



The Parish Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury Brentwood

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT – 19th February 2012



We welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, any newcomers to our church today. Please make yourself known to one of the priests or the people who gave you the service books. Younger children may be taken into the crèche in the Church Centre for a time-out as necessary (through the doors on the right near the organ). After the 10.00am Mass please come through to the Church Centre for tea or coffee and to meet other members of the congregation. At holy communion, if you do not normally receive the blessed sacrament you are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, carrying the yellow booklet as a sign; and we do ask everyone to try and keep a time of quiet prayerfulness during this part of the service.

### 8.00am MASS

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Ossie  
Readings as at 10.00am

### 10.00am SUNG MASS

Celebrant: Father Colin Preacher: Father Ossie

#### Introductory Rite (yellow book page 5)

Entrance Hymn: **408 (1st tune)**

Kyrie: *Harold Darke* in F

Gloria: Mass of Saint Thomas - *David Thorne*

Collect:

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Liturgy of the Word (page 7)

First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Steven Howarth

Responsorial Psalm 50:1-8 - *Philip Moore* Brian Lynn

*Please join in the response:*

**The heavens declare his righteousness  
for God himself is judge**



The heav-ens de-clare his right-eous-ness for God him-self is Judge.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Carolyn Robertson

Gospel Acclamation: St Thomas Alleluia - *David Rooke*

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Intercessions: Martin Oxley

#### Liturgy of the Sacrament (page 9)

Offertory Hymn: **485(omit verse 4)**

Sanctus Benedictus & Agnus Dei: *Harold Darke* in F

Motet: Oculi omnium - *Charles Wood*

Communion Hymn: **296 (1st tune)**

#### Concluding Rite (page 14)

Final Hymn: **466**

Organ: Fantasia - *Johann Krebs* (Sarah Stonehouse)

### 6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: *William Byrd*

Psalm 2

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 4-12 2 Peter 1: 16-end

Canticles: *Thomas Tertius Noble* in B minor

Anthem: Hail gladdening light - *Geoffrey Shaw*

Hymns: **257 401 451**

Organ: Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons -  
*Charles Villiers Stanford* (Sam Adams)

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon	20	<i>No Mass</i>	
Tue	21	9.30am	Mass <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>
Wed	22	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
		12.15pm	Mass & Ashing & Ploughman's Lunch
		8.00pm	Solemn Mass & Ashing
Thu	23	<i>No Mass</i>	
Fri	24	8.00am	Mass
Sat	25	9.30am	Mass of Requiem
Sun	26	8.00am	Mass
		10.00am	Sung Mass
		6.30pm	Choral Evensong & Stations of the Cross
			<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>

<b>VICAR</b>	Father Colin Hewitt	225700
<b>ASSISTANT CURATE</b>	Father Dr Guy Sumpter	226166
<b>RETIRED CLERGY</b>	Father Ossie Trellis	
<b>CHURCHWARDENS</b>	Paul Pullin	232267
	John Gowlett	218084
<b>CHURCH CENTRE</b>		201094
<b>Open:</b>	Monday - Friday	9.00am to 3.00pm
	Saturday	9.00am to 12 noon
<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>		201094

**Open:** Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am to 12 noon  
also open during the Ministry Team Surgery held on  
Wednesdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm for enquiries,  
including Baptisms and Weddings

And from the cloud there came a voice,

“This is my Son, the Beloved;

Listen to him!”

*Mark 9 verse 9*

# NOTICES

**WELCOME** to St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Church, Brentwood. Congratulations to David Rooke our Musical Director, Sarah who played the organ and all the choir who sang Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral last week. Thank you also to all who supported the choir and to Julie Grange for organising the coach for this great day out.

**Birthdays:** Congratulations to Colin Fisher, who's birthday is TODAY, and to Ryan O'Flaherty, Paul Bradbrook, Wendy Spring, Frederic Farel, Katie Murphy, Daniel Burke, Christopher Robertson, Peter Best, Craig Gurney, Amanda Wren, Harry Adams, Luca Domingue-Bregante, Isabelle Smith and Christopher Wright, who all have birthdays this coming week.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL BEFORE LENT.** Please join us today after the 10.00am Mass for refreshments at the back of church – the last opportunity until Easter time.

