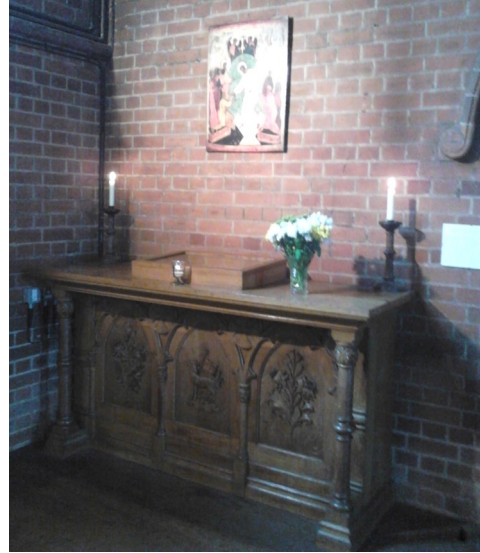


St Thomas

News

What's on at St Thomas' this week?

- **10.30 am Sunday Worship**
 - **Bible Study on Friday 21st May at 2.30pm**
- Contact Rowan for more info**



The Book of Remembrance

Although it is only May and All Souls' Day in November seems a long way off, this may come as a refresher note to old hands, or as useful information for newer members of St Thomas's.

As you enter the church, turn sharp right and you will see the Book of Remembrance in its display case in the corner, under the Icon of the Resurrection, with a candlestand in front. This Book was dedicated on All Souls' Day, 2 November 1992, and contained over 80 names of those who had departed this life but whom we wanted to remember at St Thomas's. Since then of course the Book has been filled with many more names. In normal times this remembering of loved ones meant that they were prayed for, and a candle lit for them on their anniversary, and that their names were read out at the All Souls' Day service.

Sadly, because of Covid lockdowns and restrictions, we were only able to hold a shortened version of the normal service last November, and the interregnum has meant that, without an incumbent, observing the anniversaries during daily Morning and Evening prayer could not be done either, although the anniversaries

have been listed on the Sunday prayers & notices sheet. However, with the proposed easing of restrictions through the summer months, it should be possible at least to hold our normal All Souls' Day service next November.

You can add people who have recently died to the weekly prayers when the prayers request is sent by email.—Note that this does not automatically add them to the Book of Remembrance, but you can then add them later.

If you would like to add someone's name you can do so by filling in a simple form – if you would like to do this for more than one person please complete a separate form for each (to avoid confusion). We are happy to include people close to you, as well as those connected with St Thomas's. The PCC originally agreed that there should be a charge of £5 for each name to cover costs, and this charge has stayed the same.

The Book is annually updated in the autumn, and forms will be available at Sunday worship at this time for a few weeks, although you can of course request a form at any time (from the churchwardens).

We are in church for Holy Communion on Sunday mornings.

We have suitable social distancing and other safety measures.

We are confident in our arrangements, please do feel able to attend if you are well.

N.B—Face coverings are mandatory in churches, please come prepared.

If you are not receiving emails from St Thomas' please contact: stthomasfp2@gmail.com

St Thomas's Easter Collection

Donations to the Eastertide collection will be divided between two local food projects: St John Brownswood Park's Soup Kitchen & Food Bank and the Food Hub at Elizabeth House.

St John's Soup Kitchen and Food Bank is open for takeaway only and the food bank is available at the same times: Tuesdays: 6.30pm – 8.30pm for hot soup and a pudding. Sundays: 12noon – 2pm for a hot meal and a pudding. No referral is needed. For more information please email soupkitchen@sjebp.com St John the Evangelist, Brownswood Park, Queen's Drive N4 2LW. 020 8809 6111

Elizabeth House Community Centre Food Hub

Local residents experiencing food poverty can receive a weekly food bag during the lockdown and beyond. Elizabeth House is also supporting local residents to start local food co-ops run for and by them, with the aim to reduce food bills and food waste through bulk buying and accessing food surplus.

Food boxes with essential items are distributed every Tuesday. The Community Team also provides regular telephone support and befriending services.

Elizabeth House Community Centre, 2 Hurlock Street, N5 1ED, 020 7690 1300 info@elizabeth-house.org.uk

St Thomas's collection will be open throughout the Easter season - until the Feast of Pentecost on 23 May.

Donation red cross envelopes are available in church, or please give online: <https://bit.ly/329DBGX>

A boost for St Thomas' online Worship!

We have recently had installed new video equipment which will greatly enhance our online offering for those members of the congregation who may not yet have been able to join us in church due to the pandemic. We're able to record a good view of the service.

We're not recording anyone who doesn't want to be on camera, and are only showing views of the chancel, the pulpit and altars. Only people who come up to serve or read are on camera, and there are places for the servers to sit off camera if they wish.

We have been able to tap into our existing hearing aid loop system to provide the sound input for the recording. This works well and now produces a good sound recording for the service. We had a few problems due to the age, and poor maintenance of, the hearing aid loop system, which we are in the process of resolving. One thing we have now become aware of is the great need to speak clearly and correctly into the microphone. We have always used this microphone and we are all aware that it is not an amplification microphone, it only produces an output for the hearing aid loop system, and now for our online recording. This microphone has no speaker or output for anyone in the building who is not wearing a hearing aid connected to the loop system. Since we are now able to hear the output from the loop system without needing hearing aids, we

Contact our interim priest:

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email: priest.stthomasfp@gmail.com

Or phone to talk:

Phone 020 7263 8268

Mobile 07530 969 444

Please Give Generously:

If you are able to give at this time, we would be very grateful. Your contribution is very important and helps to continue life here at St Thomas.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9php2pp>

#Islington4women

Join WOMEN'S WALK #1 Wednesday 19 May 2021

Meet at the Arsenal FC Ticket Office on Drayton Park at 5.30pm for a chat, a walk, a meet and a chance to explore your local area safely - to celebrate sun, spring and women's right to be out and about in Islington. All ages welcome!

We will hear stories about how women have changed the community and landscape in Islington. Please bring headphones with a mini/3.5mm jack. The walk will last about an hour.

Contact: i4w@allchangearts.org

are becoming aware of the great need to use the microphone in the correct way, make sure it is switched on, and that it is close enough to you, although not too close. Good enunciation and voice projection are all important in public speaking and particularly in our church, where we have no amplification, for the people in the building, and it's still vitally important that everyone can hear the readers.

We're very grateful to Cloudesley for providing us with the money to be able to purchase our new video recording equipment, enabling us to produce a good online worship service for those at home and unable to join us at this time.

This image is used on screen during the time we take communion in church. Those worshipping in the building are not seen on screen.

You can find us on Youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNSPvWmICR8-tjNx1fSc8Q>



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Do you know anyone who doesn't have access to a computer? Please print this newsletter for them if you can. Perhaps they might like to know there is a FREE phone line called Daily Hope, 0800 804 8044, offering a collection of well-known hymns, the stories behind the hymns, joining in with Morning or Evening Prayer, or receiving the latest relevant public health advice.