


The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman




Have a look on You-Tube at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUTziKy_cAY



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SVP tea party
On Tuesday, 30th January in the
Becket Suite





BIBLE JOURNEYS

Continues meeting on
a Monday evening @ SToC
Becket Suite
from 7.00—8.00 pm
All welcome



**YOUTH MASS
LED BY THE SPIRITAN FATHERS
AT
ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
EASTBOURNE GROVE
BOLTON BL1 5TR**

**IF YOU ARE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE OR ABOVE
YOU ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO OUR
YOUTH MASSES THE FIRST OF WHICH IS BEING HELD**

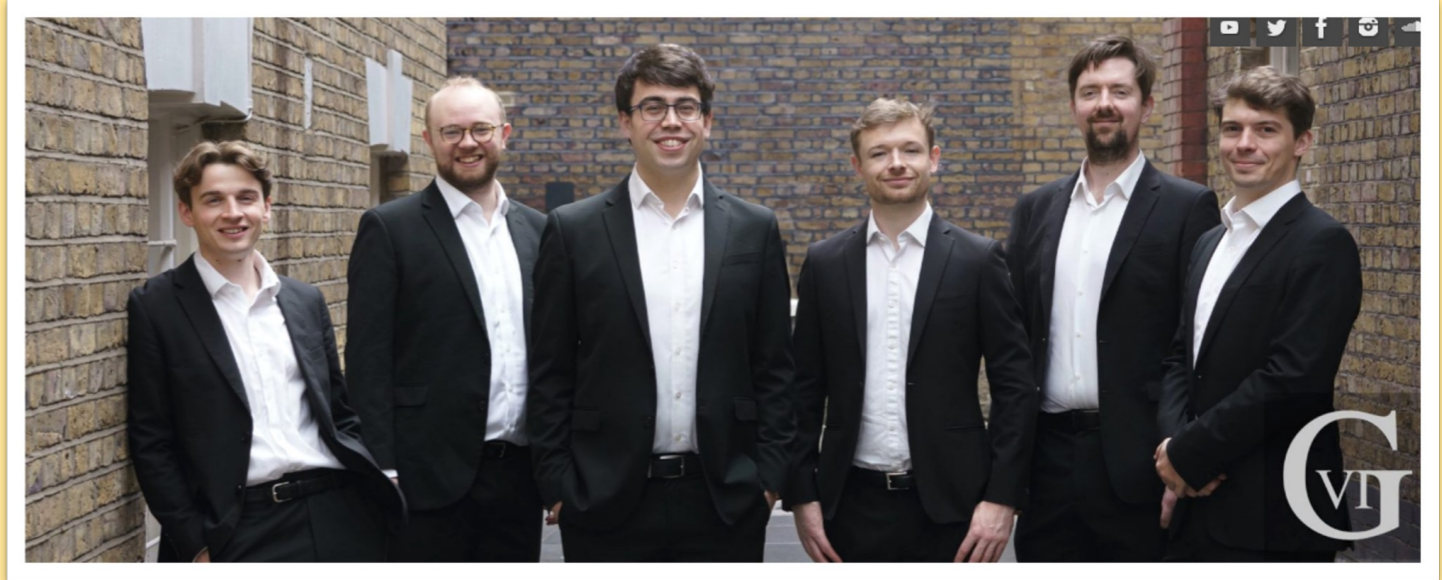
THIS SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024 AT 5.30 p.m.

FOLLOWING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO GATHER TOGETHER
FOR REFRESHMENTS, TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER
AND JOIN IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

so come along and have some fun!!



**The Gesualdo 6 are coming to St Thomas of Canterbury!
Concert Sunday 4th February 3pm**



A wonderful choir with an international reputation for choral work of the highest quality, performing across the UK, Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, along with a debut at the BBC Proms in 2023.

The Gesualdo Six will be leading a Choral Workshop on Saturday 3rd February, 1.00 – 4.00pm (Mere Hall, Bolton, BL1 2QT), followed by a Concert of choral music on **Sunday 4th February, 3.00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church**, Lonsdale, Road Bolton. The concert will include a joint performance of one of the songs from the workshop.

Tickets for the concert only on Sun 4th Feb are £12.

Choral singers who would like to attend the workshop on Sat 3rd Feb and the concert on Sun 4th Feb £20.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear such fabulous singers in our own church at very low cost!

Tickets can be obtained by following the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWWT>

More about the Gesualdo 6: [The Gesualdo Six - Home](#)

Mulled wine, mince pies, and carols night

Thanks to everyone who supported this event - a fun night was had by all and **we raised £495 for Alain Kimolo's education project in the DRC.**

Alain says 'It's great. Thank you so much. I really appreciate and I am so grateful to all those who made it possible. May God bless you all.'



CAFOD Lancashire Lunch on

Sunday January 21st

**12.30 at St Thomas of Canterbury Church
in the Becket Suite after mass**

**Sit down in the warmth with friends
and family, eat and relax**

**Enjoy a Carr's pie and pasty lunch with
trimmings**

Vegan options available

Tea/coffee/soft drinks & biscuits

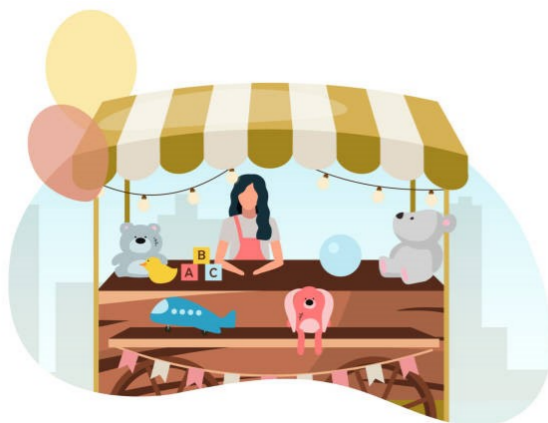


Adult tickets= £6

Children's tickets=£2

Tickets are on sale from January 2nd 2024 at every weekend mass at the back of church.

Tickets will be sold at St Thomas of Canterbury Church and St Joseph's Church



**Lots of exciting
raffle prizes to be won**



**Book Stall =
Needs donations**



Cake Auction

Any cake donations to be

**White Elephant stall =
Needs donations**



Friendship & Memory Cafe

**Meet every Wednesday from
Wednesday 10th January
in the Becket Suite, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church
Bolton, BL1 4PN : 1pm-3.30**

*Come along for a cup of tea,
Biscuits, cake and a chat*

Entertainment Provided

Bring along friends and Carers or come alone and share some memories and have a laugh with others.



**ALL
WELCOME**



Phone 07428 340797 or 07519 176890 for details

The weekly Friendship Cafe is reopening next Wednesday, 10th January, from 1pm to 3pm. Our doors are open for all members of our parish and the wider community. Bring a friend or a neighbour and enjoy the entertainment, meet new people, renew old acquaintances, whilst having a tea or coffee and a slice of cake.