



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

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity
26th July 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. St Thomas' Church is entirely self-funded and relies exclusively on donations, without financial support from any external source.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am SAID MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS (Summer Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **364(185) –God is Love**

Mass Setting: The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; through our Lord and Saviour 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: 1 Kings 3: 5-12

Margaret McGeary

Psalms 119: 129-136: *Christopher Tambling*

Second Reading: Romans 8. 26-end

Deirdre Allee

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

Father Ossie

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Rhys Hannon

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **339 – Be thou my vision**

Communion Motet: The Lord bless you and keep you *ur John Rutter*

Communion Hymn: **Take my life and let it be**

Closing Hymn: **391 – King of glory, King of peace**

Organ Voluntary: Toccata (Symphony V) – *Charles Marie Widor + (Sponsored) + Organist: Alex Evans - Interim Assistant Organist*

6.00pm EVENING PRAYER (Said)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Between now and the end of August
the Church Office will not be open for
callers. Please email all queries to:**

brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com

Wendy - Parish Administrator

PLEASE NOTE

Emergency Protocol

Suspected Heart Attack or Cardiac Arrest.

Our church has two Defibrillators available for use in a cardiac emergency. These are located in the Bell Chamber and the Church Centre. A Defibrillator is designed to be used by anyone. It provides clear voice instructions and will only deliver a shock if one is needed.

If someone collapses:

- * Call 999 immediately*
- * Ask someone to notify a designated First Aider immediately*
- * Send someone to collect the church's Defibrillator*
- * Help the person sit in a comfortable position*
- * Turn on the Defibrillator and follow the spoken instructions until the Ambulance arrives.*

After the incident:

- * Inform the Incumbent and Church Wardens*
- * Record the incident in the church accident/incident log*

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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 evening prayer on Sundays which is normally streamed at 6.00pm.

Our Church Office hours are:

Please refer to separate notice on the front page

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 27 th July Feria			Our Churchwardens
Tuesday 28 th Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our Licenced Lay Ministers
Wednesday 29 th St Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Mass	12.15pm	The cake bakers, coffee servers and members of the welcome team
Thursday 30 th St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	Adam, Bishop of Bradwell
Friday 31 st St Ignatius of Loyola	Mass	9.30am	The Parish Clergy
Saturday 1 st August St Alfonso Marie de Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	Mass	9.30am	The Redemptorists
Sunday 2nd +Ninth Sunday After Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Vespers & Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Luna Gunyan and Paul Turrell whose birthdays are today and to Edward Parrett, Erin McGovern and Helena Nilsson, Wesley Tasker and Kelly Martin who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.



CAKE & A CUPPA

is held in the church centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am until 12.00pm with a delicious selection of cakes. It's an ideal opportunity to meet up with friends.

LUNCHTIME LIVE

at St Thomas' Church

This Friday 31st July at 1.00pm

Brentwood Philharmonic Flutes

Free entry – with retiring collection

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00am MASS ON SUNDAYS?

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits in the church hall. It is a social occasion and an important part of the life of the church. It is a great way of getting to know members of the congregation that you may not normally come into contact with.

THE BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

If you have any donations of food please hand this to a steward. Our crates are emptied every week and taken to the Foodbank. Can you help please?

THE BRENTWOOD FOODBANK is currently looking to recruit a small number of committed volunteers who have a heart for serving others and walking alongside people facing difficult circumstances. They are looking for a Foodbank Hub Team Leader and other regular Foodbank Hub volunteers. More than experience, we are looking for people who are passionate about serving those in our community with dignity and compassion. We deeply value the support of churches across Brentwood and all that we can achieve together. Please contact 01277 224528 for more details.

150th anniversary Community Project 2033

This ambitious project to preserve our church is moving forwards! A topographical survey of the church grounds has been completed and a feasibility study is underway. This will explore energy-efficient upgrades, renewal technologies, solar PV, EV charging, improved electrical infrastructure, and sustainable heating and ventilation solutions. A drainage survey is currently out to tender, using CCTV inspections and high-pressure jetting to identify any issues and required repairs. **Together, these studies will help shape a more sustainable, resilient and welcoming church for the future. We need your support! Please look out for details to follow soon! Visit www.st-thomas.org.uk**

150 years anniversary

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. www.st-thomas.org.uk