

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



*17<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

*The Feast of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Parish Mass*

*The Reverend David Neno (Area Dean & Parish Priest, St Peter's, North Ealing)*

# 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: 185 Sing we of the blessed Mother.**

As we rejoice in the faithful obedience of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate the grace that found its dwelling in her, let us prepare to meet the Lord in word and sacrament. In penitence and faith, let us pray together:

## 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

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

**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 God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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: Revelation 11. 19 - 12. 6, 10.** *(Reading is read by Colin Lomas)*

Then Gods temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of

heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please **Stand** as we **Say** together **Canticle: Magnificat. (The Song of Mary).**

1. **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
• he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**
2. **From this day all generations will call me blessed; • the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**
3. **He has mercy on those who fear him, • from generation to generation.**
4. **He has shown strength with his arm • and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
5. **Casting down the mighty from their thrones • and lifting up the lowly.**
6. **He has filled the hungry with good things • and sent the rich away empty.**
7. **He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, • to remember his promise of mercy,**
8. **The promise made to our ancestors, • to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**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: Galatians 4. 4-7.** *(Reading is read by Margaret Lydamore)*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba! Father! So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

**Gradual Hymn: 387 Jesus, good above all other.**

**All: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor: *“Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you. : Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”. (cf Luke 1. 28, 42).”*

**All: Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Luke 1. 46-55.**

**All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

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

**The Sermon or Homily** is given.

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**The Motet** is sung.

*“Song of Mary” | My Lord and Saviour is my Song*

*(Mary Holtby after Luke 1. 46-55 | Arranged: Richard Shepherd (1949-2021))*

<sup>1.</sup> *My Lord and Saviour is my song,  
He fills my spirit with delight  
To raise me up his arm is strong,  
The lowly precious in his sight.*

*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum.*

<sup>3.</sup> *The proud be-guil'd by dreams of pow'r  
Divided and degraded lie:*

*He casts from throne and tow'r  
And stoops to lift the humble high.*

*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum.*

<sup>2.</sup> *My name shall live from age to age,  
And ev'ry tongue his servant bless,  
For mercy is their heritage  
Whose hearts the Holy One confess.*

*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum.*

<sup>4.</sup> *He feeds the hungry at his board  
And sends the rich un-fill'd away,  
And mindful of his promis'd word  
Has answer'd Israel's prayer today.*

*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum*

<sup>5.</sup> *With all the elders of our race,  
And those un-born who seek his birth,  
I sing the glory of his grace  
Who brings eternity to earth.*

*Magnificat, anima mea Dominum.*

Let us declare our faith in the God who chose Mary to bear his Son, and who calls us to share in his redeeming purpose for the world:

**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 Annabel Crowe)*

**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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. *(Isaiah 9.6)*

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: 188 Ye who the faith of Jesus.** (omit \*\* vv)

### 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.**

God our Father, your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast. Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful 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, 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: 341 Blest are the pure in heart.**

### **Prayers after Communion**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; 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: 186 Tell out my soul.**

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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**

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: Stephen Brooks.**

Psalm(s): 132 (pg. 519), Epistle: Song of Solomon 2. 1-7, New Testament: Acts 1. 6-14.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025: 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel**

**Sunday 24th August 2025: The Feast of S. Bartholomew.**

Isaiah 43. 8-13, Psalm 145. 1-7, Acts 5. 12-16, S. Luke 22. 24-30

Readers: Sue Cunningham & Steve Purcell | Intercessor(s): Charlotte Carotenuto

Chalice: Stephen Brooks & Chris Michell.



**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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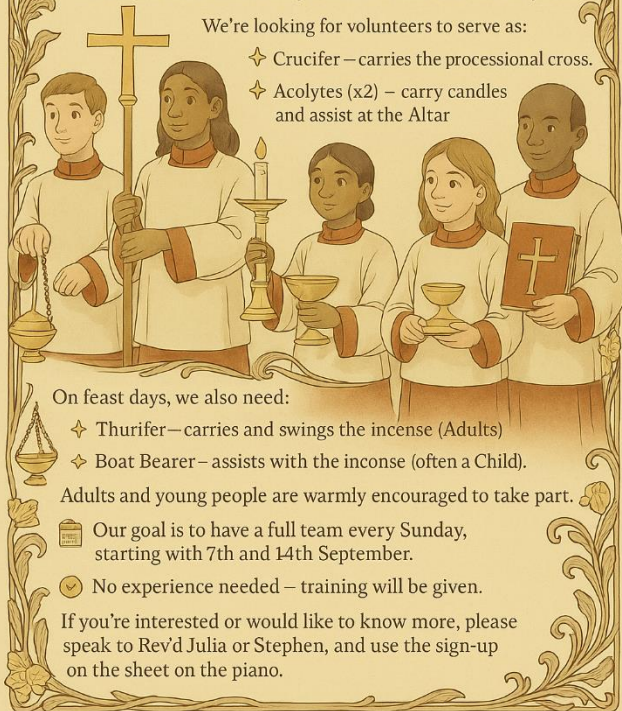


## WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE SERVING TEAM?

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.