

# PLOUGHSHARE

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## St Thomas' Brampton St Peter's, Holymoorside

### Share the love of Jesus

*We aim to become more like Jesus every day  
as we respond to His love for us and  
as we share the good news of Him with others*



Ruth is ordained Priest -see back page



Julie Lomas is  
licensed as a  
Reader -see  
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We welcome Mark  
Broomhead, our new  
Pioneer Curate, and  
his family -see page 2

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brampton  
with thousands of days of prayer

St Thomas' Church is open 9.30-12.30 Monday to Friday for prayer,  
reflection and to be quiet.

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# Monthly Pattern of Sunday Services

There is a variety of services each Sunday in both our churches. Details are set out below. Please note that changes may occasionally occur at short notice. For the latest up to date information please check the weekly notice sheet or [www.st-thomas-brampton.org/diary.html](http://www.st-thomas-brampton.org/diary.html)

## St Thomas'

Sermon themes and readings are available in church or at [www.st-thomas-brampton.org/services.html](http://www.st-thomas-brampton.org/services.html)

Recordings of the sermons and readings are available at [www.st-thomas-brampton.org/podcast\\_index.html](http://www.st-thomas-brampton.org/podcast_index.html)

### **For those who enjoy tradition:**

**9am** A service of Parish Communion (*Morning Prayer once a month*) using 'Common Worship' and with the choir and organ.

### **For those with families:**

**11am** An informal service that's 'family friendly'. Sung worship led by the worship band. Weekly crèche (0-3's) and children's groups (3-10 plus years old).

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Family Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (and 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Sunday	Morning Worship

### **For those looking for something more:**

**6pm** A relaxed service with in-depth teaching and extended worship led by the music team.

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Informal Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> (and 5 <sup>th</sup> ) Sunday	Evening Worship

**4.30pm** 'energize -1' for 10-14 year olds

**8pm** 'energize -2' for 14-18 year olds

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## St Peter's

**9.30am** A traditional service of Holy Communion every Sunday using 'Common Worship' and 'Mission Praise' accompanied by the organ. There is Sunday Club (3 years old to school year 9) and a crèche.

**6pm** A traditional service of Evening Prayer using the '1662 Service' and 'Mission Praise' accompanied by the organ.  
(*Note: the evening service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is held at Holymoorside Methodist Church.*)

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<p><b>St Thomas': During August there will be one morning service at 10.30am. Evening service as normal at 6pm.</b></p>
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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Ouch! I am typing this letter one handed, my right arm is currently unusable as I've just returned from the doctor's having had what feels like pretty much every injection known to man. Why, you may ask. The answer is because this summer, in between my family holiday and a pilgrimage to Lincoln, I will be travelling to Uganda to work with the Church in East Africa.

Maybe you're like me. I've heard about poverty in Africa, I've see it on the TV screen but I have no real understanding of what it is like to experience it. It's true that I've lived and worked in poor communities in this country but saying that I don't think this will prepare me for what I'm about to experience in Africa. According to the international monetary fund we in the UK are a full 88 places ahead of Uganda on the countries' 'rich list'. In Uganda 35% of the population live below the poverty line, one in ten Ugandans are infected with HIV/AIDs and the average life expectancy is 49 years for men and 51 years for women. Life threatening poverty is all around. There will be no five star 'European-style' hotels for myself and the team I travel with. We will be hosted by the local church and will be expected to eat, sleep and live amongst the people we serve. We will be divided by so many things and yet united in our shared faith in the Lord Jesus. I am going ready to learn far more than I will teach.

This is an especially exciting journey for me. My parents, both missionaries, met and were married in Uganda. I'm really looking forward to visiting the country they knew so well. If the truth be told, I don't really know what to expect. I don't know how I will react or how I will be changed on my return. But I do know this: God has a heart for the poor and to be with them is to be near to the side of God. I look forward to walking closely with Him.

Please pray for me as I travel. I'm sure I'll reflect further on my journey when I return. Wherever you may wander over this summer period may God grant you good travelling and a safe return.

