

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



*7<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

*Education Sunday*

*Parish Family 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.

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

## The Greeting & Lighting of Candles by Representatives

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

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**First Hymn: Shine, Jesus, shine.**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:*

*Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus:*

## Lighting of Candles by Representatives

Lord of wisdom and light, as a new school year begins, shine your light on all who teach and all who learn. Give us curiosity, courage, and compassion, that we may walk together in knowledge, love, and truth.

God declares.

**All: I know the plans I have for you.**

Plans to prosper you.

**All: And not cause harm.**

Plans to give you a future.

**All: To give you hope.**

Selected and sent, you will bring light.

**All: And the promise of hope.**

## Saying Sorry

God our Creator, we come to you to say sorry for our part in the wrongs of the world.

We confess that we have gone astray turning away your light of life.

Good Lord, forgive us.

**All: Save us and help us.**

We have followed the dim lights of earthly success and fortune, rather than seeking first the treasure of heaven.

Good Lord, forgive us.

**All: Save us and help us.**

We have followed our own selfish desires rather than follow your rule of love.

Good Lord, forgive us.

**All: Save us and help us.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, ✠ forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love shown in Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (Gloria a Dios)

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

*Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.*

**All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

*Cantor: To God be glory forever.*  
**All: To God be glory for ever.**

*Cantor: Alleluia Amen! (x3)*  
**All: Alleluia Amen!**

*Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.*  
**All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.**

*Cantor: To God be glory forever.*  
**All: To God be glory for ever.**

**Cantor:** Alleluia Amen! (x3)  
**All: Alleluia Amen!**

*Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.*  
**All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

*Cantor: To God be glory forever.*  
**All: To God be glory for ever.**

*Cantor: Alleluia Amen! (x3)*  
**All: Alleluia Amen!**

## **The Collect**

God of wisdom and truth, bless all who learn, teach, and discover. Guide our schools, colleges, and places of learning, that they may be places of curiosity, respect, and joy. Help us to grow in knowledge and love, and to use what we learn to serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-26.** *(Reading is read by Members of the Junior Church)*

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye, how could it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell? God himself has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honour to those parts that need it.

And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

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

## Gradual Hymn: Be thou my vision.

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish c 8th century, Translation: Mary Byrne (1880 – 1931), Versified: Eleanor Hull (1860 – 1935)*

## The Gospel

**All: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor: *"Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. : Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."" (cf S. John 8. 12).*

**All: Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **S. Matthew 5. 13-17.**

**All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

"You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it. "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house.

In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

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

**Talk**

*The Reverend David Brammer  
(Ealing Fields & The Twyford C of E Academies Trust Schools Chaplin)*

*We welcome members and representatives of our church and local community, to share with us for a few moments why education matters. How it helps to shape lives, build community, and nurture hope for the future.*

### **Blessing of School Bags and Equipment**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of learning, for schools, teachers, and all who help us to grow. Bless these school bags, books, and tools for study. May they be signs of curiosity, discovery, and joy.

Bless the children and young people who carry them: give them wisdom in their work, friendship in their play, and perseverance in every challenge.

And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, upon your learning, and upon all your days; now and always.

**All: Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**All: We believe in one God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son  
who lives in our hearts through faith  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

**Please Kneel or Sit for the Prayers of Intercession.** *(Led by Members of the Junior Church)*

Let us pray to God who is full of wisdom, kindness, and love.

For our schools and all who learn. We pray for our schools, our teachers, and everyone who helps us learn. Help us to enjoy learning and always do our best.

Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

For teachers and staff. We thank you for all who teach, guide, and care for us. Give them patience, joy, and strength in all they do.

Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

For our friends and classmates. We pray for our friends, and for those who feel left out or lonely. Help us to be kind and welcoming to everyone.

Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

For children in other places. We pray for children in places where it is hard to go to school. Help us to share what we have and care for others.

Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

For ourselves. Thank you, God, for the chance to learn, grow, and shine. Be with us in this new school year, in the happy times and the hard ones.

Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, hear our prayers and help us to follow your light every day.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God the divine light from on high has burst upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of 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: Let us build a house.**

- 1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ  
shall end divisions.**

***Chorus:***

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

- 2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

***Chorus:***

- 3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.**

***Chorus:***

- 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.**

***Chorus:***



**5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim  
from floor to rafter.**

*Chorus:*

## **Preparation of the Table**

With this bread that we bring.

**All: We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring.

**All: We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood gifts from God to his table we bring.

**All: We shall remember Jesus.**

## **Communion Prayer**

The Lord is here

**All: God's 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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.*

Heavenly Father, it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal, that Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. ✠

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. ✠

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

And so we pray: come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and our drinking. In our reflecting and watching. That we may recognise the risen Jesus in our midst, and in one another. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

**All: ✠ Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

We say together the prayer Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## 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 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.*

*The **Motet** is sung.*

"Lead me Lord"

Psalms 5: 8, 4: 9 | Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

## 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: We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

*The Parish Notices are given.*

**Final Hymn: Father I place into your hands.**

**1. Father, I place into your hands  
The things that I can't do.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The times that I've been through.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust you.**

**2. Father, I place into your hands  
My friends and family.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The things that trouble me.  
Father, I place into your hands  
The person I would be,  
For I know I always can trust you**

3. Father, we love to seek your face,  
We love to hear your voice.  
Father, we love to sing your praise,  
And in your name rejoice.  
Father, we love to walk with you  
And in your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust you.

4. Father, I want to be with you  
And do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
That you will draw to you,  
For I know that I am one with you.

*Jenny Hewer (B. 1945 - )*

## The Blessing

May the Lord Jesus, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts reveal to us his glory and pour upon us the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with us, this day and ever more.

**All: Amen.**

## The Dismissal

God, grant me the serenity.

**All: To accept the things I cannot change.**

Courage to change the things I can.

**All: And the wisdom to know the difference.**

Seeking the fullness of life.

**All: One day at a time.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer - Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer.**

Psalm(s): 120 & 121 (pg. 513), Epistle: Isaiah 43. 14 – 44. 5, Gospel: S. John 5. 30-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.



**4020 Art Group**

St Thomas the Apostle Church  
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**SAT 6**  
11-6pm

**SUN 7**  
11.30-6pm

**SAT 13**  
11-6pm

**SUN 14**  
11.30-6pm



**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**. 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—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; Daisy French, Kenneth Cooper, Sue Cosstick, John Wilson and Albert Edward George Brooks

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

<p><b>The Reverend Julia Palmer</b> (MA, MSc)</p> <p>St Thomas’ Vicarage, 182 Boston Road, Hanwell, W7 2AD</p> <p>T: 020 3302 1040 M: 07939 043 959</p>	<p><b>Stephen Brooks</b> (Casual Parish Admin)</p> <p>St Thomas’ Parish Office The Vestry, St Thomas the Apostle Church, Hanwell, W7 2AD</p> <p>Mon (PM) Tues (AM) Wed (All-Day) Thurs (All-Day) Fri (Parish Quiet Day)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Supporting Alan’s Sponsored Walk</b></p>	

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 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](http://www.justgiving.com/page/alan-mcdougall-1735733934505)



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## CELEBRATE OUR BRONZE ECO CHURCH AWARD

THIS WILL BE AT OUR NEXT PARISH  
FAMILY MASS FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY –  
ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10AM



**BRING YOUR PLASTIC  
BREAD BAGS IN TO BE  
RECYCLED VIA  
TERRACYCLE, DURING  
THIS SEPTEMBER'S  
'BREAD BAG BLITZ'!**

**LOOK OUT FOR 'EALING CLIMATE  
WEEK' (20–28 SEPTEMBER 2025),  
INCLUDING A ST. THOMAS'  
LITTER PICK ON SUNDAY, 28  
SEPTEMBER 2025: FEAST OF  
S. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS AT 10AM**



