  | 10.30am   | Coffee Morning at St Martin's                                     |
|                  | 8.00pm  | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Thomas'             |
| <b>Fri 16th</b>  | 8.30am  | Morning Prayer at St Thomas'                                      |
|                  | 8.30-12.30pm                                      | Slimming World in the Rooms at St. Thomas'                        |
| <b>Sat 17th</b>  | 10.00-11.15am                                     | Choir Training at St Thomas'                                      |
| <b>Sun 18th</b>  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion 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                                     |
|                  | 4.00pm  | gather@4 at St Martin's   |
| 6.00pm           | Choral Evensong at St Thomas'                     |   |

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**Locking up:** St Thomas' from 12th February: Liz & Bernard Whelan (723802)  
St Martin's from 11th February: Nan & Les Walton

## NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Lets Get Messy - Messy Pancake Party:** Tuesday 13th February 10am-12noon at Brambleton Hall. Open to children age 0-11 and their families.

**Lent Groups:** sign up sheets are now available at both St Thomas and St Martin's. This year we are following one of the Pilgrim courses - The Bible. (Book available, if you wish to order, from Church House Publishing £5.99). Please do take a look and sign up if this is for you.

**Bourne Magazine:** Annual subscriptions - £10 for the year - are now due. Please consider subscribing to the magazine if you haven't done so yet, as it greatly helps with the Parish's financial forecasting - and to know we have your support for our excellent magazine!

**Confirmation:** The Bishop of Guildford will be coming to St Andrew's, Farnham on Sunday 22nd April to hold a confirmation service at 10.00am. St Thomas' 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 Parish Office know ASAP if you would like to explore being confirmed by the Bishop on that day.

**Midday Music for Christian Aid: St Thomas', Tuesdays 12noon during Lent.** Starting on 20th February with Emmanuel Bach, Violin and Jenny Stern, Piano. With a Soup, Bread & Cheese lunch in the Rooms from 12.45-2pm. Donations to Christian Aid.

**The Stations of The Cross:** Every Wednesday at St. Thomas' at 8pm, beginning on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. With the aid of pictures we follow Christ's journey to the cross, with a short meditation and prayer at each stop along the way. Quiet, simple and reflective. Lasts about 45 minutes.

**Ladies Walk and Talk: Beginning again for this year on Friday 2nd March, 9.45 for 10am departure from St Thomas'.** Open to all ladies in the community who enjoy walking the lovely local paths. We usually meet on the first Friday of the month and visit local scenic walks. March will be a lovely walk to Farnham Park. If you would like more information, please ring Janet Windeatt on 01252 727102.

**Safeguarding Training, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00-12.30pm at St Thomas'.** The Diocesan Safeguarding team are coming to The Bourne to offer Awareness training. In an age where it is all too easy to be shocked at the news of how young children or adults have suffered abuse or bullying at the hands of others, it behoves everyone of us to be alert to the signs that all is not well with someone we see. The training that is on offer is open to everyone whether you are working or volunteering for the church, or just part of our church family. Please make an effort to come along; perhaps we should see it as part of our care for those who we meet as we try to live out the Gospel in our work and lives. If you have any questions about what this involves and whether it is for you, please approach any of the clergy and we will be happy to discuss your concerns. Please give your name to Elaine if you'd like to come.