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A Prayer for September

Dear Lord

September is a month of new starts for many. We pray for all starting school, university or college, or moving into a new class or job.

We pray for the new Prime Minister that he or she will be a person of integrity, dedicated to working for the good of all.

We especially ask you to help those struggling with the rising cost of living who don't know how they are going to make ends meet.

Have mercy on this nation, Lord and bring us back to Your ways.

Thank You that You never give up on us. You will help us if we turn to You,

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Copy Dates!

Copy date for October will be Sunday 11th September

Copy date for November will be Sunday 9th October

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From Father Robert

Dear Friends

A few weeks ago the Archbishop of Canterbury hosted the Lambeth Conference. This ten yearly event is, ideally (!), a chance to listen to the experience of fellow bishops throughout the world and learn together.

The sad reality is that it often highlights cultural differences which impact on the interpretation of scripture mainly in the area of human sexuality. The anguish and pain felt over the few days provided the media with lots of juicy red meat. In the end an uneasy truce was struck, and a foreboding sense of seemingly inevitable future fissure permeated the air.

In some respects it is easy to be downhearted, but in doing so we can fail to remember the God who transforms hearts and lives, and often does so, significantly, by using the voices of those beyond our shores.

On 3rd September the Church gives thanks for Pope Gregory the Great. This memorial of the Church is particularly important to us in this land, because it was Gregory who 'persuaded!' a very reluctant Augustine to come to these shores. From the stories of the time it seems that Augustine offered all sorts of excuses from needing to concentrate on his current work to washing his hair. Well ok, perhaps not washing his hair, but Augustine viewed, like almost everyone else, a mission to 'the Angles' as being utterly pointless. This view was probably not helped by Pope Gregory's rationale for the mission, his belief that the blond English slaves in the market in Rome looked like angels. Not the sort of 'start-up' to pitch to the *Dragon's Den*.

In the end, thankfully, Gregory's curious *Mission Action Plan* was fulfilled and Augustine came to this land and so transformed the history of England. Lambeth, it seems, dealt with far weightier and certainly better researched missionary objectives, so we would do well to move to a place of prayer and pray earnestly. Who knows what the future will look like, but what we do know is that it will be one where God is present.

My prayer for us as the new academic year begins is that, like Gregory, we will see the divine even in the most unlikely of faces and situations.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

August in St Thomas' can feel like walking around the deck of the Mary Celeste, but this year has felt quite different. Plans have been made to look at September and beyond and put back things lost to COVID and bring in some things new.

I would therefore encourage you to look at the various events advertised in this issue of the Trident which include amongst other things:

7th September **Thomas' Tots** starting up again, as well as the **50+ Fellowship Group** with a BBQ in the Church Garden at 12.30pm.

On 11th September at 3pm. July's **concert** pianist Arina Brovanova has kindly agreed to return due to popular demand. I would really encourage you to come if at all possible (see page 11).

Our annual **Harvest Thanksgiving** will be on Sunday 18th September at our Family Mass.

On October 8th, there will be a welcomed return of the **Caribbean and International Night** 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 her majesty the Queen 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 invite as many people as possible.



