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SUNDAY

8.00 AM SAID EUCHARIST (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICE)
10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (TERM TIME & NOT 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
10.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30 PM EVENING PRAYER (BCP)
CHORAL EVENSONG FOR SPECIAL FESTIVALS (PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS)

WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION

TUESDAY 12 NOON
WEDNESDAY 2PM

MORNING PRAYER

7.30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (8.00 A.M SATURDAY)

EVENING PRAYER

DAILY 5.00 PM (EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)

PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS, OR NO FAITH AT ALL, ARE WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES. THOSE WHO ARE FULL MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONS ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION IN ST. THOMAS'.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MONDAY	12.30 PM	HANWELL HOMELESS CONCERN
	4.45 PM	RAINBOW GUIDES
	6.00 PM	BROWNIES
TUESDAY	5.30 PM	BEAVERS
	6.30 PM	CUBS
WEDNESDAY		
	10.30AM	MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP
THURSDAY	7.00 PM	GUIDES
FRIDAY	10.30 - 12 NOON	'POP-IN'
	7.00 PM	SCOUTS (AT 'THE WARREN' TRUMPERS WAY)
	7.00 PM	CHOIR

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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

In the vicarage the Christmas tree remains up until the feast of Candlemass (2nd February) as this marks the end of the Epiphany. It has the benefit of dragging out, in a good sense(!), Christmas.

I hope, also, that you've been able to make Christmas last. For so many it is over on Boxing Day and for plenty of Christians, even, it certainly never goes beyond New Year. Yet, even if your tree doesn't remain until Candlemass, most keep their decorations up until the Epiphany, or the Twelfth Night, and so the spirit of Christmas continues.

Yet, the spirit of Christmas could continue in other ways. We could continue to offer the hospitality of the season, consider those on the margins or even sing a carol or two as we potter round the house! In these dark and wet **days, the church's wisdom in making Christmas and Epiphany a lengthy** season, is entirely vindicated: not only do we need time to appreciate the mystery of the Word made flesh, but the elongation of the celebration of the incarnation helps to keep our spirits up amid the gloom and, possibly, incoming credit-card bills. Thus, once again, the mystery of the season touches the everyday. As the 19th-century poet, Canon Henry Scott Holland, **once remarked: 'the more you believe in the incarnation, the more you care about drains'.** For the birth of God as a child in a particular place at a particular time means that God is interested in the details and the mess of everyday life, just as we believe that Jesus Christ is present in a small disc of bread and sip of wine in the Mass.

That idea of 'particularity' is an essential Christian doctrine, and comes from the experience of place for the Jews in the Old Testament and onto the profundity in the incarnation. It reminds us that God is there in the everyday, and interested in it. Keeping that balance of mystery and immanence is vitally important when avoiding the extremes of, on one hand what my mother **refers to as, 'too heavenly minded to be of no earthly use', and on the other** faithless do-gooders. The Church is called to keep the balance, always seeking God in the everyday. The everyday confronts us constantly, be it the homeless on our streets, our finances or even General Elections. In all circumstances we are called to offer these situations to God, and see how we **can 'incarnate' Christ in them. When we do we are keeping the spirit of** Christmas and the Epiphany alive. My prayer for you, whatever life is throwing at you, is that Christ becomes present to you.

So may Christ's joy and the wise men's worship be yours this month and 2020.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

One big thing is still pending as I write this, and two big 'thank you's' need saying. The first is the St Thomas' Church Panto. 2020's is *Snow White* and promises to be a wonderful

production. There may be tickets left, so please contact Sue by checking out the details on the poster in this Trident.

The first huge thank you goes to all those who helped with Mtr. Susy's Ordination on the 30th November. It was a wonderful, wonderful occasion, and the envy of many a member of the clergy who attended, so again thank you!

Secondly, can I extend a massive thank you to all who helped out over Advent and Christmas.

To put together services and devotions of such variety, profundity and joy is a massive task and only possible thanks to very dedicated people. If you stuck *Jelly Tots* on a Christingle, thank you. If you sung at one of our services, thank you. If you lit candles, put flowers in oasis, mulled wine and mashed tea, thank you. Once again, this season is a time when thanks are **most heartfelt but don't seem to match the scale of what is achieved. I have said it before, say it unreservedly again, without everyone's help Advent and Christmas at St Thomas' would feel very poor.**

Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, to give her her full title, was appointed Bishop of London on 8th March 2018, and installed **at a ceremony in St Paul's Cathedral on 12th May 2018.** She is the 133rd Bishop of London, but the first woman to take the role.

Born in 1962, Sarah was educated at comprehensive school in Woking, then went on to study nursing at London South Bank University, where she earned a BSc and an MSc, and University of London, where she was awarded her MSc. **She worked as a nurse within the NHS in London, at St Thomas' and the Royal Marsden hospitals, and was made Chief Nursing Officer in 1999.** In 2005 she was made a Dame for her services to nursing. Sarah still retained an interest in the Health Service when she left nursing to train for the ministry, and was a non-executive director at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, and also the Salisbury NHS Foundation for a few years.

