

Sunday 25th January 2026

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

'For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.'

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	394	362
Before the Gospel	548	353
Offertory	103	339
During Communion	73	387
	66	
Final	60	466

The Week Ahead & Information

- Mon-Fri** 9am Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook*
- Monday** 6.30pm *St James PCC in the Hall*
- Tuesday** 9.30am *Thomas Tots at St Thomas' Hall*
10am *Eucharist at St James*
- Thursday** 10am *Eucharist at St Thomas*
2-4pm *Thursday, Food and Friends in St Thomas' Hall*

Next Sunday – 1st February: Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

- 9:15 *Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'*
- 10.45 *Sung Eucharist at St James*
- 1.15 *Baptism of Tilly Jackson at St Thomas'*
- 3.30 *BCP Holy Communion at St Thomas'*

Thank you to all who have supported the work of the Childrens' Society over Christmas at St James

This was through the Home Collection Box scheme or giving at our Christingle event. A total of £156.84 was raised.

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!

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

Five course meal, whisky toast, bagpipes and entertainment. Tickets SOLD OUT.

Special Service for Candlemas 6.30 pm Monday February 2nd at St James

Join us for a gentle and reflective service at this special time of the church's year. Music, readings, prayers and candles.

“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.

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

The Agenda has been sent out. Any outstanding reports to be with Fr Simon or Terri by the end of Sunday please.

Fundraising coffee morning at St. James on Saturday 14th February 10.30am - 12 noon.

Come and have a friendly chat over a cuppa and cake! If you feel you can donate cake, please speak to Marjorie Charnley.

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.

Mouse Trail at St Thomas'

Not real ones. The PCC would like to position knitted mice around the church as part of a child friendly mouse trail. Are there any keen knitters out there who would be willing to knit some mice for us?

Foundation Governor's Needed for St John's Stonefold

If you might be interested in putting yourself forward for this rewarding and important role please speak to Fr Simon or Marjorie Charnley.

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. Thank you for those generous donations already received.

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 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.