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Dear Lord Jesus, we remember the work of your disciples who served You faithfully during the early days of the Church. They went out among the people, who were often hostile, and spoke of their faith. They also encouraged others by their written testimonies. Together, they spread the word of Your teaching and the joy of serving You, regardless of their own fate and well-being.

We ask You to help us today to continue Your work by witness and example. May we continue to draw comfort and inspiration from Your teaching, and so acknowledge and confess our faith wherever we go and to those we meet.

Amen

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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

**July is always a special time for us here at St Thomas'**, as we celebrate our patron. This year it will take a rather different form for me as I will be watching the celebrations virtually. This will again be a painful reminder of my present predicament.

However, and as ever(!), the day will be celebrated with joy and pomp. Ven. Catherine Pickford, the Archdeacon of Northolt will be preaching, and our new interim priest Fr. Adam Dobrzynski will preside at our Solemn Celebration of Mass. On this day we remember with joy our **patron's declaration of Jesus as both Lord and God.**

It is this that I remember at this time. This horrible illness has inevitably raised many questions for me personally. However, questions are never bad things. I am always grateful for St Thomas, our patron, for reminding me constantly of that. Another St Thomas (Aquinas) spoke of *faith reaching understanding* and that is what good questions and openness to the risen Christ teach us.

Through his questioning of the other disciples St Thomas the Apostle was able, when he met the risen Christ, to see more than a friend back from the dead, he saw God.

Over the past few weeks St Thomas has been my exemplar and, I am sure, intercessor. His prayers uniting with yours and Jesus, our Lord and our God. These prayers have pointed and revealed God in my presence, and presence in this place.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July, celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful charism (gift) of St Thomas to the Church and to us here in Hanwell. We are blessed to have such a wonderful, and human(!) saint. A saint who faces the pain of death, but sees the risen Christ.

My prayer for you all this day, and at this time, is that you too know the love and joy of the risen Christ, our Lord and our God.

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert





## Parish News

Can I begin by first saying a huge thank you to all who ensured that the APCM (our AGM) on 23<sup>rd</sup> May went ahead so smoothly. Especially can I thank David Gilbert for chairing it, and most importantly, the wonderful people who serve in many and varied ways. Thank you to our wardens Lizzie and Chloe and the PCC for their on-going efforts and vision.

A huge part of that vision and effort has come in the past few weeks in the form of significant building work. The re-pointing and work on the windows has begun as can be seen by the very impressive scaffolding at the **west end. This work will ensure St Thomas' continues to minister and be a sign of love and hope for the community for many years to come.** We should also be conscious that this has been made possible thanks to legacies from parishioners. Can I please ask you to bear that in mind when **reflecting on what St Thomas' means to you... subtle hint!**

By now you will be aware that Fr. Adam Dobrzynski is serving at St Thomas' as interim priest for the next six months, while I recover from my cancer. Please offer him all the love, support, prayers and welcome that are **so much a part of life here at St Thomas'.**

Finally, a reminder that Ven Catherine Pickford, the Archdeacon of Northolt, is coming to preach at our Patronal Festival Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> July.  
Fr Robert

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### A prayer for July

Loving Father,

When we feel shaken by the events of the past; when

**we don't know quite how to go forward; when our confidence in what we thought we could control is undermined;** remind us that one thing is needed – to sit at

your feet and listen to You.

You are our security. You will never fail those who belong to You through faith in Your Son, Jesus.

As we take time to listen to You, Lord, and to meditate on Your Holy Spirit-inspired Word, may we know Your peace – and Your good plans for **us. In Jesus' name,**

Amen



**As this month's Vicar's Letter has said, Revd Dr Adam Dobrzynski (pictured), will be joining us as seconded priest.**

I have known Fr. Adam for a while, as I am, in **'normal times', his Post Ordination Tutor. I am very pleased that he will be ministering at St Thomas' while I convalesce.**

I have asked him to give us a few pieces of information about his fascinating pilgrimage so far, so here's a flavour:

Assistant Curate of St Peter's Church in Ealing, and now seconded interim priest at St **Thomas' Hanwell.**

Philosopher and Theologian.  
Italian wine and Ethiopian coffee lover.

- Master of Philosophy [Thesis: "Contemporary Approach to the Teleological Argument for the Existence of God"].
- Master of Theology [Thesis: "The Primacy at the Church in Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Nicholas Afanasiev"].
- Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL).
- PhD in Philosophy [Thesis: "The Attribute of Evil in the European Tradition: An Ontological Aspect"].

In 2002-2010 a monk and a priest within the Roman Catholic Church (the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominican Order) in Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Italy.

In 2007-2010 Director of the Institute of Religious Sciences of St Thomas Aquinas [Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas "Angelicum" in Rome, Italy].

In September 2019, Fr. Adam was granted a license to serve as a priest in the Church of England [member of the Church of England since 2016].

