



We welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, any visitors to our church today. We hope that you will be able to follow the service in the yellow booklet. Please make yourself known to one of the priests or the people who gave you the service books. After the 10.00am Mass please come through to the Church Centre for tea or coffee and to meet other members of the congregation. Younger children may be taken into the crèche in the Church Centre for a time-out as necessary (through the doors on the right near the organ). At communion time, if you do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament you are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, carrying the yellow booklet as a sign; and we do ask everyone to try to keep a time of quiet prayerfulness during this part of the service.

8.00am MASS

Readings as at 10.00am

10.00am SUNG MASS

Introductory Rite (Yellow book page 4)

Entrance Hymn: 185

Kyrie & Gloria: Addington Service - Richard Shephard

Collect:

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word (page 7)

First Reading: Revelation 11: 19 - 12: 6 Annie Hayter

Responsorial Psalm 45 - David Rooke

Please join in the response:

On your right stands a queen in garments of gold



Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7 Steve Hayter

Gospel Acclamation: Gregory Murray

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 46-55

Intercessions: Martin Oxley

Liturgy of the Sacrament (page 10)

Offertory Hymn: 184

Sanctus Benedictus & Agnus Dei:

Addington Service - Richard Shephard

Communion Motet: Ave Maria - Jacques Arcadelt

Communion Hymn: 295

Concluding Rite (page 14)

Final Hymn: 186

Organ: Ave Maria - Johann Sebastian Bach/ Charles Gounod Sam Adams (Director of Music)



Hail Mary, full of grace

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, Time, and Service details. Includes entries for Monday through Sunday, with Sunday being the Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

Table with 3 columns: Role, Name, and Contact Number. Lists Vicar, Retired Clergy, Churchwardens, Church Centre opening hours, and Parish Office opening hours.



NOTICES AND INFORMATION

WELCOME to Saint Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*transferred from 15th August*). We hope you will join us in the hall after the 10.00am Mass for tea or coffee.

If this is your first visit, or if you are here on holiday, we are very pleased that you join us in worship. Service details are given on the other side of this Bulletin. We follow the Yellow Service Book, starting on page 4.

There will be no Evening Service today or for the next two Sundays (20th & 27th August)

BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to Gita Mackintosh-Purr, Charles McMillan and Ray Pallett, whose birthdays are TODAY, and to Harley Croft, Allan Thomson, Evan Barnes, Jackson Fisher, Gavin Reid, Bethany Wright, Maximis Gibson, Charlotte Witherstone, Sadie Turrell, Florence Drake, Jeremy Heyes, Caroline Snowsill and Grace Weeden, who all have birthdays this coming week.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who are keeping the Church and Church Centre open during the mornings of the summer break.

Please let Brian or Lesley Lynn know if you are able to join the team of volunteers (telephone 01277 220315)

THE SPIRE: the deadline for any material to be included in the next issue of 'The Spire' is **Sunday 3rd September**. Please send your articles by email to christine.rooke@googlemail.com, or they can be left pinned to the message board in the Church Centre marked for my attention. The magazine will be available on Saturday 16th September. *Chris Rooke (Editor)*

'61' CLUB: we do not have a meeting in August therefore our next meeting will be the trip to see the matinee performance of 'Crazy for You' starring Tom Chambers at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend on 28th September. The cost is £40, this includes coach and tips. There are 2 places left so if you are interested, or unable to commit now and would like to go on reserve list, please phone me on 01277 211325. Thank you. *Julie Grange.*

FRIENDS OF ESSEX CHURCHES TRUST: the **Annual Sponsored Bike Ride**, which supports Christian Churches and Chapels in Essex and East London is Saturday - 9th **September**. Please help support the Trust - and our church - by sponsoring those taking part.

JAM MAKERS FOR CHURCH FUNDS Jenny Ward and Lesley Lynn would be grateful for any further donations of clean empty Jam Jars. **Thank you**

SUMMER BREAK

Please note that during **August** we are operating in 'holiday mode'

* Daily	- All Mass times as usual - Church & Centre will be open most mornings only.
* Sundays	- Sunday School becomes Sunday Club , led by volunteers, for children registered with our church. - 8.00am and 10.00am services as usual, but there will be no 6.00pm Evensong on 13 th , 20 th and 27 th August
* Mondays	- Mothers' Prayers resume in September
* Tuesdays	- Beavers Cubs and Scouts - summer recess
* Wednesdays	- No Toddlers' Service and Play Group - No Ploughman's lunches, until 6th September - No choir practices - Evening surgery by appointment only - please call 01277 225700
* Thursdays	- Bell ringing as per the usual plan!
* Fridays	- No '61' Club meeting

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS': on 8th October we will have our **Parish Barbecue** after the 10.00am Mass that day. The Sunday School children will be singing too. All offers of help are welcome. *Martin Oxley*

PREPARING FOOD FOR REFUGEES. Mary Stretch wishes to thank our generous congregation for all offers of help - and for the kind donations of toiletries and socks! Mary hopes to see us again in September. Meanwhile, please add any further kind contributions into the large box in the Centre Foyer.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH & CENTRE?

The Café (and Church) are usually open
9.00am-12noon most mornings

Mon	14 th		
Tues	15 th	Mass	9.30am
Wed	16 th	Mass	12.15pm
Thu	17 th	Mass (BCP)	9.30am
Fri	18 th		
Sat	19 th	Mass	9.30am

Sorry we are unable to include any additional material that you may have for the Bulletin for Sunday 20th August (due to holidays). Items for inclusion in the 27th August Bulletin can be emailed by **Tuesday 22nd August** to Chris Rooke at christine.rooke@googlemail.com, or hand them to Fr. Colin