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St Peter's, Holymoorside



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Monthly Service Pattern at St Thomas'

Sunday Services are usually at 9am, 11am and 6.30pm.

9am is Communion, except 2nd Sunday when it is Morning Worship.

11am is Morning Worship, except the 2nd Sunday when it is Communion.

There are children's groups (3 years old to school year 9) and a crèche.

6.30pm is Evening Worship, except on the 4th Sunday when it is Communion.

Pathfinders (school years 7-9) meet 6.30-8pm.

CYFA (school years 10-13) meet from 8.15pm.

Sunday 4 March:

'Mission Sunday' for Tear Fund including a Faith Lunch.

Easter Sunday, 8 April:

Communion for all the Church Family at 10.30am.

In the evening at 6.30pm there will be a 'Songs of Praise' service.

*The **sermon themes and readings** are available in Church or at www.st-thomas-brampton.org/services.html*

***Podcasts of the sermons and readings** are available at www.st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts.html*

Monthly Service Pattern at St Peter's

Sunday Services are usually at 9.30am and 6pm

9.30am service is Communion.

There are children's groups (3 years old to school year 9) and a crèche.

6pm service is Evening Prayer except

No evening service at St Peter's on the 1st Sunday, instead a joint service is held at Holymoorside Methodist Church at 6pm.

Keep up to date with the news sheet or the web site www.st-thomas-brampton.org/index.html

From the Rector - David Mouncer

“Thou dost pitch a tent of grace in my weakness”

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” –2 Corinthians 12



Some books stay with you a lifetime. When I was ordained, some twelve years ago, I was given a copy of a book called, *‘The Valley of Vision’*. It is a collection of puritan prayers and devotions. I still use it frequently. It still has the power to inform and change my own devotions.

Let me quote from it. It is a passage concerning weakness and the Christian life. It might help you, it certainly has helped me over the last few weeks. (Sorry for the rather archaic language – it was written in the seventeenth century!)

Thou dost show thy power by my frailty,
so that the more feeble I am, the more fit to be used,
for thou dost pitch a tent of grace in my weakness.

Help me to rejoice in my infirmities and give thee praise,
to acknowledge my deficiencies before others
and not to be discouraged by them,
that they may see thy glory more clearly.

Teach me that I must act by a power supernatural
whereby I can attempt things above my strength,
and bear evils beyond my strength,
acting for Christ in all, and
having his superior power to help me.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "David Mouncer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.



Alison was a longstanding member of St Thomas'. She died in December leaving husband John and two children, Andrew and Vicky.

The untimely death of a dear friend is naturally a sad occasion; nevertheless one can look back on the experiences shared with such a friend, and take comfort just from having known that person – a person such as Alison.



Arriving in Chesterfield nearly twenty years ago Liz and I soon got to know John and Alison, and over the years they became really good friends of ours. Our interests coincided on several fronts. Alison was a keen walker and for several years we spent a week with her and John in the Lake District, an area which holds a special place in their hearts, and indeed it is on Catbells that Alison's ashes will be scattered in the spring.

We covered many peaks in that time, including one famous occasion when our route off Scafell Pike in mist and snow was somewhat obscured. We were a large party with Alison's extended family in tow, including numerous teenage children. We found ourselves at the back of the "marshalling queue" which John had organised to get us off the mountain. Off they went at a steady pace, but a few minutes later as we were waiting our turn to move off, we saw the head of the queue a few yards away to our right going in the opposite direction! Alison was not at all convinced this was going to lead us to safety and was making her view known in her own style. Eventually we did get safely off the mountain to tell the tale.

In her work Alison was a true professional and it was obvious that she carried her Christian faith through into the work she did. (Alison was the Chief Crown Prosecutor for Lincolnshire before she retired.) After the morning service she would often discuss issues thrown up by the cases she was working on at the time and whilst much of her work was serious, Alison often managed to describe some of the lighter moments over a cup of coffee. Others recognised her contribution too and in 2004 she enjoyed a high point in her life being awarded a CBE in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Despite the pressures that work undoubtedly imposed on her, often when one called round at her house in the evening she could be seen working on her paperwork through the dining room window, she found time to devote to herself other interests. A keen gardener she could rightly be proud of the magnificent array of colour that her garden proffered in the summer.

