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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)

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DAILY 5.00 PM (EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)

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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
	6.30PM	CUBS
WEDNESDAY		
	10.30AM	MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP
	7.30PM	STUDY GROUP & COMPLINE (FIRST WED OF EACH MONTH)
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

On the first day of May some, although I suspect not many, churches celebrate the feast of St Hildebrand of Fossombrone. St Hildebrand was Provost of Rimini, but preached such tub-thumping sermons against the licentiousness of the people there that they rioted and threatened to kill him. In 1170 he was consecrated bishop of Fossombrone where he continued his, er, **'uncompromising' ministry until his death at 101. However, his departure** did not happen until after he had condemned the meal of roast partridges he was presented with on his deathbed with such fervour that the partridges turned into tortoises who then crept away. Apparently, a relic of his recently went for \$395 on eBay.

May, as a month, is not short of the miraculous as it celebrates the Ascension and the Visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth who also contradicted medical thought and was pregnant with John the Baptist.

For us at St Thomas', though, this year's month of May will not so much focus on the miraculous as the practical. This May we are having a month of thinking about Stewardship and especially our financial giving. This focus is very much on the ongoing impact we have, and desire to have for the future, on the community of Hanwell, and how to resource it. Alas, we cannot hope for relics (wonderful as that would be) from St Hildebrand and past saints, but rather we can look to the saints of today who come and **worship at St Thomas'.**

The Campaign will focus very much on the theme of, 'What would we miss if there was no St Thomas'? When we asked ourselves that question as a PCC we were amazed and overjoyed at the impact we have on so many people's lives, and it prompted the image below.

During this wonderfully miraculous month as you recall Christ's Ascension, the role of Our Lady, and possibly the more rarefied saints, such as St Hildebrand, remember your place as a saint within the everyday church in Hanwell with its impact on young and old alike, and think of the difference *you* can make.

Elsewhere in the Trident I have put a brief summary of the leaflet that will go out, and ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support our life together. However, and it is an important, however, before that prayer, I want to say, on behalf of myself and the PCC, a huge thank you for all the support you give already, THANK YOU!

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

In April we beautifully observed Holy Week and Easter, and as well as personal highlights, and want to say a big thank you to all who helped out during that whole season.

This year the choir (and friends!) sang Faure's Requiem, and that was a moment which not only summed up the power of the season, but also prompted cries, of 'More please'. Therefore, we will be looking to do a similar recital later in the year, to build on that success. Thank you to Ed and all those who sang, and Phoebe who accompanied them on the organ.

April's Fun Run also crossed its finishing line so thank you to Sue, Sarah and team!

Also, in April we had an exhibition from the Suburban Faith Group, which displayed the results of many hours work and communicated the significance of faith in the lives of the participants. It was a huge privilege **for St Thomas' to be the place where the exhibition was first shown.**

Finally, April also saw our APCM. Thank you to all who came, and those who work in various different roles within the church; you are very much the heartbeat of the parish.

As I highlighted in my letter this month will see us have our Giving Campaign. This is not meant to be an emotional stick to beat ourselves with, but a chance to celebrate what is being done, and what will be done **from our family at St Thomas'.**

Please make a note of the concert from a cello and piano duo visiting from the USA. They are the Murasaki Duo (<http://www.murasakiduo.com/>) and are on a tour of Israel and Europe and are coming to us on May 28th in the afternoon.

Could a cathedral actually 'fail'?

Apparently so: the Archbishop of Canterbury has recently made clear that there can be no financial help expected from the Cof E to help the struggling cathedral in Guildford, which is currently losing £100,000 a year. Its plan to raise money by selling off some of its land for development has been rejected. **So it seems that cathedrals are not 'too big to fail'....**

So what would we miss if there's NO St Thomas'?

Fun Run
50+ Fellowship
Weddings
Funerals
Baptisms
Tots
Mission Agency & Charity Support
Music
Care for Vulnerable People
Prayer
Visiting the Sick

Eucharist
Pastoral Care
Scouts Beavers
Rainbows
Brownies
Guides
Worship
Cubs
Fairs
Panto

The Reality of our Situation:

As you can see from the figures below, we operate on a very tight budget, and the exceptional rent from the Mobile Phone Aerials in the tower keeps us just about solvent, but if this income were to stop then...

If you are not part of the giving scheme please consider joining and pledging a regular amount to God's work in this place.

	£	£
Income		
Stewardship & Friends	37433	
Tax Refund	9750	
Cash	5500	
Donations & Fundraising	8200	
Wedding & Funeral Fees	750	
Trident	760	
Interest	140	
TOTAL INCOME		62,533
Expenditure		
Common Fund	58984	
Expenses & Telephone	1000	
Utilities & Insurance	8981	
Music/Choir	4200	
Giving to Mission	3700	
Church Maintenance	3700	
Administration	1725	
Church Supplies	1600	
Fundraising Costs	3000	
Depreciation	1645	
Other Church Expenses	1300	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(89,835)
EXCEPTIONAL INCOME: Mobile		
Phone Aerial Rent:		26,000
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)		(1,302)

How Much Should I Give?

