



**St Thomas of Canterbury
Church, Brentwood**

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Seventh Sunday after Trinity
19th July 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. St Thomas' Church is entirely self-funded and relies exclusively on donations, without financial support from any external source.

SERVICE DETAILS

8.00 am SAID MASS

10.00 am SUNG MASS (Becket Singers Ladies)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **333 – All my hope on God is founded**

Mass Setting: *Kenneth Leighton* in D

Gloria: A New People's Mass – *Dom Gregory Murray*

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Isaiah 44. 6-8

Sarah Hardy

Psalm 86: 11- end:

Second Reading: Romans 8. 12-25

Caroline Brodie

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Father Ossie

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Phil Horscroft

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **461 – There's a wideness**

Communion Motet: God be in my head – *Henry Walford Davies*

Communion Hymn: **369 – Happy are they**

Closing Hymn: **476 – Ye servants of God**

Organ Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in C (BWV 545) – *J S Bach* +

+ *Organist: Alex Evans - Interim Assistant Organist*

6.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Gentlemen)

Responses: *Bernard Rose*

Office Hymn: **150(i) – O blest creator of the light**

Psalm: 67

First Reading: 1 Kings 2. 10-12, 3:16-end

Jennifer Reckless

Canticles: *Charles Wood* in G

Second Reading: Acts 4: 1-22

Jennifer Reckless

Anthem: Great Lord of Lords – *Charles Wood*

Hymns: **243 – At even when the sun was set**

Final Responses: *Sam Adams*

Organ Voluntary: Ich Ruf-zu Dir (BWV639) – *Johann Sebastian Bach* +

+ *Organist: Oliver Parker – Senior Organ Scholar*

PLEASE NOTE

Emergency Protocol

Suspected Heart Attack or Cardiac Arrest.

Our church has two Defibrillators available for use in a cardiac emergency. These are located in the Bell Chamber and the Church Centre. A Defibrillator is designed to be used by anyone. It provides clear voice instructions and will only deliver a shock if one is needed.

If someone collapses:

- * Call 999 immediately
- * Ask someone to notify a designated First Aider immediately
- * Send someone to collect the church's Defibrillator
- * Help the person into a comfortable position
- * Turn on the Defibrillator and follow the spoken instructions until the Ambulance arrives.

After the incident:

- * Inform the Incumbent and Church Wardens
- * Record the incident in the church accident book (at the Stewards Desk)

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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Our Church is open for private prayer at the following times:

Monday to Thursday: 10.00am until 3.00pm

Friday & 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 usually:

Wednesdays: 10.00am until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm (subject to change during the holiday period)

Our Church website is: www.st-thomas.org.uk

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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 20 th July Feria			Our flower arrangers
Tuesday 21 st Feria	Mass	9.30am	Jon and Kayleigh as they prepare for their wedding
Wednesday 22 nd St Mary Magdalene	Mass	12.15pm	Repentance & Forgiveness
Thursday 23 rd St Bridget, Religious, Patron of Europe	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	The mission of the Church in Europe
Friday 24 th Feria (Of requiem)	Mass	9.30am	The faithful departed
Saturday 25 th St James, Apostle	Mass Wedding	9.30am 1.00pm	Luke, our Bishop
Sunday 26 th +Eighth Sunday After Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Evening Prayer (said)	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Caroline Snowsill and Daniela Travers whose birthdays are today and to Archie Mowatt, Ariana Belov, Anna Franklin, Rebecca Healey, Keith Walker, Sebastian Pettifer, Father Mark North, Tegan Harding, Carly Hodgkiss, Janet Howarth and Wesley Tasker who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

On behalf of the **St. Thomas' Music Foundation**, Richard Baker (Secretary) thanks to all of you who chipped in and helped to make the 'Beer and Sausage' Festival on 4th July such a successful event.

LUNCHTIME LIVE

at St Thomas' Church
Friday 31st July at 1.00pm
Brentwood Philharmonic Flutes
Free entry – with retiring collection



CAKE & A CUPPA

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

Can you help please?

THE BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

If you have any donations of food they can be left at the back of the church in our crates which are emptied every week and taken to the Foodbank.

THE BRENTWOOD FOODBANK is currently looking to recruit a small number of committed volunteers who have a heart for serving others and walking alongside people facing difficult circumstances. They are looking for a Foodbank Hub Team Leader and other regular Foodbank Hub volunteers. More than experience, we are looking for people who are passionate about serving those in our community with dignity and compassion. We deeply value the support of churches across Brentwood and all that we can achieve together. Please contact 01277 224528 for more details.

150th anniversary Community Project 2033

This ambitious project to preserve our church is moving forwards! A topographical survey of the church grounds has been completed and a feasibility study is underway. This will explore energy-efficient upgrades, renewal technologies, solar PV, EV charging, improved electrical infrastructure, and sustainable heating and ventilation solutions. A drainage survey is currently out to tender, using CCTV inspections and high-pressure jetting to identify any issues and required repairs. **Together, these studies will help shape a more sustainable, resilient and welcoming church for the future. We need your support!** Please look out for details to follow soon! Visit www.st-thomas.org.uk

150 years anniversary

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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