Alison was a fabulous support to John in his folk singing, deriving great joy from attending the folk festivals around the country and meeting up with friends at these musical extravaganzas. In recent times photography also started to become a real hobby for her.

Along with many others we will miss Alison greatly. We will miss her great company, her forthright views, her resoluteness which she brought to anything she tackled. The church will miss her energy and her practical approach and valuable gifts on the PCC.

Her fortitude through the final stages of her illness will not be forgotten and her lifelong faith gave strength to her and inspiration to us all.

Andrew Travis

A Service of Thanksgiving for Alison was held on 6 December 2006. You can view the order of service and listen to the service at www.st-thomas-brampton.org/podcasts2006.html#3

People and Jesus

Gemma Machin,

Gemma has been our Youth Work Co-ordinator for nearly three years.

I was brought up as a Christian, and in my childhood attended a Catholic church with my mum. I eventually decided this wasn't right for me, and stopped attending altogether. For a while I had no involvement with the church at all.



Then, several years later at the age of 12 or 13, I started going to a Christian youth group with a friend – although at the time I didn't know it was a *Christian* group. One evening one of the leaders sat down and began to talk about the difference between a convert and a disciple. I remember thinking that I'd never heard anyone say anything of the sort or talk about Christianity in any kind of personal way. Eventually, through a lot of reflection and discussion, I realised that just saying I was a 'Christian' didn't really mean anything, and that if I was going to say such things that I ought to mean them and live them. So when I was 14 I made a commitment to Christ, a commitment which said I would live the rest of my life for him. Just before leaving school, I met a new friend through inter-church youth events, and found a home church for myself where I felt that I really fitted in. That church was St. Thomas'.

When I left school I went to University in Nottingham to study music. The course there was really good, and I enjoyed the practical side of making music. My principle instruments there were soprano saxophone, and flute – with a little piano on the side. By the end of the first year, the course just didn't seem right for me any more, I didn't really fit in with the other students, and my tutor had a disliking for saxophone music, so things didn't seem to be going so well.

So, a few difficult decisions later I decided to leave the course and move back home to Dronfield. I felt that perhaps God had something else in mind for me, other than music, but I had no idea what that might be.

On returning home, I started my own music teaching business (which is what I'd wanted to do after leaving university anyway). It was really quite successful to begin with, and for approx 2 years I had 35-40 pupils on the books. As the business seemed to be going quite well, I started to look for my own accommodation and soon realised that the income I'd been earning just wouldn't stretch that far. So I tried to take on a few more pupils, but that didn't really come up with a financial solution either.

I continued with the teaching as best as I could, and began to wonder what else I should be doing. Then, almost out of the blue it seemed to me a vacancy came up at church for a volunteer to help out a bit with the youth work. I jumped at the opportunity and eagerly joined in, in all the ways I could think of. Christian Youth Work was something that I'd had a very positive experience of in the past, and I felt that my teaching background would help me to get involved, and to engage with all sorts of people easily. Then, Neil Roper (the previous St. Thomas' Youth Worker) decided to move on to another church, and the Youth Work Co-ordinator role was vacant. I wondered if I should apply for the job, but felt that I really shouldn't since I only had limited experience, and no relevant qualifications. But strangely, several people suggested that I did apply. So, I prayed, a lot, and thought, a lot, and eventually applied. When the interviews came, I found that I lost all nerves, could say what I wanted to say, and I managed to convey some of the passion I felt for the young people of our nation. A few days later, despite the interview of another highly qualified candidate, I found out that I had got the job. I felt nervous, and unprepared, but I did feel that God was working in ways that I didn't then understand.

Since that time I have become convinced that I am doing the job God wants me to do, in the place that God wants me to be.

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I have learnt so much more about young people through my experience, I have developed and grown in my relationship with God, and I now feel that the youth work at St. Thomas' is fruitful, growing and full of potential. I am currently in the second year of training at St. John's College in Nottingham (A degree in Youth, Community Work, and Applied Theology) a challenging course in many ways, but one that I hope will equip me better for my future work with young people.

A scripture which continues to inspire me, and the work I do on a day to day basis can be found in Revelation 21:1-4, which says

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ... I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Jesus and the certainty of being with him in eternity and wanting to prepare myself for that, is the reason I get up in the morning. He's the reason I breathe, He's the reason I do what I do.