The amount that you give is between you and God, but we would ask that you give as much as you are able. Sometimes small changes can make a huge difference, e.g. how about **A Coffee for Christ?** Give the cost of one Coffee a week to St Thomas'; $£2.50 \times 52 = £130$. If 100 of did that we would be £13000 better off!

How can I give?

There are three ways you gave give:

Envelope Scheme - You can commit to giving a set amount each week and put in the small envelope supplied. Then bring it to church the next time that you come.

Standing Order - You may prefer to set up a standing order with your bank to give

to the church on a monthly basis

Parish Giving Scheme Give by Direct Debit and the church will receive your donation together with the Gift Aid element each month.

Finally, and most importantly, THANK YOU!



News from The Leprosy Mission.

With the majority of media items reporting details of sad situations throughout the world, it is a pleasure to be able to bring good news with another great year for TLM stamps and collectables. In the last 30 years, over £1million has been raised through your gifts and our sincere thanks to you all.

We continue to welcome gifts of all types of stamps, even the most common and it is best for us if the stamps are left on their backing and not soaked off. If you can, please trim around the stamps so that they have no more than a 5mm single thickness paper border around each edge - **less than 5mm is fine as long as the stamp itself isn't damaged.** It's also really helpful if you can separate foreign stamps from GB issues.

Please send your stamps to:

The Leprosy Mission, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay,
Peterborough PE2 5GZ

Shweta's story

Shweta contracted leprosy when she was just 10 years old. She was among the lucky ones, as six months later a doctor diagnosed the disease and she was immediately prescribed multidrug therapy. Had it been left any longer she would have ended up with disabilities like many other young women her age who live in very poor neighbourhoods. Your support through stamps has not only helped find a cure for Shweta and hundreds of other young women like her but it has also given them the direction and support needed to improve their future prospects and health – leprosy thrives in areas of malnutrition and poor hygiene.

Shweta's family, from Katapulam, is one of many in Sri Lanka's capital, Jaffna, to have benefited from a scheme that helps young women earn a living and have access to clean water and sanitation.

The Leprosy Mission helped her family to dig a well and provided them with a water pump to irrigate the crops.

Shweta's family are now able to grow aubergines, yams, spinach and other vegetables for the family to eat. They also grow chilli peppers that they take to the market to sell. The 10 coconut saplings they were given will soon start to produce coconuts, some of which they can also sell in the market. On behalf of Shweta and her family, thank you very much.

Deadline for cashing in your old £1 coins
Dig into the pockets of your coats, rummage down the backs of your chairs and couch, empty your piggy bank, look in your car – do whatever it takes, but FIND all those old £1 coins that may lurk around your house – before it is too late.



For this autumn, the little round £1 we have known since 1983 will become worthless. The Treasury has just brought out a new 12-sided £1 coin. The change to the new silver and gold dodecagon is the largest to affect the **UK's currency since 1998, when the old 50p coin was abandoned for a smaller, shiner version.**

The face side of the new £1 coin features the Queen, while the tail side features four emblems: the English rose, the leek for Wales, the Scottish thistle and the shamrock for Northern Ireland – all emerging from a single stem within a crown.



STOP PRESS!!!

The old £5 notes are no longer legal tender from 5th May 2017. Shops etc will no longer be accepting them after this date. However, you should be able to exchange them at your local high street bank, Building Society or post office or return them to the Bank of England.

One afternoon I took the bus to the University, and walked out towards the Mount of Olives. In the convent at the top Russian nuns were singing a service. I climbed the tower and watched the sun set and the sky go red. The three-thousand-foot decline, the Dead Sea and the sand beyond the Jordan stretched into the distance. To the west all Jerusalem within its walls could be seen. As I climbed down in the growing darkness I was overwhelmed by a sense of God's power, and that power in me. As I walked down the hill I could see his resurrected self coming to meet me.

When asked why I am a Christian, I sometimes jump all the other arguments and just describe that moment on the Mount of Olives.

At the age of twenty-one, I passionately needed a dramatic revelation, and God in his mercy gave it to me. Some find God in King's College Chapel, others in St. Peter's, Rome. God knows those places as he knows others, and if you want to see him he won't hide for ever

Donald Swann

50+ visit to Hanwell Community Museum

on March 1st 2017

Eight of us travelled to the Hanwell and Ealing Heritage Museum which has recently been established at the Hanwell Community Centre on what is known as the Cuckoo Estate.

