



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8TH MARCH 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 and hand it into one of the sidespersons.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am MASS (The Psalm is 95)

10.00am ALL AGE MASS (Trebles)

Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: 333 - All my hope on God is founded
 Collect:

Almighty God,
 you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
 that they may return to the way of righteousness:
 grant to all those who are admitted
 into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
 that they may reject those things
 that are contrary to their profession,
 and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
 through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 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: Exodus 17: 1-7
 Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-11
 Gospel Acclamation: *David Rooke (C)*
 Gospel Reading: John 4: 5-42
 Sermon
 Intercessions

Martin Brodie
Caroline Brodie

Father Mark

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord
 Sanctus & Benedictus; Eucharistic Acclamations 2: *Paul Inwood*
 Agnus Dei: *Missa Seraphica - Arthur Henry Brown*
 Communion Motet: *As water to the thirsty - T Brian Coleman*
 Closing Hymn: 453 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus
 Organ Voluntary: *Prelude & Fugue in Em (BWV 555) - J S Bach+*
 + *Organist: Sam Adams - Interim Director of Music*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Bra-vissima)

Responses: *Malcolm Archer*
 Office Hymn: 70 - Lord Jesus, think on me
 Psalm 40
 First Reading: Joshua 1: 1-9
 Canticles: *Sue Hughes*
 Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20
 Anthem: *Ubi caritas - Ola Gjeilo*
 Hymn: 379 - In the Cross of Christ I glory
 Final Responses: *Plainsong*
 Organ Voluntary: *Vexilla Regis - Edward Bairstow +*

+ *Organist: Alex Evans - Interim Assistant Organist*

Electoral Roll and PCC

Fr Mark highlights that we are carrying several vacancies on the Parochial Church Council, which he is hoping can be filled at the Annual Meeting in May. Having a full team is vital as we oversee the work of this busy parish and prepare for a significant project to repair and restore the stonework that is definitely showing its age. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens. We are looking for a range of skills and experience to join the council, so all are welcome to explore this role. To vote at the annual meeting or to be elected to the PCC or Deanery synod, you must be on the electoral roll. Forms for this can be found on the welcome desk at the back of the church, and once completed, they should be handed in to Paul Pullin.

Lent



Books

are available to purchase for £2.50. There are two different books, one for children and families to use with activities for each day of Lent. The other offers a daily reflection, scriptural passage and prayer to guide us through this season of preparation. Cash is accepted, and they are available to purchase through the Church Shop.

Father Mark

**Chapel Group
 Lent Course**

Please join us as we journey through our Lent sessions which focus on prayer. Everyone is warmly welcome.



18th March & 8th April.

12.50 in the Church Centre for an hour or so. See you there! Love Carolyn (07736 160977)

Prayer for the week

Lord, may Your indwelling Holy Spirit intercede within me, help me in my weakness and awaken my silent heart into Holy prayer that aligns with Your will.



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 Lent Feria			The parish clergy
Tuesday 10 th Lent Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our House groups and their leaders
Wednesday 11 th Lent Feria	Mass	12.15pm	Our keeping of Lent
Thursday 12 th Lent Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise Mass	9.30am 10.30am 7.30pm	Members of the Parochial Church Council
Friday 13 th Lent Feria	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Candidates for Confirmation
Saturday 14 th Lent Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our Licensed Lay Ministers
☩Sunday 15th Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 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.

Valerie Hills would like to sincerely thank all clergy and congregation for their love, prayers and support at the recent loss of her husband Paul. May God bless you all.

'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

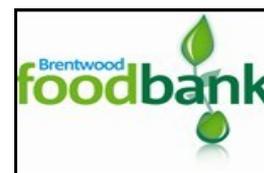
Today is International Women's Day

and to mark the occasion the Ladies' Choir **Bra-vissima**, directed by Julia Wilson James, will be giving the choirs of St Thomas's a well-deserved evening off today.

Bra-vissima will be robing to lead **Choral Evensong at 6.00pm** and afterwards at **7.30pm** will exchange their robes for their customary jewel-coloured tops to present a concert of songs written by female composers, many of whom are local to Brentwood.

Tickets for the concert at 7.30pm cost £15 including refreshments and are available online at: - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/105668> or at the door this evening. *Susan Rygate*

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



If you have any food 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.

