

WHEN WE MEET

at St Margaret's Church

9.00am Every Sunday

(Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Every 1st Sunday of the month

(Informal worship)

10.30am Every 3rd Sunday of the month

(Common Worship)

at Horsmonden Primary School

10.30am Every Sunday except 1st Sunday of the month

(Informal worship)

UPCOMING THEMES

March Giving and receiving

April The resurrection - so what?

May Four ways to a better life

June God - Father, Son and Spirit

FOR MORE INFO

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Church website www.bleev.co.uk

YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

If you've got any questions relating to the theme of 'Who is God?', we would hope to be able to include them in our teaching over the course of this month. Feel free to put your questions to David or Paul in advance.

St Margaret's
Church
Horsmonden



TEACHING AND LEARNING IN FEBRUARY: 'WHO IS GOD?'



**FEATURING OUR
THEOLOGIAN OF THE
MONTH:
THOMAS
AQUINAS**

Never been to St Margaret's on a Sunday?

Now that we have monthly themes, you can come along to the Primary School or St Margaret's Church and learn about a particular aspect of Christian life in some depth, over the course of four or five weeks. Or come when that week's topic interests you - each talk also stands on its own.

Our aim is simply to find out who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. The invitation to learn more is not just for regular church members. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you're welcome to join us.

FEBRUARY 2012

Theme: Who is God?

Theologian: Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

Sun 5th God creates
Job 38:4-18 and Matthew 8:23-27

Sun 12th God reveals
Hebrews 4:1-4 and John 5:31-40

Sun 19th God is beyond and beside
Isaiah 6:1-8 and John 6:35-52

Sun 26th God is three in one
Acts 2:29-39 and John 14:15-24

Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

This medieval theologian was born in Italy, near the town of Aquino - hence his name.

Aquinas was an outstanding thinker who wrote about theology, philosophy and ethics. His most famous work is called 'Summa Theologica'.

He crops up a number of times in A-Level Philosophy and he's on the A-Level RE syllabus as well, but for the purposes of this month's Teaching and Learning, we'll only be focusing on Aquinas' assertion that the way to know God is through a combination of reason and faith. He says that some truths about God cannot be discovered by reason alone - for example only faith allows us to know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

'We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves'

- Thomas Aquinas

ABOUT US

St Margaret's, Horsmonden - our vision

If you:

- feel that church should be more than a weekly worship routine led by a few trained experts
- are looking for a church that measures its effectiveness outside its walls, rather than inside them
- want to be part of a grassroots movement
- are willing to commit to representing Jesus in your local community through involvement in one or some of its activities
- can look beyond what you would like to see in a church service, and aim for what you would like to see in the world
- simply want to find God

then feel free to join us whenever and wherever we meet.

www.bleev.co.uk - our website

The bleev website contains up-to-date information about events and issues relevant to the worship and ministry of St Margaret's Church.

Don't miss - our Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a very valuable part of our all-age worship in St Margaret's on the first Sunday of each month. It's for girls from 6 to 15 yrs old, and boys from 6 onwards with unbroken voices. They meet to practise on occasional Saturdays from 5 – 6pm.

Parents of children who are within the age range and would like more information about the choir can contact us via our website's contact form or call Ann Tutt on 01892 722371.

Funding matters

Over the next two months, we'll be looking at what our current level of funding will enable us to do as a church in the mid- to long-term. Even if you are not a regular church attender, you are very welcome to join in with these discussions, so feel free to give Elisabeth Bowen (Administrator, 01892 724769) your contact details.