St Thomas the Apostle

BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD

30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

(The Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Parish Family Mass

WELCOME to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Hanwell for our Parish Mass.

We hope you enjoy your time with us. Do join us for refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.
The hymns are in the green New English Hymnal Books.
The Mass Setting for this Service is by John Merbecke.
Please do take this service booklet away with you for your own prayers & reflections this coming week.

Please **Stand** *(if you are able) as the Choir and Altar party enter.*

The Choir and Altar Party process up the central aisle and the Lenten candle(s) are lit.
During this, the First Hymn is sung.

First Hymn: Morning has broken.

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

The Gathering & Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirt.

All: Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray:

All: Heavenly Father, we rejoice with thanks for all those who have mothered us in our lives. In a world that is broken and in need of your motherly love, please use us to aid others as you do us in providing comfort, nurture, protection and support. We ask that you grow us as carers to those who need us, so that we might celebrate your goodness together even through our brokenness. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

God our Father, as Pharaoh's daughter noticed the needs of a small child alone in the reeds, so help us to notice those areas of our own lives needing care and attention. Therefore, let us confess our sins, seeking the embrace of God's forgiveness and peace.

We have failed to nurture the needy.

All: Lord, help us.

We have failed to make space in our lives for the broken-hearted.

All: Lord help us.

We struggle to forgive those who have withheld their love from us.

All: Lord, help us.

We **Sing** *together the* **Kyrie eleison.**

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Merciful Lord, you know our struggles to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Exodus 2. 1-10. *(Reading is read by a member of the Junior Church)*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river,

while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. This must be one of the Hebrews children, she said. Then his sister said to Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you? Pharaohs daughter said to her, Yes. So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaohs daughter said to her, Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaohs daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, because, she said, I drew him out of the water.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 285 For the beauty of the earth.

The Gospel

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Cantor: 'I am the light of the world, says the Lord : whoever follows me will have the light of life.'

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you. **All: And with thy Spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. John 19. 25b-27.**

All: ✠✠✠ Glory to you, O Lord.

While the soldiers were looking after themselves, Jesus' mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *or* **Homily** *is given*

The **Motet** *is sung* **(Song of Mary by Richard Shepherd)**

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Please* Kneel or Sit *for the* Prayers of Intercession.** *(Led by members of the Junior Church)*

Dear God, In Church today we say thank you for all those that care for us during or lives. Please keep them safe and let them know how grateful we are for all they do. We know that for some people this is a difficult day. We pray for all those people and for all the families and friends who cannot be together today.

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we pray for our wider families and thank them for all they have done for us. Please keep them happy and healthy and make sure we support them as they have supported us.

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we pray for our Mother Churches. For the Priests & People of St. Thomas the Apostle, Orchard Street, Portman Square. We give thanks for the money raised through the sale of that Church which allowed our own, of St Thomas's Church to come into being. We also pray for our London area Mother Church of St Paul's Cathedral, and ask you to bless the people who work and worship there

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we pray for families who suffer through poverty, hunger and hardship at this time and thank you for all the things that we have. Please bring love, security, hope to those in need, and help us to be generous.

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, we pray for peace in our world and an end to war. We think in particular about those in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine. Instead of hatred, let there be love. Shelter your children and protect us

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, please help all those who are unwell or caring for others who are ill. Give them strength and comfort. We also pray for all those who have passed away recently and those who are grieving

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful planet. Bless it and keep it safe from harm. We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air and water. Help us to take care of everything and be kind to all living things

Lord, in your mercy. All: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bless all our relationships, and all families near and far.
Please accept these prayers. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *All may exchange a sign of peace.*

Offertory Hymn: Brother, Sister, let me serve You.

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Preparation of the Table

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **All: Amen.**

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up unto to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and for ever praising you and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation Kneel or Sit.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Christ is the bread of life:

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Virgin Mother of God, St Thomas the Apostle and our Patron, and all the Saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread, and says:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Invitation to Communion

✠ Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.

The Agnus Dei

All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

Communion Hymn: Be Still.

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear
in him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace -
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Prayers after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The **Parish Notices (and Banns)** *are given.*

Final Hymn: 457 The King of love my shepherd is.

During the Final Hymn members of the Junior Church distribute flowers to the congregation.
At the end of the distribution we say together the following:

All: Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; thank you God for the joys they have shared with us; thank you God for the pains they have borne for us; thank you God for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us.

