

Mustard Seed

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BRAMPTON AND ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HOLYMOORSIDE
Free throughout the parish

July 2000

One parish becomes two St John's Walton comes of age

On 1 August St John's Walton will become an independent parish. The Parish of St Thomas' Brampton will still include Holymoorside, as well as much of Brampton and Ashgate. Walton residents (except those who live on the South East side of Walton Road off Walgrove Road) and Somersall residents will no longer be St Thomas' parishioners. They will have their own parish church of St John's. See the parish map overleaf

Walton will be the first parish to be created in this Millennium. It is a relatively rare thing to happen and a cause for much celebration.



Andy Broom

Andy Broom, who will be the first Vicar of Walton, says "When we arrived from Telford, we knew there was something special about St John's. It's been thrilling to see the church grow and now be at a stage where we are becoming a new parish."

St Thomas' has been encouraging this development for some years.



St John's Church and Church Centre

"I feel rather like I felt when my daughter was married in St Thomas' – proud and excited," said the Rector of St Thomas', **Christopher Frith**. The two parishes intend to work closely together, forming a "Group Ministry".

Joint evening Services for St Thomas', St Peter's Holymoorside and St John's will happen regularly.

Alpha courses and Wednesday Lunch Plus will continue to be run jointly. "It's a time of new beginnings and new opportunities for both parishes," says Christopher Frith.



INVITATION TO ALPHA

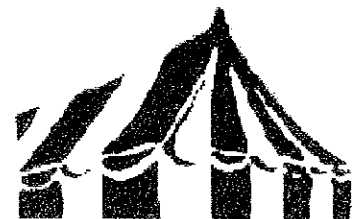
A series of ten evenings ... very informal atmosphere starting with a tasty meal ... a chance to find out more about what life is about ... to air any questions 'bugging you'. Our next Alpha course starts on Wednesday evening, 20 September.

Ring St Thomas' office 558461

Or Christopher Frith Rector, 232717

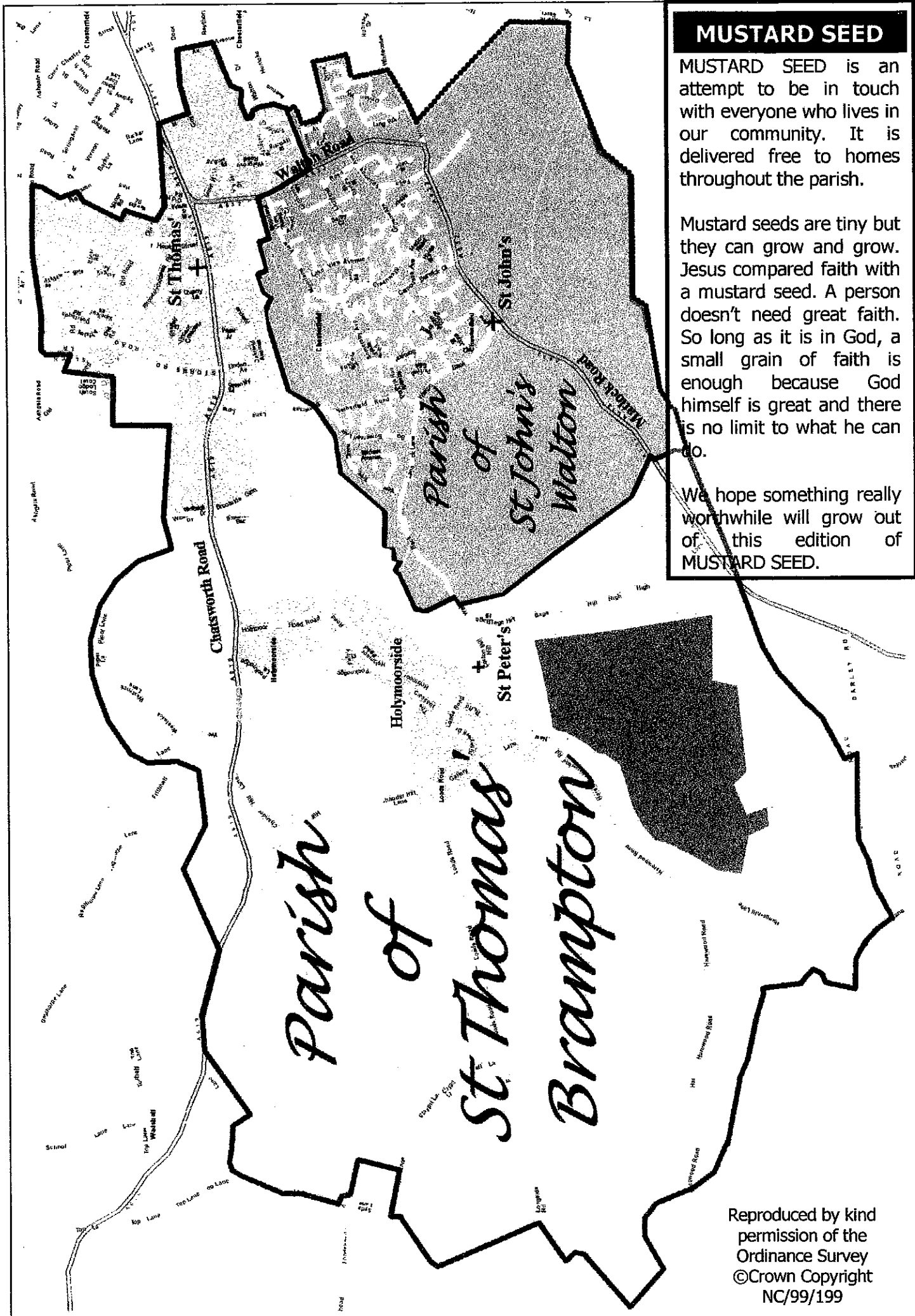


SUMMER FETE



Bank Holiday Monday
28th August
2 – 4 p.m.
in the grounds of St. Thomas' Church.

