

Sunday 18th January 2026

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

'He said to them, 'Come and see.'

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	76	205
Before the Gospel	26	271
Offertory	111	SHEET Do not be afraid
During Communion	152 52	SHEET Be Still
Final	237	415

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook
Monday	7pm	St Thomas' PCC in the Refectory
Tuesday	10am	Eucharist at St James
		11.30am Funeral of Alastair Harris at St Thomas'
Wednesday	10.30am	Funeral of Michael Murray at St James
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at St Thomas'
	1.30pm	Energy Audit at St Thomas'

Next Sunday – 25th January: Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00	Said Eucharist at St Thomas'
9:15	Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'
10.45	Sung Eucharist at St James

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!

Installation of Revd Belinda Kerins as Incumbent of St Peter's Laneside. Sunday 18th January at 4pm.

Please do attend to support Revd Belinda if you are able so to do.

“Sing, Move, Laugh” Monday’s 10-11.30 St Thomas’ Hall

This group is taking temporary residence in St Thomas’ Church Hall. It is for all ages and is run by “The Greater Good Project”. All welcome. For more information contact Cath Eddisford on 07727180164.

Burns Night. 7.30pm Sunday 25th January at St James Hall

Five course meal, whisky toast, bagpipes and entertainment. Tickets only £20. Bring your own drink. For tickets call Gary on 07546145357, or Bryn on 07831482812.

St Thomas PCC Meeting 7pm Monday 19th January in the Refectory

The draft Agenda has been sent out. If you are a PCC Member and have not received it please let Fr Simon or Alison Lloyd know.

St James PCC Meeting 6.30pm Monday 26th January in St James Hall.

The draft Agenda will be sent out shortly.

Spire Project Working Group

The working group meets on Sunday 25th January at 1pm. Please keep the work of this small group (Fr Simon, Steve Langridge and Tim Ashworth) in your prayers. We are working towards a resubmission of our initial application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Anybody who wishes to be part of this vital work in the future of our parish church please make yourself known to Fr Simon.

Big Energy Saving Week 17th to 23rd January. Save money and help the planet!

Eco Church invite you to be part of The National Big Energy Saving Week Campaign. It is run by the Energy Saving Trust, energysavingtrust.org.uk and Citizens advice. If you go to their website each day of that particular week it will give you expert tips on how to lower your energy bills. Why not give it a try, it's a win for yourselves and for God's Earth.

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

The Inclusive Church Group is always looking for ways to make St Thomas' more accessible for everyone. We have large print hymn books, Order of Service sheets, pew sheets as well as magnifying glasses both with and without lights. For anyone with any SEND needs, we have a wheelchair at the back of the church which can be used plus sensory toys and ear defenders to help anyone with sensory issues. Don't forget that, if you need to use the ramp at the back door, to ring the doorbell and someone will let you in. If you have any ideas or issues please mention them to Jo, Rachel, Phil or Tricia.

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. An extremely generous donation has already been offered for which we are very grateful.

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, 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, Irene Tolson, Michael Murray, Alastair Harris 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.