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A Prayer for July

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the beauty of the world you created, so evident
at this time of year.

We bring before you, in prayer, those events going on in the world which
are so difficult to understand. We pray for all your children who are
suffering in any way, especially those affected by war. Please, Lord, comfort
them, assure them of your presence - and deliver them from evil.

May we appreciate each day which you have made. Help us to rejoice and
be glad in the gift of each new day - and to trust you for all our tomorrows,
knowing that in you alone is our security.

In Jesus' name.

Amen

Copy Dates!

Copy date for August will be Sunday 10th July

Copy date for September will be Sunday 14th August

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From Father Robert

Dear Friends

July is always a special month in the life of St Thomas'.

In July we celebrate our patron saint, St Thomas the Apostle. What often feels like a very local celebration is

in fact hugely international.

I was reminded of this last year when I was in hospital. During my time on the haematology ward I was ministered to by two wonderful nurses from India. They had heard that I was a priest, and I have to confess to my misplaced presumptions and therefore surprise when they said that they too were Christians. Inevitably we got round to talking about their churches and mine. To our mutual joy we discovered that we shared the same patron saint. I rejoiced that in my COVID-centric isolation we shared this bond, and they promised to get their churches to pray for me. This joy and connection was deepened as they would join me watching our live-stream Parish Mass. What all this reinforces is the surprising unity that a shared patron can bring. This is in marked contrast to the fear and behaviour of the Church I am reading about at the moment.

A friend of mine has just written a book called, *A People's Church: A History of the Church of England*. In it, Jeremy outlines the misplaced fear of superstition and the iconoclasm that dominated the Church of England at times resulting in statues being defaced. What was apparent was that these actions were not simply gestures to correct a wrong, but actually painful injuries meted out on communities. Communities that saw symbols of generations of local piety dismissed and trashed. Yet significantly, these statues represented more than objects of devotion, they pointed to something beyond themselves, to other. Thus, the local and personal suddenly extended to the eternal and historic.

As we celebrate our patron we do so conscious that as well as rejoicing in the presence of this church in Hanwell, we are part of a world-wide church and history. From John's gospel (16.11) as well as Thomas' infamous incredulity, we also know he was willing (unlike the other disciples) to follow Jesus even to death. Thomas was clearly someone who was aware of something bigger than himself. That 'thing' was Jesus. Significantly he also discovered that in following Jesus he not only followed something bigger than himself, he ultimately found and became the best of himself. Thomas found life in its fullness when he found Jesus.

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My prayer for us all as we celebrate our patron St Thomas on 3rd July, is that we will know Jesus better, and importantly, show him to the world around us.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert

Parish News

In my letter I referred to our Patron *Saint*, Thomas. However, we have the distinction of also having a living patron who we were able to celebrate with style in June, Queen Elizabeth. Most parishes have as their patron the bishop, we, because of the donation and foundation of the land on which our church sits, have 'the Crown'. Thus, on the Jubilee weekend our celebrations had an extra frisson. Thus, I want to extend a huge thank you for all the amazing things that people contributed to make the weekend and especially the Sunday so memorable. What was really wonderful was the chance to party together after two years of keeping our distance.

On a similar theme the Church of England recommended that churches return to receiving holy communion in both kinds (bread and wine). This is a significant, important but also nervous step for many of us. The PCC and I have considered how best to do this to minimise the concern and so continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. Inevitably there will be tweaking as we go along, but it is a chance to rejoice.

In addition the PCC have also recommended that the anointing with oil happens again on the 4th Sunday of the month. This has always been a little sacramental treasure at St Thomas', which I have always rejoiced in being a part of.

To return to our Patronal Festival please make every effort to be a part of the celebrations. There is a Film on Saturday Night in the Hall, The Patronal Festival Mass when Fr. David Neno (the Area Dean) will be preaching. After Mass there is the picnic in the church garden followed by a concert in the church at 2pm. The concert will be given by two highly accomplished students from the London College of Music (LCM) recommended to me. One is a Clarinettist the other a Cellist & Pianist. Please do support the concert as this a renewing of our relationship with LCM. More concerts will follow in September.

MESSAGE TO ALL STEWARDS

PAYING BY BANK STANDING ORDER

Firstly, thank you for continuing to support St Thomas' by regular giving through Covid and beyond. Stewardship is a vital source of income for our church.

Over the years, the church ended up with 3 bank accounts, none of which individually can meet our needs. We were particularly constrained in our ability to move to full online banking and visibility of our account transactions. We currently receive stewardship by standing order into two of those accounts – an HSBC account ending 3881 and an old Lloyds one ending 0010.

In order to sort out our banking, we have opened a new account with CAF bank and we would like to close the other accounts as soon as we can.

Our preference is for all stewardship to be paid via the Parish Giving Scheme (see below for link), however, you are very welcome to continue pay by standing order. Please change to the following bank account

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To find out about or sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme, please go to this link:

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If needed our parish reference is St Thomas 230623461 Hanwell London.