Gemma Machin

From the Editor

The common theme in this edition of the magazine is the way people put their faith into action. Some through secular work, some through Christian work and some through overseas mission. All ages are represented.

Let us be encouraged to play our part in spreading the love of Jesus where ever we are or what we are doing.

Dear Diary

Dates to remember during February to early April 2007

8am Saturday 3 February
Men's Breakfast, St Thomas'

7.30pm Wednesday 7 February
Taize Service, St Peter's

7.30pm Saturday 10 February
Barn Dance, Holymoorside Village Hall

Wednesday 21 February, Ash Wednesday
7.30pm Service of Holy Communion, St Peter's
7.45pm Service of Holy Communion, St Thomas'

2pm Wednesday 22 February
Communion and Cuppa, St Thomas'

1pm Thursday 1 March
Rendezvous, St Thomas'

8am Saturday 3 March
Men's Breakfast, St Thomas'

Sunday 4 March
Mission Sunday for Tear Fund, St Thomas'

Friday 9-Sunday 11 March
Youth weekend away

2pm Wednesday 29 March
Communion and Cuppa, St Thomas'

1pm Thursday 5 April
Rendezvous, St Thomas'

8am Saturday 7 April
Men's Breakfast, St Thomas'

Monday 2-Sunday 8 April
Holy Week and Easter Sunday (Watch for details of services.)

Keep up to date with our regular activities and other events by reading the weekly news sheet or the church web site

www.st-thomas-brampton.org

Novi Most Continues to Advance!



In the beginning

Novi Most International began in 1993, when the young people at Spring Harvest raised money to help a young Croatian couple take aid to people in the city of Mostar, Bosnia, who were suffering the atrocities of the war. From that small beginning hundreds of volunteers have worked in Bosnia, untold numbers of prayers have been offered and many thousands of pounds have been given to help the people of this war-ravaged country.

Bosnian Young People

Many young people in Bosnia live with terrible memories and still feel the trauma of what they experienced as children. There are many day-to-day problems of growing up in a country where just about everything was destroyed or disrupted. The whole infrastructure was devastated during the war and the recovery is slow. Eight out of ten young people want to leave their country because they cannot see any other solution to the lack of jobs and the grinding poverty around them.

Novi Most is committed to helping and encouraging Bosnian young people to reach their full potential and become nation-changers in their home country.

Klub Novi Most

Klub Novi Most was established in 2001. It is a bridge between local young people from both sides of the city of Mostar and a point of contact between the young people and the church. It is a place where these young people can grow in confidence and self esteem, and Novi Most workers can build relationships of trust. A twelve year old girl who joined Klub this summer writes,

“Klub Novi Most is a great place because young people can be satisfied in all that goes on there. You can play, write, paint, and



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learn different things like computers and English, and go every Friday to the outdoor pool and on picnics every Saturday. You can make lots of new friends. I have had a really hard childhood but in Novi Most I can relax and I don't think about it any more. I will keep going to Novi Most until it ends!"

Summers of Hope

Since 1995 over 450 people have gone to Bosnia as summer volunteers – some for two weeks, some for as long as two months – to help with special activities and camps for young people. A summer volunteer writes,



“My lasting memory of Mostar will be the fantastic hospitality everywhere I went and the smiling faces, big and small, that always greeted us. It seems to me that these people who materially have so little, have more capacity for joy and fun than most of us privileged enough to live in Britain.”

Partners with the Bosnian church

Novi Most works alongside the local churches in East and West Mostar and seeks to support its ministry wherever appropriate. A Novi Most Team member who is also an elder in a local church writes,

“We’re involved in many things in the local church as leaders of the youth and children’s work, in preaching, leading worship and house groups, driving people to services and generally being involved in whatever is going on. The church is very young. It’s exciting to be part of its growth and development. There are often frustrations but it’s vital for there to be a thriving church for us to work alongside.”

Advance Into the Future!

Over the next few years, in accordance with their strategy plans formulated in 2004, Novi Most is hoping to establish a Bosnian-led Christian Youth Organisation to give hope to this and future generations. Challenging and exciting times lie ahead. Already God is answering prayers as three Bosnian Christians, Budo, Adisa and Oliver have joined the team over the last year.

How can we at St Thomas' support the work of Novi Most?

