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A Prayer for August

Heavenly Father,

In this month of August, we thank you for your presence.

Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged or elderly, you are with us.

As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now.

No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day - and leading us home.

Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Copy Dates!

Copy date for September will be Sunday 14th August

Copy date for October will be Sunday 11th September

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From Father Robert

Dear Friends

I write this a week before I head off for the ‘bonnie, bonnie, banks of Loch Lomond’. Every time I mention it to someone they say, first, “oh, it’s beautiful there”. Then secondly, the well-wisher mutates into Moses before Pharaoh, and begins to warn me of plagues of midges. The twofold declarations sum up nicely the double-edged nature of the holiday which will include the scattering of my mother’s ashes.

To return to the first comment, I am looking forward to re-visiting a place that formed the backdrop to almost every holiday we had for the first 15 years of my life. Already, rather patchy memories are stirring, but nowhere in these recollections is the reminder of the impending plague. (Do children simply not notice these things, like the cold, or is it simply my brain has redacted these wee munching nuisances from its banks?)

Church life, and particularly our worshipping life is saturated with memory. One of the very few ‘*direct*’ commandments of Jesus was, “do this in remembrance of me”. For our spiritual forebears, the pinnacle of their year is an act of remembrance, the Passover.

Given the thrust of so much of life today demands looking to the future, what tomorrow brings and so on, there feels to be a dichotomy in these two human instincts. Yet, the Church has always looked forwards as well as backwards. There has always been an understanding that the future is often formed by what has gone before.

The significance of both Passover and the Eucharist is to make those past experiences a present reality, and so our life as the people of God is transformed as well as transformative.

We are hopefully entering a ‘new’ future even though COVID is still an ever-present unwanted neighbour. As we rest over the next few weeks we will have to look, as a church, to our future. We will have to continue to re-discover things loved and lost, and look once again to our Mission in Hanwell and Beyond.

Like me I hope you have a restful and peaceful few weeks, and I hope yours are also midge-free!

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



Parish News

In July we celebrated our Patron *Saint*, Thomas. Our festival celebrations included me ascending the pulpit, as our guest preacher Fr. David Neno, our Area Dean, had COVID. It was an unexpected and rare treat as it is the one service I never preach at. After Mass we had a lovely drinks party and picnic in the vicarage garden where the sun really 'shone on the righteous'!

After the picnic we had a wonderful return to our afternoon concerts with a performance given by two highly accomplished students from the London College of Music (LCM). The occasion was also deeply moving for the performers as they had not played in front of a live audience for two years.

On 11th September at 3pm July's concert pianist Arina Brovanova has kindly agreed to return due to popular demand. I would really encourage you to come if at all possible.

The autumn 'term' will be a hive of activity. As well as the concert we will have:

50+ Group on Wednesday 7th September at 12.30pm.

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 18th September.

Moving into October two dates for the diary are:

Caribbean & International Night & Film date tba

Sunday 16th October 10am Thanksgiving Parish Mass on St Luke for Health Care Workers. This will be followed by a buffet in the Hall.

In attendance representing her majesty the Queen our Patron will be a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London Mr. Richard Kornicki CBE (pictured below). We have so many people in St Thomas' who work in this area and it will be a chance to say a huge thank you to them, and acknowledge how their vocation is also sharing the love of God.

Please invite as many people as possible.

Finally, can I just say huge thank you all who have helped out in so many practical ways over the summer.

Fr. Robert





Mission Giving at St Thomas'

Which charities should we support in 2022?

There are about seventy people enrolled at St Thomas' in our various planned giving schemes — weekly envelopes, standing order, and Parish Giving Scheme. Although it is not often publicised, we have a very healthy tradition of setting aside 10% of the total congregational giving received each year from these seventy 'Stewards'. This money is earmarked for the purpose of making charitable donations.

The charities that we support include organisations that operate locally, or just in the UK, and those that operate internationally. We support organisations that are concerned with relief and development work, as well as those with a specific focus on Christian mission and outreach.

During 2021, the total Stewardship giving was £40,448. This means that £4,044 has been earmarked for the Parish's charitable giving during 2022. Some money has already been given to support relief work needed as a consequence of the war in Ukraine. However, we have yet to decide how to distribute the remaining funds, and would welcome suggestions from 'Trident' readers. Apart from larger charities that may be well known, we are always interested to learn about smaller charities, especially those operating in West London.

Please pass any thoughts and ideas to Sarah Holroyd, Mission Committee Chair, or myself (contact details on the last page of 'Trident').

Steve Purcell, Churchwarden

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. - Anon

The Oberammergau Passion Play

I have just returned from this. It's not just a play, it's an experience, enhanced if you are religiously inclined.

