

Sunday 7th September 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

'Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.'

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	9	272
Before the Gospel	313	239
Offertory	393	433
During Communion	464	Sheet
	72	Take my Life
Final	473	484

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
	2pm	Mother's Union Eucharist at St Thomas'
	7pm	St Thomas' PCC meeting in the Refectory
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
	1pm	Funeral of Edna Bond at St James
	7pm	Deanery Synod open meeting at St Peter's Laneside

Next Sunday – 14th September: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

St Thomas Mother's Union meeting Tuesday 9th September at 2pm in church for communion with Fr Simon.

Followed by refreshments. Diocesan president Susan Willoughby will be with us.

Deanery Synod 11th September 7.00pm at St Peter's Laneside.

To help prepare and support parishes for the Diocesan wide weekend of parish mission and outreach in September 2026, our Diocesan Renewal Lead, the Rev. Steve Haskett, will be attending this meeting of our Deanery Synod. Steve and his team will share video messages from Bishops Philip and Joe and will us begin to think how we might engage with this exciting initiative.

This is an open synod meeting which means all are invited. Please do attend if you can to find out how we can contribute to this initiative.

Film Night – “Just Mercy” beginning Monday 15th 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 it's entirety 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. Prayers especially for those attending the Clergy Evening at Whalley Abbey on September 18th.

Harvest Sunday – 5th 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.

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

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

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 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.

Rossendale Male Voice Choir Friday 26th September 7:30pm at St Peter's Laneside

The choir will be performing to "welcome in the cosy nights of autumn". See social media posts for details.

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.

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 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.