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A Prayer for Easter

Thank you, Father, that you raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Day and that He is alive now and forever.

Thank you that whoever believes in Him and turns away from selfish living and towards you can be forgiven through

His name. Thank you that Jesus is the same today as He was then and will always be.

Thank you for the Bible - your inspired, unchanging, and living Word to guide us. Help us to hold fast to Your teaching and not to be led astray. Your Word is truth. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, that we might be Your faithful, fruitful Resurrection People.

In the name of our living Lord, Jesus

Amen

Copy Dates!

Copy date for May will be Sunday 9th April

Copy date for June will be Sunday 14th May

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Pictures by the Park

Bring your Own Bottles & Snacks
 Adults £5 Children (W/A under 12) £2
 In the church hall starting at 7.30pm



St Thomas’ family events - for your diary

Date	What’s happening?
9th April	Easter Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt in the Church Garden after the service 
30 th April	Family Service
21 st May	Eco Sunday Family Service
18 th June	Family Service – Father’s Day
2 nd July	Patronal Festival
16 th July	Family service
17 th September	 Harvest Festival Family Service
15 th October	Family Service celebrating St Luke
12 th November	Remembrance Sunday Family Service



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St Thomas' Church

FAMILY FUN RUN

Sunday 23rd April

Elthorne Park

(meet at St Thomas' Church Hall – 182 Boston Road, W7 2AD)

Run begins at 2pm (registration from 1.30pm)

For more details/ to register email: Thomas.funrun@yahoo.com

St Thomas' Fun Run

We're pleased to announce that the St Thomas' Fun Run will be back on 23rd April (see opposite). Please do come and join us for the run which will be starting at 2pm. A perfect opportunity to run either 2.5k or 5k.



Places cost £5 each and there's a limited number, so please let us know if you'd like to take part or put the date in your diaries to cheer the runners on (tea and cake available afterwards!). Plus, we really need marshals so please let us know if you'd be able to help out.

Contact: thomas.funrun@yahoo.com



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The Leprosy Mission will no longer be collecting postage stamps, so please don't leave any more at the back of the church. Thank you.

In season in April

Artichokes (Jerusalem)
Beetroot Cabbage
Carrots Chicory
Kale Parsnips
New potatoes (first crops) Radishes
Rhubarb Spinach Spring greens
Spring onions Watercress



Outside an Empty Tomb

“Oh woman, why this weeping?
Oh woman, dry your tears!
Oh woman, cease your weeping
And lay aside your fears!”

“They’ve borne away my Master!
And laid Him who knows where;
His tomb is standing empty,
And He’s no longer there.”

“Oh Sir, please will you tell me
Where you have laid Him now?
For you can surely tell me

What they have done, and how;
Yes how may I now find Him
And for His body care?
For I will truly care for Him
If you’ll but show me where?”

He said to her, “My Mary!”
She turned and met His eye
She cried with joy, “My Master!”
For she at last knew why
The tomb behind was empty
And why no body lay –
Her Master Christ is Risen
Upon this Easter Day!

News from the Pop-In

On 17th February we held a very successful cake sale and raffle and managed to raise £280 for the DEC Earthquake Appeal.

On 24th February we held a lunch - freshly cooked baked potatoes, coleslaw, cheese and beans followed by home made raspberry cheesecake which went down very well with everyone.

On March 17th we are hosting the Playback Team from the Questors Theatre who will be performing one of their Reminiscence Roadshows - ‘Reading Writing and ‘rithmetic’ which explores tales from the classroom in the early years of kindergarten and primary school. The group create community theatre from the reminiscences of local people and tour them to community venues.

On April 21st we have planned a trip to the Poppy Factory in Richmond, where they have been making poppies since 1922. The visit will include a tour of the new visitor centre, an opportunity to have a go at making poppies and of course tea and cake in the cafe.

We also plan to celebrate the Coronation in early May with a big Tea Party and various fun and games.

A plant sale is also planned for May which will take place outside the Church Hall - date and details to be confirmed.

Palm Sunday

Jesus at the gates of Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when the Church remembers how Jesus arrived at the gates of Jerusalem just a few days before the Passover was due to be held. He was the Messiah come to His own people in their capital city, and yet He came in humility, riding on a young donkey, not in triumph, riding on a war-horse.

