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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

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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
	6.30 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)
	6.45 - 7.15 PM	JUNIOR CHOIR
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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

**'Remember, remember the 5th of November',
'Remembrance Sunday', All Saints', All Souls', and so on,**
November really is the month of remembrance.

This year is particularly noteworthy as 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. 2018 also sees the centenary of women getting the right to vote. The two events were, of course, not unconnected as the pressures of the war saw women, not simply adopting male roles, but excelling in them. Thus, by the end of November 1918 the world looked very different indeed; nothing was going to be the same again. The horror and duration of that war meant people could not simply carry on as before. Such seminal moments ripple out to other areas as well. Schools no longer had a rich pool of young bright-eyed qualified teachers. The teachers that survived were invariably darkened by death and destruction. Trivial as it may seem even the Church of England had to completely re-think where her priests were going to come from. Before, they had relied on the **comfortable flow of young men from 'the officer class', but now that stream had run dry. It meant that they had to 'widen their net', and actually adopted** the same selection criteria as used for potential officers at Sandhurst Military Academy. Believe it or not this selection method (sans the physical/fitness requirements!) was only amended a few years ago.

These incidents remind us that remembering is not a linear thing, but rather something that takes individuals and communities off in different directions. Hence, we should remember, because people are touched in different ways. There is little real value in forgetting. A friend of mine who teaches history at Cambridge, always asks potential students what they think the point of **history is. Invariably, they say 'to help us learn the lessons from the past'.** However, he believes the point of history is that we may understand reality better. The idea that by remembering, bad things may never happen again, **has been, sadly, debunked by history; the 'war to end all wars' bitterly** proves that, as the world still shakes under the sound of gun-fire.

So, in the Church we remember. We remember the fallen in war, we remember those who fought for rights we now take for granted, and we remember those who lost loved ones. By remembering we acknowledge the reality of the past, with its pain, and sometimes joy. We do so, because running through these many stories is the presence of God. These stories combine with the story of God in Christ Jesus, and interweave with micro-stories of love, suffering, healing, death and the hope of resurrection.

Such remembering is personified in the Eucharist which welcomes us to come as we are recalling our own stories, and place them within the story of transforming love in bread and wine. Therefore, we remember the **eleventh of the eleventh, All Saints' and All Souls' within the Eucharist** so that we may see the past through the lens of love conquering death. So, this November do remember not simply because we ought to, but because we must.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

The 2019 Panto, *Cinderella* is now well under way, and we are **very excited by the talent we have for this year's production.**

Keep your eyes peeled for the tickets when they come on line.

October's Pictures by the Park, *Hidden Figures*, was shown within our Caribbean and International Night. A huge thank you to all who supported this as it raised £400 for British Red Cross towards the floods in Indonesia and the Philippines. The amount, alongside that given from our Mission Committee means that £600 has gone to these disaster emergencies.

November's Pictures by the Park is on 3rd November from 6.30pm and is a Remembrance double-bill, *Churchill: Darkest Hour* and *Dunkirk*.

A date for the diary, on 28th October at 5pm there will be a Free Organ Recital.

As mentioned in the letter November is a month of remembrance. Please note the following services:

Sunday 28th October 6.30pm *Sung Evensong – Ss. Simon & Jude*

Friday 2nd November 7pm **All Souls' Requiem Mass** during the mass the **names of the departed connected to us and St Thomas' are recalled.**

Sunday 4th November 10am **Parish Mass for All Saints'**. During this mass two kneelers will be dedicated in memory of Fr. David Caton and Irene Lumsden. Also, during the mass we will acknowledge Rose Baxendale and **Celia Mason's contribution to Guiding as they have just received a Jack Petchey Achievement Award.**

Sunday 11th November 10am *Remembrance Sunday: Requiem for the Fallen.*

This includes the traditional 2 minute silence, this year, opened and closed by a bugler from the London College of Music.

