

# ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD



29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul*

*Parish Mass*

*'Jesus said, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

*(Matthew 28. 19,20)*

# 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 A New Peoples Mass by Andrew Gregory Murray.*

*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 & Welcome

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

**All: Amen**

✠ Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you**

**First Hymn: Into a world of darkness.** (Tune: #197 NEH – 'For all the Saints')

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| 1. Into a world of darkness since the fall,<br>new light had dawned,<br>two champions heard the call:<br>Peter the rock,<br>and Paul once known as Saul!<br>Alleluia, alleluia. | 2. First Peter stared in wonder at the sight,<br>Jesus, transfigured,<br>clothed in glorious light,<br>then heard God praise his Son from<br>heaven's height.<br>Alleluia, alleluia. |
| 3. Beside a desert road a different sign'<br>Saul saw a blinding<br>light in splendour shine<br>and Jesus told him,<br>'These you hurt are mine!'<br>Alleluia, alleluia.        | 4. On each a lifelong mission was conferred,<br>'Go tell the nations<br>all that you have heard<br>of God made known through<br>Christ, th' incarnate Word.'<br>Alleluia, alleluia.  |
| 5. Their work accomplished, called to their reward,<br>one crucified, one martyred by the sword,<br>their deaths bore witness to the risen Lord:<br>Alleluia, alleluia!         |  |

## 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.**

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

Let us now confess our disobedience to him. *(cf John 15.14)*

**All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

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

**All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace for 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.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.  
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.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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: Zechariah 4. 1-6a, 10b-end.** *(Reading is read by Colin Lomas)*

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, What do you see? And I said, I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left. I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord? Then the angel who talked with me answered me, Do you not know what these are? I said, No, my lord. He said to me, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth. Then I said to him, What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand? And a second time I said to him, What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes? He said to me, Do you not know what these are? I said, No, my lord. Then he said, These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

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

Please **Stand** as we **Sing** together verses of **Psalm 125.** *(Qui confidunt)*

- 10. They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion : which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.**
- 11. The hills stand about Jerusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.**
- 12. For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous : lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.**
- 13. Do well, O Lord : unto those that are good and true of heart.**
- 14. As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.**

**The Second Reading: Acts 12. 1-11.** *(Reading is read by Sue Cunningham)*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, Get up quickly. And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, Fasten your belt and put on your sandals. He did so. Then he said to him, Wrap your cloak around you and follow me. Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angels help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.

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

**Gradual Hymn: 137 Come down, O Love divine.**

**The Gospel**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Cantor: 'I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. (John 15. 51)*

**All: Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Matthew 16. 13-19.**

**All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is? And they said, Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He said to them, But who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered him, Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

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

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

*The Motet is sung.*

*'Day by Day' – Martin How (1931-2022)*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray;  
to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly,  
day by day.

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 Roger Grange)*

**And at the end.**

Lord in your mercy.

Merciful Father,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your  
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. (*Ephesians 2.19,17*)

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: 172 'Thou are the Christ, O Lord'.** (Tune: #443 - Gopsal)

### Preparation of the Table

Father, accept all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

### 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 and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is He who comes 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. ✠

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, Ss. Peter & Paul, 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**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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:*

✠ We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

## Invitation to Communion

Behold 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 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 Lamb of God (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.**

*The Priest, Altar Party, Choir and the People all receive communion.*

*If you are baptised and receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here.*

*You are welcome to receive a blessing instead of communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.*

**Communion Hymn: O Peter, you were named by Christ.** (Tune: #512 - Gonfalon Royal)

1. O Peter, you were named by Christ  
the guardian- shepherd of his flock:  
protect the Church he built on you  
to stand unyielding, firm on rock.
2. Your weakness Christ exchanged for strength;  
you faltered, but he made you true:  
he knew the greatness of your love,  
and gave the keys of heaven to you.
3. Apostle of the gentiles, Paul,  
the greatest witness of them all,  
you turned to Christ, the risen Lord,  
when out of light you heard him call.
4. You journeyed far and wide to tell  
that Christ was risen from the dead,  
that all who put their faith in him  
would live for ever, as he said.
5. Unseen, eternal Trinity,  
we give you glory, praise your name:  
your love keeps faith with faithless hearts  
through change and stress you are the same.