- **Sign up** to receive regular weekly Prayer Updates and the quarterly Newsletters and Prayer Diaries.
- **Pray for Bosnia** and the work of Novi Most. *"The war is over but the battle for lasting peace and renewal of a broken nation will be won more in the spiritual realm than the physical."*
- **Go as a volunteer** this Summer or take a Gap Year to help with youth work in the Refugee Village, at Klub Novi Most, on Youth Camps or with the Street Children in Mostar.
- **Give** *"Nearly a third of Novi Most's income comes from committed giving by standing order, thus giving them security in planning and also cutting administration costs."*

Barbara Goodacre

For all further information and offers of support please contact Barbara on 01246 566294.

Read past magazine articles about Novi Most at www.st-thomas-brampton.org/novimost.html

Lent 2007 at St Thomas'

The Lent course will run for five weeks from 28 Feb to 28 March. It will be based on the 'Source' - by Robert Warren and Kate Bruce (Church House Publication ISBN 0715140949)

The course is designed to encourage a discovery of new found joy and delight in prayer. It combines Bible study and discussion with a creative, hands-on exploration of five prayer patterns drawn from our rich Christian heritage.

The course will be run within our existing house group structure. There will be an opportunity for those not in house groups to join in.

For details of the 'Source' see

<http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/product.asp?id=2392441>

Novi Most Mission Sunday

The third of December was a Mission Sunday at St Thomas' and we were focusing on Novi Most International. Gill Rowell, who is the Director of Novi Most spent the day with us and spoke at all three of our services. She challenged us to ask ourselves **"are we open for mission?"**.



Gill was accompanied by Sarah Watts, a student who had just spent seven months in Bosnia working for Novi Most after leaving school. Sarah told us of her experience of working with and getting alongside the young people of Bosnia.

At lunch time about 80 of the congregation joined together in church for a 'turkey' lunch. This was followed by activities linked to Novi Most, including a quiz, map drawing, a giant jigsaw puzzle and building bridges made out of newspaper.



(Novi Most means 'New Bridge'. This is named after the new bridge in Mostar that replaced the bridge destroyed during the war. It links East and West Mostar.)

Listen to Gill speaking at St Thomas' about mission at

www.st-thomas-brampton.org/ms.html#novimost

Mark Hoare



Taking Parcels of Love to Kosovo

36,000 shoeboxes from Chesterfield, 1.25 million from the UK and 7.5 million worldwide, wrapped up in pretty paper, full of 'Gifts and Love' were sent in 2006 by **Operation Christmas Child, Samaritans Purse**. And 7.5 million children smiled this Christmas.

In mid December of 2006 I was lucky enough to fly out to Kosovo with a team of 13 young adults, with Samaritans Purse, to be on the giving end of the shoeboxes and distribute them to the children. I can easily say it was by far the best and most inspiring and encouraging thing I have ever done.

Having been involved with Operation Christmas Child and Samaritans Purse since before I can remember, it is something I feel very passionately about. I have packed shoe boxes, lived surrounded by them, checked them, loaded them on to lorries, and seen all the processes in between, but I never quite imagined being on the other end of it would be as amazing as it was!

To see the smiles on the kids' faces, when I had heard about all the stuff they had gone through, what with the war and whatnot, it was just unbelievable. We worked with a church over there, these guys were amazing, such an inspiration, we learnt so much from them. They were so on fire for God it was crazy! They were in a country where, in some cases, they got beaten for saying they are a Christian. Yet their main heart's desire is to show the world what they believed, regardless. If only we were like that back here, when the worst we get is a few people disagreeing with our beliefs!

The journey there didn't go exactly as planned however. Our plane from Vienna into Kosovo got cancelled, so we were stuck in Vienna over night, and had to catch an early morning flight to Macedonia, to then drive into Kosovo! At times it felt like we weren't going to make it to Kosovo, but when we have God on our side, we never really doubted it. And sure enough we made it fine.

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I had tried imagining what it would be like for a fair while before the trip, but it never seemed real until we got out of the minibus at the first school, and all you could hear was shouting, screaming and laughing. Hanging out of every window, faces pressed against, were children waving and making more noise than I have heard in any of my school life! They knew why we were there, and when we walked in to the school, we knew we were so welcome. Every teacher shook our hand and greeted us, and every child we looked at looked straight back into our eyes, and smiled. It was unreal.



