

Sunday 6th July 2025

Third Sunday after Trinity

'The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few'

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	134	334
Before the Gospel	270	285
Offertory	473	484
During Communion	295	295
	60	
Final	310	SHEET <i>Lord for the years</i>

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
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
Saturday	2-4pm	Messy Church event at St Thomas' Hall

Next Sunday – 13th July: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8:00	Said Eucharist at St Thomas'
9.15	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas' (including the licensing of Tricia Calway as Anna Chaplain)
10.45	Parish Eucharist at St James

Messy Church Event Saturday 12th July at St Thomas' Hall

Advance notice of our next Messy Church event. The theme is 'Journey'. If you are young or young at heart please come along and bring your friends and family for fun, food, friendship, worship, crafts and activities. Would anybody willing to help with the activities please make themselves known to Fr Simon.

Food Donations at Tesco

For the whole of July, any food donated at Tesco's is intended for Haslingden Link. They, in turn, will pass it to us to help in our part of providing food assistance for those in need. If anybody is available to make the collections once a week during July and bring them directly to St James church then please speak to Fr Simon.

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 Hazzzy 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.