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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'
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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

On 30<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm our new curate, Susy, will be ordained a deacon along with Sophie Schuil-Brewer who was sent from **St Thomas**'.

Ordination has existed in the Church from New Testament times with accounts of the **Apostles 'laying hands upon' those who would be set apart for leadership within the local church. As time went by these 'ordinations' became more universal and standardised so that there existed three 'orders' in which one could be ordained.** These three were deacon, priest and bishop, and one followed on from the other without the person actually stopping being what they were before. Thus, a bishop is still a deacon and priest, and a priest is still a deacon, but a deacon is just a deacon until ordained a priest etc. Each role has its own function which is peculiar to that call from the Church. Hence, only a bishop can ordain, and a priest celebrate the Eucharist, bless, anoint the sick and absolve. A deacon cannot perform those functions until ordained to the orders of either priest or bishop.

So what is the role of a deacon? The clue comes from the origin of the word **deacon, 'one who serves'. Hence, they can do pastoral ministry, baptise, conduct funerals, pray for the sick, preach, lead some services and parts of the Eucharist and do everything except those duties assigned to a priest or bishop.** Thus, the deacon is, properly called, an assistant curate (the Vicar having *the* curate, because they have cure of souls), but in reality they are simply referred to as The Curate. What this all means is that the Curate is the title and place that person has within the local church hierarchy, whereas deacon or priest describes the function or sacramental nature of the ministry they exercise.

What is also worth stressing is that a Curate is there to learn and be trained (I am **referred to as the 'Training Incumbent'**), and is not simply an extra pair of hands to plug gaps. This means that we will be not only serving our local community, but also the wider Church in the future. All this is a huge responsibility for a parish, **and also a huge joy as we see God's kingdom of love extended.**

Susy does, however, come to us with huge gifts which have already been recognised by the wider Church, and will be supported by the ordination by the Bishop of London on 30<sup>th</sup>, so this will be an exciting time for us here at **St Thomas**'.

Please then as a parish do pray for Susy and her family as she prepares to join us as curate. Also, pray for her as she prepares spirituality for her ordination as a deacon that she may serve God in this church, the Church and the world.

Your friend and priest  
Fr. Robert



## Parish News

**June's Film Night was a huge success with over 50 people** enjoying *Loving Vincent*. It was particularly good to welcome so many 'non-St Thomas' people. **July's film will fall on our Patronal Festival** weekend, and as a special celebration will be free. Please check out the details of other Patronal Festival events in this issue of the Trident. A big part of the Patronal weekend will be hearing our new curate Mother Susy preach at our Festal Mass. Mtr. Susy will be ordained a deacon on 30<sup>th</sup> **June at 3pm at St Paul's Cathedral. This is an open service, although the 'best' seats are reserved for the ordinand's family and friends. If you would like to attend please do so by ensuring you are at the Cathedral by 2pm.** As I said last month Mtr. Susy mentioned in her interview she and Fr. Andrew (Rector of St Mary's, Hanwell) are expecting their second child, so she will be going on maternity leave from 1<sup>st</sup> August. She is hoping to be back from 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please continue to remember her in your prayers. Other key Parish news is that the feedback from the Survey on the Parish Hall re-development have been analysed. The results will be published very soon, after the July PCC.

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**14<sup>th</sup> July - St Camillus de Lellis - patron of the sick**  
Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St. Camillus (1550 – 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). Both in their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.

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### Three coffees are good for you

Three cups of coffee a day can do you good. At least, scientists at the University of San Paulo have found that people who drink three cups of coffee a day have fewer calcium deposits in their arteries, which means you have a better blood flow, and hence less heart disease. On the other hand, the European Food Safety Agency advises that no more than *four* cups of coffee should be drunk in a day. Too much caffeine may increase heart problems and overall anxiety.

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# All in the month of JULY

It was:

200 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> July, that Emily Bronte, the British writer, was born. She was best known for her novel, *Wuthering Heights*.

175 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> July that the British steamship SS Great Britain, was launched. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, it was the longest passenger ship in the world at the time. It is now a museum ship and visitor attraction in Bristol Harbour.

100 years ago, from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August that the WW1 Second Battle of the Marne took place. It was the last major German offensive on the Western Front. Allied victory.

90 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1928 that all women aged 21 and over were granted the right to vote in the UK, when the Representation of the People **Act (Equal Franchise) came into effect. This Act made men and women's** voting rights equal.

80 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1938 that 35 million gas masks were issued in Britain, in anticipation of the Second World War.

70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> **July 1948 that Britain's National Health Service began** operating.

40 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> **July 1978 that the birth of the world's first test-tube** baby, Louise Joy Brown, took place in Oldham, UK.

15 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2003 that a team from the BBC reported that the Loch Ness Monster did not exist. They had combed every inch of the loch using 600 sonar beams guided by satellite navigation and found nothing. The search operation was covered in their documentary *The Search for the Loch Ness Monster*.



## A Prayer for July

Gracious Father,

You created us. You know us through and through and still **you love us. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you** accept us and call us your children when we put our trust in

Him. In this world of change and uncertainty you are our still point. You know our names, you provide for us and have good plans for us. We are completely safe and secure in you. How wonderful that is! Thank you loving Father.

In Jesus name, Amen.

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# 50+ Fellowship Etcetera

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The monthly 50+ fellowship started with a bring and share luncheon, which consisted of a variety of tasty dishes and beverages. In all a scrumptious repast.

