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The Rev'd David Linaker takes Monday as his day off.
The Rev'd Jenny Taylor takes Saturday as her day off.
The Rev'd Michael McHugh takes Wednesday as his day off.

Morning Prayer is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8 am

Evening Prayer is said in church on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5.30 pm

The Prayer Group meets every Tuesday in St Michael's Room, 10am

Details of other regular events in church can be found on the noticeboards.

Monday 15th October

- Fabric Committee meets

Friday 19th October

- **Holy Communion 9.30am**

Saturday 20th October

- Mothers' Union coffee morning in church from 9.30am

Next Sunday 21st October

8.00am	Holy Communion	The Rev'd Jenny Taylor
10.15am	Parish Communion	The Rev'd David Linaker
6.00pm	Evensong	The Rev'd David Linaker

The readings at Parish Communion will be: Genesis 32.22-31, 2 Timothy 3.14 – 4.5 and Luke 18.1-8

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS & ST EDMUND, SALISBURY

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev'd David Linaker
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Jenny Taylor
Curate: The Rev'd Michael McHugh



14 October 2007

8 am HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: The Rev'd David Linaker
Readings: BCP: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.15 PARISH COMMUNION Celebrant: The Rev'd David Linaker
Readings: RCL Year C: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Please ask if you would like directions to Sunday School or crèche, or if you need toys for a smaller child who is staying in the Service.

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and squash, served after this service.

Introit: Celebration Hymnal 602	Offertory Hymn: 339*
Readings: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c and 2 Timothy 2.8-15	Communion Music: <i>Rejoice in the Lord always</i> Purcell
Gradual Hymn: 557	<i>The Lord bless you</i> Rutter
Gospel: Luke 17.11-19	Hymn: 319
Sermon: The Rev'd Michael McHugh	Hymn: 745

The intercessions are led by Geoff Taylor. Please pray for the sick: Edith Reeves, Jane Stamps, Thelma Dangerfield, Daphne Young, Doris Hadaway, Betty Reid, Orla, Eleanor Deighton, Jenny Orchard, John Rigby, Clarence Hardiman and Raymond Thomas; and for those who have died.

6 pm EVENSONG Officiant: The Rev'd Jonathan Plows

Hymn: Common Praise 386	Lesson: John 15.12-end
Psalm: 143	Nunc Dimittis
Lesson: Nehemiah 6.1-16	Anthem: <i>King of glory</i> J S Bach
Magnificat: Noble in B minor	Hymn: 547

Our love and congratulations to Ken and Margaret Curtis, whose diamond wedding anniversary was last week. Some of the music in today's Parish Communion has been chosen by Ken and Margaret as part of their celebrations. Love and congratulations to their daughter Elizabeth, too, who is in her twentieth year as a Server.

A big "thank you" to everyone who brought a harvest gift last Sunday. Two cars laden with food went to the food bank, and a cheque for £210, proceeds from the Harvest lunch, went to the Trussell Trust.

Annual Thanksgiving Sunday Since 2004 it has been the practice at St Thomas's to hold an Annual Renewal and Thanksgiving. The choice of month has been either May or October and the focus has been mainly upon finance. This year we are taking the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the past twelve months since the Parish Awayday with the focus on all our gifts – 'time, talents and money'. As our groups and committees work on their plans for 2008, we also look forward to the ways in which we can all contribute to both the ongoing activities and the new initiatives. In 2008 we will revert to the original pattern of holding our Thanksgiving Sunday in May with the selected Sunday being May 4th. Our Stewardship team will soon begin to start planning for this. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact our Treasurer, Julie Scott via the Parish Office. Meanwhile, if you wish to join our Planned Giving Scheme or change your present giving arrangements, please contact John Blake or Julie Scott.

Choir News: Junior Choir meets on a Monday evening from 6 to 6.30 in the choir vestry. It is open to boys and girls from 4 to 8 years of age. If you have a young child or know people who do, please encourage them to come along even if they do not attend St Thomas's Church. **Boys' Choir** It is vital that we recruit more boys to maintain our tradition of a boys' choir and to supply future tenors and basses. Choir practice is on Friday nights from 6.15 to 7.30 and the boys usually sing one service on a Sunday. Boys aged 7 to 14 are welcome to join. The choir provides excellent training and educational experiences plus visits and social events (for all the family) and even financial reward! **Girls' Choir** The girls' choir is thriving but there are a few vacancies and the benefits are the same as for the boys. The girls practise on Mondays from 6.45 to 7.45.

There are also opportunities for adult singers.

If your child would like to join the choirs either come along to the practice or see or phone John Dempster (01722 328830) for further details.

Ringing chamber refurbishment: On Monday, 8th October, the bellringers started the final phase of the programme of interior work on the bells and clock which is to redecorate and rewire the ringing chamber. As the chamber is 6 metres high, this is quite a major operation. The bells will be kept operational during the work.

Mothers' Union: Our members will be serving coffee in the church from 9.30am on Saturday 20th October. Do come to support them.

The Trussell Trust Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2007: Could you fill a shoebox for a person in Bulgaria for Christmas? More information and leaflets available at the back of the church or speak to Miranda Naish (325428). Miranda will be collecting shoeboxes to take to the Trussell Trust on Sunday 4th November after the 10:15 service.

Slavery: Alive & Kicking - A Service at Salisbury Methodist Church to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Speaker **John Bell from the Iona Community**. 5.30pm Saturday 3rd November. Churches Together in association with Amnesty International: Salisbury Group. All welcome. Further detail Jonathan Plows

Salisbury Half Marathon 28th October 2007: Karen and I are running the Salisbury Half Marathon in aid of the Mayor of Salisbury's Appeal in support of the 'Stars Appeal' to provide 'one stop' diagnostic equipment for sick children at Salisbury District Hospital. Sponsor forms are available at the back of church - please support us as generously as you can. The race starts at 11am when you will all be in church(!), but we should finish around 1/1.15ish, so you could always cheer us home at the Fire Station. David

Dates for your diary

1. St Thomas's Christmas Tree Festival. Tues 4th 'til Sun 9th Dec. We shall be asking for lots of help to run this – details later. Last year 50% of entries came from our congregation. Let's do it again! Entry forms available in church or contact Margaret Kynaston on 412770.
2. Evening Prayer on Sun 28th Oct will be organised by the group who visited Iona earlier in the year and inspired by our experiences there. All are welcome to a Service for Peace and Justice.
3. Alternativity Meal/Service (Iona-style) Weds 21st Nov – details to follow.
4. Fairtrade Christmas Cards available now from the stall on Tuesdays, 10 'til noon.