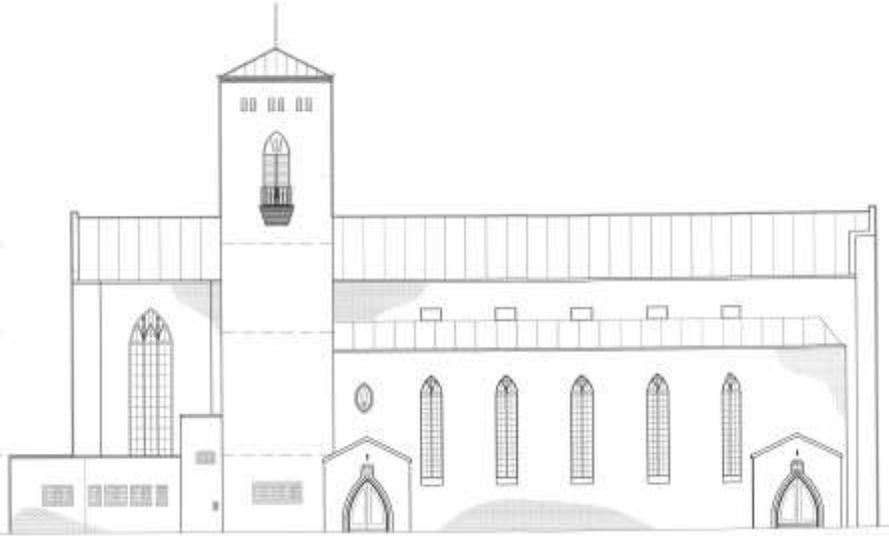


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	6.30PM	CUBS
WEDNESDAY		11.00AM - 12.30PM
		MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP
	7.30PM	STUDY GROUP & COMPLINE (FIRST WED OF EACH MONTH)
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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

On the 21<sup>st</sup> March the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, told those gathered in **Canterbury Cathedral that ‘We will see a world transformed’.**

Such confident declarations are not the usual homiletic diet of Archbishops, so where does it come from? Many **have pointed to the Archbishop’s background in industry**

*(Private Eye has dubbed him ‘Justin Oilwelby’)* and even to his alma mater, Eton College. Yet as his enthronement sermon made clear it is in Jesus that such confidence is held and found.

**As he went on to say, ‘Let us hear Christ who calls to us and says “Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid”.’**

Such sentiments only find their efficacy if they are found to be true in the reality of life. It would seem that our new Archbishop has no such doubts, having had his faith tried and tested in the real world with real problems. How this will affect us, only time will tell, but we should hear our

**Archbishop’s words and take them to heart. We live in a time and city where** the Christian faith is neither universal nor assumed. This presents us, and the wider church, with challenges which must be addressed.

As a PCC, over the next few months, we will be thinking about how we can **share our faith with those around us in the God who bids us ‘Take heart, do not be afraid’.** Our faith is not an emotional crutch to tide us over until something more permanent or real comes along. Our faith is tried in the fires of life and gives an answer to the most fundamental questions.

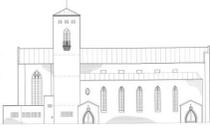
We need to look for ways to share that faith. Our Archbishop has shown us the way, and on Maundy Thursday the Bishop of London gave us a framework that will be launched in June.

That framework, called Capital Vision 2020, encourages us to be confident, compassionate and creative.

Those three words will dominate our thoughts so please pray for us. Also, **please pray for our new Archbishop. There can be few ‘worse’ jobs in the world** when it comes to public and media appreciation, but we have someone who has *confidently* stated his faith, shown *compassion* within the world wide church, and has *creatively* begun to explore what it means to be Anglicans, locally and world-wide. May his journey from Canterbury to the world be **ours also from St Thomas’ to the places we live.**

Your friend and priest

Fr Robert



# Parish News

In the office we have copies of the old Tridents going back a few decades. They make fascinating reading, and the phrase that most readily springs to mind involves the absence of new things under the sun.

A perennial theme is the stirring of the faithful towards appreciating the **merits of the Sacrament of Confirmation**. The examples from Fr Osborne's incumbency in the mid-1950s being classics of the genre; I never knew so much social ill was the result of the absence of confirmed young men and women!

Anyway, all this is a less than subtle way of flagging up the forthcoming Confirmation on 3<sup>rd</sup> July (our Patronal Festival). Already a few people have expressed an interest, and so we need to organise dates. If you are unsure what is involved please speak to me asap. Confirmation is a wonderful gift to the Church, and will be a wonderfully transforming event though not necessarily the guarantee of a sin-free future contrary to inference of my much earlier predecessor. Do look at exploring this as it is a great opportunity to discuss faith, the Eucharist, and what our baptism vows mean for us today.

