

Sunday 10th May 2026

Rogationtide

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you'

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	393	433
Before the Gospel	138	264
Offertory	355	115
During Communion	337	123
	490	121
Final	9 (omit 5 and 6)	263 (omit 5 and 6)

The Week Ahead & Information

- Mon-Fri** 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook*
- Monday** 6.30pm St James PCC Meeting *in the Hall*
- Tuesday** 9.30am Thomas Tots *at St Thomas' Hall*
10am Eucharist *at St James*
- Thursday** 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- Saturday** 10.30-12.00 Christian aid Coffee Morning *at St James*

Next Sunday – 17th May: Seventh Sunday after Easter

9:15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10:45 Sung Eucharist *at St James*

Fr Simon is on leave from 15th – 22nd May

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.

This year's Christian aid campaign is 10th - 16th May

Focussing on poverty relief and community support worldwide.

The Charity are running a 70K in May challenge:- It's simple: travel 70K, in whatever way you want, throughout the month of May. Joanne Smithson is going to do it by logging her walking and cycling: sponsorship forms available at the back of church. You are more than welcome to challenge yourself too! If you wish to sponsor me then please get in touch on 07876015511. You can also register yourself on the Christian Aid website for the challenge.

By taking part, we're helping families facing hunger to grow food and build more secure futures.

Hazel Warren has also taken up the 70k in May challenge. Go Hazel!

Finishing Christian Aid week there is a **Coffee Morning at St. James Saturday 16th May 10.30am- 12 noon.**

Come and enjoy a cuppa and cake and support this worthy cause. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on the day,

History of St Thomas' Church available now

The 'A Church and its People: the History of St Thomas Musbury' printed booklet, packed with whip rounds, processions, bazaars and Rose Queens - and the building and its first days too of course - is now available. Discover more about your 'hidden gem, one of the very best traditional churches we have left in Rossendale' (Civic Trust) 'perfectly illustrating the Church of England's structures and tradition'. 60pages, quality cover, paper and photo reproduction. £5 for building funds. Written by George Garlick, former editor of the Tor 'n' Town. Copies in both churches.

Blackburn Diocese Centenary Big Day Out! Saturday 16th May

Blackburn Diocese is marking 100 years with a Big Day Out in Blackpool — a full, joy-filled celebration for every age. With dedicated zones for families and young people, plus live music, comedy, a free hog roast lunch and a huge open-air worship gathering in St John's Square, it's set to be a fantastic day for our whole Diocese. Everyone is welcome, and pre-registration helps us plan food and spaces. Join us on Saturday 16 May 2026 for a big party in Blackpool to celebrate 100 years of Blackburn Diocese.

A couple of families from St James are hoping to attend. If you'd like to come along, please speak to Emily Westlake.

Pentecost: Sunday 24th May

The parish eucharist services at both churches will be All Age services. We are hoping that they will be parade services with local uniformed organisations. Local schools will also be invited.

Spring 2026 Rossendale Art Trail - Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May

Andy Buttery, a local artist, will be displaying his art in the refectory as part of the Rossendale Art Trail. Andy will be there 10am to 4pm both days and we will serve cakes and drinks from 11am to 3pm.

We would be very grateful to anyone who can bake a cake for us - please let Wendy or Sue know.

Mouse Trail at St Thomas! Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May

To coincide with the church opening for the Rossendale Art Trail we are launching our Mouse Trail. Find the mice, solve the clues and learn about the history of the church! The trail will be available between 11am and 3pm on the Saturday and Sunday of the Art Trail. We need a few volunteers to welcome visitors on those days. If we could get 4 pairs of welcomers to cover 11:00am until 1pm and then 1pm to 3pm both days that would be most helpful. Please speak to Fr Simon or one of our Churchwardens.

Centenary Celebration Planning: 12:15hrs Sunday 7th June at St James

The Diocese celebrates its 100 years anniversary on the weekend of 11th - 13th September. It is proposed that St James, St Thomas and St Peter's church arrange a joint event for that weekend. A meeting has been arranged for Sunday 7th June at 12:15hrs at St James for anybody who would be interested in planning something could attend. We are thinking initially of some sort of all age event at all three churches, one after the other, cumulating in an outdoor event at St Peter's using their outdoor space. Nothing is set in stone and we need to get representatives of all three churches together to plan something excellent.

New All Age Service at St Thomas' 3pm Sunday 14th June

A date for your diary. We are trying out something new at a time that might help attract those with young families and those who prefer a less formal style of service. The service will be non-eucharistic and will include a more modern style of hymn or worship song. Please let people know. All ages are welcome!

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.

Thomas Tots Needs You!

The Tots group need some extra hands to help with the little ones. Could this be you? Please speak to Lin or Fr Simon if you feel that you could help. All help is hugely appreciated.

Three Churches: Three Peaks

Your vicar, and the vicar of St Peter's, are keen walkers. They have set themselves the challenge of arranging an assault on the Yorkshire Three Peaks, probably in May 2027. It is hoped that those members of the congregations who would see this as a challenge, rather than lunacy, would join them and make it an event for raising funds for both churches. More to come on this as the idea develops.

Survey Required to Further National Lottery Application

As the next step in the Spire Project application for funds we need to undertake a new survey with regards to local attitudes and wishes for our church building. The survey can be best completed on line using the following link: [St Thomas' Church: Our Future Together](#) (which should work from electronic versions of this notice sheet, or by scanning the following QR code) – see over. Some paper versions are available at the back of church.



When you scan the QR code you might be met with an offer to download an App. Ignore this and press “Continue in browser”.

The link is also available on our Facebook page.

Without a significant number of surveys being completed and returned we will not be able to progress the application! Your assistance will be appreciated.

Eco-Church Notice: Lancashire Wildlife Trust

This local charity look after several areas around Lancashire, managing each to maximise wildlife and encourage species that we are at risk of losing through climate change and habitat loss.

See their website for opportunities to volunteer (Heather now volunteers at Summerseat nature reserve). The Trust also run many interesting activities such as guided walks, craft sessions and children's activities. Perhaps share the link with your friends and relatives if you are unable to benefit yourselves.

<https://lancswt.org.uk/>

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: Pasta sauce, 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, and 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.