Every blessing,

**Matthew Barnes,  
Rector**

## From the Editor

Many of the articles in this edition are about people doing or planning to do things that will have a major impact on their lives: emigrating, moving on in their role in the church both in this country and abroad, getting married or planning to study in far away places. We wish them well and God's blessing on them as they serve Him in these new and exciting ventures.

But we must also remember those who do not have such opportunities and serve God in their own quiet way here in Chesterfield. May God's blessing be on each one of us as well.

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### Welcome to Rev Mark Broomhead and his Family

*We welcome into our church family Mark, Sarah, Kiaya and Eden who have moved from Clay Cross to join us.*

Mark is an Ordained Pioneer Minister. He explains briefly what this means and what he will be doing.

"My role is to have a focus outside of the conventional church, looking at new ways of doing church. I have talked to Bishop Alistair, the Bishop of Derby, about doing a project in Chesterfield town centre which he is very keen on. I am not quite at the end of my curacy but he wanted me to move forward with the project and suggested I move to Chesterfield and worship with you here at St Thomas' whilst I finish off my curacy.



"The Church of England recognizes that many parts of the community are left out of conventional church and that something needs to be done about this. I've been working with a community that is centred around music, skateboarding etc. People dress in black and hang around street corners looking frightening. These people I call my friends. I am promoting a form of church that is natural and welcoming to people who wouldn't be able to walk into a normal church building or service and 'get it' straight away."

On behalf of all readers we welcome Mark and his family and look forward to finding out more about them and Mark's work in future editions. -Editor

## Prayer and Play

During the Football World Cup on Saturday, 26 June, a morning of *Prayer and Play* was held at St Thomas'.

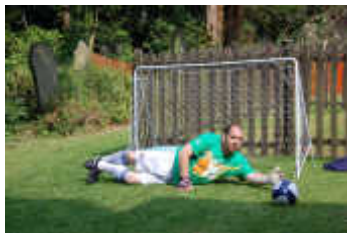
From 8-9am we prayed for countries involved in the World Cup (and others), 9-10am we had breakfast together and then for the rest of the morning we played football related games.

The games included, shove ha'penny, *Subutteo*, table football, penalty shoot outs, and an electronic football game. We also had a quiz and played the 'chocolate game' as the scores were computed.

Although the games were on a football theme, age and gender were not a handicap, with Erica Clegg being the overall winner.



Breakfast including real South African porridge made with genuine mealie meal



A variety of games



The chocolate game



And our winner was Erica!

## St Peter's Sunday Club

At the St Peter's Day Sunday service in June the Sunday Club children received bibles from the Rev Audrey and Sara, one of the teachers. A party was held after the service to celebrate the day.



## Congratulations to John and Ann Small on their Ruby Wedding

John and Ann were married forty years ago on 8 August 1970 in East Barnet, Hertfordshire. God bless you both. -Editor on behalf of all readers.



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**St Thomas' is on Facebook**



Did you know St Thomas' has a *facebook* site? You can access it and join from the front page of the church website [st-thomas-brampton.org](http://st-thomas-brampton.org)

# Fair Trade Shopping is Needed More than Ever



*Alison Woodgate writes to thank those who have supported her Traidcraft stall during the past year.*

Thanks to your support I have managed to maintain my *Traidcraft* sales for this year despite the difficult economic times. Paul Chandler, *Traidcraft's* Chief Executive, has asked me to pass on *Traidcraft's* gratitude to all of you who have supported me in making this possible. You really have made a difference.

Paul goes on to say "In these demanding economic times our producers need our support more than ever. As we all know, the increasing visibility of *Fairtrade* marked products in the mainstream doesn't change the fact that fair trade still accounts for only 1% of the total sales of potentially fairly traded products in the UK, a tiny proportion of what it could be. The scandal of global poverty is as great as ever. Your support for *Traidcraft* means that the benefits of fair trade sales get ploughed back into the greater mission of working for a fairer world where all can flourish and enjoy the fruits of their labour. There remains much work to be done but with your continuing efforts and prayers behind us, we are confident that *Traidcraft* will continue to achieve great things and begin to change the way the world works."

I hope you will continue to fight poverty through fair trade in the coming months and years at church stalls and in your local supermarket.

Thank you.

