



29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

# *Palm Sunday*

*with The Palm Ceremonies & Commemoration of the  
Lord's Entry into Jerusalem*

*Parish Mass*

*"Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

*(Matthew 21.9)*

# 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.*

*The Priest, Altar Party, Choir and people gather at the Bandstand in Elthorne Park for:*

## **The Palm Ceremonies & Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem**

### **The Gathering & Introduction**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The gathered people hold up their Palm Crosses or mixed Branches as the Priest prays:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these ✠ palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

✠✠✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (21.1-11)

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

**All:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Processional Hymn:** All glory, laud and honour.

**ALL** glory, laud and honour  
To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

<sup>3.</sup> The company of angels  
Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.

<sup>5.</sup> To thee before thy passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

<sup>7.</sup> Do thou direct our footsteps  
Upon our earthly way,  
And bring us by thy mercy  
To heaven's eternal day.

<sup>2.</sup> Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One.

<sup>4.</sup> The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before thee we present.

<sup>6.</sup> Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

<sup>8.</sup> Within that blessed City  
Thy praises may we sing,  
And ever raise hosannas  
To our most loving King.

*As the gathered People enter the church, they with the Priest and Altar Party, lay the mixed Branches at the Altar.*

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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:** Isaiah 50.4-9<sup>a</sup>. (*Reading is read by Caroline Lumb*)

<sup>4.</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5.</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6.</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7.</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8.</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9.</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading:** Philippians 2.5-11. (*Reading is read by Leo Hewitt*)

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: 465 Thou didst leave thy throne and kingly crown.**

### **The Passion Narrative** (*in Dramatis Personae*)

❖❖❖ Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (*26.14 – end of 27*)

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, What will you give me if I betray him to you? They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover? Jesus said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me. And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, Surely not I, Lord? Jesus answered, The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born. Judas, who betrayed him, said, Surely not I, Rabbi? Jesus replied, You have said so. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom. When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of

you to Galilee. Peter said to him, Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you. Jesus said to him, Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times. Peter said to him, Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you. And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, Sit here while I go over there and pray. He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me. And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want. Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Again he went away for the second time and prayed, My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done. Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him. At once he came up to Jesus and said, Greetings, Rabbi! and kissed him. Jesus said to him, Friend, do what you are here to do. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way? At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled. Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, **This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'** The high priest stood up and said, Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you? But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus said to him, You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict? They answered, He deserves death. Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you? Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, You also were with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied it before all of them, saying, I do not know what you are talking about. When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This man was with Jesus of Nazareth. Again he denied it with an oath, I do not know the man. After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, **Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.** Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, I do not know the man! At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, I have sinned by betraying innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? See to it yourself. Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money. After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.' Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus said, You say so. But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you? But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah? For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him. Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, Which of the two do you want me to release for you? And they said, **Barabbas.** Pilate said to them, Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the

Messiah? All of them said, **Let him be crucified!** Then he asked, Why, what evil has he done? But they shouted all the more, **Let him be crucified!** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves. Then the people as a whole answered, **His blood be on us and on our children!** So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, **Hail, King of the Jews!** They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'** The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, **This man is calling for Elijah.** At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, Truly this man was God's Son! Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it

was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first. Pilate said to them, You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can. So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*The **Motet** is sung.*

*'Hear My Prayer' by Moses G. Hogan (1957-2023)*

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the morn in' when I rise.  
It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord please hear my prayer.*

*O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.  
It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord please hear my prayer.*

*When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home,  
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say well done.*

*Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy, Amen*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Please **Kneel or Sit** for the Prayers of Intercession. *(Led by Stephen Brooks)*

Merciful Father,

Lord, in your mercy.

**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**

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *(Ephesians 2.13,14)*

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: 511 Ride on, ride on in majesty!.

### Preparation of the Table

Jesus, true vine and bread of life, ever giving yourself that the world might live, let us share your death and passion: make us perfect in your love.

**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 just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, 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 he 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.

