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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.

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

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

Tuesday 26th June

- 'Praying Together' in St Michael's Room, 10 - 10.30am
- Second hand books, coffee & cakes and Fairtrade goods all on sale in church during the morning.
- **Holy Communion 1.10pm**

Wednesday 27th June

- Memorial Service in Church, noon, Col DIM Robbins
- Memorial Service in Church, 3pm, Peter Woolley

Friday 29th June

- **Holy Communion 9.30am**

Saturday 30th June

- Second hand books on sale in church during the morning.
- Coffee morning in the People's Vestry

Next Sunday 1st July

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | The Rev'd Lynette Sweet The Rev'd David Linaker |
| 10.15am | Parish Communion | The Rev'd David Linaker Preacher: The Rev'd Jenny Taylor |
| 6.00pm | Evensong | Stuart Lucas |

The readings at Parish Communion will be: 2 Kings 2: 1,2,6-14,
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 and Luke 9: 51 end

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS & ST EDMUND, SALISBURY

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

24th June 2007

8 am HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: The Rev'd David Linaker
The Rev'd Lynette Sweet

10.15 PARISH COMMUNION Celebrant: The Rev'd Lynette Sweet

Introit: Celebration Hymnal 19

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Acts 13: 14b-26

Gradual Hymn: 343

Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66, 80

Sermon: The Rev'd David Linaker

Offertory Hymn: 143

Communion Music:

Ave verum corpus

Like as the hart

Hymn: 384

Hymn: 179

Elgar

Novello

The intercessions are led by Gillian Greenwood. Please pray for Jonathan Plows as he prepares for his licensing in July, and for Michael McHugh and his family as they prepare to move to Salisbury; for the sick: Edith Reeves, Jane Stamps, Thelma Dangerfield, Daphne Young, Pauline Bariffi, Susan Cameron, Bob Thornton, Betty Reid, Doris Hadaway and Orla; and for those who have died: Peter Woolley.

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.

6 pm EVENSONG

Officiant:

Hymn: Common Praise 521

Psalm: 82

Lesson: Malachi 4

Magnificat

Lesson: Matthew 11: 2-19

Nunc Dimittis: Hylton Stewart

Anthem: *A prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

White

Hymn: 81



The Bishop's Garden Party will take place **TODAY** from 2pm in the garden of South Canonry. Marlene and Stuart Lucas will be running the Bottle Stall on behalf of St Thomas's, with proceeds going to the Salisbury-Sudan Medical Link. They would be very grateful for gifts of bottles. Please leave them in the Vestry.

Food Bank Please bring your contributions to our Food Bank box NEXT WEEK. The Trussell Trust is always pleased to receive store cupboard items such as fruit juice, long life milk, pasta and pasta sauces etc.

Eco-Congregation News Film Show: Al Gore's challenging film on climate change: *An Inconvenient Truth*. Thursday June 28th, Studio Theatre, Ashley Rd, 7 for 7.45pm. Admission free. Presented by South Wilts Agenda 21.

At the PCC meeting following an open consultation last week, it was decided to pursue a modified version of the plan to sell St Edmund's House and renovate Hale Hall. Further work has been commissioned to develop new plans and establish new costings that should aim to be as close to 'cost-neutral' as possible yet still satisfy our own needs and the requirements of the planning authorities. May I thank all who contributed to the discussion and especially the Property Committee, John Foster and Willi Verdon-Smith for all their hard work. David

Julie Scott, our new Treasurer, has now taken over responsibility for arranging payments and bankings from Kate. She has a pigeonhole in the vestry (marked Treasurer) for notes and correspondence, which are preferred to verbal messages or phone calls. Alternatively, invoices and notes may be left at the parish office marked for her attention. If anyone has any queries or needs to contact her, her phone number is 01722 336126, or email juliecscott@btinternet.com

Date for you diaries: **Salisbury Community Band** will give a concert on Friday 20th July at St Francis' Church at 7.30pm. Free admission, retiring collection. Programme includes old favourites and newer music from film soundtracks.

