



**St Thomas of Canterbury  
Church, Brentwood  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
10th May 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.

**SERVICE DETAILS**

**8.00am SAID MASS**

Psalm 66:7-end

**10.00am ALL AGE MASS** (Choir Trebles)

**Introductory Rite**

Processional Hymn: **265 – Lord of beauty**

Gloria: Peruvian Gloria

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, our risen 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: Acts 17. 22-31 – *Phil Horscroft*

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.13-end – *Reece Lawrence*

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21 – *Father Ossie*

Sermon: *Carolyn Robertson*

Intercessions: *Children/Carolyn Robertson*

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn: **I, the Lord of sea and sky**

Sanctus & Benedictus: *Slane Sanctus*

Agnus Dei: *Sam Adams*

Communion Anthem: Alleluia – *William Boyce*

Closing Hymn: **Love is his word, love is his way**

Organ Voluntary: Tuba Tune – *Craig Sellar Lang* +

+ *Organist: Sam Adams Interim Director of Music*

**6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG** (Choir Gentlemen)

Responses: *Ernest Bullock*

Office Hymn: **101(i) – The Lamb's high banquet we await**

Psalms: 87 & 36.5-10

First Reading: Zechariah 8.1-13 – *Peter Furness*

Canticles: *Charles Wood* in E

Second Reading: Revelation 21:22 - 22:5 – *Peter Furness*

Anthem: In pace - *William Blitheman*

Hymn: **495 – God is working his purpose out**

Final Responses: *Sam Adams*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in F (BWV 556) – *J S Bach* +

+ *Organist: Sam Adams Interim Director of Music*

**PLEASE NOTE**

**PCC and Deanery Synod**

As we prepare for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll has now been completed, and any further changes and additions can't be made until after the APCM has been held.

Nomination forms to stand as members of the PCC, as Deanery Synod reps and as Churchwardens will be available on the table by the door into the Church Centre. If you are interested in standing please speak to me, or one of the churchwardens to discuss your interest. I am looking forward to some new faces joining the Church Council as 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 showing its age. We are looking for a range of skills and experience to join the council, so all are welcome to explore this opportunity.

*Father Mark*

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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](http://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 11 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria			Members of the welcome team
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> St Pancras, Martyr	Mass	9.30am	Those persecuted for their faith
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima	Mass	12.15pm	Increased honour and devotion to Our Lady
✠Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> The Ascension of the Lord	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise Sung Mass	9.30am 10.30am 7.00pm	That we may ascend with the Lord
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	Mass at Becket Keys School	1.00pm	Becket Keys School
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Easter Feria	Mass Rosary	9.30am 10.15am	Candidates for election at the APCM
✠Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

**You are invited to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which takes place at 11.30am next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. All are warmly to attend this annual celebration of the life of our parish church. Father Mark**

## CAKE & A CUPPA

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



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Project** The PCC is launching an exciting project to help protect and transform our church into a vibrant community hub for generations to come.

**We need your support!** Please look out for details to follow soon!

150 years anniversary

## NEW 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.

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**Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after today's 10.00am Mass. All are welcome.**

## BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Charlotte Snow and Harrison Briggs whose birthdays are today and to Isabella Sanderson, Ivan Lincoln, Rohan Keith, Diane Stokes, Richard Poulton, Alex Jackson, Fiona Shah, Francesca Jackson, Alexa Watson, Edward Caines, Thomas Heyes, Beau Goodwin, Louis Farel, Willow Pitwood, Dylan Waller, David Schacht, Lucia Gunyan, and Dean Tucker who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

## DAVID SCHACHT

*There will be a gathering after Evensong next Sunday to celebrate David's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. David is a faithful volunteer of many roles in our church, including as a member of our choir.*

The **CHAPEL GROUP** meets on 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Church Centre from 1.50 to 2.15pm. If you are seeking fellowship, friendship and an opportunity to discuss how the Bible translates into life for today, please do join us. Everyone welcome! Carolyn 07736 160977.

## ✠THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

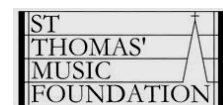
Mass at 9.30am

Sung Mass at 7.00pm

## BEER & SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July (12 – 5PM)**

(Please save the date!)



*If you have any donations they can be left with one of the church stewards at the back of the church. They are cleared every week and taken to the Food Bank.*

*Current needs are; Coffee, Corned Beef (tinned), Ham small/meal, Rice bags Shaving foam/gel, Squash, Tinned corned beef, Tinned ham, Washing powder, Women's deodorant.*