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- 8.00 AM SAID EUCHARIST (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICE)
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6.30 PM EVENING PRAYER (BCP)
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WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- TUESDAY 12 NOON
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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'S.

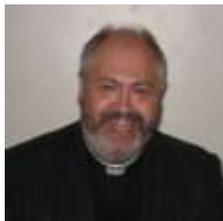
REGULAR MEETINGS

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| 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) |
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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

Can I begin by wishing you all a very Happy Easter! The long weeks of Lent have ended, the unbleached Lenten array has been replaced with white and gold, and our worshipping lives rejoice in the empty tomb. Within

the space of forty days and forty nights the whole of human experience is laid bare, and therein lies the power of this season.

It is this aspect of engagement with the sorrow and joy of human life that makes this season so important, and why the appearance of bunnies and eggs in late January makes even the cheeriest of us grumpy. The symbolic commercial presence of Easter goodies seems hollow without the passion before it. This is because Easter as only pleasure loses its meaning when it **'migrates' from its 'spiritual geography' i.e. within the context of passion and death.**

That connection of the empty tomb, Easter and the Cross, acknowledges both hope and grief. It is earthing Easter in this reality which means we can **say, 'Amen', when Pope John Paul II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter People and Hallelujah is our song."**

Such a statement avoids the accusation of 'pie-in-the-sky' because it deals with the very essence of human life within God's plan. At major holidays we are all aware of the absence of loved-ones, those who sat in a particular armchair, or at a certain place at the table. The celebration is not empty because of the person's absence, but is given significance as stories are shared, and another generation continues the legacy.

Last month I was made very aware of how that domestic scene is **encountered in our life at St Thomas', in two ways: Firstly, on the 4th Sunday of Lent every year we remember St Thomas', Portman Square at the 8am Mass, and secondly at a symposium at the Royal Holloway College on faith in suburbia. These two events reminded me of how our personal experience represents the hope of Easter. The people of St Thomas', Portman Square were willing to leave their own building, place of worship and the venue of major life-events for a people in an area unknown to them. Their generosity in allowing their church to die saw the birth of a new church in Hanwell.**

All of us will know small moments like this, and they reiterate the significance of this time. So say Hallelujah, because it is the song of all people who have seen life in the midst of death.

Your friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

The April News section always has a big, *'where do you start'*, feel to it. I will start with what has ended by saying a huge thank you to all who were involved in the worshipping life of the church during Lent and Easter. It is a period of unmatched activity and variety and only communicates what it **stands for because of many people's hard work, from the floral to the choral, and the study to the coffee.** Whatever you have done thank you, thank you, thank you!

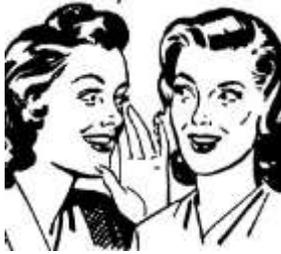
During Lent we had our parish's Triennial Archdeacon Visitation. Archdeacon Duncan was at pains to point out, "It's not an OFSTED", but... Anyway, in the end he was proved right, and it was a genuinely useful exercise as we were able to look at how we can keep on top of things and develop them. Thus, in 'dull' terms we are able to completely and confidently fulfil our role as Trustees of a Charity, but in a rather more exciting way be better equipped to serve this community. I need to say a massive thank you to the monumental amount of admin work that was done in preparation by Gill, Leanda, Sheila and Sophie, amongst others.

The Archdeacon will be appearing in a Visitation form again on 24th May as we host the Deanery Visitation service when all the parishes in the **Deanery send their clergy and wardens, and others to be 'sworn in'.** This is an important legal service and we are hugely privileged to be hosting and leading it. There will be a good number of jobs to do legally and in terms of hospitality on the night so we will need as much help as possible. Please, please volunteer to help in any way you can particularly in terms of providing refreshments before and after the service.

The Organ is now up and running and makes a tremendous difference to the worship. Please note and publicize the opening Recital given by Ian Tracey on 16th April. Again, it is a great chance to get people along and **being a part of the musical life of St Thomas'.**

Also, in April on the same day(!) is our APCM and Fun Run. One has been a requirement of all Anglican churches for decades the other is becoming a seasonal event looked-forward to by many in the parish and beyond. Finally, it was with great sadness that we said farewell to Joan Harle who died in March at age of 92. This felt like the end of an era as she, aged 9, watched the Earl of Jersey lay the Foundation Stone and then, aged 10,

witnessed the first service in St Thomas'. She was confirmed in June that same year after 'special permission [was] obtained' by virtue of her being only 10, and remained a part of this church's life over the next 8 decades. There is much to give thanks for in her commitment and service to this church and the wider community, so *may she rest in peace, and rise in glory!*



From the Editors

We've got some exciting things going on this month at St Thomas'. On April 16th, we have our Inaugural Organ Recital and at the risk of sounding like a worn-out gramophone, please **don't forget about the Fun-Run** on April 24th. It's going to be a great event whether or not the weather is kind to us, so please email me & I'll sent you an entry form.

