



What a day!!

So said everyone of the 5th November when it became clear that Barack Obama had been elected as the next President of the United States of America. It was a great day, a day of celebration when many dreams and hopes were met. An important day, and not just for America. A day full of expectations summed-up in that fantastic rallying cry 'Yes we can ...'

Throughout the centuries Christians have celebrated such a day - Christmas Day. It's a great day, an important day, a day of celebration with plenty of dreams, hopes and expectations. It is my wish that all your best wishes come true.

And yet something to remember about Christmas throughout the year is ... 'Yes God did!!'

Anyone wishing for a home visit or Communion during Christmastide, please contact Revd. Barry Pate on 623119

From the Registers

Funerals at local crematoria

26th November - Jack Bolton

Memorial service in Church following a Cremation

27th November - Peggy Brooks

Baptism: Emily Dulcibel Frost - 16th November



AQUABOX A GIFT OF CLEAN WATER

Once again the PCC has decided that St Thomas' will this Christmas support the ROTARY AQUABOX project. Stocks have been depleted as a result of a shipment to Pakistan following the earthquake and The Congo for relief of the displaced persons.

The standard AQUABOX has two functions. It is filled with useful hardware, hygiene items and warm clothing. It also contains a filter cartridge and matching supply of water treatment tablets. Once the welfare items have been

removed each AQUABOX filter can be used to purify up to 1,100 litres of polluted water, making it safe to drink. This is enough for a family of four drinking ten cups a day for four months.

The SCHEME. During Advent we will have a box on display and will be asking for donations towards the AQUABOX (£50) and /or supplying items to be packed in the box. There will be a list of suggested items from which you can please initial your selection.

If you would like further information please contact either Bryan Sonnen or John Moys.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. THOMAS'



Christmas Eve

5 pm Christingle and Crib Service.

Children may come dressed as angels or shepherds.

11.30 pm Midnight Communion.
All welcome.

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 28th December

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Parish Communion



New Year's Day

11 am Communion Service

First Sunday of the New Year

Sunday 4th January 2009

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Parish Communion,

followed by reception in Wilbury Hall



*We wish you all a Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year*

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Wilbury

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