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- 8.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER SERVICE)
- 10.00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (TERM TIME AND NOT 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)
- 10.00 AM PARISH COMMUNION
 - 6.30 PM EVENING PRAYER (BCP) CHORAL EVENSONG FOR SPECIAL FESTIVALS (PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS)

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TUESDAY 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 2PM LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH 7.30PM

MORNING PRAYER

7.30 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (8.00 A.M SATURDAY)

EVENING PRAYER

DECLILAD MEETINICS

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.

<u>REGULAR MEETINGS</u>				
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

In May the Church throughout the world celebrates its birthday as the Feast of Pentecost is observed. In Sicily rose petals are dropped from the ceiling of the church

and in France this feast is marked by the blowing of trumpets. We too will have our own trumpets blowing very soon as work continues apace on the organ refurbishment. The original target for the Organ was around £150,000 and what seemed at times like a distant hope is becoming a reality. This reality is largely thanks to the vision and kindness of a parishioner who bequeathed part of her estate especially for the organ work.

Miss Edna Cooper (pictured) was an important part of our parish life, and served the wider community as a music teacher so the fulfilment of her final wishes has a wonderful sense of appropriateness about it. Her gift of over £100,000 has meant that her own musical legacy will extend to people she never knew and are yet to be born. It ensures that **the rich musical tradition of St Thomas's will**



important. Edna's gift was not a way of making sure a

continue and grow. It is that aspect which is so

piece of furniture is preserved in museum-like aspic, but rather to further the mission and gifts of the church in Hanwell.

It seems to me that this is every inch the spirit of Pentecost that was celebrated in May.

God in his great love for the world sent his divine love, the Holy Spirit, not simply to make us feel warm and spiritually fuzzy, but to equip us to serve the Church and world.

Thus, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are gifts of service. This reality is very important as we recall our own parish slogan of 'Serving Hanwell and Beyond'.

As we, in the month of June, approach our Patronal Feast Day in July we would do well to ask the Holy Spirit to come and breathe on us afresh so that we may fulfil our callings.

We may not feel we can offer gifts of the magnitude of Edna, but gifts which transform lives are not bound by finance. All of us have received gifts and all of us are called to share those with the world around us.

So I will repeat the prayer prayed at the end of last month:

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Do please echo that prayer, and do please gift a special prayer of thanks for a lady, filled with the Holy Spirit who has left a gift which will ensure the

Spirit's coming for many years will be accompanied by the sounds of trumpets, horns, wald flutes, contra fagotto, vox angelica, and much more.

Your friend and priest Fr. Robert

Parish News

In my letter it has already been noted that organ restoration is well under way and it is fingers crossed for autumn this year. However, there is still a little way to go to get to our final figure so it would great if we could cross that finishing

line together. Please look out over the next few weeks how we can do this. Also, please do look at the wonderful pictures at the back of the church showing the work done so far

In April we had our 3rd **St Thomas' Fun Run which was even more successful** than the previous two. We had more runners than before (89) and there were some Thomasine winners. Thank you to Sue Cunningham and helpers for putting this hugely popular community event on.

In May we had the St Thomas's May Fair which raised well over £600, again **exceeding last year's total. This was a wonderfully happy event and** supported in the face of other conflicting events elsewhere locally. Thank you so much to Nicholas Robinson and Sophie Schuil-Brewer for pulling everyone together and laying on such a fun afternoon.

Finally, a reminder that our Patronal Festival is being celebrated on the weekend of the $4^{th} \& 5^{th}$ July.

Donations of the following are very welcome. Meat (tinned ham or corned beef), milk (UHT or dried), instant potatoes, instant custard, sponge pudding, rice, noodles, pasta sauce, small jars of instant coffee, long life juice and men's shaving foam.

Collection box in the church porch.



Prayer for the month of June

O God, who is seeking in every age for loyal spirits ready to obey the heavenly vision;

Grant that our ears may be open to your voice,

that when you call us, we may answer gladly and readily "Here am I" send me; For the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

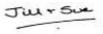
This lovely poem was given to us by a member of our congregation

Marriage takes three to be complete;	They have both loved Him in kind,
It's not enough for two to meet.	With all their heart, and soul, and mind.
They must be united in love,	And in that love they've found the way,
By love's creator God above.	To love each other every day.
Then their love will be firm and strong,	A marriage that follows God's plan,
Able to last when things go wrong.	Takes more than a woman and man.
Because they've felt God's love and	It needs a oneness that can be
know,	Only from Christmarriage takes
He's always there, He'll never go.	three.



From the Editors

Thank you for your contributions to The Trident this month. **It's great to have lots of local news. Please keep it coming** especially over the summer when we often struggle to fill the magazine.



Copy date for the July Trident will be Sunday June 14th Copy date for the August Trident will be Sunday July 12th Copy date for the September Trident will be Sunday August 9th

50+ Fellowship Group - May Outing

Suitably dressed for weather and ground conditions, the stalwarts gathered on a grim looking 6th May.

