



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

**Ninth Sunday after Trinity
2nd August 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

8.00am SAID MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS (Summer Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **334 – All people that on earth do dwell**

Mass Setting: The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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: Isaiah 55: 1-5

Caroline Brodie

Psalms 145: 8 - 9 & 15 - 22: *David Rooke*

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

Martin Brodie

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 13-21

Father Ossie

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **296 – Lord enthroned**

Communion Anthem: I am the bread of life *ur Simon Lole*

Communion Hymn: **276 – Bread of heaven**

Closing Hymn: **473 – When morning gilds** (omit * verses)

Organ Voluntary: Festival finale – *Malcolm Archer* +

+ *Organist: Sam Adams - Interim Director of Music*

6.00pm VESPERS & BENEDICTION (Said)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Between now and the end of August
the Church Office will not be open for
callers. Please email queries to:**

brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com

Wendy Taylor - Parish Administrator

PLEASE NOTE

Children's Explore Zone

FREE activities for children of all ages:

Treasure hunt, word searches,

lots to do to help keep young people busy!

Open weekdays:-

Monday to Thursday from 10.00 until 15.00

Friday and Saturday from 10.00 until 12.30

CRAFTY FRIDAYS

This Friday from 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.

For more information contact

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DIRECTORY

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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:

Please refer to separate notice on the front page

Our Church website is: 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 3 rd Feria			Our Pastoral Assistant
Tuesday 4 th St John Mary Vianney, priest	Mass	9.30am	The Parish Clergy
Wednesday 5 th Feria	Mass	12.15pm	Members of the Parochial Church Council
Thursday 6 th Transfiguration of the Lord	Mass (BCP)	9.30am	Our Hope of Glory
Friday 7 th Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our Licensed Lay Ministers
Saturday 8 th St Dominic, Priest	Mass	9.30am	The Dominicans
Sunday 9 th +Tenth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Vespers	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Nina Khan, Caroline Bright and Charles Bright whose birthdays are today and to Alexander Frosch, Brenda Cox, Danny Kiely, Jonathan Ladd, Gillian Brooks, Harrison Jardine, Harry Jupp, Louisa Ward, Sarah Howard, Stephen Drake, Angela Pullin, Grace Moxley, Kennedy Osemwekhae, Rob MacGowan, Nickolay Kostadinov, Sophia Kostadinov and Vivaan Gupta who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.



CAKE & A CUPPA

is held in the church centre on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am until 12.00pm with a delicious selection of cakes. It's an ideal opportunity to meet up with friends.

LUNCHTIME LIVE

at St Thomas' Church

Friday 28th August at 1.00pm

Song Cycle (Male Vocal Ensemble)

Free entry – with retiring collection

Titan Sinfonia

Presents

Life, Love and Light

Saturday 15th August 6.00 - 7.30

at St Thomas' Church

Repertoire:

PREMIERE: Eurocrash – Sasha Bohn

Symphony No.5 – Mahler

ADMISSION FREE

WITH A RETIRING COLLECTION AT THE END

If you have any material for the **WEEKLY BULLETIN** please email it to davidrooke1@googlemail.com

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. www.st-thomas.org.uk

THE BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

If you have any donations of food please hand this to a steward. Our crates are emptied every week and taken to the Foodbank. Can you help please?

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00am MASS ON SUNDAYS?

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits in the church hall. It is a social occasion and an important part of the life of the church. It is a great way of getting to know members of the congregation that you may not normally come into contact with.

