

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

- the Tunbridge Wells Deanery
- the Anglican Church of Burundi

**Please continue to pray for the sick and those in need:-**

Sarah Beaney; Jill Boyd; Fiona Brown; Beryl Guarnori; Peggy Pope; Eleanor Wilson; Diana Young.

Please remember the recently departed, especially Hannah West, and all those who mourn them.

+ **For those in need, O Lord, we make our prayer:  
the sick in mind or in body;  
the blind, the deaf and the disabled;  
the isolated; the sorrowing, the anxious and the perplexed.  
Lord, give them courage, patience and peace of heart,  
and do for them whatever is for their good.  
We give thanks and pray for those who care for them. +**

**REMEMBER** you can sponsor any Sunday order of service or flowers in memory of a loved one or an event, with a donation to parish funds.

Please contact Andrea in the office

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To enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priest-in-Charge or one of the Churchwardens.



**The council closed all the public loos in town**

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Office opening hours: Tuesdays,

Wednesdays & Fridays: 2 - 5 pm

Please make sure all items for the

**Notice Bulletin** reach the office by

**Wednesday midday**



*To live the love of God,  
in the Way of Christ Jesus  
in our parish and community*

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**3rd February 2019**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

8 am Eucharist  
10.30 am Family Service



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| Monday 4th    | 8 pm     | Compline                                 |
| Tuesday 5th   | 9 am     | Morning Prayer                           |
|               | 5.30 pm  | Senior Guides                            |
|               | 7 pm     | Guides                                   |
|               | 7.45 pm  | House Group ( <i>23 Bounds Oak Way</i> ) |
| Wednesday 6th | 9 am     | Morning Prayer                           |
|               | 9.45 am  | Holy Communion                           |
|               | 10.30 am | Parent and Toddler group                 |
|               | 5 pm     | Evening Prayer                           |
|               | 7.30 pm  | Pilgrim Course                           |
| Thursday 7th  | 9 am     | Morning Prayer                           |
|               | 5 pm     | Evening Prayer                           |
|               | 7 pm     | Choir Practice                           |
| Friday 8th    | 9 am     | Morning Prayer                           |
|               | 12.45 pm | Pilgrim Course                           |
|               | 5 pm     | Evening Prayer                           |
|               | 5.45 pm  | Brownies                                 |
|               | 7.30 pm  | Guides                                   |
| Saturday 9th  | 9.15 am  | STIFF Walk                               |

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**10th February 2019**

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

*Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

8 am Eucharist  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist *and Ark*



### THE PILGRIM COURSE

The next sessions (Session 6) of the Pilgrim Course on the Creeds will be held **THIS WEEK** on Wednesday January 6th, starting at 7.30 pm, or on Friday January 8th, starting with a simple lunch at 12.45 pm. A leaflet with more information is available at the back of church. Do take one to find out more.

### STIFF WALK



The next STIFF walk is the Annual London Walk on Saturday 9th February. It will cover parts of North Greenwich and Greenwich and the Thames Path in between - about 5.5 miles in all. Meet in the Pennington Road car park at **9.15 am** to catch the number 7 bus from the Fountain at 0926 to Tonbridge or in the booking hall at Tonbridge Station by 9.40am. Don't forget bus pass or fare, money for rail fare (£14.50 each for Travelcard for three or more travelling together throughout) and for lunch.

For any more information contact [ericwills@btinternet.com](mailto:ericwills@btinternet.com) (01892 525931).

### THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEING CREATIVE

For Thy Kingdom Come this year, we would like to have a display/exhibition based on the theme of the Holy Spirit. We plan to put this up ready for Ascension Day on 30th May and it will stay up for at least a few weeks. Images of the Holy Spirit include a flame, a seal, a hand, the sun, the wind, breath, a wild goose, water and a dove.



So, if you are visually creative, why not paint, draw, embroider or make a collage on an image or images of the Holy Spirit? Or if you are good with words, why not write a poem, prayer or reflection on the Holy Spirit?

Roger Evernden is planning to write some music which we will practise and then use in a service on our activity day in church on Saturday June 8th.

And if you are feel that you cannot write or prepare something yourself, you could always choose a favourite picture, poem, prayer, hymn verse or reflection on the theme.

This is an early notice to give you time to prepare something special. Ideally, we would need everything for the display by May 26th. I am happy to have things earlier. When the display comes down, you can collect what you have made/given.



### CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTION

Our Christmas collection for Mission Aviation Fellowship raised £654.35 plus gift aid. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting this charity.



### ST THOMAS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

A new roll is compiled every 6 years and 2019 is such a year. All those on the Electoral Roll who wish to appear on the new roll must complete a new application form. Named forms may be found on the table at the back of church. Please complete, sign, and put the form in the box on the table before 10th March.

New members are welcome; there are spare forms on the table. The new roll will be displayed in church from 17th March. If you wish your address to be hidden from public view, please note this on your form. Roger Evernden, St Thomas's Electoral Roll Officer will be pleased to help you or answer questions. It is important that our Roll is as complete as possible. Enrolment allows you to vote at the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sunday 7th April).



A Note for your Diary

### ST THOMAS CHURCH ROAST SUNDAY LUNCH.

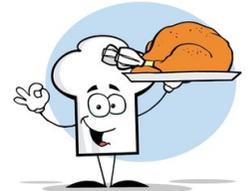
10th March 2019

at 1.15pm in the Parish Room

2 course lunch.

Adults £7.50, children £5.00  
Please bring friends and family.

More details to follow.



### ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Last week we circulated a new Green Note updating people in the development of a Group Ministry (see the notice board if you missed it). On **Sunday 19th May** all the churches in the new Group will take part in a joint service at St Peter's at 10.30 am (with a Eucharist) followed by a hog roast barbecue (with options for vegetarians too!).

**Please put the date in your diary now and join us for that service to mark this special occasion.**

### ***BISHOP JAMES***

Bishop James is currently unwell and will shortly be undergoing surgery, followed by what is expected to be several weeks of recovery and convalescence. During this time, his engagements are being covered by Bishop Simon and others and communications will be handled by Bishops court in the usual way. Do please hold Bishop James, Bridget and their family in your prayers.

### ***GENERAL SYNOD***

Rachel will be at General Synod between 20th-23rd February. As your representative I am there to represent your views. As ever, there will be some significant matters under discussion - all the motions are published in advance on the Church of England website - do please take the opportunity to look and speak to Rachel if you have any comment to make.

### ***SHARED LUNCH - AN INVITATION TO JOIN US***



A reminder that we run a bring and share lunch **every other month on the last Sunday of the month**. The next one will be held on **31st March**.

It would be wonderful if as many people as possible could come and share in fellowship. We'll be putting the sign up sheet earlier on in the month so that people have plenty of notice and can organise what they are able to bring. Do join us if you can both for yourself and as a support for others.

### ***TUNBRIDGE WELLS HALF-MARATHON***

***Sunday 17th February***

The half-marathon is scheduled for 17th February and we have been warned that various road closures will be in place in this area at certain times of the morning. If you think you may be affected you can see the course layout and a detailed list of road closures on:

[www.twharriers.org.uk/tunbridge-wells-half-marathon](http://www.twharriers.org.uk/tunbridge-wells-half-marathon)

### ***FLOWERS***



The Altar Guild is looking for new members if you feel able to spare an hour or two every 8 weeks to arrange the flowers in church. No experience necessary - just an appreciation for flowers. For more information, please speak to either Sue Ellman or Carol Prentice.