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A Prayer for February

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for loving us.

Thank You for sending Jesus and for the work of Your Holy Spirit in opening people's eyes to recognise Him.
Please open our eyes and hearts afresh to Him.
Help us to truly trust Him and to be aware of the price He paid so that we can know Your peace and live with You forever.

Amen

Copy Dates!

Copy date for March will be Sunday 12th February

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Parish News

We said a final farewell to Father Robert and his family at a bring and share lunch on Sunday 15th January. On January 28th, we're looking forward to the Ceilidh - thank you to Annabel and friends for organising it. Just what we all need to cheer us up in January.

We've got a couple of thank you messages below from the Christmas season.



Christmas Flowers

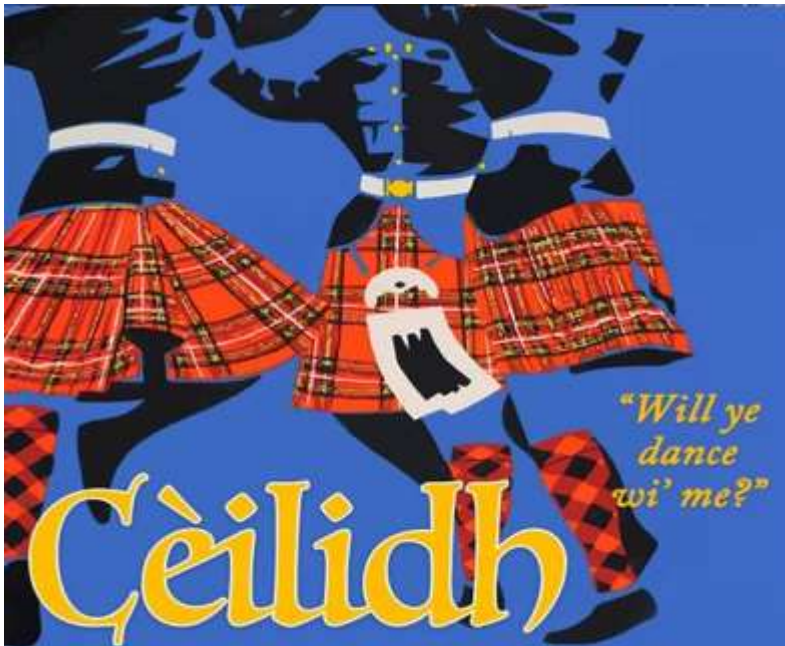
Thankyou so much to all the lovely people who gave so generously towards the Christmas flowers. Julie and I are a very small team but we hope we have confirmed your confidence in us. All the best to you all for 2023.

Terry

The Christmas Eve Nativity

With 3 Wise Women and a Queen Herod, the St Thomas' Nativity premiered for the first time in two years on Christmas Eve. And what a success it was! Despite illness severely impacting the 'rehearsal schedule', the children did a fabulous job. As well as the traditional story and hymns amid the candle light, the children treated us to several musical interludes, featuring violins, cello, a solo and a trumpet! Towards the end of the service, the nativity figures were placed in the crib (without so much as a chip after Father Robert had reminded us some are almost 90 years old!). We ended with a presentation of the card Sunday School has been working on for Father Robert and there were a few tears as we said a fond farewell and thanked him for all his work. Fortunately everyone was able to revive their spirits with a round of Jingle Bells and mulled wine and mince pies in the hall afterwards! It was lovely to welcome wider family and others to the service and a wonderful way to start Christmas! Big thanks to all involved. Do make sure you come next year - we already have a possible script featuring a two headed donkey!






*"Will ye
dance
wi' me?"*

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John Newton, former slave trader

St Thomas' family events - for your diary

Date	What's happening?
5 th February	Family Service
19 th March	Mothering Sunday (and cake sale)
9 th 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





Christmas quiz 2022 - the answers!

