

Sunday 5th July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrated as Thomas the Apostle at St Thomas'

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	503	120
Before the Gospel	Sheet Lord may we see	Sheet Lord may we see
Offertory	103	352
During Communion	247 52	374 295
Final	310	Sheet Lord for the years

The Week Ahead & Information

NB: Fr Simon, Helen Watson and Bryn Dixon will be attending the Diocesan Conference this week

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>
	11:30am	Funeral of Roz Gee <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Saturday	3.30pm	Wedding of Christian Vose and Amy Daly <i>at St Thomas'</i>

Next Sunday – 12th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8:00	At St Thomas is cancelled this week.
9:15	Sung Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
10:45	Sung Eucharist <i>at St James</i>
1:45	Baptism of Oliver Greenwood <i>at St Thomas'</i>
3:00	Family and Children's Service <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.

Confirmation Service at St Peter's 6pm Sunday 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 12th, 19th and 26th July.

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

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

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.

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. Positions Vacant and Deep Clean

Opportunities to fill vacant positions!

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

Maintenance and repair. Somebody who would be willing to offer an hour or two each week to attend to occasional minor repairs, apply a lick of paint, liaise with repair contractors and such like.

Would anybody interested in giving up some time to look after these important aspects of keeping the hall in good order and full use 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, including Roz Gee and Sylvia Craig, 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.