Jul + Sue



Prayer for the month of April

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world to do your will and went about doing good: Grant that we may always have the pattern of his holy life before our eyes, and that it may be our duty to do your will and to finish your work; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The
Bible in
50
words

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| God made | People walked | Love talked |
| Adam bit | Sea divided | Anger crucified |
| Noah arked | Tablets guided | Hope died |
| Abraham split | Promise landed | Love rose |
| Joseph ruled | Saul freaked | Spirit flamed |
| Jacob fooled | David peaked | Word spread |
| Bush talked | Prophets warned | God remained. |
| Moses balked | Jesus born | - anon |
| Pharaoh plagued | God walked | |

All in the month of APRIL

It was.....

200 years ago:- on 21st April 1816 that Charlotte Bronte, British novelist, **was born. She is best known for 'Jane Eyre'.**

175 years ago:- on 20th **April 1841 that Edgar Allen Poe's short story 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue' was published. It is considered the first modern detective story.**

125 years ago:- on 1st April 1891, that the first London-Paris telephone line was opened to the public. It included an undersea section between Dover and Calais.

100 years ago:- 24th to 29th April 1916, that The Easter Uprising, Dublin, took place. This armed Republican uprising against British rule resulted in the death of 466 people. The rebels surrendered unconditionally after the British declared martial law and suppressed the rebellion. Most of the leaders were executed.

90 years ago:- on 21st April 1926 that Queen Elizabeth II was born.

65 years ago:- on 11th April 1951, that the Stone of Scone, which had been stolen from Westminster Abbey in London in December 1950 by Scottish nationalist students, was found on the altar of Arbroath Abbey in Scotland. It was returned to London. In November 1996 the stone was officially returned to Scotland and now resides in Edinburgh Castle.

Also 65 years ago:- on 17th April 1951 that the Peak District National Park **was established. It was Britain's first national park.**

40 years ago:- on 5th April 1976 that Apple Computer (now Apple, inc.) was founded in California.

30 years ago:- on 26th April 1986 that the Chernobyl disaster took place in **Ukraine. It was the world's worst nuclear power plant accident. 31 people** were killed in the explosion and fire, and leaked radiation spread across the western Soviet Union and Europe.

10 years ago:- on 6th April 2006 that the first case of H5N1 avian flu (bird flu) in the UK was confirmed following blood tests on a dead swan found in Cellardyke, Fife, Scotland.

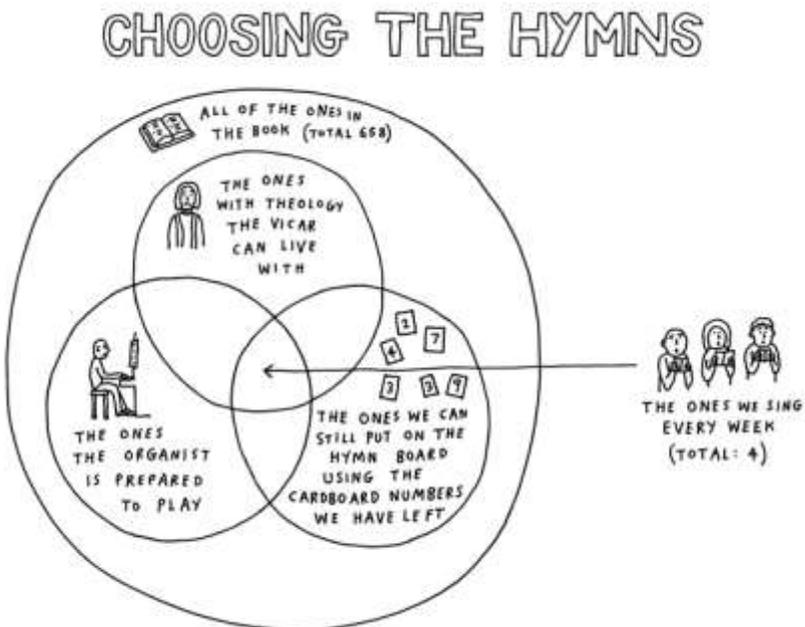
Shakespeare - the Bard of Avon

William Shakespeare, universally recognised as the world's greatest playwright, died on 23rd April 1616. The 400th anniversary of that event is being widely marked – the BBC is broadcasting every one of his plays, for instance.

Even people who have never read any of them are familiar with bits of **their speeches: 'To be or not to be?' and 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be' (Hamlet); 'Out, out damned spot!' (Macbeth); 'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears!' (Julius Caesar); 'If music be the food of love, play on' (Twelfth Night); 'Beware the green-eyed monster' (Othello) and scores more. 'Now is the Winter of our discontent' (Richard the Third) has plagued my life!**

We probably endured studying his plays as teen-agers and if not then, then perhaps later found how wonderfully he tuned his words to the human spirit.