**Alison Woodgate**

Please note there is no *Traidcraft* stall at St Thomas' in August, the next one will be 12 September.

## Rev Phil and Rachel Michell

Phil has finished his vicar training in Bristol and was ordained a deacon on 4 July 2010 at Derby Cathedral by the Bishop of Derby.

Phil, his wife Rachel and their children Rosie (6) and Ellie (3), were members of St Thomas' for several years before Phil went forward for ordination. He was a driving instructor and got several of our church members through their driving test.



Phil and Rachel with daughter Ellie (Rosie was camera shy) being interviewed

Phil has been appointed to the parish of Brailsford with Shirley and Osmaston with Edlaston, and Yeaveley, near Ashbourne. (I hope he has a good rota and map! -Editor)

Phil says: "One of my passions in ministry is seeing people come to faith and watching that faith deepen and grow. I love hearing people's stories and discovering how God has been at work in their lives."

On behalf of all *Ploughshare* readers may we ask for God's blessing on Phil and the family.

### Mark Hoare

(The family visited St Thomas' on 13 June. Listen to them being interviewed by Emma Atkinson at [st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2010.html#36](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2010.html#36))

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## Julie Lomas is Licensed as a Reader

Julie Lomas, one of our church family members was licensed as a Reader by the Bishop of Derby on Saturday 17 July 2010 in Derby Cathedral. Let us pray for Julie as she starts her ministry in this role.

Julie spoke in church and wrote in the April 2009 edition of the magazine about her journey to become a Reader. You can listen and read again at [st-thomas-brampton.org/aboutpeople1.html#20](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/aboutpeople1.html#20)



## Paul and Sarah Tester visit us at St Thomas'

*Paul and Sarah are one of the Mission Partners that we support at St Thomas'. They work for the Church Mission Society (CMS) in Lima, Peru. At the end of May they visited us whilst they were back in the UK for a few months. We were able to get to know them a bit better and find out what they have been doing.*

Paul and Sarah spoke to the Editor of *Ploughshare*.

**Editor:** *Paul and Sarah, the obvious question, how did you end up in Peru working for CMS?*

**Sarah:** When I was a teenager I prayed and asked God what I should study. I felt God telling me to study languages so that I might be able to go to South America one day to do mission work. So I did study languages, including Spanish at Durham University and then trained as a primary school teacher.

**Paul:** I met Sarah at University where I was studying civil engineering. We went on holiday to Mexico and felt very much at home out there and called to mission. After graduating we went to Lima with the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) for a year. This is when we felt we were in the place God wanted us to be. We then worked in the UK for a few years to get experience in our professional jobs and then went out again in 2007 until now.

**Editor:** *What sort of things are you doing out there?*

**Sarah:** I work with a play scheme which goes to various places in the shanty towns around Lima. I also help in our local church's Sunday school with the young children and a 'Compassion' child sponsorship project. Paul works with the older children. He also uses his civil engineering experience to help with building, renovation and repair work.

**Paul:** I feel called to engage with young people and bring them to God. I lead a couple of youth groups in the local churches and am helping grow youth mission and build up youth leaders in the whole Diocese of Peru (which is the whole country).

**Editor:** *How did you come to faith?*

**Paul:** For me, there was no blinding light experience, unlike my namesake. We both grew up in Christian families and were inspired by our parents who have been a great example to us. They have shown God's love and presence in their lives and we felt it ours. We both went to praying churches where God seemed to be present all the time.

**Editor:** *Have you ever had doubts about being a Christian?*

**Paul:** Yes. During my teenage and university years I asked questions and often forgot about being a Christian. Deep down however I always believed there was a God and he could care for me. When I did go off and do my own thing I found God showing me, indeed challenging me, that I did need Him and a relationship with Him. And he sent Sarah along to show me!

**Editor:** *How have you seen God directing your life?*

**Sarah:** When I young I was surrounded by my relations and was very close to them. We did lots of things together including going to church on a Sunday. It was a surprise then when, as I described earlier, I felt God directing me to mission. However I felt I had confirmation of God's direction because shortly afterwards I read Matthew 19:29. *[Everyone who has left houses, a brother, sister, father, mother, children or fields for my sake will receive 100 times more and will inherit eternal life.]* I have to admit it was not a totally pleasant surprise as I had expected to be closely surrounded by my family for the whole of my life.

