

Sunday 17th August 2025

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!'

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	467	186
Before the Gospel	516	467
Offertory	394	52
During Communion	299	341
	40	
Final	128	359

The Week Ahead & Information

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

Tuesday 10am Eucharist at St James

Thursday 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'
1pm Funeral of Shirley Adams at St James

(please note the time of Shirley's Funeral – this is different to the time initially given by the funeral directors)

Next Sunday – 24th August: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 Said Eucharist at St. Thomas'

9.15 Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'

10.45 Parish Eucharist at St James

Greater Good Project Sunday 10th August: St Thomas' Hall

Thank you to Lin and all the team who assisted with this. The organisers were very grateful and raised £1400 for their cause. Well done all.

Joint Service on Sunday 31st August 10:00am St James'

Sunday August 31st is a "Fifth Sunday" and there shall be only one service on that day to be held at 10:00am at St James.

The next "Fifth Sunday" is November 30th where the joint service will be held at St Thomas'. Please note this is a change to what was stated in last week's notices.

Film Night – "Just Mercy" beginning Monday 15th September 7pm at St James' Hall

Great film and great discussion (it always is!)

St Thomas' Hall Deep Clean 14th August 9:00-12:00

If you can spare an hour or two to assist please come along. Your presence will be very much appreciated.

St James Church Deep Clean 18th August beginning 9:30

If you can spare an hour or two to assist please come along. Your presence will be very much appreciated.

Diocesan Renewal Programme

A reminder to keep the programme, and the participation of both parishes, in your prayers.

Raise the Roof! Station Pub Helmshore.

Please keep your bottle donations coming in!

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!

Saturday 6th 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 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.

St Thomas Refectory

The Refectory Cafe is closed in August but will open again on Thursday 4th September.

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. 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 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, Edna, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Shirley, Hazel, Gordon.

For all who have recently died remembering Shirley Adams, Norma Lloyd 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.