

Sunday 16th August 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish'

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	170	364
Before the Gospel	Sheet	Sheet
	Beauty for brokenness	Beauty for brokenness
Offertory	298	Sheet
		In Christ alone
During Communion	346	86
	299	408
Final	Sheet	486
	In Christ alone	

The Week Ahead & Information

Tuesday 10am Eucharist at St James

Thursday 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'

Next Sunday – 23rd August: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8:00 Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

9:15 Sung Eucharist at St Thomas'

10:45 Sung Eucharist at St James followed by Children's Ministry
Group meeting

NB: Fr Simon is on leave between Monday 17th August and Saturday 29th August.

Thank You!

To all who mucked in with the two 'tidy up' projects last week. At St James the balconies have been cleared of unwanted junk and at St Thomas' the Refectory walls have been given a much-needed coat or two of paint. Both projects required a great deal of time, hard work, dedication and getting mucky! A huge thank you to all involved. Special mention at St James to Miriam, Gary, Linden, Roy, Tony, Eileen, John, Kaye and Julie. At St Thomas' thanks to Sue, Steve, Christine, Julian, Karen, Heather and Christine.

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. It is still not too late. If you wish to be confirmed the please make yourself known to Fr Simon.

5th Sunday Joint Service at 10:00am St Thomas' 30th August

Continuing with our tradition of holding a joint service on a '5th Sunday', there will be one service only on 30th August for St James, St Thomas' and St Peter's. This will be held at St Thomas at 10:00am. Welcomers needed if you are available. Please make any offers of help to Fr Simon.

'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.

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. We also need stewards to help guide visitors on the day. Volunteer stewards: please speak to one of our Wardens.

As part of our heritage preparations, Marjorie is compiling an inventory of church kneelers. Each is numbered and she would like to record as much information about each as she can. If you have any information relating to the subject of any kneeler, or it's provenance, please speak to Marjorie.

Diocesan Centenary Celebrations

Friday 11th September

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

Saturday 12th September

Heritage Day at St James Church

7pm "Speed Quiz" at St Thomas' Hall

Sunday 13th September

08:00am Said Eucharist at St Thomas'

9:30am Said Eucharist at St James (joint service for both parishes)

The service at St James to be 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 (byo).

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.

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.

St James Mother's Union Ukraine Assistance

St James Mothers Union is collecting household goods, good bed linen and shoes etc. to be passed on to a Ukrainian lady who comes to church. All goods are transported to the Ukraine every two weeks. The media seems to have forgotten that there is still a war going on over there. The goods go to villages two miles from the Russian border. The lady is coming to speak at our meeting on 3rd September. Anyone interested to learn more will be most welcome to come. Also they are looking for storage. Any suggestions welcome. Kaye Ridings

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.

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

For all who have recently died, 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, 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.