

Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

'They shall not grow old'

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		<i>SHEET</i>
		Thy Hand O God
Before the Gospel		353
Offertory		333
During Communion		<i>SHEET</i>
		Make me a Channel
Final		<i>SHEET</i>
		<i>I Vow to Thee</i>

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook page
Monday	10.30	Funeral of Pauline Lomax at St Thomas'
	6.30pm	St James PCC meeting in the Hall
Tuesday	9.30am	Thomas Tots at St Thomas' Hall
	10am	Eucharist at St James
	12-2pm	'Eat and Meet' in St James Hall
	2pm	St Thomas MU meeting in the Refectory
	6pm	Inclusive Church Meeting Chez Shatliff
Thursday	9am	St James School KS2 Worship at St James
	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
	12.00	Funeral of Marian McKenzie at St Thomas'
	2pm	St James MU meet in the Hall
Saturday	10-1pm	St Thomas' Coffee Morning in Church Hall
	10-2pm	Autumn Extravaganza at St James

Next Sunday – 16th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45 Parish Eucharist *at St James'*

3.30 BCP Evening Prayer *at St Thomas'*

3.00 Pet Blessing Service *at St Thomas'*

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!

'Eat and Meet' 12-2pm Tuesday 11th November at St James Hall

Delicious, hot and home cooked 2 or 3 course meal available. No charge but many like to donate £5 for two courses or £7 for three. Tickets for the Christmas meal will be on sale on Tuesday 11th - price £10 each.

St Thomas Mother's Union Tuesday 11th November 2pm in the Refectory

We are making up Emergency Toilet Bags for Royal Blackburn Hospital. Carole Wensley will be collecting payment for our Christmas Meal at the Duckworth Arms. Please bring to Meeting, Menu Request and payment, £33. for 3 Courses £28 for 2 Courses. Cash or Cheque.

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.

Choir Practice for Christmas Concert. 16th November 12:15 at St James: All Welcome!

Newcomers welcome as we prepare for this year's Christmas Carol Concert.

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!

Joint Service Sunday 30th November at St Thomas' 10:00

Inclusive church will be boldly trying out the use of screens.

Advent Film Night 3rd December at St James

A lighthearted and gentle snow drift towards Christmas with A Miracle on 34th Street.

St Thomas' 200 Club

Hazel has kindly agreed to take over the running of the club. The Christmas draw will be on 23rd November during coffee after church.

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.

Toilet Twinning

We have one final toilet to twin. 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 £46.12 so we are nearly there – only £13.88 to go.

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.

Eco Church

As the Eco church team move towards the gold award we are looking for new members to join the group. If you are concerned about how climate change is affecting our world and care for the people and nature who suffer from those changes, then we would love you to join our enthusiastic team at St Thomas. Please speak to any member of the team to volunteer or ask any questions about the role.

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

Please keep your kind gifts coming. They are needed and appreciated.

Christmas Tablescaping.

The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral and Bill Dixon invite you to watch as he brings Christmas tables to life with his usual flair and repartee.

Tuesday 9th December, 10.30am at the Cathedral.

Tickets £22.50 to include a seasonal light lunch and mulled wine. Tel:01254 449016

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, remembering Pauline Lomax, Barbara Maudsley, Marian McKenzie, Marian McKenzie and Ann Johnstone 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.