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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                       |
|           | 7.30PM          | STUDY GROUP & COMPLINE<br>(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)               |
|           | 7.00 PM         | CHOIR   |

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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

June is a veritable feast of, er, feast days! It sees Pentecost, The Most Holy and Divided Trinity, Corpus Christi, the Birth of John the Baptist and so on. Thus, choosing the most significant seems to descend into theological lunacy. For, although the 1662 Book of Common Prayer includes the Day of Pentecost as one of the three days you *must* receive holy communion (the other two being Christmas and Easter Day), to suggest that it is *more* important than the Trinity is daft.

Until the Second Vatican Council the Roman Catholic Church had an extremely elaborate league table of feast days. Did you know that Christmas Day was a Double of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class with a privileged Octave of the 3<sup>rd</sup> rank? Or that our patron saint, Thomas, had mid-table respectability as a Double of the II Class, but poor old St Hippolytus was propping up the bottom league, below Doubles and semi-Doubles, as a mere simple? This complexity of feast day ranking was enthusiastically adopted by liturgical train-spotters in the Anglican Church, and you still can hear certain priests, of a certain vintage, and of a certain persuasion, talking Double 1<sup>st</sup> Class.

**At the heart of all this ranking was a desire to draw the worshipper's** attention to the rich variety of the Church Kalendar and diversity of observance. It was hoped that this mixture of action and word would teach the faith in a fuller way. Of course, what it did was to make the worshipper more aware of those feasts that did not require quite the same level of assiduous attention. A similar phenomenon happened in the Church of **England with Cranmer's Prayer Book with daily Morning and Evening Prayer,** and Holy Communion. The absence of the daily in front of Holy Communion meant that it did not take long before the local vicar jettisoned the Holy Communion bit, even on a Sunday, and just observed Mattins and Evensong.

This pattern in worshipping history reminds us why we need feasts. They tell us of the faithful, and call us to pray that we too may have the same passion in prayer and discipleship, and this month amplifies that call. In June we celebrate Pentecost (a Double First Class!) and pray like the pope who drew a line, consigning those categories to the dustbin, for a **'New Pentecost'**. **John Paul XXIII knew that it was the Holy Spirit of God** that brings life to the Church and the world, and not prescriptive categorizations. May that same Holy Spirit breathe new life into us this June and for evermore.

Your friend and priest  
Fr. Robert



# Parish News

On 4<sup>th</sup> June (the Day of Pentecost) we should have returned our pledge forms to Sheila. Can I just say a huge thank you to everyone for their engagement with the Giving Campaign. I have included the excerpt from last month's Trident to reminds us of the challenge confronting us. If you have not returned your Pledge Form, please do so as soon as possible so we can send out the relevant paperwork for the next stage. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Also a reminder of a concert taking place on the last Sunday of May. It is being given by a cello and piano duo visiting from the USA. They are the Murasaki Duo (<http://www.murasakiduo.com/>) and are on a tour of Israel and Europe. They are coming to us on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and the concert is FREE.

Also, thank you to all who helped out at the APCM, and a warm welcome to the new members/re-elected members of the PCC!

**Don't forget the first Wednesday in June is our 50+ Fellowship. We shall meet in the Church Hall at 12.30pm for a Bring and Share Lunch followed by a Speaker TBC. July's Meeting will be at Nicholas Robinson's for a BBQ, and September's will be a trip to Hampstead Parish church for a free concert and tour of this fascinating building and graveyard.**

On the first weekend in July we have our Patronal Festival Weekend. Please check out the exciting events in the centre pages of this magazine.

## Word search



- AFRAID
- BRAVE
- FIRE
- FLAMES
- HEAVEN
- HELPER
- HOLY SPIRIT
- JERUSALEM
- JESUS
- PROMISE
- ROOM
- WIND

## Pentecost

The Holy Spirit helps us to:



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Fellowship  
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Brownies

Guides Choir

Worship

Cubs

Fairs Panto

## 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.

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Cash	5500	
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Trident	760	
Interest	140	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>62,533</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
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	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(89,835)</b>
<b>EXCEPTIONAL INCOME:</b> Mobile		
Phone Aerial Rent:		26,000
<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(1,302)</b>

## 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!**



## News from the Guides

Over the early May Bank Holiday weekend a group of Guides took part in a traditional Guide camp at a very local site in Greenford!

