



4 OCTOBER 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

WITH PET BLESSING SERVICE

(ON THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI)

(TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

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 and reflections this coming week.

The Gathering

The Processional Hymn 264 All things bright and beautiful. (omit * v)

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 Minister(s) introduces the service and continues with the following words:

Introduction

“The land has yielded its harvest: God, our God has blessed us. Today we follow the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi, who saw God’s beauty reflected in all creation. We gather to thank God for the harvest of the earth, and to bless our animal companions whom Francis called our brothers and sisters. Together with them, we praise our Creator.”

Prayers of Penitence

Lord, you ask us to look after your beautiful world, but sometimes we waste and spoil the things you have given us:

Lord, have mercy

Christ, you ask us to care for all your creatures, but sometimes we forget to look after animals, plants and one another:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you ask us to be peacemakers, but sometimes we hurt others and cause arguments and division in your world:

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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 for ever.

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 for ever.

Alleluia Amen! (x3)
Alleluia Amen!

The Collect for Harvest

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we follow the way of St Francis and show love and care for this planet, its animals and its peoples through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah, “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Genesis 8. 15-17)

The Gradual Hymn 237 Morning has broken.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.'

(cf S^T John 4.35,36)

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠✠✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S^T Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Luke 12. 22-27)

Praise to you O Christ.

An **All-Age Talk** is given

HARVEST THANKSGIVING & PET BLESSING

Presentation of Harvest Gifts

During the hymn, members of the congregation are invited to bring forward gifts and donations for the Ealing Foodbank, placing them down upon or handing them to the Altar Party at the Chancel Steps.

Presentation Hymn: 263 All creatures of our God and King. (omit * vv)

The Minster(s) move to among the pets and their ownersd during the Hymn.

The pets are blessed individually while being safely handled by their owners.

Bless (N....) ✠ who brings us joy and affection. May we always treat them with the gentleness and respect due to your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Act of Thanksgiving

(Adapted from St Francis's 'Canticle of the Creatures')

For our sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us:

We praise you, O Lord.

For all creatures that walk, swim, fly, and creep upon the earth:

We praise you, O Lord.

For the seeds sown, the crops harvested, and food on our tables and for these gifts today:
We praise you, O Lord.

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, who is full of wisdom, kindness and love.

As we pray, we invite you to move around the church and visit the prayer stations. At each station, you are invited to pause, reflect and offer your prayers.

Our prayer stations today invite us to pray for Fairtrade and justice in our world; animals and all living creatures; our world and its people; our care for creation through Eco Church; and, at the Prayer Tree, for those who are sick and those who have died.

*During this time of prayer and reflection, we invite you to visit the prayer stations around the church.
As we move quietly between the stations, we will listen to the Taizé chant, "O Lord, Hear My Prayer."
Take your time at each station to reflect and pray.*

Loving God, we bring before you all the prayers we have offered today. Help us to care for your world, for all living things, and for one another. Be close to those who are sick, comfort those who mourn, and help us to live with kindness, fairness and love.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and 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 259 Come, ye thankful people, come.

Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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.

And now we give you thanks because you crown the year with your goodness and raise up fruit from the earth for our sustenance.

In the bounty of the harvest you reveal your constant care, feeding both human family and the creatures of the field, and calling us to share your gifts in generosity and joy.

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.

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. ✠

He took the wine, and 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.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

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 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 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.*

The Motet

German 17th Century, Silesian folk song
Tr. Lillian S. Stevenson | Arr. Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Lord of all creation,
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodland,
robed on the verdure and bloom of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers,
fairer still the sons of men
in all the freshness of youth arrayed:
yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;
my Jesus, thine will never fade.

Prayers after Communion

**Generous God,
we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life.
Thank you for the harvest, for our pets, and for all creation.
Help us, like Saint Francis,
to follow Jesus in love, to be kind to animals,
and to take care of your world.
Amen.**

Closing Hymn You shall go 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 field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the field shall clap their hands
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands
And you'll go out with joy**

S. Dauermann
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The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all; 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: Stephen Brooks
Psalm(s): 65. The Epistle: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18. The Gospel: Luke 12. 16-30.

