

Sunday 16th July 2023

6th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us on online for our joint service. Please join us for refreshments and celebrations after the service in the Church Hall.

Please remember to place your offering in the plate at the back of church before the service begins, or use the QR code or contactless card machine (at St James’).

Hymns

	St Thomas	St James
Processional	137	436
Before the Gospel	337	237
Offertory	30	486
During Communion	39, 463	307
Final	164	433

The Week Ahead & Information

Today	10.45	Baptism of Alex during the Parish Eucharist
	3.30	Evening Prayer <i>at St Thomas’</i>
Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas’ Facebook page</i>
Monday	8.45	Last Tea, Toast & Tots of the term <i>at St James’</i>
Tuesday	9am	St James’ School leavers’ service <i>in church</i>
	10am	Eucharist <i>at St James’</i>
	2pm	St John’s School leavers’ assembly <i>at school</i>
	7pm	PCC meeting <i>at St Thomas’</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas’</i>
	11-1	Refectory Café open <i>at St Thomas’</i>
Friday	11am	Funeral Service for John Gallagher RIP <i>at St James’</i>
Saturday	3pm	Patronal Festival <i>at St Mary Magdalene, Accrington</i> <i>followed by BBQ & 5.30pm Benediction</i>
Next Sunday –23rd July – 7th Sunday after Trinity / St James’ Patronal		
	8am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas’</i>
	9.15	Parish Eucharist <i>at St Thomas’</i>
	10.45	Patronal Festival Eucharist <i>at St James’</i>
	11.15	Baptism of Matilda <i>at St Thomas’</i>

Quiz Night

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to support St Thomas' Quiz Night on Friday and congratulations to our winning team!

St James' Patronal Festival

This is next Sunday and we welcome the Bishop of Blackburn to preside and preach. We also welcome friends from Haslingden & Helmshore brass band to augment the music. The service is followed by fizzy refreshments. Please come!

Volunteer Hall Manager Required

From the Autumn St Thomas' is seeking a new Hall Manager, a voluntary role with an annual honorarium. This could be a role for one person or a job share. The role is vital if we wish to keep hiring our Hall to generate income for church and to provide a community space. Chat and role descriptor with/from Fr David.

Pimms & Strawberries

Saturday 12th August, 2-4.30pm, Clough House, Tor Side. Pimms and homemade strawberry scones, raising money for St Thomas' window fund. £10 per person. Tickets available TODAY from Lowri. Numbers are limited so don't miss out!

Gift Aid Declarations

Both churches – we now need everyone who is a UK Tax Payer to renew their Gift Aid Declarations. New forms are available **today** at the back of church.. Gift Aid is a significant source of income for our churches and doesn't cost individuals anything. If you're eligible – please take, complete, and return a form at church.

Inclusive Church working group

If you would like to be part of a small informal group to help us keep our churches inclusive then please have a word with Fr David. This covers many different areas, including disabilities, mental health, gender, sexuality, financial situations.

Prayers

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

Please also let us know when someone is unwell or goes in to hospital.

For your prayers

For the sick: Charley, Lizzie, Rachael, Quentin, John, Frances, Sheila, Emma, Steven, Neil, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Edna, Brian, Emma, Keith, Mary

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.*