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Christmas 2016

The Trident



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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)
	7.00 PM	CHOIR

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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

At this time of year St Thomas' has any number of activities and services vying for our attention. The devotional aspects are highlighted elsewhere and the less, er, devotional activities are also highlighted. As the parish priest it often means I trip the light fantastic

between the sublime and ridiculous, and perhaps the most ridiculous is our Parish Panto.

This year's panto is *A Christmas Carol* originally by Charles Dickens and St Thomasified by me. This most famous of Christmas Stories also contains some of the most important themes of Christmas; oh yes it does! Here comes the spoiler alert: The (anti) hero Ebenezer Scrooge is taken on a supernatural journey where he confronts the reality of his own life. He is **offered a reminder of the past, a voyeurs' view of the present, and a glimpse** into his future. This gift transforms him, and ultimately leads to his redemption.

It is this aspect which reiterates the promise of Christmas. As humans we naturally look back, exist in the present, and long for a glimpse of the future. The last aspect is never afforded us, and sadly the second aspect sometimes eludes us in the frenetic activity of life.

This year will offer us many things to look back on which, for better or worse, impact both our present and future. Unlike Scrooge we cannot voyeuristically look at the present, or see the future. The impact of Brexit, presidential elections, refugee crises, or wars will unravel as time moves on. We can, of course, complain and protest, or simply resign ourselves to the presumed helplessness of life in 2016/2017. Alternatively we can take this **season's message of hope and redemption and apply it to our lives, whether** aided by the prayers of the Church or prompts of panto Dames.

The plan of redemption God had for the world took the form of a baby, **born in a stable, and leading to infant years as a refugee. As plans go it's** more likely to inspire ire and laughter than hope, and yet...

Thanks to that most unlikely of redemption plans lives have been transformed. The past does not have the last word, the present is here to be made the most of, and thus, the future can (and will!) be transformed. My prayer for you in the parish is that that hope is realised in your life.

Please do experience this Christmas with us, whether it's booing a panto villain, singing a festive carol, or offering a prayer in front of the Christ-child. As Tiny-Tim said, and will say, 'God bless us, everyone!'

With love and prayers for a Holy Christmas and blessed New Year

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert

Parish News

This Issue of the Trident carries much that is exciting for the future, and I would love you to support as much of it as you are able. However certain things are worthy of a special mention.

First, and significantly, St Thomas' has appointed a new Director of Music, Ed Cooke. This is a very exciting appointment as it gives much energy and expertise to the musical tradition of St Thomas'. There is more information about Ed in this issue, but don't just read about him, why not come along and experience his skill, and life in St Thomas'. As Director of Music he will be responsible for developing the choir, and music. Significantly, he is not an organist (but knows how to build them having worked with his dad, an organ builder!), but aided by our growing roster of organists will lead us into new and exciting areas, ensuring the living musical tradition of the parish. Over the next few weeks you will catch a glimpse of what is to come from Nine Lessons and Carols to Midnight Mass.

Second, as well as the devotional observances of Advent and Christmas (see p. 8 and 9) there is much informality and fun to be had. Do support our Christmas Fair and grab yourself an early bargain. Also, book early for the **Panto as tickets are selling like the proverbial hot cakes... or is it mince-pies?**

In November we celebrated our life and various cultures together as we ate and danced the night away at our Caribbean and International night. Thank you for all who planned, cooked, came and supported us!

Finally, as well as highlighting the activities here at St Thomas' can I commend to you the many things which happen as part of the Churches Together in Hanwell. With our sisters and brothers in other churches we will be singing in the pubs in Hanwell. If you see us sing the carols, raise a glass and give thanks for loved ones and the God who became human so that we might become divine.

Happy Christmas!



Dried milk
Dried potatoes
Rice/noodles (not pasta)

Cake/cereal bars (not biscuits)
Vegetarian stews including curry

A reminder below of foods that **are welcomed at Ealing's Foodbank.** There are collection boxes in the entrances to the church on Sundays.