Last but not least, our Christmas Fair is on 24th November from 2pm - 4pm. Please do give contributions to Kirsten, Nicholas Robinson or Jess.

Remembrance Sunday

Autumn is the time of year when we can reflect on those big questions about life and death. Watching the leaves fall, the nights draw in and feeling the weather change reminds us that everything can change, that this life is transitory. No wonder that traditionally November is the month to remember those we have loved and those we have lost. One example of **'how' we remember in the church is Remembrance Sunday. This year the Sunday is the 11th of the 11th and is particularly poignant as it is the 100th anniversary of the end of the 'Great War'.**

On this **Sunday, many churches around Britain do 'acts' of remembrance** involving the Royal British Legion and the local community's uniformed organisations as well as regular church goers. A two minute silence is included in the worship, as well as the Last Post and other traditions and **rituals of 'remembering' in order to honour those who have died as** members of the armed services. At a national level, the Church of England plays a supporting part at the Cenotaph.

Having organized and presided at many Remembrance Services over the years I have often reflected on the question – **why do we carry on doing this? Some say that by remembering we 'glorify' war in some way and that** we should just leave it in the past. My view is that Remembrance Sunday is important because it helps us to remember the horror of war and to work towards a world of peace. The statistics are stark. Over 17 million people died during WW1, 7 million civilians and 10 million military personnel. In some communities the male population was completely wiped out. Many died, not from combat, but from diseases caused by the war, a figure estimated at around 2 million deaths.

Of course, the poppy has always been a symbol of this remembrance and today, the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal raises money to finance its welfare work, helping a new generation of young people damaged by war. It emphasizes its links with serving troops, standing "shoulder to shoulder" with them. The Legion also teaches young people, through its educational program, that Remembrance is about gratitude to those who gave, and continue to give, their lives so that "we might be free."

We will be 'remembering' at St Thomas's with a specially prepared poppy display and our usual liturgical traditions. I hope you can join us so we can give thanks for those who died on our behalf and pray for peace in the world. Amen.



Sunday October 28th 5pm

Free Organ Recital

Music by JS Bach, Buxtehude, Handel,
John Stanley, Samuel Wesley & Jehan
Alain (Retiring Collection)




DARKEST HOUR
FROM THE WRITER/DIRECTOR OF ARRIVAL



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NOVEMBER'S REMEMBRANCE DOUBLE SPECIAL

3RD NOVEMBER 6.30PM &
9PM RESPECTIVELY




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St Thomas' Christmas

Fair

Saturday 24th November
2-4pm

St Thomas' Church Hall



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Christmas Fair - Volunteers for stalls and setting up needed
 Donations needed: Cakes, handcraft Christmas decorations,
 Christmas cards, gifts (especially toiletries) and raffle
 prizes

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 (kirstenallen1@yahoo.co.uk)

Ploughing in Mist

Pulling the shoulder-sack
Closer about his neck and back,
He called out to his team
That stamped off dragging the weigh-beam,
And as he gripped the stilts and steered
They plunged in mist and disappeared,
Fading so fast away
They seemed on a long journey gone,
Not to return that day;
But while I waited on
The jingle of loose links I caught,
And suddenly on the hill-rise
Pale phantoms of the mist at first,
Man and his horses burst
As though before my eyes
Creation had been wrought.

Andrew Young



A Prayer for November

Lord Jesus. In this world of trouble, we thank you that you have overcome the world! You understand the mess we are in and offer us hope and a future. We may not see how to go forward, or how to solve the problems that surround us and those we care about and those who suffer, but you are sovereign over all situations and circumstances. We can trust you, our King and our Saviour. In your name we give thanks and stand with confidence and strength to face each day.
Amen.



From the Editors

Please support St Thomas' Quiz night on November 10th. It's always a great evening. Copy date for the Christmas magazine is Sunday 4th November and the magazine will be collated that day as well.