Thanks Caroline Lumb - Treasurer



Goings-on at the PCC

The New PCC

Following our Annual Parish Meeting in mid-May, the new parochial Church Council met for the first time on 31st May. The full membership of the PCC (in alphabetical order) is:

Alison Baxendale; Annabel Crowe; Bev Tremayne; Caroline Lumb; Charlotte Carotenuto; Colin Lomas; David Gilbert; Fade Solanke-Mitterer; Gill Shaw; Jess Nelson; Kirsten Allen; Nicholas Robinson; Pauline Britton; Fr Robert Chapman; Roger Grange; Stephen Brookes; Steve Purcell; Sue Cunningham.

If you have any questions or concerns about parish matters, or suggestions for improvement, please speak with any one of us.

Charlotte, Fade, and Nicholas also represent our parish as elected members of Ealing Deanery Synod. Father Robert is the chair of the PCC, and at our meeting we elected Annabel as our Lay Vice Chair. We also elected other people to serve as PCC Officers, and their names and contact details are shown in the Parish Directory at the back of this parish magazine.

The Church Building

Our Architect carried out a five-yearly inspection of the church building in September last year, and has presented us with a very detailed report (51 pages, including 137 photographs!). Father Robert has met with the architect for an update, and a list of what needs doing. Generally, the building is in good order but there are two priority items that need urgent attention:

- The main copper roof is in excellent condition, but on the south side of the building, the copper roof above the side aisle could be leaking;

A piece of interior plasterwork on the left-hand side of the high altar rail needs to be stabilised to prevent it falling.

Before this work can be carried out, we need to carry out sample testing of the church walls to make sure that there is no asbestos. The meeting

agreed to proceed with the asbestos testing, to take place as soon as possible.

Holy Communion

Continuing to relax the safeguards that applied when there were high Covid infection rates, the meeting had a thorough discussion on the safety measures that will be applied when we reintroduce the communion cup at Mass. The new arrangements will start on 19th June (the Feast of Corpus Christi) at the 10:00 a.m. Family Mass. The sacrament of anointing with oil for healing, will also be reintroduced shortly, to take place on a monthly basis.

Safeguarding Policy

The meeting carried out a review of our Safeguarding Policy, which is exhibited on the main church noticeboard, and in the church hall. We agreed that there should always be at least two trained people in charge of each Sunday School session.

Appointment of Sidespersons

The following people have kindly offered their services and were appointed by the PCC to serve as Sidespersons:

Bev Tremayne; Chloe Mason; Elaine Webb; Julie Michell; Nicole Edwards; Pauline Britton; Pauline Harrison; Rose Noel.

Amongst other things, sidespersons perform the valuable role of welcoming people to church and helping to make newcomers feel at ease.

Steve Purcell, Churchwarden.



Fr. Robert's Report for the APCM May 2022

2020 was one of the most challenging years we or any church has faced, as we tried to confront the COVID pandemic. I assumed (hoped!?) that, 'things can only get better.' Thankfully, for the church that was largely true, but for me personally it was anything but.

You are all aware of the battle I went through in 2021 with cancer (lymphoma) which precipitated in the Diocese and Deanery placing Fr. Adam here. As a parish we were hugely blessed to have this provision, and his ministry among us. I am incredibly grateful for his care and work among you. Today we say farewell to his secondment, but I trust, hope and pray he will be back under very different circumstances!

I would just like to formally record my thanks to him, the Area Dean, Archdeacon and Diocese for their care for you, me and my family.

Throughout the year I continued to offer prayers for you, and feel wonderfully blessed that you too were praying for me. The cards, emails, messages and gifts meant so much to me, Sarah, Izzy, Alex and dear Ben. I am profoundly aware that the nature of severe illness means it is those around you who often carry the biggest burden. The patient is cocooned in a blanket of treatment and procedures, while others live in a more abstract world trying to make sense of what is happening.

I am also aware that what was true for us as a family, must also have been true for you. The burden placed upon the wardens Lizzie and Chloe, the lay chair, David Gilbert was so much more than anything they 'signed-up to'. The very British part of me is inclined to apologise for that, but I know, such is the measure of them, that they would balk at any suggestion.

It is however incumbent on me to express my deep gratitude to them and the PCC for all their work and support. Such was the level of theirs and your PCC's love, care and skill, I had no idea what was happening; they allowed us to concentrate on getting well.

I would also like to especially thank Stephen Brooks for his leading of Evening Prayer and support in the sanctuary, along with all who have kept the worshipping life of the parish going, as well as enabling me to see the services from my sickbed.

Needless to say, the sheer quality of the people of God in this church and my love for you, aided my recovery, as I could think of no better occupation, outside husband and father, to return to. It remains my deepest joy to serve as your priest, so thank you all again!!

Over the next few months (and years!) we face the challenge of recovering from the impact of the pandemic, as well as other pressures which confront us and our finances, as we seek to serve Hanwell and beyond.

