

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

**Welcome to everyone today in church. Welcome, too, to those joining our livestreams via our churches Facebook pages.**

*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**

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| <i>St Thomas</i> | <b>15</b>  |
| <i>St James</i>  | <b>333</b> |

### **The Collect**

Almighty Father,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **First Reading *Jonah 3.1-5, 10***

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**GRADUAL HYMN***St Thomas*    **437***St James*        **445****Gospel Reading Mark 1.14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;\* repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**OFFERTORY HYMN***St Thomas*    **266***St James*        **200****COMMUNION HYMNS***St Thomas*    **106***St James*        **353****Prayer after Communion**

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**FINAL HYMN***St Thomas*    **565***St James*        **476**

# The Week Ahead & Information

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| <b>Today</b> | 11am    | Holy Baptism of Freddie <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
|              | 12.15pm | Holy Baptism of Harper <i>at St James'</i>   |
|              | 3.30pm  | All Souls Service <i>at St Thomas'</i>       |

## **Monday-Saturday**

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

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| <b>Tuesday</b> | 10am | Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>        |
|                | 12pm | Eat & Meet Lunch <i>at St James'</i> |
|                | 7pm  | St James' PCC <i>in church</i>       |

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | 1pm | Funeral service for Keith Asten RIP <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
|                  | 7pm | Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i>                       |

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| <b>Thursday</b> | 10am   | Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>                           |
|                 | 11am   | St Thomas' Standing Committee <i>in the Refectory</i>    |
|                 | 1.15pm | Funeral service for Paul de Vere RIP <i>at St James'</i> |
|                 | 2.30pm | Thursday Friends & Food <i>in St Thomas' Hall</i>        |

**Friday** Church cleaning *at St James'*

**Saturday** 10-1 St Thomas' Coffee Morning *in the Hall*

## **Next Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent / Remembrance**

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| 8am     | Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>               |
| 9.15am  | Remembrance Day Service <i>at St Thomas'</i> |
| 10.45am | Eucharist of Remembrance <i>at St James'</i> |
| 11am    | Holy Baptism of Freddie <i>at St Thomas'</i> |

## **Thursday Friends & Food** *in St Thomas' Hall*

The next session is **this week**, on Thursday at 2.30pm. Please come along, and invite someone to come with you! The karaoke will be back and drumming!

## **Churchyard Tidy**

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

## **St Thomas' Autumn Coffee Morning**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10-1. Gifts, Cakes, Sewing, Fair Trade, Books, Cards, Pre-loved/white elephant, Raffle, Tombola & more! Donations are still welcome for stalls. These can be left in the box at the back of church. Please come and support us on the day – **and bring someone with you!**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

Our services will be at the usual Sunday times. St Thomas' may begin slightly late depending on the parade to church and the weather. Please note that the 9.15 service is not a Eucharist but the 8am service is. There will also be no coffee after church at St Thomas'.

## **St James' Christmas & Craft Fair**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **Deanery Advent Service**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm, St James. If you would like to sing with the joint choirs for this service then please have a word with one of the clergy, or just turn up to choir rehearsal on Wednesday, 7pm, at St James'.

## **Prayers**

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. ([frdavidstephenson@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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.*