



6 SEPTEMBER 2026

‘BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY’

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 Lord of all hopefulness.

1. Lord of all hopefulness,  
Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness,  
Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness,  
Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness,  
Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping,  
and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

Traditional Irish Melody

Harmony by Eric Routley 1917-82 | Words by Jan Struther (1901-53) c. 1931

## 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 Peruvian Gloria (Led by Ben & Toby Howson)

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**

Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ sat at the feet of others to learn, and sat on the mountains to teach: bless those who teach and those who learn, those who seek and those who find; so that our homes, schools and churches may be filled with a longing to learn and to grow, to serve and to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

(Read by: Immie Hewlet)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Jeremiah 18. 1-11)

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gradual Hymn One more step along the world I go.

1. One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

2. Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

3. As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go,  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

5. You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Sydney Carter  
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## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*'Lord, help us grow : in wisdom and grace.'*

**Alleluia.**

## The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'

But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Luke 2. 41-52)

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **The Sermon or Homily**

### **The Motet**

‘Lead me Lord’

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) | Words: Psalms 5. 8, 4. 9)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

(Led by: Ella Howson, Oliver Allen, Caroline Lumb & Pauline Britton)

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 breaks down the walls that divide us and builds up our common life.

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 If I were a butterfly.

<sup>1</sup> If I were a butterfly,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for giving me wings.  
If I were a robin in a tree,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
that I could sing  
And if I were a fish in the sea,  
I'd wiggle my tail  
and I'd giggle with glee,  
but I just thank you, Father,  
for making me 'me'.

<sup>2</sup> If I were an elephant,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
by raising my trunk.  
And If I were a kangaroo  
You know I'd hop right up to You.  
If I were an octopus,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for my fine looks  
but I just thank you, Father,  
for making me 'me'.

### *Chorus:*

For You gave me a heart  
and You gave me a smile,  
You gave me Jesus  
and You made me Your child,  
and I just thank You, Father,  
for making me 'me'.

<sup>3</sup> If I were a wiggly worm,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
that I could squirm,  
and if I were a billy goat,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for my strong throat,  
and If I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear,  
I'd thank You, Lord,  
for my fuzzy wuzzy hair,  
but I just thank you, Father,  
for making me 'me'.

Brian Howard

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## 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.**

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.**

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 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.*

## Communion Hymn Just as I am.

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;  
Yes, all I need, in thee to find,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
*O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

5. Just as I am, (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

6. Just as I am, Of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth  
and height to prove,  
Here for a season and then above,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Charlotte Elliott (17989-1871)  
Arthtur Henry Brown (1830-1926)

## Prayers after Communion

Thank you, Lord, for feeding us at your table. As our students, teachers, and staff step into a new school year, may the strength of this meal go with them. Fill their minds with wisdom, their hearts with kindness, and their spirits with peace. Send us all out from this place to love and serve you in our schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods.

**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 He's got the whole world in His Hands.**

1. He's got the whole wide world  
in his hands,  
He's got the whole wide world  
in his hands,  
He's got the whole wide world  
in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

2. He's got the grown ups of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the grown ups of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the grown ups of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the grown ups in his hands.

3. He's got the young people of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the young people of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the young people of St Thomas'  
in his hands,  
He's got the young people in his hands.

4. He's got all those going to school  
in his hands,  
He's got all those going to school  
in his hands,  
He's got all those going to school  
in his hands,  
He's got all of us in his hands.

Anon

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## Blessing of the School Backpacks & Bags

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to bless these backpacks, bags, and all who carry them. May they be a sign of your presence, protection, and love with our students wherever they go. Give these students peace when they feel nervous, focus when they are distracted, and energy when they are tired. Bless the teachers, families, and school staff who support them, and make the shoulders that carry these bags strong and joyful all year long. In your holy name, we pray.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

**6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: Stephen Brooks**  
 Psalm(s): 104. The Epistle: Isaiah 42. 5-8. The New Testament: Revelation 22. 1-5.

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 8 September 2026 12(Noon) MASS in the Lady Chapel**

**Wednesday Bible Study Sessions (During Term Time)**  
 From 9 September 2026. | 2-3.30pm & 7-8.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

**Sunday 13 September: Parish Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
 Reader(s): Margaret Lydamore & Judy Neale | Intercessor(s): Roger Grange | Chalice: Rev’d Nilesch Patel & Alison Baxendale

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

**Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share Lunches**  
 7 October, 4 November, 2 December  
**Posh Pictures by the Park Social**  
 3 October  
**Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month**  
 7 November & 5 December  
**Study Morning with Leslie Pringle - Reading the Bible Exploring Different Approaches**  
 19th September, from 9.45am  
**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**  
**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 Nilesch, 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, 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: Anthony 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, Andrew Everard, 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, 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 on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**The Recently Departed:** especially we pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffrey Skull.

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time:** especially: Daisy French, Kenneth Cooper, Sue Cosstick, John Wilson and Albert Edward George Brooks.

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## Youth Choir Club

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

You are warmly invited to join us in prayer and thanksgiving on the Feast of Matthew, Apostle for the celebration of the Laying on of Hands and Confirmation.

*Benedict, Tobias, Leo & Oliver*



**Sunday**  
**20 September**  
**2026**



**Parish Mass**  
**at 10AM**

Conducted by:

**The Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy**  
*(Bishop of Willesden)*

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