Please also note that the foodbank cannot accept fresh, refrigerated or frozen foods.



Ed Cooke. Photo courtesy of St Paul's Winchmore Hill

Introducing our new Director of Music

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Ed Cooke as our Director of Music.

Following his graduation with a bachelor's degree in music in 2009 from Cardiff University, Ed began work as a freelance musician which saw him develop skills as a musical director and teacher. For two years he worked as Choirmaster to the local parish church of **All Saints', Westbury. This experience gave him an** ever-growing passion for singing and teaching, and saw him form a Junior Choir in 2012 for children in Westbury, Wiltshire. These two jobs allowed him to explore many different genres of

choral repertoire, as well as learn how to manage large groups of primary school children and the needs of church choirs.

Ed went on to gain a Master's degree in Choral Studies from the University of Cambridge. He was a member of Robinson College Chapel Choir and took part in the singing and/or conducting the services held in term time. During the year he received regular conducting tuition from Stephen Layton, Mark Williams and Graham Ross.

After Cambridge, Ed worked abroad as the full time Musical Director for the Voices of Hangzhou Youth choir, China. There, as part of the team at Hangzhou Youth, he visited schools with existing choirs and gave workshops and seminars to local teachers. The choir appeared on national **television and grew into a choir of over 200. If that's replicated at St Thomas' he made need to employ his carpentry hobby to build new choir stalls!**

On returning to the UK he accepted the position of Youth Choir Director at St Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill, a position he continues to hold. In addition he teaches the piano both privately and in schools preparing pupils for ABRSM exams in both classical and jazz.

Do please welcome Ed, and perhaps give the choir a try.

Also, continue to pray for Ed and St Thomas' as we develop this area of our mission.



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Prayer for the month of December

Loving, giving Father,

Thank you for Jesus, Emmanuel. Thank you that he came at Christmas and is alive and just as relevant today as he was all those years ago, and will be forever. As many of us celebrate your coming to us, with our families, in warm, safe homes, in a democratic country, we pray for everyone who has left their homeland because of persecution, for everyone who is without shelter, or food, or family. Give us compassionate hearts, **like yours, Lord. Help us, as Christ's body here on earth,** to love and serve and make room for each other this Christmas.

In Jesus' name.

Amen



From the Editors

So once again, we arrive at Christmas and there's just enough space for us to remind you to book your tickets for the panto - (see the ad opposite) - **it's going to be brilliant! Also keep** your eyes peeled for info about the fun run in April.

Happy Christmas from Jill, Sue and all of us at St Thomas's

Jill & Sue

Copy date for the January Trident will be Sunday December 11th
Copy date for the February Trident will be Sunday January 8th

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SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST THOMAS'S



Advent Sunday

10am on Sunday 27th November

This is our first special service in the build up to Christmas. This year sees ceremonies and music inspired by the plainchant liturgy of the earliest church. All our Advent services incorporate the lighting of the Advent Wreath by a child and reflections on the rich themes of the Advent season, traditionally called the Great Os (come and find out why!). This takes place within our Parish Sung Eucharist when there is also Sunday School for young people.

Christingle

3pm on Sunday 11th December

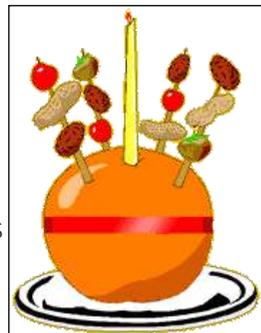
One event not to be missed is our Christingle service – a candle-lit family celebration that raises money for the work of The Children's Society, a voluntary organisation of the Church of England.

If you haven't been to one of our Christingle Services before, a brief explanation may help! The 'Christingle' itself, which symbolises the light of Christ's love, is a lighted candle mounted in an orange, which has a red ribbon or tape around it. Also mounted in the orange are four cocktail sticks, each bearing dried fruit or sweets.

