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A Prayer for September



Dear Lord, September – the month of new starts!
New terms, new groups, new friends, new hopes, every year.
Lord, thank you for the new start you offer us when we put
our trust in Jesus. A new start that we make once – and then can renew
every day.
Every time we falter, you pick us up. Every time we come back to you, you
forgive us and accept us.
Thank you, Lord, for never letting us down, for never leaving or forsaking
us, that new starts with you are always possible, not just in September.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Copy Dates

Copy date for October will be Sunday 13th September
Copy date for November will be Sunday 4th October
Copy date for December will be Sunday 14th November

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From our Curate

There is much to look forward to in the coming weeks of September and beyond that is both encouraging to us as a church and allows us to share with others the love of God. Our recent themes on Sunday mornings speak into this as we've reflected on the boundless mercy of God, of a God who wants us to reach out to him and the pictures that Jesus gave of the transforming life of the Kingdom of God.

On Sunday 6th of September our morning mass will have a changed tone as we look to bless and support all those who return 'Back to School', both young and older. Schools have a significant impact on our lives and the communities for today and tomorrow. We are inviting our local schools and those around St Thomas' to join us.

A couple of weeks later on Sunday 20th September, we have the joy of celebrating the service of Confirmation for Oliver Allen, Leo Hewlett and Benedict and Tobias Howson. With Bishop Lusa alongside, we'll together travel on the next step of faith with our young people. Please do pray for those being confirmed and their families in the coming weeks.

Then in October we have a family mass that will be pet friendly. This may not be as messy or awkward as it sounds, and it gives us an opportunity to ask for God's blessing on the animals in our care. In October we have a baptism where we welcome both family and child into the community of God's people at St Thomas', and initiation into the Christian faith.

All these services are tremendous events in the life of St Thomas', that help us to grow, to understand how God's love enters into our lives and for us as a church to be that 'welcome' of God to others. There's an opportunity here for us to show how welcoming we can be. Being ourselves, extending kindness, acceptance and warmth to those who are unfamiliar with church and possibly where they are different to us. We can take note from the times when Jesus meets with someone who feels they are on the outside, feeling uncomfortable or in a situation of tension. How do you see Jesus welcoming others? In some ways the 'welcome' goes ahead of us, for God has already called and welcomed everyone. The welcome we and the church give is making it come alive for those who come through our doors.

Rev Nilesh



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21st Sept St Matthew

Matthew was one of 12 apostles. But he began as a publican i.e. a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles.

Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

Yet more goings-on at the PCC



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on the evening of Tuesday 21st July. Here is a brief summary of some of the discussion and the decisions that were taken.

Mission

It was noted that welcome leaflets had been produced for Hanwell Carnival and further copies had been placed in church. Plans were made for Rowland's last Sunday with us; there would be a presentation of gifts in church, and cake and drinks afterwards in the Hall.

We agreed that recent workshops on Bible studies and spirituality, held on Saturday mornings, and led by Leslie Pringle, had been very well attended and had been well received. Some committee members offered to help Leslie in providing some future sessions focusing on the Gospels.

It was reported that our stall at the recent Hanwell Carnival had been successful in building relationships within the community. We talked to a lot of people, handed out leaflets, and had a prayer station.

There was an extensive discussion about St Thomas' annual pantomime, and whether it should continue in its present form, given that fewer young people are now involved, and some senior, key members wish to step down. We agreed that, since the pantomime is important for community outreach, it ought to continue, if at all possible. Several new names for key administrative and support roles were suggested, and options for strengthening the performing cast were discussed.

It was agreed that during the coming winter, St Thomas' would again be taking part in the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter scheme. We will be providing shelter for homeless people on four consecutive Sunday nights: 29th of November and 6th, 13th, and 20th of December.

We noted that Revd Nilesh will be attending the Greenbelt Festival at the end of August with some of our young people, and will be working with

them on their confirmation preparation.

Finance: Draft Budget

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Steve presented the management accounts for the previous quarter (April to June) and a draft budget for 2027. A discussion on various emerging issues followed. Key points were as follows:

All fundraising income will continue to be channelled for the time being into the Hall Renovation project.

We need to work at revitalising our Stewardship (regular giving) income. The Parish has not conducted a formal Stewardship programme for many years; such a program has been pencilled-in for this autumn.

We need to continue to look for opportunities for hiring-out spare capacity in the Church Hall to suitable community groups.

Income from space in the church tower leased to telecom companies for wi-fi transmissions continues to provide valuable support to church finances.

Choristers and organists at our Sunday services continue to offer their talents to the church on a voluntary unpaid basis. The result is a significant reduction in our expenses — a situation that many churches would envy.

Finance: Common Fund Offer for 2027

All parishes in London Diocese contribute to what is known as ‘Common Fund’, so called because it reflects the common mission of our Diocese. The Common Fund finances such things as clergy stipends (our vicar’s salary), clergy housing, training of new clergy, and ministry with young people in schools and colleges.

The PCC discussed a letter that had been received from the Willesden Area suggesting a Common Fund contribution of £82,000 in 2027. (Our an-

nual contribution for 2026 is £76,000.) In preparing the draft budget, the Finance Committee had included the suggested £82,000 as a prospective Common Fund amount, with the result that the budget would be in deficit to the extent of £4,202. After some discussion the Committee agreed that we respond to Willesden Area, agreeing to their proposal, with the deficit being made up from our existing reserves. Our budgeted cost to the Diocese for 2027 is £105,090. Therefore, a Common Fund contribution of £82,000 represents just over 78% of our cost; the remainder is made up by some parishes that contribute at a level above their costs, supplemented from the historic reserves of the Diocese, and loans taken out by the Diocese. Our Common Fund contribution will be paid in instalments out of our 2027 income.