It was 1998 when Sarah started at Theological College, training at the South East Institute of Theological Education (now known as St Augustine's College

of Theology), and also at the University of Kent. After her training Sarah served her first curacy in Battersea Fields, in the Diocese of Southwark, from 2001-6. She then became a team rector in Sutton, London, then canon treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral. In June 2015 she was announced as the next Bishop of Crediton, and was consecrated a bishop by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, at a service in Canterbury Cathedral on 22nd July. She and Rachel Treweek were the first women to be ordained as bishops at a service at Canterbury. In September of that year she became the first woman in the Church of England to lead an ordination service, ordaining two deacons, Leisa McGovern and Sheila Walker, at a service in Ottery St Mary in Devon.

Sarah is quoted as saying that she was “delighted and slightly terrified” at her appointment as Bishop of London! She respects those who object to the appointment of women in the church: gender equality campaigners were delighted and church conservatives dismayed when she was appointed to succeed Richard Chartres. She says she wants to serve **“people of faith and no faith”**. **She is viewed as supportive of LGBT equality, and regards London as a very diverse city, where she hopes everyone can find a spiritual home.** She believes the church needs more black and minority ethnic clergy and better representation of disabled people, as well as women, in order to better represent the communities it serves. She speaks of deprivation and inequality in London, and how **many people feel ‘marginalised, voiceless and angry’, for example Grenfell survivors, and many urgent issues remain unresolved.** On the subject of **safeguarding, Sarah says she is seeking a “culture...where there is no place for abuse”**. **She plans to work with survivors to help them flourish.**

The last word should go to Sarah herself:

“I am often asked what it has been like to have had 2 careers, first in the NHS and now in the church. I prefer to think that I have always had one vocation: to follow Jesus Christ, to know Him and to make Him known, always seeking to live with compassion in the service of others, whether as a nurse, a priest, or a bishop.”

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Curates Corner

'Here I Am, Send Me'

This is the first Curate's Corner I have written since my ordination to the priesthood. As I prepared for it and reflected upon the people I had laying hands on me, it made me think back over my journey and calling to being a priest in the Church of God.

For those at my ordination, it may have looked like a mob of people dressed in black and white had surrounded me, but each of them had played a special part in my journey. Let me tell you about them:

Roy - The nudges towards ministry started from before, I really took my parents faith as my own. I was working for The n:flame Trust as a PA to the **Director and as a schools worker Roy (who is now a pioneer Priest at St Peter's Cricklewood)** was the operations manager and had loads of youthwork experience. I was going through an uncertain time, and several times we sat down with coffee. Roy helped me process what I needed to do.

Irena – Sadly was ill the day of my priesting and so not there. But she had been my mentor as I took some tentative steps to explore ordained ministry back in 2009. I was running a fresh expression of church. She was the first ordained **female I really knew. She inspired me to think 'maybe I can do what she does'.**

John – Schools have always been part of my ministry. From the age of 18 I had an inkling I was being called to be a schools chaplain. But it was only when Andrew and I moved to Ealing that I got the opportunity to explore what that might mean. John was chaplain to the Twyford Trust and helped me to explore my calling in relation to schools and being ordained.

Steve & Caroline – **Caroline was the one to tell me 'I think you need to explore this' as I told of several occasions where God had nudged me. Steve was the one to get me started on the CofE Discernment Process to ordained ministry.** They modelled how a couple could do ordained ministry to me and my husband, Andrew.

Pete – The Bishop of Willesden. I had known of Pete since I was a child as he spoke on the platform at Spring Harvest (a Christian conference at Butlins). Spring Harvest was the key time when I first thought I had a calling. It was Pete **who enabled me to say 'Yes' to this calling and put me forward for ordination.**

There were lots of other significant people at my priesting - Andrew, my Mum and Dad, my in-laws, **my children, some of the young people I've worked with,** friends from Bishop Ramsey & Twyford schools and local clergy. I could be here for ages talking about the amazing people who have supported me as I **responded to my calling. There were lots of nudges and 'I wonder' moments** over the years.

*If you think the Holy Spirit has nudged you to explore ministry – lay or ordained – why not chat to Father Robert or myself. My calling started in **a lay capacity and I never thought I'd end up a priest. You'd be surprised** what God may have in store.*

THANK YOU! To all who helped at my priesting. Fr Robert for sorting the logistics and admin that comes with so many clergy. Sarah and Leanda for organising the food. The Choir for doing some new-to-them songs. The servers, the sides people.



How lovely on the Mountains
are the feet of Him who brings good news

Congratulations to Mother Susy, now the Reverend Susy Dand, on her ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 30th November 2019 on the feast of St Andrew the Apostle, at St Thomas' the Apostle Church in Hanwell, by the Rt. Reverend Pete Broadbent, Bishop of Willesden.

Reverend Susy is the first female to be ordained at St Thomas'. This was a service of celebration and renewal, and some of us who were present could feel the love (a song) in that church. Reverend Susy, here's wishing you God's richest blessings and guidance in your ministry.

