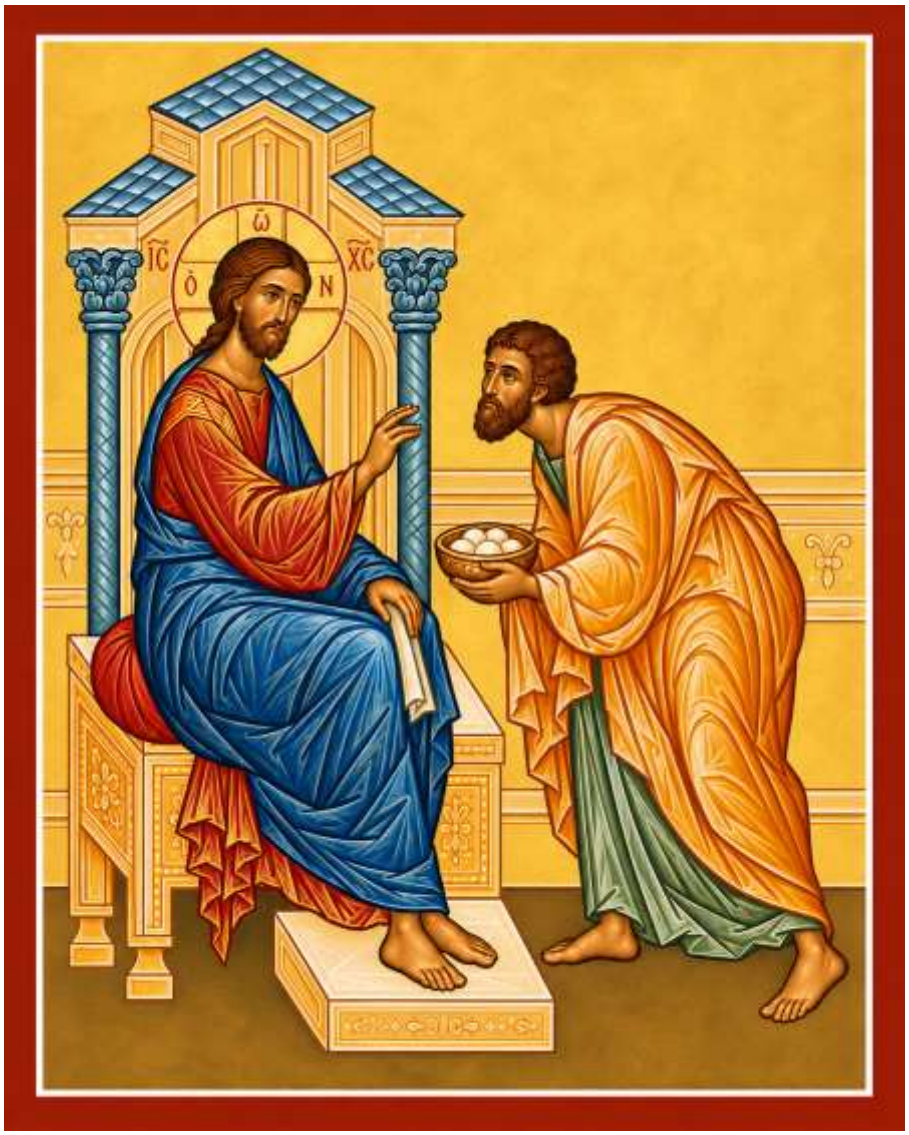
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
BOSTON ROAD, HANWELL, W7 2AD



15 November 2026

The Second Sunday before Advent

(Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Parish Mass

Preacher: Leslie Pringle BD AKC

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 452 Stand up, and bless the Lord.

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading
(Read by: Judy Neale)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their

hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the word of the Lord. (Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end)
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

1. LORD thou hast ' been our ' refuge : from one gene'ration ' to an'other.

2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the ' world were ' made : thou art God from ever'lasting and ' world without ' end.

3. Thou turnest ' man to de'struction : again thou sayest, Come a'gain ye ' children of ' men.

4. For a thousand years in thy sight ' are but as ' yesterday : seeing that is ' past • as a ' watch in the ' night.

5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are ' even as a ' sleep : and fade away ' suddenly ' like the ' grass.

