

Sunday 13th July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us online for our services. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Hall. Please place your offering in the plate at the back of church before the service begins or use the QR code on each pew or use the card machine.

Hymns

	St Thomas	St James
Processional	422	436
Before the Gospel	26	271
Offertory	186	SHEET
		Great is thy
During Communion	464	282
	506	
Final	172	495

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook page*

Tuesday 9.30am Thomas Tots *at St Thomas' Hall*
 10am Eucharist *at St James*
 12-2pm Eat and Meat *at St James' Hall*
 7pm St Thomas' PCC *in the Refectory*

Thursday 9am End of term Eucharist *at St John's Stonefold*
 11am Eucharist *at St Thomas' with Bishop Philip*
 11-1pm Refectory Café open.

Next Sunday – 20th July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9:15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 10:45 Parish Eucharist *at St James*
 3.30 BCP Evening Prayer *at St Thomas'*

“Eat and Meat” Tuesday 15th July 12-2pm

A reminder that the Eat and Meat event will go ahead this Tuesday 15th July at St James Hall.

Bishop Philip’s Visit to Accrington Deanery 17th July

Bishop Philip will visit our Deanery on Thursday. Amongst his itinerary is to preside at the Eucharist at St Thomas’ at the changed time of 11:00am. All are welcome of course. The Refectory café will run as usual from 11:00am and the Bishop will take his lunch there after the service.

Christian Memory Service for folks with dementia and their carers - Tuesday 22nd July

Ilam Haslingden Community Link presented by Anna Chaplaincy.

It is the first Christian service of its kind in Rossendale. All are welcome and your support would be really appreciated.

After the service there will be tea and biscuits and time for a chat.

St James Patronal Festival Sunday 27th July 10:45am

This will be followed by fizz and cake then a Fundraising Meeting.

Raise the Roof! Station Pub Helmshore.

On Sunday 24th August during the afternoon and early evening, the Station Pub are holding an outdoor music event to raise funds for St Thomas’ Spire Project. You may well remember last year’s successful event. It is great that we’re being supported again by our local community.

All money taken ‘on the doors’ will be donated to the project. Please support the event by attending and support the pub by spending some money in the bar!

Volunteers from church are needed on the doors (on a shift basis) and also to run a stall. If you are willing to volunteer please let Fr Simon know and a meeting will be arranged in the pub as we did last year.

Donations are needed for the bottle tombola stall. All proceeds from this stall will be added to the monies taken on the door and go to our Spire fund. In addition to the live bands it is hoped that RMVC and the Ukes of Hazy will be booked to perform!

Forthcoming PCC Meetings

St Thomas: Tuesday 15th July at 7pm in the Refectory.

St James: Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm in the Hall.

Thomas' Tots are looking for a new helper

Would anybody who would be interested in helping on term-time Tuesday mornings please make themselves known to Lin or Fr Simon.

Plastic Free July

The annual drive to highlight the dangers of plastic waste and reduce our use of plastics has arrived. This movement has inspired 100 million participants in 190 countries. Could you add to this number? Small individual changes can make a big difference to the whole picture.

This year we are asked to make a pledge to reduce single use plastic, be it refusing plastic bags, straws or drinking cups etc. For more guidance have a look at the website plasticfreejuly.org

Whilst there, why not take the Pesky Plastics Quiz and see how you are doing with avoiding plastics use.

Give it a go and help protect God's Earth and Nature.

Green Fayre

Our first ever St Thomas Green Fayre was a success, spreading the message of how we can combat climate change and look after our environment and nature. Although not run as a fund raiser, the plant stall, cakes and refreshments, recycled books and craft stall took in total £332.22. The church gardening team will be using some of this money to buy protective film for the hall greenhouse, making it safe for hall garden users. The rest of the money will go towards church repairs etc.

Thankyou to all who attended and helped with baking, running stalls etc.

The hall Eco Church notice board has been changed to highlight the Green Fayre. Please take time to have a look over coffee.

Inclusive Church

Large print hymns books and Order of Service booklets are available. St Thomas also has some magnifying glasses with back lights. If you would like to use any of them, please ask. We are moving towards having Order of Service booklets printed on yellow paper which people with dyslexia or visual stress may like to use. At St Thomas' there is now a bell inside the western entrance, at accessible height, to alert helpers.

Food Support

The demand for food assistance remains high and we are beginning to run low on stock. Donations of the following would be gratefully received: pasta and sauce, tins of meat, tins of cold meat, microwavable rice, long life milk, tins of fruit, tins of vegetables and potatoes, noodles. Thank you to those who already give so generously.

Weekly Prayer List for the sick

Please contact Revd. Judith to include a name on the weekly prayer list.

For your prayers

Charley, Lizzie, Rachael, Quentin, John, Frances, Mother Mo, Sophie, Cynthia, Andrew, Anthony, Neville, Roz, Simon, Sara, Margaret, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Edna, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Shirley.

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

Please also let us know when someone is unwell or goes in to hospital.