

Sunday 28th December 2025

The First Sunday of Christmas

'Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel'

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	84	
Before the Gospel	183	
Offertory	226	
During Communion	320	
	75	
Final	439	

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook</i>
Tuesday	10am	No Eucharist at St James today
Thursday	10:am	No Eucharist at St Thomas today

Next Sunday – 4th December: Celebrated as the Epiphany

- 9.15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- 10:45 Sung Eucharist *at St James*
- 3.30 BCP Holy Communion *at St Thomas'*

Thank you!

To the many who contributed their time, money and effort into preparing and delivering the many services we offered in preparation for Christmas. Thank you, also, to all those who contribute to our food ministry. Together we continue to help many in need. The Church relies on these contributions to do it's work of making Jesus known to all.

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! Things will begin to pick up in speed during 2026. Your prayers are needed!

St Thomas' Christmas Charity: "Nothing is Impossible".

Thank you to all who contributed. We raised £85 in cash and also donated gifts to help those in need. Well done.

Repairs at St Thomas'

We are currently facing a number of bills at St Thomas' for repairs. The Refectory floor needs to be strengthened urgently, the leaking underfloor pipe needs to be repaired and the ceiling at the back of church needs to be patched up. The total cost is likely to be in the region of £6000 and will make a sizable dent in our unencumbered funds. Any donations towards the required repairs will be gratefully received.

Eco Church

Our Eco Church group now has an Eco Church table at the back of church. Our main aim is to advertise the fact to new visitors to church that St Thomas's is an active Eco Church. We intend to highlight different Eco days during the year. At present there are some handouts identifying all the Eco days in 2026 and also a report on the recent COP30 in Brazil. Please take a copy and enhance your awareness of action being taken to care for God's Earth.

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. We have undertaken a stock review and we have plenty of pasta for the time being (we received a large donation from Haslingden Link). However, we are short of the following items: Long life milk, Tins of meat, Sugar, Soup, Tins of fruit, Toiletries and Toilet Roll.

Planet ABBA 7.30pm Friday 6th February

The next concert at St Thomas'. Ninety minutes of ABBA's greatest hits. For tickets call Steve on 07842 769175

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, Catherine, 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 into hospital.