May God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us.

May God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.

May the blessing of God almighty ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

Go forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Parish prayers – The Wider Church: especially; Bishop George Dawson-Ahmoah & the **Churches of Nkoranza, Ghana**; Pfr. Jens Oehme & the people of the **Lütherkirche, Hartau in Chemnitz, Germany**; Revd. Canon Clement Francis M.P.S. (Emeritus) and for the people of **Christ the King, Hillsborough, Carriacou, Grenada. The Church of England & Wider Anglican Communion**: for stability; good governance; and the renewal of the Church, as it discerns the call for the next Spiritual Head of the Church of England, and all other spiritual and ministerial roles it embodies. **This Diocese:** especially; **+Sarah**, Bishop of London, **+Lusa**, Bishop of Willesden, **Catherine**, The Archdeacon of Northolt**, The Cathedral Church of S. Paul the Apostle**: the London Diocesan mother church - for all who work and worship there. **Our Church:** especially Revd. Julia Palmer, the Wardens, our PCC members. For our Church Family. For the continued flourishing of our Junior Church and Youth Groups and for their leaders. For our Eco Church & Hall Refurbishment Groups as they continue in activities of growth and renewal in the building up of our ministry and community outreach in this corner of Hanwell. **The World:** especially The Holy Land, Palestine, Gaza, the Middle East, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, DR Congo and Ukraine. **Those recently Baptised:** especially Aurelia Lilly Cooke & George Richard Barber. **Those preparing for Confirmation:** especially Samuel Winter as he prepares to be confirmed at The Cathedral Church of S. Paul the Apostle on Holy Saturday at 6pm. **For a flourishing of neighbourly loving and community in our Parish, in Hanwell and beyond:** especially in our uniformed organisations and the community groups who make use of the Church Hall. In our local schools of Oaklands Primary, St. Marks Primary & Elthorne High School, and for all who live and work in our Parish. **Those who are housebound, in Hospital or Care Homes and all who are sick or in any need:** especially; His Holiness – Pope Francis, (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) John Ball, John Brake, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Bryn, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Sarah Chapman, Elaine Cole, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Darren Hancock, Michael Harrison, Rachael Harrison, Brian Hunt, June, Ian King, Rufus Mansley & Family,Alison Montgomery, Thomas Morley, Jesse Osbourne & Family, Jody Osbourne, Owen, Ann Ross, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Colin Spooner and John Tozer. **The Recently Departed and Those whose years mind falls at this time:** especially; The Priests and People of St. Thomas the Apostle, Orchard Street, Portman Square. Joan Harle, Nellie Hains, Edna Eileen Cooper, Jude James Lethorne, Robert Pendleton, Albert 'Bev' Bowles-Bevan, Arthur Melville and Dennis Storr.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."
1 Corinthians 3:6

Church growth is not just about numbers, it is about going deeper in our relationship with God and loving those in our communities. Every church was started for these reasons but maintaining that can be difficult in a world that is constantly changing.

The Grow Course helps churches think through being intentional about growing in health, depth and impact. For everyone to encounter the love of God in Christ we need churches of different sizes and all traditions, and St Thomas' is undeniably one of those in this corner of Hanwell.

Revd. Julia, Steve, Eileen & Stephen would like to invite you to explore what this might look like for and at St. Thomas', so join us on the "Potting Shed" table with a tea or coffee after Mass on Passion Sunday, April 6th.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer
Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer
Psalm(s): 32 (pg. 382) Epistle: Joshua 5. 9-12,
Gospel: S. Luke 15. 1-3, 11b –end.

Services This Week

Throughout the week, The Office of **Morning Prayer** (Common Worship) is observed in Church and is live-streamed on Facebook at 8.30am.
On Mondays by Revd. Julia Palmer.
On Tuesdays & Fridays by Stephen Brooks.