Also, looking forward with one eye on the theme of Eucharist, the 2<sup>nd</sup> June will be a chance for us to celebrate with thanksgiving the institution of the Eucharist. We will be joined by the Canon Theologian of Southwell and Nottingham Prof. Simon Oliver in our celebrations. Please make a special effort to come and celebrate that which is at the heart of our mission and worship together.

Another exciting piece of news is that our new website will be up and running, fingers-crossed, in May. This will become an increasingly important part of our celebration of life together and as a tool for mission. Keep your eyes peeled on the www.

**In April we had the first St Thomas' Fun Run. This was a wonderful event** and clearly tapped into the passions of many in our community. In the end we had 78 runners (and walkers!), and we were blessed with wonderful weather and amazing marshalls, stewards, first aiders and so on. A huge, huge thank you goes to Sue Cunningham and Sarah Holroyd for pulling it all together; your parish priest may even don the lycra and plimsolls next year (?!).

April also saw our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is the time when we appoint the churchwardens and PCC members. This year Jill Ashcroft stood down and was replaced by another Gill, Gill Shaw. Personally I shall be sorry to lose Jill, but remain eternally grateful for all her help and support,

and pray she enjoys her very, very well earned break as she continues to concentrate on her post-operative hearing exercises. Please pray for Gill Shaw who will, I am convinced, make an excellent warden, alongside the wonderful David. We also have some new faces in the PCC, and have said goodbye (from the PCC!) to John Tozer and Terry Hutcheson. Both have been amazingly faithful servants of the PCC and as a church we thank them. Finally, as we reflect on faithful stewards it was with sadness that we said farewell to Edna Cooper. Her Funeral Mass was a chance to give thanks for her years of service to St Thomas and the community, and remind us all of the hope we have, in this Easter season, in the risen Lord. Her biographical details are included in this issue, and were kindly written by Fr Peter Andrews.

As we enter May, may I wish you all the joy of the life-giving Holy Spirit, who always draws us into the divine life of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.



## Prayer for the month of May

Almighty God, whose blessed son our Saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to perceive that according to his promise he abides with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

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## Edna Cooper 1917 - 2013

Edna Eileen Cooper was born in Hounslow on February 6<sup>th</sup> 1917, to William Arthur Cooper, a railway clerk, and his wife Ellen Cooper. After leaving school, she spent her working life teaching Music to teenage girls.

Edna believed in education, and had a lifelong interest in literature, history, geography, music and all things cultural. She maintained an air of positive discipline

in everything she tackled and did not suffer foolish behaviour gladly.

Edna suffered greatly when her parents died and when her brother died young, but she had a few close friends and other relatives with whom she spent her holidays and she enjoyed singing in a choir and playing the flute in **a local orchestra. She was a faithful worshipper at St Thomas's for over forty years**, preferring the quiet of the early morning service to the more populous Parish Communion celebration. She also appreciated going on Retreats which involved theological and spiritual discussions.

Edna supported all the church activities, though in a quiet and unobtrusive way, and for many years took on the responsibility of arranging for the counting and banking of collections each week, even though this involved carrying heavy bags of coins or large sums of money to the bank. Her meticulous attitude towards matters of finance sometimes caused her anxiety and she was unable to rest until everything was accounted for and all was in order.

As many can testify, Edna was very generous personally and was always ready to support Church and other charitable causes. She was also a kind neighbour, always ready to assist with practical as well as moral support.

**As time went by, many of Edna's friends passed away and Edna became increasingly deaf** which isolated her from those around her. She became frustrated that she was unable to hear the sermons and she found herself speaking too loudly at social functions.

As Edna became increasingly infirm, she relied on David Jewell to support her with the practicalities of daily life, and it is thanks to him that she was able to live in her own home for as long as she did. When independent living became impossible, David helped to arrange for her to move into a care home.

Edna was faithful to her God and to the Church throughout her life. She was a very private person, independent, kind and charitable. Although she was of an anxious nature, she maintained a steely resolution to overcome any difficulties and despite her ill health she was often seen striding across the fields determined to reach the end of her life with as much energy as she had begun it.

# First there was one.....

....then there were 5 and then 15. Then Spring arrived and there were 78!