As Jesus entered the city, the crowds gave Him a rapturous welcome, throwing palm fronds into His path. They knew His reputation as a healer, and welcomed Him. But sadly, the welcome was short-lived and shallow, for Jerusalem would soon reject her Messiah, and put Him to death. On Palm Sunday at St Thomas', along with churches worldwide, we will be holding our palm crosses in memory of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem

POP-IN

POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH HALL
FROM 10.30AM TO 12 NOON

*COME FOR TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND A CHAT

*MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!

*STAY FOR TEN MINUTES OR THE MORNING!



April

7th - GOOD FRIDAY - Pop-In CLOSED

14th - tea, coffee and cakes

21st - trip to the poppy factory in Richmond

28th - tea, coffee and cakes

The POP-IN is run by the Hanwell Neighbourly Care Scheme.

An Easter Meditation

In the New Testament the resurrection of Jesus is presented as a simple historical fact. He did rise from the grave on that first Easter morning.

The four evangelists, and Paul, carefully lay out the evidence. They record for us the details of the empty tomb, the names of those who visited it, the various appearances of the risen Jesus and how He was seen by more than five hundred witnesses. But the New Testament tells us more than that.

It tells us, not only of the power of God that raised Jesus from the grave (eg. Romans 1:4) but also of that same power being invested in the Church. Christians are new people! We are 'made alive' in our Risen Head (Ephesians 1:1). His victory has become our victory! As Jesus promised: 'Because I live, you will also live' (John 14:19).

Until our Lord returns again one day, Christians will die physically, but their victory over death is already guaranteed. As Paul demonstrates in 1 Corinthians 15, death is 'swallowed up in victory'! Death's sting is abolished! And so Paul proclaims our victory anthem. 'Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (vv.55-57)!

Down through 2,000 years Christ's people have lived in that glorious victory. One example was Donald Cargill (1619-1681). Cargill was a Presbyterian minister and a Covenanter in the years known in Scotland's history as 'the killing times.' The Covenanters opposed all attempts by the English parliament to impose Episcopacy on Scotland. With other Covenanters, Cargill strongly denounced the immorality and irreligion of the court of King Charles II. Hundreds of Covenanters were imprisoned at this time, and many were executed, both men and women.

Cargill's fearless itinerant preaching made him a marked man. He moved from place to place, preaching in cottages, fields, and town squares, protected by loyal friends. Then in July 1681 he was arrested and imprisoned. The outcome of his trial was never in question. The government of the day was determined to silence this influential 'rebel.' He was sentenced for execution on July 27th of that year.

On the scaffold in Edinburgh, Cargill spoke to the large crowd that had come to support him. "I climb this ladder," he declared, "with less fear than ever I entered a pulpit to preach." Then, raising his eyes to a blue July sky over his beloved Scotland, he cried out: "I have gotten me Christ and Christ has gotten me the victory." The blade fell and the brave soul of Donald Cargill joined the martyrs who lived and died in the victory of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to God indeed! That glorious victory is not only for all the brave martyrs, but for all of us who belong to Christ. Death is defeated. The grave is conquered. Christ lives for ever in the power of an endless life. And we live in Him! We can all say: *'I have gotten me Christ and Christ has gotten me the victory.'*

by

Dr Herbert McGonigle, formerly Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.



Terracycle is back

Some of the waste streams are back but what we can collect is very specific. All the items have to be sorted by type before they are sent to Terracycle, so please keep items separate

What we now collect:

Pringles Tubes

Please recycle the plastic lids yourself but put the tube with the metal base in the box. **Remember they don't want the plastic lid!**

Bread

We can collect bags from bread and crumpets and similar This is sponsored by Warburtons but they will take ANY make of bread, rolls, and wraps.

Coffee

We can take ground coffee bags, and coffee bean bags. This is Sponsored by Taylors of Harrogate but they will take any make of COFFEE

Please see posters on the collecting point in St Thomas' car park or look on the Terracycle website.

