

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



10th August 2025

Eighth Sunday After Trinity
(Proper 14)

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 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.

The Gathering & Welcome

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

✠ 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: 333 All my hope on God is founded.

As we come to worship, let us ready our hearts and minds to meet the living God - whose delight is to give us the kingdom, and whose Son calls us to watch and wait in faith.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life:

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all. (cf 2 Corinthians 5.17)

**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 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.
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.**

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 15. 1-6. *(Reading is read by Steve Purcell)*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great. But Abram said, O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir. But the word of the Lord came to him, This man shall not

be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir. He brought him outside and said, Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. Then he said to him, So shall your descendants be. And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Please **Stand** as we **Say** together **Psalm 33. 12-end.**

12. **Happy the nation whose God is the Lord • and the people he has chosen for his own.**
13. **The Lord looks down from heaven • and beholds all the children of earth.**
14. **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze • on all who dwell on the earth.**
15. **He fashions all the hearts of them • and understands all their works.**
16. **No king is saved by the might of his host; • no warrior delivered by his great strength.**
17. **A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; • for all its strength it cannot save.**
18. **Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, • on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,**
19. **To deliver their soul from death • and to feed them in time of famine.**
20. **Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; • he is our help and our shield.**
21. **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; • in his holy name have we put our trust.**
22. **Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, • as we have set our hope on you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16. *(Reading is read by Judy Neale)*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are

seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Gradual Hymn: 15 The Lord will come and not be slow.

The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit, : for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

All: Alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Luke 9. 28-36.**

All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

The Sermon or Homily *is given.*

The Motet is sung.

"Be still, for the presence of the Lord"

(Written: David J. Evans b. 1957 | Arranged: Richard Shepherd (1949-2021))

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm our faith in the God who calls us not to fear but to trust, who gives us the kingdom, and who will come again in glory.

We stand to declare our faith in the words of 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 Fade Solanke Mitterer)*

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.**

The Peace

Christ will transfigure our human body and give it a form like that of his own glorious body. We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.

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: 339 Be thou my vision.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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, 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. ✠

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

✠ 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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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: 294 Just as I am, without one plea.

Prayers after Communion

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: Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Parish Notices are given.

Final Hymn: 440 Praise to the Lord. (omit *vv)

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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): 108 (pg. 489), Epistle: Isaiah 11. 10 – end of Chapter 12, Gospel: S. Mark 7. 24-30.

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 (*8.30am on Fridays).

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

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

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

Sunday 17th August 2025: Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Revelation 11. 19 - 12. 6, 10, Canticle: The Magnificat, Galatians 4. 4-7, S. Luke 1. 46-55.

Readers: Colin Lomas & Margaret Lydamore | Intercessor(s): Annabel Crowe.

Chalice: Annabel Crowe & Jill Ashcroft.



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 Lütcherkirche, Hartau in Chemnitz, Germany. **Rev. 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 any need or distress, and all who have asked for our prayers for them:** especially; John Ball, John Brake & Family, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Bryn, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Elaine Cole, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Darren Hancock, Brian Hunt, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Rufus Mansley, George Lewis Law & Family, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Alison Montgomery, Stuart Minty, Owen, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner, John Tozer and Kris Wilson. **The recently departed:** especially, Terrence Ball and Belinda Noland.

Those whose years mind falls at this time: especially; Veronica Matthews, Norman Dorival, Kofi Adjei, Elvin Giraldu Lloyd, Robbie Robertson, John Alexis, Louisa Calder, and Ann Simon.

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

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SERVING TEAM?

We're building new Serving Teams at St Thomas' to help during our Parish and Parish Family Masses — and we'd love for you to

We're looking for volunteers to serve as:

- ✦ Crucifer — carries the processional cross.
- ✦ Acolytes (x2) — carry candles and assist at the Altar



On feast days, we also need:

- ✦ Thurifer — carries and swings the incense (Adults)
- ✦ Boat Bearer — assists with the incense (often a Child).

Adults and young people are warmly encouraged to take part.

Our goal is to have a full team every Sunday, starting with 7th and 14th September.

No experience needed — training will be given.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please speak to Rev'd Julia or Stephen, and use the sign-up on the sheet on the piano.

JOIN US FOR DAILY PRAYER

FROM MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MORNING PRAYER

9.00AM

*8.30am on Fridays

EVENING PRAYER

5.00PM

Excludes Fridays

Throughout the week, the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer (Common Worship) are said in church and available to join:

- Live on Zoom
- In Person at St Thomas'

Come and begin and end your day in prayer and peace.

All are warmly welcome.

BIBLE STUDY & REFLECTION GROUP

Beginning

Wednesday 10th September

In The Lady Chapel at St Thomas'

Join us as we begin a new Reflection & Bible Study series exploring the Gospel of Matthew in a welcoming and prayerful setting.

Afternoon Session

☉ 2.00 – 3.30pm

With tea and biscuits

Evening Session

☉ 7.00 – 9.30pm

With tea and biscuits

Concludes with Compline

All are warmly welcome — come to one or both sessions as you're able.

Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity.

A space to reflect, share, and grow together in faith.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PARISH FAMILY MASS

Join us as we celebrate the gift of learning and all who support it — pupils, teachers, staff, families and schools.

A joyful service of worship, prayer, and thanks for our shared journey in education.

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME!

 4020 Art Group & BEAT Art Trail at St. Thomas' September 2025



 Sat 6 (11–6pm) • Sun 7 (11.30–6pm)  Sat 13 (11–6pm) • Sun 14 (11.30–6pm)

Eight local artists from the 4020 Art Group exhibit their work, showcasing a vibrant mix of styles and media.

Come and support local creativity.