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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		11.00AM - 12.30PM
	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)
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# From our Vicar

Dear Friends

July 2014 will go down as a historic month in the life of the Church of England. The General Synod of the Church of England (our Church Parliament) voted to approve the process for how the ordination of women bishops may happen. The decision to have women bishops had been

**agreed some time ago; the issue at stake was 'how' it was to happen.**

What the Church of England was trying to do was replicate the wisdom of Solomon. Thus, they had to ensure that Women Bishops were equal with their male counterparts, while at the same time providing provision for those who, for theological reasons, could not accept such a move, so they could remain in and share in the mission of the Church of England.

**Hence, the joy of July's Synod was that it somehow seems to have squared the theological circle.** The issues around the debate have been well rehearsed, but for my part I want to express two things. First, I am thrilled that this has happened, and second, I wish to commend the letter from our Bishop which is on page 8 of this Trident. Please do read it and pray for the Church that the clarity of our position will release our creative energies into a new phase of mission.

For us at St Thomas the impact of the decision is unlikely to immediately affect us as much as the wider parliamentary decision which has set various sides of the Church at logger-heads. The issue is that of assisted suicide which affects most families in reality or philosophically. Personally, I am greatly disturbed by any move to legalize such a decision, and by the comments of former Archbishop George Carey. My primary objection stems from the commodification of human beings which attaches value to productivity; i.e. once we cease to be of productive value we cease to be of value, fullstop. My personal thoughts are not the last word, but I hope they are a reminder of how God views us. We are loved unconditionally, and Christ died for us without us doing anything to deserve it. This alone is relevant, not only to debates about women bishops and assisted suicide, but also to the whole of our life and our life together.

All of us approach, and are welcomed to come, by a God who demands no **more than we say 'yes' to his invitation of love. May we, in the midst of the noise of debate, remember that that divine nature of love and welcome is what we are called to replicate.** May we do that in a small way in this corner of Hanwell.

Enjoy the holidays and every blessing

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



## Parish News

The Parish News this month is the perfect chance to reflect and give thanks for this parish. A chief focus of this thanksgiving was our Patronal Festival Weekend.

The uniformed organizations put together an excellent display of the history of the Parish. The exhibition is still there at the back of the church, so do take a few moments to have a look. As well as the exhibition there was also a model railway exhibition in the Church Hall. A big thank you goes to those enthusiastic hobbyists for sharing their passion with us. The Garden Party started quietly but soon built up as the afternoon progressed. Thank you to all who ran stalls and made cream teas and Caribbean food. The Garden Party became the BBQ and the steady flow of people continued. The BBQ also witnessed that most rare of things; women barbecuing! It seems that July has seen the collapse of all bastions of male **dominance; women bishops and bbq 'chefs'!** Thanks to all the ladies AND gentlemen who grilled sausages, flipped burgers and kept us well and truly fed and watered.

The evening finished as the Vicarage Garden became Cinema Paradiso as a couple of dozen of us watched, by moonlight, **Babette's Feast**. It was a lovely way to end the day and will definitely be a feature in the future. The weekend culminated with our Patronal Festival Mass on the Sunday. **We were very fortunate in having Rev'd Prof Alison Milbank from Nottingham University and Southwell Minster to preach.** Mother Alison is one of the most important thinkers on mission in the Church of England and I recommend her book *For the Parish*. Her sermon prompted us to think and give thanks for the chrism of St Thomas.

Other events to look forward to are the Panto BBQ which will be in the Vicarage Garden on 6<sup>th</sup> September. This is open to all who are interested in being involved in the Panto this year.

The following Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) at 3pm we are having a Vicarage Garden Movie Party to welcome back our Sunday School. There will be party food and a film and it is open to all Sunday School members and helpers. Please put the date in the diary.

The final future dates are the Harvest Supper on Saturday 27th September

and the Harvest Thanksgiving Parade Eucharist on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Amidst the joy there is a note of sadness. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June Irene Lumsden died. Her obituary is in the Trident. Please remember her and Andrew in your prayers. May she rest in peace: and rise in glory!

