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10.00 AM PARISH EUCHARIST
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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)
	6.45 - 7.15 PM	JUNIOR CHOIR
	7.00 PM	CHOIR

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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

A couple of weeks ago Izzy and I went to the wonderfully intimate Sam Wanamaker theatre in the Globe to watch *Love's Labour's Lost*. I knew nothing **about the play except it contained Shakespeare's longest word** (*Honorificabilitudinitatibus*), the longest scene and possibly, depending on the **inclination of the Director, his longest speech. Such a list of 'longests' did** not fill me with joyous expectation, to put it mildly. However, it was quite superb, beautifully acted, extremely funny and Izzy and I almost got a mention (*Beauty is bought by judgement of the eye, Not uttered by base sale of chapmen's tongues*)... **ok maybe not.**

The play tells the story of three male friends who take a vow to abstain from the company of women for three years, and spend their time, instead, fasting and studying. However, during this time they meet and fall in love with three women, and after the usual Shakespearean chaos brought about by imps and cross-dressing, the men decide to relinquish their vows and declare their love with proposals of marriage. It being Shakespeare I **expected the usual lusty 'hurrahs' and a song; what we got was very** different. All three were chastised for their willingness to break their vow, a probable sign of unreliability, and told to come back in a year and a day, and propose to the women again having re-adopted the conditions of their original vow. If they remained true to their vow for a year, then the women would remain true to them and marry them, and that was that.

That 'unclean', 'open' ending has led to all sorts of academic speculation, 'Was there to be a sequel?', 'Is there a missing scene?' etc. Actually, this very fuzzy ending elevated this play for me, because it showed the women in stronger light, and also because it somehow reflects the messiness of life; **sometimes (most of the time?) life doesn't have neat endings.**

Life in the Church and world reminds us constantly that things do not always work as we would want, people die unexpectedly, and good people suffer. The bible wrestled for hundreds of years to try and find neat, logical answers to these messy questions, but in so doing raised further awkward questions. However, what God shows us is that philosophical answers only go so far, but incarnation goes all the way. God, in Christ Jesus, was born into a messy world and lived among the suffering and dying, and he himself suffered injustice and death. He sought to bring the divine love to earth, the attributes and heaven to the unjust chaos of earth. Thus, Jesus fulfilled the quote from *Love's Labour's Lost* for, **'A high hope for a low heaven'**. It seems to

me that that is what we are all called to do, ensure, **'A high hope for a low heaven'**.

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



Parish News

September began with a wonderful BBQ to launch the 2019 Panto, *Cinderella*. We were absolutely thrilled with the number of people wishing to get involved. Hence, we are really looking forward to the first read-through on 30th September and the start of rehearsals; it looks like a *good-un!*

In September we also welcomed Mtr. Julia Palmer who is joining us for a few weeks before she is licensed to her new position in Willesden Area by Bishop Pete. Thank you for making her so welcome.

In other clergy news, our curate, Mtr. Susy and her baby Florence are doing well, and thank you to all who gave a donation for a gift for them.

September's Pictures by the Park, the beautiful *Il Postino*, was our second best attended film and we look forward to October's (*Hidden Figures*) which forms part of our Caribbean and International Night (see poster in this *Trident*). Mtr. Julia is planning the evening and has tickets so please see her. The evening will begin at 7pm with a Bring and Share supper, followed **by the film at 8pm, and a disco from 10 'til 11.30pm. Please come and** support this important night in our calendar, when we give thanks for the contribution of the Caribbean Community and other groups to our Church and City.

Also importantly 30th September sees our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist and Harvest Lunch.

Many will remember how some of our kneelers were used in an exhibition **of religious 'folk' art a couple of years ago. Well our kneeler 'collection' is** expanding as there will be two additional kneelers in memory of Fr. David Caton and Irene Lumsden. Thank you to those who worked on them: they will be dedicated in a few weeks time - watch this space.

Finally, a date for the diary. On 28th October at 5pm there will be an organ recital.

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these events.

Renewal

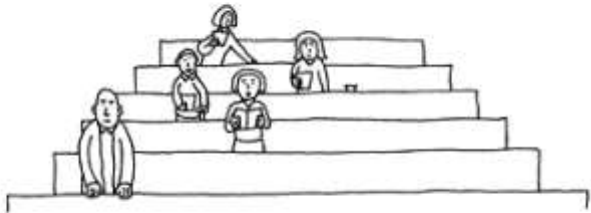
Look how my autumn leaves from green to gold
Burn in the frosty fire. Tissue and vein
Shiver and curl to ash; no flowers remain
On withered stem, or from the patient mould
Draw breath and on life's tree their fans unfold.
Twice has my summer pride waxed high; now wane
The gentle influences of the rain.
The sun, the earth: and death comes, dank and cold.
But fast inscalloped in the undying root,
Constant beyond all change of sky or soil,
Lies fenced the mystery of the living shoot-
Green involutions of the mind. No toil
Attends their weaving. Ah, would they uncoil
Again from the inmost core, leaf, stem, flower, fruit.

Robert Rendall

IN THE PEWS

WHAT IS GOING ON?

