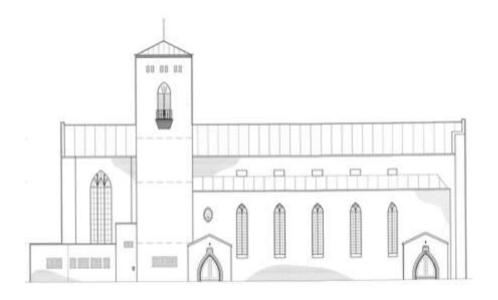




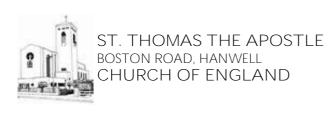
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6.30PM CUBS

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10.30AM MOTHER AND BABY/TODDLER GROUP

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From our Vicar

Dear Friends

On 21st September the P.C.C. had their away-day to draw up a Mission Action Plan. As I write this we have not met so I do not know what the outcome will be. My hope at this stage is that using the headings of Confident, Compassionate and Creative we will have come up with some clear, measureable priorities that will lead us in the

power of the Holy Spirit over the next 3 years.

As the vicar I am painfully aware of the territory within which we will be exploring these priorities. Whenever the church suggests a strategy or plan we all fear the potential threat of the church's equivalent of David Brent and his guitar 'inspiring' the Office.

So is this just another management technique uncritically adopted by a church clutching at straws? There are a number of responses to that allegation, which result in the answer, 'No'. Firstly, the assumption that we cannot employ wisdom from any other source is a tad arrogant. I have absolutely no desire to replace the prayers of the church with 'blue-sky-thinking' or the sacraments with concepts 'outside the box'. What I want us to do is clarify who we are and where we go to, and that is something both the church and 'the world' can help us with. Secondly, despite the encouragement of the Diocese to produce a Mission Action Plan the best ones are always, 'bottom up' i.e. led and inspired by the needs and response of the body of Christ within a particular context.

So what is a Mission Action Plan? Chew and Ireland (2009) define it as, 'a document which outlines the mission activities that the local church is going to do in the coming months and years'. The vagueness of that definition reminds us again that any Mission Action Plan must be St Thomas' shape. A good one will celebrate the wonderful things we do, but also look to select a few things that flow out of who we are.

So what can we all do?

First, please pray for the PCC as they will, ultimately, be the ones who will treasure and implement the Plans vision.

Second, think how you can be a part of that vision. I recently read in a 1950's St Thomas' Parish Magazine Fr Hawkins echoing Fr. Beck's encouragement to 'volunteer, do not wait to be asked'. That seems sage advice as, thanks to a good dollop of British reserve, many people hide their lights under bushels. If you have gifts or simply would just like to be part of a team doing a task, do have a word. Any good church looks for fullness in the body of Christ, and that means using all parts of the body within the church to be the Church.

Thank you for your on-going support as we go excitedly, as the body of Christ in this parish, into the future.

Your friend and priest

Fr Robert



Prayer for the month of October

Remember in your mercy, O Lord our God, your Holy Church throughout the world. Heal its divisions; restore its unity; quicken its life; empower its witness; that so it may become the instrument of

your purpose for the reconciliation of mankind and the healing of the nations, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



From the Editors

Lots of exciting things coming up at St Thomas's. On September 28th we have the Harvest Supper and the Caribbean Evening is on October 12th. Finally, don't forget to book your table for the Quiz Night on November 16th.



Copy date for the November Trident will be Sunday 13th October Copy date for the December Trident will be Sunday 3rd November. (The December magazine will be pasted on November 10th)

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Parish News

As autumn sees the diminishing of nature, the life of the church is increasing.

On the 21st September the P.C.C. is having an away day

at St Mary's Convent Chiswick. The aim of the day is to produce a Mission Action Plan which will contain 'measurable' priorities for the next 3 years.

