

Sunday 4th October 2026

Harvest Festival

‘Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.’

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	534	262
Before the Gospel	<i>Service sheet</i> Thank you Lord	<i>Service sheet</i> Thank you Lord
Offertory	137	285
During Communion	73 454	397 <i>Service Sheet</i> Spirit of the Living God
Final	<i>Service Sheet</i> Peace like a river	<i>Service Sheet</i> Peace like a river

The Week Ahead & Information

Tuesday	9.30am Thomas Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i> 10am Eucharist <i>at St James</i> 7pm St Thomas' PCC meeting <i>at the vicarage</i>
Wednesday	9am St John Stonefold School Harvest <i>at St James</i> 1.30pm Hazel's Social group <i>in the Refectory</i>
Thursday	9am St James School Harvest <i>at St James</i> 10am Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>

Next Sunday – 11th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8:00 Said Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
- 9:15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas' with special guest speaker, Annette James*
- 10:45 Parish Eucharist *at St James including Lincoln's baptism*

Thank You!

To all who helped with, and contributed to, the McMillan Coffee mornings held at St James (26th September) and St Thomas' (3rd October). The event at St James raised £483. No figure available for St Thomas' at the time of printing.

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!

Hazel's Social Group Wednesday 7th October 1.30pm in the Refectory

Visiting speaker, Oksana Meliuk will inform us about the ongoing effects of the war in Ukraine on ordinary people. All welcome to attend. A donation of £2 is requested to go towards costs of sending household supplies to villages near the front line.

Eco Church Speaker at St Thomas' Sunday 11th October

In place of a sermon we will here from Annette James about the work of Eco-Church following it's recent ten year anniversary and it's plans for the future.

Pre-loved Table Top Sale at St Thomas' Hall 11-2pm 24th October 2026

£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.

Thursday Refectory at St Thomas

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

We are open 11am to 1pm, usually the first and third Thursday of each month. Come along for good food and company, or just for a drink and a chat. We also do takeaways.

The dates for the next few months are - 15 October, 5 November, 19 November and 3 December.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th April 2027

2 nights dinner bed and breakfast with lunch on Sunday including transport

Approx cost £250

Please contact Julie Davis (07931 744354 email jcd62@hotmail.co.uk)

£50 non refundable deposit will be required by 11th October

Reel Connections – Community Film Club 7pm at St James Hall

Our monthly community film club offers a welcoming space to relax, enjoy a film, and connect with others from across the community. Reel Connections will aim to meet on the last Wednesday of each month in St James' Church Hall. Next meeting 28th October.

Film Licensing

Due to licensing restrictions, we are unable to publicly advertise individual film titles. However, the name of each month's film will be:

- *shared verbally within the church community, and*
- *available by email on request.*

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.

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

5th December: Christmas Fair

24th January: Burns Night

24th October Autumn Coffee Morning at Antioch Christian Bookroom

At Kay Street Baptist Church, Rawtenstall,

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 the Ukraine every two weeks. The goods go to villages two miles from the Russian border. Ukraine Assistance are looking for storage facilities. Any donations and suggestions welcome. Please speak to Kaye Ridings.

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. 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. 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

Please keep your kind gifts coming. 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, Barbara, Henry, Christine, Kathleen, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Adrienne, Fr Roger Smith, Neville, Kenneth, Leo, Mark, Kerry.

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.