

Sunday 26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity at St Thomas

James the Apostle at St James

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.

Our worship is livestreamed on Facebook. If you do not wish to be visible on any filming please sit towards the rear half of the church and let a Warden know so that Holy Communion can be brought to you.

Hymns	St Thomas	St James
Processional	205	372
Before the Gospel	56	339
Offertory	148	Service Sheet Servant King
During Communion	293 15	392 333
Final	354	Service Sheet We are walking

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer on <i>St Thomas' Facebook</i>
Tuesday	10am	Eucharist at <i>St James</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
	2-4pm	Thursday, Food and Friends in <i>St Thomas' Hall</i>

Next Sunday – 2nd August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9:15	Sung Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
10:45	Sung Eucharist at <i>St James</i>
1:15	Baptism of Roman Amor at <i>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!

Confirmation Service at St Peter's 6th September

Bishop Joe will lead this service for anybody from this area who wishes to be confirmed. Please make yourself known to Fr Simon if you wish to be confirmed as there are some necessary preparation sessions. These will be lead by Fr Simon and Rev Belinda and will be held at **St Peter's at 4pm on Sundays 19th and 26th July.**

Coach Trip to Chester Cathedral Monday 3rd August

There are still a few emergency contacts missing so please provide yours if they are missing. The pick up point is St James car park at 08:30am.

St Thomas Refectory Redecoration 10th August

The Refectory walls are getting a fresh coat of clay paint. Many hands make light work so any volunteers to help would be very welcome. Please speak to Steve or Sue Langridge.

'Raise the Roof' is back! Sunday 30th August 12 – 9pm

The Station are again holding their outdoor music event to raise funds for our Spire Project. As before we will need volunteers on the "doors" and the bottle tombola. We need as many contributions as possible for the bottle tombola. Please begin bringing them in an placing them at the back of church.

Diocesan Centenary Celebrations

Friday 11th September

3pm All Age "Forest School" worship at St John's Stonefold School

7pm "Speed Quiz" at St Thomas' Hall

Saturday 12th September

Heritage Day at St James Church

Sunday 13th September

9:15am Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

9:30am Said Eucharist at St James

Both services followed by a walk of witness to the Memorial gardens on Manchester Road Haslingden

11:00am Joint Service (St Thomas', St James and St Peter's) of Prayer and Hymns at the Memorial Gardens followed by picnic.

St James Heritage Open Day 12th September

If you have any photos, pamphlets, historical information or any items of interest that could be displayed, please speak to one of our Wardens.

Alchemy Live 7.30pm Friday 18th September at St Thomas

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

St Thomas' Heritage Open Day 19th September 10-4

Includes Mouse Trail and talk 'A Church through Time'. Save the date; more details to follow.

St Thomas' 'A Church through Time' talk at the Whitaker 8th October (also January, date tbc)

Temperance local history talk at the Whitaker.

The church history book continues to be available at Potato Man, Neary's, the Museum and church.

Eco Church and Target 25

The A Rocha charity who started Eco Church are running a campaign called Target 25. It seeks to protect 25 environments and species within the U.K. that are currently struggling with the effects of climate change, habitat loss and pollution. The target 25 project is using various partners including a growing number of Christian land managers who are demonstrating active care for the natural world.

The website shows, not only what the 25 items are, but also why they need our help and how we, as individuals, can play a part in their protection and recovery. (There are some very simple changes that you can make at home) Please act now, search "Target 25 A Rocha" for more information and play your part in caring for God's Earth.

Eco Church invite you to lead a Plastic Free July

As we know plastic is a big pollutant of our oceans and its production relies on fossil fuels, thus adding to our carbon footprint and climate change. The plastic free July movement has inspired 170 million participants in 190 countries. Could you be one of those people who care enough about our Earth and nature to participate?

If so make a pledge. It might be to refuse single use plastic such as using reusable water bottles, refusing plastic straws, using reusable shopping bags,

avoiding plastic wrapping and packaging on fruit and veg or one of many other routes. For ideas have a look at: www.plasticfreejuly.org and perhaps sign up. Remember the 3 R's: REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE.

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

The Refectory Café will not open in August.

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.

Fabric Committee at St Thomas'

The PCC are looking for a number of people who will work together to ensure the fabric of the building is kept in good working order. The committee would be expected to undertake routine inspections of the building, liaise with contractors and undertake minor 'fixes' such as light bulb changes. If you feel that you could contribute to this vital aspect of church life please speak to Fr. Simon or Helen our Churchwarden.

St Thomas' Hall Cleaning Team

The cleaning team is short of volunteers. An hour or two each week would be excellent if anybody is able to offer.

Would anybody interested in helping out please speak to Fr Simon.

Tuesday August 4th has been set as a date for a deep clean of the Hall. All hands on deck and biscuits provided! Please come along and help if you are able and available.

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, Sara, Catherine, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Eric.

For all who have recently died, and remembering all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week, including Liz Butterworth. *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, Joy to our worship

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.