Finally, please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters at St Mellitus as they begin a new phase in their life as a parish. They are now a **'graft' of St Paul's Northfields, which means that that parish will be supporting their work and mission.**



## Prayer for the month of August

O Heavenly Father, we commend to you those who at this time of the year are seeking rest and change. Grant them refreshment of spirit and renewal of strength, that they may return to the duties of their daily life better fitted for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen



## From the Editors

Many of you are now taking your summer holidays, but there are a few dates to remember for September. Our Panto kick-off BBQ will be on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>, time TBC. We also have the Harvest Supper on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch this space for time etc.

*Jul + Sep*

Copy date for the September Trident will be Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>  
Copy date for the October Trident will be Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Copy date for the November Trident will be Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>

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## Plea for help.....

### ....to keep St Thomas's Guide Unit running!

I first joined Guiding when I became a Brownie at the age of 7. (Rainbows didn't exist then!) From the very first meeting I was hooked!

I moved on to Guides and when I turned 18 began to run some of our Guide meetings. It wasn't long after that, that I left home and went to university in Brighton. During the 3 years I was there I ran a Brownie group along with a friend. I then settled in the Hanwell area and started the 10<sup>th</sup> Hanwell Brownie Pack in 1974. I then took on the 8<sup>th</sup> Hanwell Guides in 2005. Throughout all these years Guiding has given me so much – fun, friendship and opportunity. It has been so rewarding seeing the girls grow up. Now I am in the position that due to my age I will have to give up running the Guides next July. I would love to find someone who could work with me over this coming year and then take over the running of the group from September 2015.

I am willing to continue helping (if required!) but I will no longer be able to be the leader of the group after next Summer. It can be a commitment but that is far outweighed by the advantages. I have seen so many girls enjoy their time in Guiding and now I am hoping someone may feel able to give something back. I can guarantee you will get so much out of volunteering. Do please contact me soon – my details are on the back of the Trident.

*Bev Tremayne*

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## It's A Knock-Out

Remember the TV show of the 70's? Didn't you always wish you could have taken part?!

On Saturday 12th July a group of the Brownies and Guides did get that chance. It was organised to celebrate the Big Brownie Birthday (100 years of Brownies)

The event was for all Brownies & Guides in the County and was held at a school in Hanworth. Everyone had a brilliant time with a series of 13 different games to take part in. Some were large inflatable type games - others involved wearing funny costumes. There was human table football, bouncy volleyball, and giant hoop-la amongst many others. Each event took 10 minutes and points were awarded for how quickly and/or accurately the girls completed the challenges. It was a very hot day but there was plenty of water available and our teams did really well. Unfortunately they did not win but they had enjoyed themselves. They were all given a badge as a souvenir of the day.

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## News from the Beaver Scouts

We have a lovely group of 13 boys in the colony and at our last meeting before the summer holidays they enjoyed playing games and having a BBQ in the Vicarage garden. Back in June we had a sleepover at the Church Hall which proved to be a great experience for the boys. We made the stained glass window for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary display in the church. They really took to the tasks of preparing and helping to cook their tea and after playing football in the park were eventually tired enough to overcome their excitement and go to sleep. We were of course the first people in the park playground after breakfast the following Sunday morning at 8am!

I have been fortunate to have Sue Taylor as Assistant Beaver Leader this year, and also help from Sylvie and my son Chris. Sue and her family are moving away over the summer and so I will need regular help to run our meetings in September. If you are able to help on occasion or on a regular basis, please do contact me.

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Dear friends

## General Synod vote on women bishops

We have already debated this subject widely within the Diocese with frankness, passion and, I am glad to say, a good deal of Christian charity. I welcome yesterday's vote of the General Synod to permit women to be bishops not least because it will liberate our energies to pursue our Gospel ministry and mission.