**When Sarah and I first discussed the idea of a St Thomas's Fun Run, two years ago now, it was all a bit of a dream.** We missed our chance to set dates and the idea was in danger of fizzling out completely. So we bit the bullet and decided that April 14<sup>th</sup>, the end of the school Easter holidays, would be an ideal time and so it was that the planning began. First of all there was the route to sort out, so many a circuit of Elthorne Park was run until a suitable one was found where no-one would either get lost or end up in the canal. Then there were marshall points to figure out and kilometre markers to find. We were so lucky to have our friend Nicki, who had organised a 10K race for Hobbayne School. She spent time with us walking the route, gave us loads of advice and help and lent us some arrows and the **'K' markers. She and daughter Amy also turned up on the day to marshall** for us – thank you, Nicki!

Next, we needed high-viz bibs for our marshalls and here were very kindly helped by Fiona Kennedy from Ealing, Southall and Middlesex Athletics Club, who not only loaned us the bibs, but gave us ideas of how to publicise the run.

**Then we needed quite a few marshalls and we're so grateful to every single** one of them for their enthusiasm and help. There was Eileen who pointed everyone along the road and Sheila, who made sure they went into the park and not onwards to Southall. There was Gill who directed them along the left side of the park and Sarah who sent them into the playing fields. Sam and Sophie made sure they found the right path from there and Caroline stopped anyone from heading into Southdown Avenue. John reassured **them with the '1Km' marker and sent them along towards Chris, who** directed them onwards and down a slope towards the canal. Tom was there to make sure everyone turned right and followed the path to the crossroads. Keith made sure they went back up the path towards Rosemary, who discouraged anyone from taking a sharp right into the fields. Kate was at the next corner to direct them onwards to Tiffany, who stood in the middle of the path, meaning everyone either had to go through the stile or run her over. Mike was at the other side to direct them towards Frances, who prevented anyone from running across the park. Back at the top, Nicki was there to send our runners around the bandstand and Amy made sure they all went back up again to Sue, who sent them on their way back to Gill. Thank you all for giving up your Sunday afternoon to help us. At race HQ, we needed time-keepers and Sarah and Jerry not only did a sterling job with a stop-watch but also took over the manning of the

**registration desk. The fabulous weather meant a lot of ‘on the day’ entries** and they organised that for us. We also needed first-aiders and we were very lucky to have Davina and Sian. Sian and Emily also were roving marshalls, encouraging flagging runners and walkers. We needed a sweep rider and for this, the lovely Sarah stepped into the breach. She made sure all the marshalls were in their place beforehand and then, when she knew that everyone had arrived back at HQ, she told the marshalls they were able to go. Then there was the procurement of upwards of 80 bananas. Sarah, with her usual panache pulled off the purchase of these all in one go, without the merest bat of an eyelid.

**Finally, and very importantly, we needed our entrants and we’re so pleased** that so many of you signed up. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we raised £585 for the Organ Restoration Fund in the process. This **includes donations from some very lovely people who couldn’t join us, but** who wanted to help.

One last thank you to Andrew, who took some great photos for us.

**They’re at [www.flickr.com/photos/94945350@N04/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/94945350@N04/) if you’d like to have a** look.

So will we have another one next year? – probably. There are some things **that worked well and others that we could improve on, so we’ve made** some extensive post-event notes. But in the meantime, thank you all for **being a part of the inaugural St Thomas’s Fun Run.**

*Sarah and Sue*

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## Spring

Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king;  
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,  
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing;  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!  
The palm and may make country houses gay,  
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,  
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay;  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!  
The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feed,  
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit;  
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!  
Spring, the sweet spring!

THOMAS NASHE

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# May's Theological Reflection

May is a month when the church grapples with the complexities and joys of the Trinity.

Over the years I have heard all sorts of explanations; some earnest, others complex, some heretical, but here is my favourite from Meister Eckhart (1260-1327):

*Do you want to know what goes on in the heart of the Trinity?*

*I will tell you.*

*In the heart of the Trinity the Father laughs and gives birth to the Son.*

*The Son laughs back at the Father and gives birth to the Spirit>*

*The whole Trinity laughs and gives birth to us.*

*When God laughs at the soul and the soul laughs back at God, the persons of the Trinity are begotten.*

*When the Father laughs at the Son and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure,*

*that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that is the Holy Spirit.*

May the joy of the Trinity transform you this season.

Fr Robert



*Detail of Retablo of the Holy Trinity, painted by New Mexican santero Alcario Otero in 2001.*



# From the Editors

Congratulation to Gill Shaw on her appointment as Churchwarden and welcome to Leanda, Alison and Charlotte who are joining the PCC. See you all at the May Fair on May 11th. Happy Baking!!!!

