



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

15TH MARCH 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 and hand it into one of the sidespersons.

## SERVICE DETAILS

**8.00am MASS**

**10.00am SUNG MASS**(Becket Singers & Orchestra of St Thomas)

### Introductory Rite

Entrance Hymn: 408(i) - Love divine, all loves excelling

Kyrie: Missa de Angelis - *Claudio Casciolini*

Collect:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: I Samuel 1: 20-end

*Mary Callender*

Responsorial Psalm 127: 1-4 - *Sam Adams*

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

*Sarah Hardy*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ - *Bernadette Farrell*

Gospel Reading: John 19: 25b-27

Sermon

*Lesley Lynn*

### Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory Hymn: As the deer pants Lent Prose: 507 v.4

Sanctus & Benedictus; Eucharistic Acclamations 2: *Paul Inwood*

Agnus Dei: Messa a 4 voci - *Carlo Grossi*

Communion Motet: Mother of God, here I stand - *John Tavener*

Communion Hymn: 161 (385) - For Mary, Mother of the Lord

Flower distribution: As I kneel before you

Closing Hymn: 186 -Tell out, my soul

Organ Voluntary: Sarabande - *Eric Thiman* +

+ Organist: *David Rooke* - Director of Music Emeritus

**6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG** (Men's voices)

Responses: *John Bertalot*

Office hymn: 70(ii) - Lord Jesus, think on me

Psalm 31: 1-16

First Reading: Micah 7

*Jennifer Reckless*

Canticles: *John Bertalot arr. Brian Lynn*

Second Reading: James 5

*Jennifer Reckless*

Anthem: Let my complaint - *Thomas Morley*

Hymn: 251 - Sun of my soul

Final Responses: *Plainsong*

Organ Voluntary: Lenten Litany - *Andrew Moore*

+ Organist: *Oliver Parker* - Senior Organ Scholar

## ELECTORAL ROLL & PCC

Father 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 into Paul Pullin please.

## EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a collection after the 10 o'clock Mass today for Easter flowers. There will also be an opportunity to sponsor a Lily in memory of a loved one for £5.00.

There is a sign up sheet on the table by the door to the Church Centre or you can email Angela at [angelampullin@gmail.com](mailto:angelampullin@gmail.com)

Please remember to give Angela the name of your loved one if you e-mail her.

Payment can be made to Angela direct or via the church shop. **Paul Pullin**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

You are invited to sign up for the Feet Washing and also for the Maundy Thursday watch as well. **Father Mark Fathwe**

## Chapel Group Lent Course

Join us as our Lent Course continues...open to everyone and focussing on prayer.

**18th March & 8th April.**

12.50 in the Church Centre for an hour or so. See you there! Love Carolyn (07736 160977)

## Prayer for the week

Lord, we pray for the women in our world today; our mothers, grandmothers, carers, sisters, aunts, teachers, and all women who care in a mothering way. We pray thanks for their wisdom, their comfort, their kindness and their love. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. and the power of The Holy Spirit. Amen.





# 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**

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 NORMAL 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 <sup>th</sup> Lent Feria			Our keeping of Lent
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick, Bishop</b>	Mass	9.30am	<b>The Church in Ireland</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Lent Feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem)	Mass	12.15pm	Adam, Bishop of Bradwell
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph, Husband of the BVM</b>	<b>Mass (BCP) Pray &amp; Praise</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am</b>	Christian Fathers
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Lent Feria	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Our sidespersons and stewards
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Lent Feria	Mass	9.30am	Members of the Diocesan Synod
<b>*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mass Sung Mass Passion Devotion</b>	<b>8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Parish</b>

The St Thomas Church website is: [www.st-thomas.org.uk](http://www.st-thomas.org.uk)

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### WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## BIRTHDAYS

**Congratulations to Estella Hutchinson, Brianna Benshamir Bright, Maximus Berwick and Rory Brooks whose birthdays are today** and to Lila Keith, Stephen Symcox, Daniel Hodges, Antony Travers, Joey Berwick, Rupert Tilbury, Elizabeth Laryea, Nihall Oguz, Valerie Hills, Lee Snowsill, Nicola Johnstone and Sedat Riza who will celebrate their birthdays this 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. To book a place please contact **Lesley Garwood - 07805 405751**

## Lenten Concert in Brentwood Cathedral

**The Choirs of Pembroke College Cambridge**  
**Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm**  
(with a fifteen minute interval with the concert finishing at 9.00pm)

*The programme includes the Allegri Miserere, Mendelssohn's Hear my prayer and wonderful pieces by Finzi, Marsh and Bernstein.*

## Our choirs are singing Choral Evensong in St Albans Cathedral on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May.

A coach is being laid on and the fare will be £15 for adults and under 18's will travel free. Our choirs would very much appreciate your support so if you would like to join us please let Sam Adams know by Easter Sunday please.

Website:-

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org>



**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. Thank You**



## 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.

