



25 OCTOBER 2026

PARISH MASS WITH
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

MONTY EDWIN FRANCE HOPKINSON

(THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)



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 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.

Please **STAND** as the Sanctuary bells are rung.

The Processional Hymn Brother, sister, let me serve you.

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| 1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too. | 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
We're together on this road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load. |
| 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear. | 4. I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this journey through. |
| 5. When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony. | 6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too. |

R. Gillard (b. 1953)

The Gathering & Greeting

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

The ewer (water vessel) containing the water for baptism is brought forward and placed on the table in the Chancel.

Today we welcome Monty as he comes to be baptised. We give thanks for Monty's parents, sister, godparents, family and friends, for the love they share today. In baptism, God calls us to be his friends. He travels beside us on a journey of faith that we make with all Christian people across the world, seeking the coming of God's eternal kingdom of forgiveness, love and peace.

Invitation to Confession

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

**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.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

(Read by: Stephen Brooks)

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

This is the word of the Lord.

(Isaiah 43. 1-7)

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 460 There is a land of pure delight.

1. There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

3. Sweet fields beyond the swelling
flood
Stand dressed in living green;
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.

5. O could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy thoughts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
With unclouded eyes!

2. There everlasting spring abides,
And never withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

4. But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger, shivering on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

6. Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

Writer: I. Watts (1674-1748)

Music: G. M. Garrett (1834-97) | Tune: 'Beulah'

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid : from now on you will be a fisher of people.’

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 Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(S^T. Matthew 22. 34-40)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Talk

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR MONTY EDWIN FRANCE HOPKINSON

The Priest, Monty; his parents and godparents gather at the Chancel steps.

The Priest addresses the whole congregation.

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Do not stop them’. We thank God for *Monty* who has come to be baptised today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into this Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as they begin their journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The Priest addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents, you speak for Monty today.

Will you pray for him, And help him to follow Christ.

We will.

Monty's parents and godparents are asked to speak on his behalf

We all wonder far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust him as Lord?

I do.

Signing With The Cross

The Priest makes the sign of the cross on Monty's forehead, saying

Monty, Christ claims you his own. Receive the sign of his cross. ✠

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with him. Against all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The Altar Party, Monty, his parents and godparents move to gather at the baptismal font.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promises for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him. Now Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

The Priest addresses the whole congregation

Let us affirm, together with *Monty* who is being baptised, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

I believe and trust in him.

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

I 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?

I 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.

Baptism

Monty Edwin France, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: *Monty*, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation greet Monty as newly baptised.

The Prayers of Intercession

(Led by: Kirsten Allen)

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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 417 O God our help in ages past.

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Writer: I. Watts (1674-1748)

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, *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.**

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 306 Strengthen for service.

1. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs
To clamour never waken.

2. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang
Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright
Thy blessed hope perceiving.

3. The feet that tread thy holy courts
From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by thy body fed
With Thy new life replenish.

Liturgy of Malabar
Translation: C. W. Humphreys (1840-1921)
P. Dearmer (1867-1936)

Motet

Prayers after Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake 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.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Monty; his parents and godparents gather at the Chancel Steps.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Monty, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Final Hymn Longing for Light.

¹ Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

² Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

³ Many the gifts, many the people.

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in Your church

Gathered today.

Written B. Farrell (b. 1957)

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; ✠ 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 the light and peace of Christ.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

6:30pm: Book of Common Prayer Service of Evening Prayer | Led by: Steve Purcell
Psalm(s): 119. 137-152. The Epistle: Ecclesiastes 11, 12. New Testament: 2 Timothy 2.1-7.

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)
Friday, Morning Prayer is at 8.30am (Live-streamed on Facebook)
All are warmly welcome to join us, whether in person or online.

Tuesday 27 October 2026 12(Noon) Holy Communion via Extension in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 1 November 2026: Parish Mass for the Feast of All Saints

Reader(s): Chris Michell & Margaret Lydamore | Intercessor(s): David Gilbert | Chalice: Rev'd Nilesch Patel & Eileen Sinclair

WHAT'S ON AT S^T THOMAS'

Community Garden Work Days Saturday 31 October 10am - 12pm | Saturday 7 November 2pm - 4pm
Parish Mass for the Feast of All Saints Sunday 1 November, from 10am
Solemn Parish Mass for the Feast of All Souls Sunday 1 November, from 6pm
Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share' Lunches Wednesdays 4 November & 2 December
Pictures by the Park Socials: First Saturday of the Month Saturdays 7 November & 5 December
Parish Parade Mass on Remembrance Sunday with Requiem for the Fallen Sunday 8 November, from 10am
S^T Thomas' Quiz Night Saturday 14 November, from 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start
Service of Healing and Hope in Remembrancetide Sunday 15 November, from 4pm
S^T Thomas' Advent & Christmas Fair Saturday 28 November, from 1 - 4pm
Parish Mass on Advent Sunday Sunday 29 November, from 10am
Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter at S^T Thomas' Sunday 29 November, 6, 13 & 20 December
Christingle Service Sunday 6 December, from 4pm
Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday 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 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.

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, Caroline Baxter, Osa Boating, Nigel & Davina Brooks, Noel Chardon, Jenny Cornwell, Amy Dobbin, Leo and Estriana Douglas, Merfyn Edwards, Geraldine, Roger Grange, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Will Howson, Alison Johns, Ian King, Everard Lendor, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Marleen, Dermot Molloy, Stuart Minty, Izzy Neale, 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 soul of Dorothy Wiffen.

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.

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Remembrance Sunday Cake Sale

Join us for a selection of delicious cakes and sweet treats as we come together to support the

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Every purchase helps support the Armed Forces community and their families

All Welcome!

Sunday 8 November 2026
11:15 am - 12:00 pm
Cash Only, Please

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Community Garden Work Days

Saturday 31 October | 10am - 12pm

Saturday 7 November | 2pm - 4pm

All Welcome!

Tea and cake provided
Weather permitting
Bring gloves and gardening tools if you can

Please come and support St Thomas' Community Garden Project!



Trident Newsletter – Thank You and Appeal

After 35 years of dedicated service, Sue and Jill are stepping down as editors of the Trident Newsletter in December.

We offer them our heartfelt thanks for their outstanding commitment and sterling work.

We are now seeking a volunteer editor to help the clergy team gather parish news and stories for our online and social media platforms.

No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a little time!

Interested? Please speak to a member of the Clergy Team.



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