



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
15TH FEBRUARY 2026



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 the church or to a member of the ministry team. Please join in the text marked in bolder type and note that at the 10.00 service we sing the hymns and some parts of the service. 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.

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 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 toilets are also located within the Church Centre as is the Hall where coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are served after the 10.00am service. 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

10.00am SUNG MASS (Parish Choir)

Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: 410 - My God, how wonderful
 Kyrie & Gloria: Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*
 Collect:

Almighty Father,
 whose Son was revealed in majesty
 before he suffered death upon the cross:
 give us grace to perceive his glory,
 that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
 and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
 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 24: 12-end *Ann Hayter*
 Responsorial Psalm 2 - *Nick Rayner*
 Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end *Steven Hayter*
 Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9
 Sermon *Lesley Lynn*
 Intercessions *Choir member*

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: 339 - Be thou my vision
 Sanctus & Benedictus; Mass of St Thomas - *David Thorne*
 Agnus Dei: Missa Seraphica - **Arthur Henry Brown**
 Communion Motet: My eyes for beauty pine - *Herbert Howells*
 Communion Hymn: 294 - Just as I am - **Arthur Henry Brown**
 Closing Hymn: 494(413) - Christ is the world's true light
 Organ Voluntary: Voluntary in D - **Arthur Henry Brown+**
 + Organist: *Alex Evans - Interim Assistant Organist*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Choir Men)

Responses: *Malcolm Archer arr. Brian Lynn*
 Office Hymn: 54(i) - O Trinity of blessed light
 Psalm 84 - *Parratt*
 First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-10 *Jenny Reckless*
 Canticles: Fifth Service - *Phillip Cooke*
 Second Reading: Matthew 17: 9-23 *Jenny Reckless*
 Anthem: Here the voice and prayer - *Thomas Tallis*
 Hymn: The day is past and over - **Arthur Henry Brown**
 Final responses: *Sam Adams*
 Organ Voluntary: Solemn March - **Arthur Henry Brown+**
 + Organist: *Alex Evans - Interim Assistant Organist*

Electoral Roll and PCC

Fr Mark highlights that we are carrying several vacancies on the Parochial Church Council, which he is hoping can be fill at the Annual Meeting in May. Having a full team is vital as we oversee the work of this busy parish and prepare for a significant project to repair and restore the stonework that is definitely showing its age. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to me or to one of the churchwardens. We are looking for a range of skills and experience to join the council, so all are welcome to explore this role. To vote at the annual meeting or to be elected to the PCC or Deanery synod, you must be on the electoral roll. Forms for this can be found on the welcome desk at the back of the church, and once completed, they should be handed in to Paul Pullin.

Disabled Toilet

is closed for refurbishment and should be back in use by Sunday, 22nd February. This facility is looking very tired and unattractive and is in desperate need of improvemnet. Once the work is completed, we will be able to enjoy a modern and fully compliant disabled toilet.

Remembering Arthur Henry Brown

Today is the 100th anniversary of the death of composer **Arthur Henry Brown**, organist at St Thomas' from 1842-1853 and again from 1858-88 during which time this church was built. He also held posts at St Edward's Romford, St Peter's South Weald, and Brentwood School.

Almost entirely self taught, Brown began playing the organ at the age of 10 and went on to be a prolific composer, writing over 800 hymns and various anthems and settings. He was a member of the London Gregorian Association, supported the Oxford Movement, and pioneered the restoration of plainchant in Anglican worship. He is perhaps best known for today's communion hymn, 'Just as I am'. *Sam Adams*



NOTICES AND INFORMATION



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

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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 normally streamed at 6.00pm.

NB. OUR NORMEL CHURCH OFFICE is open on:

Wednesdays: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 16 th Feria			Our House Groups
Tuesday 17 th Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our Licensed Lay Ministers
Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday	Funeral Mass Mass* Sung Mass* * Imp of Ashes	10.30am 12.15pm 7.00pm	Rependance
Thursday 19 th Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	Our keeping of Lent
Friday 20 th Friday after Ash Wednesday	Mass	9.30am	Our churchwardens and members of the PCC
Saturday 21 st After Ash Wednesday	Mass	9.30am	Adam, Bishop of Bradwell
☩ Sunday 22nd The First Sunday of Lent	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

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BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Claire Humphrey, Darren Lamb, Margaret McGeary and Ruby Taylor whose birthdays are today, and to Joyce Priest, Chloe Whiston, Daisy Martin, Oliver Slater, Ryan O'Flaherty, Sophie Callender, Emily Wood and Patrick Stirling-Howe who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.



Cake and a Cuppa is held in the church centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am -12.00pm.

'CRAFTY FRIDAYS'

THIS FRIDAY 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. Contact **Michelle Jackson** for more information - **07973 983831**

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 to join our group of parents/grandparents.

Lesley Garwood - 07805 405751

We are saddened to hear of the deaths of **Ann Marie Ede** and **Christine Stanley** who both had connections with our church in the past. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for their families and friends.

Funeral details are as follows:

Christine Stanley - service and burial at St Mary's, Gt Warley Church on **Monday 2nd March at 11 am**

Ann Marie Ede - Bentley Crematorium on **Wednesday 4th March at 11.30 am**

Lesley Lynn



It is time for ordering Easter Eggs! Check the table by the church centre door for details and an order form.

THE EGG THAT SHARES THE EASTER STORY



If you have any food donations they can be left at the back of the church. They are emptied every week and taken to the Food Bank.

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.

