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10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (TERM TIME & NOT 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
10.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30 PM EVENING PRAYER (BCP)
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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

A recent tradition that has arisen in the Church of England is the seasonal observance called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This season runs from (this year) 30th May to 9th

June covering the Feast of the Ascension to the Day of Pentecost. During the nine days between those significant feasts the **Archbishops of Canterbury and York want us to develop "new habits and ways of praying to God"**. Rather oxymoronically they do this by sending priests a daily office based on **Common Worship's Daily Office published in 2005.**

It is, of course, easy to be cynical and scoff at the Church's idea of 'new', but to be so rather misses the point.

The title of the season itself comes from *The Lord's Prayer* (cAD30) so what do we understand by new? In the New Testament the various writers use **one of two words for what we translate as 'new'**. The first is to create from nothing; *ex nihilio*. The second 'new' is probably more accurately translated as, 'renewed'.

Perhaps because of the Creation stories in Genesis, when we hear the word new in the bible we tend to gravitate towards thinking of the first meaning. However, more often than not it is the second interpretation that is used. This is perhaps the most theologically consistent use, as so much of the bible is about transforming and renewing that which is already there. For example when God came to earth he did so as a human being, not some alternative brand new creature. Also, the resurrected body of Jesus still has the wounds of crucifixion. Even in the Book of Revelation, when St John the Divine talks of a new heaven and a new earth (Rev 21) he adopts the second usage.

Thus, when we pray for our world, the planet, and invoke the petition, 'thy kingdom come', we are asking God to help us renew that which is there.

What we have is not rubbish or second rate, but rather something to be renewed and not squandered. It is perhaps pushing it to say green politics have been around two thousand years, but it is absolutely true to say there is a divine intention and wisdom which has existed that long, and even longer if Genesis is to be believed!

We live in a world which desperately needs the prayers of churches, and individuals in their rooms. The newness of the call is to renew our life of prayer, corporately and individually.

Therefore, this season remember your prayers, and remember this planet and its inhabitants. Perhaps then we will begin to see a new heaven and a new **earth, thus God's kingdom come.**

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



Parish News

This is the first parish news after the APCM, and I am delighted to say that the wardens are once again Gill and Leanda. Also, we said farewell to Sue Grange and thanked her for her work on the PCC, but welcomed two new members, Angela and Celia. Again, thank you to all who contribute in so many varied ways in the life of the parish!

Once again we ran (geddit!) our annual Fun Run, and a huge thank you goes to Sue, Sarah and the team. It was a great occasion and well received by the wider community.

At the end of the month we celebrate our Patronal Festival, and details are found elsewhere. This year we are very privileged in being able to welcome the Very Revd Dr. John Hall, the Dean of Westminster Abbey as **our preacher. Please do come along and celebrate our patron saint's feast.** In May we observed Christian Aid Week, and thanks go to those who delivered and collected envelopes, and, for the first time, collected at Boston Manor Station. This is a wonderful opportunity to help some of **the world's most vulnerable.**

Finally, in May St Thomas' hosted the Ealing Music Festival which saw dozens of young people over 3 weekends come and use our buildings to 'make joyful sound'. Thanks go to Keith, our Director of Music, for thinking of such a creative way of using St Thomas'.



A prayer for June

Holy God, who taught the hearts of all faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit; Grant me by the same Spirit to be guided in my work today, and in my every thought and deed and in everything I say. Let my decisions be wise and holy, and my ears open to your wisdom. And let me always be open to change; unstop my ears and soften my heart, so that I can learn your way better and better every hour of this day. I pray in the name of my beloved Lord, Jesus Christ

Amen



Curates Corner

When I was at primary school, I went to visit my friend after a close relative had died. She and her family were sitting shiva, because they were Jewish. Shiva is the 7-day mourning period for the immediate family of the deceased. There are various rituals around the time of mourning and sitting shiva, one of which is that the family were

looked after by their community through doing the washing, bringing food and various other tasks.

The day my Grandad died I remember a family friend from our church turning up on the doorstep with a casserole and a lemon meringue pie and someone else doing a load of washing. Our church community held us as a family as we grieved. Giving us space, like the Jewish ritual, to grieve.

One Christmas, when my Dad was ill, a couple from our church came round to see us. They brought with them a carton of orange juice. A friend recently had a baby. For a few weeks around the baby being born, once a week I took a meal for her and her family. Whilst it was a small thing it spoke a thousand words of blessing and love.

Throughout the Bible we are reminded that part of the role of the Church is to love and care for those who are vulnerable. The early church cared for the widows and orphans – those who were in need, those needing practical and spiritual support. We, too, are to care for those going through life events: grieving, being unwell, having babies. Those times in life when we need the support of our family. We are family and we need to support each other as family.

Father of orphans,
champion of widows,
is God in his holy house.
Psalm 68:5

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

Mtr Susy

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may not be so occupied in expressing my judgment of others, that I will forget to live in thy judgment myself. May I have the compassion for others that I hope to receive from thee.