My tour party of 36 had a dual base. Saturday through to Wednesday evening was based in Koblenz, a beautiful city. From there, trips to Cochem, Rudesheim, St Goar via a Rhine cruise, Trier and Heidleburg, prior to arriving in our second base in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, 15 minutes from Oberammergau. All these cities have so much history. Many churches, castles and places of learning survive in part or in total from several hundred years ago. Many of those partially destroyed by Germanic rivals, French or British, have been sympathetically restored. I recommend all of these places as being worthwhile, but the focus of this article is the last day.

We arrived late morning. Free time to see the main church, the museum and lunch prior to the play. The tour party was a mixture of United Reform, Catholic and C of E, with around 50% being a party from Dorset. The small town has approximately 5500 residents; a significant number participate.

Historical summary:

Plague during the 30 years war swept across Europe in the first half of the 17th.Century. 84 villagers died in 1633. Their family and friends prayed to God, vowing to put on the Passion of Jesus every 10 years, should they be spared any more plague deaths. Supposedly, they were. They kept their promise one year later, initially a one off performance. The first few years' audiences comprised the villagers who weren't involved, then the word spread to neighbouring villages, and further. It is difficult to cover nearly 400 years concisely...

1662 The oldest surviving text.

1680 switched to every 10 years, usually on the turn of the decade.

1770 Banned by Elector Maximilian 111. "No place for the greatest secret of our holy religion". 1780 1790 1800 Oberammergau was exempted from

the Bavarian ban on passion plays.

1880 - 1910 Attendance increasing every decade. Now have kings, queens, composers, religious leaders, presidents, future popes and Thomas Cook, who made train travel from England viable. 56 shows, 224,000 attend.

1920 Delayed until 1922 due to WW1 and Spanish flu.

1930 A new stage. and now 5,200 seats.

1934 Special 300th anniversary show. Hitler attended. Under strong Nazi pressure, they were forced to make it anti-Semitic.

1940 The second cancellation.

1950 onwards: the script frequently revised to make it more inclusive, less controversial.

2000 Non Christians allowed to take part for the first time, and some Muslim villagers did. 1600 adults and 550 children put on 110 shows for 520,000 people.

The quality of the singing, the music, the sound, was superb. It is performed in German, with a booklet translation of everything. Made me reappraise figures such as Pilate and Caiaphas.

I should tell you that it's no sprint. 2.30pm - 5pm. Then a 3h break for dinner. back on stage 8pm, finishing 10.45pm. However, it never dragged!

This year, it's on 5 days a week, from 14th.May until 2nd. October.

The link below tells you more. Or, by all means, contact me on iannhenderson1958@gmail.com.

<https://www.passionsspiele-oberammergau.de/en/play/history>

Ian Henderson



The main church in Oberammergau

Performance photos prohibited. I took this 25 minutes before the start.



Pictures by the Park

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Family Quiz Night



Fundraising for the renovation of our Scout Hall

7th Hanwell (St Thomas') Scout Group

Saturday 1st October 2022

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road

6:45 for a 7:00pm start



Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Come as a team, or if you like we can put you in a team. Tables of 8

Entry £15 (Children under 14 £10)

Includes supper

Prizes for the winning team

To Book a table or a place

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Email: dougrowe1965@gmail.com

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

Unfortunately the crisp packet program finished but we now take Pringles tubes. Please re-cycle 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



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 SHOPPING LIST **

Breakfast cereal, tinned fish, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), long life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee & drinking chocolate, rice, tinned soup, tinned fruit/vegetables, vegetarian meals, ready made custard & rice pudding, nappies (size 5 and 6)

Thank you, but the foodbank has plenty of: meat & meat main meals, and pasta at the moment.

The Comedy Hit of the Year!

THE TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT

STANLEY HOLLOWAY GEORGE RELPH
HAUNTON WAYNE JOHN OREGON

Directed by **TECHNICOLOR**

Keith Spillett is celebrating his birthday on 13th August with a showing of **'THE TITFIELD THUNDERBOLT'** at 17:45, followed by a bring and share picnic. There will then be a showing of **'MONSIEUR HULOT'S HOLIDAY'** at around 20:15. *All are Welcome!*

MONSIEUR HULOT'S HOLIDAY

Directed by **JACQUES TATI**

(In the church hall—contact Keith (details on the back of the mag))



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Recently Baptised

Hayden Andrew Lindsay 2nd July 2022

Requiem Mass

Brenda Noel 6th August 2022

Those who are housebound or in need - Caroline Baxter,
Nigel Brooks, Gill Shaw, Amber, Peter Gilbert and John Tozer.

Diary Dates

July

Sun 31st

8th after Pentecost



August

Sun 7th

9th after Pentecost

Sun 14th

10th after Pentecost

Sun 21st

11th after Pentecost

Sun 28th

12th after Pentecost

September

Sun 4th

13th after Pentecost

Wed 7th

50+ Fellowship Group meeting 12:30pm

Sun 11th

14th after Pentecost

Sun 18th

Harvest Festival family service

Sun 25th

16th after Pentecost

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