

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD



27th April 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

Parish 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 the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

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 Gathering & Greeting

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

All: Amen

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

First Hymn: 112 Jesus lives! thy terrors now.

The Prayer of Preparation

**All: Almighty God to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit;
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. (*cf Romans 6.4*)

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

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

**All: Lord have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power ✠ forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

Please **Stand** as we **Sing** together **The Gloria**.

**All: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest,
Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give
you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

All: Amen.

The First Reading: Acts 5. 27-32. *(Reading is read by Colin Lomas)*

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this mans blood on us. But Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

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

Please **Stand** as we **Sing** together **The Exsultet.**

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!

Around God's throne exult in harmony!

Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!

Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!

Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!

The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!

The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!

Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!

Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

The Second Reading: Revelation of S. John 1. 4-8. *(Reading is read by Kirsten Allen)*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Gradual Hymn: 121 This joyful Eastertide.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: 'I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.'

All: Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. John 20. *19-end.**

All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Sermon *or Homily* is given

The Motet is sung

**All: We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please *Kneel or Sit* for the Prayers of Intercession. *(Led by Charlotte Carotenuto)*

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

or

Jesus, Lord of Life

All: Hear our prayer.

And at the end.

Merciful Father,

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake
of your Son**

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: And also with you.

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

Offertory Hymn: 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer. (Tune: 265)

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. In your loving care you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

**✠ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna,
Hosanna, 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. ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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, the Virgin Mother of God, Joseph her spouse, 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.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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:

✠ Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All: Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung*

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

Communion Hymn: 389 Jesus, these eyes have never seen. (Tune: 385)

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Parish Notices (and Banns) are given.

A Junior Church Presentation may be given.

Final Hymn: 124 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All: Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in peace and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer - Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer

Psalm(s): 16 Epistle: Isaiah 53. 1-6 & 9-12., Gospel: S. Luke 24. 13-35.

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.

Led on Mondays by The Reverend Julia Palmer. | On Tuesdays & Fridays by Stephen Brooks.

On Wednesdays, The Office is said in-person in the Lady Chapel by The Reverend Julia Palmer.

Tuesday 29th April 2025: 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 4th May 2025: Parish Mass for Easter 3. (The Reverend David Maclure)

Readings: Acts 9. 1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5. 11-end, S. John 21. 1-19

Readers: Bess Hulme & David Gilbert | Intercessor: Roger Grange.

Chalice Administration: Michael Horn & Fade Solanke-Mitterer.



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 wisdom and

discernment for all in the appointment of 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, **The Venerable 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 and her family. Our Wardens and 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 and all other ministries and activities of our Parish. May we continue to grow as a community in grace and minister to all in truth and love.

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. Mark's Primary & Elthorne High School, and for all who live and work in our Parish.

The World: especially The Holy Land, Palestine, Gaza, the Middle East, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, DR Congo and Ukraine. **Those newly Confirmed and Baptised:** especially; **Samuel Winter** who was confirmed at *The Cathedral Church of S. Paul's Cathedral on Holy Saturday*. **Mia, Florence, and Kaylee Khanegi** as they were baptised at *St Thomas' on Easter Sunday morning*. **Those who are housebound, in Hospital or Care Homes and for all who are sick or in any need:** especially; 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, Ian King, Jaxon, Rufus Mansley & Family, Alison Montgomery, Thomas Morley, Jody Osbourne, Owen, Ann Ross, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Colin Spooner and John Tozer. **The Recently Departed:** especially; for the repose of the soul of His Holiness – Pope Francis, (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) **and Those whose years mind falls at this time:** especially; Anna Bean, Jeff Bries, Francis Alan Caird, John Clarke, John Eliot, Dorothy Mavis Freeth Peter Gilbert, Eileen Gilbert, Walter Gilbert, Ellen Hutcheson, Brenda Eliza Noel, John Britto Noel, Richard John Francis Tiddy, and June Tiddy.



Our Next Bring & Share Lunch is on:

Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 12.30pm

All Welcome.

Upcoming Lunch Dates: 4th June & 2nd July.

TODAY!!!

Hurry – only 50 places!

Run 5km or 2.5km

£5 each

St Thomas' Church

FAMILY FUN RUN

Sunday 27th April

Elthorne Park

(meet at St Thomas' Church Hall – 182 Boston Road, W7 2AD)

Run begins at 2pm (registration from 1.30pm)

For more details/ to register email: Thomas.funrun@yahoo.com



Plant & Produce Sale

St. Thomas' Church Hall

11th May 2025 at 11.15am
after Parish Mass for 4th Sunday after Easter.

All proceeds to the:

St Thomas' Hall Renovation Fund

If anyone has any spare plants or fruit and veg that they would like to bring and sell, please speak to:

Pauline Britton.

Pictures by the Park

Bring Your Own Bottles & Snacks ADULTS £5 Children (W/A under 12) £2



Pictures by the Park presents:

“A ROYAL NIGHT OUT” (R12A)

Saturday 3rd May 2025 - 19:15 for a 19:30 start.

£5 for Adults via Cash or Card.

B.Y.O.B. Welcome | Free Nibbles & Teas.

St Thomas the Apostle, Hanwell - Church Hall. Hanwell, W7 2AD.

St Thomas' Players Present



‘Who Killed the Vicar?’

A Murder Mystery Play by Chris Martin

Come & solve our Murder Mystery!

On: Saturday May 17th

7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Admission £20

Fish and chip supper included

Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Come as a team of up to 8 or we can put you in a team

For more details or to book,
please email Caroline at caroline.lumb@talk21.com

Or speak to Caroline or Sarah after the Sunday Service

‘in aid of the St Thomas' hall restoration fund’

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