Wardens' Corner: Following our lovely ceremony of the scattering of rose petals on July 8th, there will be a short event in St. Thomas's house. Cards will soon be sent to all group leaders, Church officers and their partners, inviting them to meet us and our Deputy Wardens, John Coupe and Liz Webb. We will appreciate the opportunity to introduce ourselves formally, and to begin our relationships with these representatives of all the people of St. Thomas's Church. So, group leaders and officers, please book July 8th, 11.45- 12.30 in your diaries. We look forward to meeting you! John Norwood and Lyndall Willis.

The St Thomas's website has been updated and is now live at: <http://www.stthomassalisbury.co.uk> Please have a look and see what you think. If you have any comments or additions that you would like included please contact Kate in the Parish Office. It would be nice if we could keep all the information up to date, so if we should be amending information, please let us know.

Review of Parish Communion: Now that we have lived with the changes to the Parish Communion service, the Worship Committee would very much like to hear your constructive comments. Just jot your thoughts down and drop them into the parish office. We will collect them all together and review them at our next meeting.

Opportunities to Serve: A while ago some of you filled in and returned leaflets indicating areas in which you might be interested in helping and serving at St Thomas's (or indeed, tasks you already perform). The data have now been analysed, and some volunteers have already been contacted. Don't panic if you still haven't heard anything – this is not a rejection, but your team or group has yet to be formally organized, and you should hear soon!

Salisbury Trust for the Homeless are holding a fundraising Summer Drinks Party on Saturday, 7th July, from 6pm to 8pm in the highly attractive location of the South Canonry by kind permission of the bishop and his wife. Tickets at £10 each are available from Nigel Orchard 335328, email: nigel.orchard@btinternet.com

The Reordering Sub-Committee.

One of the ideas that came out of the successful Parish Day last October was the consensus that St Thomas's needed to grow and develop and to be seen to be "Serving God in the heart of the City" our new mission statement. Crucial to this development is the way we worship and how we worship, "liturgical renewal" for a contemporary world. Worship should no longer be seen as a boring spectator sport, which is what it is seen as by many. Our aim should be to portray an authentic picture of a living and active community that has a clear and unequivocal message for the 21st Century and in order to do this we will need to re-order. Re-ordering will equip us to demonstrate our spiritual and practical apostolic mission to encourage growth and serve the Lord, and also send a message to those outside the church that we are not caught up in the past, but are alive, listening and amenable to change. The church building should reflect the life and work of our community to the end that we should feel it is like a home a feeling that should be clearly visible to outsiders. Always remembering that re-ordering is a continual process and will require constant reappraisal. To quote Nigel McCulloch when Bishop of Wakefield in 1993, "a church which does not grow as a local centre for worship and mission will die".

Re-ordering Group Members

Pat Inglis, Margaret Kynaston, Robert Lewis, Michael Scott, Brian Sharpe, Jenny Vokes. Brian leads this experienced mix of four former Churchwardens and two serving Vergers. All the group is approachable and intends to seek the views and ideas of other interested individuals in the congregation, in addition to the congregation as a whole for comment and ideas.

Their role is to formulate some basic ideas for change in the light of our expectations and the experience of those other parishes or churches in or out of our area who have been through or are going through the process. The group will not be rushed and intends to produce a report for the PCC in eighteen months to two years although it may suggest some interim changes to the PCC if the opportunity arises. To this end the members of the group seek the support and prayers of the congregation in their deliberations.

Brian Sharpe.

St Thomas's House: Access for All

Mike Winterman writes: The alterations to the entrance at St Thomas's House got off to a good start and both the building works and landscaping of the garden should have been completed at the end of May. **That is until the gas man came to call!** A simple gas pipe needs to be altered and after an initial safety check, the man said that it will need to be "programmed in" and could take up to 12 weeks. He then went on to say that **"things aren't like they used to be"**! With a customer service department in Dundee, a design and costing department in Surrey and a contractors depot in Portsmouth, Southampton or Poole, depending on your post code, it is little wonder that everything takes forever! A light at the end of the tunnel is in sight and our job has at last reached the final stage and hopefully will not be too long to complete.

Help!