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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

One of the wonderful things we do at St Thomas' is the monthly Pictures by the Park. November is always a special one because we show a film or films with reference to war. We attempt to choose those that are

both thought-provoking and entertaining. This year is no different as we will be showing *The Wipers Times* [sic] and *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

The Wipers Times tells the story, from the pen of *Private Eye* editor Ian Hislop, of how the 12th Battalion Sherwood Foresters discovered a printing press and set about producing a newspaper. The title of the paper came from the British soldiers pronunciation of Ypres, and the paper was a *Private Eye*-esque mixture of fake articles, jokes, satire, songs and the *odd* poem (one of the film's best running jokes was the tide of poetry submissions received).

The second film, *They Shall Not Grow Old*, gets its title by the use of an **irksome piece of literary aphasia from Binyon's *For the Fallen***. However, what **is anything but irksome is the beauty and dedication of Peter Jackson's (of *Lord of the Rings* fame) recolouring and dubbing in of original WWI film footage from the Imperial War Museum**. Somehow what can often feel very remote is made painfully intimate.

In this it is almost sacramental, as a distant event is made present by an everyday medium.

It is this element which means that Remembrance Sunday retains its significance, and also its rightful place at the Eucharist. The Eucharist recalls, and in a real way makes present, the events of Calvary 2000 years ago. Of course, Jesus is not crucified again, but through bread and wine we participate in that event, and its effects are felt here and now. Thus remembering is more than just conjuring-up a memory, it is making the past present. Many of us have experienced that sensation; perhaps when we have found a piece of **our child's clothing from many years ago, or smelt the scent of a perfume** from a long lost loved-one. Remembering stirs us, moves us, and sometimes transforms us.

As the contemporary voices of World War 2 veterans grow quieter, and World War 1 voices have died, we are beholden to find ways in which the memories do not also die out. The gathering of young and old, our uniformed **groups, and congregants at St Thomas' around the altar ensure that we** continue to echo distant voices.

This Remembrance Day please stop, and listen, perhaps in Church or perhaps between the laughter and tears of *The Wipers Times* and *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

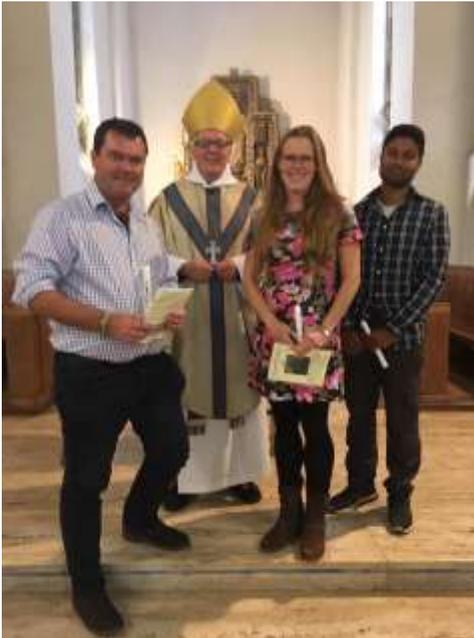
Snow White and her 7 vertically atypical associates rehearsals are now well under way. We have a brilliant mixture of young and not so young treading those well-worn Parish hall boards. It looks as though it will be another wonderful show, so watch out for the box-office opening.

On 5th October we held our Caribbean and International night at 6pm which was very well attended and a great culinary celebration of our diversity in the parish. Again, we gave special thanks to the contribution made by our Caribbean sisters and brothers. The showing of the film *Green Book* also added an excellent visual element. A huge thank you to Angela Sinclair and to everyone else who helped out.

Also in October we had the confirmation of three adult candidates, Victoria, Nick and Shaun. See the picture below. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Bishop Pete will be with us again on 30th November as Mtr. Susy is ordained a priest. Please put that evening in your diary, as this will be a once-in-a-**lifetime event at St Thomas**'.

In November we have our annual Parish Requiem Mass, Quiz Night and Christmas Fair; things are hotting up for our Christmas celebrations! However, before Christmas there is Advent, so please check out the **various devotions for that season in next month's magazine.**



With Bishop Peter, from left: Nick, Victoria and Shaun who were confirmed on Sunday October 13th.



Curates Corner

Curates Corner: St Martin of Tours

Prior to coming to St Thomas' I served as a school Chaplain.

Chaplaincy is a profession that dates back to the 4th century – when it was about clergy caring for holy relics. In modern times, it is about caring for people and sharing Jesus with them. I cared for people, listening and walking through life with teenagers, teachers, support staff and the whole school community.

The first relic, tradition says, was the cape of St Martin of Tours whose feast day falls on the 11th November. Martin of Tours was born in modern day Hungary, but he grew up in Italy. Prior to his birth Christianity was legalised within the Roman Empire and the message soon spread and transformed the empire. Although his parents were pagans, at the age of 10 Martin chose to submit his life to Christ and became a Christian.

At 15 he followed in his father's footsteps and went in to the Roman

military. As a young soldier Martin met an unclothed beggar and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and used his sword to cut it in two, he gave one half to the beggar. The remaining piece became the first famous relic.

