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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

In the few weeks surrounding this edition of the Trident, churches throughout the land will be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving. It is commonly called Harvest Festival, but

as a rather spikey old Senior Server used to drill into us young Servers, “It’s not a Festival, because it’s not a feast of the Church.”

By co-incidence the *non*-Feast falls at the time of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi who is famed for his love of creation. It is tempting to dismiss Francis as a medieval hippy, who whilst singing to Brother Sun and Sister Moon, reminds his fellow monks not to go to San Francisco unless sporting decoratively floral embellishments in their hair. However, there was more **to Francis’ love of creation than a dewy eyed sentimentalism; if there were** not, I doubt he would have been remembered long enough to have American cities, like the aforementioned one, named after him. St Francis understood the intimate link between humanity and creation, and thus, the divine. He saw creation as a reflection of the work of the divine: to see creation is to catch a glimpse of the Creator.

Of course that understanding is much easier made in the idyllic Italian countryside than when observing global warming and the destruction wrought by Hurricane Irma. Yet the principles of Harvest and Francis still bear truth. We cannot pick and choose where the divine is present, because when the divine revealed himself he did so as a human being. Jesus could transform nature when he fed the five thousand and change water into wine, but he changed humanity when he was nailed to a dead tree.

Whenever we reflect on this season we need to recognise that we have a responsibility to be stewards of creation and not owners of it.

As a church we support an organisation called A Rocha (based in Southall) **who work with churches to protect and restore God’s creation by various** projects and initiatives. They act not only as an intellectual reminder of the importance of nature, but a practical one too.

Be it St Francis, Jesus, A Rocha, the victims of hurricanes or rescue services working with, not against, creation is key.

My hope and prayer is that we not only recognise our place in creation, but attractively do something to promote it. Then our Harvest hymns and Festival devotions will truly mean something.

So give thanks and think ‘what can I do?’

Your friend and priest

Fr. Robert



Parish News

On 6th September the 50 plus Group went to St John's Hampstead where we were treated to a concert and tour of the church and graveyard. October's meeting will be in the Church Hall and we will explore the impact of the Reformation in this, the 500th anniversary of Luther nailing his 95 theses onto the door of All Saints, Wittenberg.

Also in October we will be celebrating our Caribbean and International Night when we hope to see a fascinating film produced by the Suburban Faith Group on Food. Please look out for details.

Our concert series continues with the return of Maya the viola player who will be giving a concert on 8th October at 3pm. Also, over the next three months we will be having a series of Organ Recitals by three fascinating and varied players. Please check out our website for details.

October also sees our chance to host the Churches Together Prayer Meeting on 7th from 10 to 11am. Please do join us if you are able.

Finally, there is a vacancy for a Part Time Administrative Assistant at the Ealing Food Bank please see their website for more details.

Sunday Sept 24th 3pm to 4pm



Paul Ayres
Retiring collection

Paul Ayres plays music from the Baroque (Bach, Handel, Purcell) plus new pieces that are Baroque-Inspired: The Departure of the Queen of Sheba, Mostly Bach's Toccata and Fugue, Trio on Hey Jude and Ich steh' mit einem Fuss in Grabe, Concerto Grosso on I want to hold your hand

And the remaining two recitals before Christmas are:
22nd October Nick Larsen
26th November Ben Comcau



From the Editors

Hope to see you at the Scout Quiz and the St Thomas' quiz in November.

Julia & Sue

Please note the early copy dates for both November and December.



St Thomas'

QUIZ!

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road

Saturday November 11th 2017
7.30pm for a prompt 7.45pm start.

Come as a team, if you like,
or we can put you in a team.

Fish and chip supper included,
but please BYO drinks.

Tickets - £10 adults; £7 children
under 14



To book, please contact:

Sue 07850 889948 (sue.cunningham@mac.com)
or see Sarah or Sue on Sundays.

Copy Dates!

Copy date for the November magazine will be Sunday 1st October
Copy date for the December magazine will be Sunday 5th November
Copy date for January 2018 will be Sunday 10th December



Guides at Camp

Over the August Bank Holiday a group of Guides took part in a “festival style” camp called **Wellies and Wristbands**. It was held at Foxlease, a Girlguiding Activity Centre in the New Forest.

The girls loved being able to go around the site taking part in whatever activity they wanted. They had at least two tickets for the more adventurous activities. There was a craft tent, football and rugby training, a huge ferris wheel, a selection of inflatables, large team building games, pampering sessions, hair braiding, pioneering, and a cinema, not to mention a talent show and numerous well-known acts performing on stage all evening. There was so much to do and the weather was amazing all weekend.

Camping remains one of the most popular activities for the Guides and they all had a great time.

Children’s Puzzle

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty. Francis gave all his money to the church. His father became very angry with him. Francis then left his father's home and took a vow of poverty.

He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies.

Francis was also known for his love of nature and animals. There are many stories about Saint Francis and his preaching to animals. It is said that one day he was talking to some birds when they began to sing together. Then they flew into the sky and formed the sign of a cross. It was also said that Francis could tame wild animals.

October 4th is observed as Saint Francis’s feast day.

CHALLENGE...

Can you find a different animal beginning with every letter of St Francis of Assisi’s name. **You’ll need 5 beginning with S !**

Dartmoor

I shall not return again the way I came,
Back to the quiet country where the hills
Are purple in the evenings, and the tors
Are grey and quiet, and the tall standing stones
Leading out across the moorland till they end
At water's edge.

