St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Second Sunday before Advent

15 November 2026

Father Mark writes… Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ, to our worship today at St Thomas, especially the 10.00 Mass today. 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

Readings as per 10.00 plus Psalm 90:1-8, 12

10.00 am ALL AGE MASS (Trebles)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **Brother, sister, let me serve you**

Gloria: Peruvian Gloria

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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: Zephasiah 1: 7, 12-18- *Martin Brodie*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Sarah Hardy*

Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30 *Father Ossie*

Sermon *Father Mark*

Intercessions *Lisa Maya & Amelia*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **The Servant King**

Sanctus & Benedictus: Slane Sanctus

Agnus Dei: Mass of St. Cedd – *Peter Nardone*

Communion Hymn: **Christ has no body – *David Ogden***

Closing Hymn: **Give me joy in my heart**

Organ Voluntary: Paean – *Philip Moore* +

\+ *Organist: Isabella Patrick – Senior Organ Scholar*

6.00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG (Becket Singers)

Responses: *Richard Ayleward*

Office Hymn: **345 – Christ is the King**

Psalm: 89. 19-29

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 15-40 *Phil Horscroft*

Canticles: Short Service - *Orlando Gibbons*

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 14-18 *Phil Horscroft*

Anthem: Justorum animae – *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Sermon *Phil Horscroft*

Hymn: **343 – Bright the vision**

1. Final Responses: *James Thomas*

Organ Voluntary: Mein Jesu, der du mich (Op.122) – *Johannes Brahms*+

\+ *Organist: Alex Evans – Assistant Director of Music*

PLEASE NOTE…

The cycle of Alpha continues at
St Thomas' Thursday evenings from 19.00



This week the question we are pondering is:
How and Why should I tell others?
All are welcome. Please just come along to enjoy some lively conversation and a chance to deepen and explore the faith we share.

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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: 10.00am 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 16th Feria			Our Churchwardens
Tuesday 17th St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop	Mass	9.30am	Our Parish Clergy
Wednesday 18th Feria	Mass	12.15pm	Our Licensed Lay Ministers
Thursday 19th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	St Thomas' Clubhouse and the Toddler Group
Friday 20th Feria	Mass (Becket Keys)	1.00pm	Becket Keys School
Saturday 21st Presentation of the BVM	Mass & Anointing	9.30am	The Mission of the Church
Sunday 22nd +Christ the King	**Mass** **Sung Mass & Holy Baptism** **Evensong & Benediction**	**8.00am** **10.00am** **6.00pm**	**Our Parish**

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Thomas Bailey, Jack Travers, David Wilton, Isabella Long, Henry Simpson, Evelyn Madden, Sherryle Tydemann, Malcolm Howell and Matthew Hardy who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week.

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK SHOPPING LIST

November 2026 shortages

Cake; Mince Pies; Puddings; Biscuits for cheese; Selection boxes/Sweets; Sponge Puddings; Biscuits; Tinned Salmon; Advent Calendars

Can you help us? Find us at 56-60 Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood CM15 9EH

Course in Christian Studies?

If you would like to know more about the Bible and the Christian faith, do consider this 1- or 2-year course, which leads to the Bishop's Certificate. For more information, Google Chelmsford CCS, or speak to Father Mark or me. The course begins in January on a Wednesday evening at our church, and the **deadline is 1st December** if you wish to secure a place

Lesley Lynn

The Chapel Group

Next Wednesday 18th November 2026
12.50 – 2.15pm in the Church Centre

You are very welcome to join our friendly Life Group. There is never any obligation to participate but to simply enjoy fellowship with like-minded Christians as we navigate life in our complex world. Please turn up or text 07736 160977 with queries. *Love Carolyn*

The Children's Society - A new stock of Christmas cards for this year are on sale in the Church now and also at our **Church Bazaar** on **Saturday 21st November**. Some lovely designs and in packs of 10 cards for only £3.75. Proceeds go to the Children's Society.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE 10.00am MASS ON SUNDAYS

We serve tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits at the back of the Church. 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.

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**

Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 21st November

An important day for our community outreach and to raise funds to support our shared life together. Help needed to set up, staff stalls and clear down afterwards. Donations are also needed for stalls; see the lists on the table in the church.



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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