



7 JUNE 2026

CREATION CARE SUNDAY

PARISH FAMILY MASS

SPEAKER: THE REVEREND TINA RAPSON
(WILLEDEN CREATION CARE LEAD)



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 Greeting

✠ We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Today we recognise that the earth is God's gift, and that we ourselves, being made in the image of God, are called to care for this fragile planet earth, to share its resources justly and to protect the variety of life it sustains.

The First Hymn All things bright and beautiful.

*ALL things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

^{3.} The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

^{5.} The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day;—

^{2.} Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

^{4.} The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,—
He made them every one;

^{6.} He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Mrs C. F. Alexander (1818–95)

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our greed and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

Lord, you delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil, but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and

lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies ✠ cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, 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

In a time of silence, let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who has created all things.

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

(Read by: A member of the Junior Church)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for

food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Genesis 2. 7-10,15)

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power : for you created all things.

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.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Matthew 28.16-20)

Praise to you O Christ

The Talk

The Motet

‘Be still for the presence of the Lord

Words & Music: D. J. Lews (b. 1957) | Arr: R. Shephard

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; Come, bow before him now, in reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground; Be still, for the presence of the Lord The Holy one is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

(Led by: Members of the Junior Church)

Let us pray to God, the Lord of creation.

Lord of creation, you give us the gift of the earth, with its oceans and glaciers, rainforests and deserts. On this World Environment Day, help us to care for our wonderful planet

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, you fill the earth with wonderful creatures. Help us to care for the animals and plants around us, and never to take them for granted.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, you make the plants and trees grow. Bless farmers, gardeners, and all who care for the plants and the soil.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation, we pray for places where the harvest is poor and where people don't have enough food or water. Help us share what we have with those in need.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick. We pray for people who are ill because they don't have enough food. We also pray for the sick people of our own community.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died. We ask you to give them the gift of eternal life.

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

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the triune God be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn Morning has broken.

**1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

3. **Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

Eleanor Farjeon, (1881-1965)

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament
Offertory Prayer**

**As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table
in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom;
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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise
for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of
your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of
heaven we may find a voice to sing your 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, 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

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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 Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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 We plough the fields and scatter.

¹ WE plough the fields, and scatter

The good seed on the land,

But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine,

And soft refreshing rain:

² He only is the Maker

Of all things near and far,

He paints the wayside flower,

He lights the evening star,

The winds and waves obey him,

By him the birds are fed;

Much more to us, his children,

He gives our daily bread:

All good gifts around us

Are sent from heaven above,

Then thank the Lord,

O thank the Lord,

For all his love.

³ We thank thee then, O Father,

For all things bright and good;

The seed-time and the harvest,

Our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer

For all thy love imparts,

But that which thou desirest,

Our humble, thankful hearts:

Author: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), Translator: Jane Campbell (1817-780)

Composer: J. A. P. Schulz (1747-1800), Harmonizer: J. B. Dykes, (1823-76)

Prayers after Communion

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,

that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Parish Notices

Final Hymn Colours of day.

1. Colours of day
dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up,
the night is behind,
Go down in the city,
into the street,
And let's give the message
to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire
and let the flame burn,
Open the door,
let Jesus return,
Take seeds of His Spirit,
let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus,
let His love show.*

2. Go through the park,
on into the town,
The sun still shines on,
it never goes down,
The Light of the world
is risen again,
The people of darkness
are needing a friend.

3. Open your eyes,
look into the skies,
The darkness has gone,
the Son came to die,
The evening draws on,
the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living,
His Spirit is near.

Words & Music: Sue McClellan , John Paculabo (1946-2013) & Keith Rycroft (b 1949)

The Affirmation & Blessing

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste, to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may we be faithful in voicing creation's praise.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon us his children, that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace, and may the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: The Reverend Julia Palmer
Psalm(s): [39] 41, The Epistle: 1 Samuel 18.1-16, The Gospel: Luke 8. 41-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 2 June 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 14 June: Parish Mass for the Feast of Barnabas, the Apostle
Readers: Annabel Crowe & Will Howson | Intercessor: Roger Grange | Chalice: Alison Baxendale & Steve Purcell

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 Festal Mass for the Feast of Thomas, Apostle

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YOUTH TENNIS SOCIAL



Sunday 21 June
4:00-5:30 pm
meet in Church Hall

Join our Youth Group, for kids year 6 and above, for a fun **free** afternoon of tennis.

If interested, please reach out to
stthomashanwell@gmail.com.

Thank you! ♥

We raised a total of
£858.25
including Gift Aid
for **Christian Aid Week.**

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Thanks to all who donated and to
Charlotte Carotenuto for arranging
a local street collection around
Westlea Rd, Southdown Ave and
Wellmeadow Rd.

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 Linder, our Pastoral Assistant and Youth Intern, as she prepares for Theological College in Durham as an Ordinand. For Nilesh Patel, preparing for Ordination and as welcome him as our Curate later this month. 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, Andrew Everard, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, 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, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillet, 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: We pray for the departed, especially: Daphne Dorival, Valery Hobbs, Sally Spowart & Tim Hall.

Also 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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