St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Brentwood

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Christ the King
22 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

8.00am SAID MASS

10.00am SUNG MASS & BAPTISM (Becket Singers Ladies)

Introductory Rite

Processional Hymn: **443 – Rejoice the Lord is King**
Mass setting: The Leicester Service – *Herbert Sumsion*
Gloria: A New People's Mass – *Dom Gregrory Murray*
Collect: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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**:** Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 *Wendy Taylor*
Responsorial Psalm 100 - *Martin How*
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 *John Barnes*
Gospel Acclamation: *Plainsong*
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46 *Father Ossie*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: **295 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence**
Choir Motet: Agimus tibi gratias – *de Lassus*
Communion Anthem: King of Glory, King of Peace – *William Harris*
Communion Hymn: **352 – Crown him with many crowns**
Closing Hymn: **613 – Christ triumphant**
Organ Voluntary: Messe pour les couvents(1+9) – *Francois Couperin* +
+ *Organist: Alex Evans – Assistant Director of Music*

6.00pm CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

(Gentlemen)

Introit: O sing praises unto God – *Sam Adams* (1st performance)
Responses: *Ernest Bullock*
Office Hymn: **345 – The Lord is King** (Ivyhatch)
Psalm: 93
First Reading: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 *Sue Rygate*
Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: *Charles Wood* in E
Second Reading: Matthew 28: 16-end *Sue Rygate*
Anthem: The Lord is King – *William Boyce*
Hymn: **343 – Bright the vision**
Benediction hymns: **388(i); 269(i) Part 2 268 Part 2**
Organ Voluntary: Crown Imperial – *William Walton*+
+ *Organist: Sam Adams – Interim Director of Music*

PLEASE NOTE…

The cycle of Alpha ends on
St Thomas' Thursday evening from 19.00.

This week the question we are pondering is:
Does God heal Today?
All are welcome. Please just come along to enjoy
some lively conversation and a chance
to deepen and explore the faith we share.
Next cycle begins on the 19th of January after the 09.30 Mass

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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 23rd St Clement 1, Pope and Martyr			Those exploring their vocation
Tuesday 24th St Andrew Dung Lac, Priest and Comp.Martyrs	Mass	9.30am	The Church in Vietnam
Wednesday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria	Mass	12.15pm	Those on Pilgrimage
Thursday 26th Feria	Mass (BCP) Pray & Praise	9.30am 10.30am	Our servers and lay assistants
Friday 27th Feria	Mass (Becket Keys)	1.00pm	Our stewards and lay assistants
Saturday 28th Our Lady on Saturday	Mass	9.30am	Members of the Diocesan Synod
Sunday 29th +The First Sunday of Advent	**Mass Sung Mass Advent Carol Service**	**8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm**	**Our Parish**

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Alexandra Poulton and Joseph Madden whose birthdays are today and to Henry Madden, Rachael Lumer, Timothy Watson, David Sparks, Dexter Lynch, Selvarajah Yoganathan and Benshamir Bright who will celebrate their birthdays during the coming week

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
Do please hand any offerings to the duty steward or please deposit them in the box in the right hand chair cupboard behind the AV desk.
The box is cleared once a week.

Chapel Group

Wednesday 2nd December 2026
12.50 – 2.15pm in the Church Centre
You are very welcome to join our friendly Life Group which meets on alternate Wednesdays in the Church Centre. There is never any obligation to participate but to simply enjoy fellowship with like-minded Christians as we navigate life in our complex world. All enquiries: 07736160977 (please leave a message) Love *Carolyn*

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

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.

CRAFTY FRIDAY **This Friday from 10.00am to 12.00pm.**

Come and bring along your own craft project, or learn a new one - like knitting or Bible journaling. Tea and coffee are available for £2.00. **For more information Contact Michelle Jackson – 07973 98383**

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.

Confirmation - Bishop Luke is joining us to administer the sacrament of Confirmation at 19.00 on the 2nd February 2027. If you would like to be confirmed, please collect on of the leaflets and complete the application form



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

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

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