The Synod has agreed a Measure and a House of Bishops' Declaration that will allow us to move forward in mutual trust, where those of all opinions can flourish in one Church of England. We now need to ensure that the gifts of all the baptised, laity and clergy, are used well in the service of Jesus Christ, men and women together as full partners in the Gospel. We will particularly wish to discern and encourage those women priests whom God may be calling to episcopal office.

I and my fellow bishops have committed ourselves to the five principles\* enshrined in the House of Bishops' Declaration and we will continue to work together to ensure that every parish, including those who in conscience cannot receive the ordained ministry of women, can prosper and continue to express the life of the Gospel in our great World City. We go forward together in the mission of God, confident, compassionate and creative in the service of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray and work with me for the good estate of all Christ's church.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Richard Chartres KCVO DD FSA

### \*The five principles

1. Now that legislation has been passed to enable women to become bishops the Church of England is fully and unequivocally committed to all orders of ministry being open equally to all, without reference to gender, and holds that those whom it has duly ordained and appointed to office are the true and lawful holders of the office which they occupy and thus deserve due respect and canonical obedience;
2. Anyone who ministers within the Church of England must be prepared to acknowledge that the Church of England has reached a clear decision on the matter;
3. Since it continues to share the historic episcopate with other Churches, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and those provinces of the Anglican Communion which continue to ordain only men as priests or bishops, the Church of England acknowledges that its own clear decision on ministry and gender is set within a broader process of discernment within the Anglican Communion and the whole Church of God;
4. Since those within the Church of England who, on grounds of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests continue to be within the spectrum of teaching and tradition of the Anglican Communion, the Church of England remains committed to enabling them to flourish within its life and structures; and
5. Pastoral and sacramental provision for the minority within the Church of England will be made without specifying a limit of time and in a way that maintains the highest possible degree of communion and contributes to mutual flourishing across the whole Church of England.

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IRENE LUMSDEN  
16<sup>th</sup> November, 1920  
– 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

Irene was born in Bromley. Her father was employed in the city by the French Bank, Credit Lyonnais, in Lombard Street, and had to commute every day. Her mother, a nurse, was born in Scarborough and they met during the First World War. Her father took early retirement due to poor health and the family moved to Bridlington where most of her mother's family lived. Irene attended Bridlington High School for Girls and was for several years in the choir of the Priory Church. After her school

days she took a secretarial job to one of the directors of the East Riding Motor Company, a local garage. Her boss, Ira White, allowed her to travel to Leeds weekly to work with Lilian Stiles-Allen, a very well known soprano in her day. However she did not teach technique, and on one occasion gave Irene a Beethoven aria to learn which was quite beyond her. A local teacher, Margaret Dick, was more helpful in the area of technique, but that wasn't really enough. Irene sang to the troops a great deal, during WW II which was valuable experience and she was lucky enough to have her father accompany her. He was an accomplished pianist and had studied at the Guildhall School of Music and could have been a professional, but sadly he did not have the temperament, being too highly strung. Through him she learnt a very varied repertoire of songs, some with fiendishly difficult accompaniments, and she enjoyed herself no end. Irene married Captain John Howarth, of the Somerset Light Infantry but sadly he was killed in 1944 at Caen during the Normandy D-Day landings. When the War was over the Hull Music Festival started up again. Sir Edward Bairstow, the organist at York Minster, was the adjudicator and he made some very encouraging comments about her phrasing and style etc.

In 1947, she felt that the garage and Bridlington did not have enough to offer, and as she had always wanted to sing decided to move to London and

try her luck. She lived in a hostel for three months and was very home-sick. She found a part time secretarial job and also a singing teacher and did a number of auditions. She did two summer seasons, first at Cromer and then in Westgate. She was introduced to the Concert Artists Association which provided good openings for all kinds of engagements, and was also a means of meeting concert agents. Her membership was granted on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1947, two days after her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday and she remained a member right up to her death. She can claim that her membership remains the longest of any in the history of the association.

