

Sunday 21st June 2026

The Third Sunday after Trinity

'So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows'

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	422	436
Before the Gospel	<i>Service Sheet In Christ Alone</i>	<i>Service Sheet In Christ Alone</i>
Offertory	<i>Service Sheet Do not be Afraid</i>	<i>Service Sheet Do not be Afraid</i>
During Communion	<i>Service Sheet Take my life 432</i>	<i>Service Sheet Take my life 443</i>
Final	<i>Service Sheet There are hundreds of sparrows</i>	<i>Service Sheet There are hundreds of sparrows</i>

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook</i>
Tuesday	9.30am	Thomas Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>
	10am	Eucharist <i>at St James</i>
	7pm	St Thomas' PCC meeting <i>in the Refectory</i>
Wednesday	10.30	Funeral of Eric Mizon <i>at St James</i>
	7pm	St James Standing Committee meeting <i>in the Vicarage</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	2-4pm	Thursday, Food and Friends <i>in St Thomas' Hall.</i>

Next Sunday – 28th June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8:00	Said Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
9:15	Sung Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
10:45	Sung Eucharist <i>at St James</i>

Thank you!

To those who contributed to the new Children and Families Service at St Thomas' held at 3pm on Sunday 14th June.

There was sufficient interest and enthusiasm from those who attended to run another service on Sunday 12th July. Please pray for our ministry to younger people.

Count on Nature.

The Count on Nature event last week went very well, despite the lack of footfall. The event had been advertised widely via social media, posters and in 3 different primary schools and relevant church hall groups, so we are not sure how we could have done more. The main thing is that the families who did turn up had lots of fun discovering nature.

The Eco Church team would like to thank all the volunteers who either baked a cake for the event or helped out on the day. These events can't happen without you and we are very grateful for your support. Although fund raising was not our aim, we made a profit of £94.50. This will be shared between church repairs funds and the buying of eco-friendly hand wash and washing up liquid for the church.

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.

Sing, Move Laugh is back at St Thomas' Hall 10:00am – 11:30am Mondays. Next session 22nd June

£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.

Funeral of Eric Mizon: St James 10:30am Wednesday 24th June

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning at St Thomas' Hall 10:30-12:30 27th June

£2 entry. Cake and tombola stalls and plenty of raffle prizes. History of the Legion will be on display.

Hymns and Pimms: 2-4pm Sunday 28th June St Thomas' Hall Gardens

Don't forget to add your favourite hymns to the list at the back of church and then come along and sing!

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

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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 Thursdays 2 & 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 Eric Mizon and Carl Sudworth, 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.