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WE DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL FEEL WELCOME TO COME TO OUR SERVICES

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
	6.30PM	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

I write this letter on the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is **the feast that celebrates Jesus' institution of the Eucharist**. On this day (although we like many other parishes observe it on the following Sunday) the Church remembers its central act of worship. The Second Vatican Council called the Eucharist the **'source and summit' of our faith, and the wonderful and influential Anglican theologian, Richard Hooker, called it a 'gift from God', whose fruit is, 'the participation of the body and blood of Christ'**. **The Eucharist is then no simple *aide memoir*, but rather a profound participation in the saving acts and love of God.**

The reasons we celebrate the Eucharist are many. We celebrate it because Jesus told us to, we celebrate to participate in the gift of God, we celebrate **it to hear again the story of salvation, and we celebrate it to 'offer'**.

The word 'offering' has an uneasy place in the life of the Church because it seems to suggest undertones of immolation, bribery, ingratiating to receive favours, and so on, as though God is fickle and mercurial. However, offering in the eucharistic sense is not subtle ways of buying favours from God, but rather the offering of ourselves to one who has and continues to share our life through bread and wine.

Thus, we approach the altar with open hearts and minds. We come as we are, not pretending or putting on pious masks, but rather we come with tears and laughter, in joy and in sorrow. It is this, and only this offering, that makes sense within the celebration of Holy Communion.

In the midst of the horror of the Grenfell Tower tragedy we can only come as we are, as individuals and as a community, to offer the pain of the reality. At the Eucharist we participate, as Hooker says, in the body and blood of Christ. This body was bruised, battered and killed, and yet it is *the* moment when God stretched out his hands to embrace us. In the midst of pain and anguish there is God on a cross receiving all that the world throws at him. Thus, at the altar on Wednesday afternoon all we could do was lift up our hands in prayer, in solidarity with those who can only lift theirs in despair. The Eucharist is then not a place of neat easy answers that anaesthetise us against the pain of the world, but rather a place where these questions are raised again and again.

So why celebrate Corpus Christi? Celebrate it because there is reality. We should never receive the sacrament if we are looking to escape the world, but only if we wish to offer the world and ourselves at the altar.

My prayer for all who weep and grieve is that the love that conquers death will sustain them, and the wounded outstretched arms of God will embrace them.

Do please continue to pray for and support those who have lost everything these coming weeks; we will as a parish.

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert

Parish News



4th June (the Day of Pentecost) marked the end of the Giving Campaign. Can I just say, on behalf of the PCC, a huge thank you to all who have pledged their on-going support for the mission and ministry of this parish church. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Sheila for all her hard work during this campaign.

On 25th June at 3pm we have another free concert. This one will feature friends of Esther from the London College of Music, and members of our own Junior Choir. We are aiming to have a concert on the last Sunday of the month, most months, so please watch this space!

The first Wednesday in July is our 50+ Fellowship, and we will be at **Nicholas Robinson's (24 Warwick Road, W5 3XJ) for a BBQ at 12.30pm. September's meeting will be a trip to Hampstead Parish Church for a free concert and tour of this fascinating building and graveyard.**

Talking of Hampstead Parish Church, our preacher for our Patronal Festival will be their vicar, Fr. Jeremy Fletcher. Fr. Jeremy was one-time vicar of Beverly Minster (the church that doubled as Westminster Abbey in **ITV's Victoria**) and Canon Precentor of York Minster. Please check out the Patronal Festival Details on page 8 and 9 in this edition of the Trident.

Copy Dates!

Copy date for the August magazine will be Sunday 9th July

Copy date for the September magazine will be Sunday 13th August

Copy date for the October magazine will be Sunday 10th September

So what would we miss if there's NO St Thomas'?

Fun Run
50+ Fellowship
Weddings
Funerals
Baptisms
Tots
Mission Agency & Charity Support
Music
Care for Vulnerable People
Prayer
Visiting the Sick

The Reality of our Situation:

As you can see from the figures below, we operate on a very tight budget, and the exceptional rent from the Mobile Phone Aerials in the tower keeps us just about solvent, but if this income were to stop then...

If you are not part of the giving scheme please consider joining and pledging a regular amount to God's work in this place.

Eucharist
Pastoral Care
Scouts Beavers
Rainbows
Brownies
Guides
Worship
Cubs
Fairs
Panto
School
Prayer

	£	£
Income		
Stewardship & Friends	37433	
Tax Refund	9750	
Cash	5500	
Donations & Fundraising	8200	
Wedding & Funeral Fees	750	
Trident	760	
Interest	140	
TOTAL INCOME		62,533
Expenditure		
Common Fund	58984	
Expenses & Telephone	1000	
Utilities & Insurance	8981	
Music/Choir	4200	
Giving to Mission	3700	
Church Maintenance	3700	
Administration	1725	
Church Supplies	1600	
Fundraising Costs	3000	
Depreciation	1645	
Other Church Expenses	1300	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		(89,835)
EXCEPTIONAL INCOME: Mobile		
Phone Aerial Rent:		26,000
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)		(1,302)

How Much Should I Give?