One child I gave a box to, opened it, and picked out the soap, shut the lid on the shoe box, with the soap in his hand, and studied it. To this child, a little bar of soap wasn't something he avoids using before his meals and sees standing on the sink every time he cleans his teeth, it's a gift sent with love, from someone who cares.

Yes it is about the shoe box and the gifts inside, but believe me, the children don't care what's in the box, it's not about what's inside. It's about the love that is sent with the shoebox, it's about showing these children that they are loved.

If you would like to hear more, I have a lot more stories I couldn't cram into this! I have written a blog/diary whatever you want to call it! It is on the church website at www.blogs.st-thomas-brampton.org

God Bless,

Gareth Simmonds

(Gareth is a member of CYFA; the youth group at St Thomas' for secondary school aged pupils.)

Find out more about Operation Christmas Child and Samaritans Purse at

<http://www.st-thomas-brampton.org/samaritans%20purse.html>

Marathon Man

Stop Press! **Dave Simmonds** is running the London Marathon for the first time on 22nd April, in aid of the Samaritan's Purse 'Water for Life' appeal. (The natural bio-sand water filters, which need no maintenance or chemicals provide safe water for families in Mozambique and Liberia.) For more information on the water filters, visit www.samaritanspurse.uk.com. If you would like to encourage or sponsor Dave he'd love to speak to you! (Tel: 235844) Watch out for Dave in training, pounding the streets of Brampton.

The Journey of an Ordinary Christian

Richard Banks and his wife Dorothy are long standing members of St Peter's Church.

The start of the journey

I was born 17 August 1931 at Scot Lane, Blackrod near Bolton, Lancashire. I was christened at St Katherine's Church three weeks later. I had a brother David and a sister Mary respectively nine and ten years older than me. My father Harry and mother Anne were loving, hard working parents. Times were very hard and raising a family was very difficult, not just for us but for the whole village. I still recall with warmth my memories of being part of a loving Christian family.



The early years

I attended Scot Lane Church of England Primary School. I loved to listen to the Bible Stories, particularly at Christmas. I was also an avid listener to our Headmaster, Harry Fowles, (a classical scholar), who gave me a wonderful grounding in classical mythology. I looked forward with excitement to the Field Day and Sermon Parades with the great church banners and the brass band. I also enjoyed the Field Day competitions and I won a few prizes.

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Teenage years

I started work at fourteen and served a seven year apprenticeship at Horwich Locomotive Works. I enjoyed playing cricket, football and athletics, indeed any sport with a competitive element. I graduated to chorister and server at St Katherine's Church. I joined the Anglican Young People's Association when I was nineteen years old.

National Service

My army service started with the R.E.M.E in September 1952. I passed out as a Vehicle Mechanic and spent the rest of my service in Germany, leaving the army in September 1954.

Marriage

After leaving the army I married Dorothy who was, and is, and always will be, the love of my life. We have always been active members of the church in whichever place my work took us to.

A new job

The last 27 years of my working life was as a Technical Civil Servant involved in training; the last eight years as a Senior Technical Officer for the Employment Rehabilitation Service. During this time I was an active member of the Manpower Services Commission's Christian Fellowship. One very special occasion for me was to lead our Services' intercessions at Sheffield Cathedral.

Retirement

I retired in August 1991. The freedom this has given me enables Dorothy and I to enjoy holidays whenever we choose. We can devote more time to church duties as well as outdoor pursuits such as gardening and walking.

Journey's end

I never cease to reflect on how fortunate I have been in every passing phase of my life. I share my love of God with Dorothy and both of us love to worship at St Peter's with our friends.

Whatever the future holds, we will meet every occasion with our trust firmly based in God's mercy and sure in the knowledge that Jesus will never forsake us.

Richard Banks

Prayers for the South American Missionary Society



At St Thomas' recent Mission Sunday Rob Lunt from SAMS visited and helped us to understand a bit more about Peru – one of the countries that SAMS is working in. It is a very varied country with desert mountains and jungle. The vast majority of the population are crammed into the cities, especially Lima the capital. It is

a nation with the usual problems of third world countries – an economy struggling to cope with population growth, an elite rich and large poor underclass. There are great resources but inefficiency and corruption are hindering their use. However there is a thriving church of which the Anglican church, backed by SAMS, is a small but important part.

