



Sunday 1st February 2026

The Feast of Candlemas

(The Feast of the Presentation Of Christ in the Temple)

Parish Family Mass

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”

(Isaiah 9:2)

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



We hope you enjoy your time with us.

The hymns are in the Green New English Hymnal Books. The Mass Setting for this Service is the John Rutter Service.

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

The Gathering & Welcome

Entrance Hymn: 439 Praise to the holiest. (Omit *vv)

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

All: Amen.

The Lord of glory be with you.

All: And also with you.

Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognised him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Invitation to Confession

Our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Let us bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

All: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

We Sing together the Kyrie Eleison.

All: Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ☩ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please Stand as we Sing together The Gloria.

All: Glory to God 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.
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.
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.

Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18. (*Reading is read by A member of the Junior Church*)

Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the Devil, who has the power over death, and in this way set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death. For it is clear that it is not the angels that he helps. Instead, he helps the descendants of Abraham. This means that he had to become like his people in every way, in order to be their faithful and merciful High Priest in his service to God, so that the people's sins would be forgiven. And now he can help those who are tempted, because he himself was tempted and suffered.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: "A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

All: Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

❖❖❖Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (19.27-end)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was time for Joseph and Mary to perform the ceremony of purification, they took the child to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord: 'Every first-born male is to be dedicated to the Lord.' They also went to offer a sacrifice of a pair of doves or two young pigeons, as required by the law of the Lord. At that time there was a man named Simeon living in Jerusalem. He was a good, God-fearing man and was waiting for Israel to be saved. The Holy Spirit was with him and had assured him that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's promised Messiah. Led by the Spirit, Simeon went into the Temple. When the parents brought the child Jesus into the Temple to do for him what the Law required, Simeon took the child in his arms and gave thanks to God: 'Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: A light to reveal your will to the Gentiles and bring glory to your people Israel.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily is given.
Given by Rowland Linder

The Motet is sung.
"Nunc Dimittis"

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) - Op. 115.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

Loving God, Jesus is the light of the world. Help your Church to shine with his light and love.

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Loving God, Jesus cares about everyone on earth. Help all the countries of the world to be fair and kind.

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Loving God, Jesus was rich and chose to be poor. Please help people who are sad, hungry, or in need today.

Lord, in your mercy.

All Hear our prayer.

Loving God, Jesus brings peace to those who have died. Look after all who have gone to be with you, and comfort those who miss them.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Loving God, Jesus knew that some people would not accept him. Help us to stay close to him as we follow his journey to the cross.

Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Loving God, you kept your promise to Simeon and Anna when they saw baby Jesus. Help us to trust your promises and wait patiently for you Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken 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: 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, led us.

Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name.

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.

And now we give you thanks because, by appearing in the Temple, he comes near to us in judgement; the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people and brings to light the brightness of your splendour.

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 in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation Kneel or Sit.

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.. ✠

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. ✠

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

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

Believing the promises of God, 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) *is sung.*

All: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

✠ God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

During the Communion Hymn, the Table is cleared.

The Acolytes move among the congregation and light the candles held by the people.

When the Communion Hymn is completed, the Priest begins the Candlemas Liturgy with the Blessing of the Candles.

Communion Hymn: In his temple now behold him. (Tune: Picardy)

1. In His Temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, --
God has now fulfilled His word.
Now, to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.

2. In the arms of her who bore Him,
 Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him
 Ere in faith and hope they die.
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
see th' incarnate God most high.

3. Jesus, by your presentation,
when they blest you, weak and poor,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with your promise sure,
And present us in your glory
To your Father, cleansed and pure.

4. Prince and Author of salvation,
Be your boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to you be given
By the world you did redeem,
With the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme!

The Blessing of the Candles

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these candles and their kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled, and so be counted worthy to stand before you in that eternal city where you live and reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: ✕ Amen.

Then the Priest receives from the Deacon (or another minister) the lighted candle prepared for them.

The Procession then begins, the Deacon announcing:

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

All carry lighted candles. The ministers and people go in procession to the font.

As they process, the procession hymn is sung.

Processional Hymn: 408 Love divine, all loves excelling.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing.
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels: may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna; help us, like them, to trust your word.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world; may we be filled with the light of your love.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

We go to carry his light.

