

The Week Ahead & Information

Today		200 Club draw in St Thomas' Hall after the service
	3.30	All Souls Service <i>at St Thomas'</i> All welcome
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>
	7.30	Open Meeting about tower& spire <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Wednesday	6.30	Inclusive Church Group <i>at St James'</i>
	<u>7.30</u>	Choir Practise <i>at St James'</i>
Thursday	9am	School Worship <i>at St James'</i>
	10am	Eucharist <i>at St Thomas'</i>
	2pm	Thursday Friends & Food <i>at St Thomas' Hall</i>
Friday	7.30	November Brass – concert – <i>at St Thomas'</i>
Saturday	2pm	The Big Leaf Tidy <i>at St Thomas' Churchyard</i>

Next Sunday – 12th November – 3rd before Advent / Remembrance

8am	Eucharist at <i>St Thomas'</i>
9.15	Parade sets off from Broadway, Helmshore
9.45	Remembrance Day Service at <i>St Thomas'</i>
10.45	Eucharist of Remembrance at <i>St James'</i>
11am	Act of Remembrance at <i>Memorial Gardens, Helmshore</i>
1pm	Remembrance Service & Parade at <i>Victoria Park, Halingden</i>

Thank you

A very big thank you to everyone who was able to support St Thomas' Coffee Morning yesterday – those who planned, prepared and staffed it, and those who came. We've raised a good amount for church funds.

Christmas Appeal

Today is the last day to return filled shoe-boxes to St James' for the Christmas Appeal project. Please see Kaye!

Open Meeting – *St Thomas' Tower – this Tuesday 7th November, 7.30pm, in church*
For anyone interested in the survey findings and possible solutions to on-going issues to attend an open meeting. Our architect and surveyor will speak and there will be an opportunity to ask any questions. This will be a major project and we would like as many people as possible to be aware and involved.

PCC please note the PCC meeting has moved to 10.30 on Sunday 19th November.

November Brass next Friday, 10th November, at *St Thomas', 7.30pm*

Tickets available today and at the door. £10.

An evening with *Phoenix Brass Ensemble*. A popular selection of brass classics contrasted with new music with local connections and solo items. The second half will include music and readings to focus on Remembrance weekend. Raising funds for St Thomas' window restoration.

St Thomas' Big Leaf Tidy next Saturday 2pm

Volunteers welcome to come and help tidy the churchyard before Remembrance Sunday. We'll be raking up fallen leaves ready to make into compost for next year. All are welcome! Bring a rake if you have one!

Remembrance Sunday next Sunday, 12th November

Anyone willing to help steward at St Thomas', please let a Warden know.

At St James' Poppy Crosses will be available, for a donation, to plant afterwards in the churchyard. Poppy Wreaths will be placed on the War Graves and at the War Memorial.

Leaf Compost

High quality, well-rotted compost is available, already bagged up, from the Rhodes Avenue entrance to St Thomas' churchyard. Minimum donations of £1 per bag can be handed to a Churchwarden, or placed in the Church Hall post box.

Upcycling & Coffee *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 good quality items and raffle prizes appreciated. Please pass on to Lin Cutforth.

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

Church stalls, café, craft/independent stalls in the gallery. Anyone who'd like to run their own stall, please speak to Fr David or Kaye Ridings. Volunteers needed too – **sign-up sheet** at the back of church for helpers!

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're in need of a volunteer to take and produce Minutes for PCC meetings. Just 4 meetings per year, plus the annual meeting. This role is a massive help for the PCC (and the Vicar!) and it's open to anyone who might be interested. **Please**, speak to Fr David or one of the Wardens.

Eco Survey

We're encouraging everyone to take part in the on-line creation care questionnaire which encourages people to make changes to care for God's earth. You can find it here: www.creationcare.org.uk *Thanks to those who have already had a go – another new household has registered this week.*

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.*