



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING 12TH OCTOBER 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 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 Readings as per 10.00am plus psalm 100

10.00am ALL AGE MASS (Parish Choir)

Entry Hymn: **262 - We plough the fields and scatter**

Gloria: *Mike Anderson*

Collect:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Paul Pullin

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9

Glyn Allen

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong (G)*

Gospel Reading: John 6: 25-35

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Malcolm Howell

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: **621 - For the fruits of his salvation**

Sanctus & Benedictus: *Slane Sanctus - arranged Hand*

Agnus Dei - *Sam Adams*

Communion Motet: *All things bright and beautiful - John Rutter*

Closing Hymn: **263 - All creatures of our God and King**

Organ Voluntary: *Vivaldi concerto in Am(1st mov't) - J S Bach **

** Organist: Nick Rayner - Deputy Organist*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Becket Singers)

Responses: *William Smith*

Office Hymn: **206 - Christ is our corner-stone**

Psalm: 144

First Reading: Nehemiah 6: 1-16

Peter Furness

Canticles: *Fourth Service - Adrian Batten*

Second Reading: John 15: 12-end

Peter Furness

Anthem: *Lord, make me an instrument - Jonathan Willcocks*

Hymn: **369 - Happy are they, they that love God**

Final responses: *James Thomas*

Organ Voluntary: *Harvest-Home - Richard Lloyd **

** Organist: Sam Adams - Interim 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:



**REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED
IN THE HALL
AFTER THE 10.00am MASS
- all are welcome!**

Alpha this week looks at the question:- Why and How Should I read the Bible? Exploring such supplementary questions as is the bible relevant today? How did it come to exist? This week, we explore how God still speaks to people through His written Word.. Arrive at the Church Centre for 19.00 on Thursday. The leaflet has full details of all the questions to be considered.



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.

Father Mark

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.



All Souls Day, which will be kept on **Monday, 3rd November**, with a Sung Mass of Requiem at 19.00. Lists for the names to be included in the service will appear during the course of this week. *Father Mark*



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 13 th St Edward the Confessor			Charles our King
Tuesday 14 th Feria	Mass GSS Office	9.30am 7.30pm	Brentwood Foodbank
Wednesday 15 th St Teresa of Jesus	Mass	12.15pm	The Carmelites
Thursday 16 th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	Farmers, fishermen and all involved in food production
Friday 17 th St Ignatius of Antioch	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Luke, our Bishop
Saturday 18 th St Luke, Evangelist	Mass & Anointing Rosary	9.30am 10.15am	Members of the medical profession
Sunday 19th * Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Evensong & Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Isabelle Goksel whose birthday is today and to Stuart Humphrey, Charlotte Stevens, Jacob Smith, Carl Crawford, Charlotte Painter, Ester Savill-Downs, Alistair Weedon and Amelia Beckley who celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.



The Baby and Toddler Group

meets at 10.30am on Thursdays, with song and praise in the Lady Chapel, then into the hall for play.

Please come along to join our friendly group of parents/grandparents.

To book a place please contact

Lesley Garwood - 07805 405751



Our church is able to act as a collection centre. You may either leave any donations of items in the crates by the west door or deliver them direct to our nearest Food Bank.



Cake and a Cuppa

**is held in the church centre
on Wednesday mornings from
10.00am -12.00pm**

ADVENT Calendars and other assorted Christmas chocolates can be ordered again this year. Either order on online through the church shop on our website, or add your requests to the list on the table by the door to the Church Centre. Orders must be placed by Thursday, 23rd October.

12TH OCTOBER

HARVEST

Thanksgiving

Start after 10.00am Mass

CHILDRENS CRAFT ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BRING A DISH FOR
POTLUCK COMMUNAL LUNCH
FREE ENTRY. DONATIONS
MOST WELCOME

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHURCH
ST THOMAS ROAD
BRENTWOOD



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.

