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## From our Vicar

Dear Friends

At every baptism the candidate is marked with the sign of the cross using the Oil of Baptism, and the priest says: *Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess*

*the faith of Christ crucified.*

Within the space of a couple of months seven candidates, from 0 to 37, will have those words said to them.

The sign of the cross is particularly relevant in the month of September as the Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of the Holy Cross. This feast recalls St Helena discovering a piece of the 'true' cross of Christ in 326 during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It is very difficult not to become slightly uncomfortable at the rather incredulous origins of the Feast; the exact cross surviving 300 years waiting to be discovered by the Emperor's mum, hummm...

Indeed it is probably feasts such as this that led to the militant removal of their observance from the Kalendar. The sign of the cross itself became a focus for suspicion and open to the allegation of superstition. Even into the twentieth century the universally admired and loved Bishop of Lincoln, Edward King, was taken to court for observing various practices deemed unlawful, including making the sign of the cross. However, the Lincoln case did draw a line under such exaggerated claims leading many to conclude that there perhaps was not as much distance in terms of rationality between those who cry 'superstition' and the superstitious.

However, wherever we place ourselves, the cross is ever present. The signing of the cross on the forehead at baptism, and the pleading for God's protection under his 'Holy and Venerable Cross' in the Armenian Orthodox Church, are powerful reminders that the cross is there at every point in our lives.

We don't need splinters of wood to remind us that God loved the world so much that he stretched out his arms on the cross to embrace us, but it may help. Perhaps the most important symbol is the life lived that says sin and death do not have the last word, that by his wounds we are healed. Thus, as life's pace picks up in the Church and world may we pick up our cross and follow Jesus this September and beyond.

Your friend and priest  
Fr. Robert

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## Parish News

The normally quiet month of August has in reality been a hive of activity. The Community Pay-back people and Ealing Borough Council/Amey have very kindly cleared the side and back of the church. This is to help realise the vision of having a space which can be used by all our various groups. This wonderful piece of transformation will prove to be an enormous asset to the community, and the final reseeded stage has been made possible by a generous grant of over £1400 from the William Hobbayne Charity. The work on the organ has also continued apace as the restorers have been in during August.

In the Church Hall the main part of the Hall has been given a repaint and is thus freshened up. Hopefully, this will serve our users and us well for the nearer future.

An important date for the diary is 29<sup>th</sup> August 6pm for the Panto Launch BBQ. At the BBQ we will hopefully be able to see last year's production. Key will be the big reveal of 2016's Panto so start the drum roll.

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Weekend beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September with our Harvest Supper and will have particular focus on the World Week of Peace.

Finally, a big thank you to all who helped with the tidy up under the stage and garden work!



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At the end of July the Brownies set off for their annual holiday. This year we were staying in Luton at a Girlguiding Centre called Woodcroft. It is a special Pack Holiday House with a huge hall, a dormitory with bunk beds for 24, leaders' rooms and a large well-equipped kitchen. Outside there is a small wooded area and a large field to play in.

The weather on the Sunday kept us inside but we had plenty to do – we decorated plant pots, played games and in the evening we watched the Winnie the Pooh movie (that was our theme for the week)

On Monday we walked to the local leisure centre for a fun splash time in the swimming pool. During the afternoon we set about completing our "In The Woods" badge by doing some tree recognition and having a mini-beast hunt. In the evening we had fun with a Pooh themed Beetle Drive.

The next day saw us building a den in the woods (a new home for Eeyore!). We also started a beadcraft activity and had fun with marshmallows after our evening campfire.

On Wednesday we had a great day out at Whipsnade Zoo. We saw so many animals it is hard to remember them all. We played in the playground, went on the Jumbo Express Steam train and petted the goats in the farmyard. It was a long day and we were pleased to tuck into our fish and chip supper when we got back.

On Thursday we made puppets and also completed our Zoo scrapbook. We also had some sports activities in the field. For our last day we made animal masks and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of being an animal living free in the wild or living in a zoo.

Friday evening saw us having a pyjama party and dancing till we dropped!

Saturday morning we packed up and some parents came to collect us. We had thoroughly enjoyed our week away. We would like to thank Sheila Grant and Nicki Thomson who helped to feed us for the week and also Imaani Burnham who came to help with our activities. We would also like to thank those parents who kindly offered to help with transporting the girls to and from Luton.

