

Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

‘Neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead’.

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	354	413
Before the Gospel	186	SHEET
		<i>Great is thy faithfulness</i>
Offertory	30	263
During Communion	63	341
	73	
Final	296	394

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook page
	7pm	Film Night at St James Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Thomas Tots at St Thomas' Hall
	10am	Eucharist at St James
Wednesday	1.30pm	Hazel's Social Group in the Refectory
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
	11-1pm	Refectory Café Open!
Friday	7pm	Harvest Supper at St James' Hall

Next Sunday – 5th October: Harvest Festival

9:15	Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
10:45	Parish Eucharist at St James'
3.30	BCP Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Film Night – “Just Mercy” Monday 29th September 7pm at St James’ Hall

Great film and great discussion (it always is!). If you haven’t seen the film you will find it on BBC i-player or catch up TV as it was shown on Wednesday 27th August on BBI at 11:30pm.

Diocesan Renewal Programme

A reminder to keep the programme, and the participation of both parishes, in your prayers. Please pray for the PCC day on 4th October and the LyCiG conference to be held 13th -15th October and those from the parishes who are attending.

Friday 3rd October 7pm St James’s Hall: ‘Sit Thee Daewn’

A Lancashire Harvest Supper £5 (tickets from Julie Davis or the wardens)
An evening celebrating our Lancastrian heritage with music, verse and traditional hot pot supper

Harvest Sunday – 5th October “Wrap Up” and “Water Aid”.

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!

Also at St James will be the usual collection for Water Aid. Please be generous!

St Thomas’ Eco-Church group have planned a special service for Harvest Sunday at St Thomas’.

Harvest gifts of food for our foodbank will be most welcome. Thank you.

Invitation to St James Church Wednesday 8th October at 09:00am

To join the school children from St John's Stonefold for their Harvest worship in church. Come and support school and show them we value our children.

Invitation to St James Church Thursday 9th October at 09:00am

To join the school children from St James' at their termly worship in church. Come and support school and show them we value our children.

Messy Church Meeting 12th October

A meeting will be held after church on 12th October to prepare for our next Messy Event (Messy Remembrance) to be held on Saturday 8th November at St James. Anybody with ideas for the event or is willing to help please do join us for this meeting.

Fire Training for St Thomas Welcomers

To be held after church on 19th October.

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.

Toilet Twinning

We have one final toilet to twin. Once complete it will gain us a point in our quest to achieve the Eco Church gold award. Much more than that, it will give a struggling overseas community much needed sanitary provision, enabling dignity and preventing disease. Each toilet is £60 in total. Please consider donating in the box on the wall by the toilets in the hall.

Second Hand September

Its that time of year when our focus is on reminding people to cut consumerism, which is responsible for increased carbon output via manufacturing processes. We are encouraged to buy second hand goods be it clothing, tools, furnishings, books etc. Many websites now sell second hand items at a much reduced cost and of course, most shopping centres have a plethora of charity shops, were buying preloved items not only helps the environment, but also benefits the charity. - A Double Whammy !!

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, Mother Mo, Sophie, Cynthia, Andrew, Anthony, Roz, Simon, Katie, Sara, Alastair, James, Margaret, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Hazel, Gordon.

For all who have recently died 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.