



**St Thomas of Canterbury
Church, Brentwood**

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

13th September 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

Psalm 103: 8-13

10.00 am ALL AGE MASS (Trebles)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **263(omit*) – All creatures of our God**

Gloria: *Lourdes*

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Genesis 50: 15-21

Charlie Barnard

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12

Val Hills

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

Father Ossie

Sermon

Father Mark

Intercessions

Father Mark

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **Make me a channel of your peace**

Sanctus & Benedictus: *Slane Sanctus*

Agnus Dei: *Sam Adams*

Anthem: View me Lord *ur Richard Lloyd*

Closing Hymn: **God forgave my sin**

Organ Voluntary: Festival Toccata – *Percy Fletcher +*

+ Organist: Isabella Patrick ur Senior Organ Scholar

6.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Gentlemen)

Responses: *Malcolm Archer (arr. Brian Lynn)*

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

Psalm: 119: 41-48

First Reading: Ezekiel 20: 18, 33-44

Jennifer Reckless

Canticles: First Service - *Philip Moore*

Second Reading: Acts 20: 17-end

Jennifer Reckless

Anthem: I will lift up mine eyes – *Ernest Walker*

Hymn: **499 – Thy kingdom come, O God**

Final Responses: *Sam Adams*

Organ Voluntary: Pastorale (24 pieces en style libre) – *Louis Vierne+*

+ Organist: Alex Evans ur Assistant Director of Music

PLEASE NOTE...

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



**A great place to ask all those big questions.
Please scan the QR code to register
your interest. All are welcome.**

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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 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross			The Society of the Holy Cross
Tuesday 15 th Our Lady at the Cross	Mass	9.30 am	Members of the Parochial Church Council
Wednesday 16 th Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Ms	Mass	12.15 pm	+Guli, Bishop of Chelmsford
Thursday 17 th Feria	Mass (BCP)	9.30 am	Our bellringers
Friday 18 th Feria (Votive of the Precious Blood)	Mass (Becket Keys)	1.00 pm	Those on Pilgrimage
Saturday 19 th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass	9.30 am	The sick
Sunday 20th +Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Mass Sung Mass Choral Evensong	8.00 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Our Parish

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Joanne Tilden and Leah Farel whose birthdays are today, and to Alexander Smith, Charlotte Hodgkiss, Lucy Connell, Cecilia Adams, Miroslav Unipan, Ifeoma Uchegbu, Louise Miles, Lucy Willard, Samantha Webb, Alexander Evans, Charlie Tasker, Katherine Costis, Roseanne Lamb, Valerie Davis, William Lamb and Isabella Patrick who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

LUNCHTIME LIVE

Friday 25th September at 1.00pm

'Karpediem' (Folk Band)

Free Entry with a retiring collection

CRAFTY FRIDAY

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

Michelle Jackson – 07973 98383

The Chapel Group is back

This Autumn, why not join us for something a little different on Wednesday 23rd 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.

Love Carolyn

FareShare Go provides, nationally, charities and community groups with direct access to **surplus food** from local supermarkets, food which would otherwise be thrown away. In Brentwood that means someone collecting surplus food from Marks and Spencers and taking it to the YMCA in Brentwood at 7.15pm. We have two teams from our church doing this but the Thursday team need more helpers about once or twice a month. Speak to Lesley or Brian Lynn if you can give of your time to help others in need. Thank You.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00 am MASS ON SUNDAYS?

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits at the back of the church after the All-Age Mass. Doughnuts are also usually involved! 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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