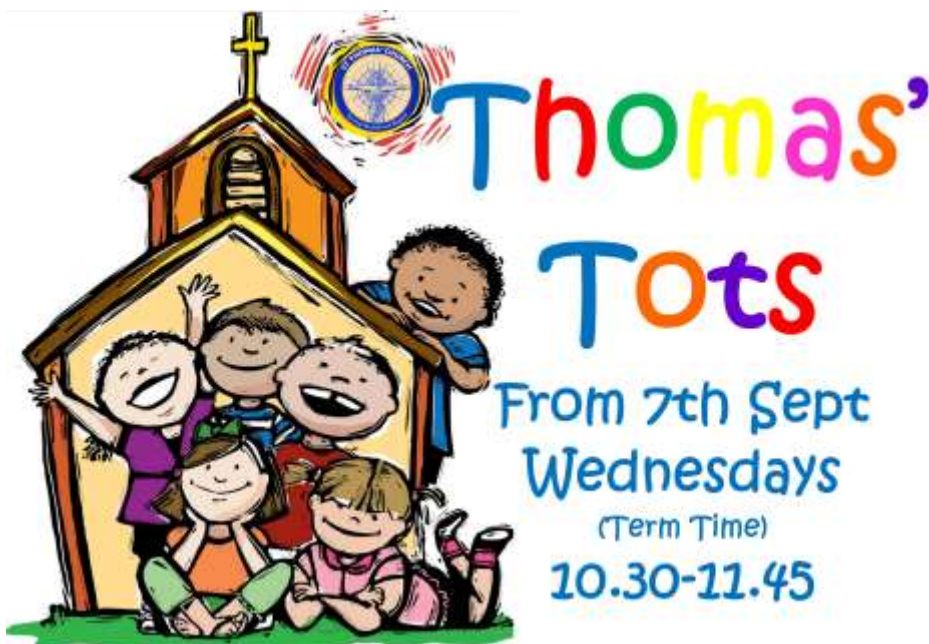
Again, can I just say huge thank you all who have helped out in so many practical ways over the summer.

Finally, another thank you goes to the Ealing Deanery who have generously given us a grant of £2000 for a new sign to replace the current one in front of the hall carpark. It will be wonderful to have this sign of new life and hope advertising the events mentioned above.

Fr. Robert

ST THOMAS' FAMILY EVENTS

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





Goings-on at the PCC

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on Tuesday 19th July. Here is a brief summary of matters that we discussed.

Common Fund Offer for 2023

First some explanation. All parishes in the London Diocese contribute to what is known as the 'Common Fund', so called because it reflects the common mission of our Diocese. The Common Fund finances such things as clergy stipends (our vicar's salary), clergy housing, training of new clergy, and ministry with young people in schools and colleges.

Our contribution to the Common Fund is not imposed upon us: parishes are asked to contribute generously, according to their resources. Our 'Common Fund' payment is by far and away our biggest expense — this year it is £63,600, paid by monthly instalments. Large though this may be, it does not represent our full cost to the Diocese which is £85,200. The difference is made up from the generous contributions of parishes more wealthy than ourselves, that contribute more than their cost. We also continue to benefit from some of the historic wealth of the London Diocese. We are extremely thankful for this support, without which we would not have a parish priest of our own. Contrary to what some may think, the Church of England does not receive any support from the Government!

After much discussion, the PCC agreed to offer an increased contribution of £66,000 for 2023, on the basis of prospective increases in stewardship giving and hall hire income as we begin to build back after lockdown. This is as much as we can realistically afford without exceeding our anticipated income. Next year, it will cost to the Diocese a budgeted £87,775 to fund St Thomas' ministry. Therefore, in 2023 we will be contributing to the Common Fund at a rate of just over 75% of our actual cost.

Buildings Update — The Church

An asbestos survey of the interior has been carried out and we are awaiting the report. This is a necessary prelude to carrying out repairs on some of the interior plasterwork. It is possible that we may be able to obtain grant funding

for this, and for some of the other items that also need repair, for example, the fraying carpet. This will be looked into by the Fabric Committee, who will discuss priorities.

Buildings Update — The Church Hall

A quantity survey has been carried out by a consultant. Arising from this, there is at least a 5 year programme of restoration and improvement tasks in prospect, some being more urgent than others. Immediate priorities are the broken window in the lounge, together with the stage electrics and entrance canopy, both of which are in a poor state. The Fabric Committee will need to meet to decide how to proceed. Maintenance of the Church Hall is very important for all the community groups that use it.

