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SUNDAY

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)
	7.00 PM	CHOIR

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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

As I write this at this time of year (February) I send a **plea out to the people of St Thomas' to bring in their Palm Crosses from the last year's Palm Sunday**

Eucharist. For many this is a difficult thing to do because I will burn the cross to make the ash for the Ash Wednesday Mass. The crosses will have been for many in the heart of their homes or in their cars. **Wherever the crosses have been, they have accompanied and 'witnessed' in some way the whole of life for that person over several months.** Thus, the cross has been there at the beginning and ending of many joyous and sad events.

During the Ash Wednesday Service that palm cross returns in another form as I make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of those who attend. As I **do this I repeat the ancient words of the Church, 'Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return'.** That profound symbol of repentance has at its heart a sense of connectedness made possible by the cross. The ash on the foreheads becomes a reminder of our common heritage and our common condition and the place of the cross at these moments. We all share the reality of sometimes falling short of what our shared faith requires. After **saying, 'Remember you are dust...'** I go on to say, **'Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'.** The road to repentance, to turning back to God, begins with that acknowledgement of shared humanity and fallenness. This image of sin, as a movement away from God by words and actions, has its roots in ancient times. It describes a shared sense of departure, loss and rebellion as one turns from the source of love and life. Oscar Wilde, reflecting on his own fall from grace in *De Profundis*, said, **'for in life as in art the mood of rebellion closes up the channels of the soul, and shuts out the airs of heaven'.** If that was all there was to it, a shared sense of loss and departure, then Ash Wednesday, and Lent, becomes no more than a corporate act of spiritual grief. However, this season, and the ritual and place of the cross, not only reminds us of our communal short-comings, but more significantly tells us of our universal confidence. As we gaze at the crucified Christ we do not look at another unjust death in a cruel world, but instead at the emblem and source which says that sin and death do not have the last word. Hence, although sin and death are shared human conditions, the cross becomes the solution. Thus in this season as we rightly examine ourselves in light of the cross, let us also examine what lies beyond the cross: an empty tomb, and conquered sin and death.

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



Parish News

At the point of going to print, we are in the process of interviewing three candidates for the Director of Music position. All three look like very strong candidates, which is

testimony to the appeal of working with our choir, and at St Thomas'. All I would say at this stage is please pray that God will guide us and a new Director, and that His will be done.

I mentioned last month that the windows in the Lady Chapel are being repaired and where necessary replaced. This is technically a very skilled job which involves working with the architect and other professionals to ensure the work perfectly corresponds to the original vision of Edward **Maufe, St Thomas' designer/architect. The work is now well under way.** The architect is drawing up a plan for all the windows in the church, as **well as bringing the Lady Chapel 'up to snuff'. Thankfully, the impact has** not been too great as the contractors have put in temporary glazing. The windows have been here over 80 years so this will be a huge project - watch this space for updates!

Last month I mentioned the PCC away day. Please look on page 6 for the fruits of that day, in the form of the revised Mission Action Plan (MAP). Finally, Sheila Burt has stepped down as our Treasurer. Sheila has served as our Treasurer for er, many years(!); no one knows quite how long, but she assures me, contrary to common belief, that her first accounts were not in hieroglyphics. Joking aside Sheila has been a quite extraordinary Treasurer, and I and the PCC have valued her contribution and wisdom **beyond words. She deserves our deepest gratitude. A very able 'someone'** has offered to take over, but this must be ratified by the PCC. However, please be assured Sheila is not downing her accounting tools immediately to allow for a smooth handover. Again, thank you Sheila on behalf of **everyone at St Thomas'!**



This Lent we will be looking at the Creeds using 'Pilgrim', a major teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England that helps us to reflect on what it means to travel through life with Jesus Christ.

This first book in the 'Grow Stage', *The Creeds*, explores the core of Christian belief in greater depth through the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Over 5 weeks in Lent it aims to equip us with an understanding of these priceless resources for living the Christian life and for knowing God better.

Please look out for the meetings and come along even if you cannot make them all.

For further details check out: <http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/>

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A Prayer for March

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service that gives without counting the cost.

A life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One who gave everything, that we might show the power of love to a broken world, and share the truth from a living Word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it

Amen.

Our Revised MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

In January Mtr. Susy led our PCC Away Day Reflections. She based them on *The Five Marks of Mission* which is an important statement on mission. These *Marks* **express the Anglican Communion's** common commitment to, **and understanding of, God's holistic and integral mission. They are:**

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

You will recall that our Mission Statement says, *Our Vision is to be a place of welcome to all, sharing the joy of our Christian faith, and building on over 80 years of service within our community using our gifts for the benefit of all people.*

In Summary:

To Serve Hanwell and Beyond.

Against this background we looked at our existing MAP and amended it accordingly.

Thus, our MAP now looks like this.

1. Develop connections between Church and tots group (continue). Lead Fr. Robert & Linda Williams cf. 5 Marks #1 & 3
2. Development of Church Hall and site (continue) Lead Sue Grange cf. 5 Marks #3
3. Create a way of supporting Palestinian Christians Lead Colin Lomas cf. 5 Marks # 4
4. Create a strategy for environmental concern and action. Leads Lizzie McLeod & Pauline Britton cf 5 Marks # 5

Please pray and look for ways of supporting this MAP so we may truly *serve Hanwell and Beyond!*

Fr. Robert



St Thomas' Fun Run

Sunday 28th April

2pm

5k or 2.5k

**Come and join us for a walk, jog or run
around the park and playing fields.**

£5 entry on the day or in advance.

**For more details or to enter, please email
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27 March - Rupert the salty

Rupert is the saint for you if you like The Sound of Music – or salt with your food!

