

Sunday 3rd August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

'You have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self.'

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	522	<i>SHEET</i> <i>To God be the</i>
Before the Gospel	62	137
Offertory	90	<i>SHEET</i> <i>Blessed assurance</i>
During Communion	455 464	376
Final	139	408

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook page
Tuesday	10am	Eucharist at St James
	11am	Children's Ministry Group at St James
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
	12:30	Funeral of Bette Nelson at St Thomas'.

Next Sunday – 10th August: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00	Said Eucharist at St Thomas'
9:15	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
10:45	Parish Eucharist at St James'

VJ Memorial Service at Helmshore Cenotaph 15th August 11:00am
Lead by the RBL and Fr Simon. All welcome.

Diocesan Renewal Programme

Both PCC's have accepted Bishop Joe's invitation to join the Diocesan Renewal Programme. The Diocesan Renewal Programme (DRP) is an exciting opportunity to focus on renewal and growth in both parishes, and to continue to see people from our parishes come to know Jesus in the years ahead. Parishes who have taken part in this programme have reported growth in prayer, in missional confidence, in number, and a greater energy for mission in their PCC. We will be given dedicated support from the Diocese and also places on the Leading Your Church into Growth (LyCiG) conference in October this year. Please support and keep this initiative in your prayers.

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 (live bands, Ukes of Hazy and hopefully the RMVC). All money taken 'on the doors' will be donated to St Thomas'. 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 put your name in the appropriate box on the form at the back of church.

Donations are needed for the bottle tombola stall. All proceeds from this stall will be added to the monies taken on the door.

'The Fourmost' Friday 19th September 7.30pm at St Thomas'

The band will play their hits from the 60s and other songs from that era in '90 minutes of pure joy'. Tickets available from Steve on 07842769175
See the advertisement at the back of these notices.

Grass Cutting and 'Push Tests'

A point of information for both churches. Both churchyards are "closed" which means that they are under the care of Rossendale Borough Council. The Council is responsible for grass cutting and general maintenance. Both churches benefit from volunteers who do their bit to keep the graveyards as tidy as possible but the Council have been slow in keeping to the grass cutting schedule. The Council have recently mowed a lawn mower's width alongside graveyard paths but will not go further in until memorial push tests are done (also the responsibility of the Council). We are very much in their hands. Any complaints from the general public should be directed towards the Council.

Eco Church working towards the Gold Award

The Eco church team would like to know if their efforts to encourage our congregation to care for God's Earth is being taken on board. Be it by avoiding single use plastic, lowering energy consumption, recycling, caring for nature or any of the other many ways that we as individuals can play our part. Please fill in the sheet at the back of church with some of the changes that you have made already or speak to one of the Eco church team. Your responses will help us move the church towards our Gold award. Thankyou on behalf of the Eco Church team. Heather.

Inclusive Church

Large print hymns books and Order of Service booklets are available. St Thomas also has some magnifying glasses with back lights, two sets of ear defenders and a small selection of sensory toys. If you know anyone who would like to bring children or adults with SEND please let them know they are very welcome. We are moving towards having Order of Service booklets printed on yellow paper which people with dyslexia or visual stress may like to use.

Food Support

The demand for food assistance remains high. Donations of the following would be gratefully received: pasta and sauce, tins of 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, Katie, Sara, Alastair, Margaret, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Edna, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Shirley, Hazel.

For all who have died in the past week, remembering Val Ellend and Bette Nelson, 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.