Fr. Adam can speak several languages - English, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian, and Russian. He is learning Spanish.

Fr. Adam can read a Holy Scripture in Greek and Latin and a little Aramaic.

Fr. Adam enjoys, amongst other things, travelling, motorcycling, cooking, reading books, listening to classical music and jazz and watching the latest films.

Fr. Adam has a 7-year-old daughter, Ewa.

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## Bishop of London 1813 - 1828 William Howley

William Howley was born on 12th February 1766 in Ropley, Hampshire, where his father was a vicar. He was educated at Winchester College, an independent boarding school for boys. It is the oldest of all the English public schools, having been founded in 1382 by William Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester. In his honour, current pupils are known as Wykehamists, and former pupils are known as Old Wykehamists, or Old Woks. In the early 15th century the specific requirement to gain admission to the school was that scholars came from families earning less than 5 marks sterling per annum (£3 6s 8d). For comparison a reasonable living for a yeoman was £5 per annum.

Winchester College was founded in conjunction with New College, Oxford, for which it was designed as a feeder. This double foundation was **the model for Eton College and King's College, Cambridge 50 years** later. And indeed William Howley did go on to study at New College, Oxford. In 1804 he became a Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, and in 1809 he was appointed Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University.

**Howley was also an active freemason, joining the 'Royal York Lodge' in** Bristol in 1791, aged 25. He served the lodge regularly, including as master of the lodge, until the turn of the century.

In 1805 Howley married Mary Frances Belli, the daughter of John Belli EICS of Southampton, who had been Private Secretary to Warren Hastings, Governor-General of India, and, together with Robert Clive, credited with laying the foundation of the British Empire in India. He and Mary had 2 sons and 3 daughters. Neither son reached adulthood.

In October 1813 Howley was consecrated Bishop of London at Lambeth Palace. He was particularly interested in architecture, and had initiated the renovation and rebuilding of his official house at Oxford. One of his first actions on becoming Bishop of London was to renovate his town residence, **32 St James's Square, and Fulham Palace.** When he was translated to Canterbury in 1828 he employed Edward Blore to carry out extensive renovations to Lambeth Palace, a virtual reconstruction done mainly in the Gothic Revival style, which took several years and cost over £60,000.

As Archbishop of Canterbury, Howley presided over the coronation of

William IV and Queen Adelaide in 1831. And at 5am on 20th June 1837, accompanied by the Lord Chamberlain, the Marquis Conyngham, he went to Kensington Palace to inform Princess Victoria that she was now Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Howley died on 11th February 1848, the day before his 82nd birthday, at Lambeth. After an elaborate funeral he was buried at St Mary the Blessed Virgin Church in Addington, London.

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### THE BEE -ORCHIS

I saw a bee, I saw a flower;  
I looked again and said, For sure  
Never was flower, never was a bee  
Locked in such immobility.

The loud bees lurched about the hill,  
But this flower-buried bee was still;  
I said, O Love, has love the power  
To change a bee into a flower.

Andrew Young

### Robin

The robin, singing  
Proclaims his avian  
kingdom  
We bow in respect.

### Mountains in the sky

Mountains in the sky  
The nimbus clouds of summer  
Giants of the air!

Lightning strikes our fear  
Then rolling claps of thunder

The search for  
happiness is one of  
the chief sources of  
unhappiness.  
*Eric Hoffer*

# Ivy on your house is not really so bad after all



So says the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

**In an effort to restore the plant's reputation, the RHS has been showcasing the species at its flagship garden in Wisley, Surrey. It hopes to set a new trend, and to get people to stop seeing ivy as 'the enemy.'**

At Wisley you can now see 390 varieties of ivy, with a vast array of leaf shapes, sizes and colours. The RHS wants people to see that ivy can be an attractive and even eco-friendly addition to your home.

**RHS experts say that ivy is a 'super plant' that not only has insulating benefits, but also offers habitats for a variety of wildlife, as well as being a food source for birds and pollinators during months of the year when there is very little else for them to eat.**

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/press/releases/New-research-shows-ivy-is-the-most-effective-plant>

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## Twitter marks its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday

It was 15 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006, that Twitter, the American micro-blogging social network, was launched. The first tweet – or short message – had been sent internally in March that year and was recently sold for over £2 million.

The service was originally known as twttr (by analogy with the photo site flickr) because the domain name twitter.com was already in use. But this was eventually purchased. Jack Dorsey, the originator, said that the word **twitter meant "a short burst of inconsequential information", which he regarded as perfect for what they were intending.**

The messages – tweets – were originally limited to 140 characters, but the limit was doubled in late 2017. Audio and visual tweets have now been introduced, which are normally limited to 140 seconds. There are reckoned to be more than 330 million monthly active users, but the vast majority of tweets are sent by a small minority.

Many churches use Twitter to reach members who cannot attend, using #hashtags to link with them. The Church of England, not surprisingly, has provided guidance for this.

