

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 June 2008 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
Genesis 22.1-14 (p291), Matthew 10.40-42 (p295)*Sunday School meets in St Stephen's school**Sunday Youth meets in the Glebe Maisonette**Small Children are welcome to play in St Thomas's Chapel, near the porch**Baptised Communicants of other Churches are encouraged to receive communion**Children and other non-communicants are invited to come to the altar for a blessing**The Ministry of Healing is offered in the Chapel, after Communion is given***It's a crazy world! : More people can identify the golden arches of McDonalds than the Christian cross.** Survey of 7,000 people in six countries (including the US) showed that the Shell oil logo, the Mercedes badge and the five Olympic rings were recognized far more widely than the Christian cross**Home Communion** – Available to any unable to come on a Sunday. Talk to Father Bob (8743 3166) if you or anyone else might be interested.

Any enquiries about pastoral concerns, baptisms, weddings or funerals please get in touch with Father Bob. The only time that Bob will be unavailable is between Friday pm and Sunday am.

Thomas**Appearances** "Visit to Lazarus" (11:16) & "Last Supper" (14:5) & "Jesus and Thomas" (20:24-29)**Titles "s"** (by the author "*twin*" 11:16; 20:24; 21:2)**Gender** Male**Age** unknown**Marital Status** unknown**Place of Birth:** unknown**Place of Residence:** unknown**Relatives:** unknown**Group Affiliation:** Jesus' Disciples or The Twelve (11:16; 20:24; 21:2)**22 June 2008**
Thomas the Apostle

Welcome to St Stephen & St Thomas Church
Visit the church web site at www.ststephensw12.org.
You can read all the latest news about the parish.
You can also read the sermons which are posted each week

After the service today there will be the whole church barbecue celebration for the feast of St Stephen and St Thomas. We will provide the meat and people will bring food, drink and everything else. Can parents bring toys for their children.

I am gathering names for people who are interested in being confirmed later in the year. Confirmation is the Church of England version of adult baptism. It is a chance to explore the Christian faith further, to go to a big service, to have your family make a fuss of you and to meet the Bishop of London. If you are interested let me know 07969 090907.

Would you like to become a Chaplaincy volunteer at Charing Cross Hospital? You would visit and chat to people who were in the hospital. If you are interested please ring either Rev Christopher Guinness (02088461041) or Father Nigel Griffin (02088461042). You could be linked either with Charing Cross Hammersmith or Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

In September we get a curate!! Anne Cowley will double the size of our staff team (from one to two). Her ordination will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5 pm on Saturday 28 June. I will be going to the service and would love it if some people were able to come with me. If you are interested please talk with Marjorie or me.

Processional Hymn

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Habakkuk 2.1-4 (p.1109)

¹I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Gradual Hymn

GOSPEL John 20.24-29 (p.1111)

²⁴Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

*Amazing love, oh what sacrifice
The Son of God, given for me
My debt He paid, and my death He died
That I might live, that I might live*

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for

- The sick and suffering: especially Felix Okike, Lucilda Bernard, Joan Andrew, Ivy Smith, Susie Leach, Norbert Edwards, Brother Paul Anthony, Sylvia Steed, Caroline Nevill, Tracey Davies, Esmay Young, Roger Cox, Althea Ferns, Dorian Henry, Detroy Henry. Mary Rodney, Esme Hoyte, Esme Fairburn

Offertory Hymn

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord

Recessional Hymn

Let's go barbecue!!

