



17th May 2026

Education Sunday
‘Positive Change’

Parish Family 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 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Representatives from the local community are invited to come up to light candles during the Opening Hymn, representing our community educational organisations.

Opening Hymn O Lord My God! (How great Thou art!)

**1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

**4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!**

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!*

Lighting of Candles

Lord of wisdom and light, as we celebrate the gift of education, shine your light on all who teach and all who learn. Give us curiosity, courage, and compassion, that we may walk together in knowledge, love, and truth.

God declares.

I know the plans I have for you.

Plans to prosper you.
And not cause harm.

Plans to give you a future.
To give you hope.

Selected and sent, you will bring light.
And the promise of hope.

Confession & Absolution

God our Creator, we come to you to say sorry for our part in the wrongs of the world.

We confess that we have gone astray, turning away from your light of life.

Good Lord, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

We have followed the dim lights of earthly success and fortune, rather than seeking first the treasure of heaven.

Good Lord, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

We have followed our own selfish desires rather than follow your rule of love.

Good Lord, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

May the God of love bring you back to himself, ✠ forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love shown in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please STAND as we sing the Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To God be glory forever.
To God be glory forever.

Alleluia Amen! (x3)
Alleluia Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Son.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia Amen! (x3)

Alleluia Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia Amen! (x3)

Alleluia Amen!

The Collect

God of wisdom and truth, bless all who learn, teach, and discover. Guide our schools, colleges, and places of learning, that they may be places of curiosity, respect, and joy. Help us to grow in knowledge and love, and to use what we learn to serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Galatians 5:22-26)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky.

**¹ I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus declares, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

(John 8.12)

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you O Lord.

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Matthew 5:13-16)

Praise to you O Christ

We welcome representatives of our local schools to share with us why education matters and how it brings about positive change in our lives.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in one God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God, full of wisdom, kindness, and love, as we pray we invite you to join us in going to the prayer stations around the room, where you can offer prayers and light a candle for: the world, creation, the local community, those in need, for those who have died, and those who nurture us.

During this time of silence, we invite you to go to the prayer stations around the room.

Loving God, we pray for schools, students, and all who learn, that you way give them wisdom and curiosity. We pray for teachers, headteachers, leaders of schools, learning assistants, school staff, and inspectors. We give thanks for all those who help to educate and guide us.

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn Shine, Jesus Shine.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us
shine on me, shine on me:
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood, I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
shine on me, shine on me:
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
ever-changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:
shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with
the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Prayer over the Gifts

With this bread that we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

Communion 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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to
live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Heavenly Father, it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal, that Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. ✠

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. ✠

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so we pray: come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and our drinking. In our reflecting and watching. That we may recognise the risen Jesus in our midst, and in one another.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, 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

Every time we eat this break and drink this cup.
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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 (intinct) 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 368 Guide me, O my great Redeemer.

**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.**

Prayers after Communion

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray:

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.

Amen.

The Parish Notices are given.

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!

Final Hymn You shall go out with joy.

**You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

*Chorus:
And the trees of the fields
shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields
shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields
shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.*

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer
Psalm(s): 47, The Epistle: 2 Samuel 23.1-5, The Gospel: Mark 16.14-end..

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 19 May 2026
12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel**

Sunday 24 May: Parish Mass for the Feast of Pentecost
Reader(s): Sarah Holroyd & Rowland Linder
Intercessor(s): Alison Baxendale
Chalice: Eileen Sinclair & Michael Horn

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 Mass for Trinity Sunday

Thursday 4 June

18.30: Parish Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday 7 June

10.00: Parish Family Mass for Environment Sunday

Sunday 14 June

10.00: Parish Mass for the Feast of Barnabas, the Apostle

Sunday 21 June

10.00: Parish Mass for the Third after Trinity

Sunday 28 June

10.00: Parish Mass for the Feast of Peter & Paul, Apostles

Sunday 5 July

10.00: Parish Patronal Mass for the Feast of Thomas, Apostle

Wednesday 20 May

14.00-15.30 | 19.00-20.30:
 Bible Study & Reflection Group

Friday 22 May

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

Friday 29 May

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

Wednesday 3 June

12.30: Over 50's Fellowship Lunch

Friday 5 June

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

Saturday 6 June

19.15 for 19.30: Pictures by the Park
 "The Ballad of Wallis Island"
(in aid of St Thomas' Hall Renovation Project)

Friday 15 June

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

Friday 19 June

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

Friday 26 June

18.30-19:15: Youth Choir Club

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PENTECOST PICNIC

FOLLOWING OUR MASS SERVICE ON PENTECOST, JOIN US FOR A PICNIC IN THE PARK. PLEASE BRING ALONG FOOD, DRINKS, AND A BLANKET TO SIT ON!

SUNDAY
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MASS AT 10 AM
PICNIC AFTER

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Youth Choir Club

Does your child like to sing? We'd love to have them join our Choir Club! **Learn to sing** with our outstanding community choir in the English Choral Tradition. Upcoming Dates: 22, 29 May; 5, 12, 19, 26 June.

Contact stthomashanwell@gmail.com for more details.

Fridays, 6:30 to 7:15 pm
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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, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Tim Hall, Darren Hancock, Valery Hobbs Alison Johns, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Cynthia Noel, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillet, Colin Spooner and Kris Wilson.

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: Daphne Dorival, Hamdi & Ibrahim, Margaret Raine, David Leech, and Margaret Clarke. **Also those whose year's mind falls at this time:** especially, Michael Harrison, Harry Harding-Wyatt, Margaret Cooper, Verna George and Faith Emmeline Gay.



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