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**The Rev'd David Linaker takes Monday as his day off.**  
**The Rev'd Jenny Taylor takes Saturday as her day off.**  
**The Rev'd Michael McHugh takes Wednesday as his day off.**

**Morning Prayer** is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 am

**Evening Prayer** is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30 pm

**The Prayer Group** meets every Tuesday in St Michael's Room, 10am

*Details of other regular events in church can be found on the noticeboards.*

Friday 30 November

▪ **Holy Communion 9.30am**      **The Rev'd Michael McHugh**

Saturday 1 December

▪ **Advent Workshop: Vestments 9am – noon in church – see inside**

Next Sunday 2 December **ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion      The Rev'd David Linaker

10.15am Parish Communion      The Rev'd David Linaker  
*Parish Communion here will be a joint service with Salisbury Methodist Church*

6.00pm *From Darkness to Light – an Advent Carol Service*

The readings at Parish Communion will be: Isaiah 2. 1-5;  
Romans 13. 11-end and Matthew 24. 36-44

Churches Together in Salisbury publish a prayer diary. For this week, prayers are asked for the Trussell Trust and the Food Bank, and all their helpers.

## THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS & ST EDMUND, SALISBURY

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev'd David Linaker  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Jenny Taylor  
Curates: The Rev'd Michael McHugh  
The Rev'd Jonathan Plows



## 25 November 2007

**8 am Holy Communion**      Celebrant: The Rev'd Michael McHugh  
Readings: BCP: Sunday next before Advent

**10.15 Parish Communion**      Celebrant: The Rev'd David Linaker  
Readings: RCL Year C: Christ the King

*You are all very welcome and we hope you will stay for coffee after the 10.15 a.m. service. If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please do make yourself known to us by name. Please ask if you would like directions to Sunday School or crèche, or if you need toys for a smaller child who is staying in the Service.*

Introit: Celebration Hymnal 819

Readings: Jeremiah 23. 1-6 and

Colossians 1. 11-20

Gradual Hymn: 72

Gospel: Luke 23. 33-43

Sermon:

The Rev'd Michael McHugh

Offertory Hymn: 379

Communion Music:

*Exultate Justi*

Viadani

*God omnipotent reigneth*

Wood

Hymn: 487

Hymn: 113

The intercessions are led by John Coupe. Please pray for the sick: Edith Reeves, Jane Stamps, Thelma Dangerfield, Daphne Young, Doris Hadaway, Orla, Eleanor Deighton, Jenny Orchard, John Rigby, Jean Iles, Mike Ingrem, George Edward and Simeon Jemmet; and for those who have died: Tom Dominy and Sheila Webb.

**6 pm Evensong**

Officiant: The Rev'd David Linaker

Hymn: Common Praise 490

Psalm: 46

Lesson: 1 Samuel 8.4-20

Magnificat

Lesson: John 18.33-37

Nunc Dimittis: Wood in C

Anthem: *Hail gladdening light*      Shaw

Hymn: 163

**Urgent – we need volunteers to make and serve tea and coffee after a service on Thursday evening.** Bishop David is coming to commission Alabaré's new chaplain and it would be good to offer some hospitality to those who come to the service. Call or email the Parish Office early in the week. If there's no response by Wednesday, the press gang will be round!

Next Sunday is **Advent Sunday**. There will be a special evening service in place of Evensong, and a feature of this service is the gradual lighting of the church by candles, hundreds of them. Robert Lewis would appreciate lots of help after Parish Communion *next* Sunday, to set them all up. Approach him with a beaming smile and he will set you to work!

**David Linaker will be running two "Church mechanics" workshops during Advent.** Both will run from 9am-noon in church. The first is next Saturday and will focus on **Vestments**. The second one will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the topic will be "Liturgy". Everybody is most welcome, at either or both.

**Trussell Trust Food Bank:** Thank you to all who have donated most generously in 2007. Our final collection date will be next Sunday 2 December, and in addition to the normal contributions could you please add an item from the following to provide some Christmas cheer (with a "use by" date after 24.12.07) Mince pies; Christmas pudding; Christmas cake; tinned ham; long-life cream; box of biscuits; children's selection box; box of chocolates; large bar of chocolate (150/250g); snacks & nibbles (e.g. peanuts or crisps); Christmas crackers.

**Robina Hattersley** would like to thank all those who came to her tea party last Sunday to raise funds for the **Medical Foundation for the victims of torture**. It raised £1050, a fantastic result!

**St Thomas' sent 50 Christmas boxes to the Trussell trust this year** - a huge thank you to everyone who gave a box or made a donation. This was an amazing total and surpasses all previous efforts.

**The Sharing and Reflection group** has now started meeting; it is an opportunity to share about our lives and faith and to learn from each others' experience. It meets once a month on a Thursday evening - if you are interested in attending, contact Fiona Hulbert on 01722 328927. There have been a number of requests for a similar meeting in the daytime. Is there anyone who might be interested in convening such a meeting? If so, please talk to Fiona about what is involved.

**Bookstall News** – Jan Truckle has kindly agreed to be the bookstall contact in my absence from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December. The Bookstall will be closed after Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and will reopen on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January. This will enable the Christmas Tree Festival and Carol services etc to proceed unhindered. This will also allow my hardworking team to have a holiday! Many thanks, Geoff Bishop.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** St Thomas's will welcome thousands of people during the week of the festival. Please sign up to help with catering, cleaning or stewarding. Rotas will be somewhere in church – listen to the notices or ask Margaret K. Please take an A4 poster if you have somewhere to display one.

**STOP PRESS!** Our very first St. Thomas's Calendar is available from TODAY! It includes twelve beautiful colour photos taken by members of our congregation, dates of religious festivals and social events. The price of £6 will include a donation to the Mayor's Stars Appeal. Calendars will be on sale in the People's Vestry after the service.