The orange represents the world. The candle stands for Jesus, the Light of the World. The red ribbon or tape symbolises the blood of Christ, who shares in the suffering of the whole world. The **fruits and sweets are symbolic of God's Creation and His love for us.**

The highlight of our service is when the Christingles are lit. We then dim the lights in the Church and **everyone sings the carol 'Away in a Manger'. It's lovely to see the children's excited faces illuminated**

by the Christingles. This service is a great way to remind the children about the true meaning of Christmas. Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after the service.



Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm on Sunday 18th December

Candlelight, Carols and Choir - these are the ingredients that go to make our service of Nine Lessons and Carols so special. This is your chance to renew your acquaintance with the best of the traditional Christmas Carols, to hear some old favourites sung by the Choir and, we hope, to discover some new ones. Come and raise the roof, then enjoy a glass of mulled wine and some mince pies. Christmas really starts here.

Christmas Eve Children's Service

6.00pm on Christmas Eve



This service is very much one for the children. It is an informal service with no choir or organ. The Sunday School perform a short play based on the nativity and then we sing some carols and say our prayers. Some of the figures are placed in the crib at the back of the church. It is a delightful service and with all the eager anticipation of Santa Claus, it is a great way to remind the children of what Christmas is celebrating.

Midnight Mass

11.30pm on Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass has its roots in the very earliest of times when Christians on this most holy night to celebrate the first Eucharist of Christmas. It is both beautiful and joyous; a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks amidst candlelight, processions, traditional rituals, and the 'sweet singing of the choir'. It starts [at 11.30pm](#) so that your personal holy communion or Christmas blessing can be received as soon after midnight as possible. The service also includes the Christ-child being placed in the crib which is blessed during the service.

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Christmas Day Family Communion

10am on Christmas day



This service is one for all the family, so bring your children, friends and relatives. When you enter the Church you will find the Christmas tree beautifully decorated. We sing hymns and carols and we have a short sermon - very much aimed at the children on this special day.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2016!

Our quiz this year has our usual 'initials' format - but the first section are songs from shows and musicals and the second are characters from books. For example, initials in section one of L I I T A from S B would be Love is in the Air from Strictly Ballroom and in section two M B from OT would be Mr Bumble from **Oliver Twist**. **We hope you have some fun with it and there'll be a small prize for the person with the most correct answers. If you'd like to enter,** please get your answers to us by January 8th. Good luck!!

Songs & Music from Shows & Films

1. ATGB from C
2. MR from TG
3. WYWUAS from P
4. SN from G
5. MHWGO from T
6. CM from CATCF
7. CTC from TH
8. SDMPWC from SWATSD
9. AVNP from ITW
10. ET from MC
11. BOBD from AI
12. DROMP from FG
13. IGR from AAIP
14. SFA from B:TCKM
15. POTR from YF
16. ESY from KB
17. SLOT from AH
18. ATJ from C
19. JSFJC from C
20. CTMEOOY from JB
21. YITB from SOR
22. BTBW from ER
23. POYSC from HD
24. THFLG from G
25. TTS from MMISL
26. TINLAD from SP
27. SIL from KMK
28. OMR from SB
29. SL from CJ
30. ASOYS from TBW
31. BYBH from SBFSB
32. CY from O!
33. CLYG from CJ
34. SWD from TKAI
35. YAB from JR
36. U from FD
37. S from STB
38. IDWMAT from A
39. TEOG from TGTBATU
40. C from W
41. MTM from TBB
42. ALOTBSOL from LOB
43. WMA from
DSO:HILTSWALTB
44. TE from TS
45. TMOF from A
46. INAH from ST
47. SA from A!
48. SFH from TP
49. WOTW from S
50. GFN from R