WHAT THE
VICAR SEES



ACTUAL
ACTIVITIES



HORTICULTURE

TUNNELING

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Latest news about the Foodbank

- 7021 people have been fed Aug 2017 - Jul 2018, with 1236 at Hanwell centre.
- This is an increase of over 40% compared with the equivalent figures for 2016/2017.
- Since opening in 2013, Ealing Foodbank has dealt with 9,709 vouchers, comprising 13,357 adults and 8,500 children; in total feeding 21,857 people.
- All Ealing wards have been served by Ealing Foodbank, and Hobbayne ward is no.10 of the top 10 Ealing wards
- 40 families have been supported during this year's school summer holiday, which is twice as many as came to us during the Easter holidays earlier this year.

One story I heard recently from one of the Crisis Navigators (who come and provide expert guidance and support to our clients on a range of matters): she said a father she was supporting has twin girls starting school for the first time, and finding it very difficult financially as the school uniforms were costing over £300 per child. He has hardly enough money to feed the family, never mind having to find £600 for uniforms, so was really glad to be given food as well as some suggestions of where to get financial help with the uniforms.

The message that we would really like to get out is that the need is still on going, and as we see more people coming to us, so we need donations of food to keep pace. Donations are going up, thankfully, but they are not keeping up with increase in client numbers. Encouraging donors to give the things we really need by following our guidelines (small sizes, long-life, new and unused, and 6 months in date) and to go to our website for the monthly shopping list (ealing.foodbank.org.uk) means that all the food we receive will go to helping us feed our hungry neighbours.

Thanks you again to all of you who contribute to this worthy cause. Please keep on giving.

Julie Mitchell and Nicole Edwards
Foodbank Coordinators



Please continue to give by providing any of these items in one of the green Foodbank collection boxes situated inside the church porches.

The revised list of items needed:

Breakfast cereal, UHT whole milk - 1 litre, tinned fruit and veg, long life sponge puddings, jam & peanut butter, sweet & savoury biscuits, long life fruit juice & squash, tinned kidney beans & chick peas, nappies - sixes, 3,4,5,6 (small packs).

An up to date list can always be found at <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Apples

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. A nun had posted a **note on the apple tray, 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'**

At the other end of the table was a large pile of **chocolate chip cakes, next to which, in a child's handwriting, was a sign, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'**



A Prayer for October

Dear Father,

As the leaves change colour and fall we are reminded of life's changing seasons. We become aware that time passes more quickly than we expect or plan for. Help us to make the most of each day You give us - and to be thankful. Thank you that through all the changing seasons You are unchanging. Your love goes on reaching out. Thank you for sending Jesus who died to make it possible for us to know You and come to You when our days on earth are completed. Help us to trust Him, to receive Him and to live in the power of His Spirit, now and forever.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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6th October 7.00-11.30pm

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Guides' Summer Camp

Wellies and Wristbands

A group of Guides met at Brentford Station ready for the trip to Foxlease in the New Forest for our festival camp called Wellies and Wristbands. On arrival at

Brockenhurst Station we were met by Foxlease volunteers who bundled us onto the shuttle bus to take us to the campsite. We checked in and were shown where to pitch our tents. We were part of a huge group of 3,500 Guides from all over the country. It was all very exciting as we had our packed lunch and then headed off to explore the site and have a go at some of the activities that were all set out for us.

Sleeping in our tents is always an exciting part of camping and after an afternoon of activities and an evening of enjoying the acts on the huge stage we settled down for the night.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear and after breakfast we were able to wander off and have a go at so many things it is hard to remember them all. There was kayaking, raft building, abseiling, climbing, crate stacking, **Jacob's Ladder, team building games, pampering sessions, hot tubs,** swimming, craft, inflatables, football training, zorbing, crazy golf, a giant ferris wheel and many more. There were activity sessions run by St John Ambulance, The Army, STEM Science amongst others. Everyone had a great day.

Sunday was another story! Things started going downhill at 8am when it started to rain! We then had torrential rain all day! The activities were not able to go ahead, we had water coming into the tents and the Guides were all cold, wet and miserable. Two girls were ill and we had to send for their parents to come and collect them! Most of us managed to get through **though. The weather was better by 7 o'clock for the exciting bands on stage** that evening. Monday morning the weather was much better and despite bringing home wet tents we all got home safely and have now packed away all the equipment ready for next time.

We would like to thank the parents who helped with transporting our camping gear to and from Foxlease and also to those who took the wet tents and dried them for us.

Hopefully the Guides will still be keen for another adventure – we will not let rain deter us - **but let's hope for better weather when we go away again !**

Quiz Night



7th Hanwell (St Thomas') Scout Group
13th October 2018 start at 7 o'clock

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road



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From the Editors

Lots of events coming up at St Thomas' in October and November. We have the Caribbean and International Evening on October 6th and the Scout Quiz a week later on the 13th.

Also, please put **November 10th** in your diary. **That's when the St Thomas' Quiz will be** - more details next month.

July & Sun

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OCTOBER

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Sat 13th Scout Quiz—see ad on page 10

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St Thomas' Hall
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Copy Dates!

Copy date for November will be Sunday 14th October

Copy date for December will be Sunday 4th November

Copy date for January will be Sunday 9th December

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POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

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October

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12th - tea, coffee and cakes

19th - tea, coffee and cakes

26th - tea, coffee and cakes

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