

Saint Thomas the Apostle

The parish church of Longford & Hawkesbury

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Seeking to maintain and practice the traditional faith of the Church.

Sunday 11th July 2010

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome to the Parish Mass

A particularly warm welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time today

It is our custom at S. Thomas' to observe a period of silent prayer to prepare ourselves for worship.

For those who have hearing difficulties, please select the "T" switch on your hearing aid.

After the entrance hymn our children gather in front of the altar to begin their Liturgy of the Word.

Smaller children are welcome to use the children's corner during the service under the supervision of an adult.

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments after Mass

Mass times this week

- Mon 12th Weekday of Ordinary Time
7pm Mass
(The sick, disabled, housebound)
- Tues 13th **S. Henry**
7pm Mass
(Local hospitals)
- Wed 14th Weekday of Ordinary Time
6.30am Mass (followed by breakfast)
(Society of the Holy Cross)
- Thurs 15th **S. Bonaventure**
9.30am Mass (followed by refreshments)
(Theologians)
- Fri 16th Weekday of Ordinary Time
10.30am Mass at S. Nicholas' Radford
- Sat 17th **Our Lady on Saturday**
10am Mass
(Walsingham)
(followed by Coffee Morning & Parish Office)

NEXT SUNDAY

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10am PARISH MASS with Children's Liturgy

Parish priest

Father Paul Burch SSC

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Fr Paul's recreation day is Friday

The prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer: Mon-Thurs 9.10am; Sat 9.30am,
Sun 9am

Evening Prayer: Sun & Mon-Thurs 6.30pm
Sat 6pm (of Sunday)

On duty next week...

Servers: Sophie, Jessica (Ac), Susan (Cr),
Clare (Th), William B (B), Ian (MC)

Reader: Thomas **Prayers:** Rosemary

Eucharistic ministers: Joyce, Clare

Welcomers: Elizabeth, Tina

Coffee: Clare, Rachel

Please do remember that if you are unable to carry out any of your responsibilities on the rota you should find a replacement *and inform the churchwarden*

Bishop Andrew writes.... At this time of year monastic ruins are often in my mind. There is the Walsingham Pilgrimage in the Abbey Ruins, the site of Walsingham Priory. Then there is the Glastonbury Pilgrimage, celebrated amidst the ruins of another famous Abbey. On holiday this year I visited Castle Acre Priory in Norfolk. Catching up at last with Hilary Mantel's brilliant novel, *Wolf Hall*, my holiday reading, I was more than aware of the suppression of 800 monasteries by Thomas Cromwell, in the late 1530s. What Cromwell encouraged Henry VIII to believe was that what belonged to the Church really belonged to the State. He was to be Head of the Church, and the Crown the rightful owner of the Church's lands, properties, and treasures.....It seems to me that we badly need a 'new deal' in this country. We need to look again at what Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell did to the Church. If the buildings truly belong to the State, then let the State look after them. Nowadays, it probably means that they should be shared by the Christians whose inheritance they are and used and managed ecumenically, freeing up quite a number of mostly indifferent buildings to be sold on or developed. Meanwhile, let the Church concentrate on paying for what it alone can do: the formation and deployment of ministers, the pastoral care of God's people, the worship of the Church, its liturgy and evangelistic outreach. Let everyone who shares in, and benefits from, this work consider once more the invitation to half-tithe net income. That invitation, originally from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, recognises the need for us to be generous in other directions too. It recognises the help that Gift Aid brings in repaid tax. It leaves us with a well-supported clergy, a well-supported mission, and 95% of our take-home pay intact for personal and family use. A half-tithe, 5% of 'take-home', is impossible for some, but a drop in the ocean for others. And, whatever the future holds, the continuing life and work of the Church remains compelling, urgent, and - because it gives glory to God - beautiful too. The beauty of holiness.

+ Andrew Ebbsfleet

Taken from Bishop Andrew's July pastoral letter

Please include in your prayers...

The sick: Elda Cunningham, Connie Jefferies, Hannah Murray, Jane Cartmell, Penny Blight, Barbra Manley, Connie Jackson, Olive Coffel, Freda Hibberd, Paul Newton, Chris Wright, Audrey Brickell, Brian Hopley, Ron Stew, Patrick Lanaghan, Elizabeth Shaw, Mont Cleaver, John Todd, Rebecca Mistry, Jacqueline, Samuel Kangethe, John Clarke, Rosemary Parslow, Fr John Philips, Barbara Hyde, Lynn Howe, Bren Hellier, Alexis Wallington, Fr Norman Stevens, Josephine Riley, Bealah Potter

The recently departed: Frederick Stone, John Sidwell, William Potts, Vicky Stafford, Sarah Hambridge

Anniversaries of death: William Walden (11th); Annie Yates (15th); Reginald Thomas Ellicott, Ethel Judd (16th)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays at 5.30pm or by arrangement at other times.

The **Sacrament of Anointing** is available for the sick or prior to an operation. Please ask Fr Paul.

Please contact Fr Paul if you require **Holy Communion at home** due to sickness or incapacity.

The Saint Thomas lamp

burns this week for

**Christopher,
Bishop of Coventry**

Saint Thomas, pray for us.

**Please take this news sheet home for
your use.**

Noticeboard

Parish Office

For enquiries about Baptism, Marriage please come along to the hall on Saturdays 10.30-11.30am. It is preferable to phone Fr Paul in advance on 024 7636 4078.

For hall bookings please phone 024 7631 8412

Summer Garden Party & Teddy Bears' Picnic at the vicarage

Sunday 18th July 2-5pm (note NOT Saturday)

Please do all you can to make this event a success, both socially and financially. There is a [list of jobs](#) for people to volunteer for before the event and on the day itself. More than anything, please spread the word to family and friends and be there yourself. Prize draw tickets available from June.

Welcome to Oliver Hall who was baptised last Sunday after the Parish. During today's Parish Mass we welcome Oliver into the family of the Church and pray for him and his parents and godparents.

Fr Paul is at Shilton immediately after Mass today.

PCC meeting Tuesday 20th July.

Going on holiday this year? Check out the churches in the area [now](#). When you arrive is often too late. Fr Paul may be able to advise.

Church cleaning Please see Rosemary if you can give some time to clean church on a rota basis. We do need some more helpers.

Readers please collect your readings and notes from the tray on the window sill.