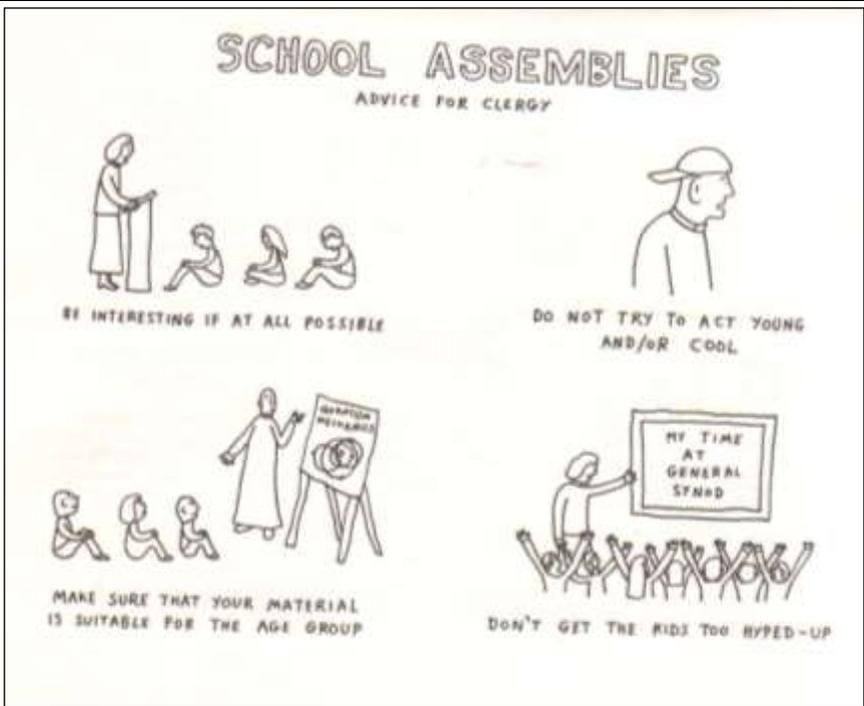
Jul + Sue

Copy date for the June Trident will be Sunday 12th May  
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Copy date for the August Trident will be Sunday 14th July

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## Volunteers needed

If you have some spare time to fill it would be much appreciated if you could consider giving us a little of your time and skills by helping us in either or both of the below:

### **St. Thomas' Tots Group**

This is run by Father Robert and a small group of volunteers on Wednesday mornings in the Church Hall. The sessions run from 10.30 – 11.45 a.m.

We could do with volunteers to help with:

- a. sweeping the hall floor and putting out the play equipment between 9.45 and 10.30
- b. the actual play sessions from 10.30 – 11.45 when we welcome the parents/carers and children as they arrive; make drinks and prepare a fruit snack for the children; talk to the adults and children; interact with the children, then join with them in the short singing session at the end of the morning. Parents/Carers are responsible for their children during the session, we do not lead their play, however we do help Father Robert with the songs at the end. After the singing we put the equipment away and clean the floor again
- c. occasional emergency cover on dates when we know that we will be short of volunteers, particularly on the first Wednesday of every month

This is very much a Community Group. We get between 10 and 30 children at each session, aged between 1 and 3 years old. The parents/carers are very friendly and we all enjoy watching the children have fun! All look forward to Father Robert picking up his guitar in order to lead the singing at the end of the sessions.

If you are interested and would like to know more please talk to Eileen Sinclair, Rose Noel or Linda Williams. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.

### The Intercessions

I will soon be preparing the Intercessions Rota for the second part of 2013. I am always happy to welcome new Intercessors, as I feel that each person brings their own special contribution to that part of the **service**.

I can provide exemplars for the Intercessors for their allocated Sundays, also details of the usual overall structure of the Intercessions.

If you are interested in becoming an Intercessor or would like to hear more about it please get in touch with me, via the Choir or by telephone (8840 0038). I would be very happy to talk to you and answer any questions that you may have.

Linda Williams

## Saints Days in May

1 <sup>st</sup>	St Philip & St James	
14 <sup>th</sup>	St Matthias	
19 <sup>th</sup>	St Dunstan	988
21 <sup>st</sup>	St Helena	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Venerable Bede	
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28 <sup>th</sup>	Lanfranc Prior of Bec –	1089



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\*STAY FOR TEN MINUTES OR THE MORNING!

May

3rd - tea, coffee and cakes.  
10th - tea, coffee and cakes  
17th - tea, coffee and cakes  
24th - tea, coffee and cakes  
31st - tea, coffee and cakes.

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