

Sunday 18th October 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are Gods.'

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	15	436
Before the Gospel	39	336
Offertory	311	137
During Communion	506	445
	437	342
Final	275	296

The Week Ahead & Information

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

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 2-4pm Thursday, Food and Friends *at St Thomas' Hall*

Next Sunday – 21st October: Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday
 8:00 Said Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 9:15 Sung Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
 10:45 Sung Eucharist *at St James*

NB: Father Simon is away from Monday 19th October until Sunday 25th October inc.

Diocesan Renewal Programme

A reminder to keep the programme, and the participation of all three parishes, in your prayers. Please pray the LyCiG prayer for growth as often as you can!

Thursday Refectory at St Thomas 11am – 1pm

Our refectory cafe offers soup, sandwiches, a hot meal and cakes.

The dates for the next few months are - 5 November, 19 November and 3 December.

Pre-loved Table Top Sale at St Thomas' Hall 11-2pm 24th October

£8 per table. Good quality household items, toys, books, clothing. Also plant stall and craft stall. All proceeds to the Spire Fund. Coffee, Tea, Bacon and Sausage Butties and cake available.

Toddler Group at St James School 1st October -14th December

Suitable for 2-4yr olds, accompanied by parents or carers. See the QR code on the church Facebook page to book.

All Souls Services

St James: 11am Saturday 31st October

St Thomas': 3pm Sunday 1st November

Eco Church Notice: International e waste day

Wednesday 14th October was "International e waste day". Its aim was to raise awareness of the growing challenge of electronic waste and inspire action. This years focus is "Fast Tech". Fast tech are small, inexpensive electrical products such as earphones, USB adaptors, charging cables, LED string lights, single use vapes, toys and gadgets.

Fast tech is one of our fastest growing waste streams in the U.K. Spending on fast tech has grown from 2.8 billion in 2023 to 11.6 billion in 2025 and we have already binned half of it.

The request for e waste day is not to bin fast tech, but to bring it back to official collection points, either in store, or dedicated e waste drop off sites. In the EU, online retailers are legally obliged to accept small, discarded electronics free of charge.

<https://recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to find a drop off point near you.

New St Thomas' Church Tour guide

We're testing out a new tour of the church, which can be self-guided or led. You will find them at the back of church. There's a bit of a glitch with the first copies (font size, last page) which will we get right for the future copies we hope visitors might pay for. Try it out and see what you find out and let George know of any comments (omissions, clarity....) by the end of October.

Advance Notice for Events at St James (full details to follow).

27th November: Brass Band Concert (see separate note below)

5th December: Christmas Fair

24th January: Burns Night

27th November 8pm: Brass Band Concert at St James

Haslingden and Helmshore Brass bands to play a Christmas Concert. Tickets on sale at St James, £10pp, Children free. Free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie included.

Advance Notice for Events at St Thomas' (full details to follow).

31st Oct, 12-4pm and 1st Nov 2-4pm: Refreshments in the Refectory for the Scarecrow Trail

8th Nov Remembrance Service and Parade

14th Nov Autumn Fair in the Church Hall (see separate note below).

4th Dec 7pm George & Ringo's 2 Starr Revue tribute band.

St. Thomas Coffee Morning in the Church Hall Saturday 14th November 10.00am-1pm.

Jewellery, Sewing, Pottery, Books, Cakes and Jams, Cards and Gifts.

Knitting and the Choc and Bottle Stall. Donations gratefully received.

Entrance £2.50 inc. tea/coffee mince pie. Children Free.

Children's Christmas Boxes at St James

Donations sought for children's Christmas Boxes. Please see Kaye.

Inclusive Church (St Thomas' 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, a wheelchair at the back of the church which can be used plus sensory toys and ear defenders to help anyone with sensory issues. If you need to use the ramp at the back door, 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

We are short of the following items: Pasta sauce, Long life milk, Tins of meat, Sugar, Soup, Tins of fruit, Toiletries and Toilet Roll. Thank you!

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, Barbara, Henry, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Mark, Kerry.

For all who have recently died, including Thomas Wellock 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.