



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) - 28th November 2021



*Father Mark writes...* We welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, any newcomers to our church today. Please make yourself known to one of the sidespersons who welcomed you into church. Everyone at St Thomas' is working hard to ensure that this place of worship remains COVID secure, to find out how, please see below. The Church Centre is available for younger children to use if they need a break during the service and our worship can be followed on the screen that is provided. There are also bags of colouring materials and books that you are very welcome to use, the sidespersons can find them for you. At communion time, if you do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament you are invited to come to the altar for a blessing. We do ask everyone to keep a time of prayerfulness during this part of the service.

## SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS



### Introductory Rite

Introit: 501 - The Advent Prose

Entrance Hymn: 12 - On Jordan's bank the baptist's cry

Advent Wreath: Lighting of the first Advent Candle

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts this Christmastide,  
be king of our lives today.**

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas - David Thorne

Collect:

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Gillian Caines

Responsorial Psalm 25: 1-9

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Ed Caines

Gospel Acclamation: Laurence Bevenot (A)

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon & Intercessions

Carolyn Robertson

### Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: 7 - Hills of the North rejoice

Communion Motet: Adam lay ybounden - Boris Ord

Communion Hymn: 271 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus

6.00pm THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Introit: Matin Responsory - Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina

Hymns: O come, O come Emmanuel (v 1)

**Long ago prophets knew**

**Come thou long expected Jesus**

**Hills of the north rejoice**

**Wake, O wake with tidings thrilling**

**Thou whose almighty word**

Carols: Lo, how a rose - Michael Praetorius

Jesus Christ the apple tree - Elizabeth Poston

Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary - Charles Wood

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day - John Gardner

Organ Music: O come, O come Emmanuel - Flor Peeters

Organist: Sarah Stonehouse Director of Music: Joe Tobin

Following the move to Step 4 in the Government's road map to recovery, can we encourage you to respect others and their desire for some social distancing space, if requested. Please leave your details for test and trace and use the hand sanitizer as you enter and leave the building.

Face coverings are reassuring to many so please do wear them as you move around the building when the services are busier and when you come forward for communion.

We continue to follow a strict cleaning regime and it is helpful if kneelers can be placed on your seat after the service has finished.

Many of our acts of worship are live streamed, please do speak to the sidesperson if you would like to be seated off-camera.

The order of services for Sunday worship can be downloaded from the services tab on 'A Church Near You' on this link: or you can scan the QR code below to be taken directly to a copy.



## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Darcey Roberts, Lila Darwin, and Susan Rygate whose birthdays are TODAY, and to Arabella Silkman, Isaac Miles, Julie Grange, Olivia Snowsill, Matilda Bannister, James Cox, Lily Blackwell, Reya Blackwell, Emelia Laws, Harrison Oxley, Jamie Hunt, Amelie Endacott, Lauren Lamb, Christopher Jupp, Elizabeth Lynch, Isla Webb and Jason Stephen who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

## SUPPORTING ST THOMAS' CHURCH

We are very grateful for donations to support the work of St Thomas'. If you would like to contribute, please scan this QR code to be taken to the online donations page. If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid your donation.



### From today's Psalm at Mass....

"Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths"

Psalm 25 verse 3

*Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes*

If you have material for next week's  
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please email it to [christine.rooke@googlemail.com](mailto:christine.rooke@googlemail.com)  
by Tuesday 30th November



# NOTICES AND INFORMATION



**THE CHURCH is open for private prayer at the following times:**

**Monday to Friday: 10.00am until 3.00pm**  
**Saturday: 10.00am until 12.30pm**

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**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 streamed at 6.00pm.

**N.B.** The **Church Office** is open on Wednesdays (9am to 12 noon) and Thursdays (9am until 3pm). Our email address for enquiries outside of these hours is [brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com](mailto:brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com)

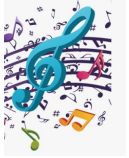


## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The Friends of St Thomas' will be hosting their annual Christmas Youth Concert on **next Saturday 4th December** in the church. This wonderful evening includes music from Becket Keys School, St Thomas' Junior School and St Thomas' Kids. Also, dance performances from the Essex Dance Theatre. There will be a raffle and refreshments on sale from 6.30pm, with the concert starting at 7.00pm.

All the congregation are warmly invited to attend; entry is free and there will be a retiring collection.



Volunteers are needed to help at the event. If you can help, please get in touch with Cally Shanley ([cally@callyents.com](mailto:cally@callyents.com)).

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>			Our keeping of Advent
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b><i>St Andrew</i></b>	Mass	9.30am	<b>The Church in Scotland</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass	12.15pm	Our Servers and Lay assistants
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass (BCP) Toddler Service	9.30am 10.30am	Our Bellringers
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Mass	1.00pm	Missionaries
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>St John Damascene</i>	Mass	9.30am	Those living the religious life
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>✠ <i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i></b>	<b>Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Parish</b>

## THE SPIRE



The deadline for material for the Winter issue of our church magazine is **TODAY**. The editor would welcome any news, articles or photo which readers may find interesting. Please email to [christine.rooke@googlemail.com](mailto:christine.rooke@googlemail.com) or pin to the noticeboard in the church centre.

Also... If you would like to include a **Christmas Message** for a minimum donation of £5, please complete a message form (they are on the Welcome Desk) and with your donation, please place in an envelope marked for my attention which can also be pinned to the message board in the church centre. Thank you.

*Chris Rooke - Editor*

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## PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



The church is able to act as a collection centre; You can either leave any donations of items at our church (in crates by the West Door) or deliver direct to your nearest Food Bank.

### Here is the list of our requirements for Christmas:

Christmas Cakes

Biscuits

Selection boxes

Chocolates

Sweets/treats

Jellies etc

Biscuits for cheese

Evaporated milk

Dates

Jars pickles

Crisps/savouries

Gravy granules

Cranberry sauce

Crackers

Puddings

### For children

Advent Calendars

Gifts for Christmas

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THIS IS EVEN MORE VITAL AT THIS TIME**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in prayer, in scripture and in the catholic tradition of the Church of England, we are called in faith by our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim his gospel message in word and sacrament and through dignified liturgy and music.

We aim to nurture and support each other in our faith and to offer pastoral help to those in need.

