

Church News

Friday 15th Dec. at 7pm. Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army. Bring & Share Buffet. This is our tenth year celebrating Christmas with them. It's always a lovely evening.

Sunday 17th Dec. at 4pm. Nine Lessons & Carols. Tea and mince pies. We would appreciate donations of mince pies for the occasion. Please let Pat know if you can help in this way

God's Surprise

Who would think that what was needed
to transform and save the earth
might not be a plan or army
proud in purpose, proved in worth?
Who would think, despite derision,
that a child might lead the way?
God surprises earth with heaven
coming here on Christmas Day.

For Our Prayers

- We give thanks for those within our Church who in countless little ways bind us together as a family.
- We pray for our Village Community, especially for those taking on extra tasks and facing unexpected challenges.
- We pray for those known to us who are ill or in pain and for those who care for them or are involved in their treatment. May they know the healing power of, and be guided and strengthened by, the Holy Spirit! We pray particularly for Neville, Chris, Maureen, Allan, Alex and Betty.

Please contact Glyn with items for inclusion in next week's News Sheet by **9.00pm on Wednesday**. Tel. 01908 677078; e-mail: glyncollins@gmail.com *Many thanks.*



Team Rector: Reverend Ian Herbert

A warm welcome to our Service today. We invite everyone to join us for tea/coffee and conversation after the Service. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to the steward and you're welcome to sign the visitors' book. We look forward to welcoming you again soon.

Sunday 10th December 2017

Our **Communion Service** today is led by
Reverend Ian Herbert

Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Mark 1: 1-8

St. Thomas' Church, Simpson welcomes all and seeks to be a caring Christian fellowship which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaims God's love through Jesus Christ within the wider community. We are part of Woughton Ecumenical Partnership.

St Thomas' Text for 2017

'But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,'
(1 Peter 3:15)

Next Week: Our Service next Sunday will be led by
Our Rector
Rev. Ian Herbert