

# Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

***As a result of high Covid infection rates in Rossendale we have increased our safety measures:***

***Face-coverings in church are mandatory.***

***Please choose to sit away from others as far as possible.***

***There will be no Offertory procession.***

***Holy Communion will administered, standing, in one kind only.***

***There will be no refreshments after church for the moment.***

***We want everyone to feel, and to be, safe. Please help us to keep this possible.***

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**St Thomas 451**

**St James 56**

### **The Collect**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Reading Isaiah 62.1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in

Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **242**

*St James*        **377**

**Gospel Reading *John 2.1-11***

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **395**

*St James*        **33** (omit \* verses)

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*St Thomas*     **295**

*St James*        **295**

**Prayer after Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:

fill us with your Holy Spirit

that through us the light of your glory

may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FINAL HYMN

Jesus is Lord!  
Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r  
was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord!  
The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:  
'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs,  
for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord!  
Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calv'ry's tree.

Jesus is Lord!  
From him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life a ransom  
thus setting us free .

Jesus is Lord!  
O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror,  
from death he rose, and all his foes  
shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord!  
God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power  
that Jesus is Lord!

## The Week Ahead & Information

**Today** 3.30pm Evening Prayer *at St Thomas'*

### Monday-Saturday

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

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist *at St James'*

7pm St James' Standing Committee

**Wednesday** 1.30pm Over 50s Social Group *in the Refectory*

**Thursday** 10am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

11am Deanery Clergy Chapter Meeting

7pm St Thomas' PCC *in church*

**Friday** 9.30 Church cleaning *at St Thomas'*

11.30 Order of the Companions of Martha & Mary  
*meet at St James'*

### Next Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

8am Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

9.15 Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45 Eucharist *at St James'*

## **St Thomas' 200 Club**

Thank you to all who have already responded to the new version of our 200 Club. You can hand completed forms in at church today. If you'd like to join the Club, please ask for an application form.

## **Christingle at St Thomas'**

This will be at 3.30pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please come along and invite others to come with you – especially those with children.

## **Thomas' Tots**

We are hoping to re-introduce a church baby and toddler group at St Thomas'. It will run on Tuesday mornings in the Hall. If you would like to be involved in any way, please ask Fr David for more information, or contact Cheryl Murnane (07818 117154).

The **Refectory Café** will remain closed during January as a result of Covid safety measures. The next scheduled opening will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Eat & Meet** Lunches will resume, now, in February, on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Thursday Friends & Food** will be in St Thomas' Hall, at 2.30pm, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January *tbc*.

## **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, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Danielle, Derek, Jean, Rachael, Mike, Mother Mo, Bishop Julian, Mother Enid, Margaret, Philip, Connie, Genevieve, Marie, Denzil

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.*