

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Easter Sunday

*'He is not here; for he has been raised'*

**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.

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>St James</b>
<b>Processional</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Before the Gospel</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>352</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>During Communion</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>113</b>
	<b>219</b>	
<b>Final</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>486</b>

## The Week Ahead & Information

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

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist at St James

**Thursday** 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'

### **Next Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> April: Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00 Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

9:15 Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'

10:45 Sung Eucharist at St James

13:15 Baptism of Jack at St Thomas'

### **Thank You!**

To all who have helped with preparation and delivery of our Holy Week and Easter services.

### **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.

## **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.

Requests for reports for the APCMs have been sent. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

There are nomination forms at the back of church for a number of important leadership roles. The roles available at both churches are:

Church Warden

PCC member (there is no need to re-apply if your term as member has not expired)

Deanery Synod representatives

There is also a form to enrol on our electoral roll. That is important because a person can't take up a role nor vote or speak at the APCM meeting unless you are on the roll.

The future of both churches relies on lay involvement in these leadership positions. Please give some thought and prayer as to whether you are being called to serve your church in one of these ways.

## **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.