New Inspecting Architect

Steve reported that interviews for the post of Inspecting Architect at St Thomas' were currently in progress. (The Architect undertakes 5-yearly inspections of the fabric of the building on behalf of the Diocese, and provides consultancy support to the Parish for follow-up actions.)

Post-meeting note: In a decision following the meeting, PCC members agreed by email to the appointment of Sarah Earney to be our new inspecting architect. Sarah is an experienced, qualified Conservation Architect, who runs her own practice based in Twickenham.

Worship

We have received a grant of £2,000 from Ealing Deanery to enable the purchase of new live streaming equipment. During the meeting, a working group was set up to take this initiative forward. When commissioned, the equipment will enable church services to be broadcast on our website.

The PCC approved with grateful thanks, the appointment of Hilary White and Robert Pearce to act as sidespersons at our main church services.

Steve Purcell, Churchwarden.



From the Editors

Lots going in at St Thomas' in September - we have the confirmation service for some of our young people and a fund-raising event with local band 'One Night Only' on September 26th. For us - just three more Tridents to go and no offers to take it on as yet.

Jul & Sue



Pictures by the Park

Join us for a film night, in aid of St Thomas' Hall Renovation Fund!
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In Season in September

September is probably the most abundant month for home grown produce. Summer crops like salad, tomatoes, cucumber and courgettes are still plentiful and we see the start of the autumn crops - apples, pears, leeks and squash.



VEGETABLES

Beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, celery, chard, courgettes, cucumbers, French beans, lettuce, peppers, potatoes, runner beans, spinach, sweetcorn, squash and tomatoes.

FRUIT

Apples, blueberries, autumn fruiting raspberries, pears, plums and damsons



The Leprosy Mission are no longer collecting postage stamps, but the good news is that USPG are collecting them, so please carry on leaving them in the box at the back of the church.

A friend is someone who reaches for
your hand but touches your heart. -
Anon

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There are other ways in which you can help.

If unable to drop-off at a local collection point, you can leave food donations in the green box in our church porch. However, there may be some delay in transfer to the Foodbank warehouse.

Monetary donations may be made through the Foodbank website, as above.

** please remember that our magazine is produced a month in advance - we publish the shopping list available to us at the time of going to press, so it's a good idea to check the most recent list on the website (see above) or Twitter: @EalingFoodbank or Instagram: ealingfoodbank.

August Shopping List **

Tinned mackerel, tinned fruit, peanut butter, pasta sauces, instant coffee, vegetarian mains.

Thank you, but the foodbank has plenty of pasta, baked beans and soup at the moment

Please pray for:

Those who are housebound, sick or in need: Anthony, John Ball, Paul Ball, Caroline Baxter, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Amy Dobbin, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Andrew Everard, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Alison Johns, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Marion Newlands, Cynthia Noel, Christine Oxford, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Carie Schurr, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner, Linda Williams and Kris Wilson.

Those preparing for confirmation: Oliver Allen, Leo Hewlett, Ben & Toby Howson,

Those who have recently died especially: John Tonkin, Priest, Leslie Spowart & Sylvia Volkel.

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Friday 18th - tea, coffee and cake

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God bless the house from ground to
stay,
From beam to wall and all the way,
From head to post, from ridge to
clay,
From balk to roof-tree let it lay,
From found to top and every day
God bless both fore and aft, I pray,
Nor from the house God's blessing
stray,
From top to toe the blessing go.

*From Poems of the Western
Highlanders*

All in the month of September

It was:

250 years ago, on 9th September that the Second Continental Congress adopted the name United States, which replaced United Colonies.

200 years ago, on 5th September 1826 that John Wisden, British cricketer was born. He was the founder of *Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac*. It was launched with 112 pages in 1864, now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket.

90 years ago, on 7th September 1936 that Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer was born. He was killed in a plane crash in 1959.

Also 90 years ago, on 21st September 1936 that Frank Hornby, British inventor, died. He is remembered for Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys.

80 years ago, on 5th September 1946 that Freddie Mercury, Zanzibar-born British rock singer and songwriter was born. As lead singer of Queen, he sold more than 250 million records worldwide. He died of bronchial pneumonia resulting from AIDS in 1991.

65 years ago, on 11th September 1961, that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland. Nowadays it is the world's largest conservation organisation, operating in nearly 100 countries with over 35 million supporters.

60 years ago, on 8th September 1966 that the Severn Bridge was officially opened. Linking Wales and England over the rivers Severn and Wye, it carries about 32,000 vehicles a day.

25 years ago, on 11th September 2001 that the terrorist attacks on America took place. Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Centre's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC). 2,973 people were killed.



August

Sun 30th

13th of Trinity

September

Sun 6th

14th of Trinity 'Back to School' Sunday

Sun 13th

15th of Trinity

Sun 20th

16th of Trinity - Confirmation Service

Sat 26th

Fund raiser - 'One Night Only' 8pm

Sun 27th

17th of Trinity

October

Sun 4th

18th of Trinity

Sun 11th

19th of Trinity

Sat 17th

Harvest Ceilidh

Sun 18th

20th of Trinity

Sun 25th

Last Sunday of Trinity

November

Sun 1st

All Saints' Day

Sun 8th

3rd Sunday before Advent

Sun 15th

2nd Sunday before Advent

Sun 22nd

Sunday before Advent (Christ the King)

Sun 29th

1st of Advent



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