



*26<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Votive for the Feast of  
St. Mark the Evangelist*

*Parish Mass*

*Guest Preacher: Rowland Linder*



*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 197 For all the Saints.**

## **The Greeting**

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

**Amen.**

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 magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

(Hebrews 12.1)

**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.**

**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 God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; 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.

**Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

(Read by Elaine Webb)

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil. The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the body. The ear that heeds wholesome admonition will lodge among the wise. Those who ignore instruction despise themselves, but those who heed admonition gain understanding. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility goes before honour.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Proverbs 15.28-end)

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

**Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.**

**With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.**

**Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.**

**Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.**

**With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.**

**I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.**

**I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.**

**My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.**

**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.**

Psalm 116.1-7. (Dilexi, quoniam)

## **The Second Reading**

(Read by: Alan McDougall)

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christs gift. Therefore it is said, When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people. (When it says, He ascended, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints

for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by peoples trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Ephesians 4.7-16)

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name.** (Omit vv. 2 &3)

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.*

(John 15.15)

**Alleluia.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you.

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus began to say to them, Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, I am he! and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Mark 13.5-13)

**Praise to you O Christ**

# The Sermon or Homily

Given by: Rowland Linder

## The Motet

*“O for a closer walk with God”*

*Words: W. Comper (1731-1800) | Melody: Scottish Psalter, 1635 | Arranged: C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

*O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!  
Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.*

## 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

(Led by: Charlotte Carotenuto)

Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**The Offertory Hymn The Saint who first found grace to pen.** (NEH #163 Brockman)

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| <p>1. <b>The saint who first found grace to pen<br/>The life which was the life of men,<br/>And shed abroad the Gospel's ray,<br/>His fame we celebrate today.</b></p> <p>3. <b>Then, clearly writ, the Godhead shone<br/>Serene and fair to look upon;<br/>And through that record still comes power<br/>To lighten souls in death's dark hour.</b></p> <p>5. <b>And so may all whose minds are dark<br/>Be led to truth by good Saint Mark,<br/>And after this our earthly strife<br/>Stand written in the Book of Life.</b></p> | <p>2. <b>Lo, drawn by Pentecostal fire,<br/>His heart conceived its great desire,<br/>When pure of mind, inspired, he heard<br/>And with his hand set forth the Word.</b></p> <p>4. <b>O holy mind, for wisdom fit<br/>Wherein that Life of lives stood writ,<br/>May we through minds of like accord<br/>Show forth the patterns of our Lord.</b></p> <p>6. <b>Praise God who made the world so fair,<br/>And sent His Son our Saviour there,<br/>And by His Holy Spirit wist<br/>To teach the first evangelist.</b></p> |
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**Prayer over the Gifts**

Father, accept all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord 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 and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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, St Mark, 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.

✠ Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but on say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*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 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me.**

### **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.

**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, Banns & Junior Church**

**Final Hymn 368 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer.**

### **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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.  
**In the name of Christ.**

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

**Led by: Stephen Brooks**

Psalm(s): 45, Epistle: Ezekiel 1.4-14, New Testament: 2 Timothy 4.1-11.

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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel**

**Sunday 3rd May: Parish Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Reader(s): Steve Purcell & Caroline Lumb | Intercessor(s): Annabel Crowe

Chalice: Jill Ashcroft & Michael Horn

**Sunday 3 May**

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

**Sunday 10 May**

10:00: Parish Mass for Rogation Sunday

*(Christian Aid Week Begins)*

11.30: St Thomas' Annual Parochial Church Meeting

**Thursday 14 May**

19.00: Outdoor Mass for the Ascension of our Lord.

**Sunday 17 May**

10.00: Parish Family Mass for Education Sunday

*'Making Positive Change'*

**Sunday 24 May**

10.00: Parish Mass for the Feast of Pentecost

12.00: Pentecost 'Picnic in the Park'

**Sunday 31 May**

10.00: Parish Family Mass for Trinity Sunday

**Sunday 7 June**

10.00: Parish Family Mass for Environment Sunday

18.30: Parish Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi

**Wednesday 24 April**

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:

Bible Study & Reflection Group

**Wednesday 29 April**

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:

Bible Study & Reflection Group

**Wednesday 6 May**

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:

Bible Study & Reflection Group

**Monday 11 May**

19.00: Deanery Night for Christian Aid Week  
with Guest Speaker(All Welcome)

**Wednesday 13 May**

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:

Bible Study & Reflection Group

**Saturday 16 May**

12.00-14.00: Plant & Produce Sale

20.00-22.30: Blues Café at St Thomas'

**Wednesday 20 May**

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:

Bible Study & Reflection Group

WHAT'S ON AT ST THOMAS'



**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
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**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
**Sunday 10th May 2026**  
**at 11.30am**

## 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, Cynthia Noel, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett and Colin Spooner.

**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 the souls of John Tozer and Margaret Clarke **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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