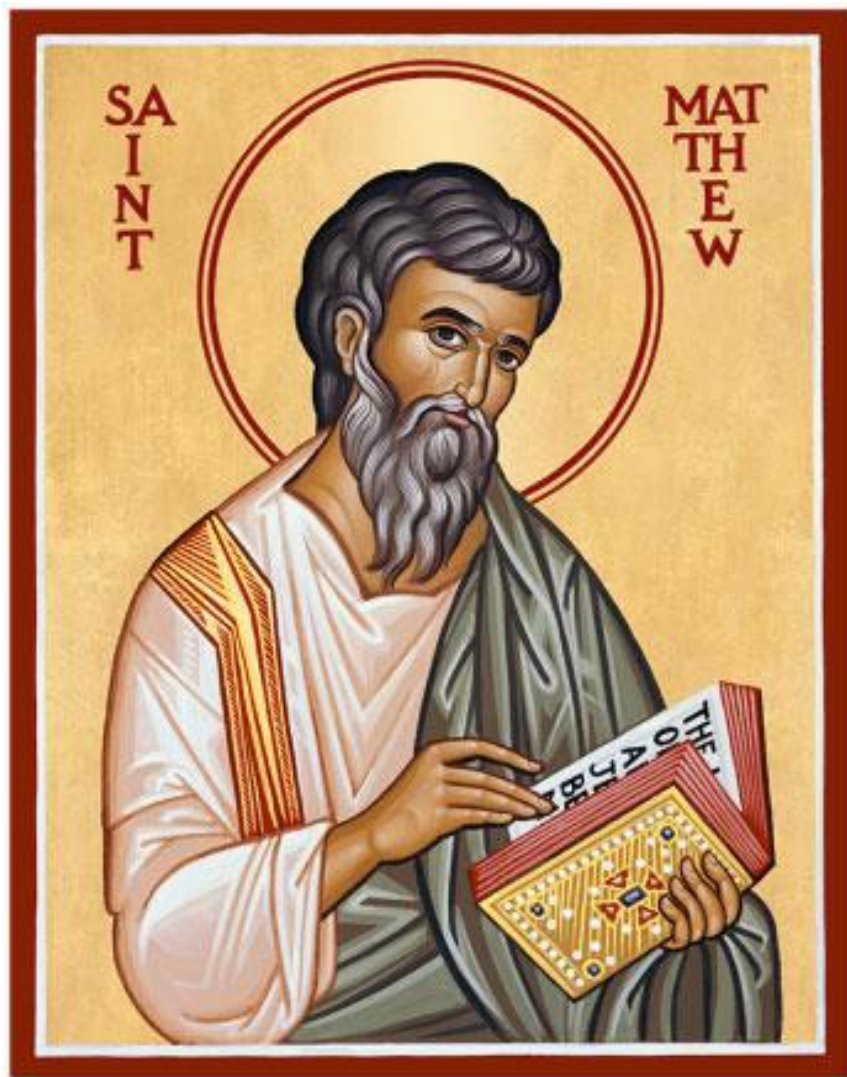


ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD



21ST September 2025

The Feast of S. Matthew
(Apostle and Evangelist)

Parish Mass

Jesus said, 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'
(S. Matthew 28.20)

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 the Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne

Please do take this Service Booklet away with you for your own prayers & reflections this coming week.

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: 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult.

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 run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith. *(Hebrews 12.1)*

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

The Collect

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son 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 First Reading: Proverbs 3. 13-18. *(Reading is read by Sarah Holroyd)*

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

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

Please **Stand** as we **Sing** together **Psalm 119. 65-72.** *(Bonitatem fecisti)*

- 65. **O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.**
- 66. **O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.**
- 67. **Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.**
- 68. **Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.**
- 69. **The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.**
- 70. **Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.**
- 71. **It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.**
- 72. **The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.**

**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: 2 Corinthians 4. 1-6. *(Reading is read by Margaret Lydamore)*

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry of the Spirit, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last."

(S. John 15.15)

All: Alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Matthew 9. 9-13.**

All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. As he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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

The Sermon *or Homily* is given.

The Motet is sung.

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

(Music Großer Gott - Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774 | Arranged John Barnard)

(Words: David Mowbray (b. 1938))

*^{1.} Great and wonderful, Lord God, are your works, creation shows it;
just and true are all your ways, every saint profoundly knows it.
With all saints, throughout our days, we shall sing God's worthy praise.*

*^{2.} Great the love of God in Christ, taking flesh and touched by sorrow;
pouring out his inmost soul to enrich the saints' tomorrow.
With all saints, throughout our days, we shall sing God's worthy praise.*

*^{3.} Great the Holy Spirit's grace, tempering the human story;
sinners are transformed to saints, changed from glory into glory.
With all saints, throughout our days, we shall sing God's worthy praise.*

**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.

All: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

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: 216 Disposer supreme and judge of the earth.

