

# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Welcome** to everyone in church today and to those joining us online. Please join us for refreshments after our services, in the Refectory at St Thomas' and in the Hall at St James'. There will be a very brief meeting of the congregation to elect a Churchwarden after the service at St Thomas'.

### HYMNS

<b>Processional</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>209</b>
	<b>St James</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Before the Gospel</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>329</b>
	<b>St James</b>	<b>499</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>98</b>
	<b>St James</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>During communion</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>246, 318</b>
	<b>St James</b>	<b>286, 407</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>532</b>
	<b>St James</b>	<b>486</b>

## The Week Ahead & Information

**Today** Bacon butties are available following the service at St James', helping our Scouts to raise funds for the World Scout Jamboree.

6.30 Deanery Advent Service *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'*

11-2 Warm & Welcome *at St James'*

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

9.30-11 Thomas' Tots *in St Thomas' Hall*

**Wednesday** 11-2 Warm & Welcome *at St Thomas' Refectory*

7.0 Choir practise *at St James'*

**Thursday** 9-3 Organ Tuning *at St James' – no access to church*

10.0 Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

2.0 Christmas Thursday Friends & Food *at St Thomas' Hall*

7.0 Advent Group *on Zoom*

**Next Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8.0 Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

9.15 Parish Eucharist *at St Thomas'*

10.45 Parish Eucharist *at St James'*

- 12.0 Parish Lunch at St James' – tickets required!  
4.0 Christingle Service at St Thomas'

## **Christmas Cards**

**St James'** – please take a bundle of cards to deliver. We **really** need everyone to do their bit as we invite the parish to our Advent and Christmas services.

**St Thomas'** – please take a card or two to invite someone to come to church with you during Advent and at Christmas. Available at the back of church.

## **Christingle Services**

St Thomas' – next Sunday, 4pm. St James', Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm. Please invite and encourage our local families, and others, to join us for these jolly services.

## **Christmas Trees**

If you would like to make a donation towards church Christmas Trees and/or flowers, please leave your gift in the appropriate place at the back of church. Thank you!

## **Congregation Questions**

Everyone at St Thomas' is invited/asked to take and complete a short questionnaire about church life, work and worship. It's going to be a really useful tool to help the PCC plot our path forward in the future. Please return forms by 18<sup>th</sup> December in the box at the back of church. Thanks, in advance.

## **Warm & Welcome**

Mondays, St James', 11-2; Wednesdays, St Thomas', 11-2.

*Our local libraries are also offering warm spaces with free warm drinks, space to sit, read, charge devices, use of internet...*

## **Christmas Appeal – St Thomas'**

Today is the final day for gifts supporting the *Buddybags Foundation* for Christmas. Cash gifts can be left in the collection box at the back of church. Thank you for all your support so far!

## **Advent Course 2022**

This continues on Zoom, Thursdays, 7-8pm. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please contact Fr David for the link if you've not yet had it.

## **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, Rachael, Rachel, John, Sarah, Quentin, John, Frances, Gladys, Olivia, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Alec, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Juliette, John, Jackie

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.*