

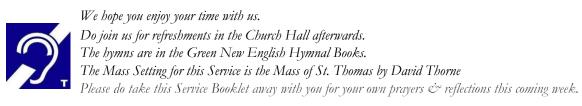


16th November 2025

The Second Sunday before Advent

Parish Mass

Welcome to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Hanwell for our Parish Mass.



The Gathering

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: 452 Stand up, and bless the Lord.

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(cf. Matthew 4.17)

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.

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 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 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 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 in the Highest.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The First Reading: Malachi 4. 1-2^a. (Reading is read by David Gilbert)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as we Sing together the Psalm.

Psalm 98. (Cantate Domino)

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- ^{2.} With his right hand and his holy arm *has he won for himself the victory.
- ^{3.} The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- ^{4.} He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ^{5.} Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ^{6.} Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- ^{7.} With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ^{9.} Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- ^{10.} In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

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 Thessalonians 3. 6-13. (Reading is read by Elaine Webb)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say.

The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven."

(Luke 19.38)

All: Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. Luke 21. 5-19.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down. They asked him, Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place? And he said, Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, I am he! and, The time is near! Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. Then he said to them, Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon or Homily is given.

Preacher: Rowland Linder

King of all ages, throned on high' Text: 10th century Latin Translation: Mount Saint Bernard Abbey

Tune: Paul Isom

King of all ages, throned on high, Yet saviour too of those with faith, Death at your onslaught died in fear And grace triumphant rules supreme.

Then at your coming on the clouds With shining strength to be our judge, Cancel the debt we owe you still, Give back the glory we have lost. Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ Receives from God the Father's hand Power over all created things: A gift he could not know on earth.

Glory to you, O Christ our Lord, Exalted far beyond our sight, Reigning in bliss for evermore, With Father and with Paraclete. Amen.

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 Kirsten Allen)

Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, hear us

All: Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end.

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

(1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13)

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: 271 Alleluya sing to Jesus.

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.

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:

All: Holy, Holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting the coming of Christ in glory and trusting in the communion of saints, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.

- 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 I shall be healed.

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: 384 The race that long in darkness pined.

Prayers after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

A Junior Church Presentation may be given.

Final Hymn: 391 King of Glory.

The Blessing

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; 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.



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: Reverend Julia Palmer.

Psalm(s): 93 & 97, Epistle: Daniel 6, Gospel: S. Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23.

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 Offices



for The Daily

Tuesday 18 November October 2025 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Bible Study & Reflection Group - Wednesdays, in the Lady Chapel

2:00 - 3:30 pm & 7:00 - 8:30 pm (tea & biscuits included - evening session ends with Compline)

Join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark in a friendly, prayerful space.

Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity — all are warmly welcome.

Sunday 23rd November 2025: Parish Mass for the Feast of Christ the King.

Reader(s): Chris Michell & Margaret Lydamore. Intercessor(s): Stephen Brooks. Chalice: Annabel Crowe & Sue Cunningham.

KEY DATES

Sunday 23 November: Feast of Christ the King. (10am) 'Looking toward Advent' Youth Mass. (5-7pm)

Saturday 29 November:

Christmas Fair. (2-4pm)

Sunday 30 November: 1st Sunday of Advent. (10am)

ECWNS at St Thomas'.
Sunday 7 December:

2nd Sunday of Advent. (10am) Christingle Service. (4pm) ECWNS at St Thomas'. . Sunday 14 December:

Third Sunday of Advent. (10am)

Service of Lessons & Carols. (6pm)

ECWNS at St Thomas.'

Sunday 21 December: 4th Sunday in Advent with Nativity Service. (10am) ECWNS at St Thomas'.

Wednesday 24 December: Christmas Eve.

Crib Service. (4pm)

Midnight Mass - First Mass of Christmas. (11.30pm)

Thursday 25 December: Family Parish Mass on Christmas Day. (10am)

EALING CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER AT ST THOMAS'

St Thomas' is taking part in this amazing community outreach programme once more, and will be giving shelter to some of the homeless people of our community in the Church Hall over the nights of:

Sunday 30th November, and 7th, 14th & 21st of December 2024.

If you can to help as a volunteer in any way (cooking, setting up, transferring bedding the next morning or doing a shift - evening, night or early morning) please Volunteer on the lists and sign-up sheets on the Piano at the front.

(Or call Annabel Crowe our co-ordinator, on 07836 707319 for more info).



Join us for

Junior Church

Most Sundays at

10 am alonside the

Sung Parish

Eucharist

Upcoming Dates:

For children under 11. Join us for bible stories, art and craft, and games and drama!

For further information, email rowlandlinder@gmail.com







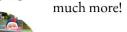
Invites you to our





£1 entry (children under 11 free!)