She was lucky enough to be put on the books of Ibbs and Tillet, who at that time were the principal agents for oratorios, recitals etc. She was offered enough work during the winter to enable her not to have to go away in the summer. This also brought a lot of after-dinner work throughout the year with the City Livery companies doing cabaret. Irene, amongst other things, took part in a programme on TV called 'Music for You' with the conductor Eric Robinson.

Irene did not get good marks for sewing at school, but something must have rubbed off as she made most of her evening dresses. Irene and Norman were introduced by mutual friends and they married in 1952. They joined forces as duettists and were in great demand for many years. They bought 70 Cawdor Crescent. in 1959 and refused an offer to tour Australia doing the Merry Widow and My Fair Lady as having a family was a priority. Andrew was born in 1963.

Between 1981 and 2005 they all made seven visits to Canada to see Irene's sister, Marion, who was also a war-bride and lives on the edge of the Rockies. This was a fantastic experience, touring the Rockies and fruit **country and playing golf.** Irene's mother had also covered some of this ground many years earlier so this was particularly poignant. Andrew is hoping he might retrace some of their journeys again next year.

As far as singing was concerned, Irene and Norman having been professional, then became amateurs and with Andrew sang with the Hanwell Festival Choir, conducted by Bowles Bevan, and Ealing Choral Society, **conducted by James Gaddarn, and of course, St Thomas' Choir.**

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## Arda's yummy

### Rocky Roads.

Those of you who came to the **Garden Party last month couldn't** help but be impressed with these lovely little cakes. Everyone (including the editor) loved them, so Arda has kindly given us the recipe. Enjoy!

Makes: 25 (small Squares)  
Prep: 8 min + 2-4 hours Chilling Time  
Cook: 5 mins

#### Ingredients

2 x 200g bars smooth white chocolate broken into pieces (I used Sainsbury's cooks white chocolate)  
100g sweetmeal or original digestives broken into pieces  
150g bag mini marshmallows  
150g smarties, minstrels or anything similar + colourful sprinkles (optional) for topping

#### Method

1. Line an 18cm x 18cm cake tin with cling film, Put the chocolate in a large heatproof bowl and place over a pan of simmering water (make sure it's not touching the water). Stir until the chocolate is completely melted.
2. Remove the bowl from the heat and stir in the broken digestives, mini marshmallows and most of the smarties or minstrels - keep some for decoration.
3. Pour the chocolate mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the top with a butter knife. Scatter over the reserved smarties, minstrels + sprinkles - press them with the back of a spoon. Chill in the fridge for 2-3 hours. When set, cut into 25 small squares.

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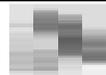


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August

The Pop-In is closed for August and will re-open on Friday 5th September.

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

## St Thomas 2015 Calendar

As a reminder of the fun we are having in our 80<sup>th</sup> Year I am planning on selling a 2015 calendar with photos of the church and some of its events

We now only have a few more weeks left to collect photos for the calendar.

We still need more - especially if you have any of the choir, the Caribbean Evening, Sunday School Nativity or the church garden party.

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## Diary Dates

27th Sun	6th Sunday after Trinity
<b>AUGUST</b>	
3rd Sun	7th Sunday after Trinity
10th Sun	8th Sunday after Trinity
17th Sun	9th Sunday after Trinity
24th Sun	10th Sunday after Trinity
31st Sun	11th Sunday after Trinity
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
5th Fri	Choir Practice resumes.
6th Sat	Panto BBQ
7th Sun	12th Sunday after Trinity
14th Sun	13th Sunday after Trinity 3pm Garden Movie party for the Sunday School
21st Sun	14th Sunday after Trinity
27th Sat	Harvest Supper
28th Sun	Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist (parade) 10am
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
5th Sun	16th Sunday after Trinity
12th Sun	17th Sunday after Trinity
19th Sun	18th Sunday after Trinity



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