

# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Palm Sunday

*'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'*

**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	11	509
Before the Gospel	435	511
Offertory	549	95
During Communion	287	294
	53	
Final	153	<b>SHEET</b> <b>Give me joy</b>

### The Week Ahead & Information

- Mon-Fri** 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook*
- Tuesday** 10am Eucharist *at St James*  
2pm Stations of the Cross *at St James*
- Wednesday** 7pm Lent Course *at St James Hall*
- Thursday** 7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with washing of the feet and the Watch
- Friday** 2pm Reflections on the Seven Last Words from the Cross *at St Thomas'*

#### Next Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday

- 6:00 The first Eucharist of Easter *at St Thomas'*  
9:15 Festival Eucharist *at St Thomas'*  
10:45 Festival Eucharist *at St James*

*First Eucharist of Easter followed by bacon butties*

*Festival Eucharists followed by fizz and cake*

## **Step into Spring**

This walk raised £110. This will be split between the church repairs fund and Baxenden Hedgehog Rescue. Thankyou to all those who took part or donated to the cause. Thanks also to Heather for arranging this lovely walk.

## **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! Thank you to those who have returned their survey forms. Any other forms still out there will be gratefully received.

## **Stations of the Cross**

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.

## **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday: 11:00 Chrism Service at the Cathedral.

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Eucharist and the Watch at St James.

Good Friday: 2pm The Seven Last Words of Jesus at St Thomas'.

Easter Day: 6am Dawn Service at St Thomas'

Easter Day: 9.15 Celebration Eucharist at St Thomas'

Easter Day: 10:45 Celebration Eucharist at St James.

## **Monthly Dementia Friendly Services**

The next service will be 'The Last Supper' to be held at Haslingden Community Link at 1 30 pm on Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We are trying to grow this much-loved service, and your support would be really appreciated. All are very welcome. Tricia your Anna Chaplain

## **St James Spring Fair 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Donations for raffle prizes, tombola and such will be gratefully received.

## **APCMs for 2026**

St Thomas' after church on 19<sup>th</sup> April. St James after church on 26<sup>th</sup> April. Please think and pray about whether you want to stand as a PCC Member or Churchwarden. At St Thomas', Sue is standing down as churchwarden so we give thanks for her service but we have a vacancy to fill. Requests will go out shortly for reports. If you usually provide a report would you begin preparation if you haven't already. The APCM booklets will be ready in advance of the meetings.

## **Foundation Governors at St James and St John Stonefold**

Both schools need one more Foundation Governor. If these rewarding opportunities to serve church, school and community grab your interest please speak to Fr Simon.

## **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 Recycling Message**

Tetrapak cartons can now be recycled at the local tip. If you would struggle to get there, please speak to Heather or Julian about taking them for you.

## **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 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.