The amount that you give is between you and God, but we would ask that you give as much as you are able. Sometimes small changes can make a huge difference, e.g. how about **A Coffee for Christ?** Give the cost of one Coffee a week to St Thomas'; $£2.50 \times 52 = £130$. If 100 of did that we would be £13000 better off!

How can I give?

There are three ways you gave give:

Envelope Scheme - You can commit to giving a set amount each week and put in the small envelope supplied. Then bring it to church the next time that you come.

Standing Order - You may prefer to set up a standing order with your bank to give

to the church on a monthly basis

Parish Giving Scheme Give by Direct Debit and the church will receive your donation together with the Gift Aid element each month.

Finally, and most importantly, THANK YOU!



A Prayer for July

Father, We have so many questions. Life is sometimes difficult **and we can't see our way. Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way** – in relationship with you

through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible.

Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus. Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone,

Amen.

Handel's Water Music – 300 years ago

It was 300 years ago, on 17th **July 1717, that Handel's *Water Music*** was performed for the first time, on a barge on the River Thames in London. The music, which lasted about an hour, had been commissioned by King George I as part of the entertainment for a royal cruise. The monarch was so enthusiastic about it that he asked to hear it four times.

George Frideric Handel was a German-born English composer known particularly for his memorable oratorio, *Messiah*, which he composed some 25 years later. He was devoutly Lutheran and was described by a friend as **“manifesting a deep sense of religion”**. **Although he came under criticism** for using the theatre for biblically-based works, he maintained that he knew the Bible as well as any bishop.

Water Music, a suite of short pieces for a small orchestra, was known particularly for its highly spirited movements in dance form. Most of the pieces were intended for outdoor performance. Selections from the suite **were published during Handel's lifetime, but the entire collection did not** come into print until 1788, nearly three decades after his death.

The order in which the composer wanted the various movements to be played remains uncertain.

When Lennon met McCartney

During a Europe-wide heat-wave 60 years ago, on 6th July 1957, John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time – at what must be one of the best documented church fetes in history.

This was the annual Woolton Parish Church Garden Fete in Liverpool – a parade and outdoor fair at which 16-year-old John and his Quarry Men skiffle group had been invited to play. The main attractions were a dog show and a brass band.

It was far from inevitable that they would meet. The two boys lived in different neighbourhoods, went to different schools and were nearly two **years apart in age. But the younger Paul, who was entranced by John's** performance as a lead singer, was introduced to him by a friend in the church hall.

Despite himself, John was impressed when Paul played a couple of songs and showed him how to tune his guitar properly. Later, he invited him to join the band. The pair went on to form the Beatles.

A recording of the Quarry Men's performance at the fete sold at auction in 1994 for £78,500. *The Beatles Bible* website has the tagline "Not Quite as Popular as Jesus".

14th July St. Camillus de Lellis - patron of the sick

Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St. Camillus (1550 – 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). Both in their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.

Patronal Fest

Saturday 1st July
6pm Parish BBQ
8.30pm Film Night
in the Vicarage Garden

Bring a blanket, bottle, jumper, popcorn and settle down in front of the big screen to watch a film for **all** ages. Followed by a late-night screening of one of the greatest movies of all time.



ival Weekend

Sunday 2nd July

10am Patronal Festival

Mass followed by drinks in the Vicarage Garden.

12-3pm inc. Picnic in the Garden, Fun and Games.



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JUNE

Sun 25th 2nd after Trinity

JULY

Sat 1st

Churches Together in Hanwell

Prayer Meeting at St Marys 'Bunny Park'

St Thomas' Patronal Festival BBQ at 18:00

Sat 1st

Sun 2nd

3rd after Trinity. Patronal Festival at 10am

Sun 2nd

12 noon. Garden Party.

Sun 9th

3rd after Trinity

Sun 16th

4th after Trinity

Sun 23rd

5th after Trinity

Sun 30th

6th after Trinity

AUGUST

Sat 5th

Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting
at South Hanwell Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER

POP-IN

POP- IN ON FRIDAYS

**AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH HALL
FROM 10.30AM TO 12 NOON**

***COME FOR TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND A
CHAT**

***MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES!**

***STAY FOR TEN MINUTES OR THE MORNING!**



July

7th - tea, coffee and cakes

14th - tea, coffee and cakes

21st - tea, coffee and cakes

28th - tea, coffee and cakes

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