

# Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## Tenth Sunday after Trinity

*'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'*

**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	158	362
Before the Gospel	302	387
Offertory	298	357
During Communion	53	<i>SHEET</i>
	27	<i>Be still</i>
Final	293	368

### The Week Ahead & Information

<b>Tue-Fri</b>	9am	Morning Prayer on <i>St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am	Eucharist at <i>St James</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>

### Next Sunday – 31st August: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00 Joint Parish Eucharist at *St. James*

### Thank You!

To all who helped with the recent deep cleans at St Thomas' Hall and St James Church. There were many volunteers and much hard work, all deeply appreciated.

## **Joint Service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 10:00am St James**

Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> where the joint service will be held at St Thomas’.

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

Great film and great discussion (it always is!)

## **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’ on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Raise the Roof! Station Pub Helmshore.**

This afternoon and evening! Still time for bottle donations. Please do attend the event and support the Station in this fund-raising effort made on the behalf of St Thomas’.

## **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 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 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**

The Refectory Cafe is closed in August but will open again on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Anna Chaplaincy Service Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11 am Memory Worship – Joseph and his coat of many colours.**

Join us for a joyful and reflective service featuring the well-loved story of Joseph, sing along with Broadway favourites, classic hymns and heartfelt prayers.

### **Ecumenical Notices:**

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2pm a Multi Faith service of prayer, with the theme of PEACE.**

In the International week of Prayer come and join us and share our peace prayers. Prayers from Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Jewish faiths All are welcome.

Also, see the poster in the entrance vestibule detailing prayer events during Rossendale during September.

## **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 Ian Bond, 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.***