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# How climate change could affect your cup of tea



**Now here's something that will send you straight to your kitchen to put the kettle on:** the Great British cup of tea may not taste quite so good in the future.

It seems that extreme weather and rising temperatures could lead to inferior leaves in the future, according to Christian Aid.

**Kenya, the world's foremost exporter of black tea, is now affected by** erratic rainfall, floods, droughts, and rising temperatures. India, Sri Lanka and China, also major tea producers, face climate change problems as well.

Climate change has been predicted by some as likely to cut production in **Kenya's best tea**-making areas by as much as a quarter by 2050. Even areas of only average growing conditions could see production fall by 39 per cent.

**As one tea farmer in Kenya's Western Highlands, explained: "We cannot predict seasons anymore. Temperatures are rising, rainfall is erratic, often accompanied by unusual hailstones and longer droughts. If this continues, it will make growing tea much harder."**

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## The jazz diet?

According to a new study, the moody piano blues of jazz may influence you towards making better dietary choices. Apparently, a slow jazz melody, played on piano, can nudge people towards choosing a healthy meal, and to lingering over it for longer.

Previous research has shown that background music can influence consumer behaviour, but this study at Aarhus University in Denmark is the first to link jazz with food choice.

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Can't sleep?  
Count your blessings.  
- Anon

## New uses for old computers

I renovate old PCs, and then pass them on to charities and other good causes.

All hard discs are securely erased to ensure absolute confidentiality.

I prefer to refurbish PCs with flat LCD screens and at least Windows 7 but can operate with some older machines.

Please contact me for further details / collection

Nicholas Robinson (07867 785 394)



If anyone would like this tee shirt size medium and never worn, please contact Sue (sue.cunningham@mac.com) and we will arrange a **collection from it's owner.**

## Copy Dates!

Copy date for August is on Sunday July 11th

Copy date for September is on Sunday August 8th

Copy date for October is on Sunday September 12th

## Terracycle Recycling for Church Funds



We are collecting

- Tassimo pods & bags
- **Ella's Kitchen baby food pouches & lids**
- Pet food pouches and plastic sacks
- Crisp packets

More details: paulinesbritton@hotmail.com



[www.terracycle.co.uk](http://www.terracycle.co.uk)

# Terracycle news

The collections are going well. We have now raised almost £4000 and that money is being used to help pay for some of the building projects the church is undertaking as well as keeping the church running.

Each week I collect enough pet food wrappers to send to the depot and each month three large boxes of crisp packets are sent. Each month the pallet of Tassimo pods is collected by the pallet company earning us £89 each time.

I have recently been contacted by Edward Betham school who are collecting Crisp packets as part of their Eco school work, and they have kindly said they will donate their packets to us.

Elthorne school have expressed an interest in our work and I am expecting contact from one of their students who wishes to do an article for their school news letter.

Can I remind you that we only collect certain items. Please do not leave



Biscuit and sweet wrappers



Pringles tubes and popcorn bags



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Pauline

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From the Ealing Foodbank.

Firstly, thank you so much for your support, especially if you have been able to help us during the pandemic. Ealing Foodbank has partnered with a food charity called Bankuet.

This offers you an alternative way to get donated food to us at Hanwell, if you are unable to shop in person and/or bring your donation to Hanwell. You can access Bankuet by going to <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/givenow>.

You can then select how much money you would like to donate, either as a one off or on a monthly basis. Ealing Foodbank then orders specific items from Bankuet. Bankuet purchases the food and delivers it to Hanwell on a Wednesday morning. Bankuet deducts a small fee from the donated money to recover some of their costs, but this is minimal.

You can, of course, continue to shop in stores, and leave donations in the baskets provided or deliver food yourself to Hanwell. Please see the foodbank website for more details.

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## Important Foodbank update:

Thank you for continuing to support the foodbank. Due to the current pandemic, and the need to reduce our carbon footprint, we have been assessing the best way of supporting the Foodbank. So can you please :

- . If you go to your local supermarket leave your donations there as they will have a Foodbank box on their premises
  - . If you order online it is possible to click the right button to make a donation for the Foodbank
  - . If neither option is available to you then you can continue to leave your donations in the boxes left in the church porches. But 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.
- Thank you for all your support and cooperation.

\*\* please remember that our magazine is produced in June for July so while we publish the most up to date list at the time of going to press, there may different items that are especially needed on the July list. For **this reason, it's always best to check the current list on the Foodbank website or twitter.**

<https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Twitter: @EalingFoodbank.

### THE JUNE SHOPPING LIST \*\*

Savoury biscuits & crackers, chick peas & kidney beans, vegetarian chili and curry, drinking chocolate, instant coffee, ketchup & mayo, peanut butter, size 6 nappies & wipes, hand soap & shower gell, hair shampoo

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



## From the Editors.

We extend a warm St Thomas' welcome to Fr Adam who is joining us while Fr Robert is continuing his treatment.

July + Sun

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