



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7TH DECEMBER 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 Mass)

10.00am SUNG MASS (Parish choir)

Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: **12 - On Jordan's bank**

Advent Wreath: Lighting of the second Advent candle

Advent Prose: **501 - Drop down ye heavens**

Kyrie: *William Harris* in F

Collect:

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Phil Horscroft

Responsorial Psalm 72 1-7 - *David Rooke*

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Brad Cowan

Gospel Acclamation: *Laurence Bevenot* (Advent B)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: **500 - Thy kingdom come**

Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei: *William Harris* in F

Communion Motet: The truth from above - arr *John Barnard*

Communion Hymn: **407 - Lord, thy word abideth**

Closing Hymn: **7 - Hills of the north rejoice**

Organ Voluntary: On Jordan's bank - *Christopher Tambling*

Organist: Sarah Stonehouse - Deputy Organist

6.00pm (BLUE CHRISTMAS EVENSONG) (Becket Singers)

Responses - *William Smith*

Psalm 11

Reading: I Kings 18: 17-39

David Schacht

Canticles: *Joanna Forbes L'Estrange*

Reading: John 1: 19-28

David Schacht

Anthem: In the bleak midwinter - *Harold Darke*

Hymns: **32; 15; 29; 25**

Organ Voluntary: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 659 - *JS Bach*

Organist: Alex Evans - Deputy Organist

ORDER OF SERVICE

To access the order of service for our worship today or to make a donation to support the life and work of St Thomas', please tap or scan the QR code, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you.

Following the link will take you to a menu where you can choose the time of the service you are attending, donate or access our website.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation.

Alternatively, the order of service can be downloaded from the services tab on a Church Near You via this link:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6208

BLUE CHRISTMAS EVENSONG

This evening at 6pm we will hold a special Evensong where there will be a chance to remember with thanksgiving loved ones that we have entrusted to the Lord.

Using some of the Christmas music but also including a time of reflection and an opportunity to light a candle, all are welcome.

Seasonal refreshments will be served after the service.

Father Mark

Christmas cards are on sale at the church shop at the back of the church

Refreshments are served in the hall after the 10.00 Mass - all are welcome



Our next group begins with a taster group on 8th January at 7pm. Please take a leaflet.



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

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to **Carrie-Anne Barnes, George Moxley, Sarah Hardy, Tracey Turrell, Tracy Freeman and Richard Poulton** whose birthdays are today and to **Holly Smith, Kerry Madden, Andrew Brooks, Cooper Waller, Danielle Trickett, Dolly Humphrey, Shiela Kenton, Daniel Pointer** and **Sonny Aiano** who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

Handmade Gifts for Sale

The Craft Group will be selling their handmade items after the 10am Mass each Sunday. They are perfect for Christmas gifts. All proceeds support our church.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8th ✠ Immaculate Conception of the BVM			Shrines of Our Lady
Tuesday 9 th Advent FERIA	Mass	9.30am	Our stewards & sidespersons
Wednesday 10 th Advent FERIA	Mass	12.15pm	Our Director of Music and members of the choir
Thursday 11 th Advent FERIA	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	Our bellringers
Friday 12 th Advent FERIA	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Thanksgiving for Fr Ossie's ministry as a Priest in the Church of God
Saturday 13 th St Lucy Virgin & Martyr	Mass	9.30am	Young Christians
Sunday 14th ✠ The Third Sunday of Advent	Mass All Age Mass Sung Mass	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

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'CRAFTY FRIDAYS'

Next meeting: Friday 14 December
10.00am to 12.00pm

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



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH,
BRENTWOOD

Carols And Chilli Around The Christmas Tree

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 5PM-8PM

Community carol singing at 6pm and 7pm
with the choirs of St Thomas of Canterbury

Children's Craft Area
Nachos with Chilli Con Carne
Hotdogs
Licenced Bar
Mince Pies

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Raffle Tickets

There is still time to get your raffle tickets!

They can be purchased after the 8am and 10am Masses on Sunday, as well as at *Carols & Chilli* on 12th December-when the winner will be drawn

Karren Ross

Christmas Flowers A collection will be made after the Sunday 10.00am Mass on the 7th, 14th & 21st December for the Christmas flowers or a donation can be made on-line via the Church website's shop. **Paul & Angela**

CHRISTMAS DINNER ?

Karen Ross is exploring the possibility of hosting a Christmas dinner at the church! If you'd like to join us, please get in touch with her, or add your name to the list, so we can plan accordingly.

The cost will be £10 per person.

We're looking forward to celebrating together!
Please contact: Karenross81@outlook.com - 07904 784

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.