Mondays at 6.00pm in Church
The Stations of the Cross - Led by: Stephen Brooks

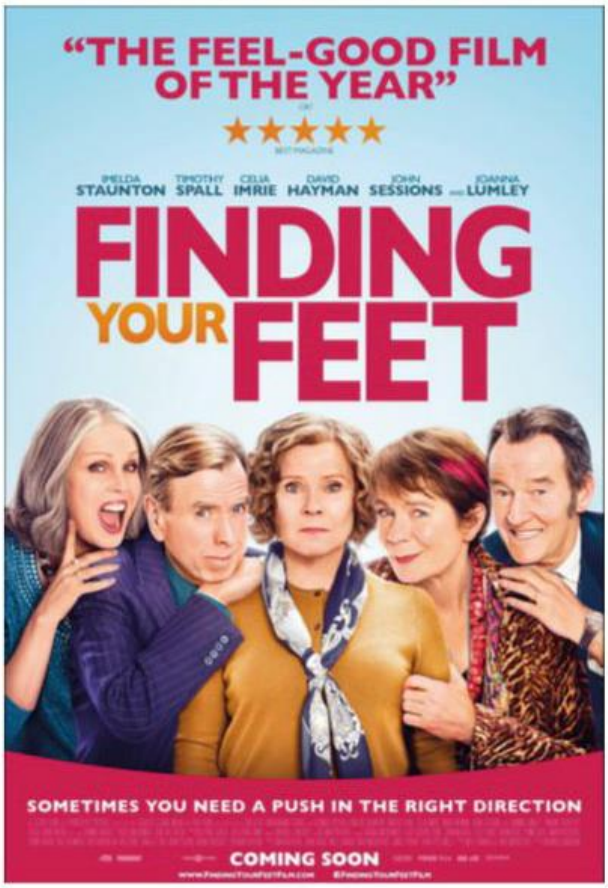
Tuesday 1st April 2025: 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Climate Justice & Discipleship Lent (2025) Course
Wednesdays, 2nd 9th & 16th April 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church.

Sunday 6th April 2025: Parish Mass for Passiontide Sunday.
Readings: Isaiah 43. 16-21, Psalm 126,
Philippians 3. 4b-14, S. John 21.1-8.
Readers: Eileen Sinclair & Chris Michell
Intercessor: Annabel Crowe.
Chalice Administration:
Sue Cunningham & David Gilbert.

Pictures by the Park

BYOB & SNACKS ADULTS £5 Children (W/A under 12) £2



Saturday, April 5th, 715 for 7.30 (12)
St Thomas' Church Hall, Hanwell, W7 2AD
Admission £5, (Cash/Card)
Free nibbles, BYOB welcome!

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'A Passiontide Devotional'

A meditation in Words & Music on The Passion of our Lord

'Could you not watch with me one hour?'

Join us during this most solemn season as we journey once more and stand at the foot of the Cross.

Through meditation in Music and Scripture we recall the last days of Christ's ministry; hear God afresh, and are drawn more fully into his love through the Passion of our Lord.

on

Sunday 6th April 2025 at 6.30pm

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. THOMAS

From Monday to Wednesday Morning Prayer is observed at 9am.
On Good Friday Morning Prayer is observed at 7am.

Palm Sunday

10am: The Procession of Palms & Parish Family Mass
Procession begins from the Bandstand in Elthorne Park

Monday of Holy Week

6pm: Stations of the Cross

Tuesday of Holy Week

12(Noon): Midday Mass

Holy (Maundy) Thursday

7.30pm: Parish Evening Mass of the Last Supper on Holy (Maundy) Thursday
with Maundy Watch (until Midnight) inc. Compline

Good Friday

7am: Morning Prayer on Good Friday
The Maundy Watch resumes after Morning Prayer until 2pm

2pm: Solemn Liturgy and Mass of Good Friday
with Celebration of the Lord' Passion

Easter Sunday

10am: Parish Family Mass for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
inc. The Sacrament of Baptism for the Khanegy Family and Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

During Holy Week

there are various rituals which require volunteers.
Please sign up to Read The Passion Narratives on
Palm Sunday & Good Friday
and Foot Washing & The Watch on Maundy Thursday.

Easter Flower Donations

Please hand any to
Terry Hutcheson,
Stephen Brooks or to a
Churchwarden.

ELECTORAL ROLL REFRESH & UPDATE (2025)

IN 2025 WE HAVE TO HAVE A FULL REFRESH OF OUR ELECTORAL ROLL AT ST. THOMAS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR FORMS & RETURN TO STEPHEN BROOKS (PARIH ADMIN).

THESE <u>NEED TO BE RETURNED</u> BY SUNDAY 27TH APRIL, 2025.