



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

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
4th October 2026**



Father Mark writes... Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ, to our worship today at St Thomas, especially the **Bishop of Bradwell**. 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 (Becket Singers)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **205 – Christ is made the sure foundation**

Mass setting: Missa Secunda – *Hans Leo Hassler*

Gloria: *Gregory Murray*

Collect: Almighty God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: Isaiah 5: 1-7, *David Shacklady*

Responsorial Psalm 80: 8-16 - *David Rooke*

Second Reading: Phillipians 3: 4b-14 *Sue Rygate*

Gospel Acclamation: Plainsong

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 33-end *Father Ossie*

Sermon *Adam Bishop of Bradwell*

Intercessions *Phil Horscroft*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

Communion Anthem: Teach me O Lord – *Thomas Attwood*

Communion Hymn: **272 – All for Jesus**

Closing Hymn: **420 – O Jesus I have promised**

Organ Voluntary: Gospel Fanfare – *Noel Rawsthorne* +
+ *Organist: Sam Evans – Interim Director of Music*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Parish Choir)

Responses: *William Byrd*

Office Hymn: **407 – Lord, thy word abideth**

Psalm: 136: 1-9 – *Martin How*

First Reading: Proverbs 2: 1-11 *David Schacht*

Canticles: *Samuel Sebastian Wesley* in F

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-17 *David Schacht*

Anthem: I give to you a new commandment – *Peter Nardone*

Hymn: **369 – Happy are they**

Final Responses

Organ Voluntary: Tranquillity - *Hubert Parry* +
+ *Alex Evans – Assistant 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 can I have Faith?

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 5 th Feria			St Thomas' Clubhouse
Tuesday 6 th St Edward the Confessor	Mass	9.30am	Jonathan our Archdeacon
Wednesday 7 th Our Lady of the Rosery	Mass	12.15pm	Our stewards and sidespersons
Thursday 8 th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	The Society of the Holy Cross
Friday 9 th St John Henry Newman	Eucharist (School) Mass (Becket Keys)	9.15am 1.00pm	The Parish Clergy
Saturday 10 th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass Rosary Wedding	9.30am 10.15am 12.30pm	William and Florence on their wedding day
Sunday 11th +Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity-Harvest Thanksgiving	Mass All Age Mass Choral Evensong and Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Christopher Butler, Lewis Kiely and Rebecca Sharp whose birthdays are today and to Emilia Goksel, Laura Kerry, Rose Martin, Phoebe Smith, Charlotte Wood, Sophie Samuels, Max Sanderson, Oliver Hadley, Elise Wilson, and Emily Watson who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

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.



SOLO PIANO CONCERT

On Friday 9th October at 1:00

Alex Evans

(Organist and Assistant Director of Music at St Thomas Church Brentwood)

Performing his own compositions and improvisations in a range of styles

ST THOMAS' MUSIC FOUNDATION

The Chapel Group

7th October: 12:50 in the Church Centre

Our friendly Life Group meets twice a month to explore scripture, to reflect, and to apply God's Word to our daily lives. It's a safe place everyone to share, grow in discipleship and seek God's guidance as we journey through life together. Please do join us!

Or. for queries please message [07736 160977](tel:07736160977). Carolyn

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

Michelle Jackson – 07973 98383

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 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.

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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