

# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## The Sunday Next Before Lent

*'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'*

**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
<b>Processional</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>433</b>
<b>Before the Gospel</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>During Communion</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>294</b>
	<b>40</b>	
<b>Final</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>485</b>

### The Week Ahead & Information

**Mon-Fri** 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook*

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist *at St James*

**Wednesday** 10am Eucharist with Ashes *at St Thomas'*  
1.30pm Hazel's Social Group *in the Refectory*  
7pm Sung Eucharist with Ashes *at St James*

**Thursday** 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas*  
11-1pm Refectory Café open

**Friday** 12.30 Funeral of James Mousley *at St Thomas'*

#### **Next Sunday – 22nd February: First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 Said Eucharist *at St Thomas'*  
9:15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas'*  
10.45 Sung Eucharist *at St*

## **Thank you!**

To Marjorie and all who helped at the Coffee Morning at St James yesterday. Also to all those who have donated so generously towards the recent spate of necessary repairs 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! Things will begin to pick up in speed during 2026. Your prayers are needed!

## **Fundraising meeting St. James Hall Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm**

Please come to discuss ideas for future exciting events.

## **Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Lent will be upon us soon and will begin with Eucharistic Services at both churches on Ash Wednesday (10:00am at St Thomas' and 7pm at St James). In advance could you please bring in your palm crosses from last year so that Fr Simon can prepare this year's ashes.

## **Dementia Friendly Service 1.30pm 26<sup>th</sup> February at Haslingden Link**

A service of the Word lead by Tricia. This reassuring service is prepared carefully for those dealing with dementia. All welcome.

## **Lent Course begins 7pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at St James**

Based on the Stephen Cottrell book "The Things he Carried".

## **Mothering Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. 10:45am All-Age Service at St James**

Join us for our special service to mark Mothering Sunday. We will be joined by the Brownies and Guides who will parade their flags. Children will read for us and help lead our intercessions. All welcome.

## **Messy Church Event. 2-4pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Thomas' Hall**

Date for your diary. Join us for fun, fellowship and Jesus! Our topic will be Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Come along and join in.

## **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March St Thomas' Hall 10-1pm Coffee Morning**

Coffee Morning to raise funds for Church Repairs.

Donations welcome for Choc & Bottle Stall, Raffle, Gift Stall and Bric-a Brac Stall. Box at rear of Church.

## **Spire Project Working Group**

Please keep the Project and the Working Group in your prayers. 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?

## **Eco Church: Carbon Fast For Lent**

This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 18th Feb, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at <https://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-for-lent/>

## **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.

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### **Food Support**

Please keep your kind gifts coming. We have undertaken a stock review and we have plenty of pasta for the time being. However, we are short of the following items: Long life milk, Tins of meat, Sugar, Soup, Tins of fruit, Toiletries and Toilet Roll.

### **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, Sara, Catherine, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Carl, Hazel, Gordon.

For all who have recently died, remembering Harry Jackson 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.***

### **LyCiG Prayer for Growth**

God of Mission,

Who alone brings growth to your Church,

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

And power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers in spiritual commitment to you,

And in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**NB: Fr Simon is away from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February inc.**