

Sunday 19th July 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

'Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.'

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	106	353
Before the Gospel	313	239
Offertory	167	Sheet
		God forgave
During Communion	73	305
	Sheet	307
	God who made	
Final	172	466

The Week Ahead & Information

Mon-Fri 9am Morning Prayer *on St Thomas' Facebook*
 10.30 Funeral of Sylvia Craig *at St James*

Tuesday 9.30am Thomas Tots *at St Thomas' Hall*
 10am Eucharist *at St James*

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

Next Sunday – 26th July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 Said Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 9:15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 10:45 All Age Eucharist *at St James (Patronal Festival)*

Well Done!

To Miriam and the whole team at St James for achieving the best hygiene score at the recent, and very thorough, inspection.

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 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 19th and 26th July.**

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.

'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 and 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

Mouse Trail at St Thomas'

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. 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 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.