

Sunday 5th November 2023

3rd before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

Welcome to everyone in church today and to those joining us on online for our services. At St James', please join us for refreshments after the service in the Hall. At St Thomas', we continue our Remembrance Day as we parade to the Cenotaph for an Act of Remembrance at 11am.

Please place your offering in the plate at the back of church before the service begins or use the QR code on each pew or use the card machine.

Hymns

	St Thomas	St James
Processional		417
Before the Gospel	See special	354
Offertory	hymn booklet & service sheet	SHEET Make me a
During Communion		391
Final		488, 489

The Week Ahead & Information

Today	11am	Act of Remembrance <i>at Helmsshore Cenotaph</i>
	1pm	Act of Remembrance & Parade <i>at Victoria Park, Haslingden</i>
Mon-Fri	9am	Morning Prayer <i>on St Thomas' Facebook page</i>
Monday	8.45	Tea, Toast & Tots drop-in <i>at St James'</i>
Tuesday	9.30	Thomas' Tots <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>
	10am	Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>
	12pm	Eat & Meet Lunch <i>at St James'</i>
	2pm	Mothers' Union <i>at St Thomas' Refectory</i>
Wednesday	1.30	Ober 50s Social Group <i>at St Thomas' Refectory</i>
	7pm	Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i>
Thursday	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	11-1	Refectory Café open <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	11am	Ministry Team Meeting <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Saturday	10.30-1	Thomas' Tots Coffee Morning <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>
Next Sunday – 19th November – 2nd before Advent	9.15	Parish Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	10.30	St Thomas' PCC meeting <i>at church</i>
	10.45	Parish Eucharist <i>at St James'</i>
	12.15	Holy Baptism of Stevie <i>at St James'</i>

Thank you to all who attended the Open Meeting at St Thomas' this last week about the tower and spire. Many thanks, also, to all who were able to support the November Brass Concert at St Thomas' last Friday evening.

St Thomas' MU *This Tuesday, 2pm in the Refectory*

The speaker this Tuesday afternoon is Rachel Yates-Hoyles on Dementia. Marilyn, the literature rep will also be there selling Christmas cards and gifts. All welcome.

Upcycling & Coffee *next Saturday 18th November, 10.30-1*

Thomas' Tots Fundraiser, Upcycling Event with Coffee and cake at St Thomas' Hall. Adults £3. Children free. Toys, books, good quality clothes and household items, raffle. Donations of quality items and raffle prizes appreciated. See Lin Cutforth.

St James' Christmas & Craft Fair *Saturday 25th November, 10.30-2*

Thanks to all who have already volunteered. The sign-up sheet still has space for volunteers to help. Donations for tombola, baking, preserves, toys, please!

Leaf Compost

Still a few bags available from the Rhodes Avenue entrance to St Thomas' churchyard. Min £1 per bag placed in the Church Hall post box.

Messy Advent *Saturday 2nd December, 2-4pm, St James'*

This is our next children and families event. Songs, stories, craft, worship and food for families to enjoy together. Please share the date and spread the word. Offers of help to Fr Simon, please.

Christmas Carol Concert *Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm, St James'*

Rossendale Male Voice Choir, Rossendale Ladies Choir & The Rossendale Festival Choir present an evening of festive songs and carols, with community singing.

Tickets on sale, shortly, £10 each.

St Thomas' PCC Secretary *We still need someone to help! See Fr David.*

Eco Survey www.creationcare.org.uk *Thanks to those who have already had a go – another new household has registered this week. Have a look! Have a go!*

Walsingham Pilgrimage *26-28th April 2024*

We have 20 places available on next year's pilgrimage. Please let Julie Davis (07931 744354) if you'd like to go, or for more information.

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, Sophie, Sarah, Lindsay, Margaret, Christine, Lola, Arnold, Alicia, Jacqueline, Vivienne, Edna, Brian, Emma, Mother Mo, Selina

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.*