We hope you had some fun with our quiz over the festive period.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Twinkle Twinkle | 35. Hoodwink | 70. Perpendicular |
| 2. Penny Farthing | 36. Pen Names | 71. Ink Cap |
| 3. Dinky Toys/Cars | 37. Clinker | 72. Impending |
| 4. Pennsylvania | 38. Derwent Pencil | 73. Open All Hours |
| 5. Inkle Loom | 39. The Pink Panther | 74. Alpenhorn |
| 6. Stink Bombs | 40. Expenses | 75. Penguin |
| 7. Miss Money Penny | 41. Sinking Ship | 76. Suspension Bridge |
| 8. Penance | 42. Fountain Pen | 77. Penalty |
| 9. Ink Cartridge | 43. Brinkmanship | 78. Head Shrinker |
| 10. Copenhagen | 44. Blinkers | 79. Tinker and Tailor |
| 11. Inkleling | 45. Pendulum | 80. Big Spenders |
| 12. Pen and Ink | 46. Thinking Cap | 81. Penelope Cruz Sanchez |
| 13. Upending | 47. Sixpence | 82. Penny Lancaster |
| 14. Painkillers | 48. Penny Whistle | 83. Tinkle |
| 15. Mein Kampf | 49. Wrinkles | 84. Periwinkle |
| 16. Sprinkler System | 50. Aspen | 85. The Weakest Link |
| 17. Penumbra | 51. That Sinking Feeling | 86. Pinking Shears |
| 18. Serpent/Rinkhal | 52. The Open University | 87. A Pretty Penny |
| 19. In Kilts | 53. Penge | 88. Rupert Penry-Jones |
| 20. Penny Dreadful/
Magazine | 54. Sean Penn | 89. The Kinks |
| 21. Pendragon | 55. Claudia Winkleman | 90. LinkedIn |
| 22. Open Top Bus | 56. Tinker Bell | 91. Penang |
| 23. Pink | 57. Winklepickers | 92. Dispensation |
| 24. Pen y Ghent | 58. The Pentagon | 93. Golf Links |
| 25. Spend Spend Spend | 59. Phnom Penh | 94. William Penney |
| 26. Pinky Promise | 60. The Drink | 95. Penne Pasta |
| 27. Blink | 61. Marks and Spencer | 96. In The Clink |
| 28. Oink | 62. Ginkgo | 97. Tinky Winky |
| 29. Pendle Hill | 63. Tin Kettle | 98. Penchant |
| 30. Victoria Pendleton | 64. Pencil Sharpener | 99. Penultimate |
| 31. Tiddlywinks | 65. In Kilos | 100. Appendix |
| 32. The Pennines | 66. Suspenders | |
| 33. Slinky | 67. The Ink Spots | |
| 34. Spend a Penny | 68. Pendennis | |
| | 69. Burton-in-Kendal | |

15th February

Sigfrid, apostle of Sweden

If you have something big to forgive, Sigfrid may be the saint for you.

This monk from Glastonbury was sent by King Ethelred to Norway and Sweden in 995. The King of Norway, King Olaf, had recently converted to Christianity, and wanted help in converting his people.

Sigfrid went first to Vaxjo in Sweden, taking along his three nephews. There he built a small church, commissioned it, and consecrated his nephews as bishops. Then Sigfrid left them, in order to evangelise the more remote regions.

So far so good, but when Sigfrid returned, he found the church had been burned to the ground and his nephews murdered. The attackers had been caught, and the king was about to put them to death. It would be an act of justice.

Instead, Sigfrid pleaded with the king for mercy. It was agreed that a large fine should be paid to Sigfrid. He did not keep a penny for himself, but used it to rebuild the church, and continue the mission. Sigfrid went on to minister in Sweden, Norway and Denmark for many years, until his death in 1045. He was remembered with love and credited with many miracles.

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Goings-on at the PCC

Interregnum latest news

by Steve Purcell, Churchwarden

Here is a summary of the main business discussed at the most recent PCC meeting held on 16th January.

For the first part of the meeting we welcomed Archdeacon Catherine Pickford, who came to brief us on the important actions that would be required of us as part of the process leading to the appointment of a new Vicar. As previously reported in the Trident, the interview panel will include two members of the PCC. It was agreed that the PCC representatives will be chosen at our PCC Awayday on Saturday 28th January. At the Awayday, the main business will be to discuss the content of the 'Parish Profile' document that will provide potential applicants with detailed information about the nature and characteristics of St Thomas' and the personal qualities that we are looking for in the next Vicar.

A meeting involving the PCC, Bishop Lusa, Archdeacon Catherine, and other senior officers will take place on Monday 20th February. The Parish Profile must be ready for discussion at that meeting, which means that we have to work on this document very smartly during the early part of February.

The closing date for applications from interested clergy will be 19th May, before which the vacancy will be advertised. Shortlisting will take place on Wednesday 7th June, with our two PCC representatives taking part in this. Interviews will be held at St Thomas' on Tuesday 27th June. On the day before, there will be a 'Parish Visit' day when the shortlisted applicants will be invited to come and visit the church, meet some of the congregation, and have a good look at all the buildings including the Vicarage.

