

Sunday 28th June 2026

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.'

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	380	Sheet <i>How Great Thou art</i>
Before the Gospel	442	339
Offertory	73	362
During Communion	384 414	387 388
Final	310	381

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook</i> 6.30pm St James PCC meeting <i>in the Hall</i>
Tuesday	9.30am Thomas Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i> 10am Eucharist <i>at St James</i>
Wednesday	2.30pm Dedication of Memorial Bench to Shirley Adams <i>at St John Stonefold School</i>
Thursday	10am Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i> 11-1pm Refectory Café Open

Next Sunday – 5th July: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9:15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas' (Patronal Festival)*
10:45 Sung Eucharist *at St James*

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.

Confirmations

Fr Simon is collating a list of people who wish to be confirmed. Confirmation is a wonderful moment in a lifetime journey of faith and is open to adults, as well as children usually Yr 6 and older. Would anybody who wishes to be confirmed please speak to Fr Simon.

Morning Prayer Broadcast

For a number of years a band of volunteers from both churches has broadcast Morning Prayer on the Facebook page of St Thomas. That band of volunteers has dwindled over recent times and it is possible that the provision of Morning Prayer over Facebook will cease when the current rota ends unless further volunteers can be recruited. If you feel called to take part and continue this appreciated service please speak with Fr Simon.

Sing, Move Laugh is back at St Thomas' Hall 10:00am – 11:30am Mondays.

£5 contribution per session. Every penny taken from session contributions will go directly back into Sing Move Laugh with the aim of continuing beyond the initial funded 12-week block.

St James Patronal Festival Sunday 26th July

There will be a celebratory meal after the service – Salmon and Summer Fruit pudding. Tickets £10. Don't forget to add your name to the list at the back of church.

Coach Trip to Chester Cathedral Monday 3rd August

There appears to be sufficient interest in this trip and arrangements are in hand at the time of printing for the trip to take place on Monday 3rd August. Places are limited and extra details will be available soon, but if you expressed an interest please sign up at the back of church with your phone number and an emergency contact number.

Alchemy Live 7.30pm Friday 18th September at St Thomas

Dire Straits tribute band. Tickets available from Steve on 07842 769175

Blister Pack Recycling

Please keep your blister packs coming. They can be left at the back of both churches. Please note that some packs are now all metal and can be recycled from home with other metal products. The mixed plastic and metal packs can still be brought to church.

Bell Ringing Opportunities

Bell ringing is a fun and satisfying pastime. If you would like to learn a new skill and be part of a good social gathering please speak to Linden or Tim.

Thursday Refectory at St Thomas

Our refectory cafe offers soup, sandwiches, a hot meal and cakes. We are open 11am to 1pm on Thursday 16 July. We don't open in August. Come along for good food and company or just call in for a drink and chat. We also do takeaways.

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.

St Thomas' Hall

Speaking of working as a team, Lin has stood down as Hall Manager but remains as part four-part team. Mary will be the contact for bookings, Lin will ensure supplies of disposables are maintained and the cleaning team will continue in their tasks. There is one final role which is currently vacant, that of maintenance and repair. Would anybody interested in giving up some time to look after this important aspect of keeping the hall in good order and full use please speak to Fr Simon.

With many thanks to Lin for her years of devoted service as manager.

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, Joyce, Andrew, Anthony, Roz, Sara, Catherine, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Sylvia, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Eric.

For all who have recently died, including Carl Sudworth and Roz Gee, 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.