



**St Thomas of Canterbury
Church, Brentwood**

WEEKLY BULLETIN Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

30th 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

8.00 am SAID MASS

10.00 am SUNG MASS (Summer Choir)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **338 – At the name of Jesus**

Mass Setting: The Addington Service - *Richard Shephard*

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15. 15-21

Gillian Caines

Psalms 26 1-8: *Peter Best*

Second Reading: Romans 12. 9-end

Ed Caines

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 21-end

Father Ossie

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Lesley Garwood

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **297 – Lord Jesus Christ**

Anthem: Christ has no body now but yours – *David Ogden*

Communion Hymn: **294 – Just as I am**

Closing Hymn: **439(i) – Praise to the holiest**

Organ Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G (BWV 541) – *J S Bach*

+ Organist: *Alex Evans – Interim Assistant Organist*

6.00 pm VESPERS

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

Please scan the QR code



to register your interest.

PLEASE NOTE

PROSECCO UP THE TOWER

Friday 11th September at 7.00pm

You are invited to the best view in Town

Tickets may be booked via this link:-

<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MTU0NY00/t>

£15.00 (over 18 only)

Prosecco at the top of the tower

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 sung at 6.00pm.

Our Church Office hours are:

Wednesdays: 10.00pm until 12.30pm

Thursdays: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Fridays: 1.00pm until 2.30pm

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 31 st St Aidan, Bishop and the Saints of Lindisfarne			The Church in England
Tuesday 1 st Feria	Mass	9.30am	Becket Keys School
Wednesday 2 nd Feria	Mass	12.15pm	St Thomas Primary School
Thursday 3 rd St Gregory the Great	Mass (BCP) Toddler Service	9.30am 10.30am	Theologians
Friday 4 th St Cuthbert, Bishop	Mass (Becket Keys)	1.00pm	+Luke our Bishop
Saturday 5 th St Teresa of Calcutta	Mass	9.30am	The poor and needy
Sunday 6th +Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Holy Baptism Evensong & Benediction	8.00am 10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Sam Adams and Freddie-Lee Martin whose birthdays are today and to Sarah White, Harriet Hedges, Kate Wilson, Yasmin Osman, Freddie Taylor, Albie Martin and Dillon Humphrey 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

Items required; Macaroni Cheese (tinned), Tinned Fruit, Potatoes(tinned), Corned Beef, Jam, Coffee, Washing up Liquid, Ham.

Can you help please? Hand items to our steward.

The Chapel Group is back

This Autumn, why not join us for something a little different? Wednesday 9th September, 12.50 in the Church Centre?

Our friendly Life Group meets twice a month, to explore scripture, reflect on our lives and apply God's Word day-to-day. It's a welcoming space for everyone to share, grow in discipleship and seek God's guidance as we journey through life together. Just turn up or for queries please leave a message on:-

[07736 160977](tel:07736160977).

Love Carolyn

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

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.

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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