

Sunday 17th July 2022

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Let us build a house where love can dwell,
and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness,
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat,
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

The Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Genesis 18.1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

GRADUAL HYMN

St Thomas 466

St James 456

Gospel Reading *Luke 10. 38-end*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then

to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Thomas 242

St James 377

COMMUNION HYMN

St Thomas 14, 442

St James 273

Prayer After Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FINAL HYMN

St Thomas 427

St James 440

The Week Ahead & Information

Fr Andrew is at St John the Divine, Sandylands, this morning.

- Today** Bacon butties after church in the Hall *at St Thomas’*
3.30 Evening Prayer (BCP) *at St Thomas’*
- Monday-Saturday**
9.0 Morning Prayer *on St Thomas’ Facebook page*
- Monday** 8.45 Tea, Toast & Tots drop-in *at St James’*
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- Tuesday** 9.0 St James’ School Service *in church*
9.30-11 Thomas’ Tots *in the Church Hall*
10am Eucharist *at St James’*
- Wednesday** 7pm Choir Practise *at St James’*
- Thursday** 10.0 Eucharist *at St Thomas’*
11-1 Refectory café open
2.30 Prayer Group *at St Thomas’*
- Next Sunday – 24th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity**
9.15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas’*
10.45 Patronal Festival Eucharist *at St James’*
followed by drinks and canapes

St James' Patronal Festival

Next Sunday! 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.

Thursday Friends & Food Summer Fair

Thursday 11th August, 2.30-4.30pm, St Thomas' Hall & Grounds

Join us – even if you don't usually come – for a fun fair (not a funfair!) of games, a tombola, raffle and cake stall. We're raising money for St Thomas' defibrillator appeal. Afternoon tea included in a £5 donation. Nominal charges for other activities. Let us know you're coming and we'll make sure there's a Tea for you – Lin 07484 363902/Shirley 07946 596866

Heritage Open Days at St James', 9-11 September

We're celebrating weddings and christenings this year. If you have a wedding dress from a wedding at St James', St Stephen's or St John's (or even maybe elsewhere), or a christening gown, we'd love to borrow them for the weekend, with a photograph or two of the actual event. More information soon, but please have a think and a look!

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, Jean, Stephen, Dorothy, Rachel, Ian, 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.*