**Paul:** God has directed me in lots of little things (and one big thing). I am usually quite successful in what I do. I was pretty good at school both academically and at sport. However a couple of times I have 'failed' in my life and it has been a bit of a surprise to me. I applied to Cambridge University and made a hash of the interview and did not get in. At school I was the leader of the RAF cadets. I applied for a University RAF scholarship but didn't get that either! I did not understand why God had 'allowed' this. Only looking back can I see what a blessing 'failing' these two things was. I went to Durham University where I met Sarah. There we started to explore our calling.

**Editor:** *Have you a message for us at St Thomas' and St Peter's*

**Sarah:** God challenges us all to become missionaries and move outside our comfort zones. Paul and I have gone thousands of miles away to Peru but you can be a missionary nearer to home, in this country, in Chesterfield, even in your street. God called Peter, an ordinary fisherman, to follow him and he obeyed. Our prayer is that with a bit of Peter and the power of the Holy Spirit, you can reach out and spread to Good News wherever God wants you to.

**Editor:** *Paul and Sarah, thank you for coming to see us and telling us about yourselves and your work in Peru. God bless you both.*

You can see pictures from their visit and where they work in Peru on the next two pages. You can see more pictures and listen to what they said at [Furnace](http://Furnace) and our Sunday services at [st-thomas-brampton.org/2010testers.html](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/2010testers.html)

# Paul and Sarah during their Visit to St Thomas'



**Pictures:**

Sarah with Joe Dods and Anneke Godfrey at housegroup.

Paul and Sarah with Abi Simons at Furnace.

Paul and Sarah presenting a gift of a Peruvian cross Peter Rolfe (our St Thomas' link with CMS).



## Pictures from Peru



### Pictures:

A typical shanty town in Peru.

The mission church.

Sarah working in the mission church.

No proper desks or tables. (Paul and Sarah are using the collection we took to provide tables for the children to use.)

Break and prayer time.

## Could you be a Street Pastor?

If you are in Chesterfield town centre on a weekend evening, having been to a show at the Winding Wheel or Pomegranate perhaps, you may be surprised and even shocked by what you see and hear. For many, Saturday night in town is something of a 'no go' area: noisy, drunken, sometimes distasteful and a place to escape from as quickly as possible.



Can or should the churches be doing anything? Yes, but is it a case of 'Here am I, send him'. The *New Life* congregation made a few expeditions into the town centre scene, armed with bottles of water and lots of good will. They were well received, but they could not keep it up.

Now *Christians Together for Chesterfield* is looking at setting up **Street Pastors** in Chesterfield. Elsewhere in numerous towns and cities Street Pastors have started and they are achieving a good deal. Virtually everywhere they go there is a considerable increase in goodwill towards Christians and the church and a drop in petty crime.

So how is it done? The local churches seek out suitable people, not necessarily just the young, who are willing to be out on the streets at least one night a month as Street Pastors. Wearing high visibility jackets they support the police and the licensed trade by providing a sober, kindly and friendly presence. They routinely hand out flip-flops to girls whose fancy footwear has got damaged and 'spikeys' to protect drinks from being interfered with. They can also help with basic first aid. Street Pastors are friendly and open conversations with anyone and everyone. They have radio support linked to the police, CCTV and Pub Watch. All this is supported by prayer in the local headquarters and elsewhere.

There is a national framework for this work provided by the *Ascension Trust*. The Trust lay down standards and provide training.

You are invited to come to an open meeting of the *Christians Together Forum* in September (date to be confirmed) where a representative of the *Ascension Trust* will speak, provide more information, and (we hope) recommend that we be licensed to proceed with the training of twenty volunteers with a view to an official launch in the New Year of 2011.

For more information please see Jane Simmonds or Pauline Kelshaw or go to [streetpastors.co.uk](http://streetpastors.co.uk)

## Local Lass Marries Farmer

Julie Priest and Joseph Hayle married at St Peter's Church on Saturday 11 July 2010

The groom arrived in his washed and cleaned *Fastrac* tractor ready to carry his new wife home.



