



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8TH FEBRUARY 2026



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 10.00am 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 (The Psalm is 136 1-8, 23-end)

10.00am ALL AGE MASS (Becket Singers Ladies?)

Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: **263 - All creatures of our God**

Gloria: Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image,
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Genesis 1: 2-2.3*

Second Reading: *Romans 8: 18-25*

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6: 25-end*

Sermon

Intercessions

Margaret McGeary

Deirdre Allée

Carolyn Robertson

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: **Seek ye first**

Sanctus & Benedictus; *Slane Sanctus*

Agnus Dei: *Messe Basse - Gabriel Fauré*

Communion Motet: *For the beauty of the earth - John Rutter*

Closing Hymn: **What a friend we have in Jesus**

Organ Voluntary: *Alleluias - Noel Rawsthorne +*

+ Organist: *Sam Adams - Director of Music*

6.00pm EVENING PRAYER

First Reading: *Proverbs 8: 1,22-31*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 1: 3-4*

N.B. Members of our choirs are taking part in Evensong at the Deanery Choirs Festival at St Peter's South Weald at 6.00pm today



It's time to start ordering Easter Eggs!
Check the table by the church centre
for details and order form.

**THE EGG THAT SHARES
THE EASTER STORY**



ADVANCE NOTICE

This year Ash Wednesday falls on the 18th February when we gather to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent. We receive the imposition of ashes on our forehead in the sign of the cross as we begin to keep our lenten disciplines and devotions.

Please return your last year's Palm Crosses to the basket on the Welcome Desk as we need to recycle them to ash for the services on Ash Wednesday.

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 NORMAL 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 9 th Feria			The parish clergy
Tuesday 10 th St Scholastica V	Mass	9.30am	Those living the religious life
Wednesday 11 th Our Lady of Lourdes	Mass	12.15pm	The sick
Thursday 12 th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise Sung Mass with Confirmation	9.30am 10.30am 7.00pm	Candidates for Confirmation
Friday 13 th Feria	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Becket Keys School
Saturday 14 th St Cyril and St Methodius, Bishops & Patrons of Europe	Mass & Anointing	9.30am	The Church in Europe
✉Sunday 15 th The Sunday next before Lent	Mass Sung Mass Baptisms Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Our Parish

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BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Joanne Northcott whose birthday is today and to Eleanor Carr, Ella-Mae Ward, Catherine Wright, Joseph Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Catherine Milchard, Isabella Crawford and Thomas Farel who will 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.

'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 journalling. Tea and coffee £2.00. Contact **Michelle Jackson** for more information - **07973 983831**

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 group of parents/grandparents.

To book a place please contact

Lesley Garwood - 07805 405751

CHAPEL GROUP

Wednesday 11th February

Make friends and share your views on life and God's purpose for us in today's world at 1-2pm in the Church Centre. Do join us at approx 12.50 (after Mass) for an hour or so.

See you there!

Love Carolyn

Refreshments are served after the 10.00 Mass at the back of the church All are welcome



If you have any donations they can be left at the back of the church. They are emptied every week and taken to the Food Bank. Thank You

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.