He was a jobbing actor, a script writer, a master of the sonnet as well as being a truly great dramatist. He lifted the English language to new heights. **Let's celebrate him this month!**



The Leprosy Mission

A letter to the mission committee

Thank you for your kind donation of £200.00 to The Leprosy Mission. Your gift will have significant impact on the lives of people suffering from leprosy. We couldn't do the work we do, bringing hope to people suffering from this cruel disease and its dreadful consequences, without the generosity and prayers of people like yourselves. For this we are so grateful to you and your colleagues and friends.

The regional staff who visited Mozambique last spring witnessed first-hand the life transforming work your generosity and commitment made possible. The love and care that people, young and old, received was wonderful to see and many now enjoy hope for the future instead of despair and rejection.

Here in England and Wales we continue to recruit local volunteer speakers to assist us in our very busy meetings, fundraising and preaching schedule. The schedules are flexible, with speakers doing as many or as few meetings as they like, and we encourage speakers to develop their own links with organisations such as schools, universities and churches, as well as rely on their regional manager to arrange meetings. If you or you know someone else in your organisation who may be interested in such a role, or any fundraising activity, I would be delighted to hear from you. We will provide full training and a wide range of resources to enable them to do this most rewarding work for Jesus.

As we begin to enjoy the spring and summer season, perhaps your organisation might like to organise a fundraising event. To help and inspire you, we have our very own *Great Fundraising Ideas* booklet. This little book contains some really useful, fun ideas and suggestions. We can support you with free printed posters and sponsor forms too. It's amazing how much can be raised through an event or social. Why not give it a go! Just contact me if you haven't already got one of these booklets.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you once again for your most valued and precious support.

Yours sincerely

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St Thomas' Fun Run!

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After Easter (John 21)

Resurrection reality –
for Thomas, through the door,
for Peter, on the shore,
for me, right here
where I am, in this situation
that I didn't choose.

Resurrection reality of living love –
Jesus -
walking with me,
forgiving, restoring,

sustaining, strengthening
and gently calling again
that original call
that makes sense of it all,

Follow me,
I am the Way,
I am alive.

By Daphne Kitching

Brownies & Guides at SPARK

A group of Guides and Brownies joined thousands of others from all over the country at Alexandra Palace last month to celebrate the centenary of Girl Guiding's Senior Section. The Senior Section is for girls and young ladies aged from 14 - 25. Some are Young Leaders, some Adult Leaders and some are Rangers. (They were once called cadets.)

The event at Alexandra Palace was called SPARK. We spent all day taking part in so many activities - there was bungee trampolining, zorbing, blind obstacle course, giant sand drawing, roller skating, craft activities, yoga, a climbing wall and so much more. There was even a hospital set up so people could try their hand at taking blood, checking a pulse and taking blood pressure all on a model body. Electronic set ups enabled the girls to test their sprinting speed over 10 metres, take part in static cycling and kayak races and take their own photos dressed up in a photo booth.

It was an excellent day and helped us all to realise that we are part of a huge organisation.

This is what some of the Guides enjoyed doing



Coffee and tea good for you

Want to live a bit longer? Drink three to five cups of coffee a day. Or – drink three to five cups of tea a day, instead.

Recent research has found that coffee may reduce your risk of heart **disease, Parkinson's, and Type 2 diabetes.** **Whether the coffee has caffeine** or not is immaterial - the benefits are thought to be linked to other plant compounds found in coffee.

As for tea? Well, now even the government in the Netherlands is encouraging people to drink it. The Health Council there says that there **are 'clear signs' that tea reduces blood pressure, diabetes and stroke risks.** (The guidelines add that the tea must be green or black - rooibos and other herbal teas do not count.)

I really liked
the big slide
Mia age 10

I loved the
caving.
Katy age 11

I enjoyed
the silent
disco
Elice age 14



I had 3 ice-creams of
the same flavour!
Hannah age 11

Spark was an
extremely fun
event. My favourite
part was the obstacle
course
Maddie age 12

I made my Guide
promise at Spark
Jayme age 10



Dear Parishioner,

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team are keen to find out how safeguarding is being implemented and understood in our parishes.

We would therefore be very grateful if you would take part in a short survey which can be accessed on the link below. It consists of 5 questions **and shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete.**

This will help to guide us as to what resources parishes may need to develop safeguarding in our parishes in the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H3LCDVM> Many thanks for your support.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team



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Remember it is not a great quantity we ask you to bring each Sunday, we only need each of you to bring one item from the list on the church bulletin. But to bring one every week would be great!!

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June Trident - Sun May 8th
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MARCH

27th Sun Easter Day

APRIL

2nd Sat Churches Together in Hanwell meeting at North Hanwell Baptist Church

5th Tues PCC meeting

16th Sat Inaugural Organ Recital at 7.30pm

24th Sun APCM at 11.30am in the hall

St Thomas' Fun Run 2pm

MAY

7th Sat Churches Together in Hanwell meeting at St Thomas'

21st Sat 'Come and Sing' day at St Thomas'

JUNE

4th Sat Churches Together in Hanwell meeting TBA

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