

Sunday 10th July 2022

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining via Facebook.

Holy Communion is administered at the altar rail in both bread and wine or bread alone. Please DO NOT dip wafers into the chalice.

Please join us for refreshments, after church, in the Hall. At St Thomas' you'll be able to make purchases from our Fair-Trade stall.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	St Thomas	100
	St James	351

The Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30.9-14

Moses spoke to the people saying, 'The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

GRADUAL HYMN	St Thomas	73
	St James	473

Gospel Reading *Luke 10. 25-37*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Thomas 313

St James 239

COMMUNION HYMN

St Thomas 120, 40

St James 357, 288

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FINAL HYMN

St Thomas 522

St James 476

The Week Ahead & Information

Fr Andrew is on placement for the next week at St Christopher's School in Accrington and then he's back in the parish full-time.

Monday-Saturday

9am Morning Prayer on St Thomas' Facebook page

Monday 8.45 Tea, Toast & Tots drop-in at St James'
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Tuesday 9.30-11 Thomas' Tots in the Church Hall
10am Eucharist at St James'
12pm Eat & Meet at St James'
2pm Mothers' Union in the Refectory

Wednesday 12.50 School Eucharist at St John's School, Stonefold
7pm Choir Practise at St James'

Thursday 10am Eucharist at St Thomas'
2.30 Thursday Friends & Food in St Thomas' Hall

Next Sunday – 17th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 Parish Eucharist at St Thomas'
Followed by bacon butties to help our scouts raise funds for the World Scout Jamboree
10.45 Parish Eucharist at St James'
3.30 Evening Prayer at St Thomas'

St Thomas' MU

Members meet this Tuesday in the Refectory for a talk by the local fire brigade. These talks are reputedly excellent and very interesting. Anyone else, not in the MU, would be very welcome to attend. Please, just come along!

St John's School, Stonefold

Members of our congregations are invited to join us at St John's School for their first-ever School Eucharist. The children have been working hard learning songs and hymns, and thinking and learning about what the Eucharist might mean. Please come and join in with them – they'd be thrilled to see you this Wednesday at 12.50pm. The service will last about 40 minutes. PLEASE come and support us!

St James' Patronal Festival

This is on Sunday 24th July at the 10.45am service. We welcome a guest preacher, Fr Clive Wylie, Vicar of South Creake (and elsewhere) in Norfolk. We will also have a brass quartet playing alongside the organ and will serve drinks and canapes following the service. Please come and join us as we celebrate St James. Remember to invite someone to come with you!

School Leavers

As in previous years, Year 6 children from our church schools, will each receive a small gift from church as they move on to High School. Each child will receive a lapel pin badge of a dove reminding them of the Holy Spirit and of peace. Please keep them, and all who transition this Summer, in your prayers.

Baptism Cards

A volunteer is needed at St James' to help us keep in touch with baptism candidates on the anniversary of their baptism. This involves sending out anniversary cards each year using a given list. It's not a big job and we'd love someone to help us out. Please speak to Fr David.

Welcomers, Reader and Pray-ers

We have a strong lay team of people to welcome others to church, to read during services and also to lead prayers. In a few weeks' time we will admit the Welcomers to Office for the next year. If you would like to join them, or to go on to the list of readers and prayer-leaders, please message Fr David soon!

Prayer Boards

Please to add names of people who need our prayerful support, or places/situations which are on your mind and in need of God's love.

Prayers

Please let Fr David know of anyone who should be included on our weekly prayer list. (frdavidstephenson@gmail.com, 07539 264279)

For your prayers

For the sick: Ian, Charley, Mandy, Lizzie, Janet, Asia, Derek, Rachael, Mike, Christian, Jean, Olivia, Stephen, Dorothy, Rachel, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Alec, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Maureen

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.*