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## Farewell to the Jenkin Family

We have said our goodbyes at St Peter's to Rachael, John, Isabel and Daniel who are leaving us in Holymoorside to move to Luxembourg in early August.

They have been great supporters of the church. Rachael has used her skills as an RE teacher to great effect in our Sunday Club, which has been very much appreciated.

We wish God's blessings on them and send them off surrounded by our love and prayers.





## Eleanor's Trip to Australia!

*Eleanor Lomas has just completed her A level examinations. She tells us something about what she is planning in her 'gap year' with YWAM.*

### Who is YWAM?

YWAM stands for *Youth with a Mission* and their mission is 'to know God and to make Him known'.

### What is YWAM DTS?

The DTS (Discipleship Training School) is an intensive, Christian training course for 18-35 year olds. It runs for twenty one weeks and lectures are integrated with hands on experience. The school is designed to **encourage** students to develop their **personal character**. It aims to help them exercise their faith whilst cultivating a living, intimate and personal relationship with God and to identify their unique gifts and calling.

### Where is YWAM DTS?

This school is run in Townsville, Australia. Townsville is on the north eastern coast of Australia in Queensland.

### When does DTS start?

My course will commence on Sunday 16 January 2011. I will be graduating on Friday 10 June 2011.

### Why do I want to do this course?

I personally have always wanted to return to Australia (after spending 5 weeks exploring with my family when I was twelve) but never knew how to do it. A relaxing holiday would be amazing but that is only a dream for now!

I have also always planned to have gap year and whilst looking at Christian gap year organizations (probably when I was meant to be revising for some exam over the past three years) I came across the



*YWAM Reef to Outback* website and the DTS course. As I read about the course, what I would be doing, how I would be learning and what experiences I would have, I felt my heart start racing with excitement and certainty that this is what I should do in my gap year. However life goes on and I put going to Australia to the back of my mind and focused on other things including exams and friends. It was only in February 2010 that my excitement of YWAM DTS was rekindled and e-mails flew back and forth between me and the organisers about when to apply.

After downloading a sixteen page application form it sat nicely on my desk for a few weeks before I came to face the mammoth task of filling all the necessary details out. I sent it off half way round the world and awaited a reply of acceptance or not. The phone call of acceptance came on a Wednesday morning at the end of May and I was (and still am) very excited about the prospect of this trip of a lifetime.

It was only after I read the information pack thoroughly (with the help of the parents) that I realised how much it was going to cost. The course itself is £2,000 but other costs such as flights, insurance, a visa and living expenses will be on top of this. I aim to raise as much as possible by increasing the hours I work at my current Saturday job. However I am well aware that there are not enough hours in the day for me to raise this money on my own. I am planning to run a variety of fundraising events over the next six months to help raise the extra I need.

I would greatly appreciate it if you were to make a donation or sponsor me when I decide what hard/embarrassing tasks to do. However if you do not feel that you can then no worries; I appreciate that you have taken the time to read this article.

God bless

**Eleanor Lomas**

You can find out more about YWAM DTS at [ywamrto.org/page/discipleship-training-schools](http://ywamrto.org/page/discipleship-training-schools)



## Football at St Thomas'



Over the past couple of months on Tuesday and Thursday evenings some of St Thomas' more energetic members (and less energetic on occasions) and their friends have been getting together to play five-a-side football on the outside pitch at Queen's Park Sports Centre.

As well as being a means for having fellowship among church members it enables us to invite non-Christian friends to a 'church' event in a situation where they will feel comfortable.

If you would like to play (or just to cheer, vuvuzelas optional) please contact Graham Brown.

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## Farewell to the Baileys

On Sunday 11 July at the 11am service we said farewell to Martin, Gill, Eleanor and Alex Bailey. They are emigrating to Canada to a place called Nanaimo on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. They will tell us more about their reasons for going in the next edition of *Ploughshare*. Listen to the Rector interviewing Martin and Gill at [st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2010.html#45](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2010.html#45)



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## Procession of Witness 2010

The annual Procession of Witness around Chesterfield again took place on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 May. The theme was '*Christ is our Goal*', a reference to this year's football World Cup.

