

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



31ST August 2025

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity
(Proper 17)

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.

Cover Image: Christ in the House of Simon the Pharisee, c.1656, Philippe de Champaigne

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: 359 Fight the good fight .

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18. *(Reading is read by Bess Hulme)*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them,

and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

Please **Stand** as we **Say** together **Psalm 112.**

1. **Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord • and have great delight in his commandments.**
2. **Their descendants will be mighty in the land, • a generation of the faithful that will be blest.**
3. **Wealth and riches will be in their house, • and their righteousness endures for ever.**
4. **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; • gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**
5. **It goes well with those who are generous in lending • and order their affairs with justice,**
6. **For they will never be shaken; • the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**
7. **They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; • their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**
8. **Their heart is sustained and will not fear, • until they see the downfall of their foes.**
9. **They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; • their head will be exalted with honour.**
10. **The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; • the desire of the wicked shall perish.**

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: Romans 15. 7-13. *(Reading is read by Pauline Britton)*

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gradual Hymn: 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer.

The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, : and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

All: Alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Luke 14. 1, 7-14.**

All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, Give this person your place, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, Friend, move up higher; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. He said also to the one who had invited him, When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

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

The Sermon *or Homily* is given.

The Motet is sung.

"Brother James' Air"

(Written: James Leith Macbeth Lain (1840- 1925)| Arranged: Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green;He leadeth me The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, The quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of Blessedness, E'en for His own Name's sake.
Within the paths of Blessedness, E'en for His own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.
Thy rod And staff me comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my day Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always My dwelling place shall be.
And in heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

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 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 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: 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said.

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: 305 Soul of my saviour.

Prayers after Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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: 333 All my hope on God is founded.

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: The Reverend Julia Palmer.

Psalm(s): 119. 81-96 (pg. 506), Epistle: Isaiah 33. 13-22, Gospel: S. John 3. 22-36.

Services This Week

Throughout the week, The Offices of **Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer**
(Common Worship) are observed in-person in Church.

It is also available by joining our Zoom Meeting via the QR code at
9am & 5pm. (*8.30am on Fridays)



Come and begin and end your day in Prayer and Peace. All are warmly welcome.

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 7th September 2025: Education Sunday.
1 Corinthians 12. 12-26, S. Matthew 5. 13-17.
Readers & Intercessor(s): Members of the Junior Church.
Chalice: David Gilbert & Alison Baxendale.



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  therkirche, 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 in this time of change and challenge. **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; **Reverend Julia Palmer**, together with Adrianna and Mark as they rejoice in the safe arrival of baby Thomosina Mabel into their lives. 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 New Level Academy. 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:** especially; John Ball, Ben Blavo, 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, Alan McDougall, 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, Elsie Buchanan & Susan Cross. **Those whose years mind falls at this time:** especially; Veronica Matthews, Norman Dorival, Kofi Adjei, Marcia Isaacs, 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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INCLUDING A ST. THOMAS'
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**LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT
CELEBRATIONS DURING
OUR PARISH FAMILY MASS
FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL
ON SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025 AT
10AM**

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.



Supporting Alan's Sponsored Walk

Many of you will know Alan McDougall, a faithful member of our parish family.

Alan's twin sister, Susan Cross, sadly passed away last month after living with cancer. During this time, Alan has found strength in worship here at St Thomas's, and we continue to keep him and his family in our prayers.

In Susan's memory, Alan is taking on a 26-mile sponsored walk on 13th September, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity close to his heart and to many others.

If you would like to support Alan in this challenge, you can do so through his fundraising page:

www.justgiving.com/page/alan-mcdougall-1735733934505

Please do keep him in your prayers as he prepares for the walk.

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