



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3rd March 2024



Father Mark writes... Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ to our worship today. If this is your first visit to St Thomas, please make yourself known to one of the sidespersons who welcomed you into church or to a member of the ministry team. Information about this week's services can be found below and in particular details of how to find the order of service online; there are always some hard copies printed off for those who are less comfortable using phones to access the words. Please join in the text marked in the bolder type and note that at the 10.00 service we sing the hymns and some parts of the service.

Communion is distributed in both kinds and we come forward to stand around the bottom step of the dais and those administering communion will come to you. If you do not yet feel ready to receive from the chalice please just return to your seat after consuming the Host. If you do not normally receive the Blessed Sacrament you are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing your hands across your chest as a sign. Please do bring children forward so that they too can receive a blessing.

We are delighted to be joined by families with children for worship and want all parents to feel able to participate in worship but appreciate that children do need to stretch their legs on occasions! Therefore if younger ones need a break, please feel free to use the Church Centre which can be found through the double doors on the right-hand side of the church building. In the foyer, you can both see and hear the service while near the doors are a couple of boxes with activity bags and books for children to use during the service. Our Sunday school is known as the Clubhouse and they meet during the 10.00 Sung Mass most Sundays, please speak with one of the teachers to find out more. Our toilets are also located within the Church Centre as is the Hall where coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are served after the 10.00 Sung Mass. Many people receive details of our worship and the booklets via email. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please complete a yellow Family roll form and hand it in to one of the sidespersons.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00am MASS (BCP)

10.00am SUNG MASS

Introductory Rite

Introit Hymn: **333 - All my hope on God is founded**

Mass Setting: Brentwood Mass - *David Rooke*

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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: Exodus 20: 1-17

Margaret McGeary

Responsorial Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Deirdre Allee

Gospel Acclamation: Lent (C) - *David Rooke*

Gospel Reading: John 2: 13-22

Intercessions:

Brian/Lesley Lynn

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: **699 - How shall I sing that majesty**

Communion Motet: If ye love me - *Thomas Tallis*

Communion Hymn: **94 - We sing the praise of him**

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Responses: *William Byrd*

Office Hymn: **379 - In the cross of Christ I glory**

Psalms 11 & 12

First Reading: Exodus 5:1-6

Steven Howarth

Canticles: Short Service - *Orlando Gibbons*

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b - 14

Steven Howarth

Anthem: Peace I leave with you - *Amy Beach*

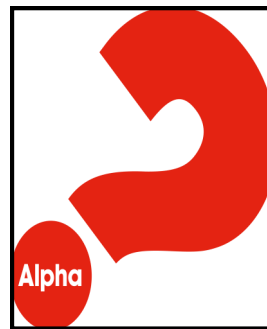
Hymn: **268(1-4) - Of the glorious body telling**

Joe Tobin - Director of Music

John Venables - Organist

The Order of Service can be downloaded from the services tab on 'A Church Near You' on this link: www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6208

The booklet for Sung Mass can also be found by scanning this QR code:



Our Lent book, available to purchase for only £3.00, contains a daily reading, meditation and prayer throughout Lent until Easter.

Alpha is not meeting this week but next week we look at the question, "Who is the Holy Spirit and What does the Holy Spirit do?"

It also invites us to explore how the Holy Spirit was present at creation, promised by the Father and brings us into the family of faith. Curious?

You can always drop in for this session so please come along next **Thursday evening at 19.00** to find out more as we watch a video and have a chance to discuss these and other questions together.

All are welcome from those just beginning their Christian journey to those looking for a refresh.

Each session includes a drink and a biscuit and is usually wrapped up in an hour and fifteen.

Father Mark

Rosie Infanti RIP

After a private family funeral, there will be a memorial service for Rosie on **Friday 22nd March at 14.00** to which all are warmly invited. *Helpers to serve tea and coffee afterwards will be needed. Offers of help to me, please.*

Father Mark

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.





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.

NB. The **Church Office** is open on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 4.30pm & Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.00pm. Our email address for enquiries outside of these hours is:- brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Camille Williams-Wells, Emma Page, Gemma Rowlett, Stephen Whiston, Susan Hawkings, Louisa Mason and Theo Mason who celebrate their birthdays today and Alexander Wright, Lexie Kerry, Lydia Caines, Stanley Fisher, Garry Webb, Morgan Goulesbrough, Ronnie Gillam, Samuel Clark, Stella Surroop, Theodore Day, Simon Barber, John Turnbridge, Nicholas Crawford, Sarah Knight, James Fitzgerald, Matthew Carr, Harriet Barnes, Legend Iwuagwu, Anna Benns, Austin Walsh, Theodore Wolf, Violet Tucker, Betty Brown, Faith Lynn and Fraser Barnes who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 4 th <i>Lent Feria</i>			Our keeping of Lent
Tuesday 5 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass at Becket Keys School Mass	7.45am	Members of the Deanery Chapter
		9.30am	
Wednesday 6 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass	12.15pm	Those studying on the Course in Christian Studies
Thursday 7 th <i>Lent Feria (Ss Perpetua and Felicity)</i>	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30 am	Our bellringers
Friday 8 th <i>Lent Feria (St John of God)</i>	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Spiritual writers and theologians
Saturday 9 th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass Stations of the Cross	9.30am 10.15am	Adam, Bishop of Bradwell
Sunday 10th ✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

The **Stations of the Cross** will be held on the following **Tuesdays at 10.15am** on 12th March and 19th March
Lesley Lynn

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Please collect a leaflet in church which provides details of the various events and activities arranged during the holy season of Lent.

Pastoral Care Course

As part of our continual development within our church, we are seeking to develop our ministry in hospitality and pastoral care to ensure we are the best we can be at being a welcoming and caring church. No one can do this on their own or without support so we have arranged for the Diocese to run this course for us at St Thomas' and we have priority booking!

The course runs over six Saturday afternoons beginning on 13th April Each session starts at 1.30 pm through until 3.45 pm and the course is offered free of charge.

The course content includes understanding what pastoral care comprises, the Christian basis of pastoral care, listening and responding skills, expectations and boundaries in pastoral ministry among many other topics. **Please speak to Lesley or Fr Mark if you are interested in attending this course.**

The Baby and Toddler group meets at 10.30am on Thursdays, with song and praise in the Lady Chapel, then into the hall for play. Please come along and join our friendly group of parents/grandparents.
Contact *Leslie Garwood* (07805 405751)

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Shopping List

Tinned Goods

Ham/Corned beef
Tuna/Salmon/Sardines
Mince/Onion
Chicken in Sauce
Chilli con carne
Potatoes
Chicken/Beef Casseroles
All day Breakfast
Ravioli
Meatballs
Spaghetti
Custard

Toiletries

Soap
Toothpaste
all Cleaners/Bleaches
Washing Liquid/Powders

Other Food Items

Jams and spreads
Biscuits
Coffee
Jars of Pasta Sauce

Carrier Bags

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.

