



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

31ST AUGUST 2025



Father Mark writes... Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ to our worship today. If this is your first visit to St Thomas, please make yourself known to one of the sidespersons who welcomed you into the church or to a member of the ministry team. Please join in the text marked in bolder type and note that at the 10.00 service we sing the hymns and some parts of the service. Information about this week's services can be found below and in particular details of how to find the order of service online; there are always some hard copies printed off for those who are less comfortable using phones to access the words.

Communion is distributed in both kinds and we come forward to stand around the bottom step of the dais and those administering communion will come to you. If you do not yet feel ready to receive from the chalice please just return to your seat after consuming the Host. If you do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament you are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing your hands across your chest as a sign. Please do bring children forward so that they too can receive a blessing.

We are delighted to be joined by families with children for worship and want all parents to feel able to participate in worship but appreciate that children do need to stretch their legs on occasions! Therefore if younger ones need a break, please feel free to use the Church Centre which can be found through the double doors on the right-hand side of the church building. In the foyer, you can both see and hear the service while near the doors are a couple of boxes with activity bags and books for children to use during the service.

Our toilets are also located within the Church Centre as is the Hall where coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are served after the 10.00 service. Many people receive details of our worship and the booklets via email. If you would like to be added to our distribution list please complete a yellow family roll form and hand it in to one of the sidespersons.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS (Summer Choir)

Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: **436 - Praise my soul**

Mass Setting: The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises.
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 10:12-end

Rhys Hannan

Responsorial Psalm: 112

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Jenny Reckless

Gospel Acclamation: *Gregory Murray (D)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Carolyn Robertson

Intercessions

Carolyn Robertson

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: **265 - Lord of beauty**

Communion Motet: Christ has no body now but yours - *David Ogden*

Communion Hymn: **276(ii) - Bread of heaven**

Processional Hymn: **186 - Tell out my soul**

Organ: Paeon - *Herbert Howells*

Organist - *Alexander Evans (Assistant Director of Music)*

The Order of Service can be downloaded from the services tab on 'A Church Near You' on this link: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6208

The booklet for Sung Mass can also be found by scanning this QR code:



News from the Music Department

Our choirs are now on their summer break. If you know any boys or girls aged 7 or over who would like to find out more about joining our choir from September, please get in touch: stthomasdom@gmail.com

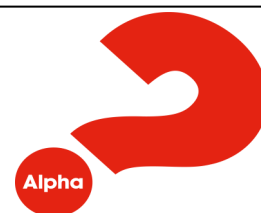
Sam Adams

Alpha runs here

from

11th September

Pick up a leaflet for more information.



Are you new to church? Ever wondered about what is going on and why? Do you ask, Who is Jesus? Alpha is a great place to ask those questions about the Christian faith that have been buzzing around your head for what feels like forever? An informal group session beginning with a video exploring some aspect of faith and followed by a short discussion where no question is off limits. Drinks and biscuits are provided, and all are welcome.

SUPPORTING ST THOMAS' CHURCH

We are very grateful for donations to support the work of St Thomas'. If you would like to contribute, please scan this QR code to be donations page. If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid your donation.



As previously announced, **Alex Evans** has been appointed the Organ Scholar at St Edmundsbury Cathedral from September.

He was a chorister in our choir and a former Organ Scholar so we are obviously very proud of what he has achieved.

Today as Alex steps down as Assistant Director of Music we wish him all the best in his new role.



NOTICES AND INFORMATION



**OUR CHURCH is open for private prayer
at the following times:**

Monday to Friday: 10.00am until 3.00pm
Saturday: 10.00am until 12.30pm

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Morning & Evening Prayer are streamed daily via our Facebook page at 9.00am and 5.00pm respectively, except for **Choral Evensong on Sundays** which is normally streamed at 6.00pm.

NB. OUR CHURCH OFFICE is open on:

Wednesdays: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 1 st Feria (22nd week in OT)			Our stewards and sidespersons
Tuesday 2 nd Feria	Mass	9.30am	St Thomas' Primary School
Wednesday 3 rd St Gregory the Great	Mass	12.15pm	Theologians
Thursday 4 th St Cuthbert, Bishop	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	Luke, our Bishop
Friday 5 th St Teresa of Calcutta	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Becket Keys School
Saturday 6 th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass	9.30am	Candidates for Baptism
Sunday 7th *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Baptism Evensong & Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Our Parish

Please email material for next Sunday's
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BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to **Erin McGovern and Helena Nilsson** whose birthdays are today and to Harriet Hodges, Kate Wilson, Oliver Hardwicke, Yasmin Osman, Freddie Taylor, Albie Martin, Dillon Humphrey and Oliver Parker who celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.



Cake and a Cuppa

is held in the Church centre on
Wednesday mornings
from 10.00am -12.00pm with a
delicious selection of cakes.
It's an ideal opportunity
to meet up with friends.

Clubhouse will start next Sunday 7th September.

The **Toddler group** will restart on
Thursday 18th September.

Lesley Garwood

Food Share Scheme

Our church is committed to supporting this nationwide scheme. The scheme redistributes edible, surplus food from businesses, such as supermarkets, to community groups and individuals to reduce waste and combat food insecurity.

In Brentwood this means collecting food from Marks and Spencers and taking it to the YMCA in Warley. We are looking for more volunteers to join the Thursday evening team (from 7.15). This is not every week and there isn't a rota. We just need a team of people to call on when we can't do it!

If you think you can help us out speak to Lesley or Brian Lynn, or contact us on 07887 901927. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00am MASS ?

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits in the church hall. It is a social occasion and an important part of the life of the church. It is also a great way of getting to know members of the congregation that you may not normally come into contact with.

'CRAFTY FRIDAYS'

**THIS FRIDAY 10.00am to
12.00pm**

Come and bring your own craft project,
or learn a new one like knitting or Bible
journaling.

Tea and coffee £2.00

Contact **Michelle Jackson**

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

19th - 21st September 2025

A group from St Thomas will be on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and while they are there, they will have a time of prayer and intercession in the Holy House.

If you have someone you would like to be prayed for at Walsingham, please add their name to the lists which can be found on the table through to the Church Centre.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in prayer, in scripture and in the catholic tradition of the Church of England, we are called in faith by our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim his gospel message in word and sacrament and through dignified liturgy and music. We aim to nurture and support each other in our faith and to offer pastoral help to those in need.