Characters from Books

1. MS from D
2. HH from TR
3. KW from FK
4. TD from TG
5. N from BL
6. UT from LAL
7. MAP from P
8. BE from FFTMC
9. KC from FA
10. RW from TGOTT
11. JB from ATTK
12. MH from GE
13. MY from JI
14. GS from TTSS
15. ML from AGMIA
16. JV from AWID
17. AC from CCM
18. FB from TLOTR
19. TWW from TLTWATW
20. WS from NE-F
21. AB from TSLOB
22. JP from MPHPC
23. AR from GP
24. LC from MBY
25. HC from CTH
26. JLF from GSAW
27. ND from GG
28. EG from MBF
29. MB from TOBG
30. ML from TSG
31. DB from TGG
32. PB from WAP
33. SP from OTR
34. BM from BNW
35. B from TCOTW
36. HM from THAHN
37. JV from LM
38. MDW from TTM
39. PF from ATWIED
40. NA from TAOI
41. AN from WH
42. ED from SAS
43. SK from TJB
44. EY from TGOST
45. A from TKR
46. TC from WH
47. KS from TEP
48. MS from TROTD
49. CA from TS,TS
50. SS from MC

WHY RUDOLPH REALLY DOES HAVE A RED NOSE

As Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer celebrates his 77th birthday this month, it has been discovered that the red nose may well have some basis in scientific fact.

Researchers in Sweden have used thermal imaging cameras to capture the heat from reindeer as they graze, and discovered that while most of a reindeer body is well insulated, their noses glow bright orange, due to the large amounts of heat that they release. The reason is simple: reindeer have a high concentration of blood vessels in their nose and lips to help keep those areas warm and sensitive as they rummage through snow, looking for food.

Christmas Fair

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folk you expect, with a beautiful heroine, a handsome hero, and a butler!

To find out how this list of characters meld together to make a great **show come to see us at St Mary's Church Hall Greenford Avenue.** Performances are on Thursday December 1st and Friday December 2nd at 7.45pm.

Then two performances on Saturday 3rd December at both 2.45pm and 7.45pm.

Box office email: stmarystickets@hotmail.co.uk



BROWNIE POST

The Brownies will be running a Christmas postal service as a way of helping people of the parish this Christmas. The post box will be in the Church from Advent Sunday, 27th November, until Sunday 18th December. There is no charge for this service and we are able to deliver to some streets outside our Parish. We include Midhurst Road but not roads to the other side of Midhurst Road (Salisbury Road, Mayfield Avenue etc). We deliver to Townholm Crescent, Humes Avenue, Studley Grange Road etc up to and including Green Lane and we deliver up to Oaklands Road, but not to Deans Road.

PLEASE, PLEASE - PUT ADDRESSES ON THE ENVELOPES, even if the addressee is well known in the parish and you think that Brown Owl will know where they live. Last year a lot of envelopes just had a **name on and couldn't be delivered.** The Brownies do a wonderful job with hundreds of cards to deliver, so please help them all you can.

OUR CHURCH AND WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT.

It's been many years now since St Thomas' Church decided to do this special Christmas edition of our Parish Magazine and give a copy to every house in **our parish. Many of you are 'regulars' at St Thomas' and we hope you** realise how grateful we are for your commitment and support. Some of you may be reading this for the first time and really hope to be able to welcome you at some of our Christmas services.

We would like to take this opportunity give you an overview of what **St Thomas' offers to the community of Hanwell. It may surprise you!**

St Thomas's is not just there for worship, although that is a fundamental part of life at the church and we welcome people of all faiths or no faith at all. The same goes for our youth groups. For the children and young people, we offer Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and you can enquire further about these groups by contacting the relevant leader. All phone numbers & emails are listed on the back cover of this magazine. All our youth group leaders give of their time freely and their commitment is an example to us all.

We've got a great choir - of mixed ability - but we all enjoy singing. We're very excited that we're under the leadership of our new Director of Music, Ed. We rehearse on a Friday evening from 7 until 8 and then sing at the **10am service on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to have you, so please contact Ed via Father Robert. We're also going to be starting** our Junior Choir again, so if you have a young person who loves to sing, again, Father Robert will be able to help. We run various fund-raising events throughout the year including our very popular Quiz Supper, which we hold during November. This years will be on November 12th, **so if you've got this** magazine in time, do join us! (please contact Sue C. see back of mag for details). We welcome all children at our Sunday School. Our Church Hall is used for all sorts of groups locally and can be rented for parties.