Amen

Patronal Festival Weekend

Saturday 29th June

6pm Parish BBQ

8.30pm Film in the
Vicarage Garden



Sunday 30th June

10am Patronal Festival Mass

Preacher:

Very Revd. Dr John Hall,
Dean of Westminster
Abbey followed by drinks in
the Vicarage Garden.



**12-2pm Picnic in the
Garden**



Reflections on Good Friday in Trafalgar Square

On a very warm day I joined hundreds of people to witness the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus as performed by the Wintershall Players.

The cast numbered approximately 100 adults and children plus a donkey and horse. Apparently six cities across Britain will stage this special event next Easter.

Although we live in a secular world it seems many people are looking for spiritual 'refreshment' and the Christian story when viewed directly resonates deeply with people of all faiths and none. Many of us were standing for hours in the heat: one does not do that on a whim!

What I take away from this experience are the sounds of the Passion e.g. the whip striking Jesus, and the Roman soldier hitting the nails into Jesus on the cross and His cries. Also his deep loneliness. But above all seeing Jesus on the third day standing close to me barefoot in white robes gazing out on us all.

God among the ruins

The tragic fire at Notre Dame Cathedral shocked the whole world. Seeing such a magnificent building engulfed in flames saddened all who saw the devastation unfold. It was a monumental blow to the nation of France. It will take years to rebuild this famous place of worship.

One striking image from the fire showed the interior of the church scorched and ruined, its art treasures lost, its contents still smouldering. But high up in the background, unbowed by the flames, stands a golden cross, brightly shining in the darkness of the surrounding debris.

Since the fire took place at Easter, it is hard not to see this picture as a **parable**. **One Anglican vicar made this comment:** 'Notice what is left inside, untouched, after the destruction of all sorts of 'priceless' works of art at Notre Dame Cathedral? The Cross. What an image for Holy Week and what a picture to describe secular Western Europe.'

As I pondered the picture it spoke to me of the abiding value of the Cross. The words of a hymn came to mind:

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

The place of worship may be destroyed, but not the God we worship. The message of the Cross, at the centre of our faith, remains a timeless, undamaged truth.

The hymn continues:

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

Even among the ruins of our own lives the Cross stands tall, reminding us of the presence of God and His grip on our lives.

The origin of the phrase...

SUN OVER THE YARDARM

The expression is believed to have originated in the north Atlantic where the sun would rise above the upper mast spars (yards) of square-sailed ships around 11am. This coincided with the forenoon 'stand easy' when officers would go below and enjoy their first rum tot of the day.



From the Editors

It's hard to believe that we're asking you to come and join us at our Patronal Festival BBQ because at the time of writing, we'd rather be indoors by the fire! However, hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny and we can all enjoy this wonderful event.

July & Sun

Copy Dates!

Copy date for July will be Sunday 9th June
Copy date for August will be Sunday 14th July
Copy date for September will be Sunday 11th August

Opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the Church, the Vicar, the editors or the PCC.

Come and Sing the Vivaldi Gloria

with The Ascension Community Choir at Church of the Ascension,
Hanger Hill, Beaufort Road, Ealing, W5 3EB
on Saturday 1st June.

Come to the open rehearsal of the Gloria and a few other pieces at 5pm
and then join in the performance at 8pm.

A great opportunity for those of us who sung on Passion Sunday to revisit
this wonderful piece of music, or if you missed it and/or would like to
learn it.

**Please wear concert blacks ready for the performance. If you'd like more
details, please contact Lee on lee.c.dewsnap@btinternet.com**

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You sang it, didn't you? I know you did.)



It's too easy to set your home on fire

Sunshine glinting off a reflective object in your home can be enough to set your house on fire.

So warn various fire services up and down the country, from Staffordshire to Dorset. As one expert from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue stresses:

"Always keep reflective items such as mirrors, glass and crystal ornaments away from direct sunlight. Many people don't realise that sunlight can be extremely powerful. If it is then reflected off a mirror, it can produce enough heat to ignite flammable materials."

A home in West Sussex was gutted when sunlight began shining through a glass ornament on a living room windowsill. Another fire which engulfed several acres was started by glass bottles left outside the home.

St Thomas' Recycling

For some time now we have been recycling items that are normally difficult to recycle. We do this through a company called Terracycle.

We collect the items and send them off to the recycling centre who then give us money in exchange.

So far we have raised nearly £2,000

There are collection boxes in the hall and the church

Please keep the different programme items separate as they must be sent to different places

Ellas Kitchen

What you can recycle in this programme



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Tinned meat & fish, tinned soup, long life sponge puddings, noodles, instant coffee, rice - 0.5kg/1kg, jam, honey, peanut butter, tinned custard & rice pudding, instant coffee, hair shampoo, shaving foam & razors, nappies-size 4.

Thank you but the foodbank has plenty of baked beans 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/>

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26th Sun 6th Sunday of Easter
30th Thurs Ascension Day

JUNE

1st Sat Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at
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Sat 29th – Sun 30th Patronal Festival
Weekend (see page 6)

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