6. In the morning it is green and ' groweth ' up : but in the evening it is cut down ' dri-ed ' up and ' withered.

7. For we consume away in ' thy dis'pleasure : and are afraid at thy ' wrathful ' indig'nation.

8. Thou hast set our mis'deeds be'fore thee : and our secret ' sins in the ' light of thy ' countenance.

12. So teach us to ' number our ' days : that we may ap'ply our ' hearts unto ' wisdom.

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 90. 1-8, 12 - Domine, refugium)

The Second Reading
(Read by: Pauline Britton)

A reading from the First Epistle of S^{T}. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will

come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11)
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful in a few things, I will put you over many 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$^{T.}$ Matthew.
Glory to you O Lord.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. (ST. Matthew 25. 14-30)

Praise to you O Christ.

The Sermon or Homily

The Motet

'Sing wth all joufulness' (Cantate Domino)

Music: G. O. Pitoni (1657-1743) | Words: Psalm 149, paraphrased by P Wigmore

Sing with all joyfulness, sing, come, sing to God, your creator, sing a new song to your maker, come, praise him with the people of his kingdom, with the people of his kingdom.

Israel, be joyful and glad in him, be joyful and glad in him, in him who made you his own.

Come, children of Zion, come, children of Zion, be joyful, be joyful,
be joyful, rejoice and be glad in your King, be joyful, rejoice and be glad in your King.

The Nicene Creed

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: Steve Purcell)

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 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 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus.

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 57 The race that long in darkness pined.

Prayers after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 361 Forth in the peace of Christ we go.

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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Service of Healing and Hope in Remembrancetide

Come as you are and find peace and comfort in God's loving presence. Experience His healing grace and renewal through prayer and the laying on of hands.

Sunday 15 November 2026
4pm

For ages 10-16

St Thomas Church

YOUTH GROUP

Food
Fun
Friends

SUN 8 NOV
4 - 5.30pm
Music and Ice Cream Floats

SUN 22 NOV
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Eleanor Sanderson

Walking with Angels

The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026



Footsteps of Faith: Walking with Angels

Join us for a time of study during Advent. A time for reflection, discussion, and prayer. Refreshments provided. Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel.

AFTERNOON SESSION	EVENING SESSION
2:00 to 3:30 pm	7:00 to 8:30 pm

25 November: Do Not Be Afraid; The Lord Is With You
2 December: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
9 December: Glory to God in the Highest
16 December: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

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Invites you to our

CHRISTMAS FAIR

28 NOVEMBER - 1 TO 4 PM

£1 entry (Children under 11 go free!)

Face painting, Live Animal Nativity, Music, Father Christmas, Family Photographs, Christmas Tombola, Gift Stall, Raffle, Books, Toys & Games, Food, Tea & Coffee and much more!





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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 17 November 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.

Friday Prayer & Praise Sessions (During Term Time) from 1.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Sunday 22 November 2026: Parish Mass for the Sunday next before Advent
Reader(s): Pauline Harrison & Alan McDougall| Intercessor(s): Roger Grange |
Chalice: Rev'd Nilesh Patel & Fade Solanke-Mitterer

WHATS ON AT ST THOMAS'

Footsteps of Faith: Walking with Angels Study Sessions Wednesdays 25 Nov, 2, 9 & 16 December 2pm or 7pm
ST. Thomas' Youth Group 'Christmas DIY' Sunday 22 November, from 4 – 5.30pm
ST. Thomas' Christmas Fair Saturday 28 November, from 1 - 4pm
Parish Mass on Advent Sunday Sunday 29 November, from 10am
Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter at ST. Thomas' Sunday 29 November, 6, 13 & 20 December
Over 50's Fellowship 'Bring & Share' Lunches 2 December
Christingle Service Sunday 6 December, from 4pm
Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday 13 December, from 6pm
Parish Mass on Fourth Sunday of Advent with Nativity by Junior Church Sunday 20 December, from 10am
ST. Thomas' Christmas Eve Crib Service Thursday 24 December, from 4pm
Midnight Mass (The First Mass of Christmas) Thursday 24 December, from 11.30pm
Parish Mass on Christmas Day Friday 25 December, from 10am
Parish Mass & Votive for ST. Stephen the Protomartyr Sunday 27 December, from 10am
Parish Mass for the Feast of Epiphany Sunday 3 January, from 10am (Celebrant & Preacher – Rev'd David Wang)

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