



28 JUNE 2026

THE FEAST OF
PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

PARISH MASS

TODAY WE WARMLY WELCOME
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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 and reflections this coming week.

The Gathering

The Processional Hymn Into a world of darkness. (Tune #197 NEH For all the Saints)

1. Into a world of darkness since the fall,
new light had dawned,
two champions heard the call:
Peter the rock,
and Paul once known as Saul!
Alleluia, alleluia.
2. First Peter stared in wonder at the sight,
Jesus, transfigured,
clothed in glorious light,
then heard God praise
his Son from heaven's height.
Alleluia, alleluia.
3. Beside a desert road a different sign'
Saul saw a blinding
light in splendour shine
and Jesus told him,
'These you hurt are mine!'
Alleluia, alleluia.
4. On each a lifelong mission was conferred,
'Go tell the nations
all that you have heard
of God made known through
Christ, th' incarnate Word.'
Alleluia, alleluia.
5. Their work accomplished,
called to their reward,
one crucified, one martyred by the sword,
their deaths bore witness
to the risen Lord:
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.
Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

(John 15.14)

**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 fault.**

**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 God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

(Read by Doug Neale)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

(Jeremiah 20.7-13)

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

**THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even ' as the mount ' Sion : which
may not be removed but ' standeth ' fast for ' ever.**

**The hills stand a'bout Je'rusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his
people, from this time ' forth for ' ever'more.**

**For the rod of the ungodly, cometh not into the ' lot of the ' righteous : lest the
righteous ' put their ' hand unto ' wickedness.**

Do ' well O ' Lord: unto those that are ' good and ' true of ' heart.

As for such as turn back unto their ' own ' wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers, but ' peace shall ' be upon ' Israel.

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 125 (Qui confidunt)

The Second Reading

(Read by: Elaine Webb)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

(Acts 12.1-11)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 137 Come down O Love, divine.

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 Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Matthew 16.13-19)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily

The Motet

‘Great and wonderful, Lord God’

Great and wonderful, Lord God,
are your works, creation shows it;
just and true are all your ways,
every saint profoundly knows it.
With all saints, throughout our days,
we shall sing God's worthy praise.

Great the Holy Spirit's grace,
tempering the human story;
sinners are transformed to saints,
changed from glory into glory.
With all saints, throughout our days,
we shall sing God's worthy praise.

Great the love of God in Christ,
taking flesh and touched by sorrow;
pouring out his inmost soul
to enrich the saints' tomorrow.
With all saints, throughout our days,
we shall sing God's worthy praise.

Words: David Mowbray
Music: Großer Gott, Katholisches Gesangbuch
(Vienna, c.1774)

Arranged: John Barnard

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: Stephen Brooks)

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

(Ephesians 2.19,17)

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 172 'Thou art the Christ, O Lord. (Tune #443 NEH Gopsal)

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 Peter and Paul. 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, Peter and Paul 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 our Saviour 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.**

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

✠ 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 only 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 (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 O Peter, you were named by Christ. (Tune #512 NEH Gonfalon Royal)

- O Peter, you were named by Christ
the guardian- shepherd of his flock:
protect the Church he built on you
to stand unyielding, firm on rock.**
- Your weakness Christ exchanged for strength;
you faltered, but he made you true:
he knew the greatness of your love,
and gave the keys of heaven to you.**
- Apostle of the gentiles, Paul,
the greatest witness of them all,
you turned to Christ, the risen Lord,
when out of light you heard him call.**
- You journeyed far and wide to tell
that Christ was risen from the dead,
that all who put their faith in him
would live for ever, as he said.**
- Unseen, eternal Trinity,
we give you glory, praise your name:
your love keeps faith with faithless hearts
through change and stress you are the same.**

Prayers after Communion

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through 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 & Junior Church

Final Hymn 484 The Church's one foundation.

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 Peter and Paul and 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. Amen.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer
Psalm(s): Psalms 124 & 138, The Epistle: Ezekiel 34.11-16, The Gospel: John 21.15-22.

Sunday 5 July: Patronal Festal Parish Mass for Thomas, Apostle
Reader(s) & Intercessor(s): Members of the Junior Church
Chalice: Alison Baxendale & Chris Michell

Tuesday 30 June 2026
12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

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)

Wednesday Bible Study Sessions (During Term Time)

1, 8, 15 & 22 July - 2-3.30pm & 7-8.30pm in the Lady Chapel

St Thomas' Patronal Festival 'Bring & Share' Lunch 5 July, after our Patronal Festival Parish Mass

Study Morning with Leslie Pringle 'Adam & Eve' Saturday 11 July, 10am-12pm

Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share Lunches

1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December

Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month

1 August, 5 September, 7 November & 5 December

'For One Night Only' (in aid of St Thomas' Hall Renovation Fund) Saturday 26 September, from 8pm

Gala Pictures by the Park Social 3 October

Harvest Ceilidh Saturday 17 October

St Thomas' Quiz Night Saturday 14 November

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 the church of St Thomas the Apostle; for Julia, our Priest, our Churchwardens and PCC, and all who serve. We give thanks for Nilesh Patel, ordained yesterday at St Paul's Cathedral, as we welcome him as our Curate. We pray for Rowland Linder as she prepares to move to theological college in Durham as an ordinand. We pray for Hanwell, for our schools, and for 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, Amy Dobbin, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Andrew Everard, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Pablo Herrera Alison Johns, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Arda & Joe Metcalf, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Marion Newlands, Cynthia Noel, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Carie Schurr, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillett, Colin Spooner and Kris Wilson.

Confirmation Candidates: We pray for Benedict and Tobias Howson, Leo Hewlett, and Oliver Allen, preparing for confirmation here in September.

The Departed and those whose year's mind falls at this time: especially, Ronald Penrose Robinson, Herbert Hains, Irene Lumsden, Joan Dyson, Daisy Elizabeth Baxter, Martyn Adrian Freeth & George Gay.


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