Julia + Sue

Just one of the many

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month one hundred years ago the hostilities of the Great War drew to a close with the ceasefire. Sadly this came almost two years too late for my great uncle, Henry William Brooks

Henry was born in 1895 in Meon Road Acton moving with his family to Geraldine Road Chiswick when he was five. Sadly his mother passed away in 1912. Curiously Geraldine Road is parallel to Brooks Road

Sadly his service record did not survive the enemy bombing of the War Office which destroyed around two thirds of WW1 service records. I have managed, with the assistance of the wonderful National Archives and the Royal Fusiliers museum, to piece together some small detail of his life (and death).

It is fair to assume that he was conscripted under the 1916 Conscription Act **(sadly Henry was 'of the right age' (over 19 and single) and he joined, as G/29666 Brooks HW, the 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) which was comprised of 'Regular' soldiers (so he, at least, received basic training before he was sent to France) where he landed on 15th January 1915**

The 2nd Battalion was then attached to bolster the 29th Division, 86th Infantry Brigade on their return from the disastrous (34,000 casualties) Gallipoli campaign. The 29th were sent, via Marseilles, to team up with the contributory units, including 2nd Battalion, to reinforce the assault on Beaumont Hamel, firstly though sweeping up through the little Belgian town of Passchendaele where Henry saw his first action.

Following a seven day artillery bombardment of the German trenches at Beaumont Hamel the battalions of the 29th Division were in position in their **own 'Assembly Trenches' in the early hours of Saturday 1 July. The British** casualties were extremely heavy, with many men never reaching the German Front Line. Many were shot down trying to clamber over the wire to cover the few yards from where they were in the rear of the British Front Line to start their advance down the hill. Somehow, Henry survived this.

The Battalion diaries of both this assault and the retrenchment are scant to say the least. Much mention is made however of the ceremonial parades for **visiting dignitaries and 'how smart the men looked'. Such meagre crumbs of** comfort.

Moving on four months and the weather reports for November 1916 show that it was bitterly cold, constantly raining and the men were as much at risk

of trenches collapsing as from enemy fire (the second highest cause of fatalities at both the Somme and Passchendaele).

The 2nd Battalion were moved back to the front on 23rd November to a trench (unnamed) near the town of Les Boeufs. Battalion diaries record **only one 'other ranks' casualty on 25th November 1916** (poor Henry).

Although, as he was neither a Warrant Officer nor an officer he doesn't even 'qualify' to have his name being recorded in the diaries. It is safe to assume that he was the victim of the incessant sniper fire from the (allegedly) retreating German force.

Sadly, he along with countless thousands of others, has 'no known grave'.

Although the main Somme offensive officially ended after 100 days on 18th November 1916 those who lost their lives in the surrounding areas until the end of November 1916 are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (Henry and his colleagues are recorded on Pier and Face 8c 9a and 16a). The war memorial in Chiswick, strangely, has no record of the names of the fallen but is a simple basalt pinnacle.

Henry was just a young man from Chiswick and one of the 887,858 British casualties of 'The Great War' who gave their tomorrows for our today. "We will remember them".

Nigel Brooks



The trenches at Beaumont Hamel in July 1916.



The Thiepval Memorial on The Somme which bears the names of 72336 fallen who have no marked grave.

St Thomas'

QUIZ!

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road

Saturday November 10th 2018
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Sun 28th 6:30pm Sung Evensong.

NOVEMBER

Fri 2nd **All Souls' Requiem Mass 7pm**
Sat 3rd Churches Together in Hanwell
meeting at South Hanwell Baptist Church
Sat 3rd Film Night - 6:30pm see ad on page 6.
Sun 4th **4th before Advent All Saints' Day**
Sat 10th **St Thomas' Quiz night.**
Sun 11th 3rd before Advent. Remembrance
Sunday
Sun 18th 2nd before Advent
Sat 24th **St Thomas' Christmas Fair. 2 - 4pm**

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Copy date for January will be Sunday 9th December

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