It is too gentle, all that land,
It will bring back
Such quiet dear remembered things,
There, where the longstone lifts its lonely head,
Gaunt, grey, forbidding,
Ageless, however worn away;
There, even, grows the heather....

Tender, kind,
The little streams are busy in the valleys,
The rivers meet by the grey Druid bridge,
So quiet,
So quiet,
Not as death is quiet, but as life can be quiet
When it is sweet.

Agatha Christie



Remember,
Remember...
October 15th!!



This is the date when the old pound coins cease to be legal tender and you will not be able to use them in the shops. After that date, the only way to cash them is in a bag of 20 to a bank or post office if you have an account. So it makes sense to check savings boxes etc and use the old coins as soon as possible.

Greetings from Cambridge (via Manchester).....

It was fabulous to be back at St Thomas' on 27th August; it was lovely to see those who were there. I am sorry it was a very brief visit so I know I missed some of you.

Writing this at the start of September I am enjoying some time off before **starting my second and final year at theological college.** I've been told to enjoy the time as it will be my last holiday for some time!! I will start back at Westcott House at the end of September.

The third and last term of my first year concentrated mostly on exams. I started the term handing in my four assessed essays and then had three or so weeks to prepare for four exams. It was quite something to be taking three hour exams again after 20 years since leaving full-time education! They all went well though. I was amazed by how quickly Cambridge University marked the essays and exams; one week after my last exam I received my results, with which I was very pleased. Having completed the first year I do feel more confident about the academic side of my training going into my second year. It does take time to get used to studying again and writing essays. I have already started considering what subjects I will take in the second year, all different to the first year. I will have two Bible exegesis subjects; an Old Testament paper considering Ezekiel and a New Testament paper about John. I continue Christian Doctrine with a paper on theology and science and will study a paper on Christian Ethics. I will also undertake a Specialist Subject paper about Mission and Apologetics **which will be the equivalent of doing half a dissertation; I'm yet to decide** exactly what I will write about.

Much of the end of the first year was taken up with saying goodbyes to those Ordinands who were being ordained Deacon at the start of July; it was a mixture of sadness in saying goodbye but also joy for their **Ordinations. There was also a strong element of thinking "this time next year that will be me"!**

Following the end of term I had no time to rest as I travelled straight away with two other Ordinands to Manchester for 6-7 weeks. The three of us stayed in a house owned by Westcott in Manchester (well to be precise, Salford) while we undertook placements with local churches. The location of the house was very different to Cambridge but I found it much more like London so did feel more at home. The people in Manchester really are incredibly friendly so we settled in very quickly.

I was placed with St Edmund's Whalley Range and St James' Moss Side; two churches looked after by one incumbent (priest). Each church had two congregations on a Sunday; a morning congregation and then an Urdu speaking congregation met in the afternoon at St Edmund's and a Marathi congregation met twice a month at St James'. Both churches were very different to St Thomas'. For a start the churches were based in buildings that looked like church halls/community centres rather than a building like St Thomas'. They also identified themselves as evangelical and had a very different worship style. However, in one significant way they were very similar; all the congregations were incredibly welcoming and I felt at home with them all almost immediately. The incumbent was excellent; he spent a lot of time with me explaining what happened in both churches and why and answering my numerous questions. Although the placement was relatively short there were a lot of things I could get involved with. I had **opportunities to attend two PCC meetings, a school governors' meeting,** help with the weekly toddler group, attend and lead a weekly Bible study group, speak with the coffee morning and I preached three times and led services several times. I found the placement an excellent experience with much to reflect on and very helpful for me in considering my future curacy.

In amongst my activities with my placement churches I did have time to explore Manchester and for some cultural experiences visiting Manchester Cathedral and the Lowry Gallery in Salford Quays. I also had an excellent day trip to Liverpool which is a fascinating city. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Manchester and hope to go back to visit.

When I return to college at the end of September I will be a "returner". With my fellow returners, I will work at the start of this new academic year to help those who are coming to theological college for the first time, remembering how I felt last year embarking on a journey that is really **rather daunting.** I will also be a **"leaver"** (as I am part of the group to be Ordained Deacon in summer 2018). As such, I start the year thinking about my future curacy and with the sense that ordination is becoming very real, not some far off intention. For this reason I was all the more **grateful for the warm welcome I received returning to St Thomas' at the** end of August and all the assurances of your prayers. The care and **support of the people of St Thomas' is incredibly important in affirming my** sense of calling to ordained ministry and in providing me courage to continue on this path. Thank you!!

Many blessings, Sophie

Family Quiz Night



7th Hanwell (St Thomas') Scout Group

Saturday 7th October 2017

St Thomas' Church Hall, Boston Road
6.45 for 7.00pm start



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SEPTEMBER

Sun 24th 15th after Trinity
Tues 26th PCC meeting, 20:00

OCTOBER

Sun 1st 16th after Trinity
Sat 7th Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting
at St Thomas' Church.
Scout Quiz (see page 10)

NOVEMBER

Sat 4th Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting
at St Mellitus Church
Sat 11th **St Thomas' Church Quiz** - (see page 5)

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd Churches Together in Hanwell Prayer Meeting
at St Christopher's Church

POP-IN

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OCTOBER

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27th - tea, coffee and cakes

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