



9 AUGUST 2026  
THE TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY  
PARISH MASS

CELEBRANT: THE REVEREND STEPHANIE ALVIS  
ST MARYS', HANWELL

PREACHER: THE REVEREND NILESH PATEL



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 494 Christ is the world's true light.**

**(Tune #413 NEH 'Nun Danket')**

## **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**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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: Stephen Brooks)

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him'.

This is the word of the Lord.

(1 Kings 19.9-18)

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

**℟: Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

**Lord, you were gracious to your land; ♦ you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

**You forgave the offence of your people ♦ and covered all their sins.**

**You laid aside all your fury ♦ and turned from your wrathful indignation.**

**Restore us again, O God our Saviour, ♦ and let your anger cease from us.**

**Will you be displeased with us for ever? ♦ Will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?**

**Will you not give us life again, ♦ that your people may rejoice in you?**

**Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦ and grant us your salvation.**

**I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦ for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.**

**Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦ that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**Mercy and truth are met together, ♦ righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

**Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦ and righteousness look down from heaven.**

**The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦ and our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness shall go before him ♦ and direct his steps in the way.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**℟: Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

Psalm 85. (Benedixisti, Domine)

## **The Second Reading**

(Read by: Sue Cunningham)

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Romans 10. 5-15)

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual Hymn 360 Firmly I believe and truly.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*'It is I; do not be afraid : Believe in me and you will have life.'*

**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.**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Matthew 14. 22-33)

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**The Homily**

**The Motet**

*'O for a closer walk with God'*

Melody: Scottish Psalter, (1635) | Arranged: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

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.

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: Annabel Crowe)

Lord, in your mercy.  
Hear our prayer.

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

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 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!**

**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.

### 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

✠ 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 295** Let all mortal flesh keep silence.

## Prayers after Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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

**Final Hymn 338 At the name of Jesus.** (omit v6)

## The Blessing

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

The peace of God that passes 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 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.**

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| <b>6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer   Led by: Stephen Brooks</b><br>Psalm(s): 86. The Epistle: 1 Kings 11.41 - 12.20. The Gospel: John 6.35, 41-51. |
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| Throughout the week, the Daily Office of Morning Prayer is observed in the Church.<br>Monday (9am - Live-streamed on Facebook)   Tuesday & Thursday (In Person – in the Children's Chapel)<br>Wednesday (9am - on Zoom) Meeting ID: 817 7679 6653   Passcode: 861505<br>Friday, Morning Prayer is at 8.30am (Live-streamed on Facebook)<br>All are warmly welcome to join us, whether in person or online. |
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| <b>Tuesday 11 August 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel</b> |
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**Sunday 16 August: Parish Mass for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Reader(s): Sarah Holroyd & Elaine Webb | Intercessor(s): Kirsten Allen | Chalice: Rev'd Nilesh Patel & Chris Michell

**WHAT'S ON AT  
ST THOMAS'**

**Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share Lunches**

2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December

**Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month**

5 September, 7 November & 5 December

**Parish Family Mass for 'Back to School Sunday' 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Service of Confirmations with Right Reverend ✠Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy (Bishop of Willesden)**

20<sup>th</sup> September

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

**Posh 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, and Nilesh, our Curate. We pray also for Stephen as he discerns your call to Ministry. For our Churchwardens, PCC and for 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: Anthony, 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, 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 Spillett, 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 Recently Departed:** especially: John Tonkin, Priest, Leslie Spowart & Sylvia Volkel.

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time:** especially: Norman Dorival, Veronica Matthews, Kofi Adeji, Elvin Giraldu Lloyd, Robbie Robertson, John Alexis, Louisa Calder and Ann Simon..

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