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 6 October 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel

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

Sunday 11 October 2026: Parish Family Mass for Generosity Sunday
Reader(s): TBC | Intercessor(s): Stephen Brooks | Chalice: Rev'd Nileshtar Patel & Sue Cunningham

WHAT'S ON AT S^T THOMAS'

Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month 3 October, 7 November & 5 December
Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share' Lunches 7 October, 4 November & 2 December
Youth Choir Club Fridays, 9, 16 & 23 October from 6.30 – 7:15pm
Youth Group Litter Pick & Hot Dogs Sunday 11 October 4 - 5.30pm
Harvest Ceilidh Barn Dance Saturday 17 October, from 7.30 - 10.30pm
Last Sunday after Trinity with Baptism Sunday 25 October, from 10am
Feast of All Saints Parish Mass, from 10am
Feast of All Souls & Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Solemn Parish Mass, from 6pm
Parade Mass on Remembrance Sunday with Requiem for the Fallen 8 November, from 10am
S^T Thomas' Quiz Night Saturday 14 November
S^T Thomas' Advent & Christmas Fair Saturday 28 November, from 2 - 4pm
Advent Sunday Sunday 29 November
Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter at S^T Thomas' Sunday 29 November, 6, 13 & 20 December
Christingle Service 6 December, from 4pm
Service of Lessons & Carols 13 December, from 6pm

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 Nileshe, 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.

Newly Confirmed: We pray for Benedict and Tobias Howson, Leo Hewlett, and Oliver Allen. May God bless and guide them as they grow in faith.

Creation and Stewardship: We give thanks for the beauty and abundance of your creation, and for all who tend the earth and provide our food. As stewards of creation, help us to care faithfully for the places entrusted to us: our homes and gardens, our church and churchyard, our streets and green spaces, and the wider community of Hanwell and beyond. Make us mindful of food inequality, of the needs of wildlife, and of the impact our choices have upon the earth. Teach us to cherish your creation and to hand it on with hope to generations yet to come.

The World: We pray for the world, especially Gaza and Palestine, the Middle East, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Nepal, 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, Osa Boating, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Ivan Carter, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Amy Dobbin, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Alison Johns, Ian King, Jaxon Prentice, Everard Lendor, 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 Linda Williams.

The Recently Departed: especially we pray for the repose of the souls of Jeffrey Skull & Kevin Robson.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: especially: Daisy French, Kenneth Cooper, Sue Cosstick, John Wilson, Albert Edward George Brooks. Michael Radford, Ron Searle, Kenneth Ernest Morgan, George William Oxford, Helen Elizabeth Jones, Biddy Michell and George Edward Freeth.



It is time once again to order your Real Fairtrade Chocolate Advent Calendars from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Each calendar reveals the real Christmas story behind its windows and comes with a 24-page activity booklet.

The Milk Chocolate version costs £5, while the Dark Chocolate version costs £5.50. The deadline for ordering is Sunday 31 October.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the piano, making sure to print carefully so that your name and contact details are clear.



All Souls' Requiem Mass Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 1st November 2026 at 6.00pm

Volunteers are kindly requested to read a section of the Chantry List.

If you would like to read, please write your name next to the relevant section on the **Chantry List** that you would like to read (on the Piano at the Front). Thank you!

If you would like a loved one remembered, and his or her name is not already on the List, please ensure it is added before

Sunday 25 October 2026.





Youth Choir Club

Does your child like to sing? We'd love to have them join our **free** Choir Club! **Learn to sing** with our outstanding community choir in the English Choral Tradition.

Upcoming Dates: 11, 18 & 25 September;
2, 9, 16 & 23 October.

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where meet at st.thomas' church hall

time 4.00 pm

date Sunday 11th October

Please bring gloves/ bags/ litter pickers, if you can! Children to be accompanied by an adult.

LAGER Can
Litter Action Group for Eating Residents

St Thomas' Community Garden Project

We need your help!

We're creating a greener, more welcoming space for our church and community - and we need your support!

We're looking for donations of:

- Pond liner
- Membrane
- Logs
- Stumps for seating
- Cardboard (large boxes)
- Bricks

When?
Any time you can spare - big or small, is really helpful!

Do you have any expertise?
If you have gardening, landscaping or DIY skills, we'd love to hear from you!

Get in touch
StThomasHanwell@gmail.com

Together we can grow a brighter, greener future at St Thomas'.



St Thomas'

Quiz night

Saturday November 14th

7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Come as a team or we can put you in a team

£20 adults; £15 children under 14

Fish and chip supper included but please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

For more details or to book, please contact

sue.cunningham@mac.com

07850 889948

Or speak to Sarah or
Sue after church



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