

Sunday 31st October 2021

All Saints Sunday

Welcome to everyone today in church. We regret that we are unable to offer a livestream this week.

Covid safety measures remain in place: optional face-coverings, hand sanitizer, some pews with space in front/behind, non-physical sharing of the Peace, Holy Communion under form of bread, or bread and wine. If you are concerned about any aspect of church and being safe, please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens.

Please remember that not everyone will want to be physically close to others and respect their preferences.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

St Thomas 134 (v.1,2,4,7,8)

St James 197 (v.1,2,4,7,8)

The Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

GRADUAL HYMN

St Thomas 297

St James How great thou art

Gospel Reading John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was

greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' o they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Thomas 139
St James 484

COMMUNION HYMNS

St Thomas 156, 366
St James 226

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
 may we who have shared at this table
 as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
 be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FINAL HYMN

St Thomas 567
St James 478

The Week Ahead & Information

Today	11am	Holy Baptism of Elsie <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	12-4	Refectory Café open <i>for Helmshore Scarecrow Trail</i>
	12.30pm	Holy Baptism of Ivy <i>at St Thomas'</i>

Monday-Saturday

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

Tuesday 10am All Souls' Day Eucharist *at St James'*

Wednesday 1.30pm Over 50s Social Group *in the Refectory*
7pm Choir Practise *at St James'*

Thursday 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*
11-1 Refectory Café open

Friday *No church cleaning at St Thomas'*
1pm Funeral Service for Gerald Higham (priest)
at St Thomas'

Saturday 11am All Souls' Service *at St James*

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday before Advent

9.15am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45am Eucharist *at St James'*

11am Holy Baptism of Freddie *at St Thomas'*

12.15pm Holy Baptism of Harper *at St James'*

3.30pm All Souls' Service *at St Thomas'*

Gerald Higham RIP

Our community, and beyond, has been saddened by Gerald's death. Our prayers and support are very much with Val and Rachel at this time. Gerald's body will be received into church at a private service on Thursday. His funeral service will take place in St Thomas' this Friday at 1pm and will be within a Eucharist. Bishop Julian and Bishop Philip will both take part. The congregation in church will all need to be *seated* and we will use the Hall for additional seating, hopefully with a livestream link so that everyone can take part in the service. There will be refreshments served in the Hall whilst the family attend a private committal at Accrington Crematorium.

All Souls Services

All are invited to these services at which we remember all who have died during the last two years in addition to those whose names are added to the list in church. **Today is the last day to add names.**

Churchyard Tidy

Can you spare an hour or two to help us clear leaves in St Thomas' churchyard? Friday 12th November, 10.30-12. Tea/Coffee and bacon butties provided!

St Thomas' Autumn Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th November, 10-1. Gifts, Cakes, Sewing, Fair Trade, Books, Cards, Pre-loved/white elephant, Raffle, Tombola & more! Donations of chocolates and/or bottles for the Tombola at the back of church, please!

St James' Christmas & Craft Fair

Saturday 27th November, 10.30-2. If you are willing to help look after one of the church stalls, please speak to Kaye Ridings. If you would like to help with the busy café, please let Frs David or Andrew know.

Parish Admin Support

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to offer a few hours each week to support the clergy team with admin tasks, please have a chat with Fr David. IT and photocopier skills essential!

St Thomas' Coffee Time

We are looking for a couple of people to put out chairs and tables in the Hall before church so that people can sit down at coffee time. If you're willing to help once or twice a month, please speak to Fr David, or Lin Cutforth.

Thursday Friends & Food in St Thomas' Hall

The first session was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The next session is on Thursday 11th November, 2.30pm. Please come along, and invite someone to come with you!

Deanery Advent Service

Advance notice! Sunday 5th December, 6.30pm, St James

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 the sick: Ian, Edna, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Graeme, John, Julie, John, Danielle, Keith, Alan, Jean, Gladys, Rita, Mother Enid, Margaret, Philip, Connie, Genevieve

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.*