We set off via Elthorne Park to the canal, and headed north for Birmingham. Few people met us on the way, even canal boat dwellers, and the ducks were keeping their heads down. There were plenty of puddles but it wasn't muddy.

Our pace was confident, nothing was going to deter us.

We took note of and heard the sounds of pathside features - Hobbayne land and allotments, elegant new houses to the right, weather-worn industrial buildings to the left, and various flora - the fauna had taken shelter!

The weather remained cheerless but our fellowship and our conversation were upbeat. Views were exchanged on many subjects but you would never have known that there was a long awaited unpredictable general election the following day. We reviewed the church's renewed flag and flagpole for St. George's Day, absent friends, beards, care of the elderly, pensions and standing up for your rights.

The time passed quickly and before long we were at the detour for a well known pub. It was busy and we settled in for a good natter in a cosy window seat.

Revitalized we went outside under the canopy to enjoy our packed lunches. We had been properly prepared, we shared and were well refreshed.

The weather was grumpy, as we sat, starting with a good shower it eventually set in for heavy downpour, thank goodness we were not still on the road.

But our fellowship was undiminished. We got up to head for home twice but each time the rain had other ideas.

We came home through the soaked streets of Olde Hanwell. We promised to visit the Fox again for their Saturday craft market and their hospitality. Determined to complete the adventure 'a pied' bus passes were kept in our pockets all the way.

Next outing: destination Willesden or maybe the Pillars Restaurant.

Thank you

I am not sure how to respond to your most kind and generous messages and gifts which were presented to me at the APCM on Sunday 19th April.

This came as a complete surprise to me, having already said to Father Robert that I did not want any fuss to be made on my decision to hand over the "Staff of Office" to a newly elected Church Warden.

It has been a joy and a privilege to have served the parish in this role over so many years, and I can only express my sincere thanks to you all for the **support you have given me during my "wardenship".**

Please keep Leanda and Gill in your prayers as they begin their new term of office.

Thank you all once again.

David Jewell

Something for the children.....

How well do you know your Bible? Can you find 16 books of the Bible in the following passage?

Someone once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept some people looking so hard for the facts, and for others it was a revelation. Many were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers, though to others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating moment for you. Yes there will be some difficult ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. We will admit that it usually takes a minister to find the last of them. There will, of course, be those able to see them at the wink of an eye. You may be surprised from answers that will be given next month.

St Thomas's Fun Run



On the 5^{th} April – Easter Sunday - there were four. By the 19^{th} , there were fifteen and at 12

noon on April 26th, there were still only twenty six. I am, of course, referring to entries for the 3rd **annual St Thomas's Fun Run. Such is the** nature of outdoor events that we leave it until the last minute to enter, but these numbers did nothing for my nerves and it was with some trepidation that I arrived back at the hall at 1pm to set things up. My marshals arrived, were issued with their attractive oversize hi-viz jackets and were duly dispatched to the near and far reaches of Elthorne Park.

Then they arrived! Along with the 26, came another 63! And so, at just after 2pm, the whistle blew and a field of 89 runners and walkers, young and not so young, set off around the park.

The weather, while being just about perfect for running, was rather chilly to **be standing still in and I'm enormously grateful to all my marshals for putting** up with freezing feet and hands while pointing everyone in the right direction with a cheery wave. So thank you Gill, Jill, Sheila, Sarah, Chris, Julie, Caroline, John, Sam, Keith, Kate, Alan, Tilly, Andrew, Christine,

Natalie, Sophie and Kay. Next year I promise I'll make sure you're relieved of your duties more promptly.

Thank you also to my time-keeping team: Sarah, Jerry, Caroline and Sarah who did a wonderful job and to Nick, Father Robert and Sarah at race HQ; to Pauline who not only took part, but stood in as First Aider for the event. Last but not least, thank you to Sarah for all the support and procurement of many bananas

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone who took part, whether you ran or walked, I hope you all had a great time and that you'll join us again next year.

Sue

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The Venerable Rachel Treweek

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Rachel Treweek for election as Bishop of Gloucester, in succession to the Right Rev. Michael Perham MA, who retired in November. She will be the most senior female bishop: though there have been 2 female bishops appointed previously, she is the first woman to be appointed a diocesan bishop, as **opposed to a suffragan bishop. Rachel's appointment follows those of Ali**son White, Bishop of Hull, and Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport.

"My overwhelming feeling is one of excitement", she said of her appointment.

