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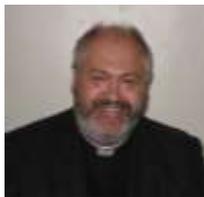
REGULAR MEETINGS

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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

Over the past few weeks St Thomas's has been reminded of its past. The work on our organ reminds us of our legacy, and so to our connection to wider organisations.

The first of these is as part of a project called 'Making Faith in Suburbia,' coming from the Geography department of UCL, and the second of these is our architectural connection to Guildford Cathedral.

'Making Faith in Suburbia' (<http://www.makingsuburbanfaith.org/>) is tracking the movement and impact of various faith communities as they migrated out **of the centre of London to the suburbs. The building of St Thomas's was a** direct beneficiary of the Diocese of London supporting the spiritual needs of these new communities, and we have been a source of much reflection pictorially and academically.

Our presence has also been an important feature in the recent plans for Guildford Cathedral as they are confronting issues that affected us a number of years ago and more recently i.e. asbestos and organ work. At a day conference there recently I basked in the compliment that we were called **the 'finest interwar church in Britain'. I was quickly humbled as some cynical** **wag opined, 'that's not saying much!'**

This season is the chance for us to reflect and give thanks for the faithful **priests and people who have served us as individuals, and St Thomas's, over** the years. These reflections on the past and the continued impact of these people have been much in my thoughts as we enter the Feast of All Souls (2nd November).

It reminds us of the profound truth that, as John Donne observed, 'No man is an island'. We exist in community and that community informs who we are and often the trajectory of the future. At All Souls we remember and **give thanks to those who have 'run the race', and helped us in our race.**

Therefore please, with me, find the time to pray the Collect (Special Prayer) for All Souls:

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Your Friend and priest
Fr. Robert



Parish News

November sees some wonderful and contrasting events **arriving in St Thomas's.**

At the Beginning of the Month we will celebrate All Souls (2nd November 7pm) and the theme of remembrance continues on Remembrance Sunday itself (8th November) with our biggest parade service of the year. In contrast to the pathos of those days we have the celebrations of our Parish Quiz (14th November) and our Christmas Fair (yes, it really is that close!) on 28th November 2-4pm. Please do support these events. The exciting development of the Garden on the south and west of St **Thomas's is due to continue thanks to Ealing Borough Council** Community Payback Scheme and AMEY ready for the re-turfing in Spring.

Perhaps the most exciting thing is the organ refurbishment which is going incredibly well, in spite of unexpected complications surrounding the electricity supplies to the organ, which have created a few headaches and the extra costs referred to last month. Michael is still doing wonderfully well keeping us up to date with the project and the whirligig of developments. The great news is all is still on schedule for us having our organ up and running in good time for Christmas. We have a very special event lined up on December 13th. Merton College Choir, Oxford are giving a concert at 7pm. Please come and listen and give generously so we can ensure that the organ is fully funded. If you would like to give a donation, however big or small, please do so to Sheila, Michael, one of the wardens or myself.

In October the PCC had an 'Away Day' where we reviewed our Mission Action Plan, looked our various committees, and the significance and need to be a welcoming community for all. Thank you so much to all who prayed for us on 17th October.

Finally, a reminder that the next Panto is Camelot. Rehearsals are well under way and the cast are in good voice, oh yes they are!

We are still happy to accept backstage offers of help, so if you know of anyone who may like to help in this way please speak to Sue Cunningham or Chris Michell.



Merton College Choir
Oxford University
Advent Concert at St Thomas' Church
13th December 7pm
In aid of St. Thomas' Organ Appeal
Free Admission retiring Collection/Donation



What the Archbishop of Canterbury thinks of the migrant crisis

In a statement on the ongoing migrant crisis facing Europe and the Middle East, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, said recently:

“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.

“With winter fast approaching and with the tragic civil war in Syria spiralling further out of control, we must all be aware that the situation could yet worsen significantly. I am encouraged by the positive role that churches, charities and international agencies are already playing, across Europe and in Syria and the surrounding areas, to meet basic humanitarian needs.

He went on: “We need a holistic response to this crisis that meets immediate humanitarian need while tackling its underlying drivers. I commend the UK Government for its strong commitment to the world’s poorest people through the delivery of the aid budget. It has shown global leadership by providing £900 million since 2012 to the crisis in Syria. It has also shown moral leadership in using Royal Navy

ships to save the lives of hundreds who have tried to make the dangerous crossing across the Mediterranean.

“The Church has always been a place of sanctuary for those in need, and Churches in the UK and across Europe have been meeting the need they are presented with. I reaffirm our commitment to the principle of sanctuary for those who require our help and love. The people of these islands have a long and wonderful history of offering shelter and refuge, going back centuries – whether it be Huguenot Christians, Jewish refugees, Ugandan Asians, Vietnamese boat people or many, many more.

“It has always been controversial at the time it happened, always been seen as too difficult. Yet each time we have risen to the challenge and our country has been blessed by the result.

“We cannot turn our backs on this crisis. We must respond with compassion. But we must also not be naïve in claiming to have the answers to end it. It requires a pan-European response – which means a commitment to serious-minded diplomatic and political debate, but not at the expense of practical action that meets the immediate needs **of those most in need of our help.”**

Copy dates!