Pauline & Bev



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As the organ slowly makes it's return I have decided to carry on with my quest.

The organ will need regular maintainence and as we are preserving its future, the recycling goes to preserve our world's future.

Please keep collecting  
sweet biscuit wrappers  
Tassimo pods and foil wrappers  
Coffee refill bags  
Ella's Kitchen baby food pouches

Collection boxes are in the church porch and the church hall.

Many thanks  
Pauline ( aka Tawny Owl)

## Prayer for the month of September



O Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the bounty of your work: we thank you for the rich harvest it produces. As we do so, we remember those who do not have enough, the thousands who are daily dying of hunger. Teach us to value people more than things and help us to set our hearts on your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

# Organ Notes

You've perhaps noticed a couple of strange-looking bits lying about in church recently, especially in the Children's Chapel and behind the Choir stalls. Then there were the days when the church was locked during the week. You've guessed it: it's all to do with the organ.

I remember an organist friend telling me about a recent rebuild at St John's church, Hammersmith. They had a beautiful Lewis organ that was in dire need of restoration. After much fund-raising, things got underway. The historic pipes were taken away, lovingly refurbished, then brought back to the church where they lay in wooden trays. The next bit of the story is too gory for a church magazine, but suffice it to say, organ pipes that have been trampled flat do not sound their best. They never caught the culprit.

What has that tale to do with us? Well, our church was locked for those few days because our organ pipes (most of them) had been refurbished, and were lying in trays on the floor. They are now safely installed in the organ. All the heavy parts have been put back and before long the painstakingly tedious job of tonal finishing will take place. This means that each individual pipe (about 1,600 of them) has to be adjusted so that it speaks to the best effect within the building. Not only that, but each pipe then must be balanced with its neighbours so that no one pipe sounds louder than another, and all the notes blend together to make a perfect whole (I'm sure there's a sermon in there somewhere). We are still well on track for the completed organ to be heard on Advent Sunday.

The opening recital, to be given by Ian Tracey from Liverpool Cathedral, will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday 16th April 2016. Do put this date in your diary - Ian is an internationally recognised recitalist, and it is a great honour to have him play for us here at St Thomas.

Finally, do keep asking about progress on the organ. Just because we can't see any difference on a week-to-week basis doesn't mean to say that exciting things aren't going on behind the facade (another sermon?). And do keep bringing those biscuit wrappers and eBay collectibles, as we still have a few thousand pounds to raise.

Michael Mappin

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# September 16th - St Cornelius

## The saint who had mercy on sinning Christians

Have you ever sinned since you became a Christian? *Really* sinned – or in other words done something that was SO wrong and totally ‘out of line’ with being a Christian that you are still ashamed when you think of it now. If so, and if you went on to ask God’s forgiveness for it, and have resolved never to do it again, then Cornelius is a good saint for you. He fought for Christians who had failed miserably to be given a second chance.

The time was 251, and Cornelius had just become Bishop of Rome. The Church at this time was struggling with what to do about Christians who had lapsed, and who now wanted to come back. Novation, a powerful Roman priest, argued that the Church had no power to pardon and welcome back any Christian who had caved in under persecution, or who had committed adultery or murder or similar serious offences.

Cornelius disagreed, and said that if a Christian truly repented and did the appropriate penance to prove it, then they should eventually be admitted back into the Church. The argument might sound over-earnest to modern ears, but it reflects how seriously the early Christians took their commitment to follow Jesus in leading a holy life, and in being willing to die for Him. In the end, that is exactly what Cornelius did – accepted death as the next persecution began, rather than deny Him.



### From the Editors

Our September magazine is always difficult to fill as everyone is on holiday during August when it’s put together! We have our Harvest supper and festival to look forward to at the end of the month. More details about the supper will be announced in due course. The tots group starts again on Wednesday 9th September.

