

Sunday 21st September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

'You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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	137	285
Before the Gospel	235	353
Offertory	328	SHEET <i>Make me a</i>
During Communion	60 352	307
Final	310	SHEET <i>Lord for the</i>

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** 4.30pm St Thomas' CMG in the Refectory
- Thursday** 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'
 2pm Thursday, Food and Friends in St Thomas' Hall
- Saturday** McMillan Coffee Morning (both churches). See notices below.
- Next Sunday – 28th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 Said Eucharist at St Thomas'
 9:15 Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
 10:45 Parish Eucharist at St James' (followed by fundraising meeting).

Film Night – “Just Mercy” Monday 22nd 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 LyCiG conference to be held in October and those from the parishes who are attending.

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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning Saturday 27th September. Two events!

Please come and join us to raise funds for this fantastic cause.

St Thomas’: 9.30 -12.30 on church car park weather permitting, or church hall if wet.

If you can bake for this, please could you let Joanne know on 07876015511.

St James: 10.30 - 12.00 in the hall at the back of church.

Please come and enjoy a Saturday morning cuppa with cake & good company whilst supporting this worthy cause.

Fundraising Meeting at St James after Church 28th September

All welcome to contribute ideas and discuss forthcoming events.

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 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.

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. *You have only one week left to complete the form!*

Your responses will help us move the church towards our Gold award.

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.