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8 November 2026

Remembrance Sunday

(Inc. Act of Remembrance & Requiem to the Fallen)

Parish Parade Mass

"When you go home, tell them of us and say,

'For your tomorrow we gave our today'"

Welcome to St Thomas the Apostle Church, Hanwell for this very special Parish Parade Mass. We hope you enjoy your time with us. Today we remember those who have given their lives in conflicts past and present. We observe this Remembrance through the Traditional 2-minute silence at 11am, and in the context of the central act of Christian worship, the Eucharist. 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 Welcome and Gathering

Please STAND as the Sanctuary bell is chimmed. The Choir and Altar Party enter.

The Processional Hymn 480 In Christ there is no East or West.

The Processional Hymn is sung and the uniformed groups parade their Colours to the Sanctuary steps.

1. In Christ there is no East or West,
In him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

2. Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

3. In Christ now meet both East and West,
In him meet South and North;
All Christlike souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide Earth.

R. Wainwright (1758-1825)
Divine Hymns (1774)
J. Oxenham (1852-1941

✠ 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.

We are here to worship Almighty God, whose purposes are good; whose power sustains the world he has made.

As we give thanks for his great works, we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; we pray for all who suffer through war and are in need; we ask for his help and blessing that we may do his will, and that the whole world may acknowledge him as Lord and King.

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
We confess that we have sinned
in thought, and word and deed.
We have not loved our with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and humbly walk with you, our God.
Amen.

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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading
(Read by a Young Person

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

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.'

This is the word of the Lord. (2 Thessalonians 2. 13-18)
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn Be still, my soul.

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise
On earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways,
So shall He view thee with a well pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

Text: Katherine von Schlegel c.1752 (1697-1777) | Trans: Jane L. Borthwick c.1855 (1813-1897)
Music: J. Sibelius,c.1899 1865-1957 | Tune: 'Finlandia'

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord : 'that I should lose none, but raise them up on the last day.' (cf. S^{T}. John 6.39)

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.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. (S^{T}. John 6. 37-40)
Praise to you O Christ.

The Homily

The Prayers of Intercession

Dear God, Today we remember all those who have died in wars and conflicts.
Thank you for their courage and the sacrifice they made for peace and freedom.
Help us never to forget them, and to live our lives with kindness and bravery.

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear God, We pray for peace in our world. Please bring comfort and safety to the people of Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine, and to all places where there is war and fear.
Where there is hatred, bring love. Where there is fighting, bring peace.
Help us to be peacemakers in our homes, our school, and our world.

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear God, we thank you for everyone who serves in the armed forces today.
Please keep them safe wherever they go, and give them courage to do what is right.
Bless their families who wait and worry for them, and bring them safely home.

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear God, we remember those who were injured in war, and those who lost someone they love. Be close to them when they feel pain or sadness. Give them comfort, healing, and hope for brighter days. Help us to care for all who suffer because of war.

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of peace that so many hoped and fought for.
Help us to carry their light forward — to learn from the past, to work together today, and to trust in your love for all people.

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear God, wars cause terrible destruction to our planet, as do storms and floods.
Please help nature to recover. We think if everyone in the Caribbean who has been affected by the recent hurricane, and for all who are working to rebuild their lives and homes. Help us to care for your world and protect it for the future.

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

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

(S[T]. John 14.27)

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 354 Eternal Father, strong to save.

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Music: J. B. Dykes (1823-76) | Tune: 'Melita'
Words: W. Whitting (1825-78

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread and 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin, breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead you have given us new birth into a living hope, into an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so we join with angels and archangels, with all your faithful people, evermore 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.

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

Uniting our prayers with the living and departed, 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 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 119 The strife is o'er.

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!

2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!

3. On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!

4. He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.
Alleluya!

Latin, 17th century
Trans: F. Pott (1832–1909)

The Act of Remembrance & Requiem to the Fallen

The Altar party move to the War Memorial with those who are to lay wreaths.
The Congregation gather near to, or turn and face the memorial for the Act of Remembrance at the rear of the Church.
The wreaths are laid at the Memorial by the uniformed groups and on behalf of the people of St Thomas'.
The names of those on the Memorial are read aloud as we come to our Act of Remembrance.

All gather in Silence.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

(Micah 6.8)

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

An older person says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger Person replies, saying:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All affirm, saying:

We will remember them.

The beginning of the two-minute silence is signalled by the Last Post.

Silence is kept.

The completion of the two-minute Silence is signalled by the Reveille.

Let us pray.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All parties return to their places.



The Motet

R. Farrant (c1525 – 1580) | Edited by: G. Bantock (1868-1946)
Words: Psalm 25. 5, 6)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth,
but according to thy mercy, think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Parish Notices

Final Hymn 391 King of glory, King of peace.

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

J. D. Jones (1827-70)
Tune: 'Gwalchmai'
Words: G. Herbert (1593-1632)

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory; ✠ 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): 82. The Epistle: Judges 7. 2-22. The Gospel: S^{T}. John 15. 9-17.

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 10 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 15 November 2026: Parish Mass for the Second Sunday before Advent
Reader(s): Pauline Britton & Judy Neale | Intercessor(s): Steve Purcell| Chalice: Rev'd Nilesh Patel & Alison Baxendale

WHATS ON AT S^{T} THOMAS'

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
Footsteps of Faith: Walking with Angels Study Sessions Wednesdays 25 Nov, 2, 9 & 16 December 2pm or 7pm
S^{T} 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 S^{T} 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

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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 Nilesh, 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, Celia Griffith, Darren Hancock, Alison Johns, Ian King, Everard Lendor, Nick Lunn, Jane Marland, Marleen, Dermot Molloy, Izzy Neale, Marion Newlands, Elizabeth Nsefik, Cynthia Noel, Sarah, Julia Schumman, Colin Spooner & Linda Williams.

The Recently Departed: especially we pray for the repose of the soul of Stuart Minty.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: especially: Myra Adams, Anthony Joseph, Betty Riordan, Edmund Noel, Gladys Venner, Norman Newlyn, and Bill Duce.



