

9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

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Parish Family Parade Mass

"When you go home, tell them of us and say, 'For your tomorrow we gave our today'".

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



Welcome to this very special Parish Family Parade Mass. We hope you enjoy time with us. Today we remember those who have given their lives in conflicts past and present. We observe this Remembrance through the Traditional 2-minute silence at 11am, and in the context of the central act of Christian worship, the Eucharist. Do join us for refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.

The Welcome and 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.

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

The First Hymn is sung and the uniformed groups parade their Colours to the Sanctuary steps.

First Hymn: 480 In Christ there is no East or West.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

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.

The Priestt pronounces the Absolution saying:

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.

The Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love, and power: have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2. 13-18. (Reading is read by a Young Person)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gradual Hymn: Be still, my soul. (Tune Finlandia, Jean Sibelius 1865-1957)

^{1.} Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

^{2.} Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

^{3.} Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise On earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high; Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways, So shall He view thee with a well pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

> Tune Finlandia Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

> > The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord: 'that I should lose none, but raise them up on the last day.' (cf John 6.39)

All: Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. John 6. 37-40.

All №№ Glory to you, O Lord.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

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

Dear God, Today we remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts. Thank you for their courage and the sacrifice they made for peace and freedom. Help us never to forget them, and to live our lives with kindness and bravery.

Lord in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer

Dear God, We pray for peace in our world. Please bring comfort and safety to the people of Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine, and to all places where there is war and fear. Where there is hatred, bring love. Where there is fighting, bring peace. Help us to be peacemakers in our homes, our school, and our world.

Lord in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer

Dear God, we thank you for everyone who serves in the armed forces today. Please keep them safe wherever they go, and give them courage to do what is right. Bless their families who wait and worry for them, and bring them safely home.

Lord in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer

Dear God, we remember those who were injured in war, and those who lost someone they love. Be close to them when they feel pain or sadness. Give them comfort, healing, and hope for brighter days. Help us to care for all who suffer because of war.

Lord in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of peace that so many hoped and fought for. Help us to carry their light forward — to learn from the past, to work together today, and to trust in your love for all people.

Lord in your mercy. All: Hear our prayer

Dear God, wars cause terrible destruction to our planet, as do storms and floods. Please help nature to recover. We think if everyone in the Caribbean who has been affected by the recent hurricane, and for all who are working to rebuild their lives and homes. Help us to care for your world and protect it for the future.

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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: 354 Eternal Father strong to save.

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread and cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with all your faithful people, evermore praising you and singing:

All: Holy, 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. \blacksquare

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.

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Example 3.1

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. ₩



Uniting our prayers with the living and departed, 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread, as the Agnus Dei is sung:

The Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

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 I 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: Make me a channel of your peace.

^{1.} Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring Your love; Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Refrain:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

^{2.} Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring Your love; Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Refrain:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;

Where there is darkness, only light;

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain:

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.



The Act of Remembrance Requiem to the Fallen



The Altar party move to the War Memorial with those who are to lay wreaths.

All turn and face the memorial for the **Act of Remembrance** at the rear of the Church.

The wreaths are laid at the Memorial by the uniformed groups and on behalf of the people of St Thomas'.

The Priest continues:

We have been reconciled to God through Christ's presence in bread and wine. We now commit ourselves to work for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Judy Neale says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

Rory & Emma Doherty reply, saying:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All affirm: We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by the Last Post.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the two-minute Silence is signalled by the Reveille.

Let us pray.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All parties return to their places.

Richard Farrant (c1525 – 1580) Edited by: Granville Bantock

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,
but according to thy mercy, think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

The Parish Notices are given.

Final Hymn: 417 O God our help in ages past.

As the Final Hymn is sung the uniformed groups collect their Colours from the Sanctuary steps

They reform to parade from in the Chancel prior to The Dismissal.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, № Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

We remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King! Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us, God save the King!

2. Thy choicest gifts in store on him be pleased to pour, long may he reign: may he defend our laws, and ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice God save the King!

The uniformed parties parade their colours and depart, followed by the Choir and Altar Party.

6:30pm: 'Pub & Prayer' – Contemplative Prayer for 20s and 30s - Led by: Rowland Linder. Followed by drinks at a local public house.

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 11th 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 16th November 2025: Parish Mass for Second Sunday before Advent.

Reader(s): David Gilbert & Elaine Webb | Intercessor(s): Kirsten Allen.
Chalice: Sue Cunningham & Annabel Crowe.

KEY DATES

'Pub & Prayer': Contemplative Compline for 20's & 30's. (6.30pm)

Saturday 15 November: Quiz Night (7pm)

Sunday 16 November: 2nd before Advent (10am)

Sunday 23 November: Feast of Christ the King (10am)

'Looking toward Advent' Youth Mass (5-7pm)

Saturday 29th November: Christmas Fair (2-4pm)

Sunday 30 November: 1st Sunday of Advent ECWNS at St Thomas'

Sunday 7 December:2nd Sunday of Advent Christingle Service (4pm) ECWNS at St Thomas'

Sunday 14 December: Third Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons & Carols (6pm) ECWNS at St Thomas'

Sunday 21st 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 25th 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).



St Thomas'

Quiz night

Saturday November 15th

7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start Come as a team or we can put you in a team

£20 adults; £15 children under 14

Fish and chip supper included but please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

For more details or to book, please contact sue.cunningham@mac.com 07850 889948

Or speak to Sarah or Sue after church





Join us for

Junior Church

For children under 11.

Join us for bible stories,
art and craft, and games
and drama!

For further information, email rowlandlinder@gmail.com

Most Sundays at 10 am alonside the Sung Parish Eucharist

Upcoming Dates:

16 November 23 November

30 November



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

*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.









Youth Mass

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 **stthomashanwellegmail.com** for more information.







Invites you to our

CHRISTMAS FAIR



29 NOVEMBER 2 TO 4 PM

£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 much more!





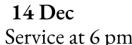








7 **Dec** Christingle at 4 pm



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. A Pfr. Jens Oehme and the people of the Lütherkirche, Hartau in Chemnitz, Germany. A 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, Nigeria, 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, Elaine Cole, 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, especially: Keelan Shorten, Tony Moroney, and Adrian McGarry.

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. ► 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.

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.





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