

St Thomas's Newsletter

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Many thanks to you if you came to the APCM in April. Particular thanks to those who have taken up office for St Thomas' for the coming year – John and Geoff as Churchwardens, with Paul as Deputy, and to Richard and Rose for rejoining the PCC, and to Jack and Shirley who have joined for the first time. Since the APCM, Gill has been elected as PCC Secretary and Tina as Treasurer, with Paul as Vice Chair.

*Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Terry

MEDIEVAL EVENING

Many thanks in particular to Paul and Shirley, Gill and Richard, and Fiona and Mark for their excellent hosting of the Medieval Evening in May! And to all of you who came, suitably attired, to enjoy it. The jousting was a highlight, and those noble steeds were a magnificent creation. Plus food, and tankards of foaming ale, what more could one want? Some of us were not keen on taking a turn in the pillory, so well done to those who had the courage. Gadzooks!

Terry

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

Thank you for coming to this service to support John and Geoff. It was the first Visitation by Archdeacon Anne, so a notable occasion in various ways.

Terry

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

NOAH JACK DORAN

Funerals

MICHAEL NEWBURN
ARTHUR EDWARD
DEREK PATEMAN
GWENDOLINE DRINK-
WATER



Church Services in June

Sunday, June 3rd	TRINITY SUNDAY 10am Family Communion *** JUBILEE LUNCH *** 1.30pm Wedding
Sunday, June 10th	1st Sunday after Trinity <i>10am Joint Holy Communion Service at St Thomas' with Greeting land & Lindwell Methodists</i>
Thursday, 14 th	Funsize Church, 4pm
Sunday, June 17th	2nd Sunday after Trinity 10am Family Communion
Thursday, 21 st	Funsize Church, 4pm
Sunday, June 24th	3rd Sunday after Trinity 10am Family Service & Baptism 11.30am Holy Communion
Thursday, 28 th	Funsize Church, 4pm

Watercress and Potato Soup

Serves 4

1 tablespoon of Oil
15gm/half an ounce of Butter
1 Finely chopped medium sized Onion
1 Diced medium sized Potato
175gm/6oz Watercress
400 ml/14 floz of Vegetable Stock (tip: use 50/50 Knorr StockPot cubes/liquid stock)
400 ml/14floz milk

Heat the oil and butter in a large pan and fry the onion over a gentle heat until soft not brown
Add the potato and fry gently for 2 – 3 minutes and then cover and sweat for 5 minutes over a gentle heat.

Chopped the watercress, leaves and stalks, leaving a few leaves for garnish
Add the stock and milk and stir in the chopped watercress.

Bring to the boil and then simmer gently for about 10 – 12 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.

Blend the soup

Pour into a clean pan and heat gently with the reserved watercress leaves.

Taste the soup when hot, add a little lemon juice to give a fresh taste – not to make it taste of lemon, and then adjust the seasoning.

Pour into soup receptacles and if you like place a little sour cream in the middle.

Serve with hot Crusty Bread and Butter.

Around holiday time, it sometimes proves necessary to swap the date of the Family Service & Baptism – and that's the case again this year. So in JULY it will be like this:

Sunday, July 8th is Family Service & Baptism at 10am, and Holy Communion at 11.30am
and
Sunday, July 22nd is the usual Family Communion at 10am

Traidcraft Sunday

As usual the table was full of lots of goodies, chocolate, coffee, sweets and biscuits and much more. Surrounded by members of the congregation purchasing their favourites whilst Hilary extolled the virtues of the various products, I was drawn to wander across, thinking I've heard this before. Auntie Wainwright of Last of the Summer Wine came to mind and by gum as I wandered away having paid £2.50 for a block of dirt I felt like many a customer who dared to pass the Wainwright shop! Mind you from a Yorkshireman's point of view anything that expands 7 to 9 times from the original has to be value for money. (the dirt dear reader is actually compost, and fine stuff it is too.)