

A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood

Welcome to our morning service, our speaker today is **Mr Colin Burrows** and will include Communion so please have your "bread and wine" ready.

Theme: The Gospel is for EVERYONE
Readings: Acts 8 v 26-40 and John 15 v 1-8.



We have now opened church on Sundays. Initially the service will follow a similar format to the one we have become used to over the past year. It will be led by someone from their home, 'Zoomed' into church and shown on our screen. For technical reasons, all the participants, including those reading and doing the prayers, will do so from their homes. As we will still have to follow government guidelines, particularly with regards to social distancing numbers will be limited, so if you would like to attend please email sunday@thomasrisley.org or text Elaine on 07855 055071 by 5pm on Thursday and she will let you know by midday Saturday at the latest if you have a place. She will also ask you for a contact phone number, in line with the government's Test and Trace requirements. Please pray that we will soon be able to reopen church fully and all meet together once more.



Church Together in Birchwood Prayer Walk 16th May 2-4pm

An afternoon prayer walk around Birchwood Start at any point on the map. Unfortunately we won't be meeting up as the church in Birchwood. But we will be praying for our area. It is for the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. All the information is in the attachment.



2021 prayer walk.docx



Hi everyone,
Christian Aid Week this year is the 10th to 16th May.
Christian Aid are concentrating on Climate change and its effect on poorer countries, and we are asking for your kind support again.
This year we are using the "Christian Aid E-envelope" to keep things simple. You can donate on line using the following unique Thomas Risley link;
<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/the-thomas-risley-church-?channel=status>
We will also be leaving a number of normal envelopes in church on Sunday 9th May for anyone who wishes to use them. They can then be returned to church the following Sunday for collection.
Thank you, God bless Rhona



As part of our pastoral care at TR we would love to send out hand made cards to those people we're thinking of - at a particular time in their lives, generally as part of our intentional caring for one another and as a way to keep in touch. The card templates have been purchased and we would love for any child, young person or adult to design them. You can have as many or as few as you would like and they can be delivered and collected ready to be posted out. All following our Covid Risk Assessment. This would be a great way for the whole church family to be involved further in our caring for one another and it would be a lovely way to share God's love and ours with each other too.
If you would like to be involved, please contact Helen on 07402198425 or helenbennetttrc@gmail.com Everyone is welcome to get involved - you don't have to be a first class artist, all cards will be used.



Families on Faith Adventures at Home is a free resource from the United Reformed Church to help families worship and pray together and develop their faith during lockdown and beyond. There is quite a lot to do so just choose what is right for you and your child. Have Fun! This weeks:

[https://urc.org.uk/images/Children-and-youth/Resources/Families on Faith Adventures - Week 55 - A New Way of Living.pdf](https://urc.org.uk/images/Children-and-youth/Resources/Families_on_Faith_Adventures_-_Week_55_-_A_New_Way_of_Living.pdf)

Bible readings for the week ending 09.05.2021

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17



Please visit the church website www.thomasrisley.org for church news and updates.



Church Services at 10.40 am on Sundays , Virtual Treats at 10.00 – 11.00am on Thursdays and Prayer Meetings at 7.00-7.30pm on Thursdays and other sessions can be accessed via Zoom

* For Thomas Risley Services the Zoom ID is 919 800 8000

<https://zoom.us/j/9198008000>

** For Pastorate Services the Zoom ID is 878 0516 4573, passcode 523697

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87805164573?pwd=bGRQeittqTElTSXdCdityR2NQL21nQT09>

If you have any news or items that you want to let people know about, this is how you do it – just send an email to



news@thomasrisley.org – or you can ring Maggie on 07952 246668 before Thursday afternoon please.

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