Born Rachel Montgomery, and raised in Herefordshire, Rachel went to Reading University to study linguistics and language pathology. She was a speech and language therapist before being ordained in 1994. She served her title at St George and All Saints, Tufnell Park, then became Vicar of St James the Less, Bethnal Green, in 1999. 2006 saw her appointed Archdeacon of Northolt, and also was the year of her marriage to Guy Treweek, priest-in-charge of 2 parishes in the City of London. It was in her capacity as Archdeacon of Northolt that she offered vital help and **support to David Jewell and myself during St Thomas's interregnum in 2011. She also presided over several of our annual churchwardens' legal** swearing-in ceremonies. In July of 2011 she was appointed Archdeacon of Hackney.

She lists her interests as conflict transformation – she has been a member of the Bridge Builders' Council of Reference since 2011 – walking, canoeing and chocolate!

Rachel has long been a champion of women's ministry. She has expressed a hope that the appointment of women to such positions as hers in church will now be seen as 'normal'. She says "It is my real hope that from this time on that any child, any adult, will know that they can be the person that God is calling them to be." As the first female diocesan bishop she will be eligible to join the Lords Spiritual, the bishops of the Church of England who serve in the House of Lords.

The Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, said in March "As Richard of Gloucester is reinterred, Rachel of Gloucester is revealed. While we are very sorry to see her go, Gloucester has appointed someone with real **quality and distinction."** Her formal enthronement as bishop of the diocese, home to 600,000 people and 205 parishes, will take place at Gloucester Cathedral later this year.

The Winning Recipe

One of the highlights of our May Fair last month was the St Thomas's Bake-Off. The Trident's very own Jill Ashcroft won the over-18's category, with her Lemon Drizzle Cake, beating off stiff competition.



We asked Jill if we could share the recipe, so here it is!

Ingredients 175g butter, softened 175g caster sugar 2 unwaxed lemons 3 large eggs 100g self-raising flour 75g ground almonds 2 tabsp milk 100g demerara sugar

Method

Beat together the butter, caster sugar and the finely grated zest of 1 lemon until light and fluffy. Add a pinch of salt and the eggs, one at a time, beating until well combined before adding the next.

Sift over the flour and fold in, followed by the almonds. Add just enough milk to bring the mixture to a dropping consistency, then spoon into a lined and greased 1lb loaf tin. Smooth the top with the back of a spoon. Bake in a pre-heated oven, 180C/160C fan/gas mark 4, for 50-55 mins until a skewer comes out dry.

Briefly mix together the zest of the remaining lemon and the juice of both the lemons with the demerara sugar. Poke holes all over the top of the warm cake and pour over the drizzle, waiting for the cake to absorb one lot before adding the next.

Allow to cool in the tin before turning out.

It was:-

800 years ago:- on 15th June 1215 that King John signed the Magna Carta at Runnymede in England.

150 years ago:- on 13th June 1865 that William Butler (WB) Yeats was born. This Irish poet and writer won the 1923 Nobel Prize for Literature.

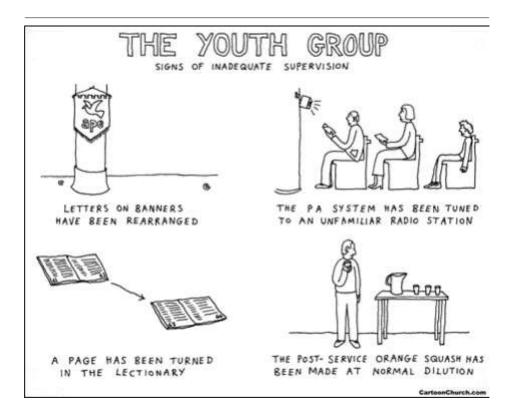
Happy 100th Birthday, dear WI!

The WI, or Women's Institute, is celebrating its Centenary this year

The Women's Institute (WI) was formed in 1915 to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI will celebrate its centenary in 2015 and currently has 212,000 members in around 6,600 WIs.

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

A visit to their website http://www.thewi.org.uk/ will reveal a wide range of planned celebrations, for the centenary. These range from fruit cake competitions to choirs to a WI fair in September.





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Wanted: Donations of good quality household and personal items that you no longer want.

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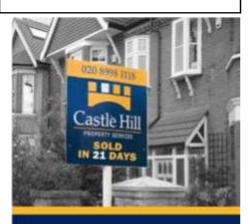
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7th Sun1st Sunday after Trinity14th Sun2nd Sunday after Trinity20th SatHanwell Carnival21st Sun3rd Sunday after Trinity28th Sun4th Sunday after Trinity

JULY

4th Sat 5th Sun 12th Sun 14th Tue 19th Sun 26th Sun Garden party and parish BBQ **St Thomas's Patronal Festival** 6th Sunday after Trinity PCC meeting. 8pm 7th Sunday after Trinity 8th Sunday after Trinity

AUGUST 2nd Sun

9th Sun 16th Sun 23rd Sun 30th Sun 9th Sunday after Trinity 10th Sunday after Trinity 11th Sunday after Trinity 12th Sunday after Trinity 13th Sunday after Trinity Ē.

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