

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



5th October 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving

Parish Family Mass

*"Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life."
(S. John 4:35-36)*

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

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

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

All: Amen.

Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest

During the First hymn, the congregation is invited to bring forward their donations to the Food Bank and to place them in front of the Choir Stalls.

First Hymn: 259 Come ye thankful people come.

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's whole creation groans And longs to be set free from sin and death.

Let us confess our sins, remembering how we have hurt one another and the world around us.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All: Forgive us and help us.

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

Eternal God, You made the goodness of the land, and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: help us to cherish these gifts and to share them with others, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Isaiah 35. 1-7. *(Reading is read by a member of the Junior Church)*

The desert will rejoice, and flowers will bloom in the wilderness. The desert will sing and shout for joy; Everyone will see the Lord's splendour, see his greatness and power. Give strength to hands that are tired and to knees that tremble with weakness. Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue." Streams of water will flow through the desert; the burning sand will become a lake, and dry land will be filled with springs.

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

Gradual Hymn: 262 We plough the fields and scatter.

The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

*Cantor: "Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life."*

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. 16-21.**

All ☩☩☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them this parable: 'There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself, "I haven't anywhere to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do," he told himself; "I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store my corn and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you

have kept for yourself?’” And Jesus concluded, ‘This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight.’

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

The Sermon is given by Rowland Linder.

The **Motet** is sung.

“For the beauty of the earth”

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Words: Folliott Stanford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

*1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*4. For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine
Flowers of earth and buds of heav’n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in 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 member of the Junior Church)*

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest.

Lord of creation, we thank you for your creation, and for our place in it. Help us to care for all your creatures around us, your animals and plants, and never to take them for granted.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, we thank you for the harvest that we enjoy. We pray for farmers and all who produce the food we eat. Help us to remember that we depend on each other.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, we pray for places where the harvest is poor and where people don't have enough food or water. We pray for all refugees with no home to live in. Let us be ready to share what we have with those in need.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick. We pray for people who are ill because they don't have enough food. We also pray for the sick people of our own community.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died. We ask you to give them the gift of eternal life.

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

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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: 115 Now the green blade riseth.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

All: Blessed be God for ever,

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal 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, 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.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

✠ Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,
and my soul shall be healed.**

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: 237 Morning has broken.

Prayers after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Parish Notices are given.

Final Hymn: You shall go out with joy.

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands
The trees of the field
will clap their hands
The trees of the field
will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

The Blessing

May God, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation, and inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest; 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.



**You are warmly invited to continue our fellowship over
tea, coffee, and refreshments in the Church Hall after the 10am Mass.
Whether you are a regular or a visitor, we would love to see you there.**

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer - Led by: Stephen Brooks.

Psalm: 100. (pg. 473) Epistle: Deut 26. 1-11, Gospel: Jn 6. 25-35.

Throughout the week, The Daily Offices of
Morning & Evening Prayer are observed in Church
at 9am and 5pm.

On Mondays & Wednesdays

(Live-streamed on Facebook)

On Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Offices are said in-person in the Lady Chapel.

(These are said privately to allow for personal, private prayers and reflections)

All are warmly welcome to join in person.

On Fridays

Morning Prayer only. This is at
the earlier time of 8.30am.

(Live-streamed on Facebook)

*Scan the QR Code to
join us for
The Daily Offices*



Tuesday 7th October 2025 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 12th October 2025: Parish Mass for Trinity 17.

Reader(s): Doug Neale & Pauline Britton | Intercessor: David Gilbert.

Chalice: Steve Purcell & Sue Cunningham.



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** 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, Stephen Brooks our Liturgical Assistant 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, Jenny Cornwall, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Darren Hancock, Brian Hunt, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Alison Montgomery, Stuart Minty, Owen, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillet, Colin Spooner and John Tozer. **The recently departed and those whose years mind fall at this time:** especially, Michael Radford, Ron Searle, Kenneth Ernest Morgan, George William Oxford, Helen Elizabeth Jones, Biddy Michell and George Edward Freeth.

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

✂ IMPORTANT ✂

**All Souls' Requiem Mass
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

Saturday 1st November 2025 at 6.30pm

Volunteers are kindly requested to read a section of the **Chantry List** during the service.

If you would like to read, please write your name next to the relevant section on the **Chantry List** (on the Piano at the Front). Thank you!

If you would like a loved one remembered, and his or her name is not already on the List, please ensure it is added **before the Parish Mass on Sunday 19th October 2025.**

KEY DATES

**Wednesday 1 October:
Over 50's Lunch (12.15–2.30pm)**

**Sunday 5 October:
Parish Family Mass for Harvest Festival**

Saturday 11 October
• Table Sale (2.00–4.00pm)
• Ceilidh Barn Dance (7.30–10.30pm)

**Monday 13 October:
The Promised Land - Bible Study & Talk
(7.30–8.30pm)**

**Saturday 18th October:
National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of
Edward the Confessor at Westminster Abbey**

**Sunday 19th October:
Sponsored Walk (From 12 Noon)**

✂ IMPORTANT ✂
Accommodation Needed

Rowland's current accommodation in Chiswick ends at the close of October, and we are **urgently seeking somewhere for her to live from:**

Early November 2025 through to August 2026.

If you know of any possibilities — or if you might be able to help in some way

please do get in touch with:

Revd. Julia, Stephen, or Churchwarden Steve.

Your support would make a real difference, so please also help us by spreading the word among friends, neighbours, and contacts.

**Saturday 25 October:
Posh Pictures in the Park: Chicago (7.30pm)**

**Sunday 26th October:
International Bring and Share Lunch
for Black History Month**

**Saturday 1 November:
All Souls' Requiem Mass (6.30pm)**

Sunday 2 November: All Saints

**Wednesday 5 November:
Over 50's Lunch (12.15–2.30pm)**

**Sunday 9 November:
Remembrance Sunday**

Saturday 15 November: Quiz Night (7pm)

**Sunday 23 November:
Feast of Christ the King | Youth Mass**

Saturday 29 November: Christmas Fair

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