Admission Free!
More details inside.



MUSTARD SEED

MUSTARD SEED is an attempt to be in touch with everyone who lives in our community. It is delivered free to homes throughout the parish.

Mustard seeds are tiny but they can grow and grow. Jesus compared faith with a mustard seed. A person doesn't need great faith. So long as it is in God, a small grain of faith is enough because God himself is great and there is no limit to what he can do.

We hope something really worthwhile will grow out of this edition of MUSTARD SEED.

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FESTIVAL 2000

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September

Special Millennium celebrations continue at St Thomas'

**Historic Exhibition Flower Festival Harvest Thanksgiving
Barn Dance Something for everyone.**

Festival 2000 is to be a celebration of the life of both our local community and St Thomas' church.

Exhibition

There will be contributions from Chesterfield Historic Society, from industry, from local children and from church members. St Thomas' has seen a lot happen since the church was consecrated in 1832.

Flower Festival

The church promises to look very beautiful, with floral arrangements celebrating both the Harvest and St Thomas' Millennium motto.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

The EXHIBITION and FLOWER FESTIVAL will be open on Friday and Saturday between 10 am and 4 pm. On the Sunday it will be open between 2 pm and 4 pm, in addition to the special services.

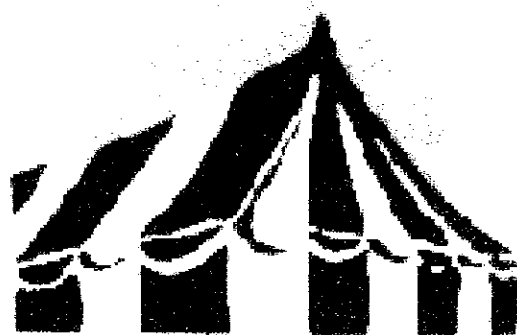
Barn Dance

This will take place in St Thomas' on the Saturday at 6:30 pm. Tickets £3.50, £1 concessions, will be available from church members or from St Thomas' office and all are welcome.

Festival Services

On the Sunday, there will be celebration services and everyone is invited. They will be at 9 am, 11 am and 6:30 pm.

SUMMER FETE



Why not join us for some fun?

Bank Holiday Monday 28th August

From 2 – 4 p.m.

- ✓ **Treasure Hunt**
- ✓ **Bouncy Castle**
- ✓ **Music**
- ✓ **Circus Skills**
- ✓ **Hair Braiding**
- ✓ **Face Painting**
- ✓ **Puppets**



And many more games for just 10p!

Refreshments



& Cakes



Admission Free!

The road to hell and back is paved with ...

If you don't want to do something you invent an excuse – and call it a reason! Most of us are well practised in this art.

When it comes to going to church, local people seem to wheel out one of these...

- It's not relevant
- It's boring
- It's not like it used to be
- It's too modern
- I'm waiting until I'm old
- No-one speaks to you
- I don't like the ministers

How true are these 'reasons'? Have you been recently to check them out?

What do church services offer?

- ◆ A chance to get in touch with God
- ◆ Encouragement when the going is difficult
- ◆ Genuine friendship and fellowship
- ◆ A chance to think about important issues – like what we are on earth for.

TEN REASONS WHY I NEVER WASH

- 1 *I was made to wash as a child.*
- 2 *People who wash are hypocrites - they reckon they are cleaner than other people.*
- 3 *There are so many different kinds of soap, I could never decide which one is right.*
- 4 *I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped.*
- 5 *I still wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter*
- 6 *None of my friends wash.*
- 7 *I'm still young. When I'm older and have got a bit dirtier I might start washing.*
- 8 *I really don't have the time*
- 9 *The bathroom's never warm enough.*
- 10 *People who make soap are only after your money.*



... good excuses

Check out our Sunday services: give them a try!

ST THOMAS' BRAMPTON

9:00 am Holy Communion (*fairly traditional with the robed choir*)
 11:00 am Service for all ages (*fairly contemporary*)
 6:30 pm Evening Prayer or Holy Communion (*Youth Service 1st Sun.*)

ST PETER'S HOLYMOORSIDE

9:30 am Family Communion
 6:00 pm Evening Prayer (*1662 service*)



Please complete this and return it to: The Secretary,
 St Thomas' Office, Chatsworth Rd., Chesterfield S40 3AW

- I am interested in the **Alpha Course**. Please let me have details.
- I would like to receive **Ploughshare**, the bi-monthly Parish magazine, £2.50 per year, introductory copy free.
- I would like a **visit** by one of the clergy or someone on their behalf.

Name:

Address:

ENQUIRIES

General enquiries should be made to St Thomas' office, either by phone or by calling. It is at the opposite end from the tower. Please note however, that it will not be staffed all the time over the holiday period; there is an answerphone.

Enquiries about weddings or baptisms should be made on a Monday evening between 6:30 pm and 7:15 pm.

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