However, it is with renewed confidence and hope that I am sure together we can, and will, continue to be the body of Christ in this corner of God's vineyard.

So, may God continue to bless you in 2022 and the future.

Your friend and priest,
Rev'd Dr. Robert Chapman

From Hymns to Pimms



Our Jubilee
Celebrations



Patronal Festival Weekend

Saturday 2nd July

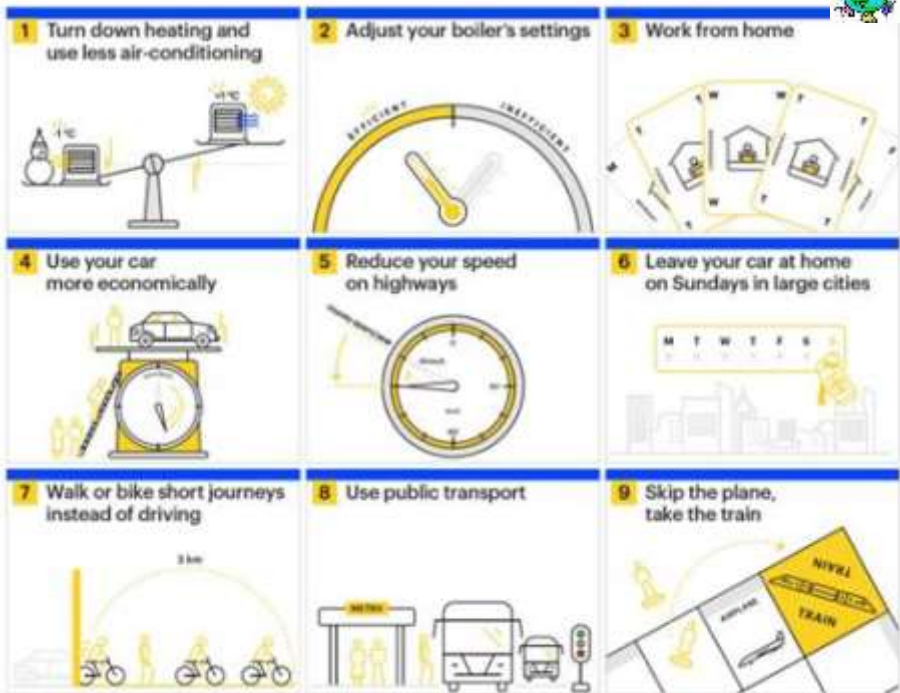
**7.30pm Film Night
in the Church Hall**



Sunday 3rd July

**10am Patronal Festival
Mass** followed by **drinks** in the Church
Garden and **Picnic** in the church garden.
2pm Concert given by students
from the London College of Music





Youth groups Jubilee Celebrations

At one of their weekly meetings, the Rainbows and Brownies thoroughly enjoyed making and decorating their tiaras and playing games based on the Royal Family.

Over the Jubilee weekend some Rainbows, some Brownies and some Guides were able to take part in our Girlguiding Jubilee celebrations. We held a fun activity day at the Southall Scout Centre. The girls decorated bags and a coaster, made crowns and held a silent disco. They also played some large size games like Twister and Snakes & Ladders. They tried their hand climbing on the bouldering wall. The highlight of the day was the session on the bouncy castle. Before going home they were all given a fun jubilee puzzle book and a lovely big badge to wear on their uniform. It was a fun day for everyone and all were able to relate the whole Jubilee weekend activities to the section of their Promise which say "to serve the Queen and my community".



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.

Ealing Foodbank has partnered with a food charity called Bankuet, which offers you another way to get donated food to them. More details can be found on the foodbank website, where you can also find the most up to date shopping list.

<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 **

Tinned fish, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), long life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee & drinking chocolate, long grain rice, tomatoes/ cook in sauce, tinned fruit/vegetables, vegetarian meals, jam & peanut butter, laundry products - smaller packs, nappies (size 5 and 6)

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Please pray for:

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Nigel Brooks, Gill Shaw, Chris Michell, Amber,
Peter Gilbert and John Tozer.

Those recently baptised - Silas David Nelson Church (19th June)
Hayden Andrew Lindsay (2nd July)

Those who have recently died especially David Williams.

Diary Dates

June

Sun 26th **3rd after Pentecost**



July

Sat 3rd **Film night 7:30pm A River Runs Through It.**

Sun 3rd **4th after Pentecost Patronal Festival**

Picnic and concert at 2pm

Sun 10th **5th after Pentecost**

Sun 17th **6th after Pentecost**

Sun 24th **7th after Pentecost**

Sun 31st **8th after Pentecost**

August

Sun 7th **9th after Pentecost**

POP-IN

POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

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July

1st - tea, coffee and cakes

8th - tea, coffee and cakes

15th - tea, coffee and cakes

22nd - tea, coffee and cakes

29th - tea, coffee and cakes

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

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