

# The Parish Church of St. Thomas Stockport

Consecrated AD 1825

## The THIRD SUNDAY of EPIPHANY 22nd JAN 2012

" Welcome to St Thomas' "

TODAY 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

4.00pm Choral Evensong

10.00am The Order of Service is on a separate sheet.

There are large print copies available

If you like to follow the readings from Holy Scripture there are Pew Bibles in each pew

There is no collection during the Service so please put your offering in the plates

on the main aisle before the service begins.

From 10 to 10 to the commencement of the Service quiet is kept within the church to help us to prepare ourselves for worship.

During the Holy Communion everyone is invited to come to the altar rail, for Communion, or for a Blessing. Communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to receive the Sacrament in the Church of England.

LOOP SYSTEM FOR HEARING AIDS turn to " T "

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Win Allsopp, Jackie Booth, Freda Dakin,

Derek Jones, Mehmet, Milly, Win Prewer, Jessie Riley, Jackie Fish, Gwen .

ANNIVERSARIES: 22nd Bob Cox, 25th Keziah Blackshaw, Walter Ingleson; 26th Ethel Alexander; 27th Jane Eglar Jones ; 28 William Stockton

RECENTLY DIED Lily Addison, Brenda Clarke, Hilda Groome. \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Week 3 of Year 2

WEDNESDAY Conversion of St Paul 9.30am EUCHARIST

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME - This week only ... because of Unity Service at St Peter's at 7.30pm

FRIDAY 1.10pm at S. Peter's Eucharist

NEXT SUN. 'Candlemas' ( transferred )

= The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

with distribution of blessed candles

and Candlemas Procession

4.00pm Choral Evensong

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### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday 7.45pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 7.30pm at St Peter's Church

Stockport Town Centre Churches joint Service to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

ALL WELCOME

followed by light refreshments

Friday 10.00am - 12noon Church OPEN

Do pop in, there's always a welcome.... and a job!

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### St PETER'S CHURCH OPEN DAILY + Café + Gift Shop

11.00am - 2.00pm not open Monday or Saturday

+ Thursdays 7.00pm - 9.30pm 'SPOT ON' for Young People

St Peter's Website : [stpeterstockport.com](http://stpeterstockport.com)

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### PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE

4.00pm TODAY Choral Evensong Psalm set 33

HYMNS COMMON PRAISE 627 Ye Servants of God

521 May the Mind

22 The Day Thou gavest

Readings: Jeremiah 3 v 21 - 4 v 2 ; Titus 2 v 1 - 8, 11 - 14.

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Candlemas = The Feast of the Presentation

The significance of this feast has been highlighted since the introduction of 'Common Worship' in the year 2000 as a natural point between the Christmas and Epiphany Season, when we have 'Sundays of Epiphany' and look back to Christmas; and the 'Sunday's before Lent', when we start to look forward to that Season, and of course to Easter. Whilst the Feast of Candlemas falls on 2nd of February, contrary to our normal practice here at St Thomas' to endeavour to celebrate all the major Feasts on the day itself, with all due dignity, and not simply to transfer it to the nearest Sunday, as many Churches seem to be doing - we keep this on the nearest Sunday so that as many as possible can be present and can enjoy and appreciate it and its meaning.

So this year it will be kept next Sunday = 29th Jan.

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#### GOOD NEWS about our CHURCH SCHOOL

Due to the increase in numbers of primary school age children, the Local Authority have asked to increase the size of the school to a full one form entry i.e. an intake of 30.

At present our maximum intake 22 . All extra expense will be bourne by the Local Authority. This is a very positive and exciting step, securing the future of the school.. It is only a few years ago that we had a real battle to keep the school open - which we won ! It will require some extension to the present building ... Conratulations to the Headteacher, Jill Gray, the Staff, and the School Governors.- We can be very proud of our School - it has just had a very good OFSTED inspection . Please remember the School in your prayers.

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS we will be Celebrating

- 1) The Queen's Diamond Jubilee of her Accession to the Throne.
  - 2) The 175th Anniversary of the opening of our Church School in 1837 ( the oldest free school in Stockport ) . The Children are making Banners to adorn the Church.
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Charitable Giving Each year this Church lays aside money to be donated to charities and worthy causes at home and overseas. Members of the congregation are invited to suggest suitable causes. Please speak to Kevin or a Churchwarden.

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Toiletries for the Womens Aid Refuge

Thanks to those who have kindly donated in the past, more are requested now please.

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