

St Thomas News



29 October 2020

What's on at St Thomas' this week?

- 10.30 am Sunday Worship
- 2nd November All Souls Day on [YouTube](#)
- Wednesday Morning Prayer at 9am on Zoom
 - Bible Study on Friday at 2pm on Zoom

All links can be found in your emails

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2ND LIEUTENANT ERNEST HARRY NOWELL

1892 – 1915

Ernest Harry Nowell was born in Highbury in 1892, the only child of Harry, a plumber, and his wife Helena, a teacher.

The family moved around Highbury for several years and in 1901 settled at 42 Jackson Road. Sadly, Harry deserted his wife and son around 1904/5.

The young Ernest attended St Thomas's, becoming a server and later a Sunday School teacher. Behind the font is a series of lovely stained glass windows which he would have known very well, which were 'given by the children of the Sunday Schools and congregation October 1892'.

By 1911 Ernest and Helena were living in Enfield, renting a house from Helena's sister and brother-in-law, who were living at 104 Wilberforce Road. By this time Ernest was an insurance clerk, and Helena supported the family by private teaching.

After war was declared in August 1914 Ernest joined a terri-

torial unit, the 19th London Regiment (St Pancras) at Camden on 28th September as a private soldier. By November the unit had been incorporated into the regular army and Ernest began full time training at St Albans.

The battalion arrived in France the following March and was moved to the front after further training. They took part in the battles of Auber Ridge and Festubert in May 1915, and Ernest was recommended for a commission having evidently shown outstanding leadership.

He was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment on 7th July 1915 and returned to the UK for a short period of further officer training. His promotion appeared in the London Gazette of 27th July by which time he was already back in France.

Sadly Ernest was killed on the morning of 1st September 1915 when a shell hit the officers' dug-out. His body was recovered and buried at the Dressing Station Farm the same day. This was later renamed the Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, and is where Ernest's body still

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We are open 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 now mandatory in churches, please come prepared.

rests and is cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

In his 'soldiers will' made on the field (possibly scribbled in the back of his pay book) Ernest left a legacy of £10 to St Thomas's. It was effectively his last act, and showed how much he valued the church. His memorial plaque is in the sanctuary on the right hand wall near the altar.



Lest We Forget.

Christian Aid - Service of reflection - Wednesday 4 November at 5:30pm

A time to come together in our grief, in what has been a difficult year, to remember those we love who are no longer here - and a chance for those experiencing a more general sense of loss to acknowledge and reflect upon these feelings. The service, on YouTube and Facebook, will include a sermon from Dr Rowan Williams and time and space for personal reflection. To find out more, please see: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/service-reflection>

Black History Month

A series of filmed reflections from St. Paul's to celebrate Black History Month – available to watch now on:

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/learning-faith/adult-learning/black-history-month>

- The Revd Jarel Robinson Brown, Associate Chaplain at Kings College London reflects upon the life of novelist and activist James Baldwin.
- The Revd Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon, and honorary canon of Southwark Cathedral reflects upon the life of musician Sister Rosetta Tharpe.
- Professor Anthony G. Reddie, Director of the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture in Regent's Park College, in the University of Oxford reflects upon the life of political activist and journalist Marcus Garvey.
- Rev Dr Sharon Prentis, Intercultural Mission Enabler & Dean of Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic Affairs for the Church of England in Birmingham reflects upon the life of Pauli Murray, canonized by the Episcopal Church in 2012.

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Don't forget the Oxfam book bank!

If you have been sorting out books and have some ready to give away, please don't forget that there is an Oxfam book bank in St Thomas's. Please bring books in carrier bags when you come to church and put them next to the container (near the Sacred Heart altar).

Donations will be taken to the Bloomsbury shop which has specialists to sort them - already they have raised many hundreds of pounds from the books we have all given.

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>



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