Face painting, live animal nativity, Father Christmas, family photographs, Ukulele band, tombola, gift stall, raffle, books, toys, games, food, tea & coffee, and















St Thomas Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November 2-4pm

Volunteers for stalls and setting up needed.

*Donations needed: Cakes, handcraft Christmas decorations, savoury food on the day, Christmas cards, gifts (especially toiletries) and raffle prizes. (Please place at the back of church)

> Please contact Kirsten if you can help: kirstenallen1@yahoo.co.uk *children's books only please - no adult books, DVDs or VHS tapes.















Looking Towards Advent

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For those Year 6 and above. Join us to make Advent Wreaths and Advent Candles, followed by Mass, as we prepare for the beginning of Advent!

> 23 November 5 to 7 pm St Thomas, Hanwell

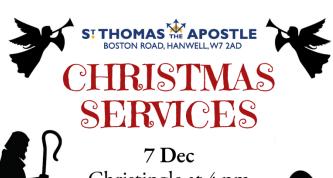


O Come, All Ye Faithful!

Join St Thomas' Community **Christmas Choir**

St Thomas' Church is looking for singers (adults or children) to join the choir for the Community Carol Service on 14th December. We will be singing a mixture of traditional and contemporary carols, including works by John Rutter & James MacMillan. If you or your children love to sing, we are keen to have you join us!

Practices are on Fridays at 7 pm, beginning on 7 November. Please contact stthomashanwell@gmail.com for more information.



Christingle at 4 pm

14 Dec Carol Service at 6 pm



21 Dec

Mass with Nativity at 10 am

24 Dec

Crib Service at 4 pm Midnight Mass at 11:30 pm

25 Dec Christmas Day Family Mass at 10 am



Parish Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank almighty God for his goodness. The Wider Church: We pray for the Church throughout the world, for our partners in mission and friendship. Especially we pray for: A Bishop George Dawson-Ahmoah and the Churches of Nkoranza, Ghana. Pfr. Jens Oehme and the people of the Lütherkirche, Hartau in Chemnitz, Germany. Revd Canon Clement Francis M.P.S. (Emeritus) and the people of Christ the King, Hillsborough, Carriacou, Grenada.

May our fellowship in the Gospel bear witness to Christ's love and draw many to his light.

The Church of England and the Anglican Communion: We pray for the life of the Church of England and the whole Anglican Communion. Grant to all who lead your Church wisdom and vision. Especially we pray for: **Sarah, Archbishop Designate and Bishop of London, **Lusa, Bishop of Willesden, **Catherine, Archdeacon of Northolt. We give thanks for the Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle, our Diocesan Mother Church, and for all who work and worship there.

Our Parish and Community: We give thanks for this Parish of St Thomas the Apostle. Especially we pray for: Reverend Julia Palmer, our priest, her mother Marlene, and the Davoren family. We pray for our Churchwardens, PCC, and all who together serve in the life of the Parish. Bless our young people and their leaders - especially: Rowland Linder - Pastoral Assistant and Youth Intern, and Stephen Brooks - Parish Administrator and Liturgical Assistant. We give thanks for all who make use of our Parish Hall, and for the friendships formed there. Strengthen our ministries, deepen our fellowship, and guide us as we grow in grace, serving others in truth and love.

We pray for our local community in Hanwell and beyond. Especially we pray for: our schools - Ealing Fields, Elthorne, Oaklands, and New Level Academy; for all who teach and learn within them; and for all who live and work in this parish. May Christ dwell in our homes and hearts, and may his peace be known among us.

The Nations of the World: We hold before God the nations of the world, especially: the Holy Land, Palestine, Gaza, and all who suffer in the Middle East, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Ukraine. Grant to all in authority the spirit of justice and reconciliation, and to every people the gift of peace.

The Sick and Those in Need: We pray for the housebound, the sick, and all who are in hospital or in care. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and give them hope and healing in your love. Especially we pray for: John Ball, Paul Ball, John Brake & Family, Nathaniel Brito-Ault, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Gillian Fontaine, Geraldine, Darren Hancock, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Stuart Minty, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner, and John Tozer.

The Departed: We commend to your mercy all who have died recently.

We remember those whose year's mind falls at this time. Especially we pray for: Myra Adams, Anthony Joseph, Betty Riordan, Edmund Noel, Gladys Venner, Norman Newlyn, and Bill Duce.

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

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Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas the Apostle, and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and all for whom we pray, to your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



St Thomas' Players present

Aladdin

A Pantomime by Ben Crocker

8th,9th January 7:30pm Sat 10th 1pm & 6pm Adults £15 Children £5 Thursday Adults £10 Children £5

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