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.

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. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation kneel or sit.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, St Thomas the Apostle and our Patron, St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist 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

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.

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: 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.

A Junior Church Presentation may be given.

Final Hymn: 338 At the name of Jesus.

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with 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): 119. 33-40, 89-96. (pgs.502 & 506)

Epistle: Ecclesiastes 5. 4-12,

Gospel: S. Matthew 19. 16-end.

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 23rd September 2025
12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 28th September 2025: Feast of S. Michael and All Angels.

Genesis 28.10-17, Psalm 103. 19-22, Revelation 12. 7-12, S. John 1. 47-51.

Readers: Elaine Webb & Eileen Sinclair.

Intercessor: Kirsten Allen. | Chalice: Steve Purcell & Andrew Lumsden.



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 Lütherkirche, Hartau in Chemnitz, Germany. **Revd. Canon Clement Francis M.P.S. (Emeritus)** and for the people of Christ the King, Hillsborough, Carriacou, Grenada. **The Church of England & Wider Anglican Communion:** for wisdom and discernment 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** and her family. We pray for our Wardens, PCC, and all who serve in our Church. Bless our young people, their leaders, especially **Rowland Linder** our new Pastoral Assistant and Youth Intern and all for 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 – Ealing Fields, Elthorne, Oaklands and the 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, 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, Alan McDougall, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Alison Montgomery, Stuart Minty, Owen, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner and John Tozer. **The recently departed:** especially, Valerie Patricia Agrafojo & Marion Knight. **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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At 10 am
alongside the
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Eucharist

Upcoming Dates:

14 September,
with Hot Cross Buns!
21 September
28 September
12 October
19 October



YOUTH GROUP

Join our Youth Group, for those
aged 11-18, for Bible study,
games, and activities.



We'll be starting off on the
**14 September with a Pizza
Party!**

On most Sundays, 4-5:30 pm in
the Church Hall

Upcoming Dates:

14 September
21 September
28 September
12 October
19 October

If interested, email Rowland at rowlandlinder@gmail.com

**BIBLE STUDY &
REFLECTION GROUP**

Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel at St Thomas'

Join us in a welcoming and prayerful setting as
we explore the Gospel of Matthew.

A time for thoughtful reflection, open discussion,
and shared faith.

🕒 **Afternoon Session**

2.00 – 3.30pm

☕ With tea and biscuits

🕒 **Evening Session**

7.00 – 9.30pm

🕯 Concludes with Compline

All are warmly welcome – come to one or
both sessions as you are able.

Bring your Bible, your questions,
and your curiosity.

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

BREAD BAG BLITZ!

Bring your plastic bread bags in to recycled
via TerraCycle, during this September's
'Bread Bag Blitz'!

**EALING
CLIMATE
WEEK**

20-28 September 2025



St Thomas' Litter Pick
Sunday, 28 September 2025
Feast of S. Michael & All Angels at 10am



**FAIR TRADE
FORTNIGHT
CELEBRATIONS**

during our Parish Family Mass
for Harvest Festival on
Sunday, 5 October 2025
at 10am

★ Nominate St Thomas' for £1,000! ★

★ The Movement for Good Awards 2025 are back! ★

Benefact Group is giving away over £1 million to charities and good causes this year.

We'd love your help in nominating St Thomas' Hall Renovation Fund.

Every nomination increases our chance of receiving £1,000 towards restoring and improving our Parish Hall, a much-needed space for worship, community events, and local groups.



How you can help:

It only takes two minutes to nominate us online.

👉 <https://movementforgood.com/>

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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.

ST THOMAS'S
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SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER
7.30 - 10.30

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE CONQUERING HEROES

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ADULT: £20 * CHILDREN £10

TO BUY TICKETS SCAN QR CODE:
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FUNDRAISING FOR ST THOMAS'S CHURCH HALL & ECWNS



UPDATE FROM ECWNS EALING CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Good news! The shelter will be running again this winter for four months.



**ST THOMAS' WILL HOST
IN THE CHURCH HALL**
on these Sunday nights:

**30 NOVEMBER • 7 DECEMBER
14 DECEMBER • 21 DECEMBER**



Volunteers needed to:

- Cook dinner
- Cover evening / overnight shifts



Rota sheets will be drawn up by coordinator Annabel Crowe nearer the time

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE
DATES IN YOUR DIARIES!**

Thank you for your generous support

JOIN OUR SPONSORED WALK

WALK FOR OUR HALL RENOVATION PROJECT

Join us on **Sunday October 19th**
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.**



Our Next Bring & Share Lunch is on:

Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 12.30pm.

All Welcome.

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