



Calvin Students certainly know how to wash up!

STT'S

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Thank you
 Many people make St T's a special place by taking part in services, doing essential jobs and work, organising and supporting events, visiting if someone is ill .. the list goes on. Thank you so much for all that you give to us.

Welcome to St Thomas with St Maurice Your Parish Church in the Groves
 LOWTHER ST YORK
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God's Trademark

JESUS SAID: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

There's a well known song based on some words of Jesus: 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'. He called this 'a new commandment', and said that *all* the law is based on the twin ideas of loving God and loving other people. That song has been in my mind recently. Thank God that there is a sense of warmth, welcome and love in St T's. Let's guard that precious gift and pray that God will continually refresh it. Love is God's trademark - it can be a sign to others that we are seeking to follow Jesus.

A FOND FAREWELL TO CALVIN COLLEGE FOR ANOTHER YEAR



It's been great to welcome Ken, Laurel and all the students from Michigan. Our farewell service and Tea and Toast was great fun. I'm sure you'll enjoy their comments - a very special time.

Our friends from Calvin College write:

29 May 2011

Dear friends at St. Thomas with St. Maurice -

Thank you for all of your kindness to the Calvin College class these months. You have given us a church home away from home, and we shall miss you very much.

God bless you in your ministry.

Gratefully, Ke Baw

Thank you so much for welcoming us with such open arms, we appreciated you so much!

Thank you for your hospitality!

Your kindness and hospitality were truly a comfort and provided a sense of home in a new environment. I always enjoy worshipping with you every Sunday and will greatly miss you all!

~Sarah

Thank you all so much for making us feel at home so far away from home!

Mary

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!!

Jolita

Thank you for your kindness and for the love you have given to all of us. I pray for blessings to rain upon you.

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Thank you so much for taking us in, treating us & making us feel at home. We will all miss you!

- Rachel

Thanks so much for your great welcome this semester!

-Tessa

GALLONS of love from home

Thank you so much for welcoming us all to the UK. We are really grateful for tea & toast you made us feel at home here!

Anna

Thank you so much for making us feel at home! Tea & toast was always a highlight! I appreciate everything & miss you!

Kate

You have been such a blessing this semester! Thanks for your love and kindness!

-Amy

Thank you so much for everything. We were truly blessed! Love, Kristi

Thank you so much for everything! You made us feel at home!

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Thanks! I had such a great time at tea & toast and getting to know energetic at the church!

-Annach

Thank you so much for all the tea, biscuits, and your love and generosity! You shall have been such a wonderful church family, and will be greatly missed!

Love, Kristi

Thanks so much for giving us all a great church family! I've loved everything about this congregation.

~Brittany

Summer Festival, Fayre and Gift Weekend

Our annual Festival Weekend is from 15th -17th July

WELCOME TO OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS

Congratulations to Emma, James and Alfie Wilson on the birth of Alfie's brother Edward. Also a big welcome to Daisy, Jack Reep's baby sister, who brought Mummy and Daddy (Annemieke and Adam) to her baptism a few Sunday's ago.

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Margaretta, Jane and plenty of elbow grease at the working party on the first Saturday of the month.



Confirmation Service

- Congratulations to our four members who celebrated their faith at the Baptism and Confirmation Service in York Minster on June 8th and a big 'thank you' to those who organised the drinks and nibbles afterwards'
- Bishop Martin will be at St T's on October 23rd so that will be another opportunity to be confirmed if you missed it this time. Please let Phil know so we can organise some preparation.



THE NEW 'SECRET GARDEN' IS COMPLETE AND IN USE

Officially opened by Archdeacon Richard Seed on 15th June, the Secret Garden is already a favourite with our toddlers and a good place to relax for 'working parties'!



FOR YOUR DIARY

10 am services.

- Normally Holy Communion except for:
- All Age Family Friendly Service (3rd Sunday of the month).

Other Events

Every week:

- St T's Toddlers Monday 1.30-3pm in term time
- Midweek Prayer Wednesday 4.30pm
- Choir 7 pm Wednesday (suspended while John is ill)

Every month:

- Mothers Union 2.30 pm 3rd Tuesday
- Scouts and Guides**
- Brownies meet on a Monday night in the Hall.
- Scouting groups meet at the Scout Hut on Haxby Rd 10am

Festival, Fayre and Gift Weekend

- July 15-17 (see opposite)
- This is a particularly special weekend as we also celebrate **Lucy and Danny's wedding** on Sunday 17th July at 2pm.

St Thomas with St Maurice Summer Festival and Fayre 2011

Your Parish Church in the Groves Celebrating God's Blessings

Fri 15th July
7.30 pm

Pixels and Popcorn
see inside
St T's for details

Sat 16th July
10 am

Fayre
Cafe, stalls, games,
facepainting, toys,
raffle, tombola

Sun 17th July
10am

All Age
Festival Communion
Service
everyone welcome

St T's Secret Garden now open!

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