**Prayers after Communion**

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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 are announced and a Junior Church Presentation may be given.*

**Final Hymn: 272 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!**

**The Blessing**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer - Led by: Steve Purcell**  
Psalm(s): 124 (pg. 515) & 138 (pg. 524), Epistle: Ezekiel 34. 11-16, Gospel: S. John 21. 15-22.

## Services This Week

Throughout the week, The Office of **Morning Prayer** (Common Worship)  
is observed in Church and is live-streamed on Facebook at 9am.

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 1st July 2025: 12(Noon) Holy Communion via Extension in the Lady Chapel**

**Sunday 6th July 2025: Parish Family Mass for the Patronal Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.**

Ephesians 2.19-end, S. John 20. 24-29.

Readers & Intercessors: Members of the Junior Church. | Chalice: Stephen Brooks & Steve Purcell.



**Parish prayers – The Wider Church:** especially; **Bishop George Dawson-Ahmoah** and for the Churches of Nkoranza, Ghana. **Pfr. Jens Oehme** and for the people of the L utherkirche, 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. **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:** our London Diocesan Mother Church and for all who work and worship there. **Our Church:** especially; **The Reverend. Julia Palmer** and her family. We pray for our Wardens, PCC, and all who serve in our Church. Bless our young people, their leaders, and all who make use of the Parish Hall. Strengthen our ministries and guide us as we grow in grace, serving others in truth and love. **We pray for a deepening of love and community in our Parish, in Hanwell and beyond.** Bless our local schools—Oaklands, St. Mark's, Elthorne and also New Level Academy especially in its work with marginalised youth. Be with all who live, work, and enrich our community. **The World:** especially; The Holy Land, Palestine, Gaza, the Middle East, India & Pakistan, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, DR Congo and Ukraine. **We pray for the housebound, the sick, and all in hospital or care. For those in need or distress, and all who have asked for our prayers in their time of need:** especially; John Ball, John Brake, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Bryn, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Elaine Cole, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Darren Hancock, Rachael Harrison, Brian Hunt, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Rufus Mansley, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Alison Montgomery, Stuart Minty, Thomas Morley, Jody Osbourne, Owen, Ann Ross, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner, John Tozer, Anthony Wilson and Kris Wilson. **The Recently Departed and Those whose years mind falls at this time:** especially; Harry Thomas Wilson, Ronald Penrose Robinson, Herbert Hains, Irene Lumsden, Joan Dyson, Daisy Elizabeth Baxter, George Gay, Martyn Adrian Freeth.

✠ May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory. ✠#

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JOIN OUR SPONSORED WALK

# WALK FOR OUR HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

Join us on **Sunday June, 29<sup>th</sup>** for our **Sponsored Walk** to help support our Hall Renovation Project and enabling better our local community outreach programs. Every step you take will make a difference in the lives of those who make use of the Parish Hall.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship, all while raising funds for a worthy cause!

**Together, we can make a difference.**



## Rowland Linder Youth & Children's Intern

We have an Intern starting with us in September - Rowland Linder - who will be helping with our Youth and Children's ministries.

She will be with us for a year.

We are looking for accommodation for her (room in a house).

If anyone is in a position to offer this then please see and speak to Reverend Julia.



S. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PATRONAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

# Join Us for a 'Bring & Share' Lunch

Let's come together for food, fun, and fellowship on **6th July 2025, from 12pm**, in the Parish Hall.

All are warmly welcome!



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## Join Us for our spectacular 'Hanwell's Got Talent'



A NIGHT OF TALENT AND COMMUNITY FUN.

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM

An evening filled with fun and unforgettable memories. This event is perfect for the whole family! Join us for captivating performances by local talents and show your support for our community.

### FUNDRAISER FOR ST THOMAS' HALL RENOVATION

All proceeds will go towards the **renovation** of St Thomas' Hall.

Join us to enjoy the show and make a difference in our community!

Raffle & Pay Bar.

#### Tickets: (Early Bird)

(Before 5<sup>th</sup> July)

Adults: £12.

Children: £6.

#### Tickets: (On the Day)

Adults: £14.

Children: £7.

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