The building is huge and impressive with an arched colonnade and high arch topped windows.

It preceded the actual Cuckoo Estate housing by 75 years and was, at the start, on open farm land. That was over 150 years ago and it is full of history.

It is now a modern and thriving community centre. In the entrance lobby there was a friendly hubbub of children doing activities with mothers supervising, a café, studious people on their laptop computers.

The museum is on the lower ground floor. There we met resident historian David Blackwell.

The exhibits fall into two categories: firstly charts, diagrams, old photos, and books and magazines detailing the history of Hanwell and the school and secondly a comprehensive collection of domestic and garden appliances and paraphernalia of domestic life.

From the first we found the fascinating story of our area and the Cuckoo school.

From the second early versions of everything that we have had and have in our homes today was on display. There were early electric items like irons and toasters, very elegant wirelesses, dinky toys, cameras, lawn mowers, watering cans and hand tools – and one or two sewing machines and an **elegant housemaid's carry all box. There were plenty of explanatory labels** throughout.

David Blackwell explained that only items made in Britain were collected and displayed, reminding us that Britain was once an important manufacturing centre for the world.

Mr. Blackwell has a wide-ranging knowledge of local information and had infectious enthusiasm.

We found out that Cuckoo school was built over a hundred and fifty years ago for disadvantaged children in London. It was named after Cuckoo farm which had been in the same place. It covered quite a large area with playing fields, a school farm and so on.



We were able to imagine its situation well away from the urban residential area that we find today.

The school was closed in 1933 and the buildings that remain are only part of the original school.

JDM 12 March 2017



Music for Passiontide at St Thomas'

On Sunday April 2nd the church held its annual Passiontide choral devotional. Our choir of dedicated regulars was augmented with singers from the surrounding area to sing the ever-popular Requiem set to music by Gabriel Fauré. This, in fact, was the largest gathering of singers (numbering over 40) I have had the privilege to direct in St Thomas' Church and, now that I think about it, England!

Perhaps even more gratifying was the fact that, despite having so many musicians performing, the number that came to listen was still greater. A wonderful success, a fabulous standard of music making, and a perfect way to launch us all into the events of Holy Week.

My thanks go to all the singers who worked so hard to achieve so much in only three rehearsals. A special sign of gratitude goes to our two soloists, Caroline Lumb and Jake Stevenson, and our organist, Phoebe Chow. Looking forward to the next time!

Ed Cooke

Social media manners

There is 'good practice' and 'bad practice' in just about everything we do, not least our social media habits. No wonder that when Vogue magazine recently published a 'modern girl's guide to social media etiquette' (which encouraged constant self-promotion), a daily national newspaper* responded with ten of its own 'commandments' for good behaviour. Here they are, paraphrased

- 1. Don't be a food bore.** By all means post a photo of your impressive home-made birthday cake, but not a running commentary of what you are having for breakfast, lunch and dinner...
- 2. Don't get into political arguments.** No matter what you say, someone is going to disagree, and it could turn ugly. So minimise the potential damage: keep your politics to live conversations.
- 3. Don't do the humblebragging stuff.** Especially, don't boast about all the running/cycling you do with comments like 'sad to see that I only clocked up 15 miles today... must do better...!'
4. Use those hashtags and emojis sparingly – after all, by now you can spell lots of words; you are not 10.
5. Beware of cut-and-paste – some people have even managed to tweet their passwords that way.
- 6. If you are in a row with a family member, don't start tweeting about it.** It *never* improves the situation.
- 7. Looking for a restaurant or other information? Don't use social media as a search engine: 'Can anyone recommend... ?' Ask Google, instead.**
- 8. Don't make cryptic whinges.** You know, like the 'some people aren't worthy of a place in your heart' variety. Don't moan, rant or rave on social media: save it for the privacy of your own home.
9. Double-check the recipient list. The consequences of not doing so could be very embarrassing...
10. Know when to put your phone down. Remember it is okay to talk to people who are standing right in front of you, to eat with two hands, and to walk down the street looking around you.

(*Daily Telegraph, 31.03.17)

Christ our Morning Star
O Christ, our Morning Star,
Splendour of Light Eternal,
shining with the glory of the
rainbow, come and waken us
from the greyness of our apathy,
and renew in us your gift of hope.
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St Thomas' Fun Run 2pm

Sun 30th 3rd Sunday of Easter
APCM 11:30

MAY

Sat 6th Churches Together in Hanwell prayer meeting at Our Lady & St. Joseph 10-11

Sun 7th 4th Sunday of Easter

Sun 14th 5th Sunday of Easter

Sun 21st 6th Sunday of Easter

Tues 23rd PCC meeting 8pm

Thurs 25th Ascension Day

Sun 28th Sunday after Ascension.

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