



**St Thomas of Canterbury
Church, Brentwood
WEEKLY BULLETIN**



**Pentecost
24th May 2026**

Father Mark writes... Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ, to our worship today at St Thomas. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to one of the sidespersons or a member of the ministry team — you are very welcome here. Please join in with the text printed in bold; at the 10.00am service we sing the hymns and some parts of the liturgy. Details of this week's services are given below, and the order of service is also available online, with printed copies available for those who prefer them.

Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. We come forward to stand at the foot of the dais, and the ministers will come to you. Those who do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing, with hands crossed on the chest; children are most welcome. Families and children are very welcome. If younger ones need a break, the Church Centre (through the double doors on the right) offers a space where the service can still be seen and heard, with activity bags available. Toilets are also located there, and refreshments are served after the 10.00am service. If you would like to receive a parish news by email, please complete a yellow family roll form and give it to a sidesperson.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am SAID MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS (Parish Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **137 – Come down, O Love divine**

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort: through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2.1-21

David Rooke

Responsorial Psalm: 104.26-36,37b – *Gregory Murray*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13

Anna Ogundehin

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-23

Father Ossie

Sermon:

Father Mark

Intercessions: Veni lumen cordium – *Margaret Rizza*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **431 – O Thou who camest from above**

Offertory Anthem: Spirit of the living God – *Daniel Iverson*

Communion Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit – *Peter Hurford*

Communion Hymn: **612 – Spirit of God**

Closing Hymn: **The Spirit lives to set us free**

Organ Voluntary: Menuet Gothique – *Leon Boellmann* +

+ *Organist: Oliver Parker Senior Organ Scholar*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Becket Singers)

Introit: If ye love me – *Thomas Tallis*

Responses: *William Smith*

Office Hymn: **139 – Come, thou Holy Spirit, come**

Psalms: 67 & 133

First Reading: Joel 12. 21-end

Peter Furness

Canticles: Kings College Service *ur Forbes L'Estrange*

Second Reading: Acts 2:14-21

Peter Furness

Anthem: Holy Spirit, truth divine – *Andrew Carter*

Hymn: **140 – Holy Spirit, come confirm us**

Organ Voluntary: Komm, heiliger Geist – *Dietrich Buxtehude* +

+ *Organist: Sam Adams Interim Director of Music*

PLEASE NOTE

Thank you to all who stayed for our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting last Sunday**. It is a necessary meeting that enables us to celebrate all that we achieved last year and to look forward as we elect those who serve as churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). I am delighted that Glyn was reelected as churchwarden and that Sarah Howard was elected to serve alongside him. We shall thank Michelle more formally when she has relinquished the role at the Archdeacon's Visitation, but she will continue to serve as one of our Deanery Synod representatives. The other rep is Tony Dipper. Newly elected to the PCC are Anne Ogundehan, Brad Cowan, Owen Roberts, Tamsin Graham and Victor Igbor, while Emma Pye and Dennis Grate were reelected. We also record our thanks to Dave Howard, who has resigned from the PCC so that Sarah could serve as Churchwarden. We shall, though, not be losing his skills as he has agreed to remain on the Fabric and Property Committee. Thank you to all who agreed to serve in these important roles.

Father Mark

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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

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

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.

Our Church Office hours are:

Wednesdays: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm

Our Church website is: www.st-thomas.org.uk

We are your Church, and if you need prayers, help or just someone to talk to **please call us at 01277 231629.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 25 th Mary, Mother of the Church			Pilgrims at Walsingham
Tuesday 26 th St Philip Neri priest	Mass	9.30am	The Parish Clergy
Wednesday 27 th St Augustine of Canterbury	Mass	12.15pm	+Luke our Bishop
Thursday 28 th Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	Vocations to the Ordained Ministry
Friday 29 th Feria (of Requiem)	Mass	9.30am	The Faithful Departed
Saturday 30 th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass Rosary	9.30am 10.15am	Our servers and lay assistants
Sunday 31 st ✠Trinity Sunday	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

If you have any material for next Sunday's **WEEKLY BULLETIN** please email it to davidrooke1@googlemail.com

CAKE & A CUPPA

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



150th Anniversary Community Project The PCC is launching an exciting project to help protect and transform our church into a vibrant community hub for generations to come.

We need your support! Please look out for details to follow soon!

150 years anniversary

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

Grounded in prayer, nourished by Scripture, and formed within the catholic tradition of the Church of England, we are called by Jesus Christ to worship, celebrate the sacraments, to proclaim His gospel, and bear witness to His love in the world.

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Refreshments will be served in the church hall after today's 10.00am Mass. All are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Sophie Sharp whose birthday is today and Sebastian Shah, Matthia Varghesse, Zoya Laryea, Damian Long, Claudia Burgess, Sophia-Mae Divall, Maya Beckley, Glyn Allen, John Hutchinson, Matthew Kerry and Kelly Whiston who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

'Crafty Fridays'

This Friday from 1000am 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. For more information please contact: Michelle Jackson 07973 983831

The **BABY & 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.

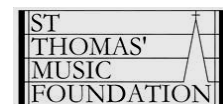
To book a place please contact:
Lesley Garwood – 07805 405751.

LUNCHTIME LIVE

at St Thomas' Church
Next Friday 29th May at 1.00pm
Eva Romanakova (Soprano)
Free entry – with retiring collection

BEER & SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday 4th July (12 – 5PM)
(Please save the date!)



If you have any donations they can be left with one of the church stewards at the back of the church. They are cleared every week and taken to the Food Bank.

Current needs are; Coffee, Corned Beef (tinned), Ham small/meal, Rice bags Shaving foam/gel, Squash, Tinned corned beef, Tinned ham, Washing powder, Women's deodorant.