

Sunday 25th December 2022

Christmas Day

Welcome and **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** to everyone in church today and to those joining us online.

HYMNS

Processional	St Thomas	199
	St James	26
Before the Gospel	St Thomas	526
	St James	39
Offertory	St Thomas	34
	St James	24 omit * verses
During communion	St Thomas	554, 248
	St James	42, 28
Final	St Thomas	357
	St James	30

The Week Ahead & Information

Please note that there are no midweek services this week and our Morning Prayer team are having a break until the New Year.

Fr David & Fr Andrew are on leave from lunchtime today until next Sunday. Contact in emergencies only, please!

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

Next Sunday – 1st January – Name of Jesus

11.0 Eucharist with carols at St Thomas'

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who has helped prepare us and our church buildings for Christmas: cleaners and polishers, movers, flower arrangers, tree decorators, carol singers, musicians, washer-uppers, turkey servers, mince pie makers, mulled wine and sherry servers, Christingle packers, welcomers and stewards, readers, leaders and snow and ice sweepers. Much-appreciated. Time for a rest!

St Thomas' 200 Club Renewals

Subscription renewals are due on 1st January - £24 for each number. These should be done by either electronic transfer or annual standing order. If you must pay by cash, please hand to a church warden or Tricia. Standing order forms are available from Neary's or at the back of church in a box file marked 200 Club.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you luck for 2023!

Farewell

Sadly, we will be saying *farewell* to Fr Andrew on Sunday 29th January at a joint service, 10am, at St Thomas'. If you would like to make a donation in thanksgiving for his ministry with us, for a gift, please hand it to Fr David or a Churchwarden in an envelope marked 'Farewell'. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

The service will be followed by a joint parish lunch at St Thomas' Hall. Please make sure you sign up in church to let us know you're coming along.

Normal services resumed

Warm & Welcome will continue on Mondays (St James') and Wednesdays (St Thomas') to the end of January, 11-2pm. (*Not on Monday 2nd January*)

Eat & Meet will next be on Tuesday 10th January, 12pm.

The Refectory Café will be open on Thursday 5th January, 11-1.

Thursday Friends & Food will re-commence on 26th January, 2-4pm.

Thank you (another one)

I am very grateful, and deeply touched, by the number of messages, cards and more, which have been offered following the death of my father. The funeral service is on Thursday 5th January in my childhood parish of St Mary, Kirkby on Bain, Lincolnshire. Your continued prayers for our family, and for my father, are much-appreciated. Fr David

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, Sarah, Quentin, John, Frances, Gladys, Leona, Olivia, Mother Enid, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Alec, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Juliette, 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.*