**We then got down to the business of Colin Lomas's quiz; some questions** were thought stimulating, and opened up some interesting conversations, also a few of the answers were informative and even amusing. Colin then gave us a clue to solve a question that could win us the prize at the local pub quiz. My lips are sealed, or could it be that I have already forgotten the answer?! (smile)

We have been busy, through prayers and acting on suggestions, with the **'week of prayer 2018'**. **We have decided to add another meaningful act** to our objective. So with the help of Father Robert we have launched the **"Peppercorn Project" (P.P.)**. **This entails putting any loose change we** have, be it a penny (hence the name) or more, in a tin each time we meet. Someone suggested coins left over from holidays as well (if the bank will take them). The tin will be opened at our Christmas Fellowship luncheon, and the contents will be counted (perhaps Sheila our treasurer might like **to attend this one**) and sent to a charity of the group's choosing.

Please keep this new venture, P.P., in your prayers. For more information please speak to the vicar, Fr Robert.

Eileen

*Note from the editors: The Leprosy Mission would be pleased with any leftover coins from foreign holidays if the bank will not take them. Please speak to Dorothy Reeves.*

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### Copy Dates!

Copy date for August will be Sunday 8th July  
Copy date for September will be Sunday 12th August  
Copy date for October will be Sunday 9th September  
Copy date for November will be Sunday 14th October

Basically I am like St Thomas, in that I desire to touch and see. The thing wrong with St Thomas is not that he could not believe what the disciples said, but that he was not bold enough to trust the only kind of real evidence that faith could ask for: the only kind of evidence which, at the present time, it is likely to obtain. Faith must be prepared to trust the reality of its desire: to lean on something which, in time and place, may not be there--not yet, at any rate. That is what the artist does. His faith is in the picture or the poem or the table or the chair, which is not created yet, but which is pushing to be born. Faith is creation, and creation faith. If we are in fact created in the image of our creator, when we are created to create.

St. Thomas was right to question hearsay evidence. He was wrong in not trusting, as Jesus did, the evidence he was born with. So was I. That is what Jesus was telling him, I believe, in the story related in the Gospel of St John. Can I accept that story, as true history? I do not know. But I can trust it as a parable, for the truth of parable is always in the present tense. It is by the parable, not by the history, that we are saved, even though the history is true. You can believe the history and not be saved. "The devils believe also, and tremble," Jesus said. They believed, but lacked the faith.

I am in no position to blame St Thomas. It is hard to be as tough as Jesus was: to have the faith that Jesus had; to create as boldly as Jesus did. It is hard even to believe that Jesus wanted us to do this. I was not encouraged to believe it, but I do now begin to.

*Sidney Carter*

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## From the Editors

Look forward to seeing you all at the Patronal Festival. We'd love to hear all about your holidays if you're going away this summer!

*Jul & Sue*

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# Patronal Festi

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**6pm Parish BBQ**

**9.30pm Film Night**

**in the Parish Hall**

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# Festival Weekend

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**10am Patronal Festival Mass**  
**Preacher: Mtr. Susy Dand** (Curate of St Thomas') followed by drinks in the Vicarage Garden.

**12-3pm inc. Picnic in the Garden, Fun and Games.**



## Waterloo! What's in a Name?

To some people it's a very famous song by Abba. To some London commuters it's a part of their daily routine. To historians it's a famous battle 203 years ago when the British army defeated the French at a place in Belgium. In case you are still wondering, it's Waterloo, of course. And the busy commuter station on the south bank of the Thames in London is 170 years old this month.

When it became the original terminus of the Eurostar trains, there were some complaints in France. Why should their first stop in England be a reminder of a major French defeat? It seems a strange name for a railway station, we might agree. But, in fact, its origin was purely geographical. The area of London where it stands was first developed early in the 19th century, greatly enhanced by a splendid new bridge across the Thames, in process of building at the time of the battle in Belgium and proudly named after it – 'Waterloo Bridge'. The district then became known as 'Waterloo' and so when in 1848 an important station was built there it was named not after the battle but to confirm its location. Eventually it became the terminal of the Southern Railway, and probably London's busiest commuter destination.

Hopefully French grievances at the name were assuaged when the London terminal of Eurostar moved to St Pancras. As for Abba, perhaps they just liked the sound of it.

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## Terracycle news

The recycling collecting for the church has been quietly plodding away. The tassimo collection has stepped up a mark. We now have a large crate beside the church hall to collect more tassimo pods. Each crate earns us £89, but it is important that only pods and the silvery bags go into the crate, as any carrier bags or other items will contaminate the load and we will not get paid for the whole crate. So please continue to put your donations in the church or the hall as before. You can leave them in carrier bags and I will empty them into the crate and discard the bags.

**I have just sent another batch of Ella's kitchen baby food pouches, please** can you empty the pouches before you leave them. They sit in my garage for a while and with the hot weather (hopefully ) they get a bit smelly.

I have also sent a huge box of biscuit wrappers off. We can now collect cracker wrappers as well as sweet biscuits.

The total raised so far is £1600

Pauline

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Long-life sponge puddings, dried and UHT milk, savoury crackers and  
snacks, dried/instant potatoes, tinned potatoes and tomatoes, cook-in/  
pasta sauce, tooth paste and brushes,

An up to date list can always be found at <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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## JULY

1st Sun

5th after Trinity

7th Sat

Churches together in Hanwell meeting at  
St Christopher's Church 10.00 - 11.00

7th-8th

**St Thomas' Patronal Festival weekend.**

8th Sun

6th after Trinity

15th Sun

7th after Trinity

22nd Sun

8th after Trinity

24th Tues

PCC meeting 8pm

29th Sun

9th after Trinity

## AUGUST

4th Sat

Churches together in Hanwell meeting at  
**St Mary's Church 10.00 - 11.00**

## SEPTEMBER

1st Sat

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20th - tea, coffee and cakes  
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