Eileen Sinclair



St Thomas' Church Panto 2020
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A prayer for humility

O God, since you created everything we can see, hear and touch, may we constantly acknowledge your bounty. And since you sustain everything we can see, hear and touch, may we always be mindful of your strength. Thus, may we walk the path of life with a spirit of humility, knowing that in all things we depend on you.

Amen

From: The roof of her church in Haggerston,
Hackney

To: The White Cliffs of Dover

On Tuesday the 19th November 2019 (on the feast of Hilda Abbess of Whitby 680) the Reverend Prebendary Rose Hudson-Wilkin was ordained and consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to be Bishop of Dover in the Diocese of Canterbury.

She was chaplain to the former Speaker of the House of Commons, Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen, also priest-in-charge of St Mary-at-Hill. Her journey has indeed been a long and remarkable one. Hence my respect to her and her spiritual mentors who have guided her on her way.

In 1998 while Vicar of Holy Trinity and All Saints Church Haggerston, Hackney, she climbed on the church roof to draw attention to the fact that **she needed funds for the reparis. She was nicknamed “The vicar on the roof” by the media.**

I had the privilege of being at St Paul’s Cathedral for this wonderful service of ordination and consecration. It was attended by people from as far afield as Jamaica (ie The Bishop), Lichfield, Birmingham, Kent (her see) and of course London. It was truly a joyous occasion. Those of us who are regular supporters of the annual Caribbean and International evening will recall the year she was guest of honour, how she regaled us with stories and experiences as a vicar, folklore from her native Jamaica, as well as some comical incidents. She was invited again, but by then she had moved on to greater things.

Bishop Rose is the first black female to attain to the post in the church of **England. Thanks be to God. “Bishop” you made it through the rain’ (a song)** by the grace of God!

My sincere congratulations, I wish you an abundance of blessings and peace in your new journey, and a universe of love and laughter.

May you always be inspired and protected by the right hand of God.

Eileen Sinclair.

Are you a willing cook?

We are setting up a group of people who would be willing to cook for others in our church family and community, when they are going through those times when cooking a meal can be an effort. It may be a single person, a couple or a family.

If you are interested in being involved in Willing Cooks, please email mothersusy@stthomashanwell.org.uk

All in the month of JANUARY

It was:

200 years ago, on 27th and 30th Jan 1820 that Antarctica was discovered. A Russian expedition sighted the Fimbul Ice Shelf, but not land. Three days later a captain in the British Royal Navy sighted the Trinity Peninsula.

80 years ago, on 8th Jan 1940 that food rationing began in Britain (bacon, butter and sugar).

Also 75 years ago, on 26th – 27th Jan 1945 that the Soviet Red Army liberated Auschwitz concentration camp in southern Poland. It was the largest Nazi concentration camp, and at least 1.1 million prisoners died there.

65 years ago, on 25th **Jan 1955 that the world's first atomic clock was** unveiled by scientists at the National Physical Laboratory in the UK. It measured time by counting the vibrations of cesium-133 atoms. It was accurate to one second every 300 years.

Also 50 years ago, on 26th Jan 1970 that the album *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Simon and Garfunkel was released.

20 years ago, on 1st Jan 2000, the calendar switched over to the year 2000, with no major computer problems from the so-called **Y2K 'Millennium Bug'**.



Now that Christmas and New Year have passed it would be easy for us to forget about those in need and the Foodbank. Indeed the weather is likely to get colder in the months to come and food being a

natural comfort we must remember those in need.

I thought it would be good to mention again how the Foodbank works.

- . Food is donated by schools, individuals, churches and businesses.
- . Food is sorted and stored in one of the Foodbank stores. More than 40.000 people volunteer in these stores in the UK.
- . Professionals (doctors, teachers, health visitors and social workers) identify those in need and issue food bank vouchers to access emergency food.
- . People bring their vouchers to a Foodbank Centre where they receive 3 days emergency food. Volunteers welcome people and offer them further support to resolve the crisis they face.

Thank you for your gifts to the Foodbank.



Please continue to give by providing any of these items in one of the green Foodbank collection boxes situated inside the church porches. Thank you

The revised list of items needed:

Dried milk, tinned meat - all types, potatoes - tinned & instant, long-life sponge puddings, savoury biscuits, deodorant - male & female, shaving foam & razors, washing up liquid, nappies - size 4 & 6.

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

NB as our magazine is put together in advance, it's best to check the up to date list which can always be found at <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Our Christmas arch constructed by Jon and decorated by Jon, Leanda & Alison.

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DECEMBER

29th Sun 1st after Christmas

JANUARY

4th Sat Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at Hanwell Methodist Church 10-11

5th Sun Epiphany
9 - 11th **St Thomas' Panto** - Snow White (see page 8)

FEBRUARY

1st Sat Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at St Mellitus Church 10-11

MARCH

7th Sat Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at S. Hanwell Baptist Church 10-11

POP-IN



POP- IN ON FRIDAYS



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31st - tea, coffee and cakes

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