

St Thomas

News



The new frontal for Our Lady, gifted by a member of the congregation, photo by Rowan Howard.

Last year someone approached our pastoral assistant, Sandra, stating that they had unexpectedly received a large sum of money and remembered the Richard Cloudesley's anniversary grant had paid for a new altar frontal. In discussion with Stephen they agreed that the money should go towards a new altar frontal either for Our Lady or a rose pink one for the main altar to go with the rose pink chasuble worn on Mothering Sunday, and on the third Sunday in Advent. The donor wanted it to be for Our Lady as it could be seen all the time. It was due to be unveiled on Wednesday 25th March, the Annunciation of Christ to Mary, but was delayed by lockdown. We're delighted to now have this beautiful gift on the altar of Our Lady, so do check it out when you are in church this Sunday!

Our link parish in Mozambique

As a church we often donate funds to various charities and other groups. For several years we have been raising funds to support the parish of Ss Peter & Paul Thlabane, in Mozambique, with which we are linked through the Angola London Mozambique Association (ALMA), <https://www.almalink.org/>).

The community there have suffered quite badly in recent years through the spread of disease, the effects of a lengthy conflict, and extreme weather conditions including extensive floods and summer temperatures of up to 46°Celsius, but are doing their best to cope.



Some of the projects we have helped the church with in recent years are: the refurbishment of the parish priest's house; [Continued on page 2...](#)

What's on at St Thomas' this week?

- 10.30 am Sunday Worship back in church! - There will also be a recording on YouTube arriving around 7.30pm.
- Wednesday Morning Prayer at 9am on Zoom

All links can be found in your Saturday email

We reopened the church for Holy Communion at the end of July. We are using a slightly shorter (spoken) version of our usual service, with suitable social distancing and other safety measures. We are confident in our arrangements, please do feel able to attend if you are well.

N.B—Face coverings are now mandatory in churches, please come prepared.

If you are unable to join us at 10.30am in church our online services are continuing on YouTube, they will be available later in the day.

<https://tinyurl.com/y6kvnxyv>

Calling green-fingered gardeners...

If you are free on Saturday mornings from 10am come along and enjoy an opportunity to keep St Thomas's garden looking fresh and beautiful! For more details email Malcolm at

malcolmmarjoram@hotmail.co.uk

If you intend to come, please ring Malcolm on 07834 224 481 first.

the construction of a much-needed well to supply clean water; and contributions towards the purchase of a car to help Revd Rogerio Simone get around the parish safely.



Rogerio next to the Well .

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to helping our link parish – one local resident (not a member of St Thomas’) was so moved by the story of the community’s need to build a well that they gave a substantial anonymous donation – this is practical love in action!

A few years ago a small group from St Thomas’s visited Mozambique, and they send this greeting to our friends:

Aos nossos irmãos e irmãs de Moçambique nossas saudações.

Gostaríamos de dizer o quanto foi maravilhoso o nosso encontro em Maputo e que sempre lembramos de vocês em nossos encontros dominicais.

Fiquem na graça de nosso senhor!

Abraços da família St Thomas Finsbury Park, London.

To our brothers and sisters in *Moçambique* our greetings. We would like to say how wonderful our meeting in Maputo was and that we always remember you in our Sunday meetings. Be in the grace of our lord! Hugs from the family St Thomas Finsbury Park, London.



Rogerio in the car purchased for him.

Contact our interim priest:

Revd Pauline Nashashibi:

email: priest.stthomasfp@gmail.com

Or phone to talk:

Phone 020 7263 8268 Mobile 07530 969 444

Giving generously in a variety of ways

You will see by the stories in this issue of the Newsletter, that at St Thomas' we regularly make gifts to others in need, locally, nationally and internationally".

It's heart-warming to see how the funds raised can help a parish across the world, and how the generosity of an anonymous donor can enhance our life worshipping together here in Finsbury Park. The altar frontal is both striking and beautiful!

During Lockdown you may have continued filling your regular giving, yellow envelopes at home and not have had a chance to return them to church yet.

Please do try to remember to bring them with you when you're next in church, and we are delighted to be back in the building, and it's wonderful to see so many faces back on a regular basis.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Generous giving

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/180b631f-b9ab-4a68-a481-3cb3bc4871f3>

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