Terracycle collections

Please note that only bags that come from bread or rolls can be included in the Terracycle parcels. Just recently we have had other items hidden in the bread bags and that means that our parcels have been rejected and we do not get any money for them . All other plastics like vegetable bags, Ice cream and sweet wrappers and crisp packets can be recycled at your supermarket.

thank you



From the Editors

We understand from the PCC that the parish profile is now finalised and we can soon advertise for our new vicar.

Julia & Sue



From the Ealing Foodbank

Thank you for continuing to support the foodbank. There are several shops locally that have collection points and they're all listed on the foodbank website.

There are other ways in which you can help.

- You can continue to leave your donations in the boxes left in our church porch. However there will be some delay in transferring it to the Foodbank warehouse.
- Another alternative is to give cash or cheque (payable to Foodbank Trussell Trust) to Nicole who will pass it on regularly.

<https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

** please remember that our magazine is produced a month in advance, so we publish the shopping list available to us at the time of going to press, So it's a good idea to check the most recent list on the website (see above) or Twitter: @EalingFoodbank or Instagram: ealingfoodbank

THE MARCH SHOPPING LIST **

Tinned vegetarian mains (curry, chilli, macaroni cheese etc), savoury crackers, tinned fish, rice - 500g and 1kg, UHT milk - whole or semi-skimmed, long life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee & drinking chocolate, tinned fruit & vegetables, ketchup, mayonnaise & brown sauce, chick peas & kidney beans, jam & peanut butter, cooking oil, nappies - sizes 5 & 6

Thank you, but the foodbank has plenty of pasta at the moment.


Please pray for:

Those recently baptised - Alfie Cooke

Those who are housebound or in need - Mtr Sheenagh Burrell, Mtr Anna, Merfyn Edwards, June, Jane, Nigel Brooks, Peter Gilbert, Norman Dorival, Hazel Middleton, Terence Ball, Julia Schumann, Terence Ball, John Ball and John Tozer

Those who have recently died - Sydney Carter & James Chapman

Our churchwardens, Fade and Steve, Annabel and the PCC as they navigate us through the interregnum



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It was:

150 years ago, on 4th April 1873 that the Kennel Club was founded in London. It oversees dog shows and dog agility competitions and operates Britain's national register of pedigree dogs. The Kennel Club licenses dog shows throughout the UK, but the only dog show that it actually runs is Crufts. The Kennel Club recognises 221 breeds, of which the Labrador Retriever is probably most popular.

100 years ago, on 15th April 1923 that insulin became generally available for the treatment of diabetes.

Also 100 years ago, on 26th April 1923 that Prince Albert, Duke of York (later King George VI) married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) at Westminster Abbey in London.

90 years ago, on 3rd April 1933 that the first flight over Mount Everest took place. British pilots the Marquis of Clydesdale and Donald McIntyre flew two biplanes over the summit.

75 years ago, on 7th April 1948 that the World Health Organization (WHO) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland as a specialist agency of the United Nations.

70 years ago, on 16th April 1953 that Queen Elizabeth II launched the Royal Yacht Britannia. It was decommissioned in 1997. The Royal Family no longer owns a royal yacht.

60 years ago, on 16th April 1963 that American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his famous 'Letter from Birmingham Jail' while imprisoned in Alabama. He stated that the Black community was forced to protest when the white power structure left them no choice.

Also 30 years ago, on 30th April 1993 that CERN, the creators of the World Wide Web, announced that it could be used for free by anyone. That decision has shaped the modern world as we know it.

25 years ago, on 10th April 1998 that the Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland.

Also 20 years ago, on 14th April 2003 that the Human Genome Project was successfully completed, with over 99% of the human genome sequenced and mapped, including all of the genes.

Diary Dates

March

Sun 26th

5th of Lent - Passiontide begins



April

Sun 2nd

Palm Sunday

Thurs 6th

Maundy Thursday

Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Fri 7th

Good Friday - Solemn Liturgy at 3pm

Sun 9th

Easter Day

Sun 16th

2nd of Easter

Sun 23rd

3rd of Easter

Sun 23rd

2pm Fun Run

Sun 30th

4th of Easter

May

Sun 7th

5th of Easter

Sun 14th

6th of Easter

Thurs 18th

Ascension Day

Sun 21st

7th of Easter

Sun 21st

APCM 11.30am in the hall

Sun 28th

Pentecost



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