



*A Beacon of God's Kingdom in Birchwood*

Welcome to our Morning Service which will be led by Mr Steve Erhardt

Theme: "The Unforgiving Servant"  
Readings: Matthew 18 v21-35 & Matthew 5 v1-12



During Lent we are again supporting "Water Aid's - Jars of Change".

Rather than giving something up for Lent why not "give something". If you would like to support this charity, a large jar will be on the communion table for donations each Sunday throughout Lent for your donations. Or you can collect at home in your own jar and return it on Easter Sunday. See Rhona or David for a jar and sleeve.



Thank you very much to Kate and Dave Gartside who have kindly offered to organise the Easter Breakfast this year. However they will need some help so if you can volunteer please let them know.



**TReco**

As we mentioned last week a Blue Bin has been made available at church for recycling empty Aluminium Cans - it's clearly marked on 3 sides " Aluminium cans only" and is currently positioned outside at the rear of the church. Recycled aluminium cans will be bagged up once the bin is full and taken for recycling with an arrangement with Warrington Litter Networks to Novelis who will donate 2.5 pence per can to Orford Veterans Hub. Thanks for your support & any questions please to the TReco team. (Malcolm, Derek, Felicity and Maggie )



Would all users of the church please give a little thought to what they put in the blue bin.

On several occasions items have been put in the bin in black bin liners along with other none recyclable items. The bin then needs to be resorted before we can put it out for collection. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated. Thank you



Would anyone be interested and able to help with Muddy Church in the two weeks leading up to Easter as we would really appreciate an extra pair of hands.

All the preparation will be done, it would involve helping out on the day in Gorse Covert, Birchwood C of E and Locking Stumps Primary Schools for around an hour and a half on the day. The dates and times are: 19/3 1.00 pm at Gorse Covert, 26/3 at Locking Stumps 10.10 am and 11.20 am. 27/3 at Birchwood C of E 1.00 pm. For more information, have a chat with Heather Spencer or Helen Bennett.

**Readings for the week ending 03.03.2024**

- Exodus 20:1-17
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 2:13-22

**Duties at church on 03.03.2024**

<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Rev Jenny Travis</b>
<b>Welcome:</b>	<b>Janet King &amp; Wanda Gemmell</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>David Thurston &amp; Fiona Wakefield</b>
<b>Prayers for others:</b>	<b>Ron Gemmell</b>
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	<b>Rhona &amp; David Searle</b>



**News Flash- Thomas Risley Church are looking again!**

**Many of you will recall that our church, believing that we had been called by**

**God, set out to appoint a full time Children and Family worker.**

The road has not been straight and after a number of mishaps and delays we are renewing our efforts to work with God to achieve his desire that we work with Birchwood children and their families.

We have a small task group, who will seek to develop both the role and our ability to fund this position over the next few months.

Over the coming months we will keep you informed and hopefully engaged with this important task for our church. We would ask you to support us in prayer and ideas.

Please speak to any of the task group if you have any queries.

God Bless

David Gartside / Helen Bennett / Stuart Nixon /

Colin Burrows.

Please join us in this prayer:

*Listening God: you hear us*

*when we pour out our souls before you; hear our prayer for all your children and their families. Give us faith like Hannah,*

*to pray to you for the life of our church that we may be a place and a people where your children and their families are present, welcome and valued.*

*Prepare us to hear you through them and to be led by children closer to you.*

*Meet us in our prayers,*

*in Jesus' name. Amen*



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 Maggie via [news@thomasrisley.org](mailto:news@thomasrisley.org) **before Thursday afternoon please.** If you would like to receive an email copy of the newsletter each

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