

# Sunday 25 October 2020

## Last Sunday after Trinity

*Proper 25*

### **Collect**

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

### **Psalm 1**

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, •  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

### **I Thessalonians 2.1–8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### **Matthew 22.34–end**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **Post Communion**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

# The Week Ahead

## Today

4.30pm Fr David and Fr Mark will be singing Evensong at St Ambrose, Grindleton. This will be available to view/join in with on St James' Facebook page.

## Monday-Friday

9am Morning Prayer live on St Thomas' Facebook page

5pm Evening Prayer live on St James' Facebook page

## Tuesday

11am Funeral service for Brian Johnson RIP at St James'

## Thursday

11am St Thomas' Standing Committee via Zoom

2.30pm The Bible Course continues on Zoom. Please speak to Fr David for a Zoom invite.

## Friday

9.30-10.30 St Thomas' church cleaning – masked volunteers please turn up!

2pm Interment of ashes at St Thomas'

## Next Sunday (1 November)

3pm All Souls service. This service will be on-line only. If you would like to add a name to the list of those remembered, please write it on the sheet at the back of church **today**.

# NOTICES

**St James' Meeting of Parishioners** There will be a **very** short meeting immediately following the service on 1 November. This will be to elect a Churchwarden to the remaining vacant position.

## Remembrance Sunday (8 November)

**St James'** will hold its service, as usual, at 10.45am and the wreath-laying will take place at the War Memorial following this service.

## St Thomas'

Parish Eucharist at **9.15am** with an Act of Remembrance. You will need a [free] ticket for this service so that we can maintain a safe number of people in church. Tickets are available today.

**10.45am** a Service of Remembrance – limited to 50 people – a half hour service with an Act of Remembrance and silence at 11am.

## Children's Society Boxes

St James' – if you have one of these collecting boxes then it's time, please, to return it to church. These should be left on the checking-in table in church. If you would like a collecting box for next year, please speak to Carole Whiting.

## Operation Christmas Child

If you have been filling one of the Christmas boxes, please make sure they are back at church for next Sunday, 1 November.

## Church cleaning

There will be a church clean at St Thomas' on Friday this week, 9.30-10.30. Please wear a face-covering. Social distancing will be in place and jobs allocated. Volunteers welcome. Church cleaning will then begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month, 9.30-10.30. Come regularly or once in a while. Thanks in advance.

## Hall Cleaning

St Thomas' Hall is in safe and regular use at the moment. It is being deep-cleaned weekly but anyone who would be willing to help with a couple of hours mid-week, alone or with A.N. Other – please speak to Fr David or contact Lin Cutforth (07484 363902).

## Prayer List

Please keep us informed about anyone who you think could be added to our prayer list and also how those who are on it are doing.

## Local Covid Restrictions

Public acts of worship are unaffected by local restrictions. It is as important that we keep ourselves and our buildings safe so that we can stay open.

**Face coverings** are mandatory and should cover nose and mouth.

Remember to use the **hand sanitizer** as you arrive and leave. Please **go straight to your seat** in church – and stay there. **Please don't wander and chat.** If you're feeling unwell then please join in with our services online from the comfort of your home.

## For your prayers

**St Thomas:** Ian, Alan, Brian, Denzil, Alex, Edna, Charley, Cees

**St James:** Rita, Dorothy, Jim, Matthew, Denzil, Jean, Mary, Mother Enid, Cees

**RIP:** Brian Johnson