Rob left with us some specific prayer points:

Paul and Sarah Tester are the young couple currently studying at Redcliffe Mission Training College who expect to go to Lima, Peru this year. As a church we expect to develop a close link with Paul and Sarah. Pray that their studies will go well, that they will be confident when speaking in churches and that they will have time together as a couple.

In Lima **Pat Blanchard** praises God for the many ways Jesus is seen at work in Jesús el Nazareno church. Give thanks for new people coming after the Alpha course and for ministry with young people and their parents. Pray for ongoing support of disabled children and their mothers with the therapy classes and practical workshops. Pastoral support is needed for families in San Gabriel evicted in June and now scattered.

Again in Lima **Juan Carlos & Penny Marcés** ask prayer for the new Alpha course at Jesús el Salvador and the children's group in the shanty town of Oasis. Also pray for a new mission in an area called New Jerusalem. Here the people are extremely poor, many have TB and their children are undernourished.

Pray for **Peru's government** with Alan García as the new president of Peru. Especially pray that there will be justice, peace and a less corrupt future under the new government.

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Pray for **Bishop William and Judith Godfrey** and their team of Anglican pastors as they lead the Peruvian church.

Further south near Arequipa pray for **Alejandro Mesco** who is to establish a new mission called San Felipe in a village in the Colca Canyon. He writes:

“My family will stay in Arequipa and I will visit them at the end of each month, for we do not yet have a place where we can stay. I shall rent a room and then we will build accommodation on ground that the church has bought in Cabanaconde. From there we shall go out to visit other villages, to serve and help people and tell them the good news of Christ. It is a very Roman Catholic area and local traditions and alcohol are very dominant in these places. It is a huge challenge for my family and myself, as we have never been separated.”

Peter Rolfe

More information about SAMS including Rob Lunt speaking at St Thomas’ can be found at

<http://www.st-thomas-brampton.org/ms.html#sams>

David Sanderson to Africa



David Sanderson will be spending about eight weeks at Msalato Bible School (Diocese of Central Tanzania) from 19th February. He will be teaching Missiology and 1 and 2 Corinthians.

Please hold David in your prayers. We hope to hear about his experiences in a later edition of the magazine.

St. Thomas' Men's Breakfast

St. Thomas' Men's Breakfast is normally held on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January and August.) and during 2006 our attendance ranged from 10 to 25 .



Generally, wholesome food is available. Tea or coffee helps to generate conversation and a selection of cereals trigger the digestive juices before braised sausage, bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms and baked beans with toast, butter and jam nicely prepare everyone for the short talk and questions.

In 2006 we heard David Mouncer speak on parenting and Richard Robinson on Gideons. Alan Park from Church on the Bus gave an account of his conversion to Christianity. Godfrey Holmes spoke about his experience in a near death road traffic accident on the M1. Mark Torkington responded to questions on men's health, Jack Hemmings spoke about his experiences in France and Poland as a prisoner of war during the War and Phil Michell questioned us on our knowledge of motor vehicle driving.

We also walked from Baslow to Edensor for an interior view of the Church of St Peter and the Cavendish Chapel after taking breakfast at the Wheatsheaf Hotel.

All this food, listening and chatter gives us a bright start to Saturday morning, that is, if we can arrive at 8am in St Thomas' Meeting Room.

We look forward to seeing you in 2007 to enjoy more interesting topics for your enlightenment.

Bernard Blanksby

*The next Men's Breakfast is 8am 2 March 2007
in St Thomas' Meeting Room.*

The Church Web Site

www.st-thomas-brampton.org



St Thomas' Brampton and St Peter's Holymoorside, Chesterfield

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We are a lively evangelical parish with a wide variety of worship styles. There are activities for all ages on Sunday and throughout the week. We are part of the Church of England in the Diocese of Derby and are members of the Evangelical Alliance.



If you would like to come and worship with us you will be most welcome. If you would like to find out more about our activities or want to find out more about the Christian faith please come and see me on a Sunday. Alternatively you can contact me via Heather, Anne or Sue in our church office.

Please take a little time to read my weekly Prayer Thought and pray through some of the issues in our weekly Prayer Focus.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our website.

God bless, David Mounser, Rector

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- Allows those living away, (mission, work, study etc.) to still feel part of the church family
- Gives information to people looking for a church
- Tells people about the Christian message
- Podcasts sermons
- Is an archive, e.g. the church magazine

And much more

Have you checked it out?

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