

Sunday 7th June 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity

'And he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.'

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	46	364
Before the Gospel	313	353
Offertory	268	377
During Communion	63	294
	231	376
Final	405	239

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>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>

Next Sunday – 14th June: First Sunday after Trinity

9:15	Sung Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
10:45	Sung Eucharist <i>at St James</i>
3:00	All Age Worship <i>at St Thomas'</i>

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.

Email Scam – be careful!

The email account of Wendy Papworth has recently been hijacked. A number of emails were sent out, supposedly in her name, asking for money. Please do not respond to these e-mails. They are not from Wendy!

In general, any email asking for money should be treated with suspicion, especially so if it includes requests for Amazon vouchers and makes reference to urgency and a sob story.

Archdeacon Visitation: Holy Trinity Hoghton 7.30pm Monday 8th June

Our churchwardens for the year ahead will be sworn in at the above event. Why not come along and show your appreciation for their sterling work.

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

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!

Funeral of Cynthia Moore: St Thomas' 10:30am Monday 15th June

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

Sing, Move Laugh is back at St Thomas' Hall 10:00am – 11:30am Mondays. Next session 15th 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. Every Monday from 1st June, but NOT including 8th June.

Centenary Celebration Planning: 12:15hrs Sunday 6th 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.

St Thomas' Church History

'A Church and its People: A History of St Thomas Musbury' talks are on at: Haslingden Library, this Tuesday 9th at 5.30pm; free, just turn up; The Whitaker, Thursday 8th October at 6.30pm; charge not yet known; booking required.

The book is available at the Potato Man and Neary's 7 days a week and at the Museum.

Eco-Church Notice: Count on Nature. 2-4.30pm Saturday 13th June

Our Eco Church team are hosting this free, family friendly nature event in the church hall/garden. We need 4-6 additional volunteers to man the cafe (drinks and cakes) and the activity tables. We are also requesting donations of cakes for the cafe. Please see Heather, Sue or Linda if you are able to help.

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

A date for your diary. Why not start thinking about your favourite hymns and be ready to add them to the list at the back of church.

Suggestion for Coach Trip to Chester Cathedral this summer

Would you be interested in a coach trip to Chester Cathedral later this summer? The ticket price would cover the coach and a guided tour of the Cathedral. The Cathedral can provide food but their deals are expensive and it is suggested that those who travel could either bring their own or find somewhere in Chester's many cafés and restaurants. The price would depend on how many people we can get to fill a coach but somewhere around £30 per person is the best estimate at this stage. Would you be interested in going? If so, please express that interest on the form at the back of church. The visit would most likely be on a Saturday in August or September.

Thursday Refectory at St Thomas

Our refectory cafe offers soup, sandwiches, a hot meal and cakes. We are open 11am to 1pm on Thursdays 18 June, 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.

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

If you haven't already completed your survey, please use a paper copy available at the back of church or go onto our Facebook page where you will be easily able to link to it electronically. Over 150 people have already filled it in for us. With special thanks to The Station and Helmsore Textile Museums.

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, Carl, Eric.

For all who have recently died, including Cynthia Moore and Eric Mizon, 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.