

Sunday 15th August 2021

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Keeping us all safe in church

- Face coverings in church are **optional** but encouraged.
- Those who wish to have a bit more space are invited to use a pew where nearby ones are still closed.
- The Peace may be shared physically but please respect those who wish to keep their distance. A wave and a smile is perfectly acceptable!
- A steward will still invite you to move forward for Communion and to leave at the end of the service.
- Holy Communion will be administered **at the altar rails**. Feel free to kneel or stand to receive and leave some space between you and the person next to you.
- Please take the readings and notice sheet with you to use during the week
- ***Please remember that not everyone will want to be physically close to others and respect their preferences.***

**PROCESSIONAL
HYMN**

**St Thomas 467
St James 186**

The Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 61.10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

GRADUAL HYMN

St Thomas **136**

St James **161**

Gospel Reading Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Thomas **393**

St James **433**

COMMUNION HYMNS

St Thomas **63, 269**

St James **341, 387**

Prayer after Communion

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FINAL HYMN	<i>St Thomas</i>	568
	<i>St James</i>	188

The Week Ahead & Information

Today 11.30am Baptism of Hollie *at St Thomas'*

Monday-Saturday

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

Tuesday 10am Eucharist *at St James'*

1.45pm Funeral Service for Tom Watson *at St Thomas'*

Wednesday 9am Organ tuning *at St James' (no access to church)*

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

Friday 9.30am Church cleaning *at St Thomas'*

Next Sunday – 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist *at St James'*

11am Baptism of Emily *at St Thomas'*

12.15am Baptism of Emilia *at St Thomas'*

Team Work

From the beginning of September, we will re-introduce teams of people to welcome others to church and to offer refreshments and hospitality afterwards. These are vital elements of our ministry and

church life. If you would like to join one of the new teams, please make sure you hand in your slip at the back of church today, or contact Fr David. **Please note**, the Welcome Team **replaces** previous groups of Welcomers and Sidespeople.

School Holiday Lunch Bags

We continue to help a number of families t by providing packed lunches to children who would usually receive Free School Meals. Please refer other families to us if they need some support. They should speak to Fr Andrew (07460 8994451).

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 churches dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and especially Cathedral Church of our diocese, it's Dean and Chapter.

For the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world and for all charities and agencies which support and uphold the rights and liberties of women and girls.

For the willingness of Christians in our parishes to follow God's call to serve and to give of themselves in the service of others.

For the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Betty, Derek, Asia, Graeme, Shirley, John, Gerald, Julie, John, Rita, Mother Enid, Margaret, Philip, Connie

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.*