



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

**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Thanksgiving
11 October 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

8.00 am SAID MASS

Readings as per 10.00, with the addition of Psalm 23

10.00 am ALL AGE MASS (Parish Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **259 – Come, ye thankful people come**

Gloria: Mass of St. Thomas – *David Thorne*

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Kemi Ogundehin

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

Anna Ogundehin

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16-30

Father Ossie

Sermon

Carolyn Robertson

Intercessions

Carolyn Robertson

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Harvest Samba

Sanctus & Benedictus: Ash Grove Sanctus

Agnus Dei: *John Ireland* in C

Communion Anthem: Thou visitest the earth – *Maurice Greene*

Closing Hymn: **262 – We plough the fields and scatter**

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in A minor – *Johann Sebastian Bach* +
+ Organist: *Isabella Patrick* – Senior Organ Scholar

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION (Becket Singers)

Responses: *William Smith*

Office Hymn: **150(ii) – O blest Creator of the light**

Psalm: 139: 1-11

First Reading: Proverbs 3: 1-18

Phil Horscroft

Canticles: Collegium Regale – *Herbert Howells*

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-15

Phil Horscroft

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him – *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Hymn: **360 – Firmly I believe and truly**

Benediction Hymns: **307 268 (Part 2)**

Organ Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott - *Sigfrid King Elert* +
+ Organist: *Sam Evans* – Interim Director of Music

PLEASE NOTE...

The new cycle of Alpha continues at
St Thomas' Thursday evenings from 19.00



**This week the question we are pondering is:
How and why do I pray?**

**All are welcome. Please just come along to
enjoy some lively conversation and a chance
to deepen and explore the faith we share.**

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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 sung 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 12 th St Wilfrid, Bishop			Adam, Bishop of Bradwell
Tuesday 13 th St Edward the Confessor	Mass	9.30am	Charles, our King
Wednesday 14 th Feria	Mass	12.15pm	St Thomas's Primary School
Thursday 15 th St Teresa of Jesus	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	The Carmelites
Friday 16 th Feria	Mass (Becket Keys)	1.00pm	Farmers, fishermen and all involved in food production
Saturday 17 th St Ignatius of Antioch	Mass & Anointing Rosary	9.30am 10.15pm	Luke, our Bishop
Sunday 18th +Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Holy Baptisms Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Isabelle Goksel, Stuart Humphrey, Charlotte Stevens and Jacob Smith who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for the Neville Mansel Memorial Organ Scholarship Fund which provides help for our young organists. Your generosity will help us to continue to enhance the high standard of playing we have in our church.

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



Course in Christian Studies ?

If you would like to know more about the Bible and the Christian faith do consider this 1 or 2 year course which leads to the Bishop's Certificate. For more information google 'Chelmsford CCS' and you can also speak to Father Mark or myself. The course begins in January on a Wednesday evening at our church and the deadline is 1st December if you wish to secure a place. **Lesley Lynn**

Adient Calendars and other Goodies

Are now available to order either online through the Church Shop <https://pcc-of-brentwood.sumupstore.com/products> or using the list in Church. All orders need to be placed by the 1st November so that they can be ordered and delivered in time for the beginning of Advent at the end of next month.

CRAFTY FRIDAY

This Friday from 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.

For more information contact

The Bishop of Richborough's October Devotion – Saturday 17th October

Coach from Shenfield to Canterbury is being arranged; pick-up outside Shenfield Station at 09.00. The cost is £20 per adult and £10 per child (under 16s). To express your interest, please add your name to the list in the church.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00 am MASS ON SUNDAYS?

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and donuts at the back of the Church following the All Age Mass. This is a great 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.

150th anniversary Community Project 2033

This ambitious project to preserve our church is moving

forward! 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.

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