



11 OCTOBER 2026

GENEROSITY SUNDAY & WEEK
(GENEROUS DISCIPLESHIP)

(TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

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 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King.

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

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins, especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

**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.**

**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

God of grace, ever creating and restoring, you breathe life into all things and embrace us with an everlasting love; help us to grow in wonder and awe, to embody a spirit of gratitude, and to dream generous dreams; that, in gathering what we have, we may graciously offer ourselves to accomplish what you will, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

(Read by: Eileen Sinclair)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.' Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings

of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

(Genesis 4. 1-7)

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

- 1. O GIVE thanks unto the Lord for ' he is ' gracious : and his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 2. O give thanks unto the God of ' all ' gods: for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 3. O thank the Lord of ' all ' lords: for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 4. Who only ' doeth great ' wonders : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 5. Who by his excellent wisdom ' made the ' heavens : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 6. Who laid out the earth a'bove the ' waters : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 7. Who hath ' made great ' lights : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever;**
- 8. The sun to ' rule the ' day: for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever;**
- 9. The moon and the stars to ' govern the ' night : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 23. Who remembered us when we ' were in ' trouble : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever;**
- 24. And hath delivered us ' from our ' enemies : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 25. Who giveth food to ' all ' flesh : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 26. O give thanks unto the ' God of ' heaven : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**
- 27. O give thanks unto the ' Lord of ' lords : for his ' mercy en'dureth for ' ever.**

Glory 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 136. 1-9, 23-end. (Confitemini))

The Second Reading

(Read by: Pauline Britton)

A reading from the First Epistle of S^T. Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

(1 Corinthians 13. 1-6)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 456 Teach me, my God and King.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘God has spoken to us through his Son, : through whom he 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 S^T John.

Glory to you O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(S^T. John 12. 1-8)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Talk

The Motet

Brother James’ Air (The Lord’s my Shepherd)

Music: J. L. MacBeth Bain (1860-1925) | Arr: Alan Bullard (b.1947) | The Scottish Psalter, 1650 (v.5 altered)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want: He makes me down to lie In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by. He leadeth me, he leadeth me, The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again, And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness,
Ee'n for His own Name's sake. Within the paths of righteousness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
and thy rod And staff me comfort still. For Thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head with oil thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows. My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me; And in my Father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be. And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.

**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: Stephen Brooks)

**We offer ourselves to you,
O God.**

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace 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 381 Jerusalem the golden.

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race by assigning to the angels and archangels the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.

While they contemplate your glory, standing before you and singing your praise, they keep a faithful vigil for us, guarding us along the way that leads to life, and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs and sing the ageless hymn of 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, S^T 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 282 Faithful shepherd, feed me.

Prayers after Communion

Loving and righteous God. here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve; liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves, and love and serve others to witness to your glory, 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 & Junior Church

Final Hymn 205 Christ is made the sure foundation.

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: The Reverend Nilesh Patel
Psalm(s): 139. 1-18. The Epistle: Proverbs 3. 1-18. The Gospel: S^T John 3. 1-15.

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 13 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 18 October 2026: Parish Family Mass for Generosity Sunday
Reader(s): Judy Neale & Doug Neale | Intercessor(s): Rev'd Nilesh Patel | Chalice: Rev'd Nilesh Patel & Andrew Lumsden

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM MASS & COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Sunday 1 November 2026 at 6.00pm

Volunteers are invited to read a section of the Chantry List.
If you would like to read, please add your name beside a section on the list on the piano at the front.
To have a loved one remembered, please add their name to the Chantry List by **Sunday 25 October** after Mass.

WHATS ON AT S^T THOMAS'

Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month 7 November & 5 December

Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share' Lunches 4 November & 2 December

Harvest Ceilidh Barn Dance Saturday 17 October, from 7.30 - 10.30pm

Parish Mass for the Last Sunday after Trinity with Baptism Sunday 25 October, from 10am

International Food Evening Saturday 31 October, from 6pm

Parish Mass for the Feast of All Saints Sunday 1 November, from 10am

Solemn Parish Mass for the Feast of All Souls & Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Sunday 1 November, from 6pm

Parish 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 1 - 4pm

Parish Mass on 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.

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, Will Howson, Alison Johns, Ian King, Everard Lendor, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Marion Newlands, Elizabeth Nsefik, Cynthia Noel, Sarah, Julia Schumman, 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: 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.

CARIBBEAN & INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Join us for a joyful evening of
Caribbean & International flavours.

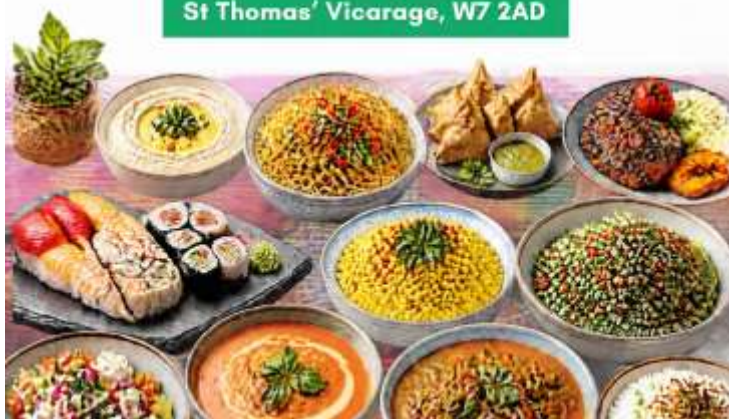
Bring a national dish, a bottle — or simply bring yourself.

Everyone is warmly welcome.

Come for the food, stay for the friendship.

Donations welcome for the St Thomas' Hall Renovation Fund.

Saturday 24 October
7.30 - 10pm
St Thomas' Vicarage, W7 2AD



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

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Or speak to Sarah or
Sue after church



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