Rupert (d c 710) was bishop of Worms and Salzburg, and it was he who founded the great monastery of St Peter in Salzburg in the eighth century, thus firmly establishing Christianity in that city. True, it would be another 11 centuries before a certain young wanna-be-nun wandered about singing **of her 'Favourite Things' and 'Something Good', but you have to start somewhere.**

In the meantime, Rupert also helped the people of Salzburg by developing the salt-mines nearby. **This was 'something good' as well, because it brought in an income. Though if salt became a too 'favourite thing', it would also have raised the locals' blood pressure.**

Rupert's iconographical emblem is a barrel of salt, which makes sense, but is not as romantic as raindrops on roses, or whiskers on kittens.

Nothing is so beautiful as spring----

When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;

Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush

Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring

The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;

The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush

The descending blue' that blue is all in a rush

With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.

What is all this juice and all this joy?

A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning

In Eden garden. ----Have, get, before it cloy,

Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,

Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,

Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

All in the month of March.....

It was:

200 years ago, on 28th March 1819 that Sir Joseph Bazalgette, British civil engineer, was born. **He created London's sewer network as well as** several notable bridges, embankments and streets.

150 years ago, on 6th March 1869 that the first recognisable periodic table of the elements was published by Russian chemist Dmitri Mendeleev.

100 years ago, on 17th March 1919 that Nat King Cole, the American jazz/ swing/pop singer and pianist was born. (Died 1965)

Also 80 years ago, that the fictional superhero Batman made his first appearance, in *Detective Comics no. 27*.

75 years ago, from 24th to 25th **March 1944 that World War 2's 'Great Escape' took place.** 76 Allied prisoners broke out of the Stalag Luft III prisoner-of-war camp near Sagan, Germany after digging tunnels. 73 were recaptured and 50 executed. The event was dramatised in the classic film *The Great Escape*.

60 years ago, on 9th March 1959 that the Barbie doll was launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City, USA.

50 years ago, on 4th March 1969 that British gangsters Ronald and Reginald Kray (the Kray twins) were found guilty of murdering the **criminals Jack McVitie ('Jack the Hat') and George Cornell.** They were sentenced to life imprisonment.

40 years ago, on 26th March 1979 that The Camp David Peace Accord was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, ending 30 years of war.

30 years ago, on 12th March 1989 that Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web while working at CERN.

The day that women first became priests in the C of E
It was 25 years ago, on 12 March 1994, that the first 32 women priests in the Church of England were ordained.

It happened in Bristol Cathedral, and Bishop Barry Rogerson ordained them in alphabetical order; so Angela Berners-Wilson was considered the very first woman to be ordained. The daughter of a priest, *she is now chaplain at the University of Bath and Prebendary at Wells Cathedral.*

The youngest was Karen MacKinnon, now spiritual care manager at Southampton Hospital.

The legality of the ordination was challenged unsuccessfully in the courts by Anglo-Catholic the Rev Paul Williamson. Ten years later, one in five priests was a woman.

The first Anglican province to officially permit the ordination of women was Hong Kong and Macao in 1971. Florence Li Tim-Oi had been unofficially ordained there in 1944.

The idea of women priests began to be discussed in the 1920s. In 1978 a meeting chaired by Dame Betty Ridley agreed to set up what eventually became the Movement for the Ordination of Women (MOW).

Of the 542 candidates entering training this year, more than half (274) are women, which is 19 per cent more than last year – a record rise.

World Water Day is 22nd March

Clean water is one thing we take completely for granted. After all, when did you last turn on the tap and expect filthy water to come out?

But sadly, bad water is still a daily reality for billions of people. The United Nations wants to help them by ensuring that everyone can access clean water by 2030. It is part of the so-called **'2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', and an enormous challenge.**

Meanwhile, this year each one of us can do at least something to help on 22nd March. A donation to Water Aid will help provide safe water to marginalised communities worldwide. Simply go to: www.wateraid.org/

Copy Dates!

Copy date for April will be Sunday 10th March

Copy date for May will be Sunday 14th April

Copy date for June will be Sunday 12th May.

The origin of the phrase.....

It ain't over till the fat lady sings.

While the saying has been credited to baseball's Yogi Berra, the phrase is usually associated with it's musical connection to Richard Wagner's Götterdämmerung, which is a four-opera Ring Cycle. The "fat lady" is the valkyrie Brünnhilde, who is traditionally presented as a largish lady. Her farewell scene lasts almost twenty minutes and leads directly to the finale of the whole Ring Cycle. Hence it's not over till the fat lady sings."



From the Editors

We're very happy to tell you that St Thomas' Fun Run will be going ahead on Sunday 28th April. Now all we need is some good weather!

July 4 Sun



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

The revised list of items needed:

UHT—whole milk (1 litre), dried milk, noodles, cereal bars, tinned vegetables—including tomatoes, tinned & instant potato (smash), ketchup, brown sauce, mayo, deodorant & washing up liquid.

NB as our magazine is put together in advance, it's best to check the up to date list which can always be found at <https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/>

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Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

24th Sun 2nd before Lent



MARCH

2nd Sat Churches Together in Hanwell

prayers at St Christopher's

Church, Hanwell 10-1

3rd Sun Sunday before Lent

6th Wed Ash Wednesday

10th Sun 1st in Lent

17th Sun 2nd in Lent

19th Tues PCC 8pm

24th Sun 3rd in Lent

31st Sun Mothering Sunday



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Group*
St Thomas' Hall
*On Wednesdays from
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11.45am.
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APRIL

7th Sun Passion Sunday

Evening Devotion of Vivaldi's Gloria. Time TBA

14th Sun Palm Sunday

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- 8th - tea, coffee and cakes
- 15th - tea, coffee and cakes
- 22nd - tea, coffee and cakes
- 29th - tea, coffee and cakes

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