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8.00 AM SAID EUCHARIST (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICE)
10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (TERM TIME & NOT 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
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

MORNING PRAYER

7.30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (8.00 A.M SATURDAY)

EVENING PRAYER

DAILY 5.00 PM (EXCEPT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)

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

On 17th March, when the rest of the world is donning shamrocks and drinking Guinness, I shall be re-forming

Thomas' Trapeze Artists. I will, without the aid of a

safety-net, climb the High Altar Reredos, and veil the said Reredos to mark the beginning of Passiontide. This physical feat, which gets me rather closer to the angels than I would like, cloaks our golden high Victorian Reredos in dull unbleached linen.

This symbolic and solemn 'gear-change', has its roots in the earliest days of the Church, and was reinforced by Anglican Liturgists at the turn of the century. Foremost amongst these was the Rev. Percy Dearmer MA who wrote the highly influential *The Parson's Handbook*. His scholarship was widely accepted and adopted: our Architect, Edward Maufe, clearly adopted his principles with regard to church design and furniture. His style however, has echoes of a present-day White House publicist. For example, he **advocates "surplices [un]spoiled by washerwomen's blue" (p. 512, 1907), and for altar linen, "the common true indigo blue, not the hideous 'violet' falsely so called" (p. 513, 1907); a case of false blues... sorry!**

However, history, and liturgical scholarship, has not been kind to Dearmer, **as he is dismissed as, charitably, 'selective', and less charitably, as downright** deceptive. Yet, despite the requirement of generous quantities of salt, Dearmer does hint at a solemn and eternal hope and truth; the passion of Christ changes everything.

In more ancient times, things that were holy and profound were veiled not **in order to 'hide', but, counterintuitively, to reveal the sacred. Behind the** veil lay a great truth, a presence which contained the divine. Hence, when **the veils go up in St Thomas' on the 5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday in** old money) they reveal the divine intention to save and transform humankind as God is stripped of his glory and hung on a cross.

As well as veiling other devotions will make that point. From the simplicity of Holy Hour on a Monday to the populous Churches Together Walk of Witness the barrenness and transforming nature of the passion and cross will be declared.

Thus, these devotions and rituals go beyond mere tradition, they enable us to walk the walk, and talk the passiontide talk. Please do make full use of the various devotions during this season and especially during Holy Week;

Easter just isn't the same without them.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

We have very exciting news this month!

A couple of months ago Bishop Pete approached me regarding **the possibility of having a curate here at St Thomas' for 3 years** as a 0.5 (3days) moving to 0.6 in time. This has now been agreed, and the paperwork is being processed.

Thus, I can confirm that the curate will be Susy Dand (married to Fr. **Andrew Dand, Rector of St Mary's, Hanwell**). **Susy works as a part-time School Chaplain in the Diocese, whilst completing her formation at St Mellitus College. She will be ordained, initially, as a Deacon (along with Sophie Schuil-Brewer!) at St Paul's on Saturday 30th June 3pm, and as a priest a year later.**

However, I am aware that for some the prospect of having a female priest (from July 2019) may be difficult in terms of sacramental and eucharistic fellowship. Can I just say that I have spoken to Susy about this, and that she **and I are committed to the Anglican principal of 'mutual flourishing'.**

'Mutual flourishing' means that we are committed as a Church to encouraging the whole people of God to flourish whatever their theological integrity; I am committed to the aim that all are welcome at the altar. Thus, be assured that the questions you may have are not new, and pastoral solutions are commonplace throughout the Church of England. Therefore, I would be very happy to meet with any of you who wish to talk through questions that concern you.

In the meantime, to quote Bishop Pete's Ad Clerum with regard to Bishop Sarah, our Diocesan Bishop elect, 'It is not our intention to distract ourselves from the calling to worship, evangelise, teach, minister, and give pastoral care by engaging in inordinate internal discussion. We have a primary calling, and to exercise that calling, all of us need to be able to flourish.'

This is very exciting news in our life and mission together, and Susy **(pictured) will be a great gift to St Thomas', so I would ask that you remember Susy and her family in your prayers.**

Next month's Trident will contain an interview with Susy, so watch this space.

