

Sunday 27th June 2021

4th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to everyone today both in our church buildings and those who join us from their homes.

This morning's services are live-streamed on the Facebook pages of each church.

Some safety reminders in church:

- Please keep face coverings in place over nose and mouth during the service
- The hymns are sung by choir alone
- Please remain in your places until invited to move by a steward
- Please don't wander to chat to friends – sorry
- Please take service sheets with you at the end
- Please disperse quickly at the end of the service and **please don't congregate outside to chat**

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading *Wisdom 2.23-24*

God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Gospel Reading *Mark 5.21-end*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the

leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing* what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Week Ahead & Information

Today 12.30pm Burial of Ashes at *St Thomas'*

Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer on *St Thomas' Facebook page*

5pm Evening Prayer on *St James' Facebook page*
(not Saturday)

Friday 9.30am Church cleaning at *St Thomas'*

Saturday 10.30am Fr Andrew's ordination, Blackburn Cathedral
See our Facebook page for livestreaming information

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Said Eucharist at *St Thomas'*

10.45am Said Eucharist at *St James'*

4pm Sung Eucharist at *St James'*

*at which Fr Andrew will preside for the first time.
All very welcome. Safe refreshments afterwards.*

Fr Andrew's Ordination to the Priesthood

There will be a parish celebration at **4pm** on **Sunday 4th July** when Fr Andrew will preside at the Eucharist for the first time in a service at St James'. Please make an effort to come to this service to share the celebrations and support Fr Andrew at the beginning of another new chapter of his ministry.

Covid Restrictions

With continued restrictions in place for a few more weeks there will be a delay in beginning our Refectory and *Eat & Meet* events. We hope to hold

some *pop-up* events from the end of July and through August. September should see a full return to our food and social events at both churches.

Parish Magazine

Collect yours today!

Since the beginning of Lockdown our two parishes have been working closely together. To build on this strength we are trialling a joint parish magazine in July. Both PCCs have agreed to this enthusiastically. It's an opportunity to work more closely together. Any articles or ideas can be passed to the editor, George Garlick (georgegarlick@gmail.com)

The Final Course

Our Wednesday Lunches have served their final course! Thank you very much to all our volunteers who have kept this going. Thank you for all the generosity of our diners, too. Our frozen main meals are still available to order. Please let us know of anyone who might benefit from a delivery. Suggested donation of £1.50 per meal.

Midweek Services

These resume **next** week. Tuesday 6th at St James' and Thursday 8th at St Thomas', both at 10am.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

Names of those on the parish prayer lists will also be pinned to the prayer boards in each church.

For your prayers

For all preparing for, and being ordained at this time. For their continued ministry in the Church. For all discerning God's call on their lives.

For all affected by disasters throughout the world, both natural and human-made; for families of those who have died and for all who continue to struggle and suffer through no fault of their own.

For the vitality of the life of our church communities and a generous response to God's blessings on us.

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Wynne, Lizzie, Janet, Allister, Betty, Derek, Asia, Rita, Mary, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Philip

For all who have died in the past week and all whose anniversaries fall in the coming week. *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*