

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- the Erith Deanery
- the United Church of South India

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

Wednesday midday

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



Angel Dave's message not to be alarmed met its first hurdle



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

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19th August 2018

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist



Monday 20th	8 pm	Compline
Tuesday 21st	9 am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 22nd	9 am	Morning Prayer
	9.45 am	Holy Communion
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 23rd	9 am	Morning Prayer
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 24th	9 am	Morning Prayer
	5 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 25th	9.30 am	STIFF Walk (<i>see over for details</i>)
	2 pm	Wedding of Tom Adams and Hannah Maxfield



NEXT SUNDAY

26th August 2018

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43; John 6:56-69

8 am Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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 sainthomas1860@btinternet.com)



SUMMER CHARITY APPEAL HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

Next Sunday, 26th August, we will be having a speaker from the Hospice at the 10.30 service. Gift aid envelopes are available from today. There is a display at the back of church about the new Cottage Hospice being built at Five Ashes, Mayfield. Please have a look and take a copy of the "Hospice News" to read. Thank you.



STIFF WALK

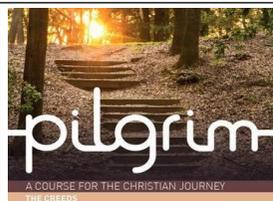
The next STIFF walk is on Saturday 25th August: Part 5 of the Wealden Round from Marsh Green to Crockham Hill (6½ miles). (This is the walk that was postponed from the 28th July because of the extreme heat). Please meet at the car park in Pennington Grounds at 9.30 a.m. Please wear suitable footwear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

Difficult



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.



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 12th and 14th September respectively. A leaflet with more information is available at the back of church. Do take one to find out more.

Tea at two

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We really need your help to support Tea at Two. It has been hugely successful and the people who come enjoy it enormously but more people are needed to help set up and in the kitchen. The people who support it do it willingly and faithfully but it is unfair that it continues to fall on the shoulders of the same people. Anything you can do is hugely appreciated - and if you come, you will see what a difference it makes to our guests. *Please*, if you can help at all, will you? Talk to Rachel, Keith or Ann. Thank you



RIDE & STRIDE: SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

The church will be open again from 10 am to 5 pm to welcome walkers and striders. If you can spare an hour to help with this, please sign up on the list on the notice-board. Jane Dunn will be taking walkers to various churches in Tonbridge and will be seeking sponsorship. Last year we raised over £500, half of which came back to St Thomas's. Please let Jane know if you can join her, on the 9.56 am bus from the Fountain. Telephone 531319.

LICENSING OF NICK CORNELL (CHRIST CHURCH)

The new Priest in Charge of Christ Church, Southborough is being inducted on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30 pm. There is an open invitation and I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Christ Church need to know numbers for catering, so if you would like to go, would you put your name on the list at the back of church **today**.

CHANGE OF DATE - PILGRIM COURSE

Because of the licensing of The Revd Nick Cornell at Christ Church on the 5th, the first session of the Pilgrim Course will now be on Wednesday 12th September at 7 pm.



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