The process also allows us to celebrate the things we do well, and use the gifts we have at St Thomas as a launch-pad for our missionary endeavours. Another celebration which took place recently was the 25th Anniversary of the Sangam Ladies Group which meets on Thursdays in our Parish Hall. They represent an important part of our community, and have been very supportive over the years to St Thomas', so it was with joy that Alexander and I could sing 'Happy Birthday' to them.

That wonderful group is a reminder of the diversity of our community, and this was further celebrated when we were privileged to host the exhibition 'Faith in Suburbia'.

From the 14th to the 23rd **September 'Faith in Suburbia' has acted as visual** reminder of the importance of faith, in its different expressions, within communities. It was appropriate that this should also coincide with two consecutive weekends (*Ride & Stride* and *London Open House*) which celebrate the significance of building to communities, the majority of which are places of worship. Thanks go to UCL and particularly Dr. Claire Dwyer for her willingness to include us in the project, and for Eileen Sinclair who was our 'rep'. This should act as an encouragement to us as we explore our missionary life together; the missionary canvass is not blank.

On the 28th September we had our Harvest Supper. Thank you to all who brought their harvest gifts to be shared, and especially Keith Spillett for the music. Such events are great ways of celebrating not the gifts of God, but our life together.

The 19th October will see our Caribbean Night - this is always a wonderful (and waist-expanding) occasion! Please get your tickets asap, and come along for a tremendous night of food and music.

Now for something completely different.

This year on the Feast of All Souls' (2nd November) at 7pm we will have our usual Requiem Mass with the recalling of the names of the departed. Please enter the names of any loved ones onto the sheets at the back of church. Also, during this octave on the following day (Sunday 3rd) at 6.30pm the intention of our Choral Evensong will also be All Souls. During this Festal Evensong we will recall the names of those who have had funerals within St Thomas' over the past year. I will invite the relatives to come to this service

and remember their loved ones. My hope is that this will be a way in which we can pastorally care and serve those who are still struggling with loss. For these and all other events please pray for us as a church as we move into this new season.

Wanted: a PCC Secretary

The PCC require a new secretary.

- The main duties are:
- Take the minutes and type up the agenda for the PCC (x 5 meetings a year)
- Take minutes and notes when required for the Standing Committee (approx 6 times a year)
- Prepare and take minutes for the APCM (x1 meeting a year)
- Maintain and update PCC and APCM files
- Receive circulars from Diocese etc to present to Standing Committee and PCC
- Support and advise Vicar and Wardens when necessary

If you think you can help please chat to either Fr. Robert or the Wardens



St Thomas's Panto 2014

A script is now in the early stages of production, so we hope that we can start rehearsals in October.

Once again, please let us know if you'd like to be involved in the panto or can help in any way.

Watch this space for updates about rehearsal times etc



80th Birthday logo competition

As you probably know by now, our church celebrates 80 years of service to our community next year. One of the things we'd like to do to mark the event is to have a logo competition. Anyone can enter whatever your age. The only

limits are your imagination!

Please submit your entries on an A4 sheet of paper to Father Robert or Sue Cunningham by October 31st. The winning logo will be used for all the publicity material during the course of the celebrations.



Votive Stand

On the 5th September 2013 the Consistory Court of the Diocese granted us a faculty for the introduction of a Votive Candle Stand.

A Votive Candle stand is simply a stand on which people can place lighted candles as a gesture or prayer. Over the past few months (and no doubt years) a number of people have asked if there is anywhere where they can light a candle?

We live in a world which is heavily symbolic,

but has lost the language of prayers which

were once taught as a regular part of growing up. Consequently, the action of lighting a candle provides an invaluable 'way in' for many people to articulate their needs and concerns. Thus, it is wonderful that we will be able to provide this for those who come seeking.

I King and Sons, on Hanwell Broadway, have been asked to make such a stand as per their drawings at a cost of £1400. The design is based of the furniture in the chancel so will be in keeping with St Thomas'. If you would like to give a donation please pass it to either me, the Wardens or Sheila Burt (Treasurer).

