

# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Mothering Sunday

*'She named him Moses, because, she said, I drew him out of the water.'*

**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>354</b>	<b>413</b>
<b>Before the Gospel</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>SHEET</b> <b>O Lord all the World</b>
<b>During Communion</b>	<b>60</b> <b>484</b>	<b>457</b> <b>387, 184</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>SHEET</b> <b>Our God is a Great</b> <b>Big God</b>

### 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*  
12-2pm Eat and Meet *in St James Hall*
- Wednesday** 11am Funeral of Patricia Haworth *at St James*
- Thursday** 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas*  
11 - 1pm Refectory Café open
- Saturday** 10am Stations of the Cross *at St Thomas'*  
2-4pm Messy Church *at St Thomas' Hall*

## **Next Sunday – 22nd March: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 Said Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

9:15 All-Age Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10:45 Sung Eucharist *at St James*

Visiting preacher Sarah O'Donaghue at 9:15 and 10:45

## **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!

## **Lent Course Session Three. 7pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at St James**

Based on the Stephen Cottrell book "The Things he Carried". A reflective evening of prose, music and prayer.

## **Eat and Meet. 12-2pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at St James**

Join us for a delicious, freshly prepared and cooked three course meal.

## **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.

## **Step into Spring. 2pm 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Helmsshore Circular Walk.**

Our Eco team are hosting a local, circular 4.7 mile guided walk on Sunday March 22nd at 2pm from the Refectory. Proceeds will go to our church repair fund and to the Baxenden hedgehog rescue hospital. £5 pp . See posters for details. Please highlight this to anyone in the community that you think might like to walk."

## **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.

## **Stations of the Cross**

10:00am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Thomas' lead by Hazel and Lowri.

10:30am Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Thomas' lead by Hazel.

2pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St James lead by Fr Simon.

2pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at St James lead by Fr Simon.

## **Easter Flowers: Both churches**

Any and all donations towards flowers for Easter Day will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## **Chrism Eucharist 11:00 am Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the Cathedral**

This is an important service in the Diocesan calendar where clergy renew their vows and collect oils of anointing. Members of our congregation are invited to attend to witness and support. Fr Simon has to let the Cathedral know how many are coming so if you would like to attend please could you let Fr Simon know when he returns from annual leave.

## **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.

## **Eco Church: "Great British Spring Clean" 13th - 19th March**

Our nations biggest mass action Environmental campaign. Every year over 400,000 people volunteer to clean up parks, beaches and streets. This action helps to protect nature. Could you help individually or in a group? Perhaps you could join our local litter picking group Civic Pride. Sue Langridge is already a member and could give you details.

## **Eco Church: "Global Recycling Day" 18th March**

<https://www.globalrecyclingday.com/>

Recycling helps fight climate change. Many items can be recycled which leads to a decrease in the need to manufacture from scratch. This saves our natural resources and cuts the high levels of carbon used in manufacturing. Are you Recycling everything that you can?

## **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.

### **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, Gordon.

For all who have recently died, remembering Patricia Haworth 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.