On February 4th **Bishop Pete, the Bishop of Willesden, came to St Thomas'** for a Confirmation service. It was a great occasion, and a good time was had by all, including the Bishop! Please continue to pray for those confirmed: Alexander, Alice, Anthony, Elsa, Esme, Jayme & Maddie, and Oz. Please do also remember the importance of keeping a holy Lent and Easter, and do avail yourselves of the various devotions which form so key an

ingredient of this season. Details are available in this copy of the Trident.
Fr. Robert



Susy Dand



Our Confirmation group.



A Prayer for Lent

You were a man of suffering acquainted with grief,
loved and despised in equal measure.

You understand humanity, know our failings,

You love us despite the people that we are.

When we, like Peter, deny you by word or action, please forgive us.

When we, like Judas, are tempted to follow a different path,

Please forgive us.

When we, like those in the crowd allow you to be crucified,

Please forgive us.

Bring us to the foot of the Cross to stand next to the one who, looking
into your eyes declared

'Surely this is the Son of God'

Amen

RAINBOW VACANCY

1st Hanwell Rainbows Unit is looking for a new leader.

Rainbows is a youth group for 5-7 year old girls and is part of the Girlguiding Association.

Girlguiding is a leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a more powerful force for good. We give them a safe space to have fun.

1st Hanwell Rainbows meet on Monday evenings during term time for 1 hour from 4.55pm - 5.55pm at St Thomas' Church Hall on the Boston Road. We have a lovely team of volunteers.



It is a great chance to develop your leadership skills and to make new friends, and to put on your CV.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please get in touch with Amy Newlands by email: amyhnewlands@hotmail.com or mobile: 07713584130.

EASTER

No human eye was by
To witness Christ arise,
But I, this morning heard
The Resurrection of the Word.

It sprang through night, opaque,
A note so pure and clear,
I felt my spirit wake--
It flooded everywhere.

I know that it has been;
There is a vision new
I see the universe
Divinely bathed in dew.

*Sister Mary Agnes,
Order of Poor Clares*

ROCK DAFFODILS

Not till I saw rock daffodils
Diminutive, in spurred and fluted
gold,
Did these eyes magnify God's
holy hills;
Was all my joy in Easter told.

Joseph Braddock



St Thomas' Fun Run

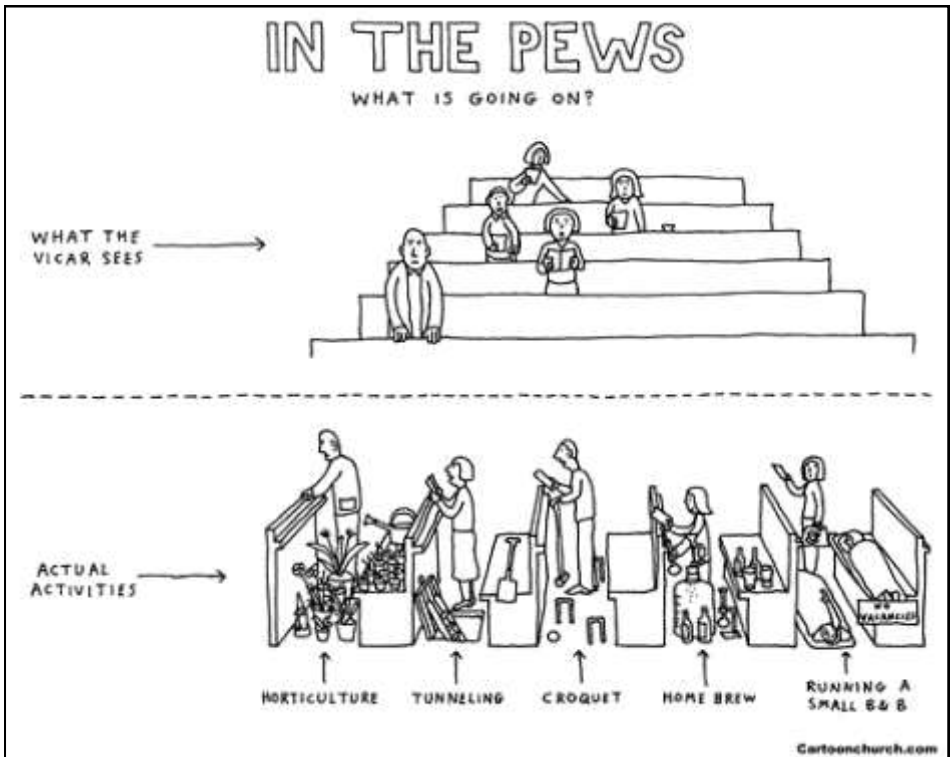
..... is back once again!