Thank You! Fr Robert



12 OCTOBER Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915

Whenever you get a group of clergy together, you can guarantee that within a matter of seconds they will be sharing funeral and hospital visiting stories. So here we go:

The first placement I had to do, a

theological college student, was a hospital placement. My brief was to go up and down Cavell Ward in the City Hospital Nottingham, and ask if anyone would like a chat. This was an old-fashioned Nightingale ward so everyone could see everyone else. If one said, 'No' all would say 'No' and vice versa. My very first, very, tentative steps onto Cavell Ward (Women's Surgical) was to a middle-aged lady, who, on clocking a earnest looking man in a suit, promptly lifted up her nightdress to show me the post-operative condition of her gynaecological procedure; "What d'ya think doctor?" I, red-faced, pluttered, "I'm from the Chaplaincy".

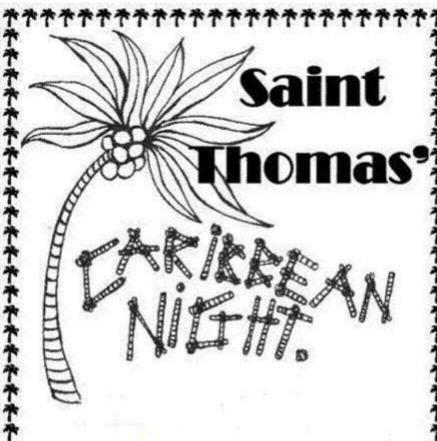
Here is the lady after whom that ward was named.

Edith Cavell was born at Swardeston in Norfolk in 1865, where her father was the vicar. Initially she worked as a governess before training as a nurse at the London Hospital. Subsequently, she worked in a number of locations including Maidstone, St Pancras, Shoreditch and Manchester. In 1907 Edith was invited to become matron of a large training centre for nurses in Brussels. She worked there for seven years until the First World War broke out and Belgian neutrality was violated by the German armies seeking a direct route to Paris and the Channel ports. Belgium found itself a war zone and the Brussels nursing school became a Red Cross hospital. Edith refused the opportunity of returning home to England and was much involved in tending wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies. This even-handed approach to the wounded became more difficult after the German occupation of Brussels in 1915, as did Edith's clandestine work of assisting in the process of smuggling British soldiers across the border from Belgium into the Netherlands. Some two hundred were enabled to escape by this means. In August 1915 Edith was arrested and kept in solitary confinement for a number of weeks before being tricked into making a

confession to a charge which carried the death penalty. But she showed n0 regret for what she had done, no complaint of her sentence nor bitterness to her captors. On the night before her execution she was visited by the Anglican Chaplain in Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together, they said the words of Abide with me and Edith received Holy Communion. Gahan reported her words: 'I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone.' Unsuccessful appeals for postponement of her execution were made by the American and Spanish ministers to Germany; she was shot by a firing squad on 12 October 1915. After the war her body was exhumed and returned to England. Vast multitudes attended her memorial service at Westminster Abbey. She was buried at Norwich Cathedral and a commemorative statue was erected in St Martin's Lane, near to Trafalgar Square in London.



"Never mind, let's just be happy that Baz came to church in the first place."



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And went about upon all fours And usually, to get indoors He pressed a button then reversed And went in slowly back most first. He called himself a Packford Eight And wore a little number plate Attached behind with bits of string He looked just like the real thing. He drove himself to school and tried To park himself (all day) outside. At which the head became irate And caned him on his number plate. And then one day an oily smell Hung around him and he wasn't well. "That's odd," he said, "I wonder what Has caused this rumbling pain I've qot? No car should get an aching tum From taking in petroleum." At that he cranked himself but no... He couldn't get himself to go. He merely whirred a bit inside And gave a faint chug-chug, and died. Now since his petrol tank was full, They labelled him inflammable And wisely saw to it that he Was buried safely out at sea. So if at any time your fish Should taste a trifle oilyish You'll know that fish has lately fed On what remains of Ethelred.

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29th Sun Saint Michael and All Angels. Harvest Festival

OCTOBER

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12th Sat Caribbean Evening

13th Sun
20th Sunday after Trinity
20th Sun
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