COVID Measures Update

Chalice administration is working well, with about two-thirds of the congregation having returned to receiving communion in both kinds. We will shortly be reinstating the offertory procession (bread and wine) but not the cash collection. For those wishing to give cash, or hand in planned giving envelopes, there will continue to be a collecting plate positioned just inside the main church entrance.

Other News

We discussed the idea of having a themed Sunday in support of Arab-speaking Christians in Palestine, with a Zoom presentation and discussion following Mass.

There is a program in hand to improve the existing lighting along the church path, by replacing the existing lamps with LED units, fitted in the same position. An added benefit will be reduced power consumption, thus lowering our carbon footprint.

All members of the PCC were encouraged to undertake the Safeguarding Training basic awareness course. Certain church officers being asked to undertake more advanced training.

We have gratefully received grant funding from Ealing Deanery Synod to provide a new noticeboard outside the Hall.

Steve Purcell, Churchwarden.

Guides at Poacher Camp

A group of Guides recently took part in a week long camp held on the Lincolnshire Showground. It was an International Scout and Guide Jamboree called Poacher. The girls had the most amazing time with an unbelievable number of adventurous activities open to them. As well as the normal abseiling and climbing etc. they had the chance to go swimming, sailing, kayaking and paddle-boarding. They could have a go at driving a car, a small hovercraft, and a digger. There was bungee trampolining, stilt walking, zip-wire, zorbing, inflatables, high ropes and much more! There were also an amazing number of crafts on offer. During lunchtime there was a display by a motorbike stunt team, an aerobatic display and jousting. In the evening there was a disco and a funfair. All in all they had so much to do it was action all day long. Between them they managed 57 different activities, and 20 different crafts! Grace managed to do the most things in the week with 38 while Emma managed the “most unique activities” with 28!

It really was an opportunity of a lifetime and they all had a fabulous week. Thanks to Natalie our Guide Leader who planned the event for the Guides.

Pictures by the Park

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Saturday 8th October
8pm St Thomas' Church Hall, W7 2AD
Part of Our **Caribbean & International Night**



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Saturday
5th November 7.30pm
St Thomas' Church Hall, W7 2AD

Family Quiz Night



Fundraising for the renovation of our Scout Hall

7th Hanwell (St Thomas') Scout Group

Saturday 1st October 2022

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road

6:45 for a 7:00pm start



Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Come as a team, or if you like we can put you in a team. Tables of 8.

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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

What we now collect:



Pringles Tubes

Please recycle the plastic lids yourself but put the tube with the metal base in the box. **Remember they don't want the plastic lid!**

Bread

We can collect bags from bread and crumpets and similar This is sponsored by Warburtons but they will take ANY make of bread, rolls, and wraps.



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

There's lots going on in the autumn at St Thomas'. We also have our very popular Quiz supper on Saturday November 12th. More details in our next magazine.

Jul & 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 SHOPPING LIST **

Tinned fish & meat, UHT milk (whole or semi-skimmed), long-life fruit juice & squash, instant coffee, drinking chocolate & tea bags, rice - we have enough pasta at the moment, tinned soup, tinned fruit & vegetables, long-life vegetarian meals, ketchup & mayonnaise, baked beans, nappies (sizes 4, 5 & 6)

Thank you, but the foodbank has plenty of pasta at the moment.

Afternoon Concert given by

Pianist **Arina Brovanova** from the
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11th September 3pm Free Entry

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Marjorie Kelly, Leo T and John Tozer.

Diary Dates

September



Sun 4th	13th after Pentecost
Wed 7th	50+ Fellowship Group meeting 12:30pm
Sun 11th	14th after Pentecost
	Afternoon concert at 3pm
Sun 18th	Harvest Festival family service
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
Sun 16th	Family service celebrating St Luke
Sun 23rd	Last after Pentecost

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POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

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September

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9th - tea, coffee and cakes

16th - tea, coffee and cakes

23rd - tea, coffee and cakes

30th - tea, coffee and cakes

The POP-IN is run by the Hanwell Neighbourly Care Scheme.

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