

St. Thomas of Canterbury
Tales
September -October

From the Bishop:
Greetings from the UK.

As we move form summer into autumn we experience something of a change as season "fights" with season to establish itself.

Here in the Province we continue to live the tension between local Church & International mission. For me the painstaking and vital ministry of the local parish is always to be encouraged and warmly supported. That all may have an opportunity to experience Christ's reality as together we share in the teaching of Scripture and the reception of the sacraments. Getting to know others well is both a joy and challenge. On the wider front please be in prayer as, mainly thanks to Bishop Michael, we further the mission in the Ukraine and launch a Russian web site. Also, we pursue supporting the increase of deaf clergy to support many who are in need.

Know my prayers and blessings for the Parish St Thomas.

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From the Rector:

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

So says St. Paul in his letter to Ephesians. We are all born into this family of God by baptism. We are not only baptized into his family but into Christ Himself.

It is through the baptism of water that you are identified as Christ's and identified with Christ. There are many ways in which we as believers are identified with our Lord.

- 1) Identification with his person
- 2) You are identified with our Lord by identification with his power
- 3) You are further identified with our Lord by your identification with his power
- 4) You are identified with his people
- 5) Finally for today you have your identification with his purpose

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. God grant that we who belong to Him may sense anew that we also belong to each other. By his grace he has made us one.

By his grace, let us be one.

AMEN

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PICNIC

Our annual picnic was held on Sunday July 18th at the home of Hillary Tann and David Bullard, was a great success! Those attending include Bishop Strauss, Fr. Ed, Fr. Bill, Fred and Roberta Carlson, Art LeBlanc, Stan Horrocks, Nancy Weatherwax, Pat Montane, Brit Douglas, Elaine Stanley, David Stanley, Pauline Dewald, Herb Higham, David Bullard, Hillary Tann, Barbara Grandin and Bert Grandin. They all enjoyed lots of GREAT food, including many varieties of Deviled Eggs, warm conversation and a fine game of croquet. Herb was the first to get the ball through all the wickets and was declared CHAMP. Everyone is looking forward to our next social get together!

Many thanks go out to Hillary and David for their hospitality and use of their wonderful home.

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CONGRATULATIONS

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
September 12	Sylma LeBlanc	
October 2	Cheryl Andrist	
October 3	David Bullard	
October 5	Jane Ferris	
October 11	Herb Higham	

October 31 Doris Herdina
October 31 David Stanley

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FIXED HOLY DAYS

The Book of Common Prayer lists nineteen fixed Holy days with Psalms and lessons for both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. There are also Collects, Epistles and Gospels for these days.

St. Simon and St. Jude October 28th. Some ancient Christian writers say that Simon and Jude went together as missionaries to Persia, and were martyred there. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot."

Judas (often called Jude in English, but the Greek has Judas) is variously named, but this is not surprising. Before the Crucifixion, there would be a need to distinguish him among the apostles from Judas Iscariot. After the Last Supper it was Jude who asked Our Lord why he chose to reveal Himself only to the disciples. He received the reply: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." The Epistle of Jude is a brief document addressed to the Church, and warns against corrupt influences. Jude is often, in popular usage, referred to as the patron of desperate causes, the "saint of last resort," the one you ask for help when all else fails.

All Saints November 1st All Saints' Day (in the some Churches officially called the Solemnity of All Saints and also called All Hallows or Hallowmas), often shortened to All Saints, is celebrated on 1 November, in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. the next day, All Souls' Day, specifically commemorates all our departed faithful.

St. Andrew November 30th . The New Testament records that Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, by which it is inferred that he was likewise a son of Jonah or John. He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen by trade, hence the tradition that Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that He will make them ifishers of meni. At the beginning of Jesusí public life, they occupied the same house at Capernaum.

St. Thomas December 21st Thomas the Apostle, also called Doubting Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostle of Jesus. He is best known for disbelieving Jesusí resurrection when first told of it, then proclaiming, iMy Lord and my Godí on seeing Jesus. He was perhaps the only Apostle who went outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel. He is also believed to have crossed the largest area, which includes the Persian Empire and India.

St. Paul January 25th Paul of Tarsus. Was also called Paul the Apostle, Apostle Paul and Saint Paul, and was a Jew who referred to himself as the iApostle to the Gentilesí. According to the Acts of the Apostles, his conversion to faith in Jesus took place in a profound life-changing experience on the road to Damascus. Together with Simon Peter and James the Just, he is considered among the most notable of early Christian leaders. He was also a Roman citizen- a fact that afforded him a privileged status with respect to laws, property and governance. Thirteen epistles or letters, in the New Testament are attributed to Paul. Within these epistles other letters are referenced that do not appear in the Bible. His authorship of six of the thirteen is questioned by some scholars. Paulís influence in Christian thinking arguably has been more significant than any other New Testament author. Paulís conversion dramatically changed the course of his life.

Purification February 2nd The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, which falls on February 2nd celebrates an early episode in the life of Jesus. Other traditional names include Candlemas, the Feast of the Purification and the Meeting of the Lord. In many Churches, Vespers or Compline on this Feast marks the end of the Epiphany season. In the Church of England, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is celebrated either on February 2nd or on the Sunday between January 28th and February 3rd. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke. According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Maryís ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn, ion obedience to the Law of Moses. Luke says that Mary and Joseph take the option offered poor people (those who could not afford a lamb), sacrificing ia apir of doves or two young pigeonsí. At the Temple they met Simeon the Righteous, who prayed the prayer that became known as the Nunc Dimittis.

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