It is a delightful secluded spot and the girls were able to earn several badges as well as having loads of fun.

After unpacking all the equipment, setting up our tents and getting the site prepared the Guides sat down to enjoy a well-earned packed lunch. Our theme for the weekend was Spies and each Patrol was named after a female Spy or Codebreaker.

The evening meal was cooked separately by each patrol. They had chosen their menu and ordered the ingredients in advance. They had to get their fire going and prepare their meal themselves. There was an amazing variety of food chosen from kebabs (both sweet and savoury), corn on the cob and potatoes cooked in the embers, to baked apples with cinnamon and chocolate, pears in chocolate sauce and even an attempt at cooking chocolate brownies in a scooped out orange skin!

On Saturday evening the girls demonstrated their artistic skill by decorating fabric shopping bags. Hopefully they will use them in the future. As it got dark we had a fantastic campfire with traditional songs and, of course, the obligatory s'mores. (Toasted marshmallows between 2 chocolate biscuits) On Sunday morning we had a game of rounders and played some parachute games. In the afternoon we took part in a wide game with a variety of challenges to find clues to rescue our mascot - a teddy called Alan Turin! - he had been captured and was being held captive somewhere on the site. Finding the answers to the clues gave us the combination to free Alan - if we could find him!

Sunday evening ended with another campfire which included short plays about the lives of some famous spies and a few campfire skits.

All too soon it was time to pack up - our least favourite time. All Guides had earned their Outdoor Cook Badge and Camper Badge.

We are pleased to report that Natalie (our leader) completed the challenges for her Guide Camp Licence so will be able to take us away again. Also it was great to welcome back Jill our leader who moved to Birmingham a year ago. Jill is still registered with us as an occasional residential helper. She did her QM section of the licence so she can use that when she goes away with her Guides in Birmingham.

*Bev*



## News from the Brownies

We are now Green Ambassadors. This means that we are going to look after our world. We met some fun characters called CRUSH LEAFY SWITCH TAP WHEEL & APPLE and they have challenges for us to do. We chose CRUSH which means we have to do recycling instead of throwing things away because rubbish pollutes the world.

We have made posters and used some rubbish to make turtles and musical instruments. We found out that rubbish like plastic bags can be mistaken for jellyfish - **a turtle's favourite food. We are going to make penguins out of rubbish and carrier bags out of old teeshirts.** Then we will get our CRUSH badge.

*Cindy, Immi & Simrah*

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## Book Review

Living Jesus by John Pritchard (published 2010)  
SPCK Bishop of Oxford



I found this little book inspiring and very relevant in today's world of extreme consumption and poverty.

The author connects through the mind and heart directly with chapters entitled - "Jesus - the magnificent outsider; Jesus - centre point of history; - Jesus - the world's hope; Jesus - in a world of faiths; Jesus - to the end of time....."

There is much food for thought, along with humour and many quotations, both contemporary and historical.

It also has a section for a group study course relating to each chapter.

Well worth perusing.

Jo (and Brenda)

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### Copy Dates!

Copy date for the July magazine will be Sunday 11th June

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

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



# Patronal Fest

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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Thurs 25th Ascension Day  
Sun 28th Sunday after Ascension.



JUNE

Sat 3rd Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting at Hanwell Methodist Church  
Sun 4th Pentecost  
Sun 11th Trinity Sunday  
Sun 18th 1st after Trinity  
Sun 25th 2nd after Trinity

JULY

Sat 1st Churches Together in Hanwell  
**Prayer Meeting at St Marys 'Bunny Park'**  
Sat 1st **St Thomas' Patronal Festival BBQ at 18:00**

AUGUST

Sat 5th Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting at South Hanwell Baptist Church

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