One of the highlights of the year is during the first week in January, when we put on a pantomime - a great community event for everyone who takes part and an excellent few hours of entertainment (please do buy your tickets soon as they are selling fast! (Box office 07850 889948 stickets@me.com). Our Church is always open for quiet prayer and reflection and is always there for weddings, christenings and funerals.

That covers just some of the things that go on at St Thomas'. All forthcoming services and events are advertised in our monthly magazine. Why not subscribe for just £5 for the year and have your magazine delivered to you. A form to fill in is on page 22.

May we wish you a happy and blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2017.



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At Christmas

Always

In the dark centre
of this season
the birth occurs
noiseless and marvellous;
the seers
move on their journey,
They are gestures
of wonder, and at midnight
a resting star.

always
it is amazing
that the mountains
do not relinquish
Their momentary grandeur,
bend to the stable,
let the ermine tremble
there
where the oxen
and the angels are.

Jean Kenward



Thought of the month

“The roots of true achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become”

The Guides at PGL

On the last weekend in October the Guides joined with many other Guides and Brownies from our Guiding County for a weekend at the PGL Centre at Marchants Hill near Guildford.

We arrived on Friday evening and after unpacking and setting ourselves up in our chalets we had our evening meal and then took part in organised sports activities until it was time for bed.

We were up early on Saturday and after breakfast we got organised into our groups and set off for a variety of activities. There were 4 activities for us each day. The groups did not all do the same but they all had the chance to do some of the more adventurous activities such as abseiling, climbing, zip wire and giant swing. There were lots of other things to do such as archery, fencing, aeroball, and problem solving. The Guides were challenged by many of the sessions and several of them overcame fears to achieve something they had not done before.

Saturday night saw us taking part in a huge campfire. We learnt a few new songs which will extend our repertoire.

There were more activities on Sunday and finally we were all grateful to sit down and relax on our coach for the journey home.



A native Mexican plant, poinsettias were named after Joel R. Poinsett, U.S. ambassador to Mexico who brought the plant to America in 1828. Poinsettias were likely used by Mexican Franciscans in their 17th century Christmas celebrations. One legend has it that a young Mexican boy, on his way to visit the village Nativity scene, realized he had no gift for the Christ child. He gathered pretty green branches

from along the road and brought them to the church. Though the other children mocked him, when the leaves were laid at the manger, a beautiful star-shaped flower appeared on each branch. The bright red petals, often mistaken for flowers, are actually the upper leaves of the plant.

Q: What's E.T. short for?
A: Because he's only got little legs!

Q: What do you call a deer with a bad eye?
A: A bad idea



White Christmas is a film most people know, **largely because of Irving Berlin's song of the same name**, first used in the 1942 film Holiday Inn, but **it's one very few people seem to have seen. Which is a pity because it's a masterpiece of Hollywood film making.**

Made in 1954 it stars Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye at the top of their game, more than ably supported by Rosemary Clooney and Vera Ellen as the comedy song and dance duo Crosby and Kaye team up with before heading for a white Christmas in Vermont. Dean Jagger plays the part of an ex US army colonel - **Crosby and Kaye's CO during WWII - who's now running a failing ski resort hotel.** Crosby and Kaye, whose characters are now a top flight comedy song and

dance duo, decide to help out their old comrade. At heart it's a film about helping your fellow man.

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26th Sat
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3rd Sat

Churches Together in Hanwell prayers
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4th Sun

2nd Sunday of Advent

11th Sun

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Christingle - 3pm

18th Sun

4th Sunday in Advent.

Nine Lessons and Carols.

24th Sat

Christmas Eve. Mass at 11.30pm

25th Sun

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10am

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1st Sun

1st Sunday of Christmas

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