Copy date for the December Trident is Sunday November 8th

Copy date for the January 2106 Trident is Sunday December 13th

Copy date for the February Trident is Sunday January 9th



Prayer for the month of November

We thank you heavenly father, for the saints of all ages; for those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of light burning; for the multitude of quiet and gracious people whose presence has purified and sanctified our world; and for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly life into the further life with you, Accept this our thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen



From the Editors

Do remember our Quiz on Saturday November 14th.

It's always a popular event, so please see Sue or Sarah to reserve your table. Also, Kirsten is organizing our Christmas Fair on November 27th. Please support this important event and offer your help to Kirsten. Her email address is kirstenallen1@yahoo.co.uk

Jul & Sue



QUIZ NIGHT

Come and join us
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November 14th 2015

7.30 for a prompt 7.45pm start

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or see Sarah or Sue on
Sunday mornings



Earliest Draft of King James Bible found in College

The King James Bible was published in 1611 in London by Robert Barker. It was commissioned by King James I, who wanted a version of the Bible that would support the Church of England over the Puritan influence in earlier texts.

The King James Bible has long been regarded as the definitive text. It was originally assumed that a group of people sat together round a table and discussed the translation as a committee, but the discovery of a notebook in a Cambridge college suggests otherwise.

An American scholar, Jeffrey Miller, assistant professor of English at Montclair State University in New Jersey, found the 6 1/4" notebook in the archives of Sidney Sussex College. It dates from around 1604-1610, and contains 70 pages of almost illegible handwriting. It has been identified as being written by Samuel Ward, and is believed to be the earliest draft of the King James Bible. Ward was one of a team of 7 academics in Cambridge working on the translation. He worked on various segments of the bible to translate and compile from existing Hebrew and Greek documents. He also worked on the Apocrypha, a series of books published in the original King James Bible but often **omitted from later editions. Miller found “verse-by-verse biblical commentary” with “Greek word studies, and some Hebrew notes”** in the notebook, and attempted to work out where in the Bible they **came from. Samuel Ward became Sidney Sussex College’s Master** after working on the translations.

What this discovery shows us is that in all likelihood the King James Bible is a sort of patchwork of individual translations. There were **between 47 and 51 translators, working in teams or “companies”** in Westminster, Oxford and Cambridge. The scholars were given a different piece of text to take away and work on separately. **Very little is still known about how the Bible was put together, but Ward’s notebook adds to the clues.** Only 2 partial drafts and some working documents are otherwise known to exist.

The King James Bible is the most widely read work ever written in English. Its poetic language, which is designed to be read aloud, has been praised by secular literary critics, and it is generally regarded as one of the greatest influences on English literature, alongside the works of Shakespeare. There are many common phrases that

originate from this version of the bible, such as “salt of the earth”, “drop in the bucket”, “den of thieves” and “the skin of my teeth”.

The Sidney Sussex College archives contain the rarest books and manuscripts, and will retain the recently discovered handwritten Bible draft.

Sunday shopping

George Osborne indicated in his budget that “Sunday trading laws will be relaxed”. One of the main arguments of the Keep Sunday Special campaign in the 1990s was that Sunday shopping would lead to the **“erosion of family life.”**

But, wrote Richard Godwin in the *London Evening Standard*, **“what has happened since is more subtle.** Throughout the 1990s shopping simply became central to family life. In the 2000s, we more or less accepted **it as our religion and profession too.”** (Source: Article in *The Tablet*, 18th July 2015, Page 13.)



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Thank you.

10th November

St Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England. When Justus **died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.**

Stir-Up Sunday

The last Sunday before Advent is traditionally known as 'Stir-Up Sunday and is the day that all the family gather round to stir the Christmas pudding being made for the festive season. The name has its roots in the words of the Collect for this day from The Book of Common Prayer (1549)

The Collect for the Last Sunday before Advent
Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



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If you enjoy being in St. Thomas' panto you might also enjoy taking the stage with St. Mary's Players.

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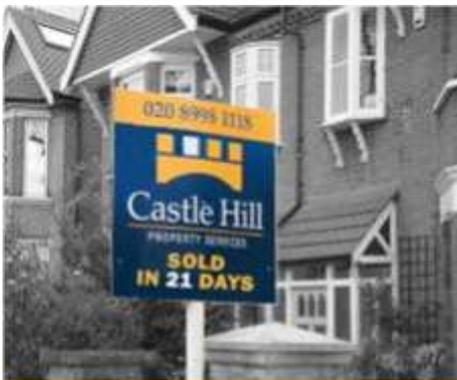
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NOVEMBER

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2nd Mon All Souls Day Service at 7pm
8th Sun Remembrance Sunday
14th Sat **St Thomas's Quiz**
17th Tues PCC
15th Sun 2nd Sunday before Advent
22nd Sun Sunday next before Advent
28th Sat Christmas Fair 2-4pm
29th Sun Advent Sunday

DECEMBER

5th Sat Churches Together in Hanwell meeting at St
Christopher's

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