Sunday 29th April

2pm

5k or 2.5k

So save the date and start training!



St Thomas' Church Boston Road W7



Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm Mass & Ashing

Monday Devotional Hour at 1pm inc. Rosary & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in the Lady Chapel.

Stations of the Cross every **Tuesday** at 7.00pm

Lent House Groups see Posters (from 19th Feb to 17th Mar)

Palm Sunday 25th March

8am **Said Mass** (BCP)

10am **Blessing of Palm Crosses & Parish Eucharist**

6.30pm **Lenten Choral Devotion** of John Rutter's 'Requiem' with guest singers and instrumentalists.

Monday of Holy Week 26th March 1pm **Rosary & Mass**

Tuesday of Holy Week 27th March 12noon **Mass**

Wednesday Holy Week 28th March 2pm **Mass**

Maundy Thursday Evening 29th March 7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch** to midnight and from 6am.

Good Friday 30th March 3pm **Solemn Liturgy**

Easter Day 1st April

8am **First Mass of Easter** (BCP)

10am **Parish Eucharist & Easter Ceremonies**

6.30pm **Evening Prayer**



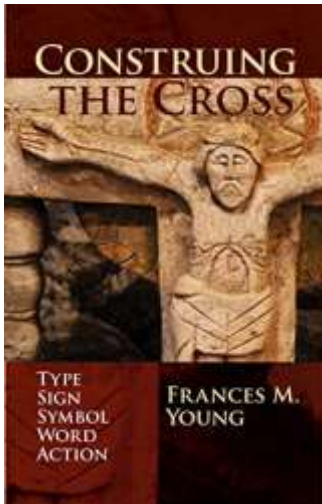
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Lent and Passiontide 2018

Passiontide Choral Requiem
John Rutter's Requiem
Sunday 25th
March 6.30pm



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From the Editors

March sees us in the season of Lent. On page 8 and 9, there are details of the studay groups and services at church.

However, not far away is April and on the 29th, we'll be holding our annual fun run. You can enter in advance (please email Sue for details) or turn up on the day. But please do put the date in your diary.

July 4 Sun

Copy Dates!

Copy date for April will be Sunday 11th March

Copy date for May will be Sunday 8th April

Copy date for June will be Sunday 13th May

Want to be creative? Have a cup of tea

Tea-drinkers have always known that almost anything is possible, with a cup of tea in your hand, and now it seems that the scientists are catching up with them. For there seems to be proof that a simple cup of tea can spark an instant burst of your brainpower and creativity, enhancing your mood and cognitive ability.

Yet, although tea contains both caffeine and theanine, both of which increase attentiveness and alertness, these do not usually take effect as quickly as the simple act of drinking tea seems to do. Thus, researchers suspect that simply drinking the tea works to enhance your mood.

Tests found that drinking tea helped people in both divergent thinking (the process of coming up with a number of new ideas around a central theme), and also with creativity. This must make tea the go-to drink for writers, artists and musicians, and indeed anyone looking for inspiration. So - go put **the kettle on!**

The study appeared in the journal Food Quality and Preference.

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Diary Dates



FEBRUARY

25th Sun 2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH

3rd Sat Churches together in Hanwell meeting at
South Hanwell Baptist Church 10.00 - 11.00

4th Sun 3rd Sunday of Lent

11th Sun 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

18th Sun 5th Sunday of Lent

25th Sun Palm Sunday

6:30pm - **Lent choral devotion (Rutter's Requiem)**

APRIL

1st Sun Easter Day

7th Sat Churches together in Hanwell meeting at
Our Lady and St Joseph Church 10.00 - 11.00

8th Sun 2nd Sunday of Easter

15th Sun 3rd Sunday of Easter

22nd Sun APCM 11:30am in the church hall

POP-IN

POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

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March

2nd - tea, coffee and cakes

9th - tea, coffee and cakes

16th - tea, coffee and cakes

23rd - tea, coffee and cakes

30th - CLOSED (Good Friday)

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

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