The word 'capella' is the name given to the structure in which the relic was kept – the 'chapel'. Over the passing of time 'the chaplain' became the clergyman who had responsibility for a 'chapel' where Christian relics were stored.

This developed into Chaplains serving and leading Mass in cathedrals and royal courts, then to the service of bishops, monarchs and communities.



Saint Martin, blessed Bishop of Tours, may your virtues and charity accompany me always. I will not cease to pray to you and to thank Almighty God for all the favours granted; and I promise to be charitable and giving with all my brothers and sisters in need.

Saint Martin please intercede for me; free and protect all my loved ones and I from all that is evil.

Amen

Wellies & Wristbands

A group of Guides took part in this festival style camp held over the August Bank Holiday at the Girlguiding Activity Centre called Foxlease which is in the New Forest.

At this camp the girls have the freedom to wander around the site at will and to take part in many activities and challenges. There are the adventurous things like zip wires and abseiling, the active things like zorbing, kayaking and swimming, the relaxing activities like craft and hot tubs, the exciting things like the hi-flyer ride and those requiring team-work. Throughout the day there are keep fit or dance sessions, as well as talent shows, all on the big stage. In the evening there is music by several well-known bands and films being shown for those wishing a quieter time.

All catering is done by the organisers so we just turned up at the allocated time for meals - and there was no washing up!

Our group did enter the talent show and did a very interesting skit based on a rap they knew.

We had our own private tour of the house there, Princess Mary House. It was once a carpenter's cottage but has been extensively extended over the years and was given to Girlguiding by Princess Mary, who was the wife of George V. It is very ornate and interesting as Lord & Lady Baden Powell often stayed there. Many rooms are sponsored by and have been named after countries in the Commonwealth and also counties of UK.

The weekend's weather could not have been better and we all made good use of the time and opportunities that this camp gave us. It was great fun.

The editors would like to apologise for the omission of this article from October's magazine.

Church council

Regardless of how many items there are on the church council agenda, a meeting will take the same amount of time.



Opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the Church, the Vicar, the editors or the PCC.



From the Editors

Please be aware of our early copy date for our December magazine. We will be pasting the magazine on the 3rd too, so the printer can print it early enough for it to be delivered before all the Christmas activities begin.

Jul & Sue

Copy Dates!

Copy date for December will be Sunday 3rd November
Copy date for January will be Sunday 8th December
Copy date for February will be Sunday 12th January

St Thomas'
Quiz

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road

Saturday 16th November 2019

7:15pm for a prompt 7:30pm start

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you in a team.

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Or see Sarah or Sue on
Sunday mornings after church.

How Armistice Day began, 100 years ago

It was 100 years ago, on 11th November 1919, that the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK. King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The two-minute silence was in fact adopted from a South African idea that had spread from Cape Town through the Commonwealth in 1919. The first minute was dedicated to those who died in the war, and the second to those left behind – families affected by bereavement and other effects of the conflict.

The Cenotaph was erected temporarily in Whitehall for a peace parade for Armistice Day in 1920. After a tremendous nationwide response, it became a permanent structure, and in the following years war memorials were created in other British towns and cities.

In 1939, the two-minute silence of Armistice Day was moved to the nearest Sunday to 11th November, so that it would not conflict with wartime production. This tradition continued after World War II – Remembrance Sunday is still marked with a national service, and by special services in most churches throughout the country and beyond. Americans mark Veterans Day instead.

Are you a willing cook?

We are setting up a group of people who would be willing to cook for others in our church family and community, when they are going through those times when cooking a meal can be an effort. It may be a single person, a couple or a family.

If you are interested in being involved in Willing Cooks, please email mothersusy@stthomashanwell.org.uk



Doing Nothing

LEISURE

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night,

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

WILLIAM HENRY DAVIES

The odd nap is good for your heart

If you are longing for a nap, go ahead. A recent study has found that people who enjoy a small number of daytime naps a week have only half the risk of life-threatening events such as heart attack or stroke.

Researchers say that the reason may be because napping relieves stress, and thus aids cardiovascular health.

But the team at University Hospital Lausanne also found that there should be a limit to napping. Once or twice a week for between five and 60 minutes is good; beyond this, beware. If you need to nap more often than that, it may be that you have underlying health problems and should see a doctor.



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The revised list of items needed:

Long life fruit juice & squash, cook-in/pasta sauce - jars, dried milk, peanut butter & marmite, ketchup & mayo, potatoes - tinned & instant, long life sponge puddings, noodles - all types, toilet rolls, nappies - sizes 5 & 6

Thank you but the foodbank has plenty of baked beans at the moment.

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/give-help/donate-food/>

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Diary Dates



NOVEMBER

2nd Sat

Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at St
Christopher's Church 10-11

7pm - **All Souls' Requiem Mass**

6:30pm film - The Wipers Times

8:30pm film - They Shall Not Grow Old
Remembrance Sunday.

10th Sun

St Thomas' Quiz (7:30pm prompt start)

16th Sat

St Thomas' Christmas Fair 2-4pm

23rd Sat

Priesting of Mother Susy

30th Sat

DECEMBER

7th Sat

Churches Together in Hanwell prayers at St Mary's church
10-11

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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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