St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

All Saints' Day
1st November 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

10.00 am SUNG MASS (Parish Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **197** – **For all the saints (omit vv 3 & 6)**
Kyrie: Missa Brevis – *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
Gloria: The English Mass – *Leonard J White*
Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you: through Jesus Christ 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**:** Revelation 7: 9-end
Responsorial Psalm 34: 1-10: *David Rooke*
Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12 — *Father Ossie*
Sermon — *Carolyn*
Intercessions — *Malcolm Howell*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **231 – Who are these, like stars**
Offertory Anthem: Blessed are the pure – *Henry Walford Davies*
Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei: Mass of All Saints – Alan *Wilson*
Communion Motet: Give us the wings of faith – *Ernest Bullock*
Communion Hymn: **381 – Jerusalem the golden**
Closing Hymn: **224(178) – For all thy saints, O Lord**
Organ Voluntary: Praeludium in C (BuxWV 137) – *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Organist: Sam Adams - Interim Director of Music

6.00 pm SUNG REQUIEM MASS (Becket Singers)

Requiem Mass – *Gabriel Faure*
Hymn: **208 – In our day of thanksgiving**
Hymn: **327(295) – Christ enthroned**
Hymn: **273 - And now, O Father**

Organist: Alex Evans - Assistant Director of Music

PLEASE NOTE

Alpha continues at
St Thomas' Thursday evenings from 19.00

This week the question we are pondering is:
How can I resist evil?
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 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 2nd Nov All Souls' Day			**The Faithful Departed**
Tuesday 3rd St Martin de Porres, Religious	Mass	9.30am	Those who work within the healing professions
Wednesday 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	Mass	12.15pm	Renewal within the Church
Thursday 5th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.00am	Clergy from the See of Richborough
Friday 6th Feria	Mass	9.30am(BCP)	The Royal British Legion
Saturday 7th t St Willibrord, Bishop	Mass	9.30am	+Luke, our Bishop
Sunday 8th *Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	**Mass** **Sung Mass** **War Memorial** **Civic Service** **Evensong**	**8.00am** **10.00am** **10.50am** **11.30am** **6.00pm**	**Our Parish**

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Ada Maynard whose birthday is today and to Leo Bishop-Riza, Matteo Deitch, Gregory Parrett, Harrison Whiston, Harriette Platt, and Olivia Miller who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

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**

The Chapel Group

Wednesday 4th November
12.50 in the Church Centre
Don't miss our friendly Life Group as together we read scripture, reflect and apply God's Word to our daily lives. It's a safe place for everyone to share, grow in discipleship and seek God's guidance as we journey through life together.
Everyone is welcome!
Please just turn up or text 07736 160977 Love *Carolyn*



CAKE & A CUPPA

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

CRAFT 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

Advent 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 /delivered in time for the beginning of Advent at the end of next month.

The Children's Society - A new stock of Christmas cards for this year will be on sale in the Church shortly and also at our **Church Bazaar** on **Saturday 21st November**. Some lovely designs and in packs of 10 cards for only £3.75. All proceeds go to the Children's Society.



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

