



12th April 2026

*The Second Sunday
of EASTER*

Parish Mass



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 Mass of St. Thomas by David Thorne.

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

The Gathering

The Processional Hymn 112 Jesus lives! thy terrors now.

The Greeting

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The Prayer of Preparation

**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 manifest your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Invitation to Confession

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life.

(cf. Romans 6.4)

Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate thought.**

We are truly sorry

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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The Kyrie Eleison

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

The Absolution

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.
Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest.
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

The Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

(Read by Colin Lomas)

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Exodus 15:20-21)

Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet (*Tune Tell out my soul – Woodlands*)

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!

Around God's throne exult in harmony!

Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!

Salute your King in glorious symphony!

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!

Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!

The night is past, the day of life is here!

Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!

The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!

Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!

Let all God's people sound the long Amen!

The Second Reading

(Read by: Margaret Lydamore)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with

us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Acts 2: 14a. 22-32)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 121 This joyful Eastertide.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

(John 11.25.26)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

✠✠✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(John 20:19-end)

Praise to you O Christ

“The Peace of God.” by: John Rutter

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

**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.

The Prayers of Intercession

(Read by: Alison Baxendale)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

or

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, alleluia.
and also with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn 173 Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer. (Tune 185 Abbot's Leigh)

Prayer over the Gifts

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

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:

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, 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.

Amen. ✠

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as the risen Christ has taught us:

**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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

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.

The 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.

✠ Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy Communion is offered in both kinds, but you are free to receive in one kind only. If you wish to receive in both kinds, please do not dip (instinct) the Eucharistic wafers into the wine. 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 113 Love's redeeming work is done.

Prayers after Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**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.**

Parish Notices & Junior Church

Final Hymn 124 Ye choirs of new Jersusalem.

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntaries

J. Stanley (1713–1786) *Adagio and Andante Largo*
from *Voluntary in D minor and major*, Op. 6 No. 5

G.F. Handel (1685–1759) *Fugue in B-flat major*, HWV 607

C. Wesley (1757–1834) *Pastorale* from *Voluntary in G minor and major*

Communion Organ Voluntary

J. S. Bach (1685–1750) *Chorale Prelude on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"*, BWV 731

Postlude

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707) *Chorale Prelude on "Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag"*, BuxWV 224

WHATS ON AT ST THOMAS'

Sunday 19 April

10.00: Parish Mass for the
3rd 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
5th 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.

Saturday 16 May

20.00-22.30: Blue Café at St Thomas'

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.

Electoral Roll 2026 Update

In anticipation of this year's APCM on Sunday, 10th May, the updated register is being prepared from now until Sunday 19th April. If your name is not on the roll and you are a regular worshipper at St Thomas's please fill in the form, available at the front and back of the Church. Please pass them on to our Sidespersons, Wardens or ourselves. If you cannot currently attend Church please get in touch with us at StThomasHanwell@gmail.com and we will forward an electronic version to you. If you are already on the register and nothing has altered then there's no need to do anything until the next total revision in 2031! However, please let me know if any of your details have changed since completing last year's form. Thank you.

Alison Baxendale, Electoral Roll Officer & Stephen Brooks, Parish Administrator



Parish Prayers of Intercession

The Church: We pray for the Church throughout the world, for ✠ Bishop George Dawson-Ahmoah (Nkoranza); ✠ Pfr. Jens Oehme (Lütherkirche, Chemnitz); and ✠ Revd Canon Clement Francis (Christ the King, Carriacou).

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

Parish and Community: We give thanks for this church of St Thomas the Apostle: for ✠ Julia our Priest, our Churchwardens and PCC, and all who serve. For Rowland, Pastoral Assistant and Youth Intern and Nilesh Patel, preparing for ordination. We pray for Hanwell, for our schools, and all who live and work here.

The World: We pray for the world, especially Gaza and Palestine, the 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: We pray for the sick, the housebound, all who are in hospital or in care, and all who are in need of healing, especially: John Ball, Paul Ball, Caroline Baxter, The Brooks Family, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Patrick Dennerly, Daphne Dorival, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Alison Johns, 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, and Leslie Stanton.

Marriage and Confirmation: We pray for Geraint Jones and Gabrielle Brockis, preparing for marriage here in May; and Benedict and Tobias Howson, Leo Hewlett, and Oliver Allen, preparing for confirmation here in September.

The Departed: We pray for the departed, especially the repose of John Tozer, **and those whose year's mind falls at this time:** especially, Brenda Eliza Noel, Crispin Robinson, Peter Gilbert, Eileen Gilbert, Francis Alan Caird, John Elliott, Anna Bean, John Clarke, Dorothy Mavis Freeth, Richard John Francis Tiddy, June Tiddy, Jeff Bries, John Britto Noel and Ellen Hutcheson.



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