



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

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
23rd 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: **205 – Christ is made the sure foundation**

Mass Setting: The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51: 1-6

Malcolm Howell

Psalm 138: *David Rooke*

Second Reading: Romans 12. 1-8

Anna Ogundehin

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 13-20

Father Ossie

Sermon

Intercessions

Malcolm Howell

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **272 – All for Jesus**

Communion Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine – *Herbert Howells*

Communion Hymn: **302 – O Thou, who at thy Eucharist**

Closing Hymn: **394 – Let all the world**

Organ Voluntary: 'Wenn wir in Hochsten Noten sein' – *J S Bach*

+ Organist: *Oliver Parker – Senior Organ Scholar*

6.00pm VESPERS

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

LUNCHTIME LIVE

at St Thomas' Church

Next Friday 28th August 1.00pm

Song Cycle (Male Vocal Ensemble)

Free entry – with retiring collection

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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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 24th St Bartolomew, Apostle			+ Luke our Bishop
Tuesday 25 th Feria	Mass	9.30am	Our stewards
Wednesday 26 th Feria (Requiem)	Funeral Valerie Bennett Mass	10.00am 12.15pm	The Faithful Departed
Thursday 27 th St Monica	Mass (BCP)	9.30am (BCP)	Christian mothers
Friday 28 th St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	Mass	9.30am	Theologians
Saturday 29 th The Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass	9.30am	Persecuted Christians
Sunday 30th +Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Vespers	8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Our Parish

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

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Father Mark North, Anna Franklin and Tegan Harding whose birthdays are today and to Carly Hodgkiss, Janet Howarth, Wesley Tasker, Luna Gunyan, Paul Turrell and Edward Parrett who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

Pinney Talfourd – Solicitors

We are hosting a free seminar to discuss Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney

Date: Saturday 12th September 2026
from 9.45am to 11.30am.

Location: Our Office:

1 Cathedral Place, Brentwood, Essex
01277 283 707

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?



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.



A new cycle of Alpha begins at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood, on Thursday 17th September at 19.00



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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.



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