This year members of St Thomas' represented Tear Fund and Operation Christmas Child.

As is the custom, the walk was led by the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield who this year are Keith and Pat Morgan respectively. (Keith and Pat are part of our church family at St Thomas'.) Matt, our Rector, accompanied them in his official role as Mayor's Chaplain.

**Some pictures from the Procession of Witness Pictures**  
See more at [st-thomas-brampton.org/processionofwitness2010.html](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/processionofwitness2010.html)



# Giving

Last year at St Thomas' we looked at our S.H.A.P.E. focusing on the gifts and talents given to us by God.

- S** Spiritual Gifts that we have been blessed with.
- H** Heart, the passion we have that makes our heart beat faster.
- A** Abilities that God has given us.
- P** Personality, the sort of person we are.
- E** Experience, what we have learnt during our lives.

Sometimes we may struggle to find our '*Shape*'. However one gifts we all have is 'giving' which is the theme of this poem.

## **How can you say you have nothing to give?**

No riches to scatter abroad?

No soaring talents to light up the world

No jewels in glittering hoard?

For oh, my friend, you are wrong, quite wrong

Your treasures are pearly beyond price

They may not be Euros or dollars or pounds

But those that you have will suffice.

A helping hand where the path is rough

A shoulder to mop the tears

A friendship which, come fair wind or foul

Stays steadfast all through the years.

A kindly word to heal a hurt

A smile to colour the day

The warmth of a hug 'midst cold arctic wastes

Kneeling to bless and to pray.

So never say you have nothing to give

Or feel yourself standing apart

For the world is in need of the healing which comes

From the depth of a generous heart.

Listen to the S.H.A.P.E. series at  
[st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2009.html#17](http://st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2009.html#17)

## Some Diary Dates

### **Thursday 5 August**

1pm Rendezvous, St Thomas'

### **Saturday 14 August**

11am Wedding of Steve Willis and Gemma Machin, St Thomas

### **Friday 20 August**

7pm 3 Fs Walk around Hardwick Park

### **Wednesday 25 August**

2pm Communion and Cuppa, St Thomas'

### **Thursday 26 to Monday 30 August**

Holymoorside Arts and Crafts Exhibition, St Peter's

### **Thursday 26 August**

7pm Well Blessing, Holymoorside

### **Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 September**

Summer Rendezvous, St Thomas'

### **Saturday 18 September**

Messy Church, St Thomas'

### **Tuesday 21 September**

Confirmation Service, St Thomas'

### **Saturday 25 September**

7pm 3Fs Walk, Monsal Head  
Harvest Supper, Holymoorside Village Hall

### **Sunday 26 September**

Mission Sunday for OMF, St Thomas'  
Harvest Festival, St Peter's

### **Wednesday 29 September**

2pm Communion and Cuppa, St Thomas'

### **Saturday 2 October**

Hog Roast, St Thomas'

### **Sunday 3 October**

Harvest Festival, St Thomas'

### **Thursday 7 October**

1pm Rendezvous, St Thomas'

## **Rosie**

*A poem by Nancy Sturdy  
about her pet dog*

She shares my life,  
My home, my day,  
Her toys are mine,  
I'm in her play.  
She's full of love,  
It lights my day,  
I'm in her heart,  
And there to stay.  
I thank my God  
For her each day.

More information including that about regular events can be found on the  
weekly notice sheet and on the diary page of  
[st-thomas-brampton.org](http://st-thomas-brampton.org)

## Crowning the Rose Queen at St Peter's

At St Peter's fete on Saturday 26 June, **Rebecca King** and **Isabel Jenkin** were crowned Rose Queen and Princess respectively by the Rev Ruth Turner.



## and ....Ordaining Ruth as Priest

Ruth, having been ordained Deacon a year ago, was ordained a Priest by the Bishop of Repton on Saturday 3 July 2010 at St John's, Buxton. The next day, Sunday, there was a buffet for the church family to celebrate with Ruth.



Front cover shows Ruth with the Bishop, Matt and Mark after the ordination

Ruth's cake and Ruth saying a few words.

