

# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

## Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

*'For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'*

**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		486
Before the Gospel		86
Offertory		272
During Communion		294
Final		466

### 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

**Wednesday** am Funeral of Ian Bond at St Thomas'  
2pm Hazel's Social Group in the Refectory

**Thursday** 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'  
11-1pm Refectory Café open.

*Father Simon is away between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Sunday 7th*

### Next Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> September: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

## Thank You!

To all who helped with the “Raise the Roof” event at the Station Pub on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. We raised a wonderful £3200 for the work needed in church. Well done all and a big thank you to Nicola, the Landlady at the Station.

## Film Night – “Just Mercy” beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at St James’ Hall

Great film and great discussion (it always is!). If you can’t make the first session when we show the film in its entirety you will find it on BBC i-player or catch up TV as it was shown on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August on BBI at 11:30pm.

## Diocesan Renewal Programme

A reminder to keep the programme, and the participation of both parishes, in your prayers. Prayers especially for those attending the ‘Launch Evening’ at Whalley Abbey on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm in St Thomas’ Hall.

To support ‘Second Hand September’ there will be pre-loved toys, clothes, books, crafts, plants and good quality household items for sale. Admission £3 includes cake and a hot drink. Donations for stalls and raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see Linda or Lin.

The hall will be set up on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September between 2 and 4pm** (all help offered will be welcome) during which time items can be dropped off.

## Harvest Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> October

St James’ Church Children’s ministry group are linking with the Wrap Up charity to run a coat collection as part of the Harvest program.



We will be accepting donations of coats that you may have grown out of, or simply no longer wear, but could still be of use to the homeless and vulnerable. Collection boxes will be available in St James Church for 7 weeks from Sunday 14 September until Sunday 26 October. This initiative has been prompted by the children attending our children’s group during Sunday

services. Please encourage them by donating as generously as you can.

Donations welcome from both churches of course!

St Thomas' Eco-Church group are planning a special service for Harvest Sunday at St Thomas'. This is an exciting development: details to follow.

### **Welcomers at St Thomas**

New welcomers needed. Please make yourself known to the existing welcomers team if you would be interested in taking part in this important part of the ministry of the church. No experience necessary. Full training provided!

### **'The Fourmost' Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **St Thomas Refectory**

We usually open the first and third Thursdays of each month. We have a very loyal team of helpers and bakers but would welcome more if anyone can assist. We need people to prepare and serve food and drinks, take orders and also bakers. If you might be able to help please speak to Wendy or one of the refectory team or come along one Thursday and see what we do.

### **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.

## **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, Katie, Sara, Alastair, James, Margaret, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Shirley, Hazel, Gordon.

For all who have recently died remembering Ian Bond, Norma Lloyd, Edna Bond 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.***