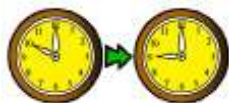


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A Prayer for Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet, remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen

Copy Dates!

Copy date for November will be Sunday 9th October

Copy date for December will be Sunday 13th November

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From Father Robert

Dear Friends

I, like many, was shocked to receive the news of the Queen's passing. The events that followed reinforced the sense of loss. Added to this the strange and moving use of "King", after what is for me a life-time of "Queen", amplified the profundity of the time. Running through the extreme emotions of the community and nation was an increased awareness of St Thomas' unusual status.

Throughout the period of mourning I stressed how we, of all places, should observe the solemnity of the moment, as we have 'The Crown' as our 'patron'. I had always referred to the Queen as our patron, but until the time after her death I had never been questioned about it. I therefore assumed everyone knew what it meant. However, I lost track of the times someone asked me about it after Thursday 8th September. The most amusing question came couched in a polite enquiry from a person who had heard me use the phrase "our patron" in the past but always put it down to the zealous Royalist proclivities of the vicar!

As the question came I realised what a strange and historic animal the Church of England was. For those who do not know what is meant by the patron, here goes. Historically the land on which churches were built belonged to someone. Usually this was the Church, local land owner or some institution such as an Oxbridge College. The person who allowed the church to be built became its patron and was responsible for appointing the priest and maintaining the church and buildings including the vicarage. Over time the vast majority of patrons sold or gave their patronage to the Diocesan Bishop who then became responsible for the ministry of that place. In the case of St Thomas', the Earl of Jersey (who donated the original plot of land) gave the patronage to the Crown.

This unusual situation means that the vicar is offered the 'living' of the vicarage by the Crown via 10 Downing Street. The Bishop, having agreed with the appointment, gives the priest a license to exercise their ministry in the church.

Needless to say, the impact day-to-day is never noticed, but over the past weeks I have felt a sense of responsibility to exercise our love and care for a family that many of us will never meet. This however, is the Church of England at its best; a 'People's Church'.

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Normally the sad reality is that we have long-since ceased to be seen as such. The good old C of E rarely touches people's lives, we are no longer the default option of a form. Yet, the ceremonies and activities of faithful parishes have reminded people of the centrality of faith in this land. I lost track of the number of times commentators referred to the centrality of faith within the Queen's life and work. Like any well integrated faith this belief and observance positively affected those around her.

As a Church we have had the chance to 'be there' for people navigating grief and disorientation. We can do this by the normally anonymous presence of the parish church, of which we are counted. We have the huge privilege of being a part of so many lives, and we must ensure that that continues.

Let us then continue to pray and serve this wonderful community in which God has placed us, be it for 96 days or 96 years.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert

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Parish News

If September were a season in the life of the Church, it would be spring! September is the month when that which has lain dormant springs into life. This year the change feels all the more dramatic as, touch wood, we are not navigating COVID

restrictions.

First, September saw an unexpected and unwanted level of church activity after the death of HM Queen II. From the tolling of the bell at the announcement of the death to Requiem Masses we strove to mark this important epoch in the life of our nation.

More joyfully, we were able to re-start **Thomas' Tots** and I am immensely grateful to the volunteers who have enabled this to happen.

Our annual **Harvest Thanksgiving** was also in September and our young people did a fabulous job selling cakes and marking the occasion.

Finally, September also saw a fabulous return and turn out for the **50+ Fellowship** BBQ. Despite dodging the raindrops our spirits were not dampened and we saw our biggest turnout with over 25 people present. Huge thank you to everyone who brought something and to Nicholas for his cooking and Colin Kelly and posse for setting up and rapidly re-deploying tables when the heavens opened!

Our **Caribbean and International Night** will very soon be upon us 8th October from 6.45pm to 10.30pm. Please, as ever, bring a dish that celebrates your heritage.