All: Praise to Christ our light.

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer.

Led by: Stephen Brooks.

Psalm(s): 118, First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1. 19b-end, Second Lesson: Hebrews 4. 11-end.

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)

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

(All are warmly welcome to join in person.)



Tuesday 3rd February 2026 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Our next 'Bring & Share' Fellowship Lunch is on:

Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 12.30pm.

All Welcome.

Sunday 8th February 2026

Parish Mass for the Sunday next before Lent.

Reader(s): Sarah Holroyd & Roger Grange | Intercessor(s): Alison Baxendale

Chalice: Sue Cunningham & Steve Purcell

KEY DATES & UPCOMING SERVICES

FEBRUARY (2026)

Sunday 8th February 2026: Parish Mass for the Second Sunday before Lent.

Sunday 15th February 2026: Parish Mass for the Sunday next before Lent.

Wednesday 18th February 2026: Parish Mass for Ash Wednesday. (with Imposition of Ashes)

Sunday 8th February 2026: Parish Mass for the First Sunday of Lent.

MARCH (2026)

Sunday 8th March 2026: Parish Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent.

Sunday 15th March 2026: Third Sunday of Lent.

Sunday 25th March 2026: Parish Family Mass for Mothering Sunday.



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: ✕ 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. 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:*

✚ Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, ✕ The Rt Revd Emma Ineson, Acting Diocesan 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. We give thanks for Nilesh Patel, as he prepares for ordination and joins us here at St Thomas' as Curate for the coming three years. Bless him in his formation, ministry, and vocation among us. 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, St Mark's 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, Iran, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine and Greenland. 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: Andrea Arthurs, Roy Arthurs, John Ball, Paul Ball, Caroline Baxter, Ebenezer Blavo, 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, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Leslie Pringle, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillet, Colin Spooner, Leslie Stanton, John Tozer, Lynne Wilson and Anthony Wilson.*

The Departed: *We commend to your mercy all who have died recently. Especially we pray for: Jean, Viv and Betty Atkinson.*

We remember those whose year's mind falls at this time. *Especially we pray for: Mark Smithers, Zoe Lucy Oxford, Lauren Clarke, Azniw Arakian, Katherine Mynors and Norman Everard.*

✚ 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.



Bible Study & Reflection Group

Join us for bible study in the New Year, exploring the Gospel of Mark.
A time for discussion, reflection, and prayer. Refreshments provided.

Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 to 3:30 pm

EVENING SESSION

7:00 to 8:30 pm

All are welcome. Come to one or both sessions as you are able.
Bring your Bible, your questions, and your curiosity. A space to reflect,
share, and grow together in faith.

YOUTH PANCAKE SOCIAL



Sunday 8 February
5:00 pm

Join our Youth Group, for kids year 6 and above,
for a fun evening of making and eating
pancakes!

40 DAYS OF GREENER LENT

Living More Simply, Caring for Creation



Week 1: Consume Less, Notice More

Pause before you buy.
Choose reusable, reduce waste.



Week 2: Eat More Sustainably

Choose plant-based & local foods.



Week 3: Use Energy Wisely

Turn off lights, unplug, walk or bike.



Week 4: Value Water

Take shorter showers, fix leaks, conserve water.



Week 5: Repair, Reuse, Restore

Fix, repurpose, donate, compost.



Week 6: Support & Speak Up

Advocate for, protect our planet.



Small Changes, Big Impact... Join the Journey!

CHURCH BACK GARDEN CLEAR UP

14 MARCH
10-2

(come when you can)



Bring your
own gloves
and tools,
if you can



Refreshments provided

Bring garden bags/ wheelie bins
to take rubbish away if possible

BREAD BAG BLITZ!



BRING YOUR EMPTY PLASTIC BREAD BAGS TO
ST THOMAS'S CHURCH
FOR RECYCLING!

WE ARE AIMING TO COLLECT

≥2026≤
BREAD BAGS THIS YEAR!

That's ~10kg (22lb) of
Plastic Saved from Landfill!

SAVE 10kg
HELP THE EARTH

BREAD BAG
RECYCLING
DROP-OFF



AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH!





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