**'61' CLUB:** The next meeting will be **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** at **2.00pm** in the Church Hall, when we will discuss the programme for 2012, followed by refreshments. Visitors and new members will be most welcome.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM.** This year, our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will be held on the weekend of 25-27 May, and will be led by Fr Colin. Accommodation, with full board and conductor, costs £120 per adult, (£74 per child) and is open to everyone. Please sign up, with your deposit of £30 to Fr Colin, as soon as possible.

**Junior School Quiz - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm** in the school hall - tickets available from Jenny Downs. Please bring your own drink and nibbles.

**Brentwood Foodbank:** please continue to help local people in crisis by donating food in the box in the Foyer: tea, coffee, tins, cereals, biscuits, etc. More details from [www.brentwoodfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.brentwoodfoodbank.org.uk) or call 01277 849047, or chat to Mrs June Chadwick, our Parish Reader.

**The Spire:** deadline for items to be included in the Spring issue is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March, available for sale Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please pin your material to the Message Board in the Church Centre marked for Chris Rooke's attention, or you can email it to [Christine.rooke@googlemail.com](mailto:Christine.rooke@googlemail.com). Sadly it has been necessary to increase the price to 80p due to the rising cost of paper and printing. However, if you pay for the year (four copies) the cost will be only £3.00. Thank you.

**Spring Concert** in aid of Local Rotary Charities. The Annual Concert will take place in our church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm, featuring the Phoenix Youth Orchestra...and our own Organ Scholar, George Ford. If you would like to buy a ticket from Fr Colin, they are £10 each.

## \*Restoration Fund - that final bit of the roof

Please put on your thinking caps to help raise funds for your church roof that needs repairing and restoring (the section above the South Aisle, near the Foyer door). It is the last area to be restored and needs attention before next winter. We have raised almost £10,000 already, and will again ask Helen Wright and John Gowlett to apply to various charities to help us in the task. Any further help will be much appreciated - please use your imaginations, to inspire both the Social and the Restoration Committees, or to run an event yourself. The following events have already been organised - please give them your full support.

- ❖ **St Thomas' Musical Youth Showcase: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30pm.** Many of our musically talented youngsters have already volunteered to be part of this wonderful event. Tickets (£5) are already going on sale (See Jenny at the back of church, during the *Social* after Mass).
- ❖ **Sponsored Organ Voluntarys:** if you wish to sponsor an organ voluntary please collect a form from the Welcome Desk or speak to David Rooke. Money donated will go to the Roof Fund.
- ❖ And if you are a UK taxpayer please **Gift Aid your giving** – this will also help the Restoration Appeal.

## What's on this week in the Church & Centre?

Café open each weekday 9am to 3pm (Saturday 9am to 12 noon)

Mon	20	Cubs	6.30pm
Tues	21	Mass Beaver Scouts	9.30am 5.00pm
Wed	22	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Toddlers & Parents Service Toddlers Prayer and Meditation Mass with imposition of ashes Ploughman's Lunch Rainbows Brownies Mass with imposition of ashes	9.30am 10.00am 11.30am 12.15pm 1.00pm 4.00pm 5.15pm 8.00pm
Thu	23	Video Club Bellringing practice Wedding Preparation evening	7.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm
Fri	24	Mass Youth Group (STYG)	8.00am 7.00pm
Sat	25	Requiem Mass	9.30am

**LENT 2012:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, when there will be Masses at 12.15pm and 8.00pm with imposition of ashes.

**Each Wednesday during Lent** - between 11.30am and 12 noon – there will be a short period of prayer, meditation and quiet, observed in church, when the Holy Sacrament will be exposed on the altar in the Lady Chapel. Please join us in prayer, even if for a few minutes or so. And on **Sundays at 5.00pm** there will be a short five week study for Lent using Bishop Steven Croft's book entitled 'Experiencing God's Love' - to which everyone is welcome. Copies of the book are available TODAY from Father Guy at £5.25 each.

Please take this sheet home with you as a reminder of what is happening in our church.

Please visit our websites: [www.st-thomas.org.uk](http://www.st-thomas.org.uk) and [www.music-at-st-thomas.org.uk](http://www.music-at-st-thomas.org.uk) Fr Colin's email: [fathercolin@live.co.uk](mailto:fathercolin@live.co.uk)