## The Prayer of Humble Access

**All:** We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

✠ Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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: 86 My song is love unknown.**

## Prayers after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**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 (and Banns) are given.**

**Final Hymn: 365 O thou, who through this holy week.** (Tune: #385 - St Botolph)

The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.**

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 31st March 2026 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy (Holy) Thursday - at 7.30pm  
Readings: Exodus 12 1-4, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-15.  
Readers: Margaret Lydamore & Pauline Britton | Intercessor: Stephen Brooks.  
Chalice Administration: Steve Purcell

Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - at 3pm  
Readings: Isaiah 52. 13 – end of Chapter 53, Psalm 31, Hebrews 4. 14-16, 5. 7-9  
The Passion Narrative of S. John 18. 1 – End of Chapter 19.  
Readers: David Gilbert & Caroline Lumb | Intercessor: The Reverend Julia Palmer.  
Chalice Administration: Stephen Brooks.

Parish Mass on Easter Sunday – at 10am  
Readings: Acts 10. 34-43, The Easter Anthems, Colossians 3.1-4, S. John 20. 1-18.  
Readers & Intercessors: Members of the Junior Church.  
Chalice Administration: Stephen Brooks & Rowland Linder.

**WHAT'S ON AT ST THOMAS'**

**Sunday 29 March**

18.00: "A Passiontide Devotional"

**Thursday 2 April**

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

**Friday 3 April**

11.00: Good Friday Children's Liturgy  
14.00: Stations of the Cross  
15.00: Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's  
Passion

**Sunday 5 April**

06.00: Sunrise Easter Vigil at the Bandstand  
10.00: Parish Mass, Easter Day

**Wednesday 8 April**

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch

**Sunday 12 April**

10.00: Parish Mass for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Sunday 19 April**

10.00: Parish Mass for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
14.00: St Thomas' Fun Run

**Sunday 26 April**

10.00: Parish Mass for the Feast of Mark, the Evangelist

**Sunday 3 May**

10.00: Parish Mass for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Wednesday 6 May**

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch

**Sunday 10 May**

10:00: Parish Mass for Rogation Sunday  
(*Christian Aid Week Begins*)

**Thursday 14 May**

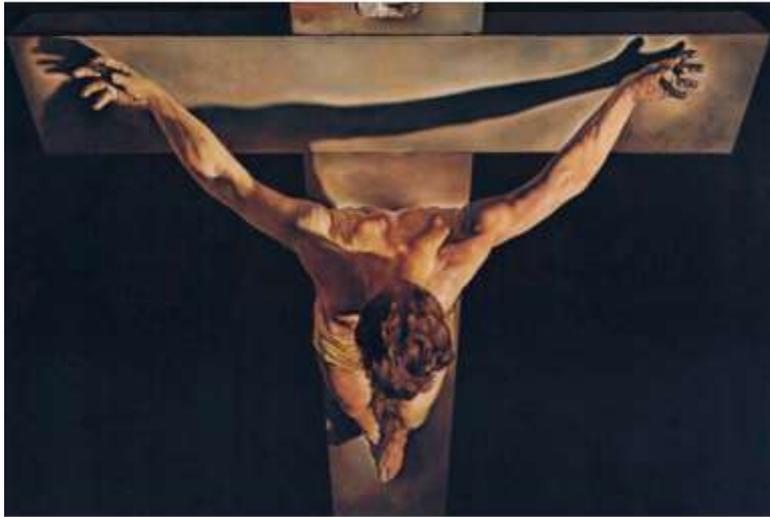
19.00: Outdoor Mass for the Feast of  
The Ascension of our Lord.

**Sunday 17 May**

10.00: Parish Family Mass for Education Sunday

**Sunday 24 May**

10.00: Parish Mass for the Feast of Pentecost | Whit-  
Sunday.



# GOOD FRIDAY

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

*with Hot Cross Buns!*

Friday, 3rd April

11.00 am

## 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 THURSDAY

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

## 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:** 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: People of Gaza and Palestine, the Gulf and Middle East, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria, Sudan, the D.R. of Congo, and 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: John Ball, Paul Ball, Caroline Baxter, The Brooks Family, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo & Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Izzy Neale, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman; Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner, Leslie Stanton & Kris Wilson. Comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and give them hope and healing.

**Those preparing for Marriage:** especially; Geraint Jones and Gabrielle Brockis, to be married at St Thomas' on Saturday 23rd May: that their life together may be blessed with love, faithfulness, and joy.

**Those preparing for Confirmation:** especially; Benedict & Tobias Howson, Leo Hewlett and Oliver Allen to be confirmed at St Thomas on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**The Departed:** We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially: John Tozer, John Brake, Agnes Cato and Geoffrey Waldron. **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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