



2nd March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass

Guest Preacher: Leslie Pringle

*“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”*

(John 3.14-15)

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



We hope you enjoy your time with us. Do join us for refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.

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

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

Front Cover Image: 'Moses and the Brazen Serpent' – Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640)

While the First Hymn is sung, the Choir and Altar Party process in, and the Lenten candle(s) are lighted.

First Hymn: 68 Jesu, Lord of life and glory. (Omit vv. 4 & 5)

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.

The Liturgy of Penitence

God spoke these words and said:

All: I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

Kyrie Eleison

We Sing together the Kyrie Eleison.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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

All: Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Genesis 12.1-4a. *(Reading is read by Anne Ross)*

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, Go from your country and your kindred and your fathers house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. ^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as we Say antiphonally: Psalm 121. (Levavi oculos)

(Left side of nave Odd verses, Right side Even. All say the Gloria Patri)

1. **I lift up my eyes to the hills; • from where is my help to come?**
2. **My help comes from the Lord, • the maker of heaven and earth.**
3. **He will not suffer your foot to stumble; • he who watches over you will not sleep.**
4. **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel • shall neither slumber nor sleep.**
5. **The Lord himself watches over you; • the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**
6. **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, • neither the moon by night.**
7. **The Lord shall keep you from all evil; • it is he who shall keep your soul.**
8. **The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, • from this time forth for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17. *(Reading is read by Sarah Holroyd)*

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, I have made you the father of many nations)-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 339 Be thou my vision.

The Gospel

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Cantor: "The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

✠✠✠Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(3.1-17)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God. ³ Jesus answered him, Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mothers womb and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, You must be born from above. ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, How can these things be? ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly

things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
^{13.} No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ^{14.} And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ^{15.} that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ^{16.} For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ^{17.} Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily is given.

By: Leslie Pringle

The Motet is sung.

“Thou knowest, Lord.”

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee.
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 Colin Lomas*)

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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: 76 Take up thy cross.

Preparation of the Table

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in holiness and guide us to glory; we ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and for ever praising you and singing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is that cometh 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. ✠

Great is 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

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup.

All: We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again in glory.

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

**All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy 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

✠ 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: 382 Jesu, grant me this, I pray

Prayers after Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Parish Notices *are given.*

A Junior Church Presentation *may be given.*

Final Hymn: 333 All my hope on God is founded.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.

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A Passiontide Devotional

Join us for a contemplative service of traditional choral music from Mozart, Farrant, & Stainer, and readings of the Passion of our Lord. We would love to have you with us to reflect on Christ's redeeming love for us on the cross. All are welcome.

29 March 2026
6:00 pm

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

15 MARCH: MOTHERING SUNDAY

10 am Family Mass with Posies & Cake Sale

29 MARCH: PALM SUNDAY

10 am Mass with Palm Procession, starting at Bandstand in Elthorne Park
6 pm 'A Passiontide Devotional' – Readings & Music on the Journey to the Cross

2 APRIL: MAUNDY THURDAY

7 pm Mass with Foot Washing & Night Watch

3 APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY

3 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

5 APRIL: EASTER DAY

10 am Parish Mass with Easter Egg Hunt

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

Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer

Psalm(s): 135, Epistle: Numbers 21. 4-9, Gospel: Luke 14. 27-33.

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

Monday & Wednesday (MP - Live-Streamed on Facebook) | Tuesday & Thursday (In Person - Lady Chapel)
Friday Morning Prayer is at 8.30am (MP - Live-Streamed on Facebook)

Tuesday 24th February 2026 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

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

Reader(s): Sarah Holroyd & Alan McDougall | Intercessor(s): Kirsten Allen

Preacher: Stephen Brooks | Chalice: Alison Baxendale & Andrew Lumsden

WHATS ON AT ST THOMAS'

Monday 2 March

18.00: Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 3 March

12.00: Mass, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 4 March

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch (St David)

14.30 | 19.00: Lent Course: Nourishment

Sunday 8 March

10.00: Parish Mass, Third Sunday of Lent

(Last day for Easter Egg orders)

Monday 9 March

18.00: Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 10 March

12.00: Mass, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 11 March

14.00 | 19.00: Lent Course: Light

Saturday 14 March

10.00–14.00: Church Back Garden Clear-Up

Sunday 15 March

10.00: Parish Family Mass, Mothering Sunday

Monday 16 March

18.00: Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 17th March

12.00: Mass, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 18 March

14.00 | 19.00: Lent Course: Shelter

Saturday 21 March

10.00–12.00: St Thomas' Table Sale

Sunday 22 March

10.00: Parish Mass, Passion Sunday

Monday 23 March

18.00: Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 24 March

12.00: Mass, Lady Chapel

Wednesday 25 March

14.00 | 19.00: Lent Course: Water

Sunday 29 March

10.00: Parish Mass, Palm Sunday

19.00: "A Passiontide Devotional"

Thursday 2 April

19.00: Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3 April

15.00: Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Sunday 5 April

10.00: Parish Mass, Easter Day

Wednesday 8 April

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch

Parish Prayers of Intercession



The Church: We pray for the Church throughout the world, and for our partners in mission and friendship: for ✠ Bishop George Dawson-Ahmoah and the Churches of Nkoranza; for ✠ Pfr. Jens Oehme and the people of the L  therkirche in Chemnitz; and for ✠ Revd Canon Clement Francis and the people of Christ the King, Carriacou. May our fellowship in the Gospel bear witness to Christ's love.

We pray for the Church of England and the Anglican Communion: For ✠ Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; ✠ Emma, Acting Bishop of London; ✠ Lusa, Bishop of Willesden; and ✠ Catherine, Archdeacon of Northolt; and for ✠ St Paul's Cathedral, our Diocesan Mother church.

Our Parish and Community: We give thanks for this Parish of St Thomas the Apostle: for ✠ Julia our Priest, for our Churchwardens and PCC; and for all who are called to serve in the life and ministry of the Church. We give thanks for Rowland, our Pastoral Assistant and Youth Intern, and for Nilesh Patel, preparing for Ordination and joining us as Curate. Strengthen our fellowship, deepen our faith, and guide us in love, service, and truth.

We pray for our community in Hanwell: For our schools - Ealing Fields, Elthorne, Oaklands, St Mark's, and New Level Academy - for all who teach and learn within them; for all who live and work in our Parish, and for the communities and friendships formed within our Parish Hall. May Christ dwell in our homes and hearts and be known among us.

The World: We pray for the nations of the world, especially those torn by conflict and fear: the Holy Land, Gaza and Palestine, the Middle East, Iran, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine. Grant justice to those in authority, and peace to all peoples.

The Sick and Those in Need: We pray for the sick, the housebound, all who are in hospital or in care, and all who are in need of healing. We remember especially: Andrea Arthurs, Roy Arthurs, John Ball, Paul Ball, Caroline Baxter, John Brake & Family, The Brooks Family, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Baljit & Sarah Dhanda, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, 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 & Kris Wilson. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and give them hope and healing.

The Departed: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Christopher Hugh Mortimer and Richard Pope, and **Those whose year's mind falls at this time:** especially; The Priests and People of St. Thomas the Apostle, Orchard Street, Portman Square. Joan Harle, Nellie Hains, Edna Eileen Cooper, Jude James Lethorne, Robert Pendleton, Albert 'Bev' Bowles-Bevan, Arthur Melville and Dennis Storr. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.


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