

Sunday 26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity

“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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	15	391
Offertory	394	333
During Communion	287 414	294
Final	505	52

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on <i>St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
	6.30pm	Joint PCC Meeting re <i>DRP at St James</i>
Tuesday	10am	Eucharist at <i>St James</i>
	7pm	St James Standing Committee at <i>St James</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
Saturday	11am	All Souls Service at <i>St James</i>

Next Sunday – 2nd November: All Saints Day

9.15	Parish Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
10.45	Parish Eucharist at <i>St James'</i>
3.00	All Souls Service at <i>St Thomas'</i>

Diocesan Renewal Programme

A reminder to keep the programme, and the participation of both parishes, in your prayers. Please pray the LyCiG prayer for growth as often as you can! A reminder that there will be a meeting at 6.30pm on 27th October at St James' for both PCCs in order to bring everybody up to date as to progress under the Programme.

Messy Church Event: Remembrance Saturday 8th November at St James 2-4pm.

Preparations are underway. Please put the date in your diary and bring along children and grandchildren. The format is the same and the topic is Remembrance and peace.

St Thomas' 200 Club

Tricia is standing down. As such there will be nobody to run the 200 Club into 2026. The Club will run as usual until the end of 2025. Would anybody who wishes to run the Club please make themselves known to Tricia or Fr Simon. If nobody comes forward the Club will cease to run after December 2025. If this happens, notice will be given so that you will have time to cancel your direct debit instructions if you wish to.

All Soul's Services for 2025

Over the weekend of 1st and 2nd November we will hold services to remember lost loved ones. At St James the service will be held on Saturday 1st November at 11:00am. At St Thomas' the service will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday 2nd November.

Sheets are available at the back of each church to enter the names of loved ones you would wish to be read out and remembered at the service.

Autumn Extravaganza at St James 15th November

Donations needed please: raffle prizes and chocolate for the chocolate tombola. Other dates for your diary: Christmas Band Concert 5th December; Christmas Lunch Sunday 14th December; Burns Night 25th January.

St. Thomas Coffee Morning Saturday 15th November

Donations for Choc and Bottle Stall and Raffle and Gift stall. Please leave in the box at rear of Church.

Pet Blessing Service at St Thomas' 3pm Sunday 16th November

All are welcome to this family friendly service, thanking God for our friends and companions from the animal world. Bring your pet for a blessing!

St Thomas' Hall Needs You!

The Hall is in need of people to help clean it on Monday mornings. If you are looking for a way of making a contribution why don't you consider this. Would anybody interested please make themselves known to Lin Cutforth or Fr Simon. Thank you.

Choir Members Needed at 2.30pm 10th December St James

The Nursery next door to St James will hold their Nativity Service in church on 10th December and are asking choir members to attend to help with the singing. Please come along if you are available!

The nursery would also love members of the choir to come to the nurse for a practice with the children at a date to be confirmed.

Leaf Compost at St Thomas'

Well-rotted leaf compost is now available to buy at £1 per bag. Help yourselves to the filled bags around the back of church near the Rhodes Avenue entrance. Please put your money in the post box on the church hall wall.

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. So far the collection has reached £32.52 so we are getting there. Please consider putting some change in for this worthwhile cause. Just 50p each would see the total reached!

Eco Church

The notice board in the Hall proudly shows the changes members of our congregation have made to sustain, protect and replenish God's good earth. Pen and paper are available for you to add any changes not already listed.

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.

The Halo project have also offered to provide us with an Asda 'shop' each month to help keep our stocks maintained.

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, Jim, 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.