



Widcombe  
ST THOMAS & ST MATT'S

## Newsletter September 2016

If there's one thing we British love, it's a good invention! Did you know that Inventors Day is celebrated on 29 September, on the birthday of Argentinian inventor László József Bíró, the inventor of the ball-point pen? As a nation we should proudly remember that we have introduced into the world such wonders as steam trains, radar, polyester, the World Wide Web, the spinning jenny and, perhaps most importantly of all, the full English breakfast.

So what does it take to become an inventor, a creator of something new? Well, first you need to cultivate a wondrous new idea – to imagine something that is yet to be. Then you start to give it shape, mould it, form it and let your creative idea grow into life. You'll probably have to work and keep engaged, as stuff often goes wrong and other people want to get involved which all too often gets messy. But persevering, refining and holding onto your dream, keeping one step ahead of the opposition is key, always holding out for the day when it will be refined, finished and perfect.

I've just spent a wonderful summer with my family, visiting some truly spectacular parts of Britain and Spain. What a beautiful world we live in and it makes me think of the account of creation as presented to us in Genesis.

The Bible is a book actually made up from 66 separate books. Some are letters, some witness testimony accounts, some songs and poems, others prophetic revelations, law books or history. Whilst books such as Kings or Chronicles place great importance on historical accuracy with specific, reliable detail, the Genesis creation account was never perhaps intended in that way. What is clear, however, is that Genesis expressly tells us that God the Father with His gloriously creative heart, did have a wondrous idea to create something new, something unique and beautiful that had never been seen before.

He longed to share the beauty and perfection of His love, as experienced within the relational perfection of the Trinity, with us and so began to speak the world and universe as we know it into being. Do you know there are more stars in the night sky than there are grains of sand on our entire planet? God shaped, moulded and formed, letting His creative explosion grow into life. As Genesis tells us, stuff did get messy, others wanted to get involved and take control. But persevering, refining and holding onto the dream, keeping one step ahead of the opposition, we are testimony to the fact that the Designer and Creator is not done yet, He's still very much involved, still shaping and always holding out for the day when it will be finished and perfect. I long for that day and until then I'm so glad for the stunning beauty of this world brought into being by the glorious Master Creator who, staggeringly, is also my Friend and Saviour.

Love, Tim



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### NOTICES

#### **Widcombe Chapels Trail 11th September**

Volunteers urgently needed to make cakes/traybakes/etc and also to help serve teas in the churchyard on the day. Please contact Jan Stokes (01225 313913) or Fiona Coverdale (01225 317277 & [fionacoverdale@talktalk.net](mailto:fionacoverdale@talktalk.net)) if you can help!

#### **Help with St Thomas services**

If you would like to help with readings, intercessions, tea & coffee, flowers or welcoming people as a sidesperson, please let Angie or Sian know.

#### **For your prayers this month:**

Pray for the couples getting married at St Thomas in September, for the preparations and for their new lives together: Sarah Levenson & Daniel O'Brien and Sophie Jennings & Justin Carter.

Pray also for George and Constance Baines and their family at their Thanksgiving service on 25 September

Finally thank God for the safe arrival of baby Caleb to James & Sam Forrester. Congratulations to all the family!



St Thomas  
à Becket

### **Parish Communion**

Thursday 12noon

1st, 15th & 29th  
September

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Coffee Morning Wednesday 10am-noon**

Parish Hall, St Matthew's. Drop in for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat. All welcome!

#### **St Thomas open afternoons on Sundays from 2.30-5.30pm until end September**

This is the last month that the church will be open to visitors on Sunday afternoons and includes the very popular Widcombe Chapels Trail on the 11th, with the added incentive of afternoon tea!

#### **Lunch and Natter - 12noon, Parish Hall, St Matthew's, 7th September (also 5th October & 2nd November)**

An informal and friendly lunch, followed by a talk or film (for those who would like to stay!) Lunch served at 12.30pm. Contributions of £5 invited. Bring a friend for free! To secure your place, transport or more information, call Trudy on 07732 626986 or Hayley on 01225 938482.

#### **Genesis Trust Service of Celebration, 7.30pm, 13th October, The Forum**

Let's celebrate! The Genesis Trust would like to invite you to a special evening of worship, testimony, prayer and thanksgiving to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the charity. Joining this special event will be Graham Kendrick and The Right Rev. Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells. Tickets are free of charge and can be booked by calling 01225 463549.



St. Matt's

**Pastorate  
&  
Life Hubs**

Pastorate at St Matt's 7.30pm  
14th, 21st & 28th September

Life Hubs in homes around the parish  
on 7th September.

Contact office for more information

## Sunday Services September 2016

Date	Time	Service		Venue
<b>4th September</b>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (CW)	Rev'd Tim Buckley	 St Thomas à Becket
15th after Trinity	5pm	Contemporary service (Toast café from 4.30pm)		 St. Matt's
<b>11th September</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev'd Tim Buckley	 St Thomas à Becket
16th after Trinity	10.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Team Service	
	5pm	Contemporary service (Toast café from 4.30pm)		 St. Matt's
<b>18th September</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Rev'd Tim Buckley	 St Thomas à Becket
17th after Trinity	5pm	Contemporary service (Toast café from 4.30pm)		 St. Matt's
<b>25th September</b>	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev'd Caroline O'Neill	 St Thomas à Becket
18th after Trinity	10.30am	Family Worship & Thanksgiving	Rev'd Tim Buckley	
<b>Harvest Sunday</b>	5pm	Contemporary service (Toast café from 4.30pm)		

Join us for tea and coffee after the 10.30am service every Sunday

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## OUR CHURCHES



St Thomas à Becket  
Church Street  
Bath  
BA2 6AZ



St Matthew's  
Widcombe Hill  
Bath  
BA2 6AA

### **Contact us**

If you have any general queries about services, opening times, or any other matters, please see our website [www.widcombe.church](http://www.widcombe.church)

Vicar: Revd Tim Buckley 07810 543209 ([vicar@widcombe.church](mailto:vicar@widcombe.church))

Churchwardens St Thomas à Becket: Angela Frith & Sian Lewis  
Chapelwardens St Matthew's: Andrew Udale-Smith & Bill James

**To book our buildings or for information about getting married, baptisms or to make donations, please contact the office:**

Parish Administrator: Mary Udale-Smith

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Email: [admin@widcombe.church](mailto:admin@widcombe.church)

Phone: 01225 465065 (answer service out of hours)



We extend a warm welcome to the Orthodox and Lutheran congregations who also meet in our Widcombe churches

### **The Orthodox Parish of Saint John of Kronstadt**

Services at St Matthew's:

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy 10.30am.

[www.bath-orthodox.org.uk](http://www.bath-orthodox.org.uk)

### **The German Lutheran Church**

Occasional services at St Thomas à Becket

The next service is on 2nd October

[www.evsynode.org.uk/bristol.html](http://www.evsynode.org.uk/bristol.html)

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