



25th January 2026

Conversion of Paul

(Third Sunday of Epiphany)

Parish Mass

“The Lord said, ‘Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel.’ ”

(Acts 9.15)

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

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The Gathering & Welcome

✠ 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: 155 We sing the glorious conquest. (Ellacombe)

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

We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we lived, but now we are alive together with Christ. Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father, to whom we humbly confess our sins.

(cf Ephesians 2.1,5,18)

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; Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be **☩** cleansed from all your sins, 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:

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Galatians 1. 11-16a. *(Reading is read by Doug Neale)*

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his

grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as we Sing together the Psalm.

Psalm 67. (Deus misereatur)

1. God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:
2. That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.
3. Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.
4. O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
5. Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
7. God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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: Acts 9. 1-22. *(Reading is read by Kirsten Allen)*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming

here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 360 Firmly I believe and truly.

The Gospel

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantor: “Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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.

Peter said in reply, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily is given.

^{1.} Great and wonderful, Lord God, Are your works, creation shows it;
Just and true are all your ways, Every saint profoundly knows it.

With all saints, throughout our days, We shall sing God's worthy praise.

^{2.} Great the love of God in Christ, Taking flesh and touched by sorrow;
Pouring out his inmost soul To enrich the saints' tomorrow.

With all saints, throughout our days, We shall sing God's worthy praise.

^{3.} Great the Holy Spirit's grace, Tempering the human story;
Sinners are transformed to saints, Changed from glory into glory.

With all saints, throughout our days, We shall sing God's worthy praise.

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 Annabel Crowe)

Lord, in your mercy.

Merciful Father,

All: Hear our prayer.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

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: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim.

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.

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 and good, our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because your Son Jesus Christ can call to his service even those who persecute your Church, and send them forth to the nations to preach the gospel, teaching them the way of truth.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Communion Hymn: 358 Father of heaven, whose love profound. (Rievaulx)

Prayers after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.*

A Junior Church Presentation *may be given.*

Final Hymn: 361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

May Christ who called Paul to his service, and to preach the good news to the world, strengthen you to witness to his grace and love; and the blessing of God almighty ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

**6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer
Led by: Steve Purcell.**

Psalm(s): 119. 41-56, Epistle: Isaiah 56. 1-8, New Tesatment: Colossians 1. 24 - 2.7.

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 27th January 2026 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 1st February 2026

Parish Family Mass for Feast of Candlemas | The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January 2026

Reader(s) & Intercessor(s): Members of the Junior Church

Chalice: Sue Cunningham & Michael Horn

KEY DATES & UPCOMING SERVICES

FEBRUARY (2026)

Sunday 1st February 2026

Parish Family Mass for Feast of Candlemas. (The Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

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 8th March 2026: Third Sunday of Lent.

Sunday 8th 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 Elect, **✠** 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, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, 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: Viv & Betty Atkinson.*

We remember those whose year's mind falls at this time. *Especially we pray for: Ryk Mrtle, Winnifred Lillian Mary Morgan, Noah Parfitt, Hilda Brooks, Ed Burrell, Thomas Berkerey, Derek Andrew Britton, Joseph Prince, George Hickling, The Revd. Tony Crowe, & John Colin Jones.*

*****✠** 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.



Join us at the National Gallery to see The Baptism of Christ!

Join us for a pilgrimage to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square to see the Baptism of Christ by Piero della Francesca and other religious paintings in the magnificent Sainsbury wing.

We will meet at 2:00 pm on the pavement at the entrance facing Nelson's Column.

Saturday 31 January 2026
2.00 – 3.00 pm

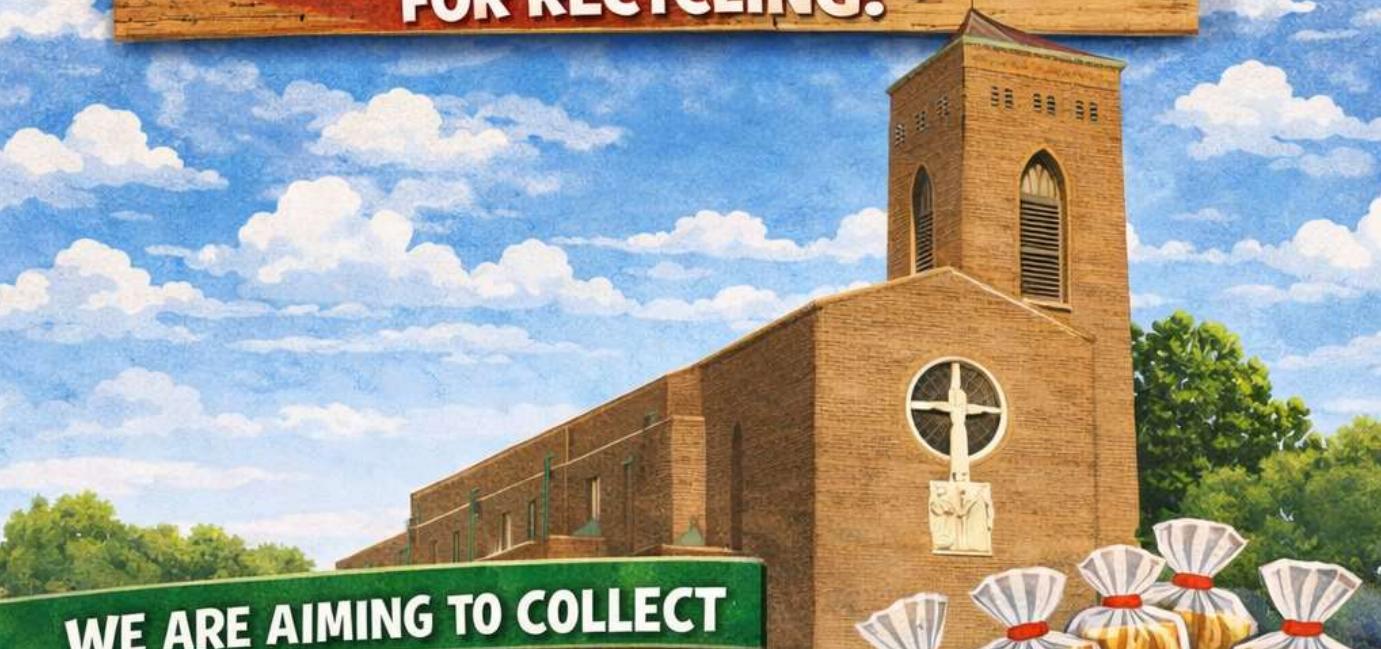
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