

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- our Tonbridge Archdeaconry
- the Church of the Province of South East Asia
Please continue to pray for the sick and those in need:-
Sarah Beaney; Sheila Branson; Jill Boyd; Beryl Guarnori; Mollie Nottage;
Peggy Pope; Diana Young.

Please remember the recently departed and all those who mourn them.

+ **For those in need, O Lord, we make our prayer:**
the sick in mind or in body;
the blind, the deaf and the disabled;
the isolated; the sorrowing, the anxious and the perplexed.
Lord, give them courage, patience and peace of heart,
and do for them whatever is for their good.
We give thanks and pray for those who care for them. +

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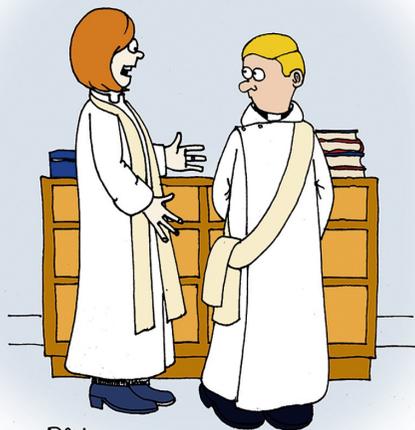
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Please make sure all items for the **Notice Bulletin** reach the office by

Wednesday midday



**By Helen's reckoning,
this was the third time
this week that the dog
had eaten Alan's sermon**



*To live the love of God,
in the Way of Christ Jesus
in our parish and community*

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12th August 2018

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist



Monday 13th		NO services
Tuesday 14th	9 am	Morning Prayer
		NO Evening Prayer
	7.45 pm	House Group
Wednesday 15th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	9.45 am	Holy Communion
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 16th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 17th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	5 pm	Evening Prayer



NEXT SUNDAY

19th August 2018

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33; John 6:35,41-51

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

To enquire about a baptism, wedding or funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priest-in-Charge or one of the Churchwardens.

REMEMBER you can sponsor any Sunday order of service or flowers in memory of a loved one or an event, with a donation to parish funds. Please contact Andrea in the office (01892 617398 or saintthomas1860@btinternet.com)

WELCOME

to Rev Jim Stevens who is kindly taking our services this morning.
Welcome back to St Thomas's!



TAKING A BREAK

Please note that Rachel is on leave until Tuesday 14th August inclusive. If you need to leave a message for her it is best to do this on e-mail and Rachel will respond on her return. In case of a real emergency needing immediate attention please contact one of the Churchwardens.



STIFF WALK

The next STIFF walk is on Saturday 25th August: Part 5 of the Wealden Round from Marsh Green to Crockham Hill (6½ miles). (This is the walk that was postponed from the 28th July because of the extreme heat). Please meet at the car park in Pennington Grounds at 9.30 a.m. Please wear suitable footwear and bring a stick. **We will be having a picnic lunch.** For more information, please speak to Carol Prentice or Eric Wills.



HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

This year's summer charity appeal will be for the Hospice in the Weald. We will be having a speaker on behalf of the Hospice on 26th August, and gift aid envelopes should be available from the previous Sunday, 19th. There will also be a display at the back of church about the ongoing work of the Hospice.

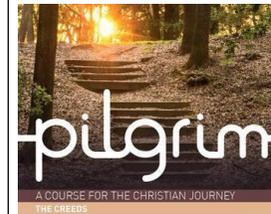


A NEW DISCUSSION GROUP - "DIFFICULT QUESTIONS"

Earlier in the year, Rachel encouraged people to write down those "difficult questions" that we all struggle with. The response was terrific and in an attempt to answer some of those questions, Rachel will be hosting a discussion group on a Sunday evening on alternate months. The first of these sessions will run on Sunday 2nd September at 6 pm for an hour, in the Parish Room. The first topic will be "Why does God allow suffering?" Everyone is welcome so bring yourselves, bring a friend and Rachel will bring the coffee and biscuits.

NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO CHURCH

The church is now able to process card payments. So, if you wish to give to church, you can do so using your card. Equally, if you want to pay for hall hire or wedding expenses, you can use your card in the same way. Rachel currently has a card reader and it will be in church every Sunday - if you wish to pay or donate in that way. please see her.



The **PILGRIM COURSE** is a major teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day.

Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

A Pilgrim course will be starting at St Thomas's in September and it will meet once a month. There will be 2 groups, one meeting on a Wednesday evening and the other on a Friday lunchtime (starting with a simple lunch). The first sessions will be on 5th and 7th September respectively. A leaflet with more information is available at the back of church. Do take one to find out more.



GIVING AND GROWING OUR VISION, OUR FUTURE

Saturday October 6th

6.30 pm for 7 pm start until 9 pm

Come and find out more about our present activities, plans for the future of St Thomas's and how you can help. We will be talking about different ways of giving, fundraising and giving of your time and talents as well as financially. We are hoping to be joined by Bishop James. Food and drink will be available.

Please note this date in your diaries and make a point of coming along if you possibly can.

Rachel Wilson & Martin Clay

COUNTERS NEEDED!!

More help is needed with counting the collection after the Sunday service. This involves being on a rota to count about once a month, jointly with another member of the team. The task should normally take no more than 15 to 20 minutes. It is not difficult and you will learn on the job with an experienced member of the team. Please email the treasurer Liz Fairhead if you are interested in helping with this vital task. We are required to show that collections are counted by 2 people in order to claim Gift Aid. Liz can be contacted on liz.fairhead@gmail.com.