**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.

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FUNDRAISING FOR ST THOMAS'S CHURCH HALL & ECWNS

## ★ 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.



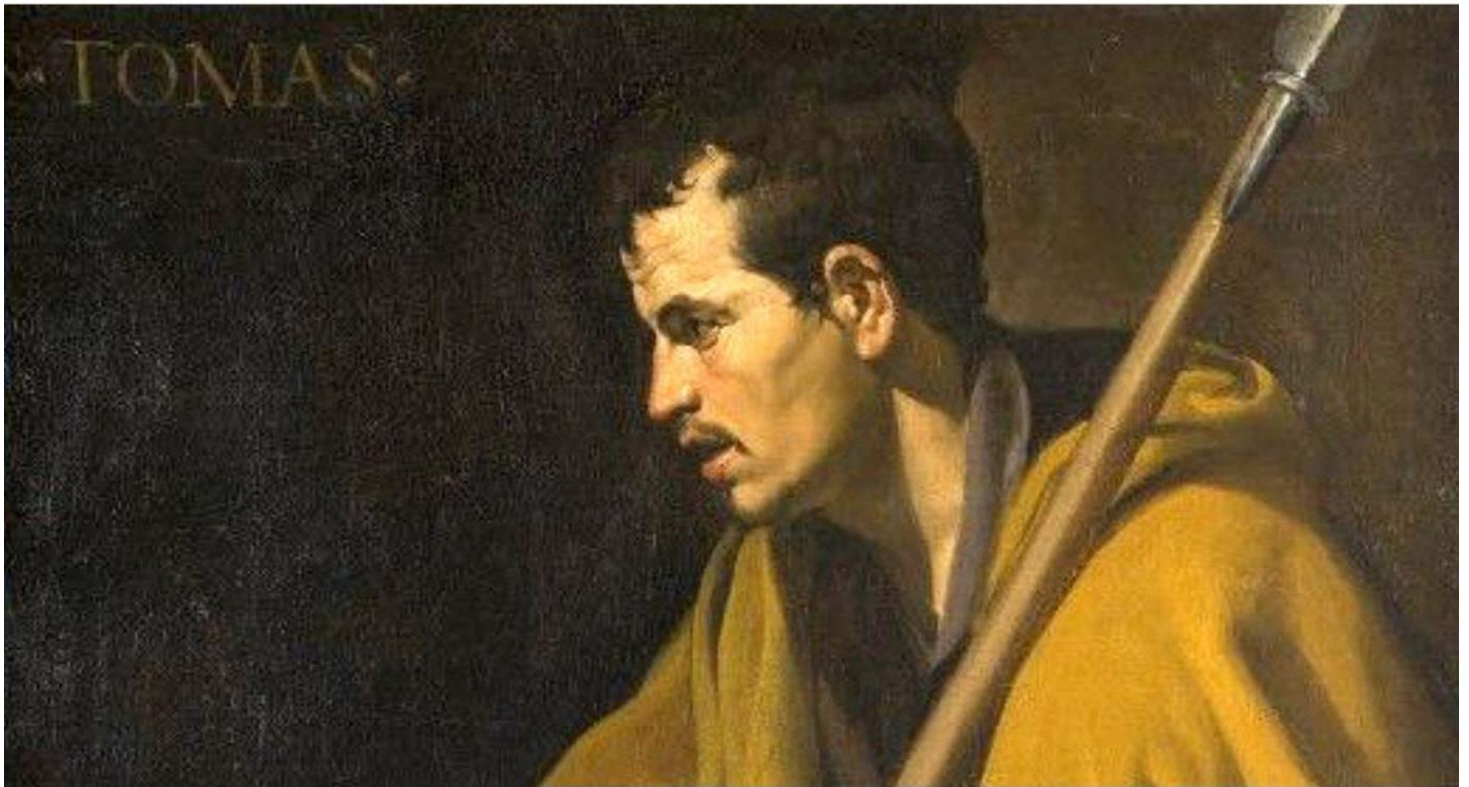
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nominate us online.

👉 <https://movementforgood.com/>

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## 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](mailto:rowlandlinder@gmail.com)

Join us for  
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**For further information, email  
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**At 10 am  
alongside the  
Sung Parish  
Eucharist**

**Upcoming Dates:**

**14 September,  
with Hot Cross Buns!**

**21 September**

**28 September**

**12 October**

**19 October**