Allowing for the successful candidate to give notice in their current post, it is hoped that our new Vicar will be able to start work with us during October. Please continue to pray that the right person responds to God's call to come to be our new Vicar, and for discernment and wise judgement

on the part of all involved in the selection process.

After Archdeacon Catherine's business had been concluded, the Committee discussed more routine matters, mainly to do with building maintenance.

It was reported that cleaning of rainwater gutters and downpipes of the church, church hall, and vicarage would be carried out on 20th January. It was to be hoped that this would cure a problem of rainwater ingress above the left-hand pulpit that had occurred during a recent cloudburst.

It was also reported that our Architect, John Scott, had been successful in obtaining a firm quotation for the repair of plasterwork in the chancel and Lady Chapel, which would shortly be presented to the PCC. [Post-meeting note: The quotation arrived the day after the PCC meeting, and was unanimously agreed via email by all members of the Committee. The work is scheduled to start in late January or early February, and will involve scaffolding erected in the chancel area. All such activities should be completed well before Easter.]

A further report from the Architect following a specialist survey has informed us that the lower roof on the south side of the church building is life-expired, with signs of cracking and water ingress. Being on the south side of the building it is unshaded from the sun and therefore the copper roof suffers extremes of temperature leading to metal fatigue. This thin strip of roof, which is approximately 2 metres wide, and runs most of the length of the building, needs complete replacement. We can expect to receive an indication of the cost in due course, at which point we will know how much money we will need to raise.

Finally, the PCC discussed future meeting dates. It was agreed that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 21st May, at 11.30am following the 10:00am Mass.

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.

Please pray for:

Those who are housebound or in need - Mtr Sheenagh Burrell, Nigel Brooks, Peter Gilbert, Terence Ball, James Chapman, Norman Dorival, Jane, Julia Schumann, Steve Purcell and John Tozer.

Father Robert as he begins his ministry at St Martins, Ruislip.
Our churchwardens, Fade and Steve and the PCC as they navigate us through the interregnum.



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 JANUARY SHOPPING LIST **

Rice, tinned fish, tinned meats, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), dried milk, long-life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee & instant drinking chocolate, tinned fruit & vegetables, rice -500g & 1Kg, ready made custard & rice pudding, ketchup & mayonnaise, shaving gear - foam & razors

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



From the Editors

And suddenly, Christmas was over and the realities of being in an interregnum are upon us. Thank you to everyone who is taking on extra work while we go through the necessary but lengthy process of finding a new vicar for St Thomas'.

Julia & Sue



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Congregational Giving 2022

Thank you to our Stewards

By Sheila Burt, Stewardship Secretary

Very many thanks to our Stewards — those who give money regularly or by lump sum to St Thomas', as congregational giving. Our records at the end of 2022 show that we have 63 Stewards who are now contributing at a total annualised rate of just over £42,000. The median or 'half-way' point is £480, which means that half of our Stewards are contributing more than this amount, and the other half are contributing less. Our congregational giving is vital income for St Thomas', without which we could not pay our expenses, or fund our mission as a church. So thank you all again.

If you are not currently contributing regularly as a Steward, and would like to start, we offer 4 different methods of payment:

- by cash using an offertory envelope;
- by direct payment into our church bank account;
- using the Parish Giving Scheme (by far the easiest method for the church);

by debit or credit card payment.

If you're interested in starting payments using any of these methods, I would be happy to give further information. My contact details are on the back page of The Trident.

Many of our Stewards pay income tax, either because of being employed or else because of receiving pension income. Therefore we were able to reclaim a total of £10,293 extra during 2022 from HMRC's Gift Aid scheme — a very big help to the church. For people who are registered with us for Gift Aid, we are able to collect an additional £25 for each £100 of giving, with the church doing all the paperwork necessary. If you pay income tax, but are not currently registered for Gift Aid with St Thomas', please have a

word with me. All that is necessary to enroll, is to complete a simple declaration form.

If you are registered with us for Gift Aid, but have moved house since registering, please keep us updated. Also, if for any reason you have ceased to pay income tax, don't forget to let us know!



Diary Dates

January

Sat 28th	Ceilidh - 7.30pm
Sun 29th	4th of Epiphany



February

Sun 5th	3rd before Lent
Sun 12th	2nd before Lent
Sun 19th	Sunday before Lent
Wed 22nd	Ash Wednesday - Mass at 7:30pm
Sun 26th	1st of Lent

March

Sun 5th	2nd of Lent
Sun 12th	3rd of Lent
Sun 19th	4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday
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

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