



12 JULY 2026

THE SIXTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

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 and reflections this coming week.

The Gathering

The Processional Hymn 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Anne Ross)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For 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. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Isaiah 55.10-13)

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Thou O God art ' praised in ' Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be per'form-ed ' in Je'rusalem.

Thou that ' hearest the ' prayer : unto ' thee shall ' all flesh ' come.

My misdeeds pre'vail a'gainst me : O be thou ' merciful ' unto our ' sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth and receiveth ' unto ' thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even ' of thy ' holy ' temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of ' our sal'vation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that re'main in the ' broad ' sea.

Who in his strength setteth ' fast the ' mountains : and is ' girded a'bout with ' power.

Who stilleth the ' raging • of the ' sea :

and the noise of his waves and the ' madness ' of the ' people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid ' at thy ' tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the ' morning and ' evening to ' praise thee.

Thou visitest the ' earth and ' blessest it : thou ' makest it ' very ' plenteous.

The river of God is ' full of ' water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou pro'videst ' for the ' earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little ' valleys there'of : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and ' blessest the ' increase ' of it.

Thou crownest the year ' with thy ' goodness : and thy ' clouds ' drop ' fatness.

They shall drop upon the ' dwellings • of the ' wilderness : and the little hills shall re'joice on ' every ' side.

The folds shall be ' full of ' sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that ' they shall ' laugh and ' sing.

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 65. (Te decet hymnus)

The Second Reading

(Read by: Chris Michell)

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Romans 8.1-11)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; : all who come to him will live for ever.

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.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily

The Motet

'Pie Jesu' by Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

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: David Gilbert)

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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
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 372 He who would valiant be.

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

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 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.

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

✠ 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 407 Lord, thy word abideth.

Prayers after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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

Final Hymn 440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Peace of God

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

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 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: Reverend Julia Palmer
Psalm(s): 60. The Epistle: 2 Samuel 7.18-end. The Gospel: Luke 19.41-20.8.

Throughout the week, the Daily Office of Morning Prayer is observed in the Church.
Monday (9am - Live-streamed on Facebook) | Tuesday & Thursday (In Person – in the Children’s Chapel)
Wednesday (9am - on Zoom) Meeting ID: 817 7679 6653 | Passcode: 861505
Friday, Morning Prayer is at 8.30am (Live-streamed on Facebook)
All are warmly welcome to join us, whether in person or online.

Tuesday 14 July 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 12 July: Parish Mass for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Reader(s): Stephen Brooks & Meg Coleman | Intercessor(s): Rowland Linder | Chalice: Stephen Brooks & Steve Purcell

Wednesday Bible Study Sessions (During Term Time)
15 & 22 July - 2-3.30pm & 7-8.30pm in the Lady Chapel

Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share Lunches'
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

Parish Family Mass for 'Back to School Sunday'
6th September

Service of Confirmations with Right Reverend ✠Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy (Bishop of Willesden)
20th September

'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. We pray for Julia, our Priest, Nilesh, our Curate, our Churchwardens and PCC, and all who serve. 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, Venezuela 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, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Amy Dobbin, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Andrew Everard, Geraldine, David Gilbert, 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, Christine Oxford, Nicholas Robinson, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Carie Schurr, Gill Shaw, Keith & Sara Spillet, Colin Spooner, Linda Williams 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, Margaret Duce, Rachel Emma Crowe, Gerald Robert Lamb, Brigit Carter, John S. Ravel, Alfie Foxwell, Elizabeth Caird & Chris Cosstick.

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