

# **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

## **The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

### **Accession Day**

Welcome to everyone today in church.

Welcome, too, to those joining our livestreams via Facebook.

***Our Covid-safety measures in church have been relaxed a little:***

***\* Face-coverings are recommended, but optional***

***\* Sitting away from others is still suggested***

***\* There is still no Offertory procession***

***\* Holy Communion is administered, standing, in one kind only***

***\* Please join us for refreshments, after church, in the Hall***

***We want everyone to feel, and to be, safe.***

***Please help us to keep this possible.***

#### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**St Thomas 212**

**St James 146**

#### **The Collect**

Lord of the hosts of heaven,  
our salvation and our strength,  
without you we are lost:  
guard us from all that harms or hurts  
and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **First Reading Isaiah 6.1-8**

A reading from Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **235**

*St James*        **390**

**Gospel Reading *Luke 5.1-11***

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*St Thomas*     **106**

*St James*        **353**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*St Thomas*     **295**

*St James*        **295**

## Prayer after Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour,  
and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Verses 1 & 2

*St Thomas* 177

*St James* 489

### FINAL HYMN

*St Thomas* 393

*St James* 433

## The Week Ahead & Information

**Today** Bacon butties at St Thomas' after church  
12.15pm Holy Baptism at St James'  
3.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St Thomas'

### Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook page

**Tuesday** 10am Eucharist at St James'  
12pm Eat & Meet Lunch at St James'  
2pm Mothers' Union meet (to make up emergency  
toiletries bags) in the Refectory

**Wednesday** 10am Tea, Toast & Tots planning at St James'

**Thursday** 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'  
2.30pm Thursday Friends & Food at St Thomas' Hall  
2.30-3 Prayer Group at St Thomas'

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

### Next Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8am Eucharist at St Thomas'  
9.15 Eucharist at St Thomas'  
10.45 Eucharist at St James'  
12.15 Holy Baptism at St James'

## Church Flowers

February is *Ordinary Time* until we reach Ash Wednesday at the beginning of March. We will continue to have flowers in church this month. If you would like to make a donation for church flowers, please see Julie Goodwin or Marjorie Charnley (St James) or Liz Smart (St Thomas). You can sign up to *sponsor* particular Sundays on the sheet at the back of church.

## St Thomas' Prayer Group

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, 2.30-3pm, join us in church for an informal prayer time. We will be praying for the church community, and for the parish, to help us plot our way forward as a church. The next prayer group will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

## Bacon butties after church

**St Thomas', TODAY & St James', 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

Alistair and Alex, two of our local Scouts will be raising money to help pay for them to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in 2023, by providing bacon butties after church each month throughout the year. Please bring some extra cash with you on those days, enjoy a bacon buttie and help them to reach their combined total of £8000!

## Traidcraft Big Brew

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30-1, St Thomas' Refectory. Come and support the work of Traidcraft, enjoy a Fairtrade cuppa, a light lunch, some delicious homemade cake, and see what's for sale on our Fairtrade stall.

## 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, 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.*