*Jill + Sue*

# Grand Union Rangers

May 2014-July 2015

The newest Ranger group in West London has been very busy since officially forming last spring. Before the summer break, our activities included producing a cookbook of the Rangers’ favourite recipes, running a recycled clothing workshop in which old garments were repurposed by the girls, and going kayaking at the Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre. After the break, we kicked off the new school year with a cookout in the courtyard of St. Thomas’ Church. All the girls came with something to cook on the barbecue, and while we were sharing this delicious meal together, we discussed and planned what activities we would carry out as a Ranger group. At this level of Guiding, it is very important for the girls to plan their own programme based on their interests and priorities. We came up with a plan to complete the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS, our international organisation) Global Action Theme badge. This was quite a complicated task, in which the girls focused on three of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): MDG 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, MDG 2 Achieve universal primary education, and MGD 7 Ensure environmental sustainability. The girls worked hard on completing all the required tasks and most girls were awarded the top level of the badge. Since then, we have focused on a community involvement project helping homeless people in West London. The Rangers brought in and decorated a number of boxes, then solicited donations from the 8<sup>th</sup> Hanwell Guides to fill the boxes with toiletries and other necessities for women who find themselves in need. This project will be completed when the Rangers volunteer at a local homeless shelter soon. In the midst of all these serious efforts, the Rangers still manage to have fun with crafts and games as part of a balanced programme to help these girls grow into confident young women. We are now looking forward to another year of activities leading into the Centenary of Rangers in 2016.

## Copy dates!

Copy date for the **October** Trident will be **Sunday September 12th**  
Copy date for the **November** Trident will be **Sunday October 11th**  
Copy date for the **December** Trident will be **Sunday November 8th**

## **PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH – a tribute to Edith Cavell**

In September 1915, at the height of the battles in Belgium and Flanders, a British nurse working in a Belgian hospital was arrested by the Germans and charged with treason.

Edith Cavell had resided and worked in Belgium for seven years after training at the London Hospital in Whitechapel (now the ‘Royal London’) and working in several hospitals in England. Now, as the brutal conflict raged around her and the German army occupied most of Belgium, she determined to do all she could to save the lives of those caught up in the fighting, whatever their nationality.

She provided shelter and medical care for Germans, Belgians, French and British troops. In the latter two cases she also – and this was the core of her offence – assisted them in escaping from areas occupied by the German forces and making their way back to their homelands.

Her motivation for this was entirely Christian. The daughter of a vicar, she had enthusiastically embraced the faith for herself, and now saw that the time had come to put the principles of the gospel to practical effect. Her own home became a secret staging post for escapees, but she did this not to ‘take sides’ but out of concern for the young men involved. She took a high view of her vocation as a nurse, seeing it as a calling that transcended racial and national barriers. For her, healing and rescue were simply part of the calling to be a good neighbour.

Those arguments didn’t, of course, carry much weight with the German occupying power. As a Belgian resident, she was charged with treason, an offence which carried a death penalty. Her trial was widely reported, and there were many diplomatic moves made on her behalf, especially by the Americans (then neutrals in the conflict), but they fell on deaf ears.

She was found guilty and sentenced to death. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915, at the age of 49, she was executed by a firing squad, to world-wide condemnation. Nor was Edith Cavell’s death to be forgotten. After the War her body was brought back to Britain and a service of com-

memoration held in Westminster Abbey. Her body was reburied in the grounds of Norwich cathedral, near the village of her birth.

A statue which stands in St Martin’s Place, Trafalgar Square, London commemorates the life of this woman who gave herself totally to her calling – a pioneer of modern nursing methods as well as an heroic war-time figure. The statue records her most famous saying, words which capture the heart of her commitment: ‘Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.’

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## **Women’s Institute turns 100**

100 years ago this month, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1915, a small group of women met in Anglesey, and the Women’s Institute was born. With the First World War raging, they had priorities: to encourage women to keep the rural communities going, and to produce food.

As the years have gone by, the WI has acted like social jam across the UK – sweetening and enriching the life of rural communities. It has acted like social eggs and flour, combining together women of good intent to produce some excellent community efforts of substance.

Nowadays the WI still excels in excellent food – but also offers classes on everything from floral arrangements to astronomy, dancing to earthquakes. As the largest voluntary women’s organisation in the UK, with 212,000 members in around 6,600 local WIs, it has a lot to celebrate. See more at: [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

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## **All in the month of SEPTEMBER**

60 years ago - on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1955 Britain’s first independent television channel ITV was launched, ending the BBC’s monopoly and broadcasting Britain’s first TV advertisements.

30 years ago - on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1985 the wreck of the RMS Titanic was found in the Atlantic, 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, 73 years after it sank.