Also, in October on Sunday 16th at 10am we will have a **Thanksgiving Parish Mass on St Luke for Health Care Workers**. This will be followed by a buffet in the Hall. In attendance representing his majesty the King(!) our Patron will be a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London Mr. Richard Kornicki CBE (Pictured). We have so many people in St Thomas' who work in this area and it will be a chance to say a huge thank you to them, and acknowledge how their vocation is also sharing the love of God. On this day the PCC have generously agreed to give any funds raised to Blood Cancer UK (<https://bloodcancer.org.uk/>), an organisation I am profoundly grateful to.

Please, please invite as many people as possible.

Finally, for October, our **Panto Launch** evening is on 15th October... Oh yes it is!

In November we will also be marking **Remembrance Sunday** on 13th November and this year we welcome back the return of the **Quiz Night!**

At this rate we will be looking forward to Christmas for a rest!

Fr. Robert



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Thomas'

Tots

From 7th Sept
Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10.30-11.45

Brownie Pack Holiday 2022

For the first time since 2019 the Brownies were able to go on their traditional holiday. So, our week at the seaside in Westgate-on-Sea was greatly looked forward to.

The group of 15 Brownies and 3 Guides (who had missed out in 2020 and 2021) set off in the middle of August with excitement. The weather was fabulous and very soon after arrival we were all down on the beach paddling and playing together.

Despite their lack of experience the girls soon settled in and took up their duties with gusto as we cooked, cleaned and cared for ourselves and our environment.

The beach itself is a vast open sandy area at low tide but the tide comes right in and so we were able to play in the water also. There was always something exciting to do: we made and flew kites, went crabbing, made sandcastles, tried to hold back the tide, played beach games and much more.

At our base -the United Reformed Church Hall – we decorated a cloth bag, and a small box, we made biscuits to put into the box to take home as a gift and we made mosaic tile coasters and cooled off by playing water games. One day we spent in Margate where we played on the swing boats and bouncy slide. We visited the Margate Lifeboat Station and met the lifeboatmen who let us try on their equipment and told us about their boat. We then watched them launch the inshore lifeboat on a training exercise. The girls were a pleasure to be with – they slept well and ate everything going. They got on well together and there was a lot of fun and laughter. Thanks to all leaders but especially Claire O'Neill who organised all our meals in a calm and efficient way.

ST THOMAS' FAMILY EVENTS

DATE	WHAT'S HAPPENING?
16 October	Family service celebrating St Luke
13 November	Remembrance Sunday family service

A prayer for King Charles

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

HYMN: The story behind ... O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,

And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the
night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the ‘Father of English hymnody’. Certainly, before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: *‘There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!’*)

Watts’ literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday. It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to ‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’, and the Christmas carol ‘Joy to the World’.

It's back!.....



St Thomas' very popular

Quiz night

Saturday November 12th
7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Come as a team or we can put you in a team

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Terracycle is back

Some of the waste streams are back but what we can collect is very specific. All the items have to be sorted by type before they are sent to Terracycle, so please keep items separate

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Coffee

We can take ground coffee bags, and coffee bean bags. This is sponsored by Taylors of Harrogate but they will take any make of COFFEE

Please see posters on the collecting point in St Thomas car park or look on the Terracycle website.



From the Editors

Do join us at our Quiz night on November 12th - back after three years!

Julia & Sue



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.

<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 SEPTEMBER SHOPPING LIST **

Tinned fish & meat, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), dried milk & non-dairy milk, long-life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee & instant drinking chocolate, rice - we have enough pasta at the moment, jam & honey, tinned fruit & vegetables, custard - ready to eat, ketchup & mayonnaise, baked beans.

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Kelly, Leo T, Merfyn, Steve Purcell and John Tozer.

Diary Dates

September

Sun 25th

16th after Pentecost



October

Sat 1st

7th Hanwell Scout Quiz

Sun 2nd

17th after Pentecost

Sat 8th

Caribbean and International evening. 6.45pm

Sun 9th

18th after Pentecost

Sat 15th

Panto kick-off read-through and Pizzas!

Sun 16th

Family service celebrating St Luke

Sun 23rd

Last after Pentecost

Sun 30th

4th before Advent

November

Sun 6th

All Saints

Sat 12th

Quiz night at St Thomas'

Sun 13th

Remembrance Sunday family service

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