

## *Celebrating 100 years as a Parish*

This year (2008), St Thomas Church, Longford celebrates 100 years as a separate parish and a number of events are being planned to mark this anniversary

The main event will take place from **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008** when a flower festival is being held themed on Longford 100 years ago and as it is today.

This festival will give an opportunity for people of the parish to see St Thomas's now and see something of what the building is all about

During this event refreshments will be provided throughout the opening times of the festival

At the end of the weekend a Songs of Praise and Service of Thanksgiving will be held on the Sunday evening

Earlier in the year, on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008**, a bring-your-own food picnic will be held at Sutton Stop, followed by a short open air service. Recognising Longford's long standing connections with the canal it is hoped that the service will be conducted from a narrowboat

*If anyone has any stories or photos of old Longford that you think we might be able to use please contact Roger Davis [davis\\_roger@sky.com](mailto:davis_roger@sky.com)*

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